

Educational Tales for Children  
From 8 to 10 years

# Razan

## Finds a Friend



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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.

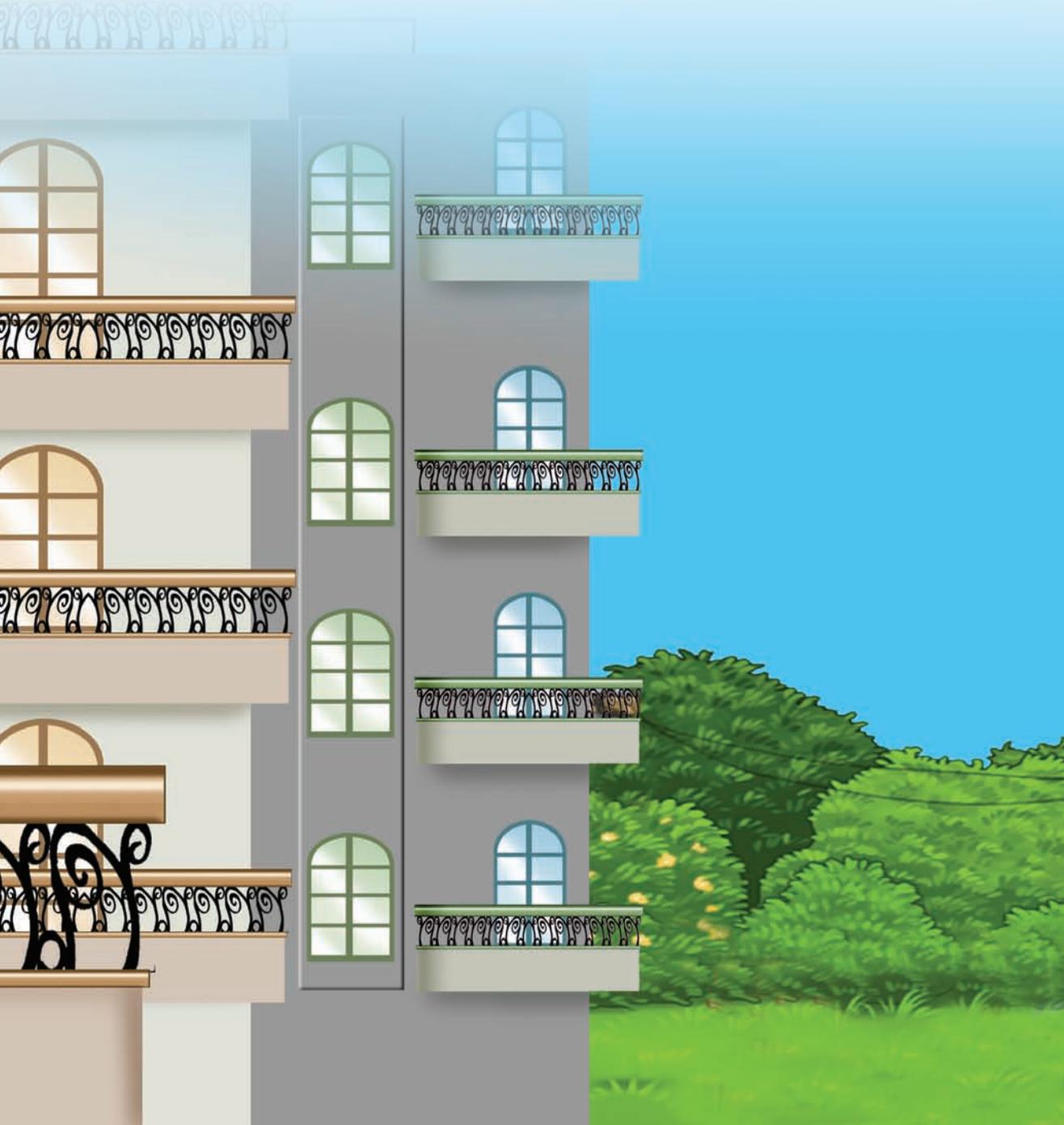
We have all through aimed at creating an exciting atmosphere in which the child recognizes the language, uses the story, and identifies him/herself with the main characters. In this sense, the child's sense of creation will develop, and his/her skills and abilities will grow in a balanced world that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

Razan was an only child. She lived with her parents in a big apartment tower. Razan loved to play and to tell stories.



Once, she told herself the story of the Kidnapped Princess and once the story of the Little Prince or Samir and the Treasure.





There was no other boy or girl of the same age among her neighbors. Sometimes, she complained about her loneliness. She asked her mom, "Why don't I have brothers or sisters?"

Her mom replied sympathetically, "You are our beloved only daughter. You have to get accustomed to this."



Protesting, Razan wondered, "What kind of building is this? Isn't there one friend my age? What can I do alone?"



Her mom replied, "You must make friends from your toys and tell them your interesting stories!"

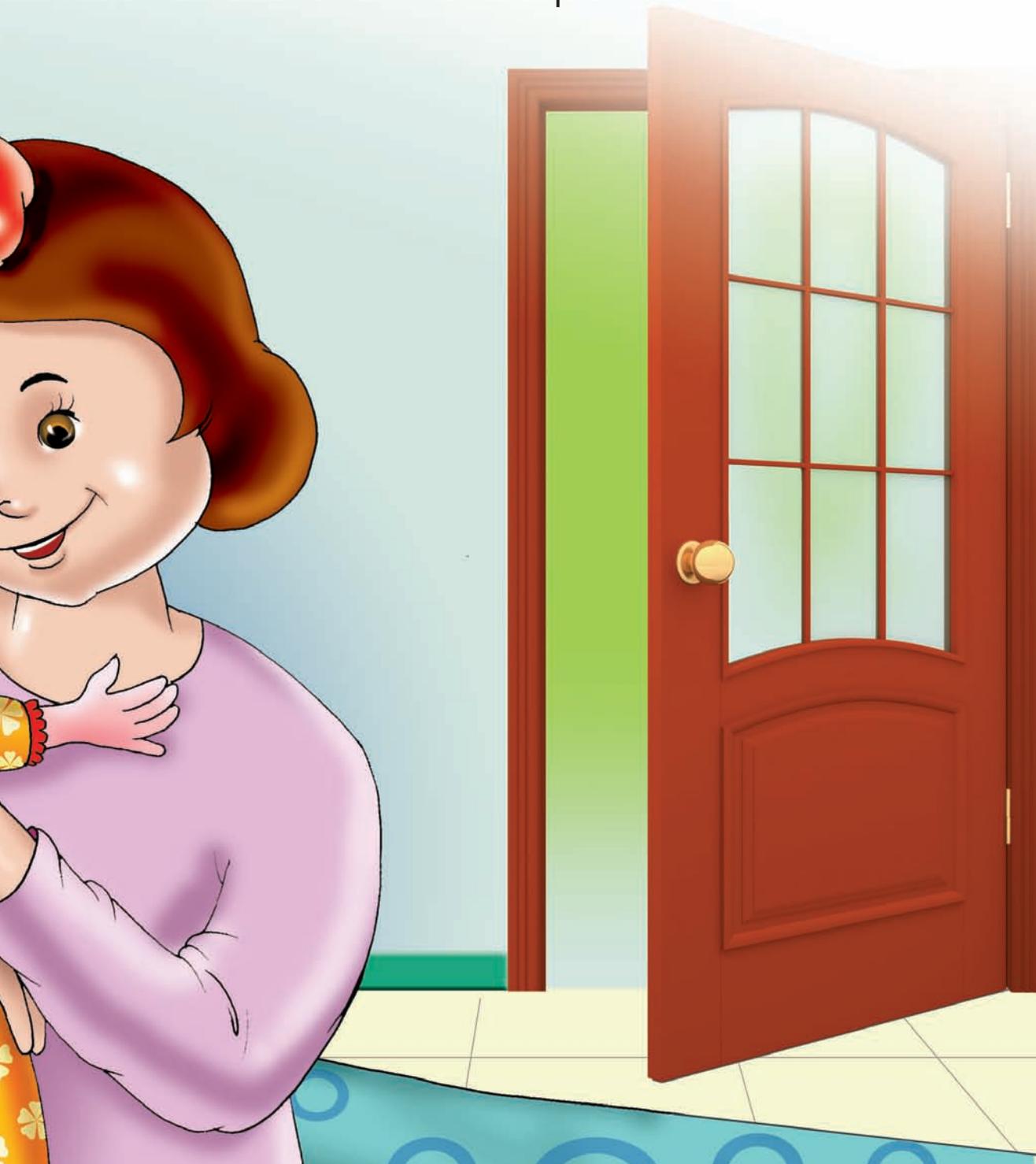


Taking her mother's advice into consideration, Razan dressed the yellow bear Bibo in his red outfit every day. She dressed the little monkey Shita in his blue pants. She combed the blond hair of her toy. Then, she seated her friends at the



dining table to eat breakfast.

Afterwards, she carried her toys in a doll car and drove it to the park.



She told her friends funny news and entertaining stories. If she met some of her neighbors by chance, she would ask her friends to greet them. The neighbors would smile happily.



If she stopped to buy some sweets, she would ask her friends, "Which kind of candy do you prefer today?"



She told her mom what happened with her when she went for a walk with her friends. She confirmed, "I think my friends enjoy their morning stroll in the park."



People came to know them and were pleased to meet and greet them. Her mom was happy with this news.



One day, when Razan returned home from her morning stroll, she could not find her yellow bear in the cart.



Poor Bibo! It seemed he fell from the cart. Razan cried and shouted, "We must return and search for him...maybe he is alone frightened."



Razan and her mom began to search for Bibo in the park, but he didn't appear. She asked the people, whom she usually met by chance, about him.



They showed their sorrow because they had not seen him.

Razan was very sad when she returned home in the evening.



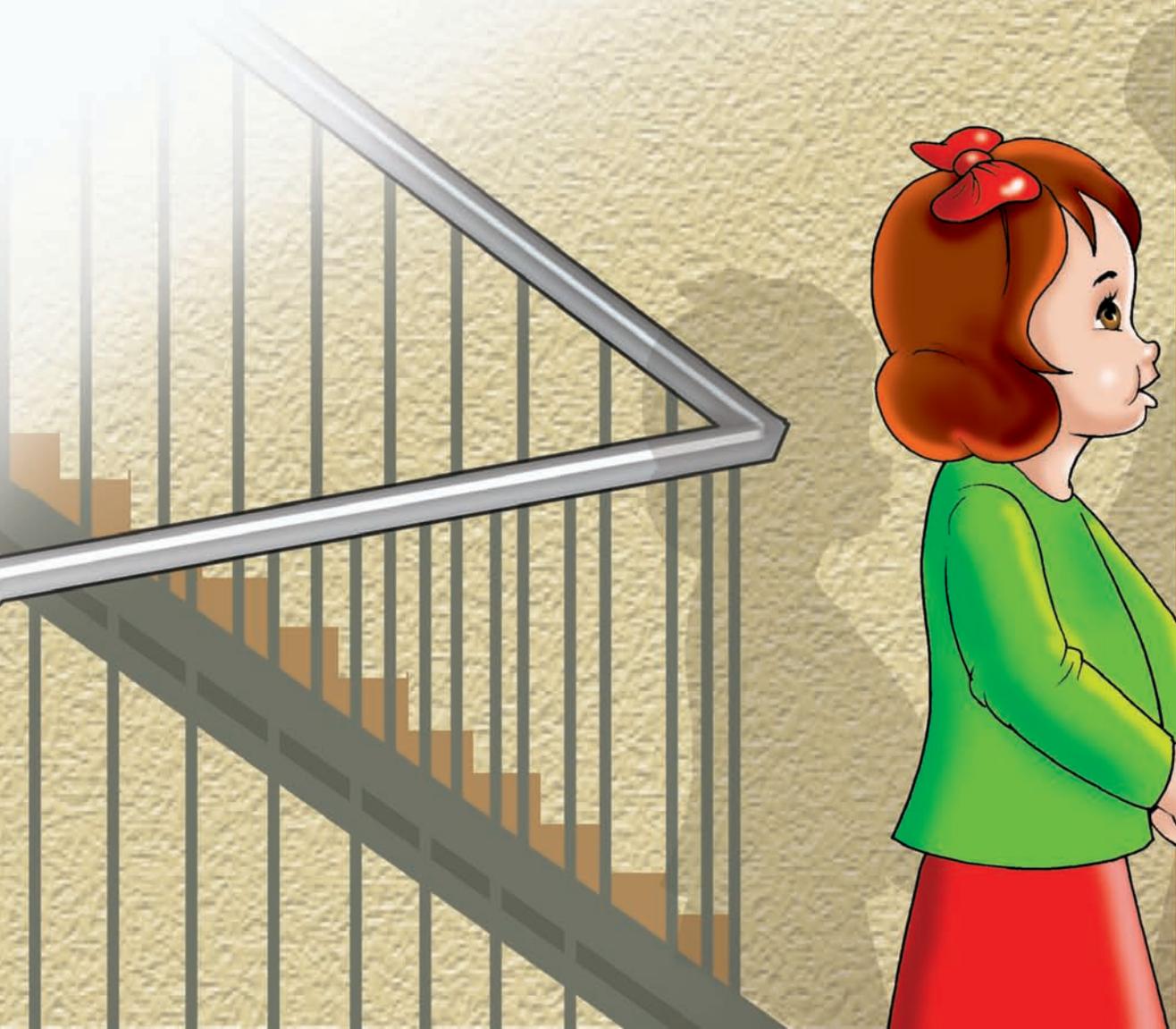
The next morning, she decided to ask her neighbors about him. "Maybe he tried to return home, but he didn't remember which floor we live in."



Her first floor neighbor confirmed that Bibo had not knocked on his door. Maybe he heard the sound of his big dog Riks, so became scared and fled.



Her upstairs neighbor laughed a lot and tried to ease her grief, "Thank God that he did not come up to us because my enormous cat Harahir will not let him escape from her claws."



The old woman on the second floor pitied Razan and took her inside her home. She said,



“I have a lot of old toys that my children had before they grew up and left home. Choose one of them.”

Razan entered the storeroom with the old woman.



She turned over the toy boxes. They were covered with dust and the toys appeared sad because of their imprisonment in that room.



The child cried because she was worried about Bibo, "Maybe now he is thrown in a far place or imprisoned with some neglected toys, or someone has

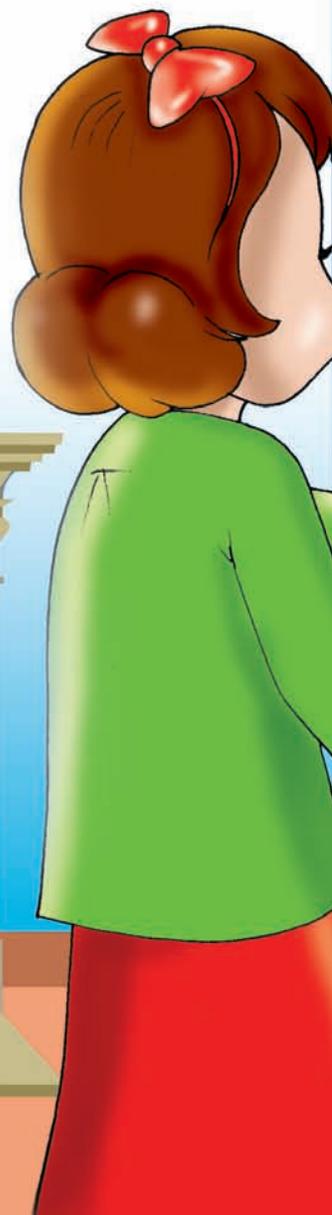


thrown him for cats and dogs to play with.

“I will look for him. I will never leave him alone.”



After some days, there was a knock at the door. Her mom opened it. There was an elegant woman with a girl of Razan's age. "I am sorry for annoying you. My daughter Dima found this bear in the park some days ago. Since that time, we have knocked on doors to know the owner. Maybe he is sad."

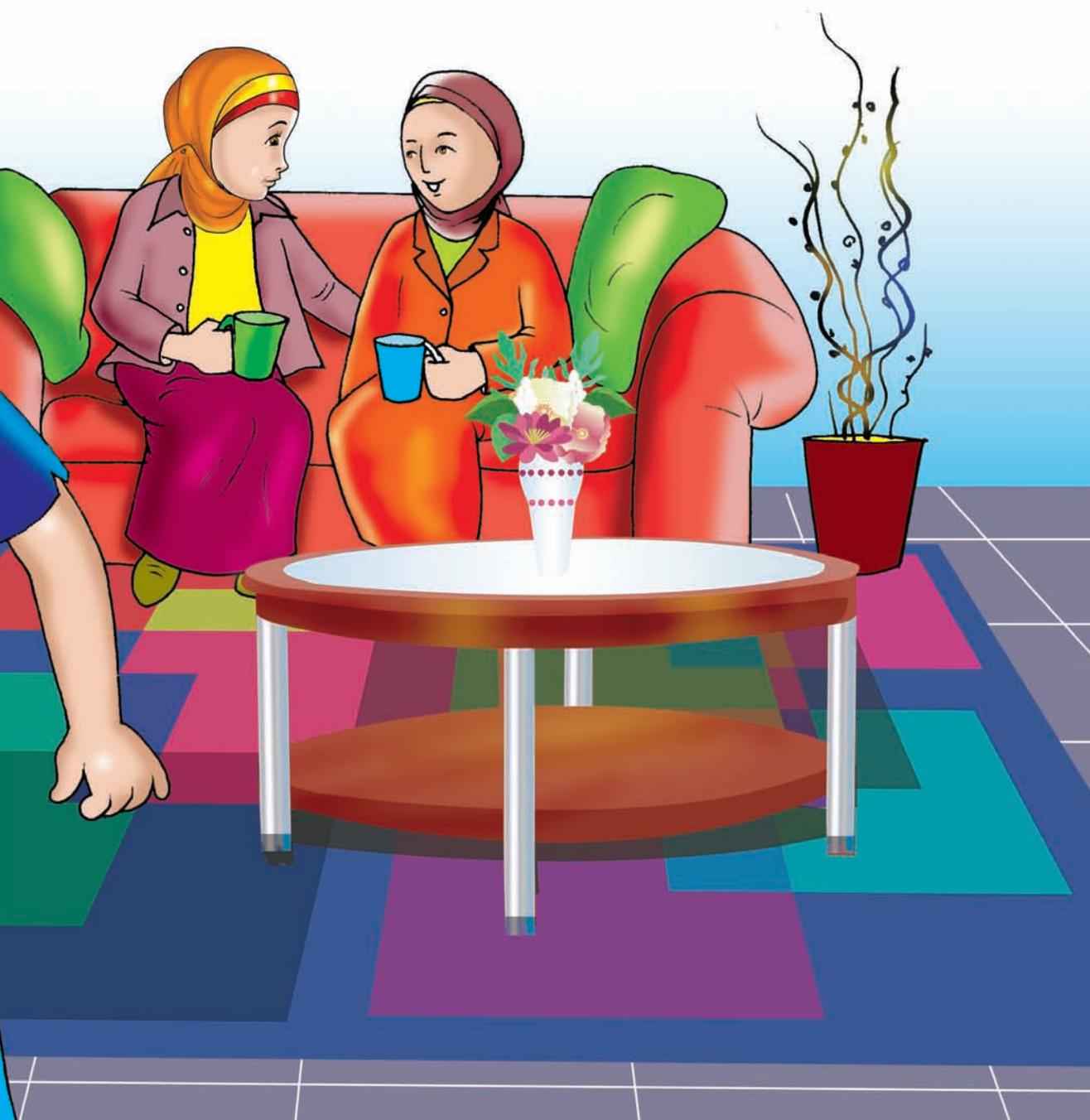




Razan ran to the bear and hugged him. "Bibo, what a wonderful surprise! How happy I am that you are safe," she whispered into his ears, while caressing his soft fur.



“Why don’t you come in and rest a little?” Razan’s mom said. “We must thank you very much for returning Bibo to us safely.”



That day was Razan's lucky day. The two mothers became friends. The two small daughters always played together. Razan was no longer lonely.



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

1. How many brothers and sisters does Razan have?

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2. Describe Razan. Use one trait. Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

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3. What did Razan do to overcome her loneliness?

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4. Did the neighbors like Razan and her toys? Support your answer by choosing evidence from the story.

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***II. Circle the correct answer.***

1. one day, \_\_\_\_\_ was lost.

a. Razan

b. Shita

c. Bibo

d. Dima

2. Razan was \_\_\_\_\_ when she could not find her toy.

- a. mad                      b. terrified                      c. excited                      d. pleased

3. Razan searched for her toy in \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a. the house                      b. the field                      c. the zoo                      d. the park

**III. Fill in the blanks using the words in the box.**

**Sorrow - Lonely - Frustrated - Thankful**

1. Razan feels \_\_\_\_\_ because she has no friends to play with.

2. The people showed their \_\_\_\_\_ when Razan asked about her toy.

3. Razan was \_\_\_\_\_ when she could not find Bibo.

4. Razan was \_\_\_\_\_ when Dima and her mother got her the toy.

**IV. Complete the following sentences.**

1. Bibo did not knock the first floor door because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Bibo did not go to the upstairs neighbor because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The old woman on the second floor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***V. Fill in the following narrative elements map.***

characters

setting

conflict

plot events

resolution

