

# KATIE, MY IMAGINARY FRIEND



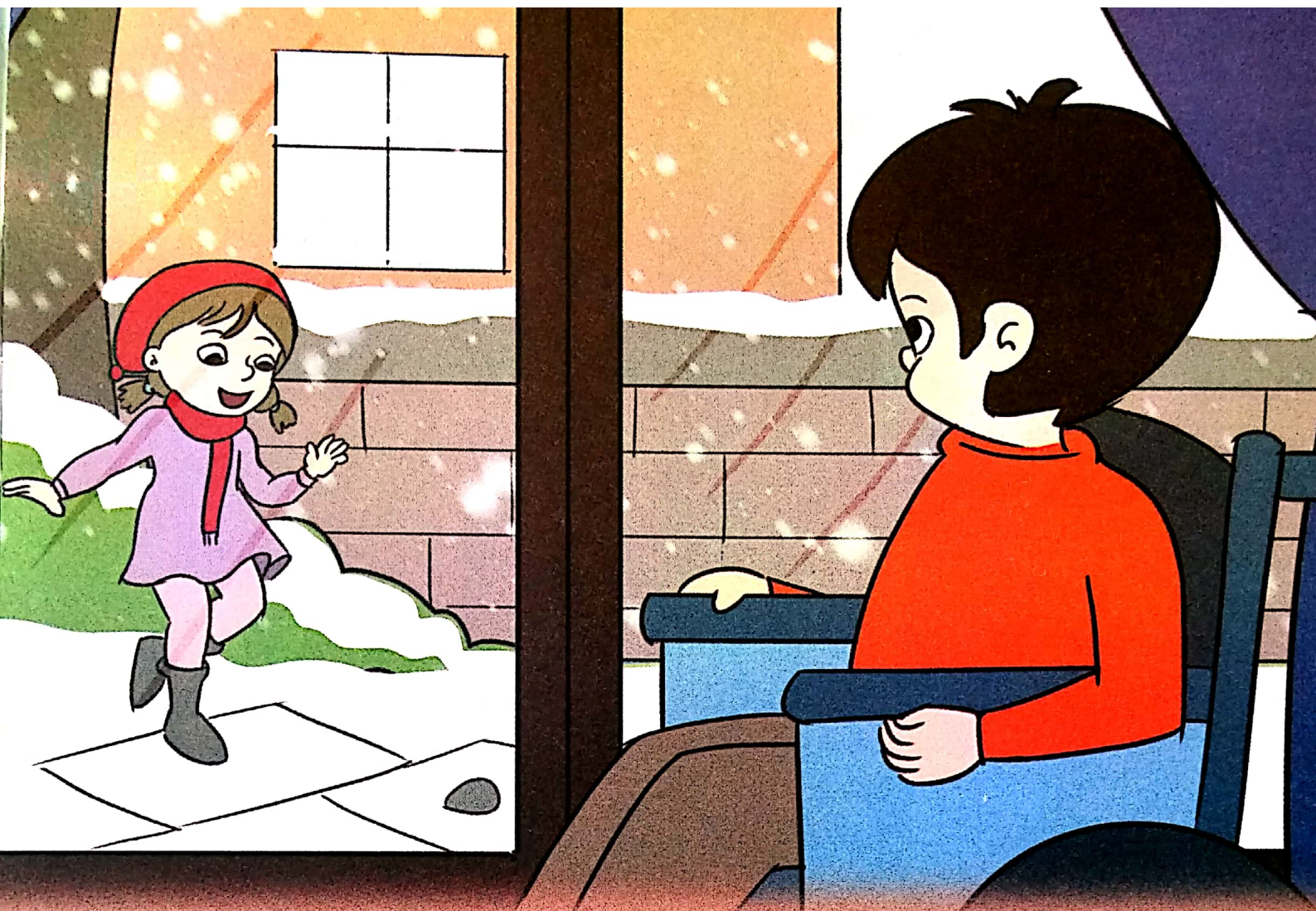
GRADE 6

UNIT 4

WEATHER AND EMOTIONS



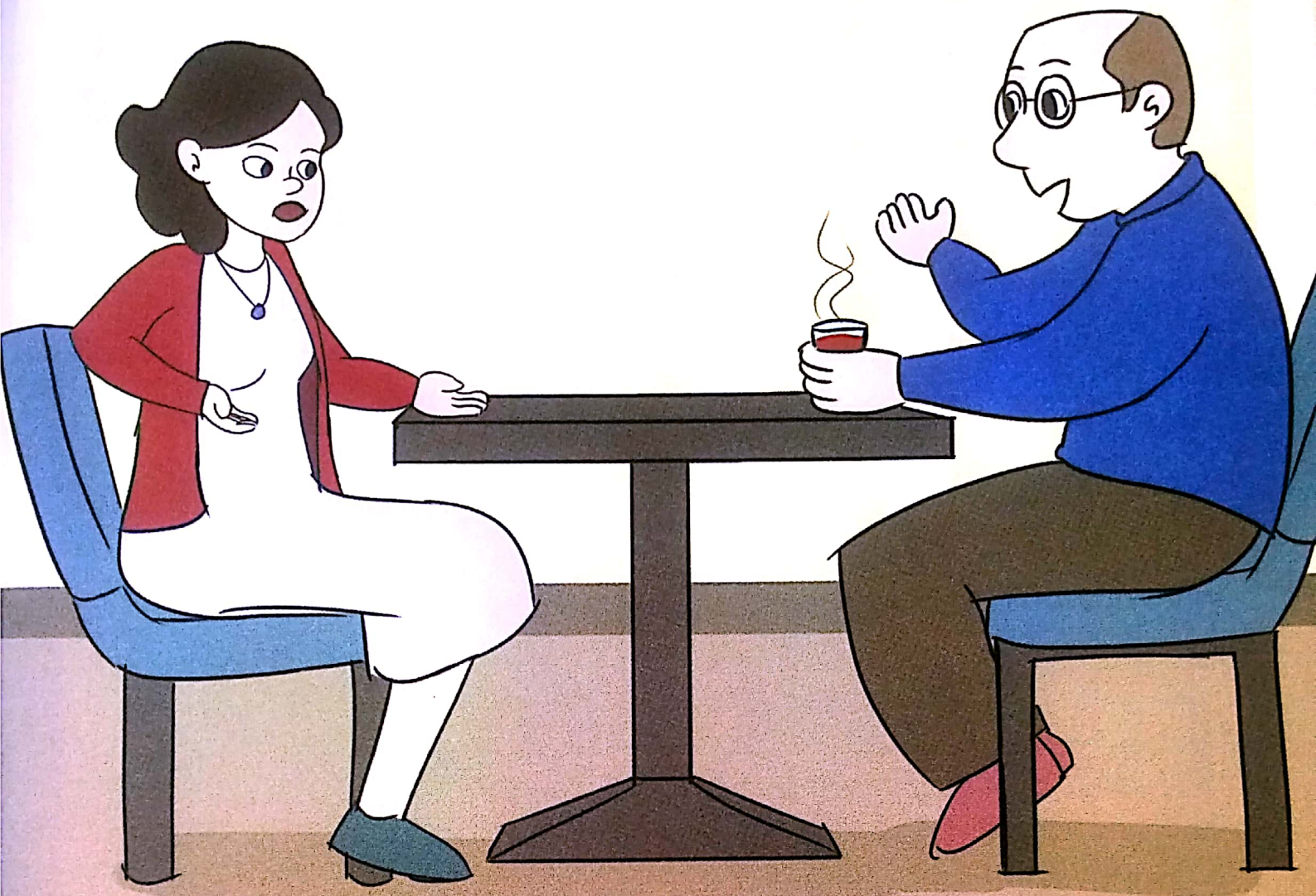
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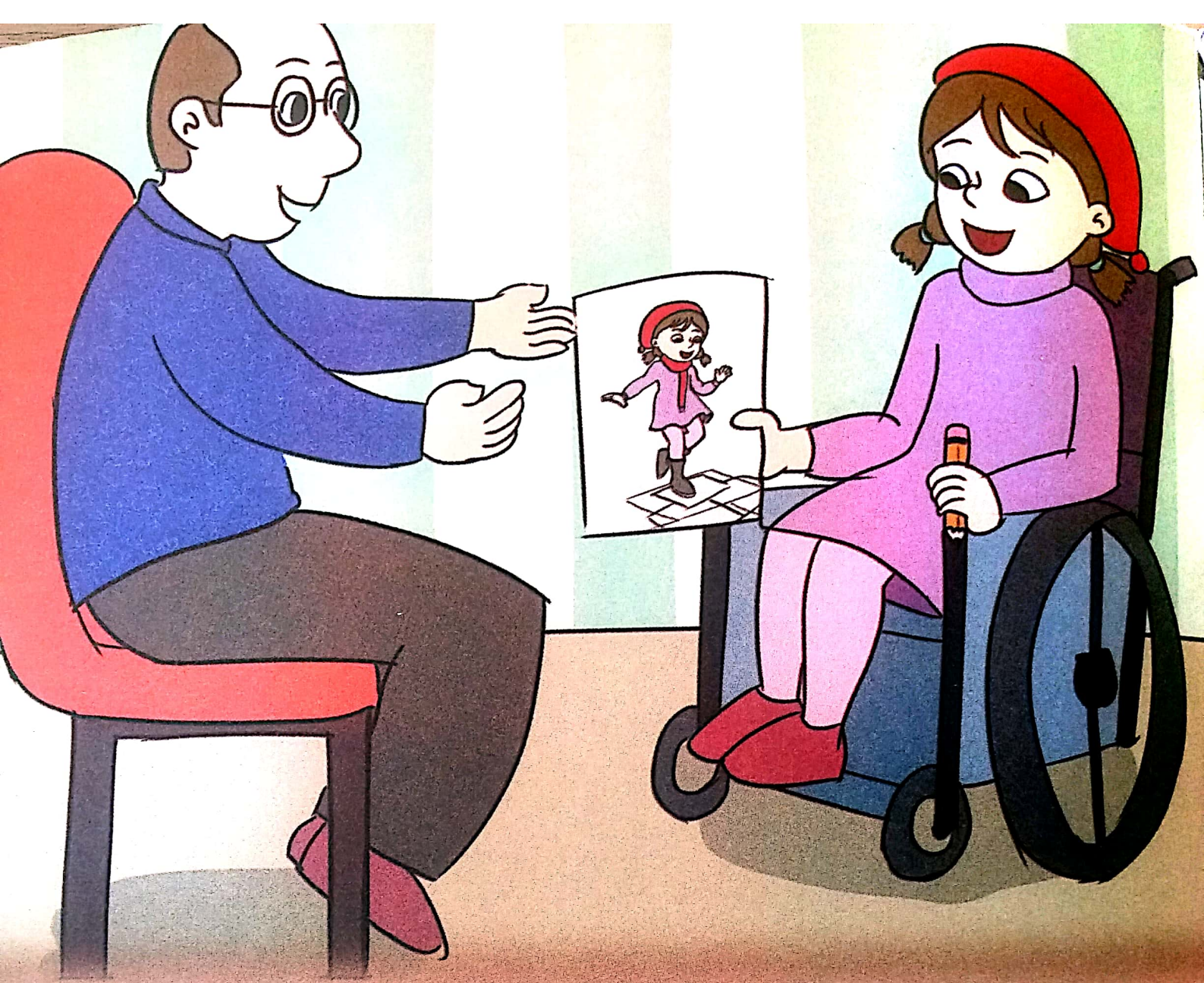
James is sitting by the window watching the snowflakes<sup>1</sup>. It's finally winter<sup>2</sup>. They had a very long and hot<sup>3</sup> summer<sup>4</sup>. James loves the winter and the spring<sup>5</sup>. He sees a girl with a red hat playing in the garden. He hasn't seen her before.



The doorbell rings. His mother Linda says, "James, your teacher Mr Brown is here!" James is disabled<sup>6</sup>, so he can't walk to school. A teacher comes to tutor him every day. James is a very smart kid. He loves to read and draw pictures. He has a powerful<sup>7</sup> imagination<sup>8</sup>. Mr Brown thinks James's drawings are very good.



His teacher and Linda talk about James. Linda says that James is usually sitting by the window and watching the outside, and he enjoys it. Linda says they sometimes go out when the weather is good, but James enjoys reading a book at home more, or just watching the outside.



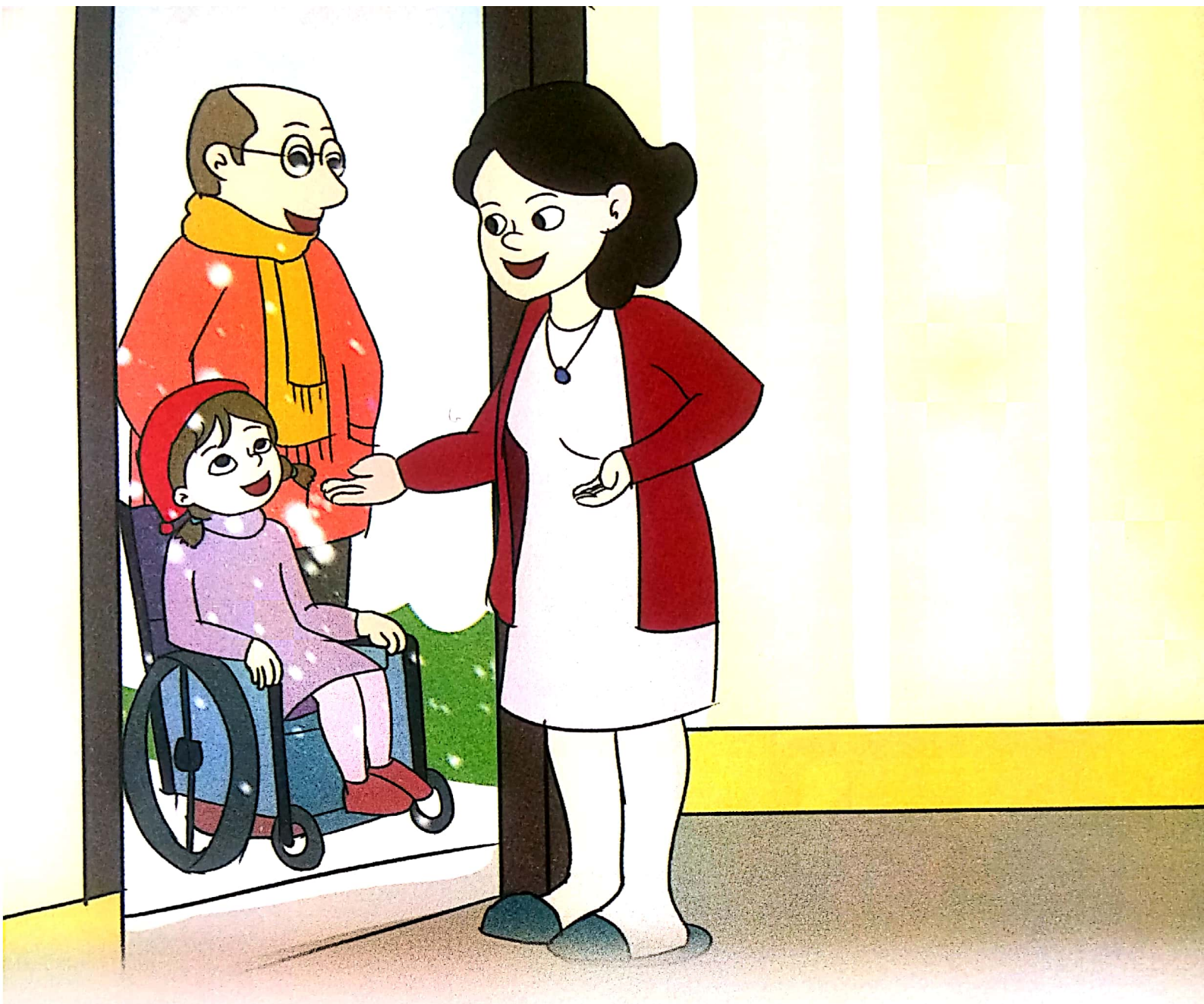
Mr Brown is tutoring another child on the same street. Her name is Katie. Just like James, Katie loves to sit by the window and watch the outside. She also keeps a diary<sup>9</sup>. She never gets tired of it. Katie also likes drawing. She is always drawing a girl with a red hat.



Mr Brown remembers that James was drawing a boy with a blue hat the other day. He has an idea - he wants to introduce<sup>10</sup> James and Katie. He thinks it might be good for them both. It's snowing<sup>11</sup> heavily. Mr Brown doesn't like winter at all. This type of weather makes him unhappy. He leaves James's house later that day.

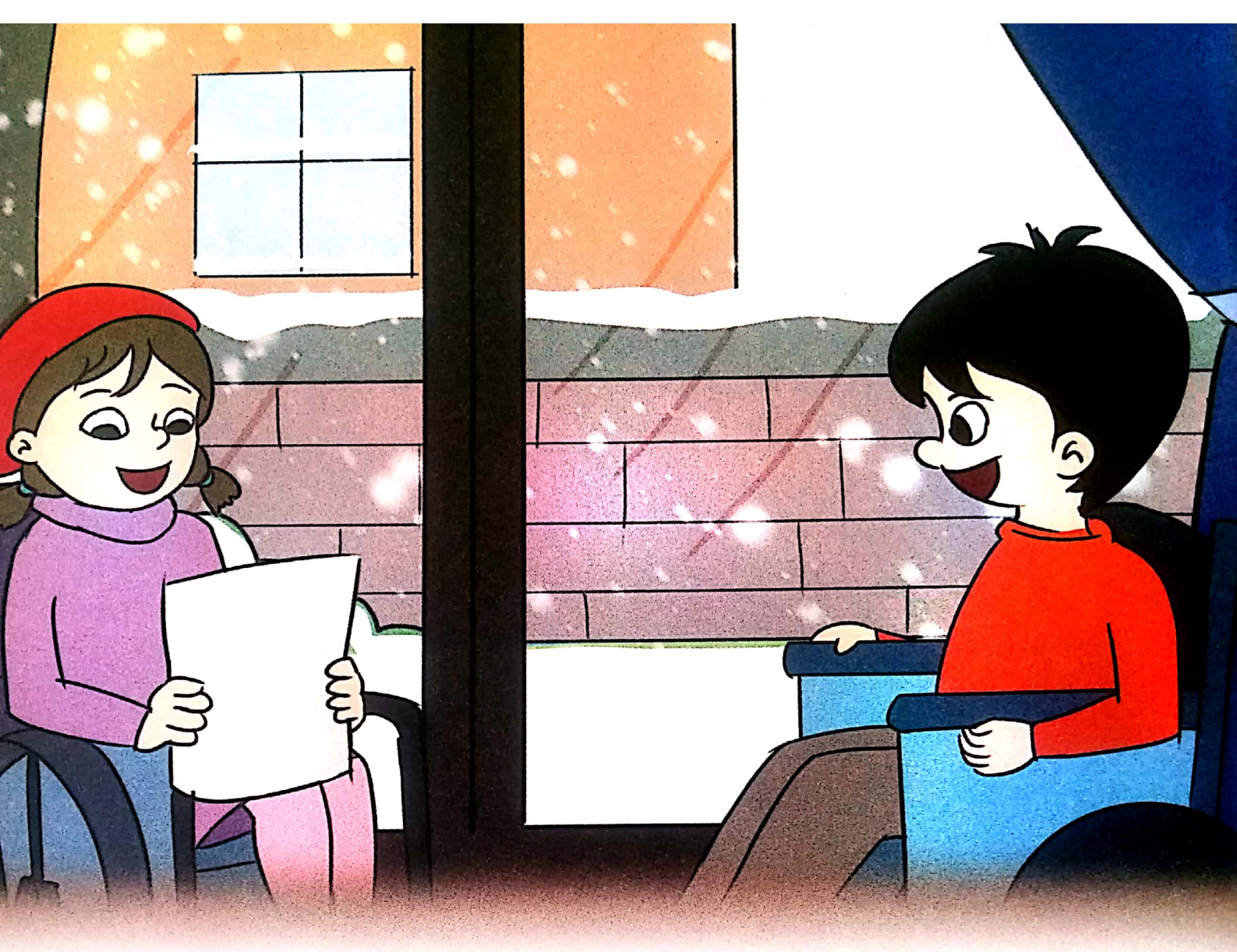


The phone rings and Linda answers. It's Mr Brown. "Hello Linda," he says. "I want to talk to you about something." He tells her about Katie and asks what she thinks of his idea. Linda likes it. They decide to surprise James.



The next morning, James is again in front of the window, watching the outside. His mother is making preparations for their guests. Something smells delicious. The doorbell rings. It's Mr Brown and Katie. Linda welcomes them with a smile and says, "Welcome, please come in!"

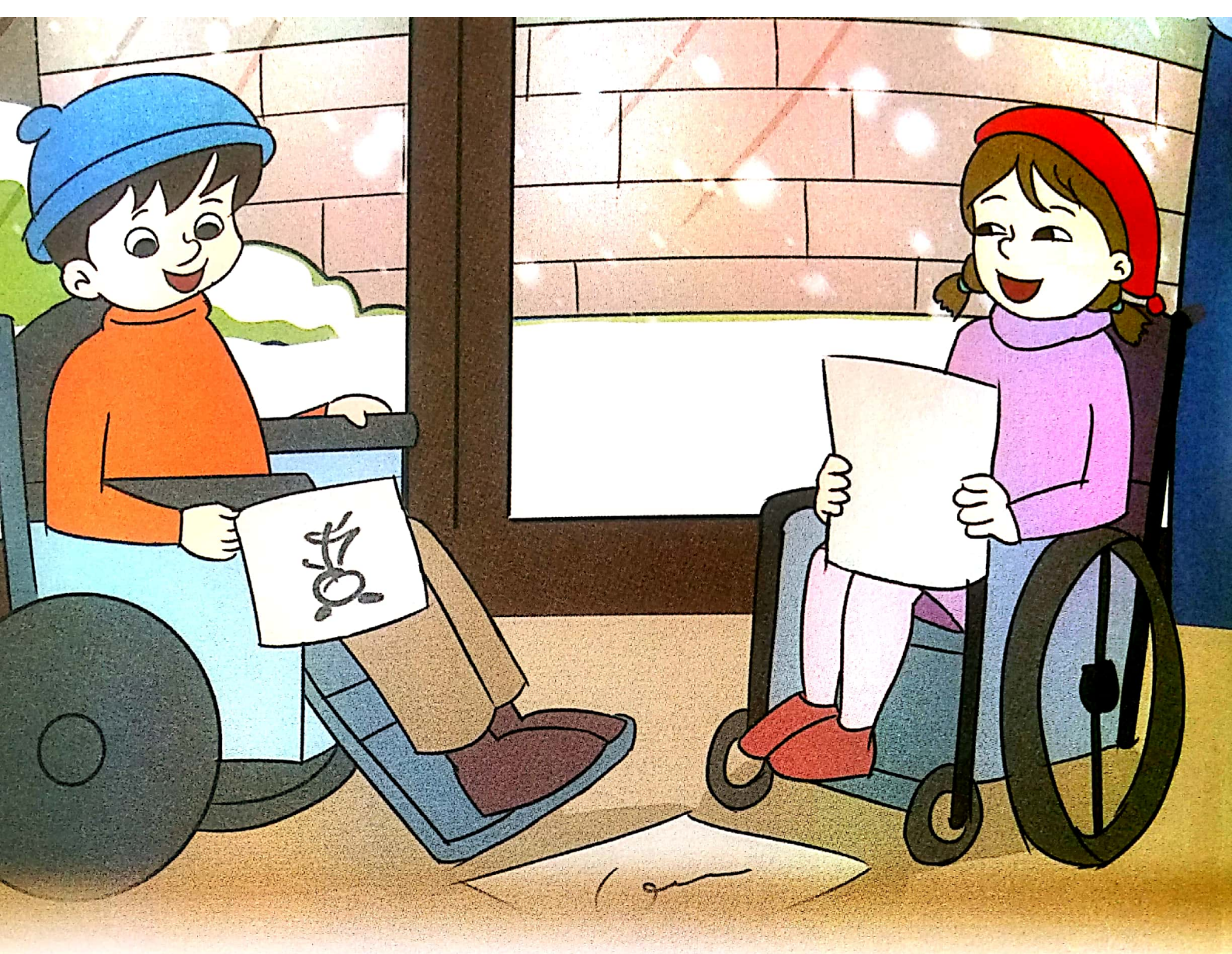




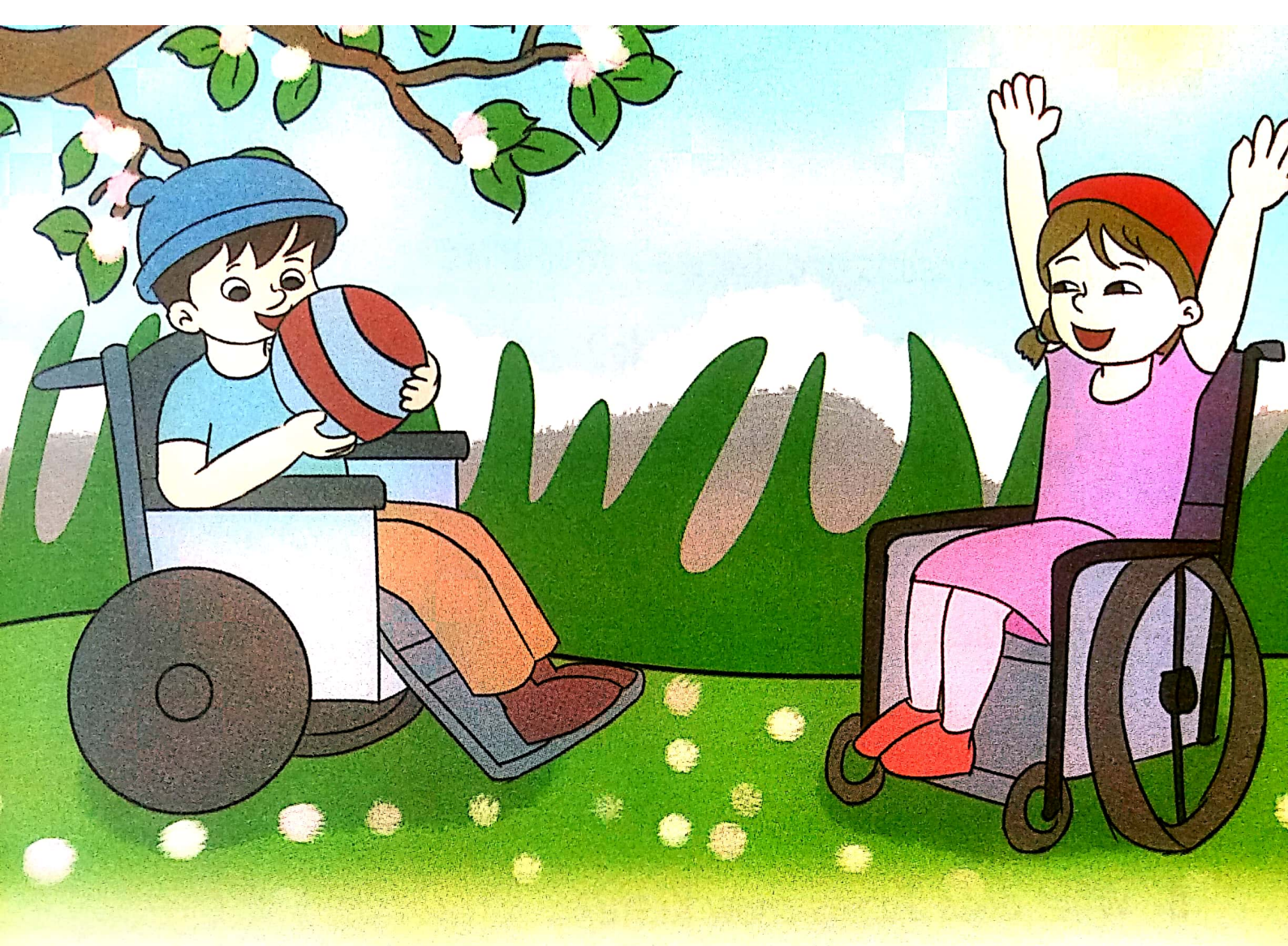
James is surprised to see Katie. "Hello James," Mr Brown says. "This is Katie, and she wants to be friends with you." At first, James is confused, but then he realises that she is the girl with the red hat that he saw in the garden. James tells her that he saw her outside. He shows her some of his drawings.



Katie smiles. She says, she saw James playing in the garden. The two children have overcome<sup>12</sup> their disabilities<sup>6</sup> with their imaginations. They are imagining each other playing outside. Their biggest dream<sup>13</sup> is to run and play in the garden. Katie dreams of herself playing in the garden with her favourite red hat on. James dreams of himself with his father's gift, his blue hat.



That's why they always sit by the window watching the outside. Katie and James become really good friends. Now they aren't bored at home. They read books and draw pictures together. Their families are also happy about this. Mr Brown is now tutoring them together. They still sometimes sit by the window to watch the outside.



It's springtime<sup>14</sup>. All the trees are filled with flowers. James and Katie can go out now. Their families know each other too. The families go on picnics and have a good time together. They now know that dreaming and friendship are very valuable<sup>15</sup> things. Nothing can spoil<sup>16</sup> their dreams.