

# A TRIP TO ALASKA WITH MY UNCLE DANIEL

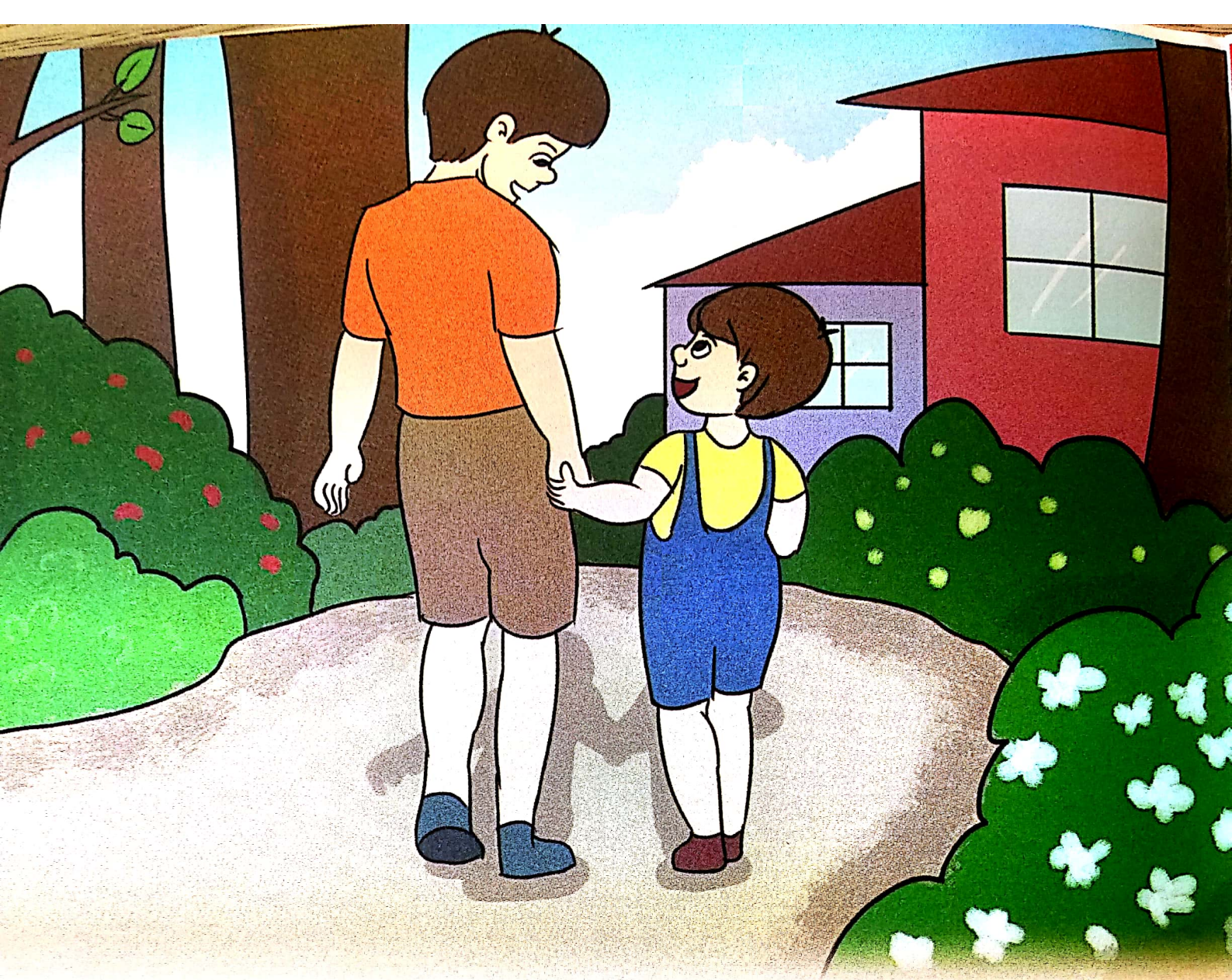


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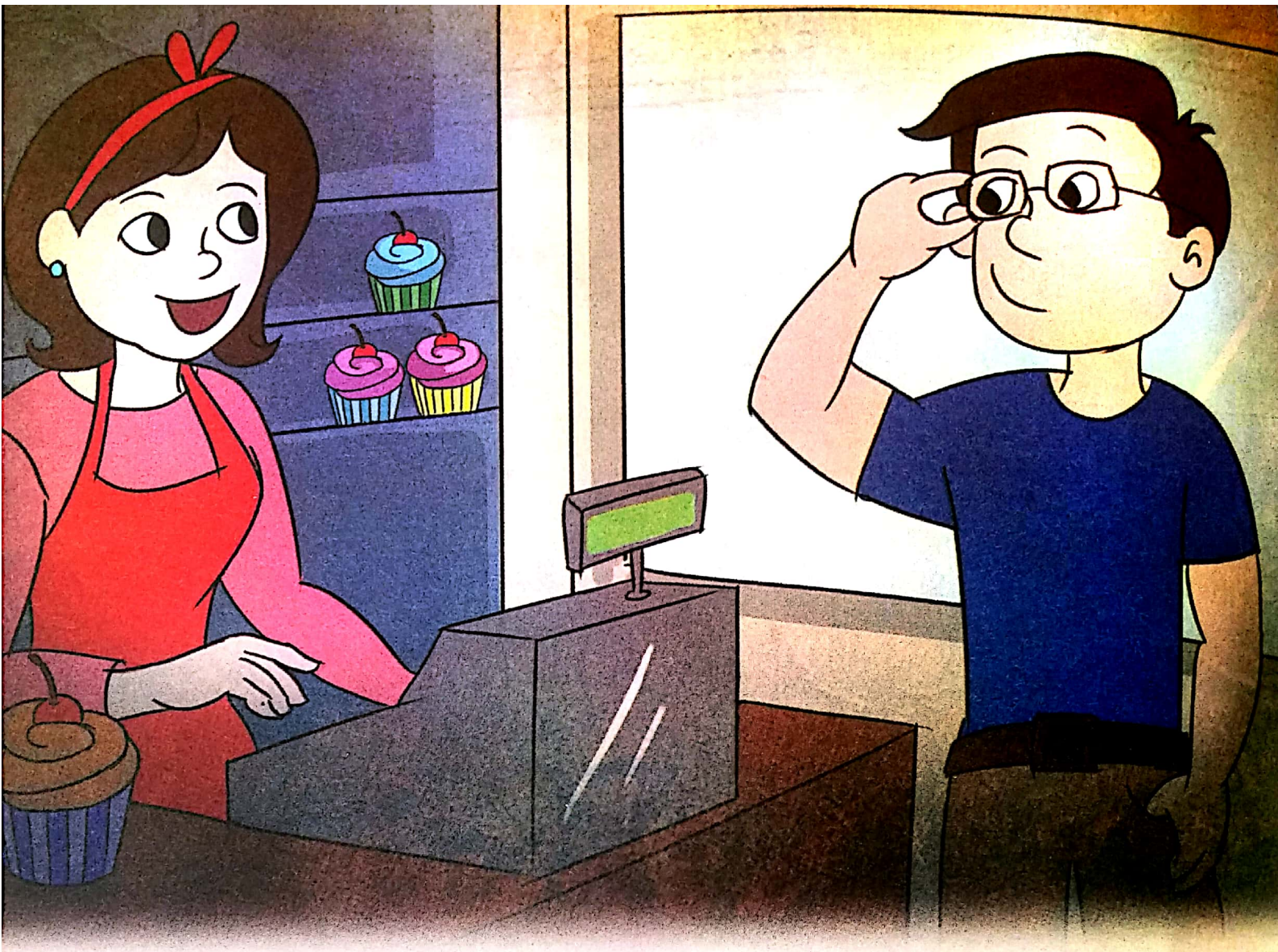
My uncle Daniel is very different from my father. My father likes staying in one place. He doesn't really like taking trips<sup>1</sup>. He has a routine<sup>2</sup>. He goes to work, comes home in the evening, has dinner and watches TV. He doesn't get bored of doing the same thing every day. His life is very monotonous<sup>3</sup>, but my uncle's life is nothing like that!



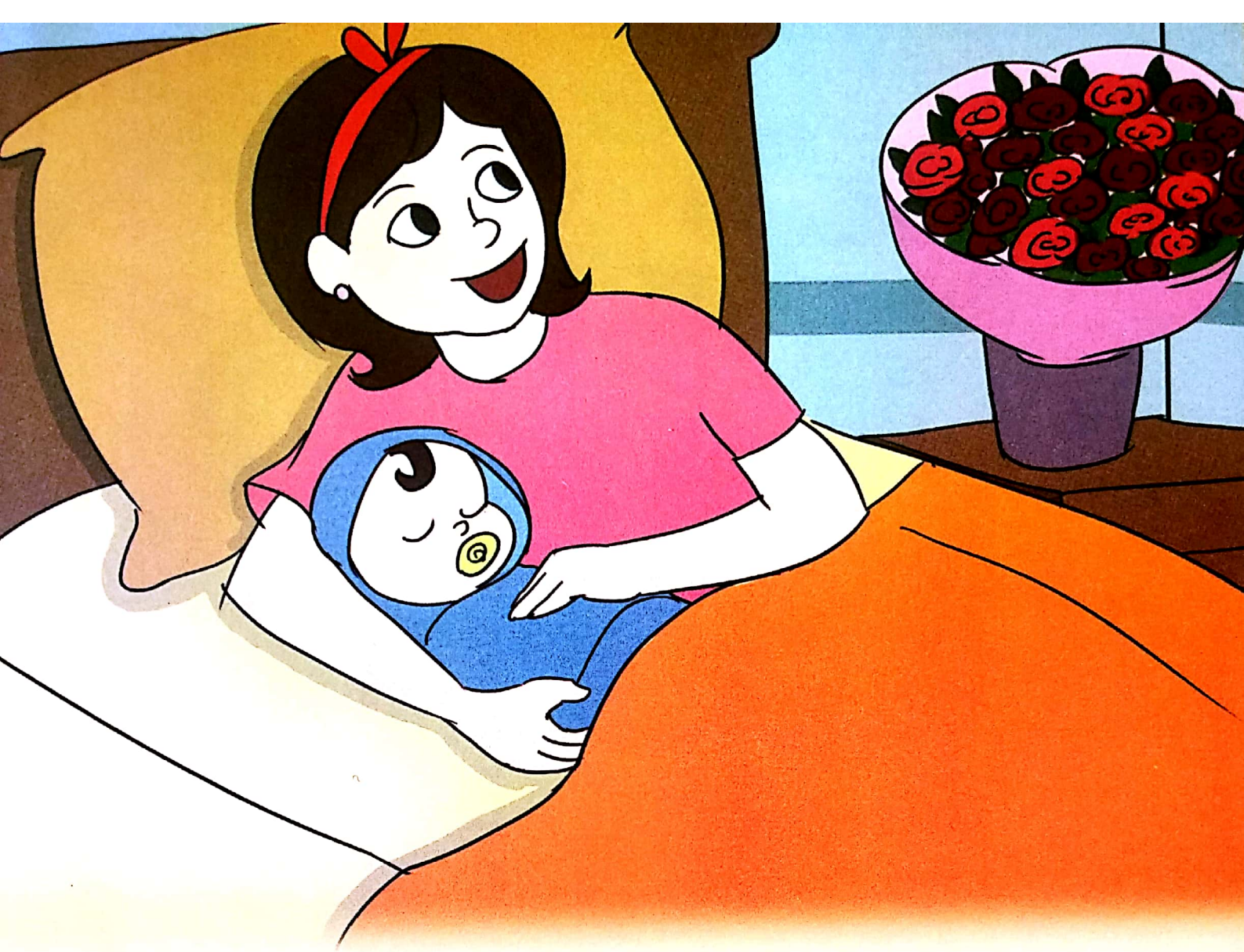
I guess I'm a bit like my uncle Daniel. I love taking trips, exploring<sup>4</sup>, and seeing different places. I love the feelings of freedom<sup>5</sup> and independence<sup>6</sup>. When I want to go out alone, my mother wants to send my brother Alex with me. I get upset but I take him with me anyway.<sup>7</sup>



My mother is a housewife<sup>8</sup>. She doesn't go to work like my father. I'm a big boy now - I'm 12 years old. My name is Bernie and my brother's name is Alex. Alex is turning 4 this year. He needs<sup>9</sup> my mother more than I do because he is so young. My mother is baking<sup>10</sup> his birthday cake this year. She makes the cake herself every year.



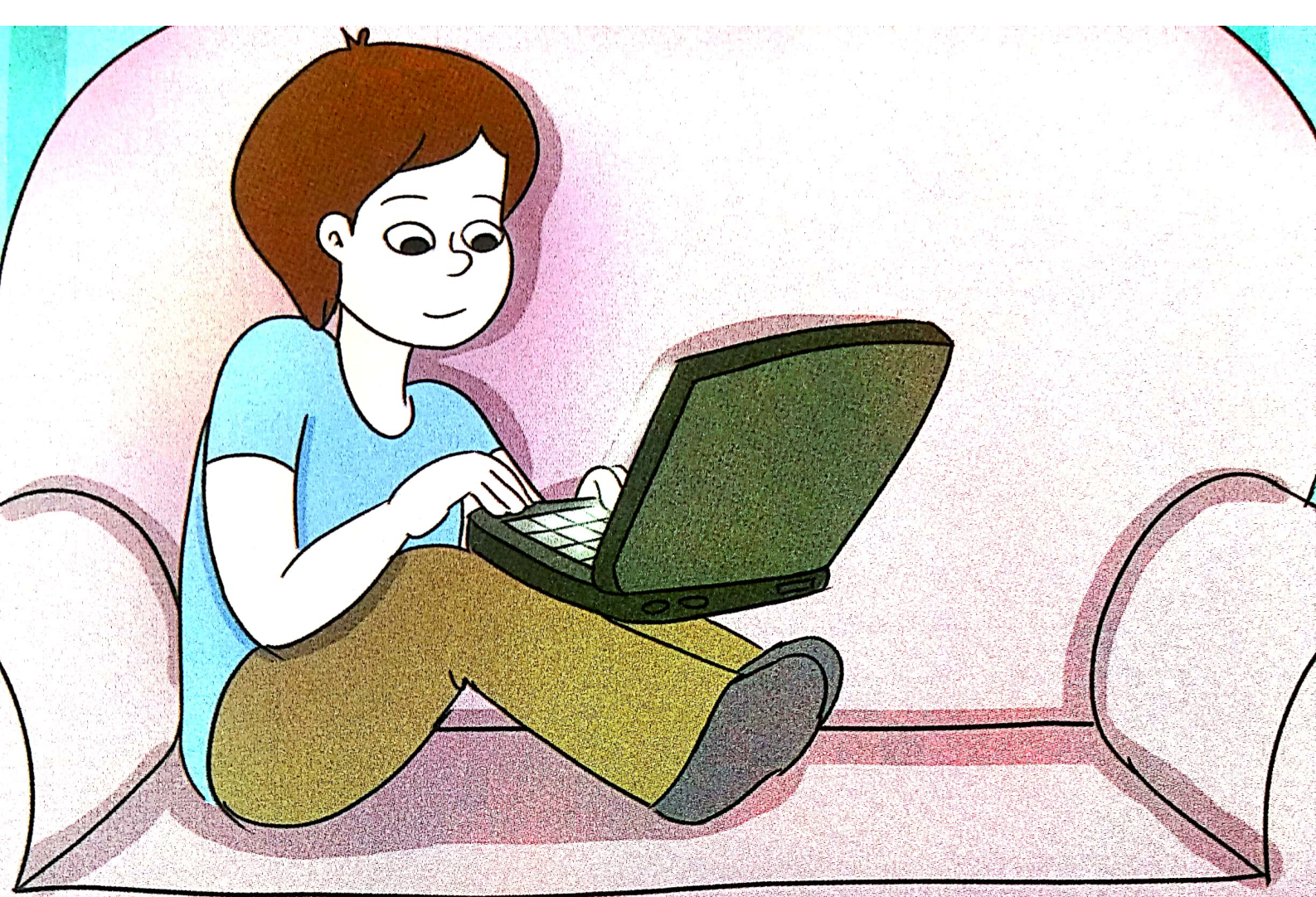
My mother is a very good cook. My father always says that he doesn't know anyone who can cook as well as my mother. My mother is always happy to hear that. My mother was a cashier<sup>11</sup> at a café and my father was a regular<sup>12</sup> customer<sup>13</sup> there. He says they have great food and cakes there. My parents met at that café.



My mother stopped working at her job after marrying my father because she wanted to take care of the house. Then I was born. Taking care of the house and me was a fulltime<sup>14</sup> job, so my mother didn't have much free time<sup>15</sup>. Then, my brother Alex was born. I was very jealous<sup>16</sup> of him but now I know it's silly<sup>17</sup> to be jealous of your brother.

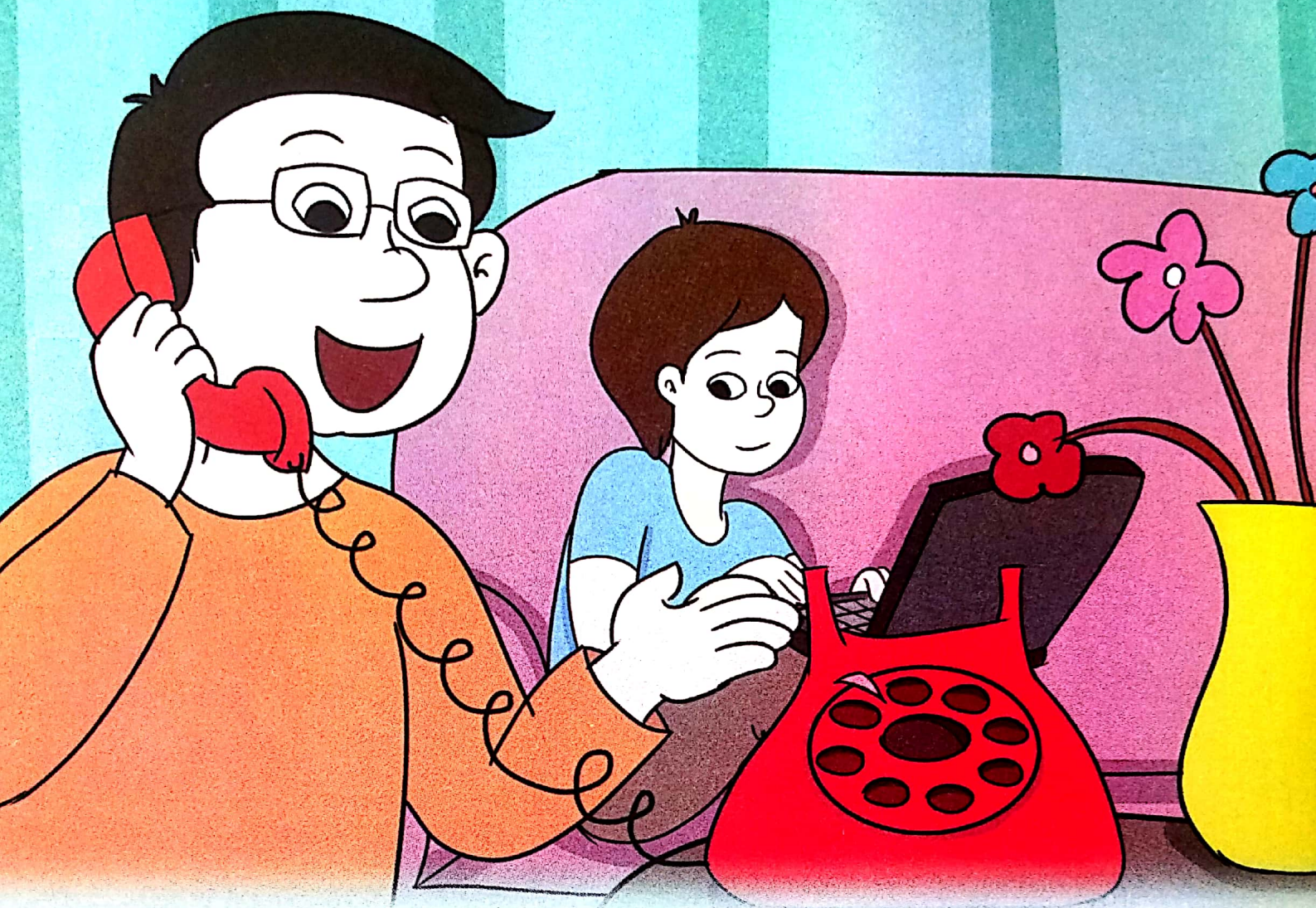


My uncle Daniel loves exploring new places, taking trips and holidays<sup>18</sup>. He has travelled to many places around the world. He loves taking photographs. He once went to Africa and he showed me his photos with a native<sup>19</sup> tribe<sup>20</sup>. There are so many different cultures around the world!

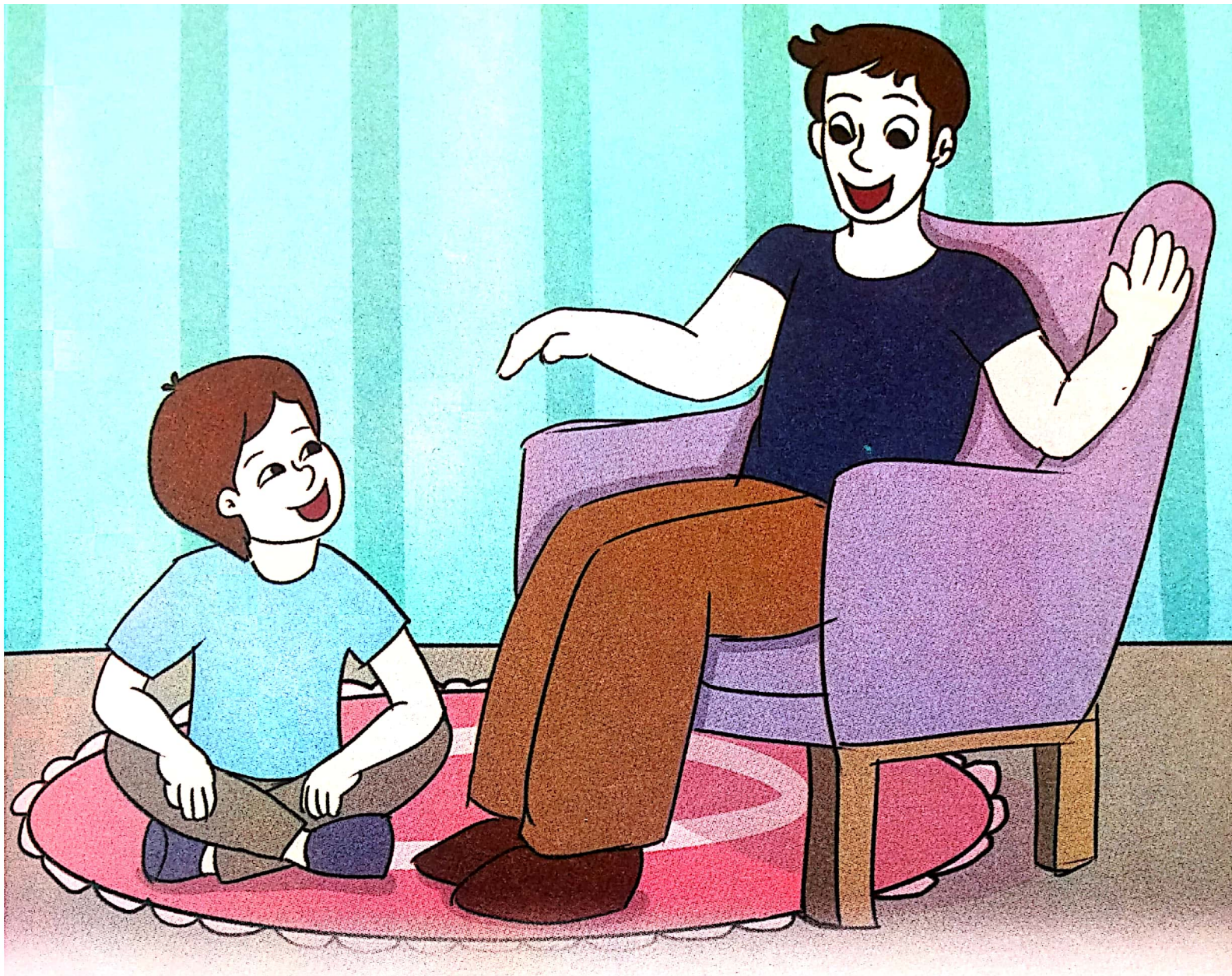


This year, we are spending the summer holiday at home as always. I'm bored of doing the same things over and over again<sup>21</sup>. Tonight, we are at home again. My mother is trying to feed<sup>22</sup> my brother. My father had his dinner and he is watching football on TV. I'm doing some research<sup>23</sup> on the computer.

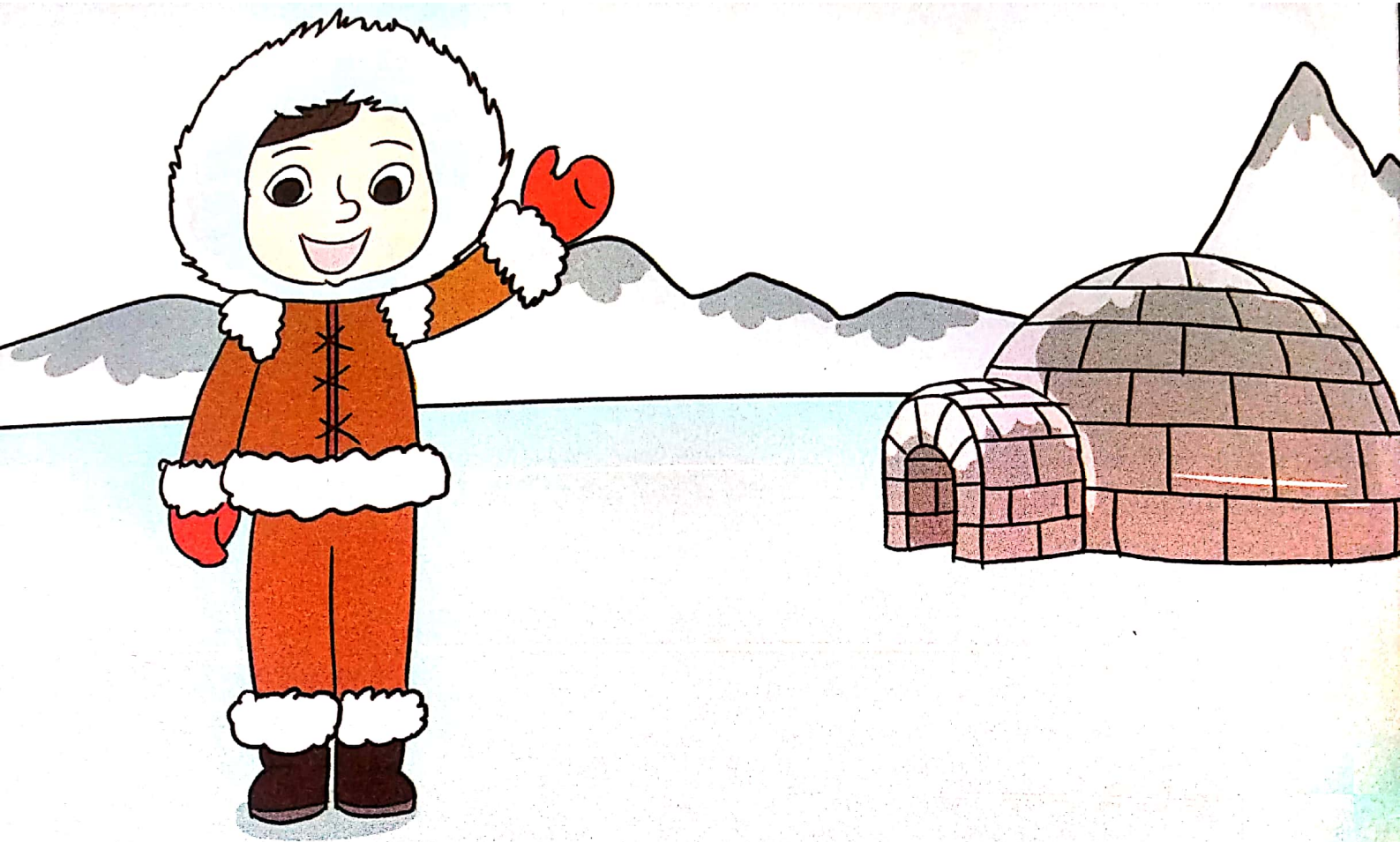




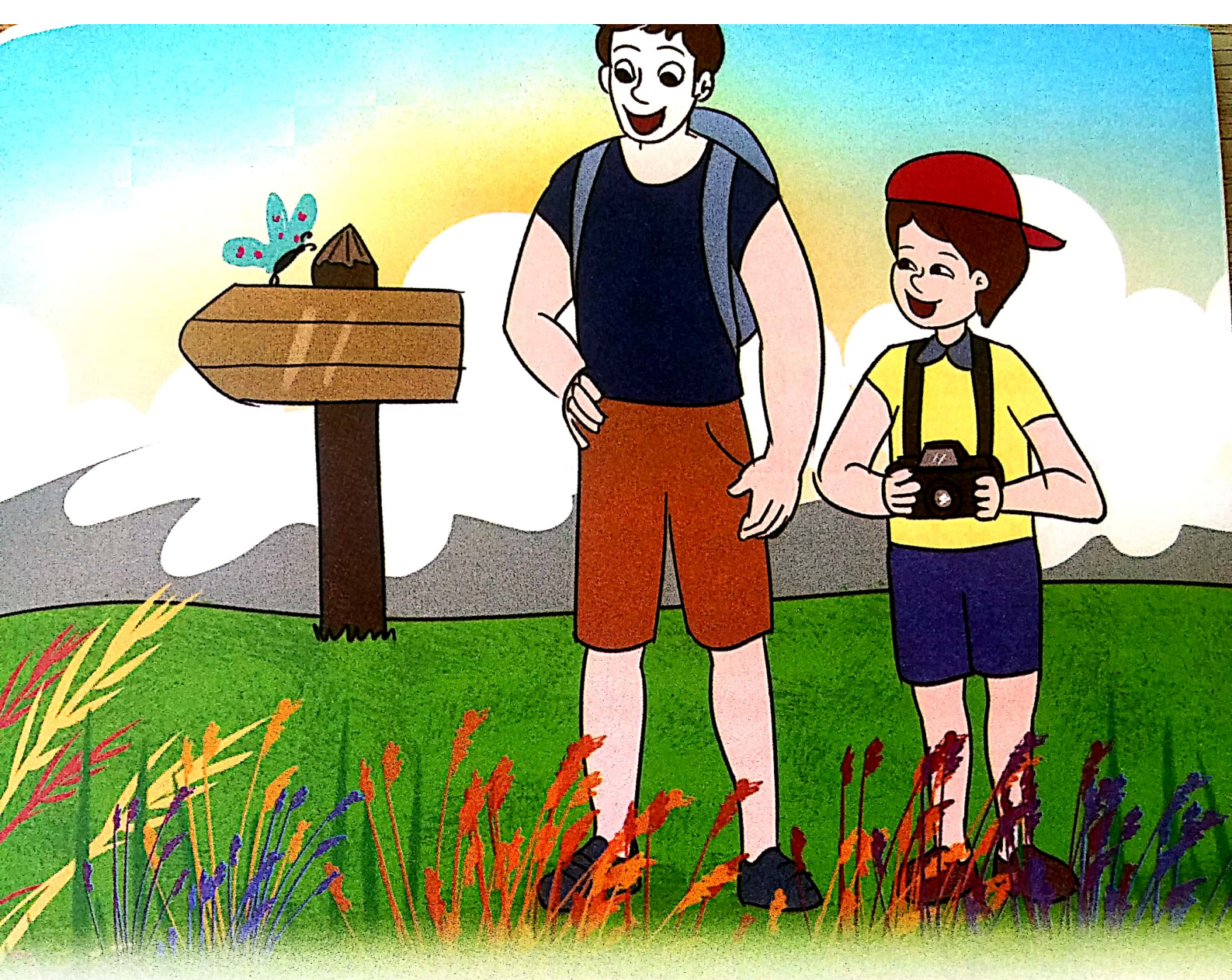
The phone rings. My father answers the phone. It's Uncle Daniel calling. I think he is saying that he is coming over<sup>24</sup>. I wait for my father to hang up<sup>25</sup>. I ask him what the call is about. He says that Uncle Daniel is going to visit us. I haven't seen him in a long time. I can't wait to hear his travel stories.



Uncle Daniel finally arrives. It's a fun evening now. He tells us stories about the places he saw. It feels like I travelled with him. He says that he is visiting Alaska this year and he wants to take me with him if my parents allow<sup>26</sup> it. I can't believe my ears. It's like a dream come true<sup>27</sup>. My parents decide to let me go.



Finally! I'm on a trip with my uncle Daniel. Alaska is very cold. It's the first time I've been anywhere this cold. People here are also very different. They are all wearing really warm clothes. There are people here called 'Eskimos'. They live in interesting houses called 'igloos'. I meet lots of children here, and I make many friends. We take lots of photographs together.



After the Alaska trip, my uncle takes me to different countries on every holiday. This is what I call freedom. It's great to travel the world and meet different people. I'm travelling with my uncle for now but when I grow up, I will take my brother Alex with me to see the world.