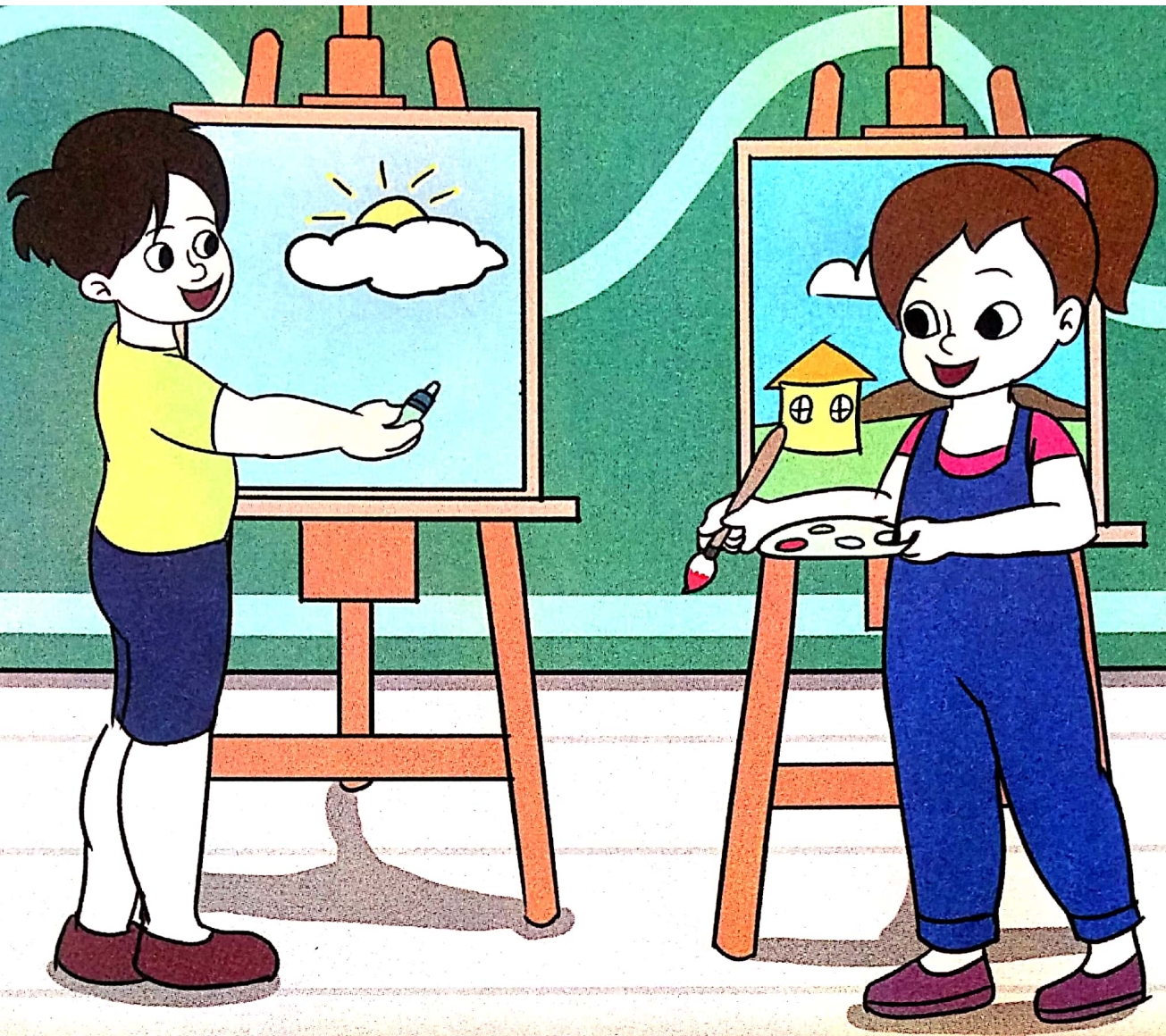


# MAX THE ARTIST AND PUKI THE PUPPY



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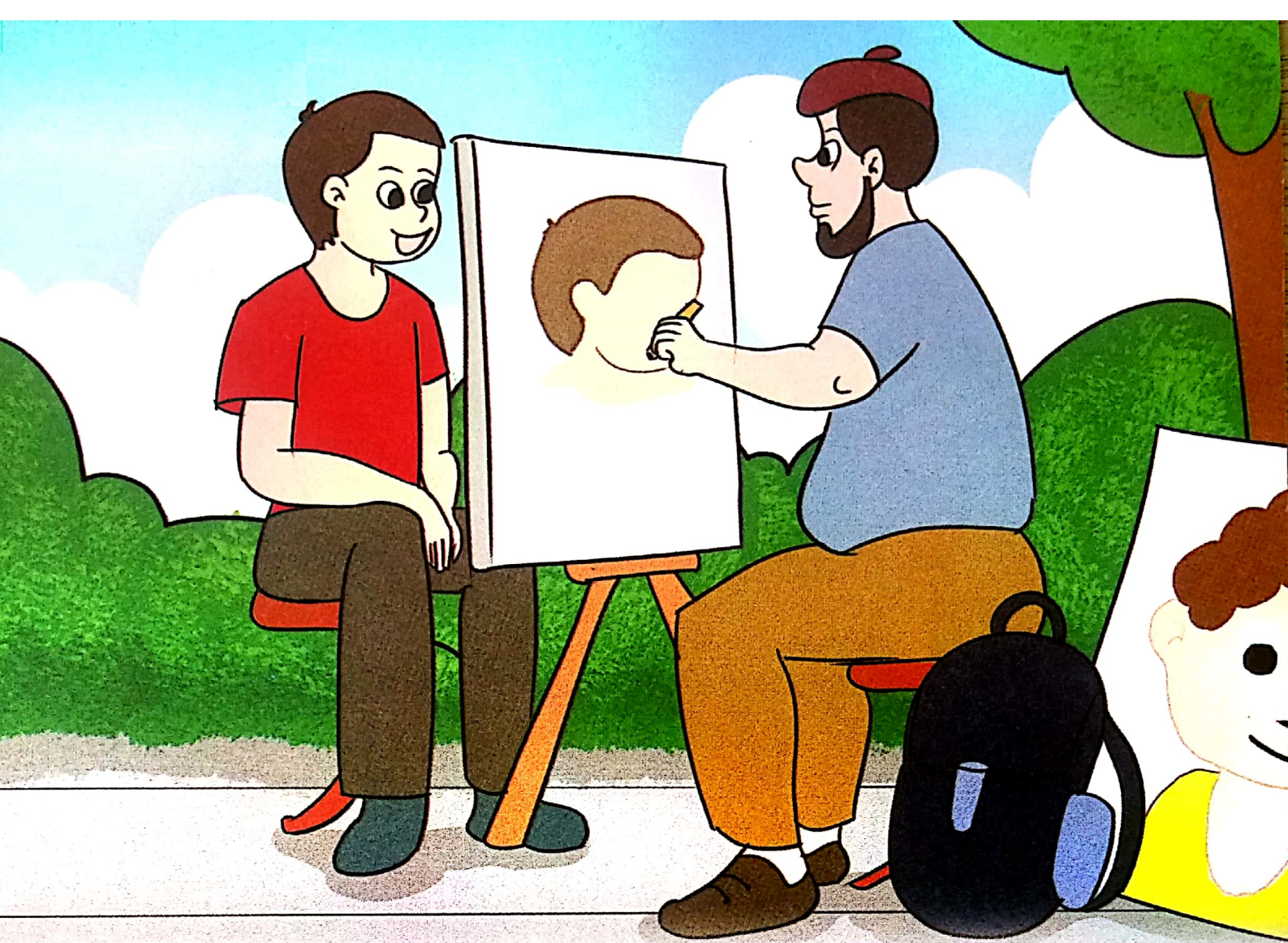




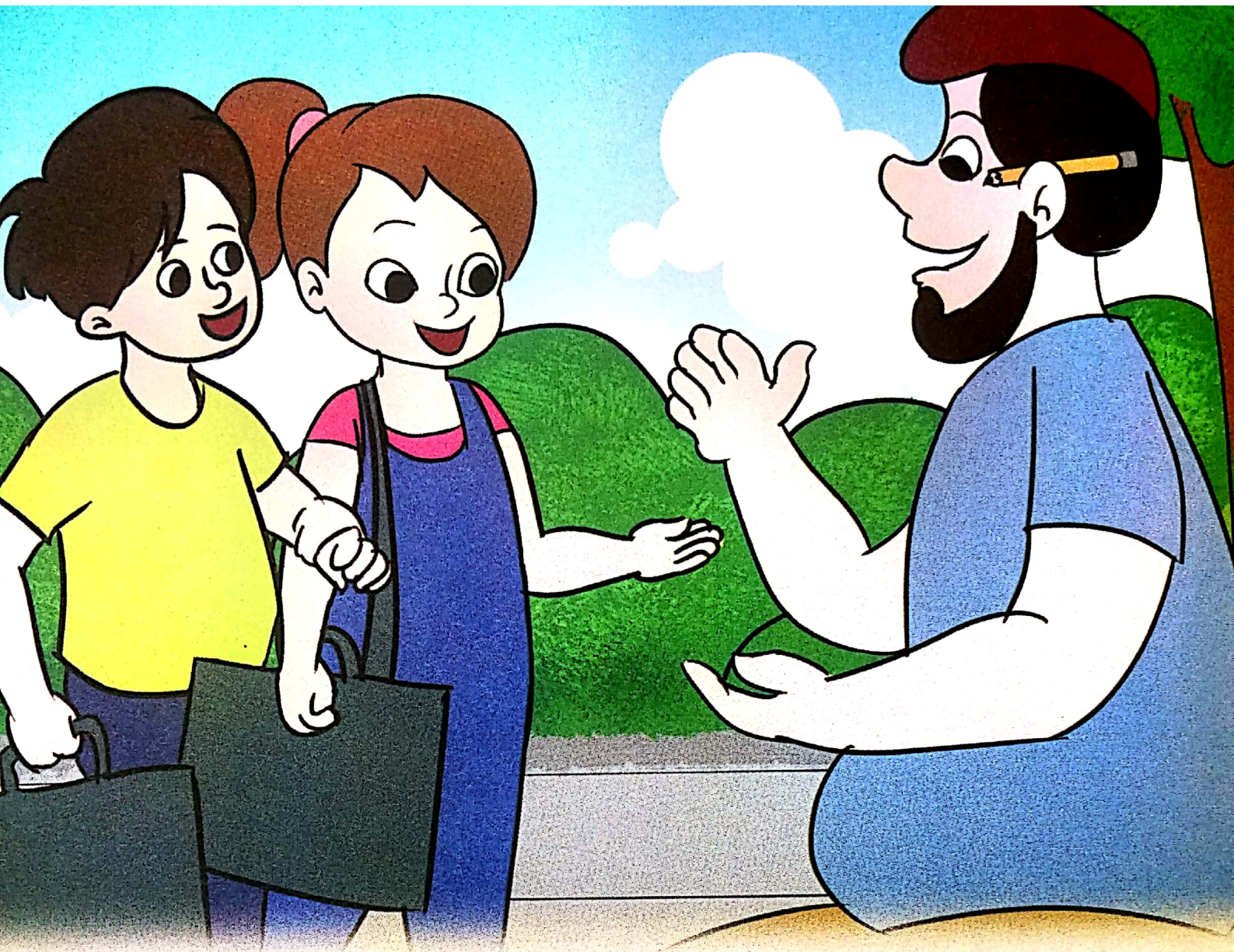
Sarah draws amazing pictures. Her teacher is aware of<sup>1</sup> her talent<sup>2</sup> so she encourages<sup>3</sup> her to take drawing lessons. Her family agrees. Today, it's the 5<sup>th</sup> day of her drawing lessons. Sarah has many new friends here. Her best friend is Bob. They live close to each other.



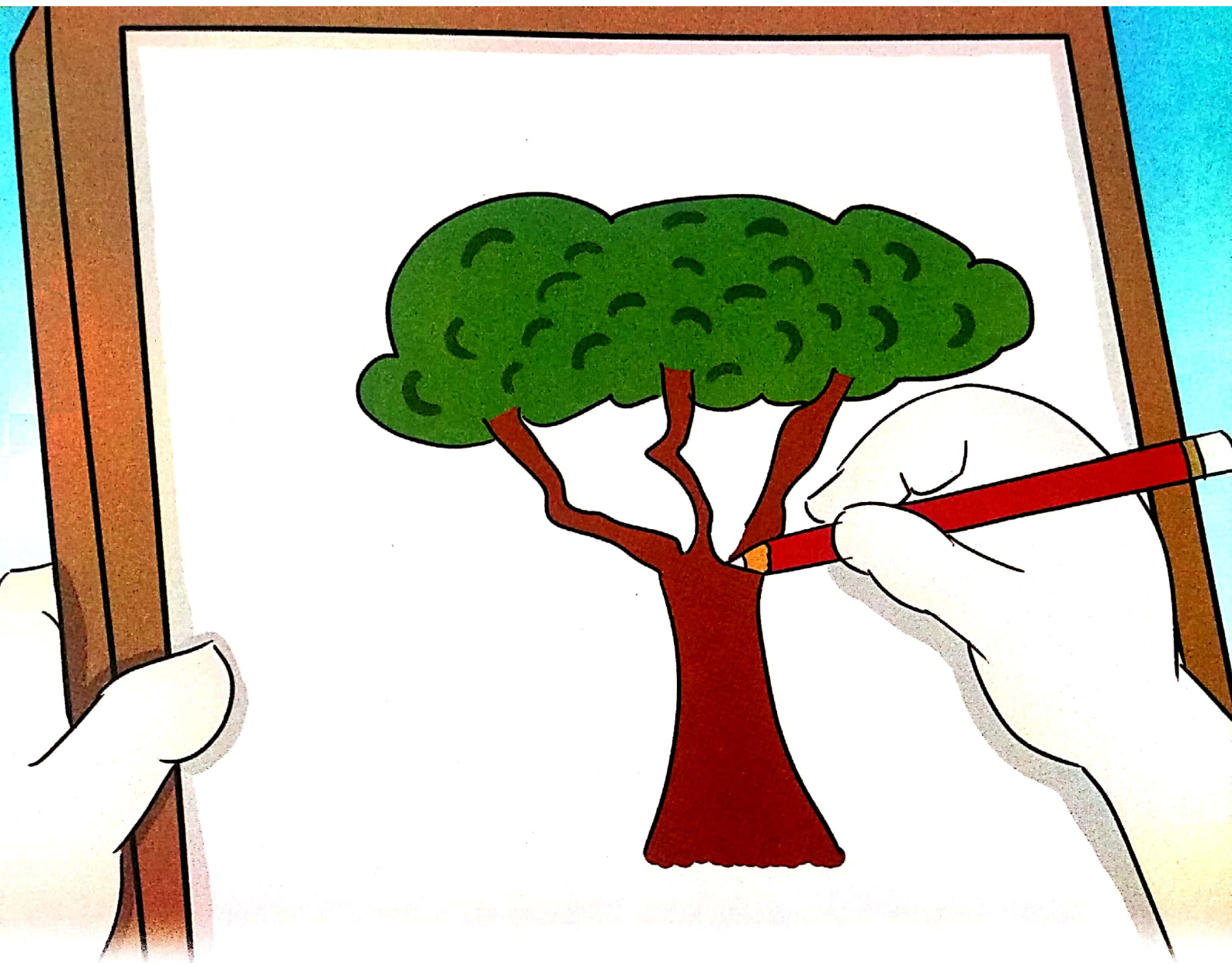
Bob's father is a fireman<sup>4</sup> and his mother is a swimming instructor<sup>5</sup>. Bob takes after<sup>6</sup> his grandfather. His grandfather is an art teacher. Nobody is interested in arts in Sarah's family. Her mother is a cook<sup>7</sup> and her father is a doctor. Sarah and Bob decide to walk home together after the lesson today. The weather is wonderful.



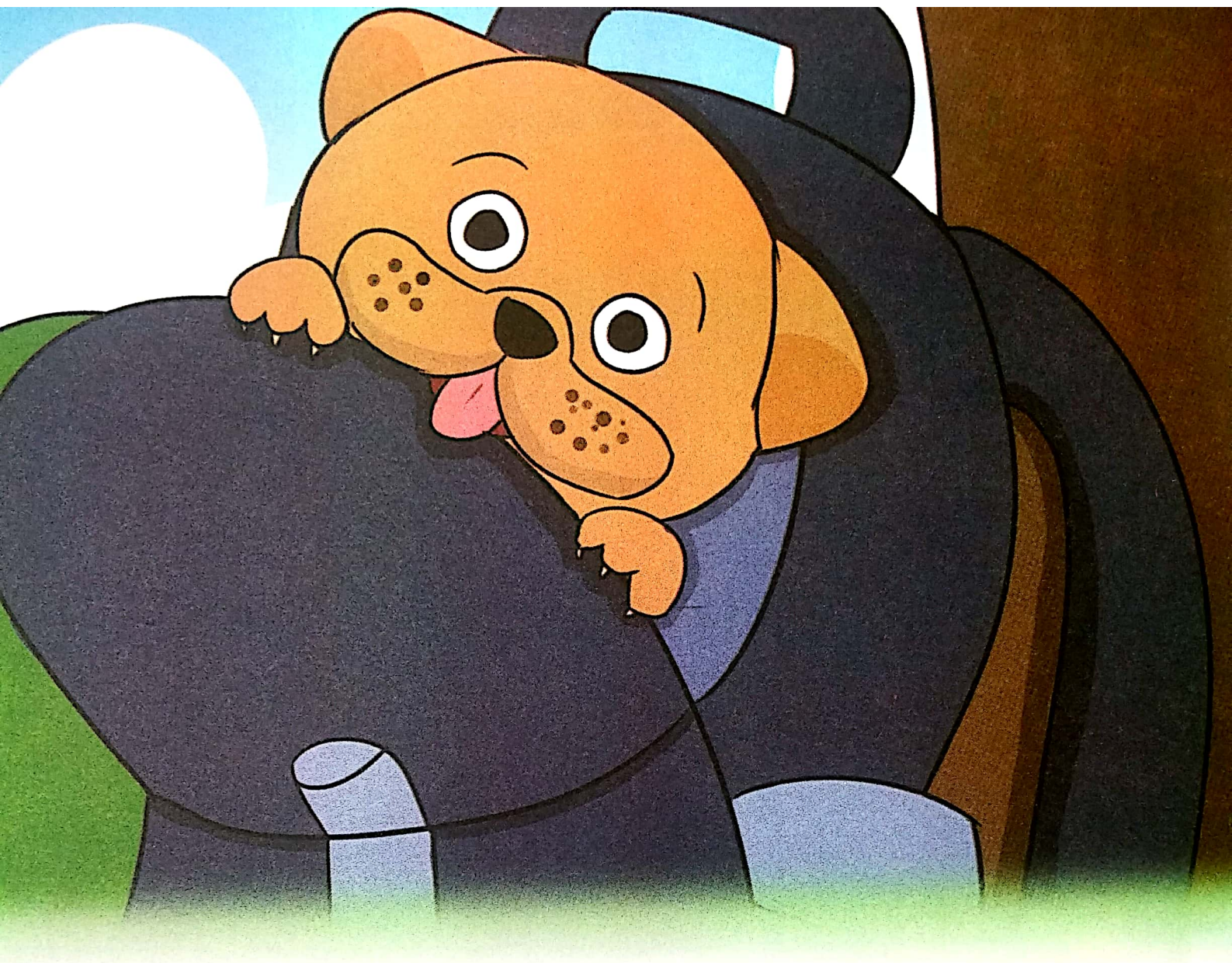
Sarah's mother invites<sup>8</sup> Bob inside and offers him a slice of her delicious cake. Bob tells Sarah that she is very lucky. Sarah's mother cooks amazing things for Sarah because she is a professional cook. After the cake, Bob and Sarah decide to go out again. As they walk, they see see a street artist<sup>9</sup>. He is painting portraits<sup>10</sup>, and they stop to look at the paintings.



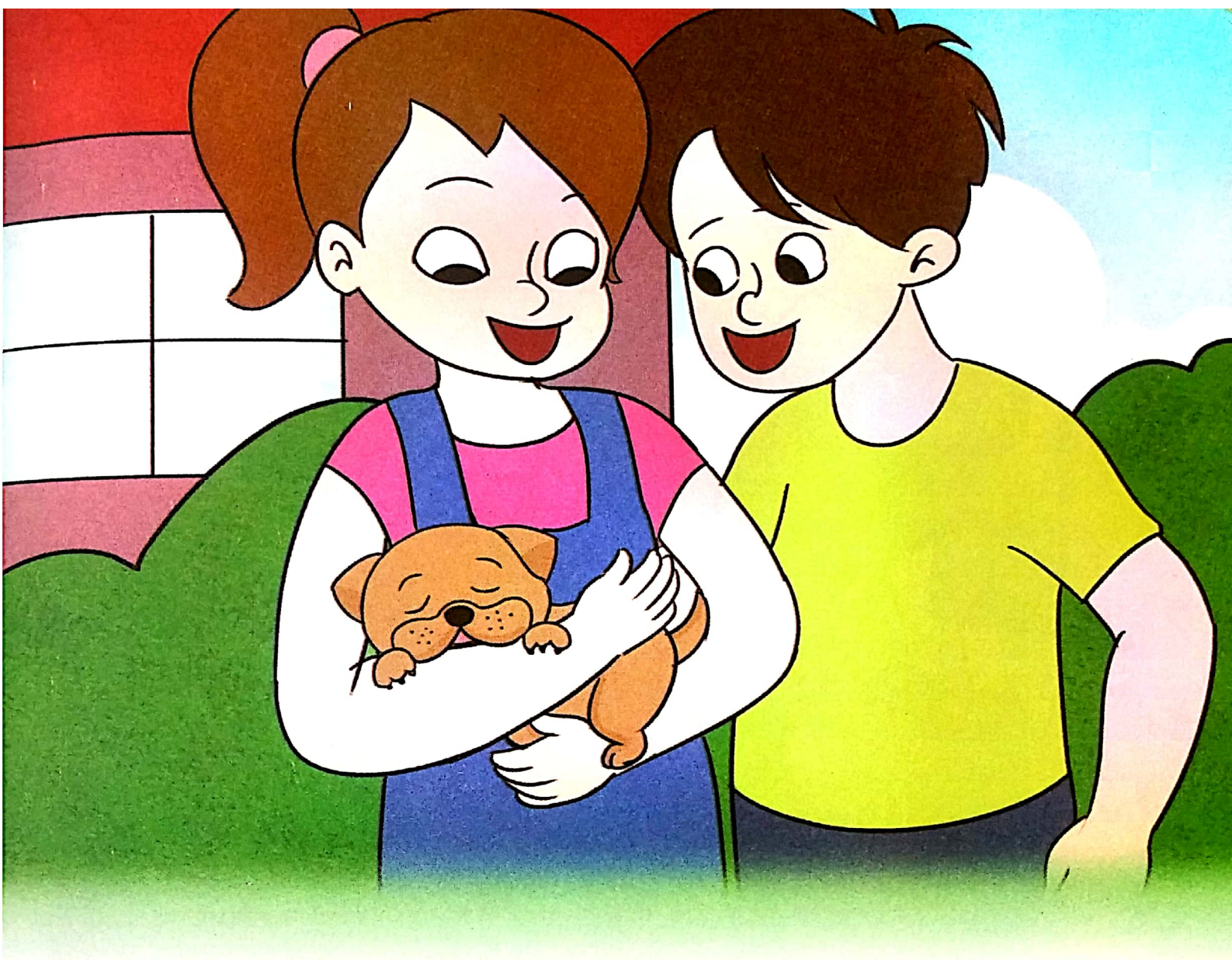
"Hello kids," says the artist. "Welcome! Do you like my paintings?" Bob and Sarah love them. They all are amazing! "Yes, you have some incredible<sup>11</sup> paintings here," they say. "We love them." The artist sees their art bags and says, "So you guys are artists too, am I right?"



Bob and Sarah smile<sup>12</sup> and say that they are just taking lessons. They show him some of their charcoal<sup>13</sup> drawings, and they all start talking. The artist's name is Max. He is very talented. He says he has been drawing since he was a little boy. Many people in his family are also artists. He gives some tips<sup>14</sup> to Sarah and Bob.

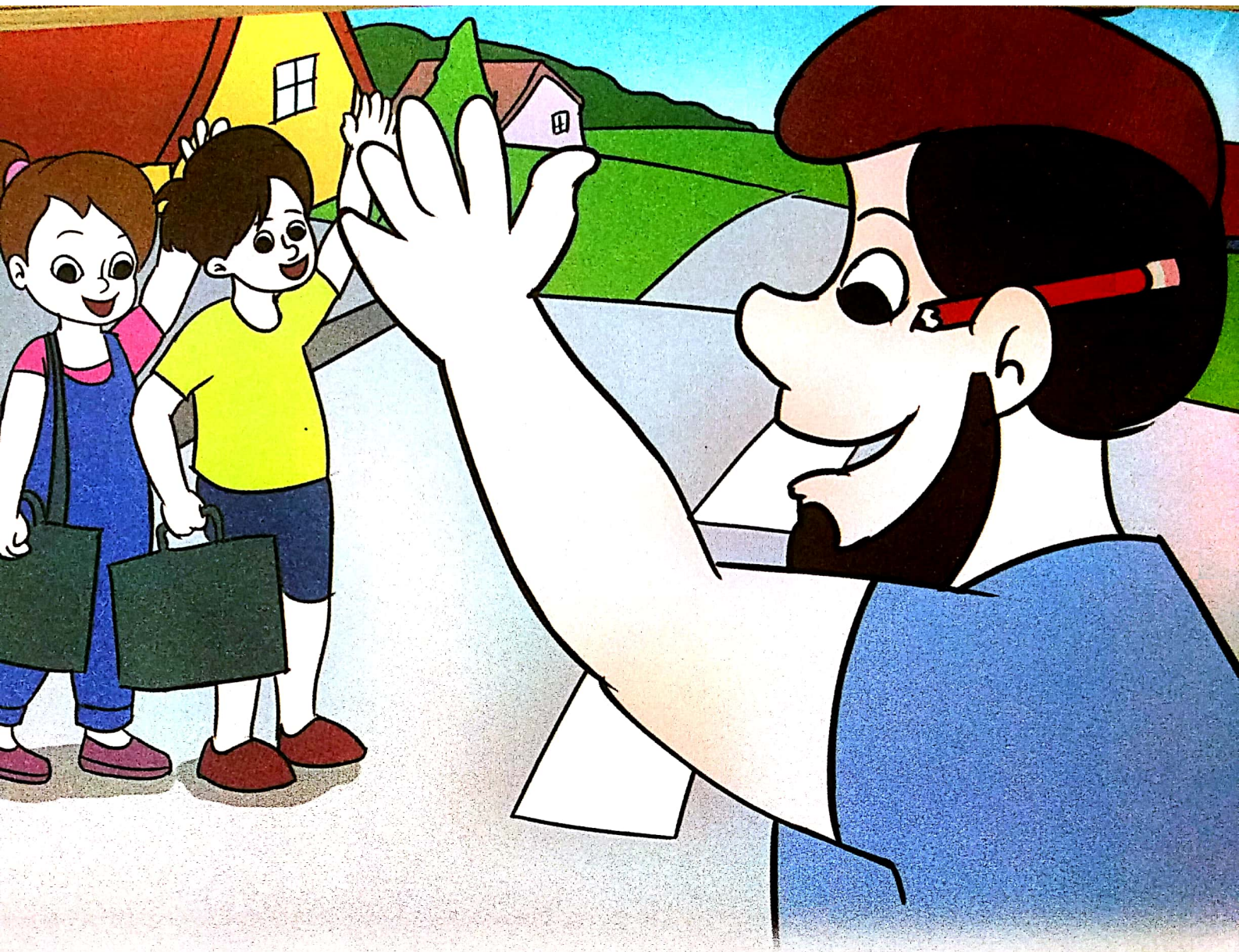


The two friends like Max a lot. They chat for a while. Suddenly<sup>15</sup>, they notice that Max's bag is moving on the floor. They don't understand what's going on, but Max smiles and says, "Are you guys looking at Puki? He is my new friend. I found him on the corner of the street today. He is such a cute puppy<sup>16</sup>. You can meet<sup>17</sup> him if you want."

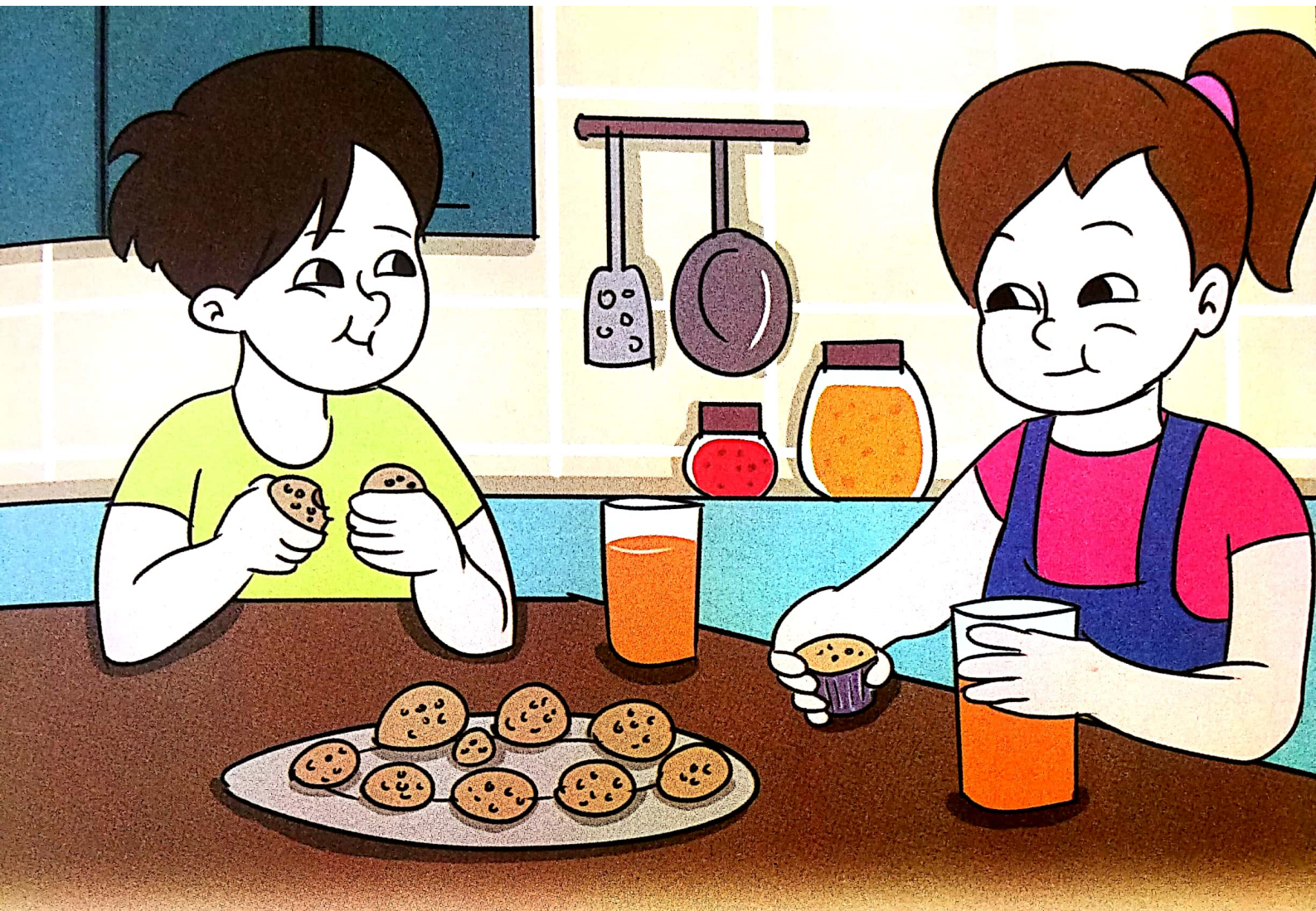


Puki is a sweet<sup>18</sup> little puppy. He looks very young. Max says that Puki was lost and he couldn't find his mother. He gave Puki some milk, and decided to keep him until he finds his mother. Sarah and Bob love Puki. Sarah holds him in her arms, and the little puppy falls asleep<sup>19</sup> there.





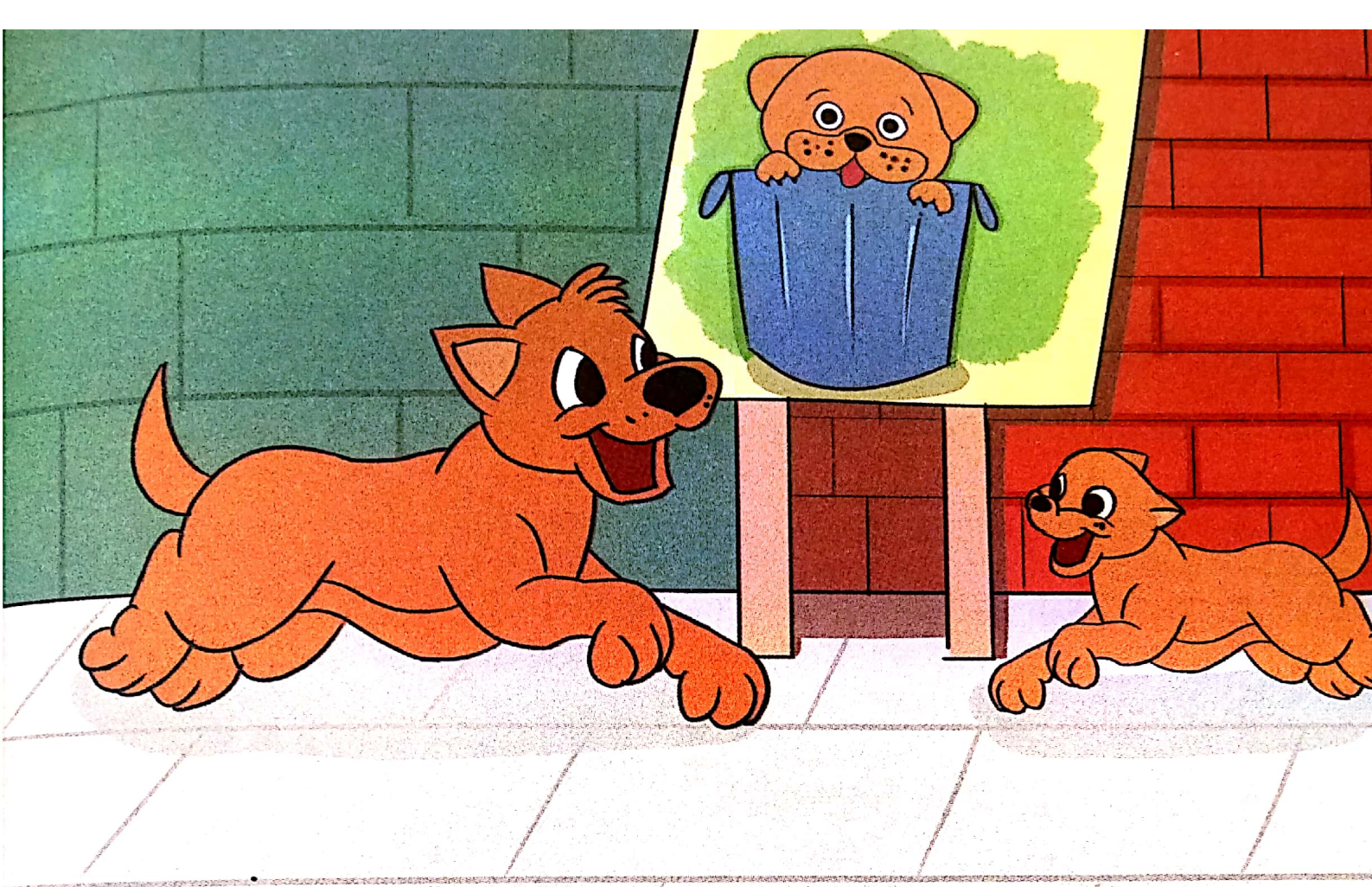
It's getting late. Sarah and Bob lose track of time<sup>20</sup>. They don't want to leave Max and Puki. Max is from a different country. He says he is only here for a while. He has a street exhibition<sup>21</sup> next week and he invites Sarah and Bob.



The two are very happy with their invitation<sup>8</sup>. They say that they will definitely come to see the exhibition. They go to Sarah's house together. They eat some more of Sarah's mother's cakes. These cakes are great! Bob loves them.



Bob says thank you to Sarah and her mother, and goes home. Sarah tells her parents about Max and Puki at dinner. The phone rings, and Sarah answers. It's Bob calling. He says that his father got a call from the fire station<sup>22</sup>. They found a dog in a ditch<sup>23</sup> and she needs help. Bob says maybe it's Puki's mother.



Early the next day, Sarah and Bob go to see Max. They tell Max about the dog, and they all decide to go to the animal shelter<sup>24</sup>. Bob is right - Puki runs straight to his mother, so they leave the two dogs at the shelter together. A week goes by, and now they are at Max's exhibition. The first thing Sarah and Bob see at the exhibition is a big oil painting<sup>25</sup> of Puki. It's beautiful! Everybody is looking at that painting, and saying how wonderful it is. Sarah and Bob congratulate<sup>26</sup> Max on his successful exhibition.