

# MY NEW FRIEND OLIVER



GRADE 6  
UNIT 3  
A DAY IN MY CITY

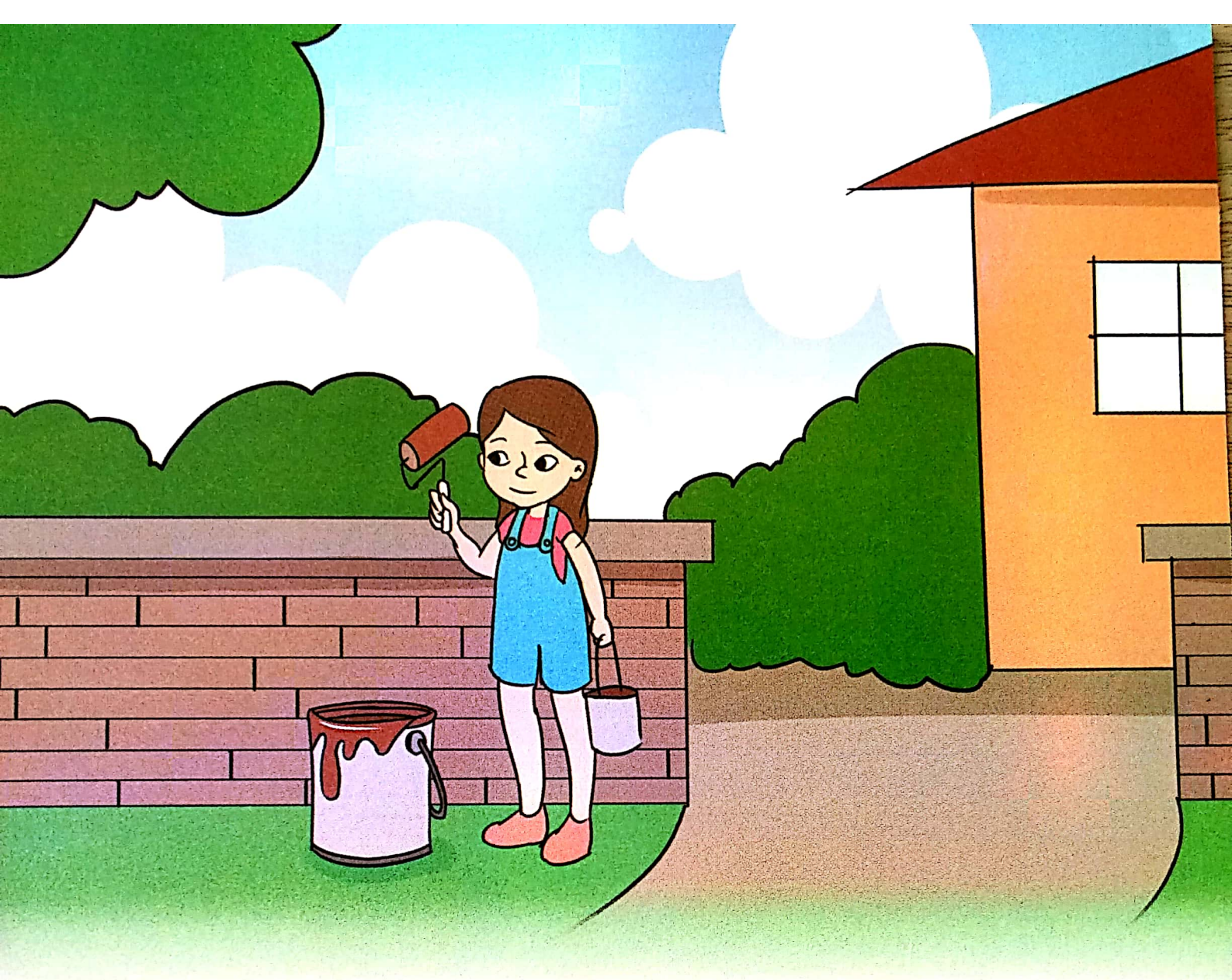




They call Lily the 'Aqua<sup>1</sup> Girl' at school because she is such a good swimmer<sup>2</sup>. She swims like a fish. Lily learned how to swim at a very young age. Lily and her family live in a small fishing<sup>3</sup> town. Her mother Angela has a small tailor<sup>4</sup> shop. Lily sometimes helps her mother in the shop. Her biggest dream is to go on a boat trip<sup>5</sup> one day.



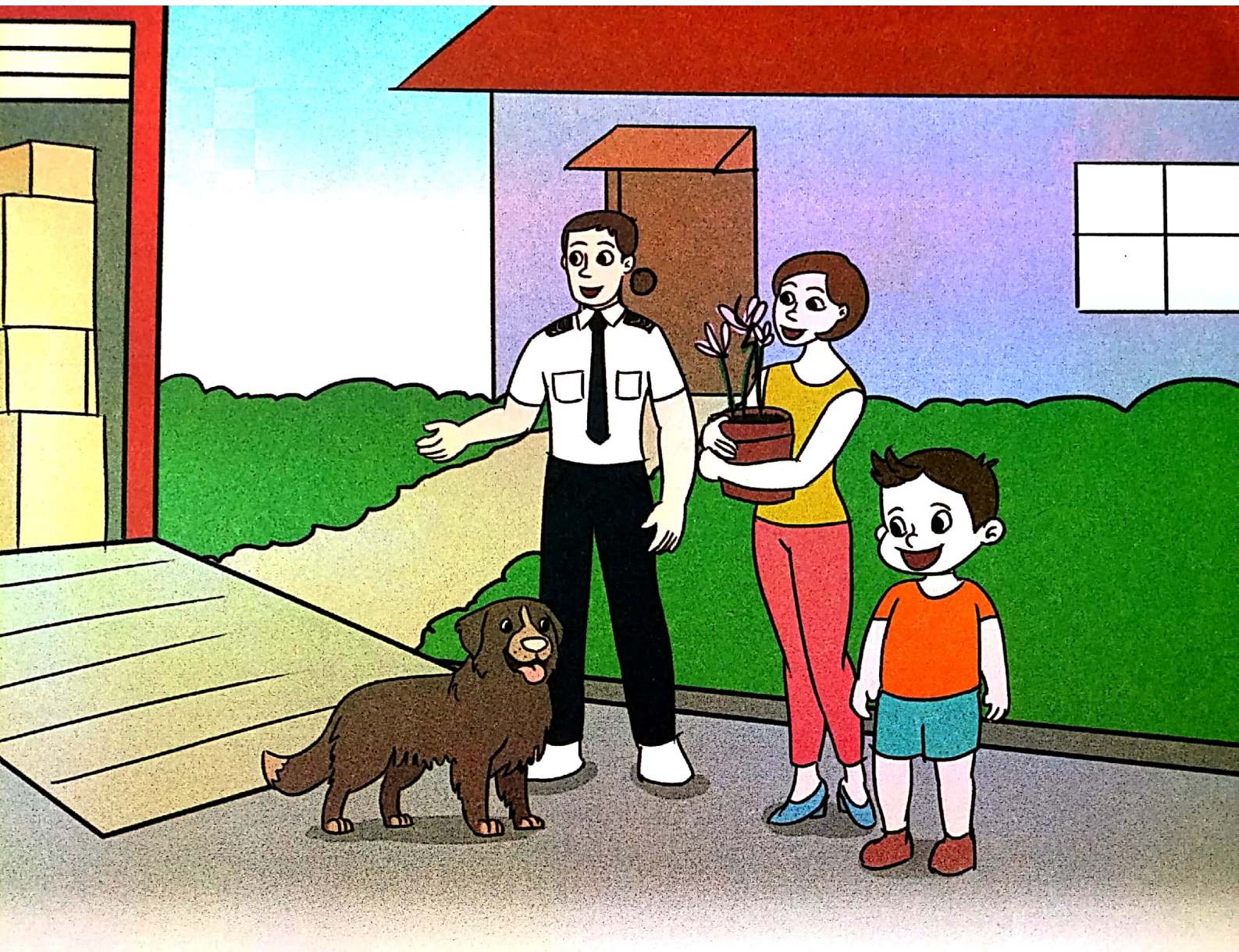
Lily's mother Angela is very busy these days because she has a big order<sup>6</sup> to complete. She is making costumes for a school play<sup>7</sup>. She is very tired because she is working a lot. Angela wants to get the house painted if she finishes the order on time. The house looks so worn.<sup>8</sup>



They live in a small but lovely house. It could look much better with some maintenance<sup>9</sup>. Lily painted<sup>10</sup> the fences<sup>11</sup> with his father last year. They have lots of beautiful and colourful<sup>12</sup> flowers<sup>13</sup> in the garden. Angela loves flowers. She sometimes talks to them. Lily laughs at her mother when she sees her talking to the flowers.



Lily looks out of the window. It's a beautiful morning, the weather is so good! She sees a red van<sup>14</sup> passing in front of their house. Maybe someone new is moving<sup>15</sup> to the neighbourhood<sup>16</sup>. There are many things in the van. The van stops, and two people start to take stuff out.



Three more people arrive. There is a woman, a man, a child, and a cute little dog. Lily's mother says, "I'm going to work Lily, see you later!" Lily says, "Okay mom, don't worry<sup>17</sup>." Angela goes to work. Lily is curious about their new neighbours<sup>16</sup>.

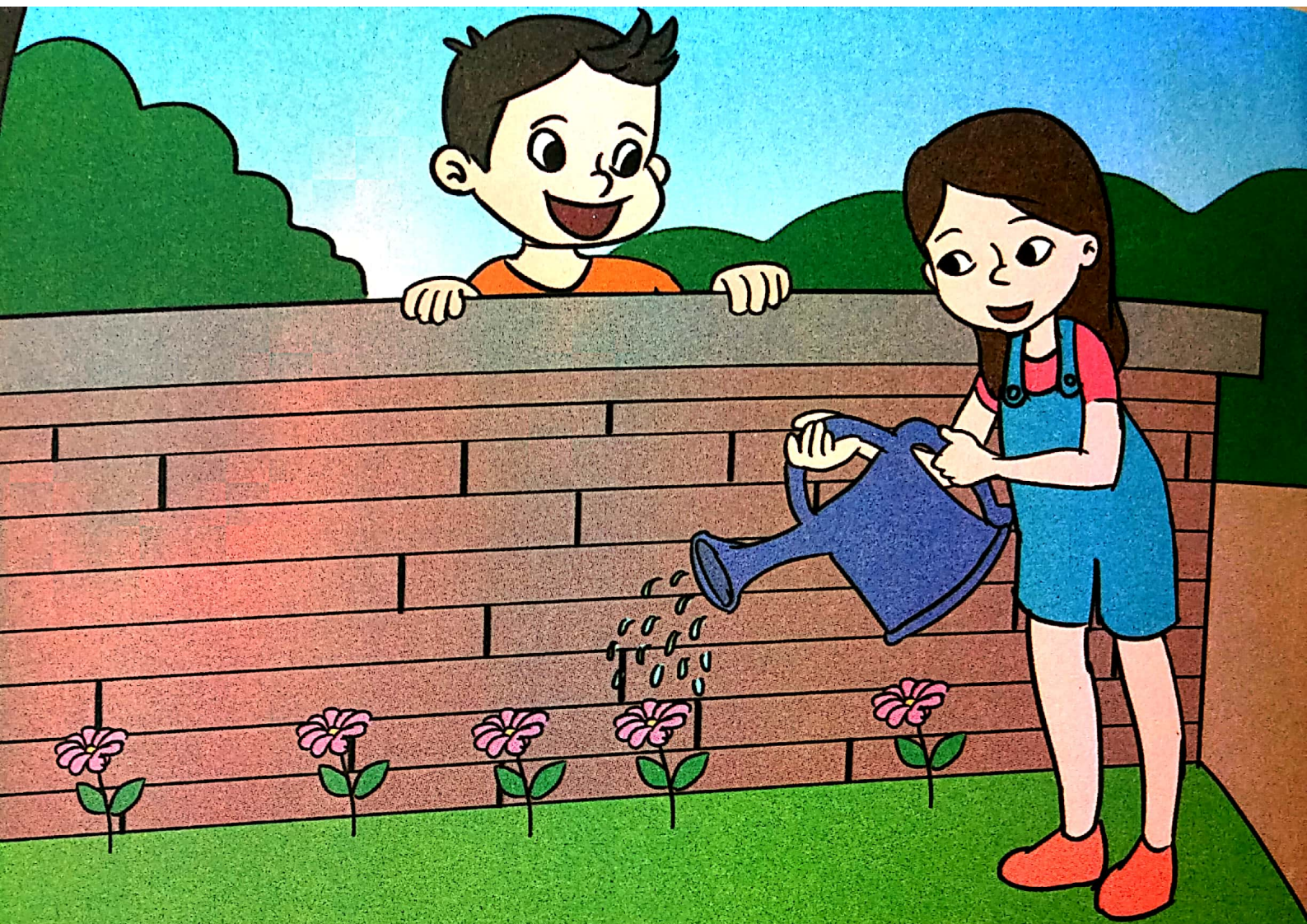


Lily puts on her shoes and goes out. She watches them from a distance<sup>18</sup>. Then she goes closer and tells them that she wants to help. "Hello," she says, "I'm Lily. We live in that small house." "Hi Lily," they reply. "Nice to meet you. We are new in this town. It looks like a really nice place. We can tell people here are very helpful<sup>19</sup>."

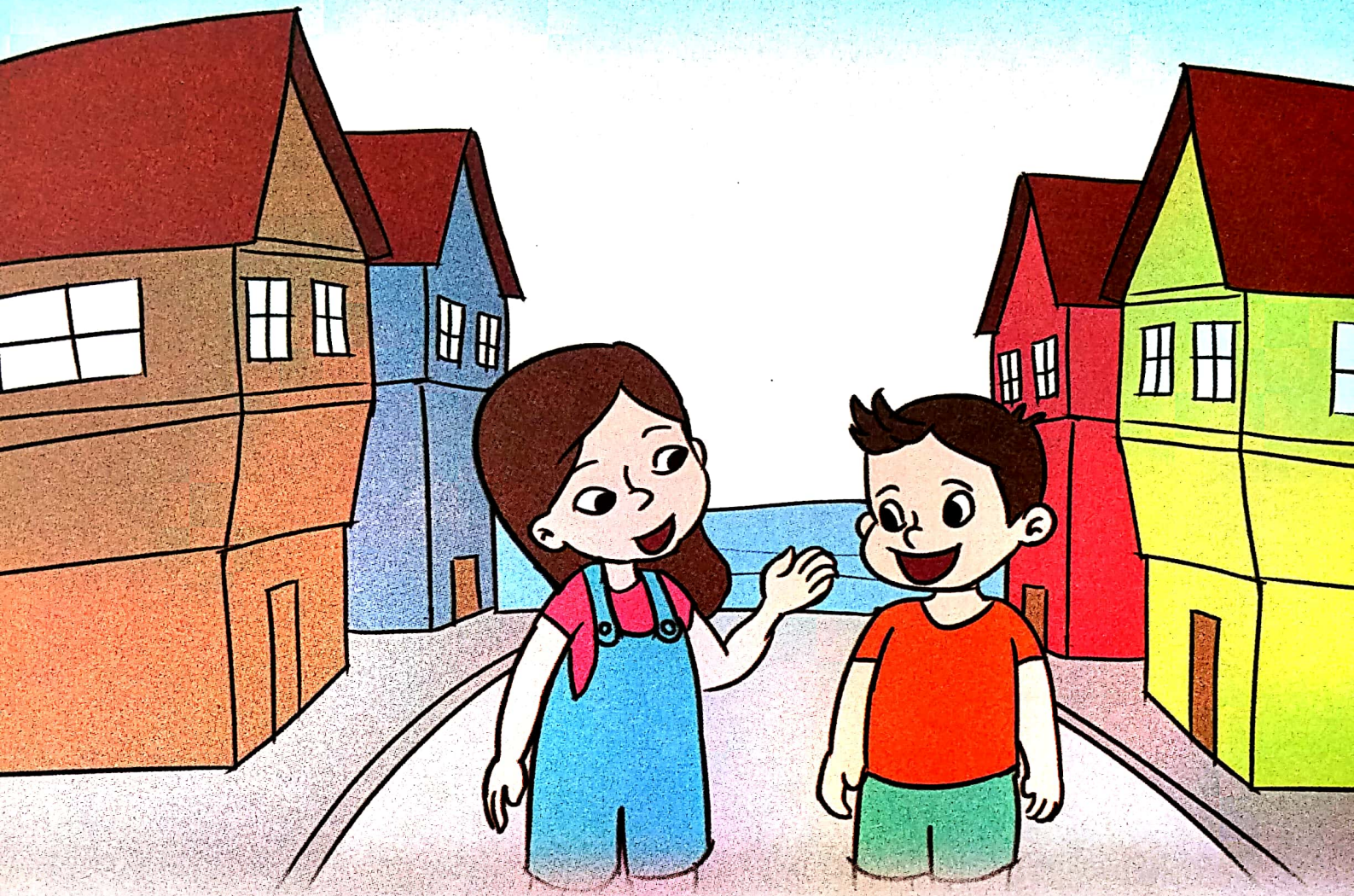


The man is wearing a sailor's<sup>20</sup> uniform<sup>21</sup>. He points at his son and says, "Lily, this is our son Oliver. I'm sure you'll be good friends." Oliver shakes Lily's hand<sup>22</sup> and says, "It's so good to meet you Lily. This is our dog, Lucky. My father brought him from a country he visited for work. I named him Lucky because he was chosen from among many dogs."





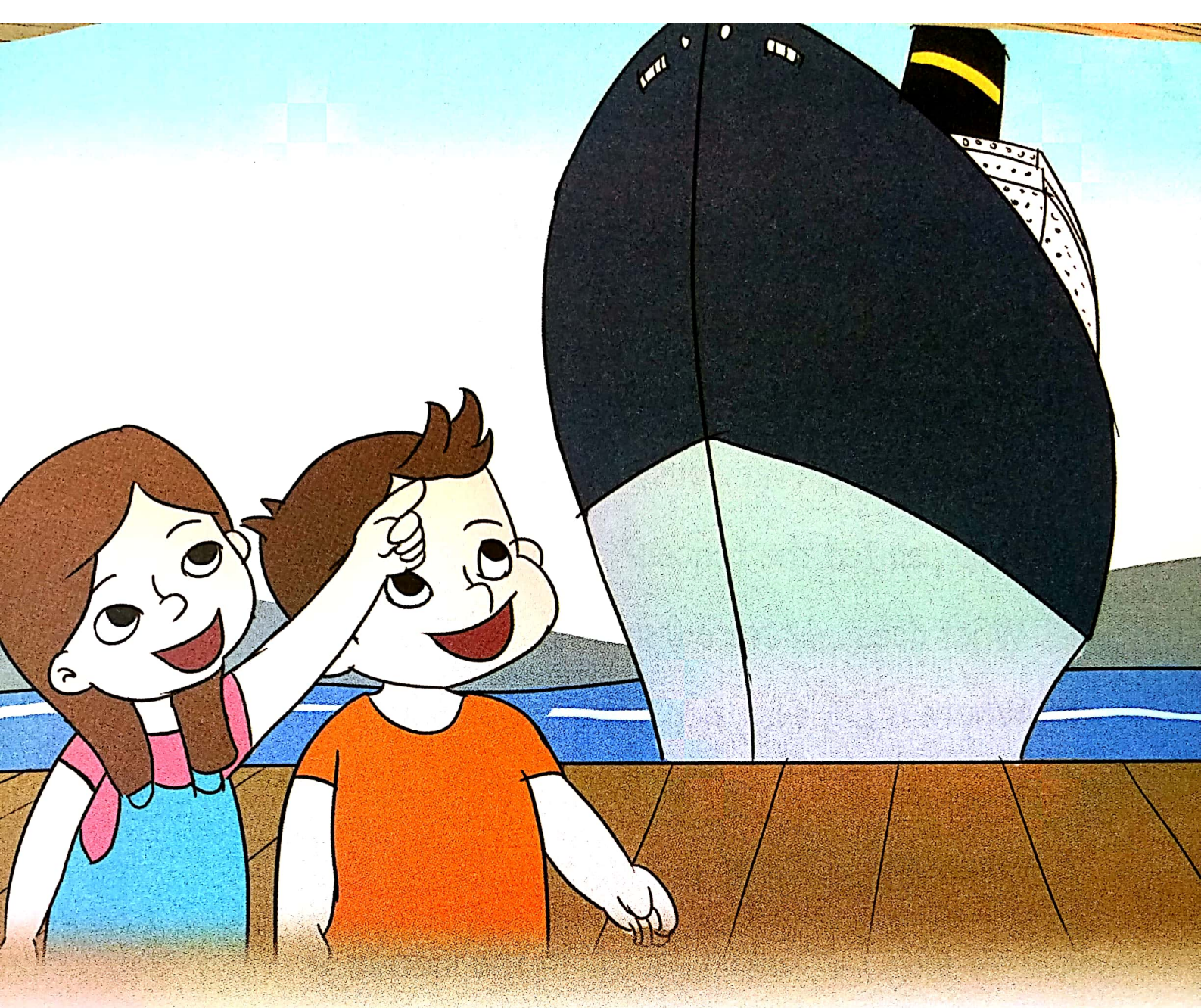
Lily loves this family. She tells her parents about their new neighbours that evening. They are also happy that Lily has new a friend. Lily wakes up early the next morning because she has to water<sup>23</sup> the flowers in the garden. She sees Oliver, and she says, "Good morning Oliver. Where are you going?" Oliver says that he is going to the bakery<sup>24</sup> to get fresh<sup>25</sup> bread<sup>26</sup>."



Lily says, "Do you want me to show you the bakery? We can look around the town." Oliver gladly<sup>27</sup> accepts<sup>28</sup> the offer<sup>29</sup>. They walk to town together. It's a small town, and a lovely one. The people in the town are nice and they love to help each other and have fun.



Lily shows the town to Oliver. Then they go to Angela's tailor shop. She is very happy to see them. She is already tired so she takes a break<sup>30</sup>. Lily introduces<sup>31</sup> Oliver to her mother. "Hello Oliver," Angela says. "Welcome to our town. Do you like it here?" Oliver says that he loves the town and the people. They leave the shop after chatting for a while.



Oliver tells Lily that he didn't like their old apartment<sup>32</sup>. The noise<sup>33</sup> and the crowds<sup>34</sup> of the city are horrible<sup>35</sup>. They love it here. He says that his father is a captain. Oliver and Lily are having so much fun together. They go swimming and they walk around in the town. Oliver's father takes them on a cruise<sup>36</sup>, and Lily is so happy.