

Educational Tales for Children  
From 8 to 10 years

# Inspector Samir



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## *Preface*

These entertaining and educational tales are meant to meet the reading needs of 8 to 10 years old children. They also provide easy and enjoyable reading for children slightly order.

This series seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Suitability of the story subject to the addressed age group.
2. Choice of words that are within the range of this age-group's vocabulary.
3. Necessity of having a lively story language: a simulation of the child's world, thinking, and psychological life.
4. Language expressed easily and simply, with no complicated expressions or difficult structures.

To achieve these objectives, we made it a point to:

1. Enrich the story with bright and expressive visuals that fuel the child's imagination and speak to his senses and sentiments.
2. Match the visual with the reading text to help child understand the situation and relate to similar situations.
3. Use large, readable characters.

We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that combines interest with fun.

The child may need some help at the beginning but later he/she should be left on his/her own for independent reading, starting from the second half of the eighth year.

When Samir turned eight years old, his aunt gave him a golden badge with the words "Police Inspector" on it. She also gave him a pair of binoculars and a notebook.

She pinned the golden badge to Samir's shirt and said,

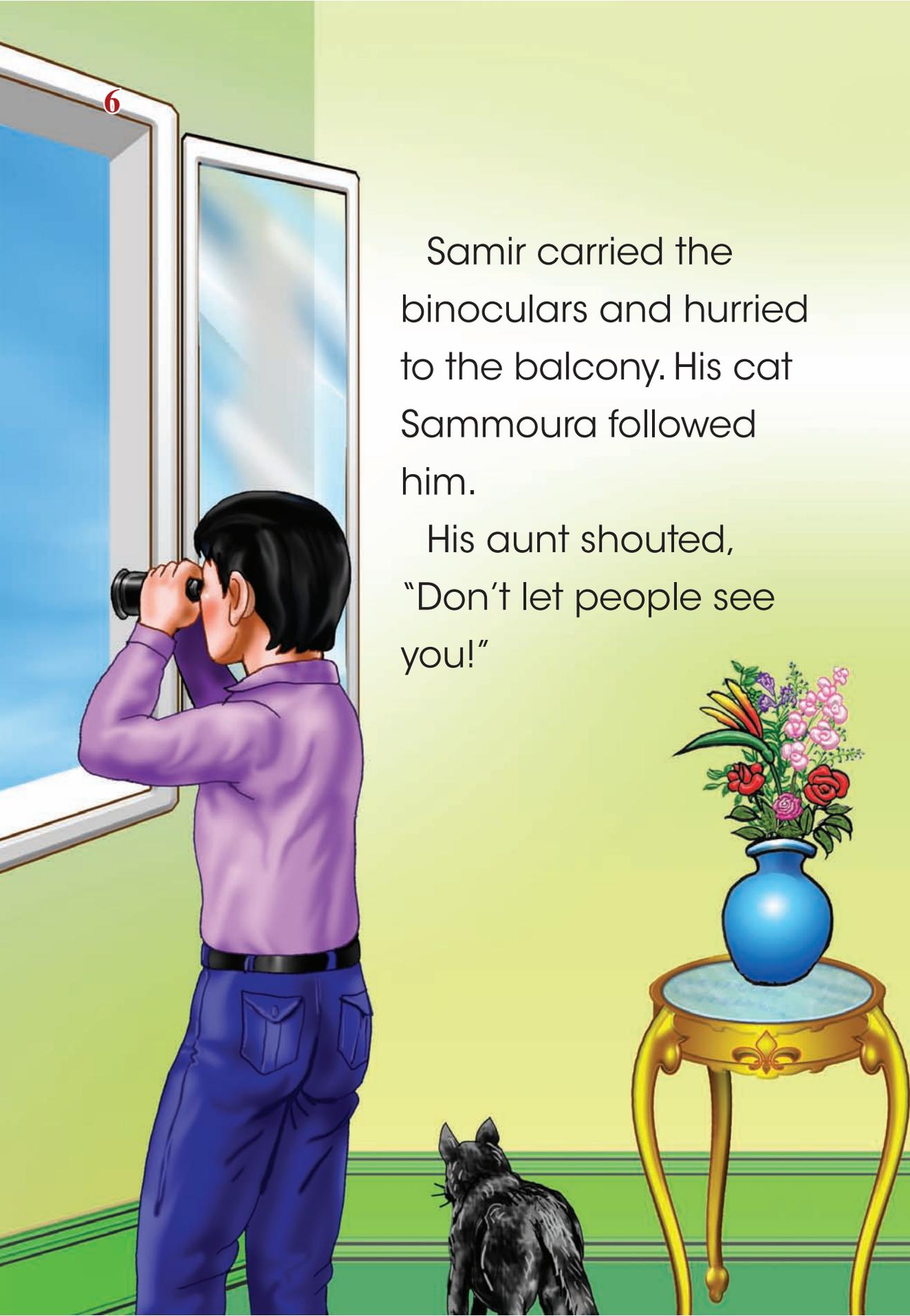


“Inspector, don’t forget to write down your observations in your notebook!”



Samir carried the binoculars and hurried to the balcony. His cat Sammoura followed him.

His aunt shouted, "Don't let people see you!"



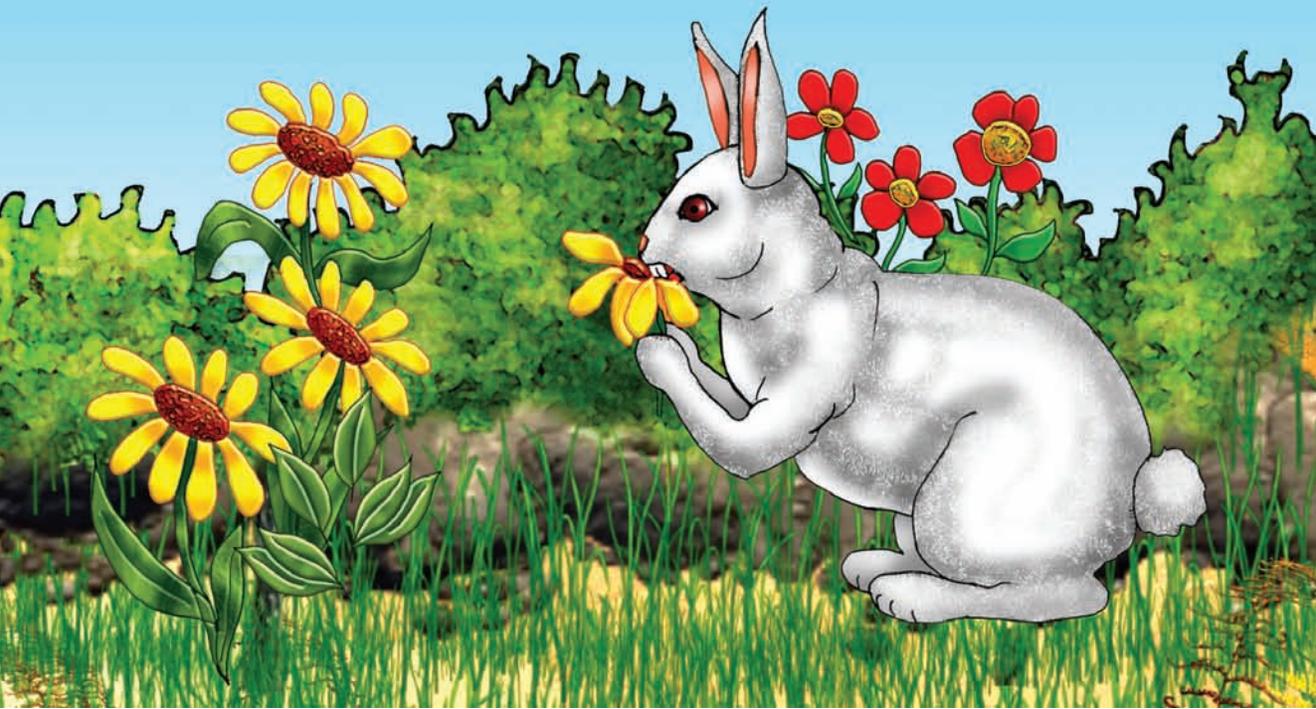
Lina, his sister, wondered, "Isn't it enough that he is curious and puts his nose where it doesn't belong?"

Rami, his oldest brother, laughed and said, "Will he be able to solve difficult cases?"



Samir went out wearing his badge. Sammoura followed him. Rami shouted, "Good luck!"

Samir started to work as an inspector. While hiding in a tall tree, he discovered through his binoculars that a big rabbit sneaked into Salwa's garden and ate the flowers. Samir told her, so she thanked him, saying "You are a clever inspector!"





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# Grocer's



Sa'ad, the grocer, complained that his bicycle disappeared for some time every day.

Samir discovered that the grocer's boy secretly used the bicycle for some personal matters. He told Uncle Sa'ad about that.

"You are an inspector with sharp eyes!" said uncle Sa'ad.





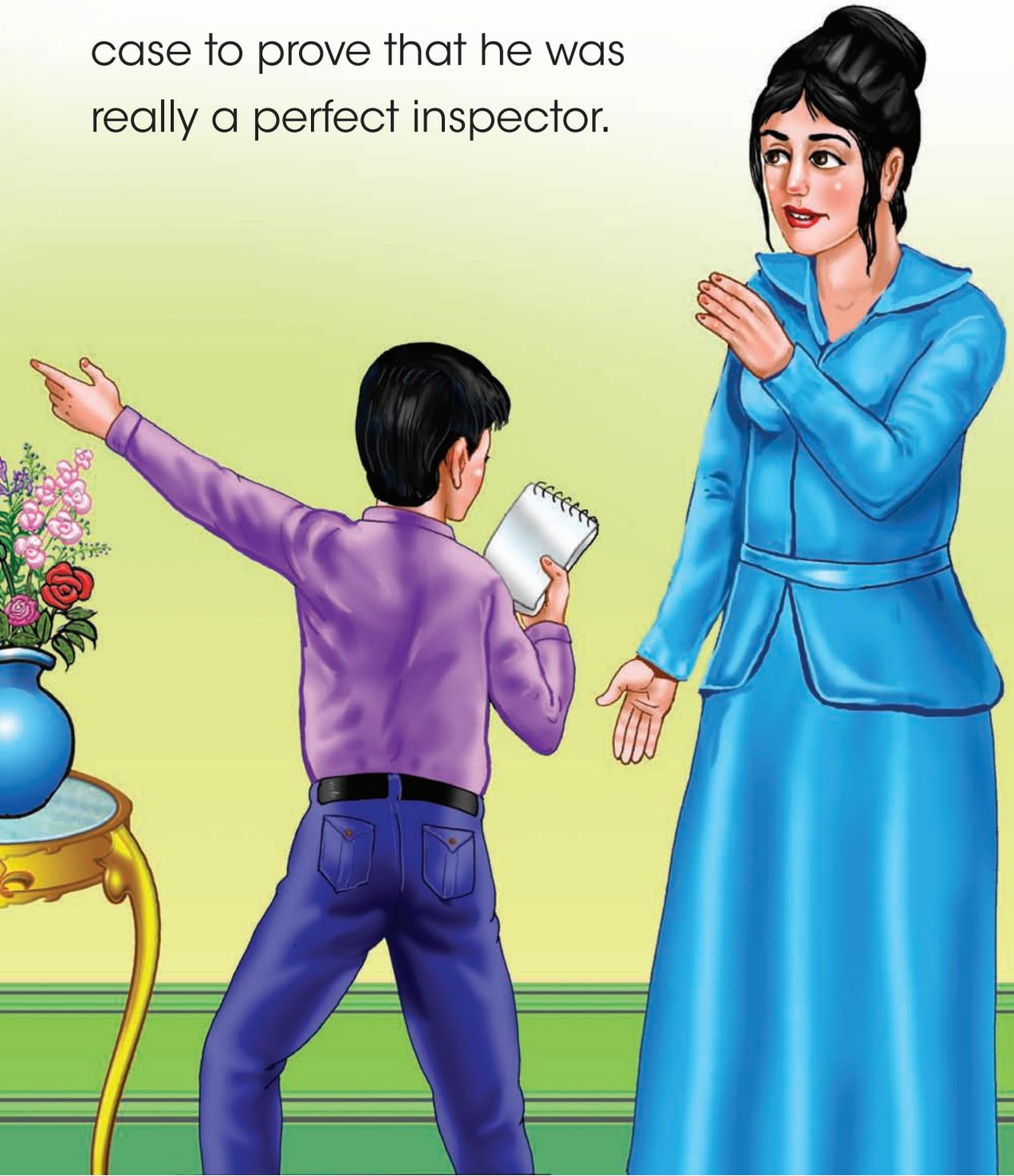
When his mother missed her pink ball of wool, he searched for it and found it on the balcony where Sammoura rests.

Rami said sarcastically,



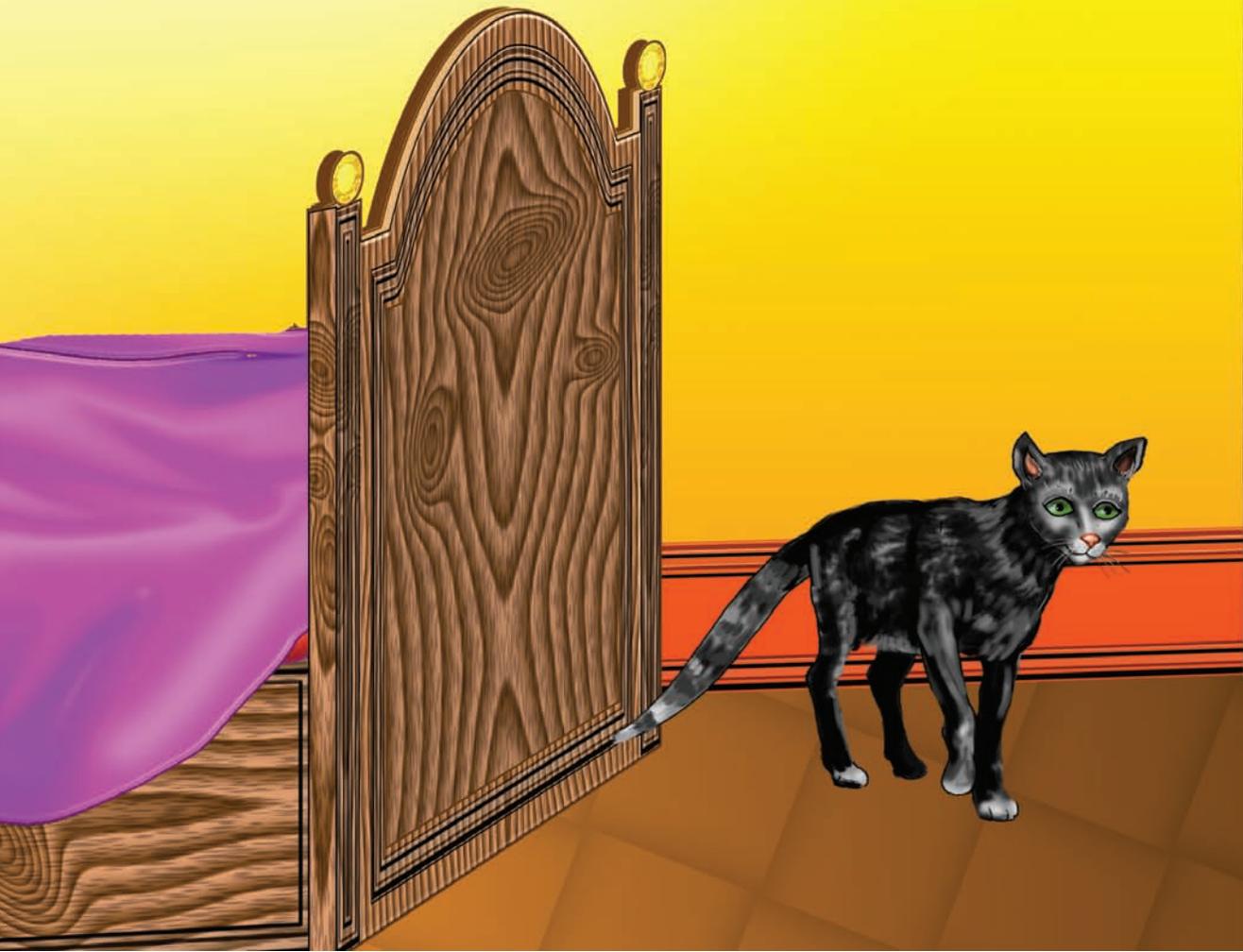
“It is Sammoura who told you where the ball was.”

Samir needed to solve a hard case to prove that he was really a perfect inspector.



One morning, Samir tried to wear his shoes but was unable to put his right foot inside the shoe.

He put his hand inside the shoe and removed a lump of mud wrapped with paper.





He ran to his mom and siblings. They were getting ready to eat breakfast. He shouted, "Look what I found in my shoes!"

Lina said, "You are a disgusting boy!"



This is strange! There is no mud in our shoes!”

His mom said, “It’s a puzzle that needs a solution.”



Samir wrote in his notebook,  
“Mud in the shoes...no sign of the  
wrongdoer.”

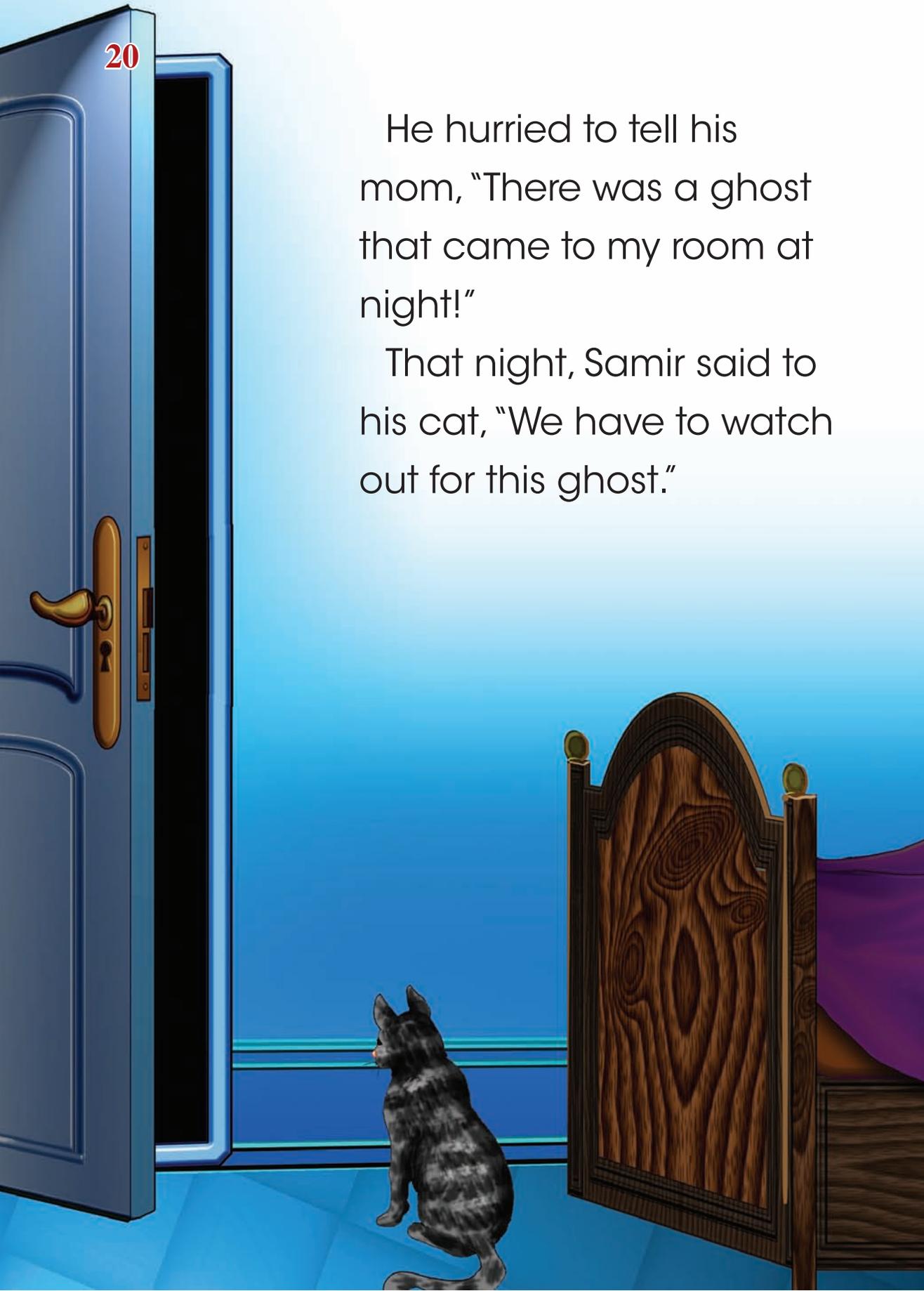
In the morning, Samir didn't  
find his shoes beside the bed. He  
looked at the floor. He saw white  
footprints leading to the closet.  
Carefully, he opened the closet  
door, preparing to fight. There, he  
found his shoes!





He hurried to tell his mom, "There was a ghost that came to my room at night!"

That night, Samir said to his cat, "We have to watch out for this ghost."



When he was about to sleep, he heard the door to his room open and the sound of light footsteps coming near his bed. It was very dark. Samir pulled the covers over his head. Frightened, he waited until he heard nothing, except his own heartbeat.



In the morning, he opened his eyes. He saw a strange box near his bed. A scratching sound came from it, making him more scared.



But he gathered his strength. He approached the box and opened its cover slowly. There were two small turtles scratching the sides of the box.

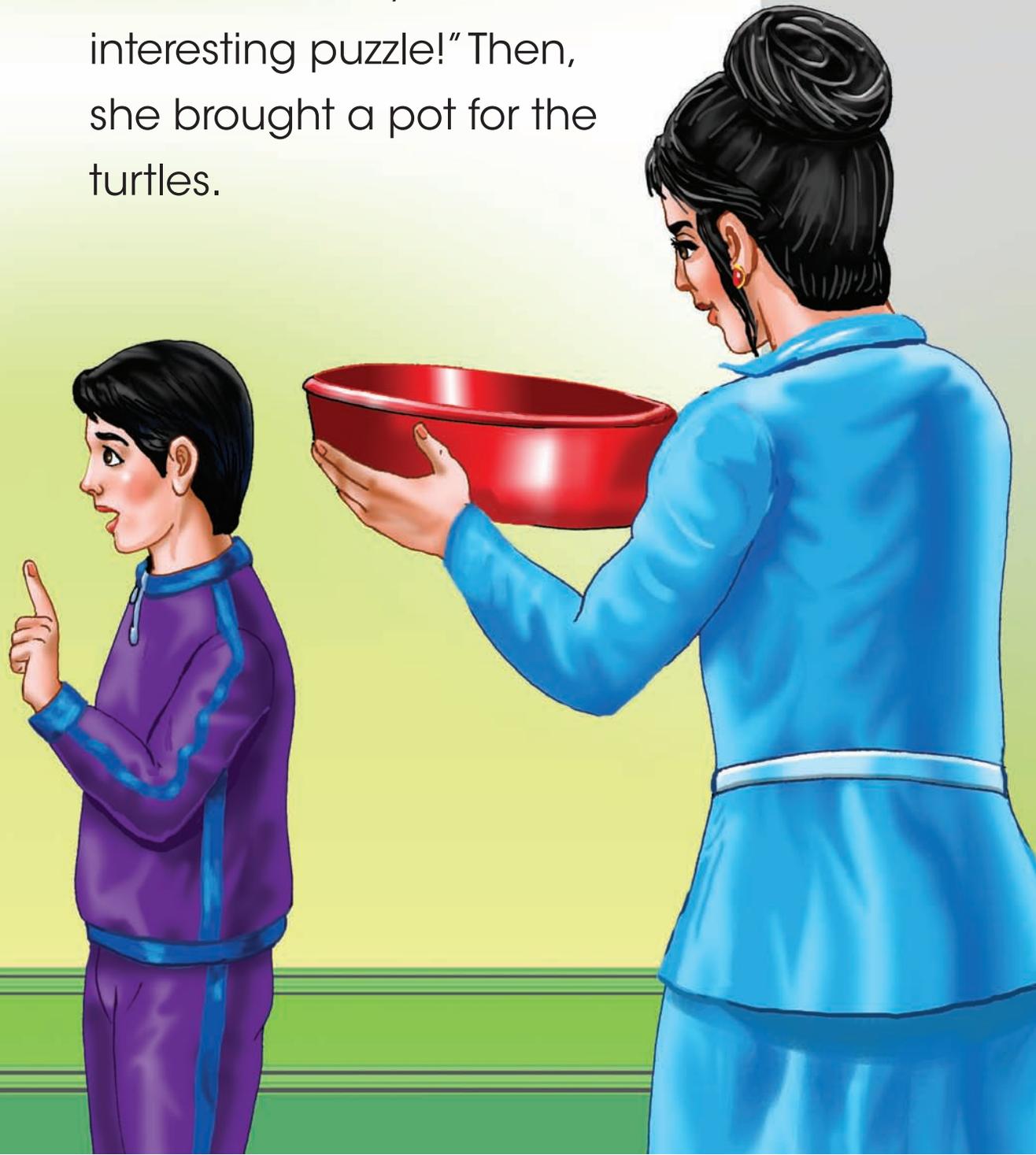


“A strange ghost! Why did he bring me two small turtles?” wondered Samir. Lina said, “How kind he is!”

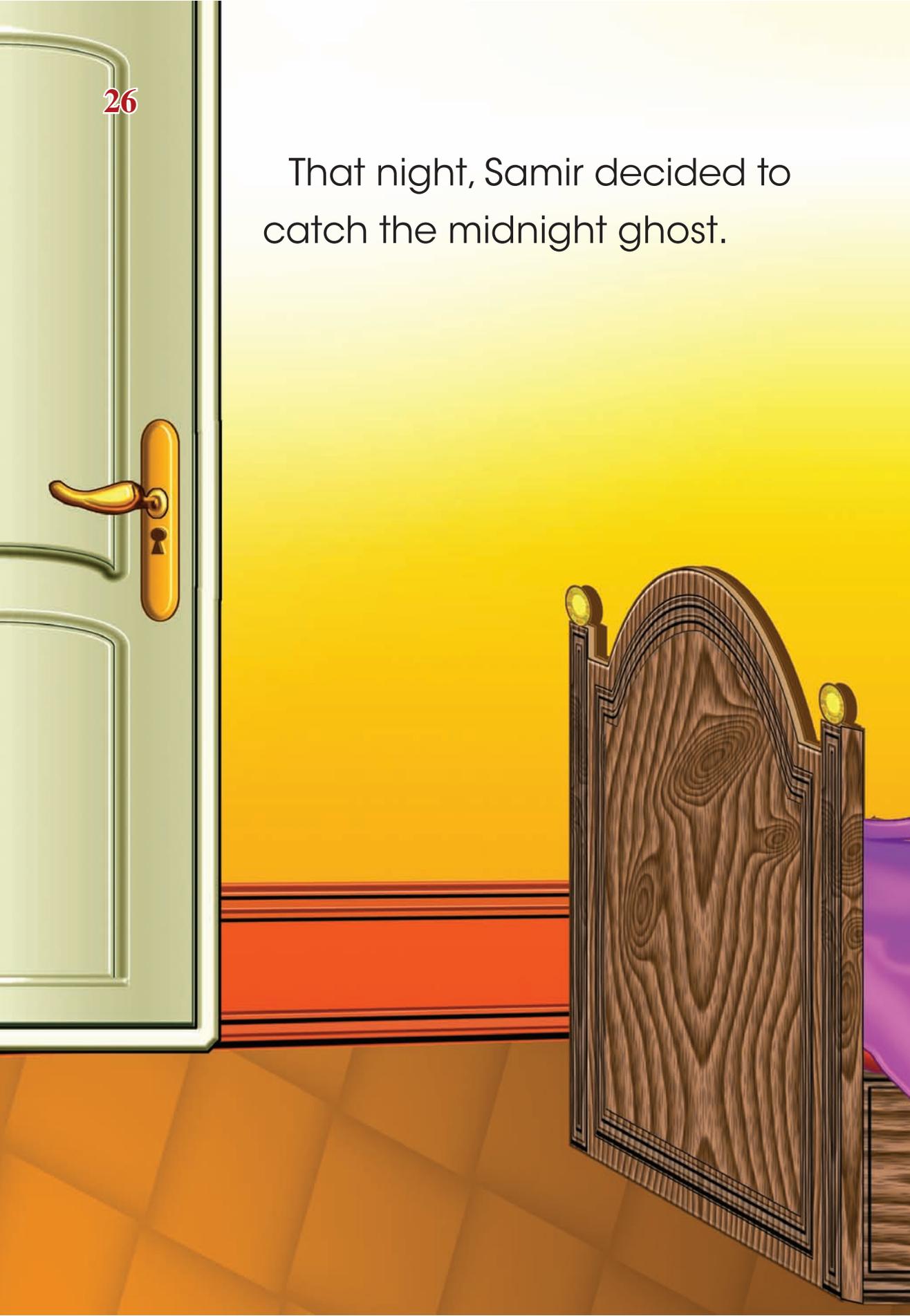


Rami said, "Isn't this what you wished for one time?"

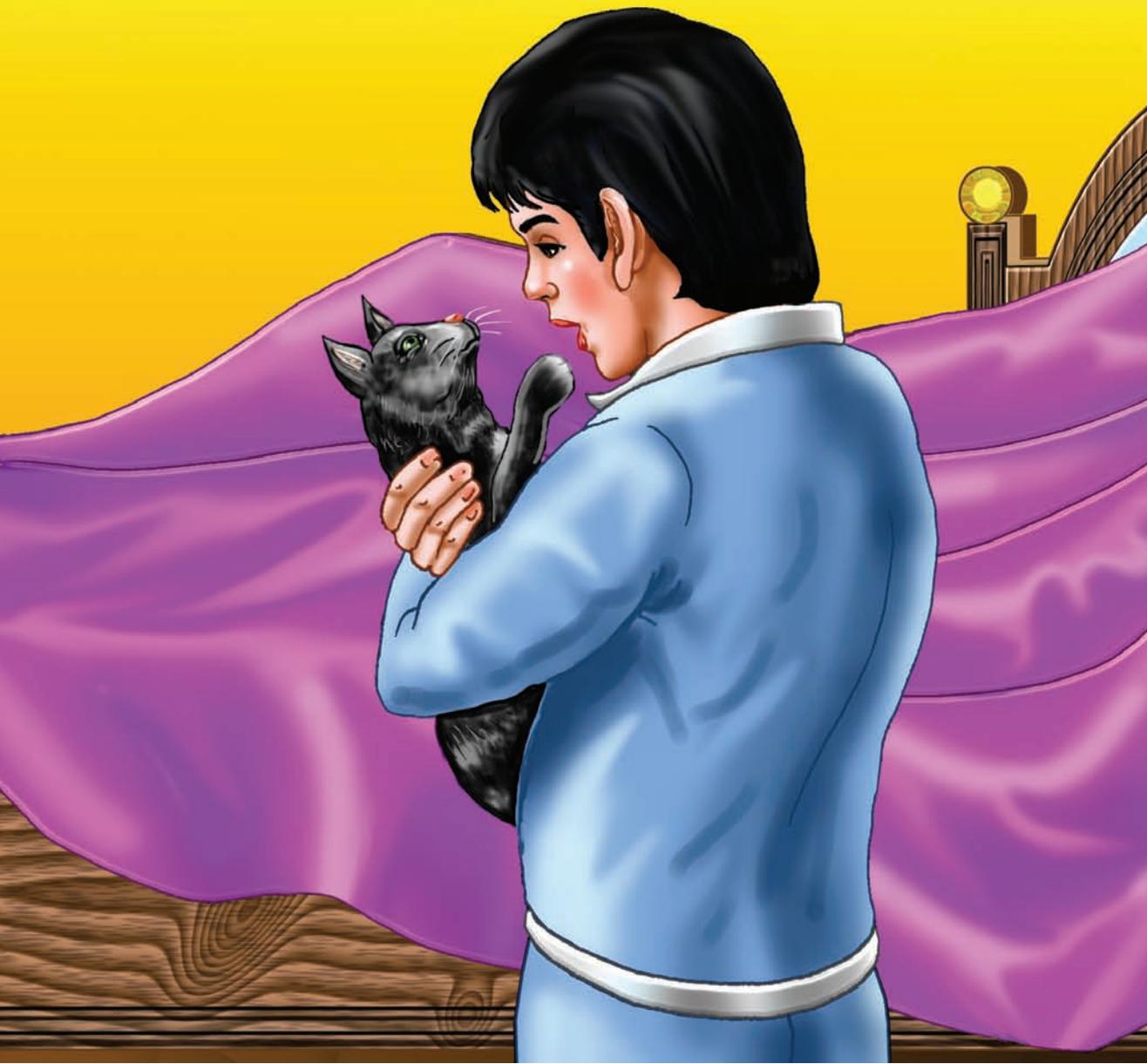
His mom said, "It's an interesting puzzle!" Then, she brought a pot for the turtles.



That night, Samir decided to catch the midnight ghost.



He asked Sammoura to stay in his room. He put his pillow under the cover so that he seemed to be sleeping in the bed. Then, he hid.



After some time, the ghost opened the door to the room. Samir glanced at him heading to his table and putting something on it.



The ghost tiptoed outside. Samir hurried to the table. This time, he found a small box of turtle food and a note, "Goodbye, Samir!"  
Midnight Ghost.



In the morning, Samir came along with his cat. He showed the box of turtle food to his mother and siblings. He said, "I don't think that the ghost will come again."



Rami said, "But you could not solve the puzzle."

"I could. Sammoura saw the ghost!"



In the evening, Rami found the closet drawer open. The socks were scattered. In one of them was a wrapped ball of paper. He opened it and read, "Dear Midnight Ghost, Thank you."

Note: "This chaos was caused by the turtles."

Inspector Samir



***I- Answer the following questions.***

1- How old was Samir when he got his golden badge?

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2- What does his aunt ask him to do with the notebook?

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3- Do you think Sammoura loves Samir? Explain.

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4- How did Lina feel when Samir was holding the lump of mud?

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5- Go back to page 18. Pick some pieces of evidence that prove that Samir is a good inspector.

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3- Samir found his shoes in the closet.

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4- Lina believes that her brother is curious.

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**IV - Complete the following sentences.**

1- I could tell that Samir was afraid because \_\_\_\_\_

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2- He heard a scratching sound in the box because \_\_\_\_\_

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3- Samir's mother is caring because she \_\_\_\_\_

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4- Samir is a good inspector because \_\_\_\_\_

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**V- Match to form meaningful sentences.**

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|------------------------|---|
| 1- An inspector needs  | a. pinned the badge to Samir's shirt.   |
| 2- an inspector should | b. a pair of binoculars and a notebook. |
| 3- Samir's aunt        | c. allows the inspector to work well.   |
| 4- An inspector writes | d. not let people seem him working.     |
| 5- Good obervation     | e. his observations on his notebook.    |

**VI - Fill in the following web by writing the traits needed to be a good inspector.**

