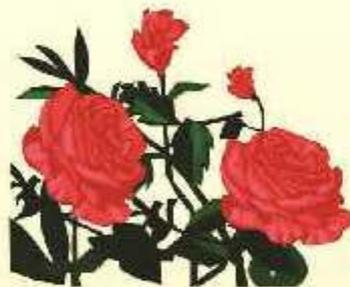


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THE CAR TI-TI

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In this first story, it is about a family that wanted to buy a new car. However, each family member proposed a different color and shape for the expected car. So, they had not the same taste. How could the family solve the problem? Who would at last choose the right car?



The family of Rashad gathered to discuss about the color of the car they were going to buy, on the occasion of his following birthday.

The daughter Amel said:

- I wish it a small, red car.

The son Tahar said:

- The best car must be big and blue.

The mother said:

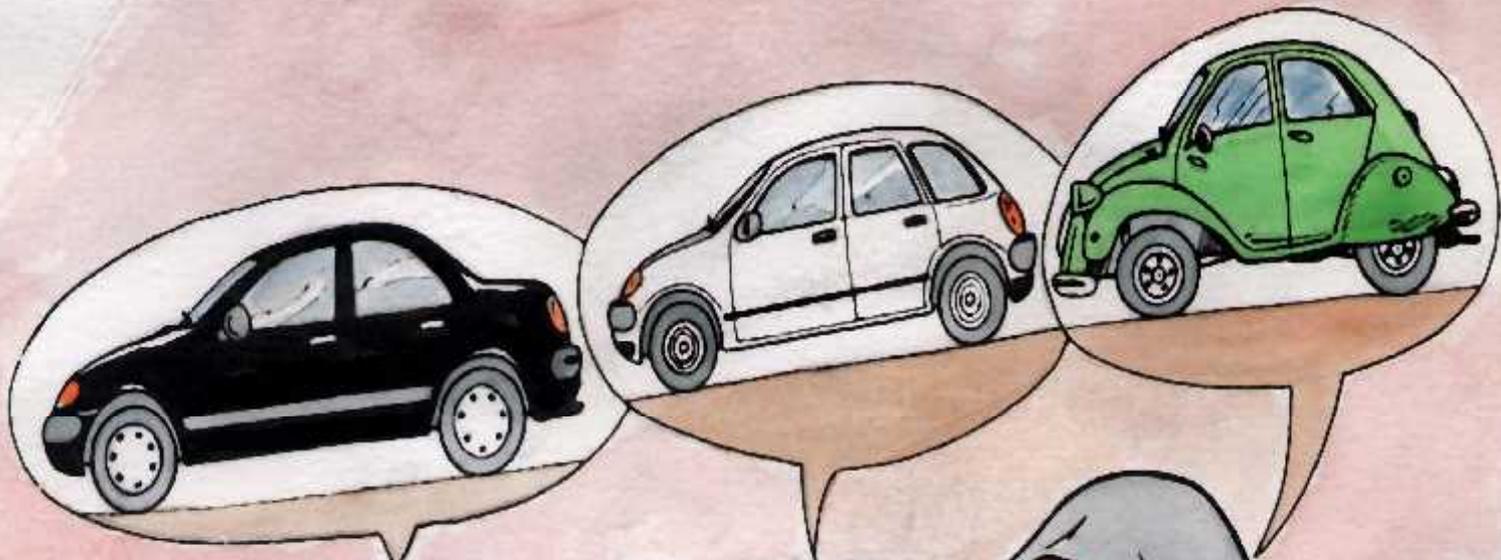
- A beautiful car should be huge and white.

The father said:

- I would like a tall, black car.

The grandmother said:

- My favorite car is large and green.



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Then, all the family members conveyed their preferences. Everyone chose the size and the color of the expected new car, with the exception of Rashad, the little boy who kept silent and brooding.

The father asked his son:

-Which car do you prefer, Rashad?

The little boy answered after a short moment of thinking:

- I will tell you later!

Rashad walked to his desk and took a sheet of paper, a brush and a watercolor box. He drew a car and dubbed it *Ti-Ti...*



Before he colored the car, he had mixed the colors...

At first, he blended the red and the blue, and he got a newer dye. He smiled and said:

- My sister wished it red, and my brother wanted it blue...I do not like this violet, dark color!

The second time, he put the black and the green together. He laughed:

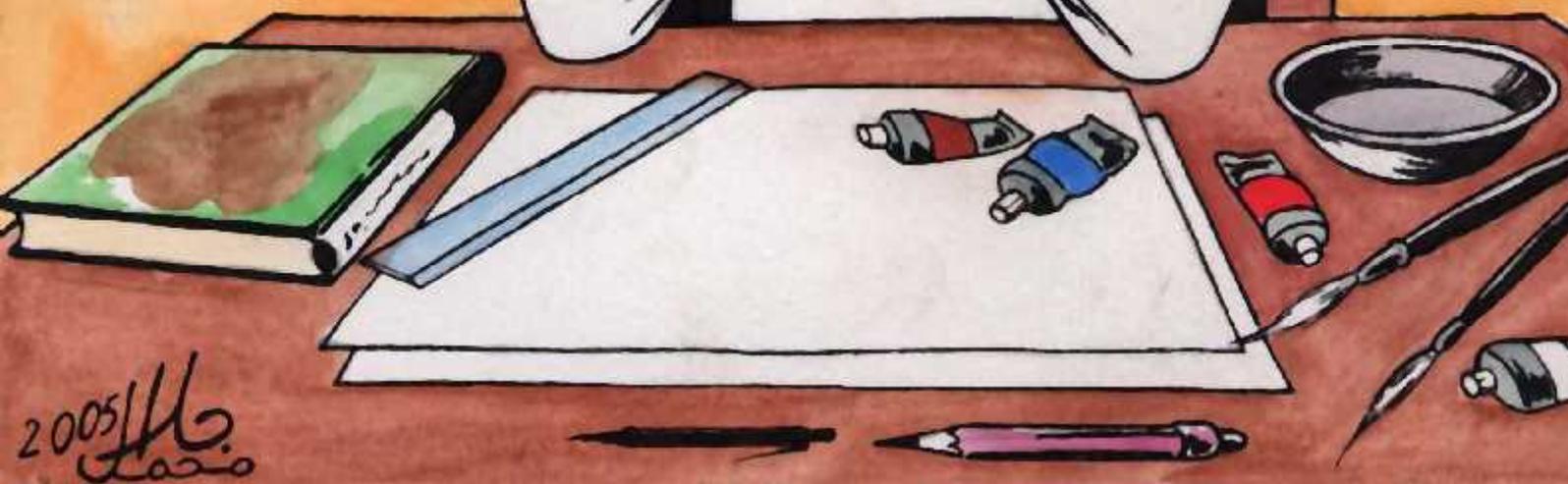
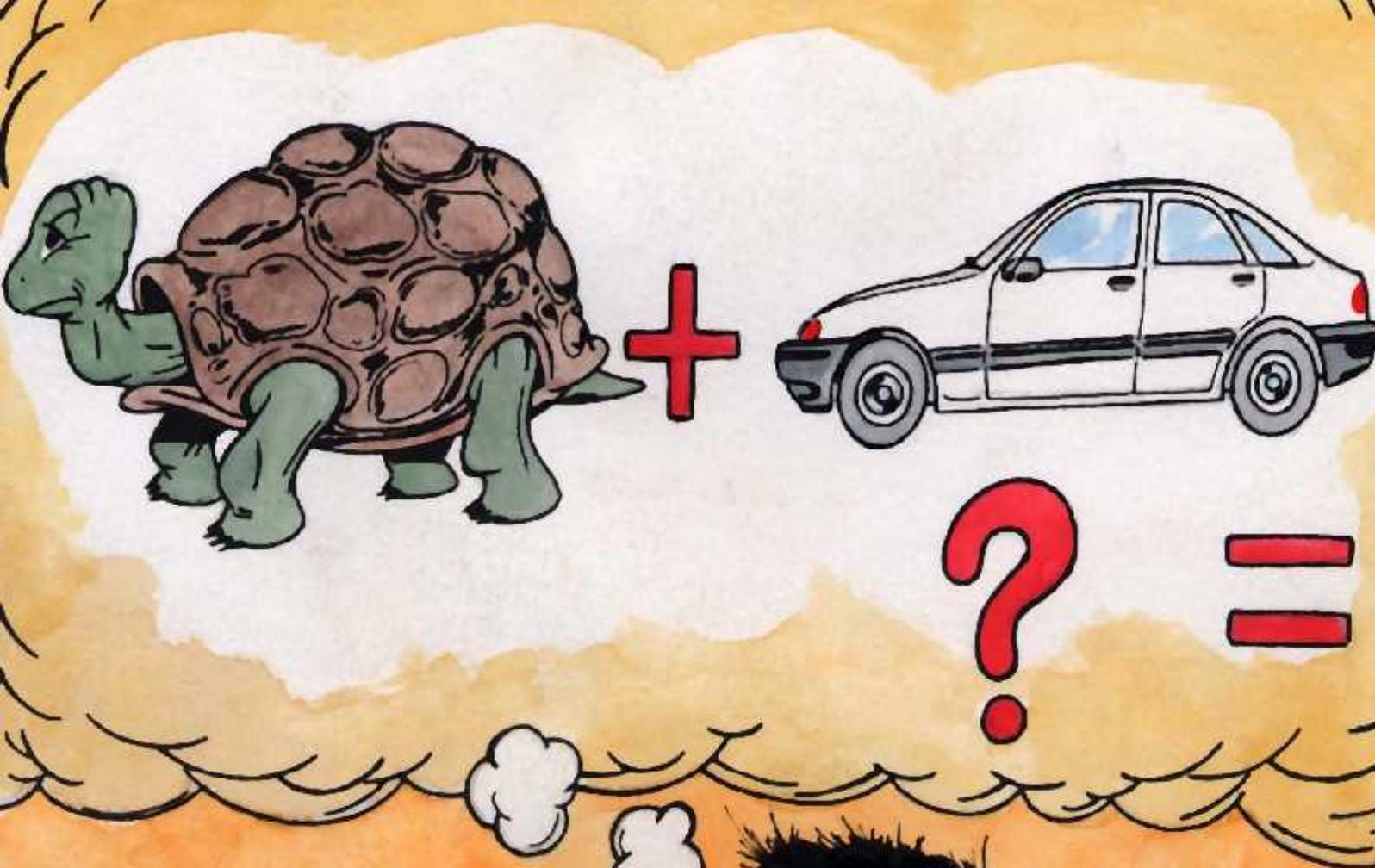
- What a dim color! This is the desire of both my dad and granny!

He then said:

- Let me see the desire of dad and mom... The mix of black with the white... It gives the gray hue... I dislike it, too!



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Rashad continued his experiments. He mixed yellow and red, yellow and blue, red and white. He tried all the color combinations. He got an orange car in the first time, a green car in the second time, a rose car in the third time, a violet car in the fourth time, and so on.

At last, Rashad mixed all the watercolors and painted the drawn car. He named it *Ti-Ti*.

Rashad put the drawing inside an envelope and gave it to his father, saying:

- This letter contains the features of the required car. It will be opened only by the manufacturer of cars!

The father took the closed letter of his son Rashad, and then headed to the factory of cars. There, he asked the constructors to make a new car, matching exactly the drawing of Rashad.



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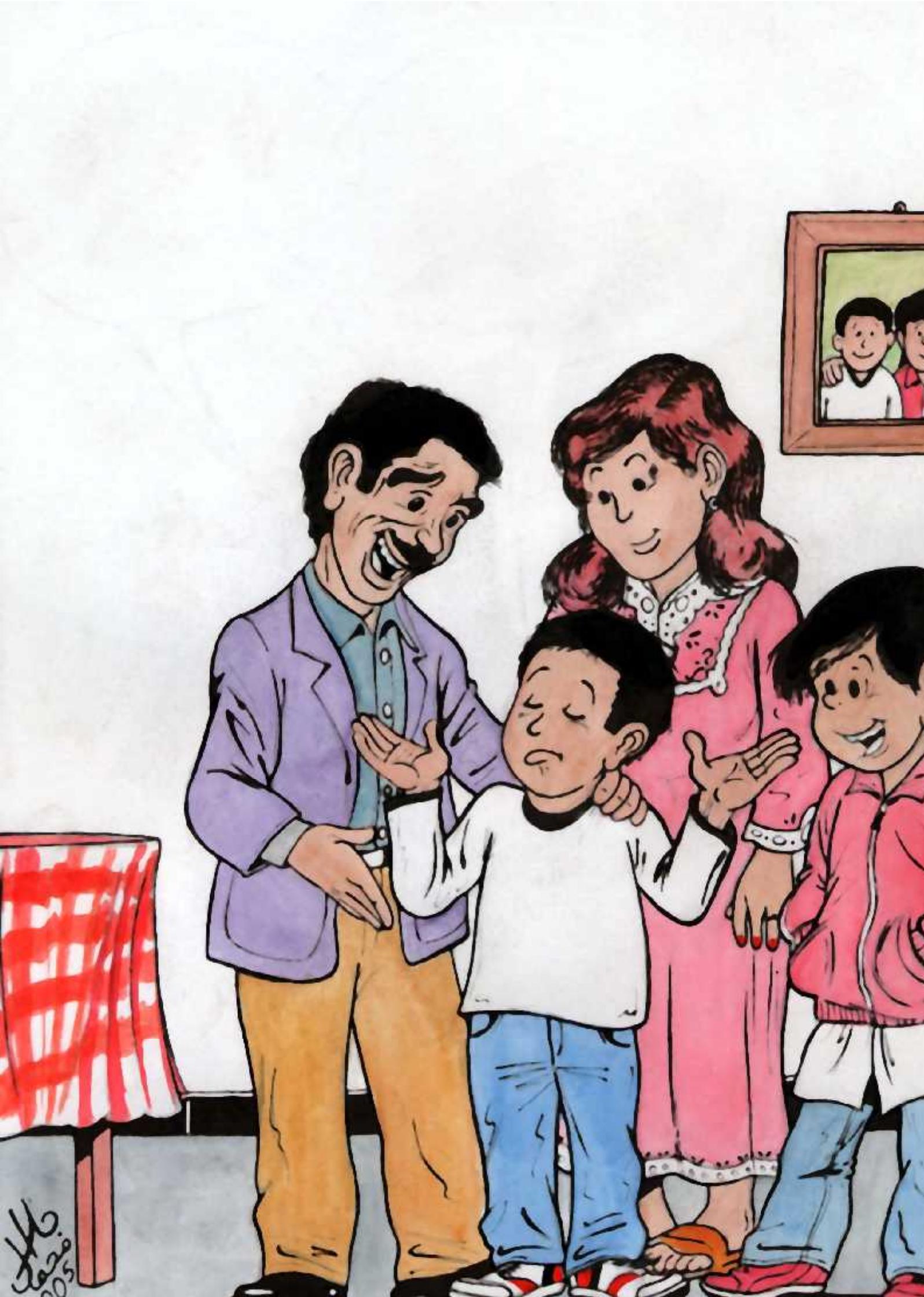
After one week, all the family visited the factory. They found their special car ready. The car had a strange shape and funny colors.

The look of the car *Ti-Ti* stunned the family members.

The father asked Rashad:

- Why? Why did you prefer this shape and these colors, Rashad?

Rashad smiled and then spoke to them:



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I saw that my sister desired it small and red, my brother big and blue, my mother huge and white, my father tall and black, and my grand-mother large and green. But me, I like it red like a rose, blue like the sky, white like snow, green like grass, and black like the hair of my sister...I wished the car like the flowers of the spring, with all its dazzling colors!

They laughed at him:

- This is a *turtle*, not a car!

Rashad answered them:

- I have chosen the shape of the turtle, because it is slow in moving. Do we not say: *Carefulness is safety, hurriedness is regret? Or, better safe than sorry!*

They all reminded him one thing:

- We live in the age of speed!

Rashad stared at them, and then said:

- Oh, okay! You would like a speedy turtle? I will ask the manufacturer to add two wings to make it a flying car!

Rashad climbed in the car and started to sing:

- My car *Ti-Ti*... The car of dreams... It swims in water... It flies in the sky!

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