

Educational Tales for Children  
From 8 to 10 years

# Sara's Birthday



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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.

Today is Sara's sixth birthday.

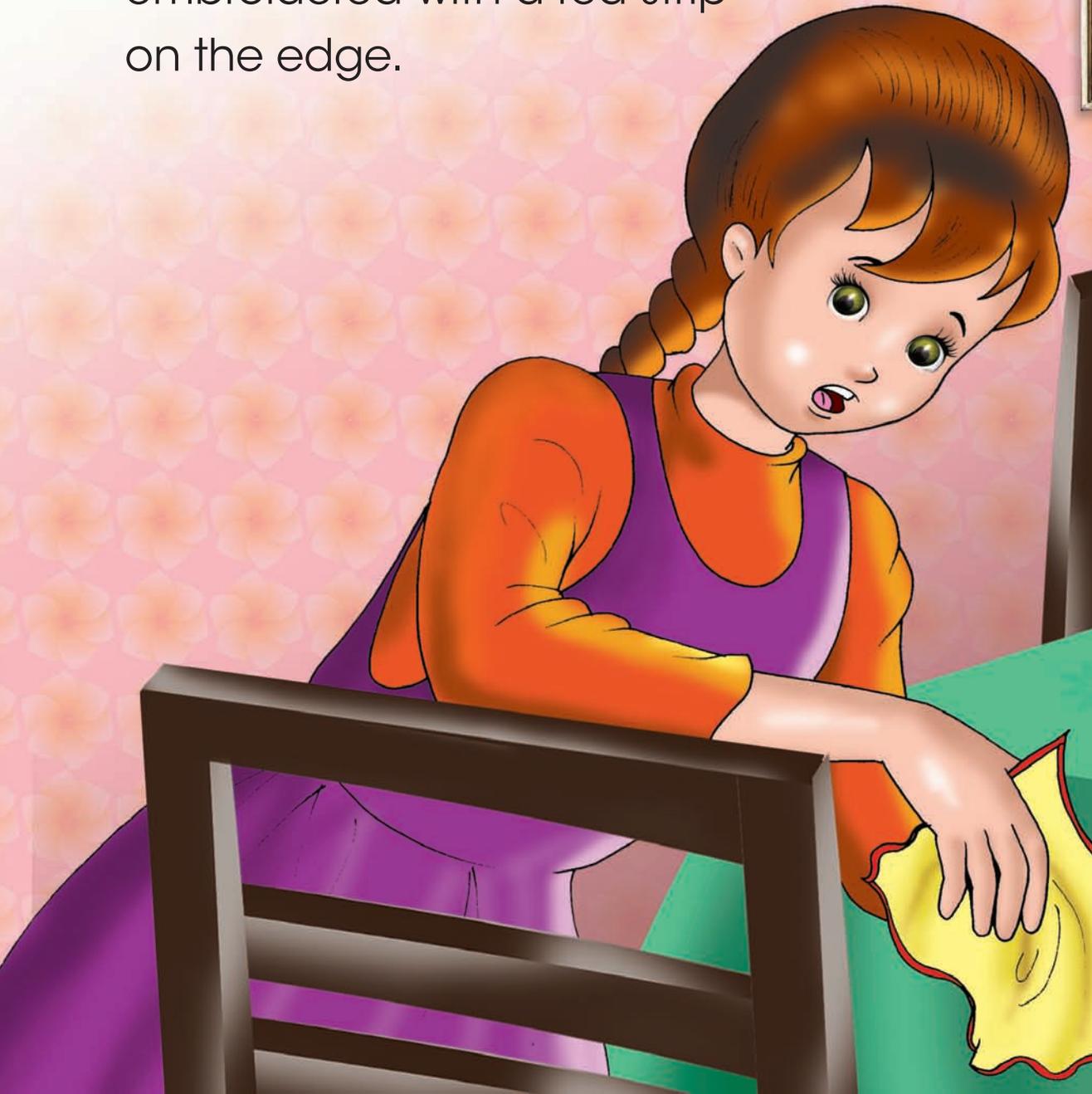
"Let's see what present mommy and daddy will bring me," Sara said to her yellow cat Boosee. "Maybe it's a big

present. Why not? I have become a year older."





However, her parents brought her a tiny, wrapped parcel. Sara untied the shiny ribbon with astonishment. Inside, she found a thin piece of yellow dust cloth embroidered with a red strip on the edge.





She thanked her mom and dad, but she was not satisfied with her present. She said to her cat, "This is strange,



Boosee. Is this my birthday present?  
Have I angered my parents?"



She began to remember; on her first birthday, they brought her a bear. On her second birthday, they brought her a beautiful doll.

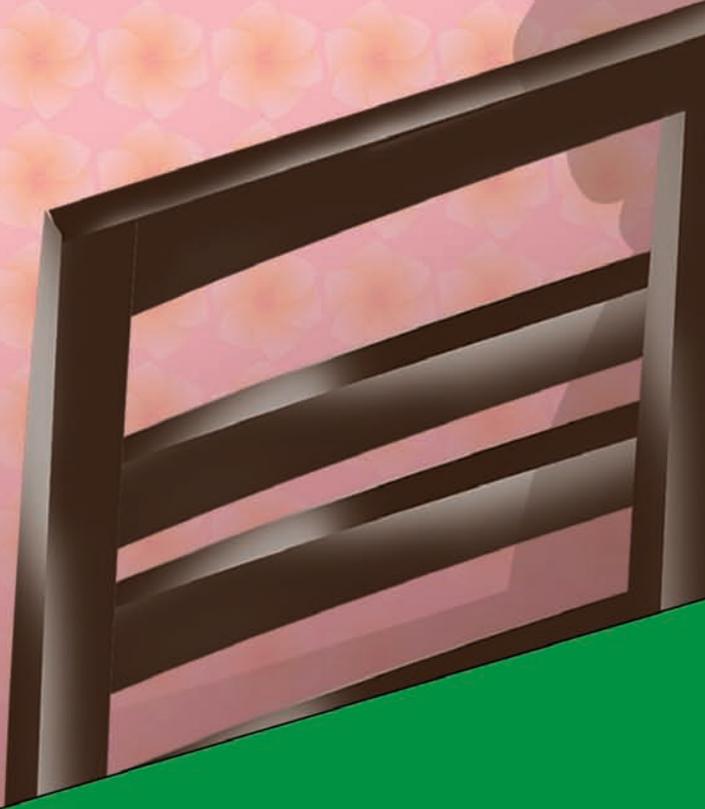


On her third birthday, a doll cart; on her fourth birthday, a doll house; on her fifth birthday, doll clothes.



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Sara carried her cat Boosee and waved the piece of cloth over her. "Do you see, Boosee? A piece of cloth to wipe dust? This is my birthday gift. Are you happy? What do we do now?"

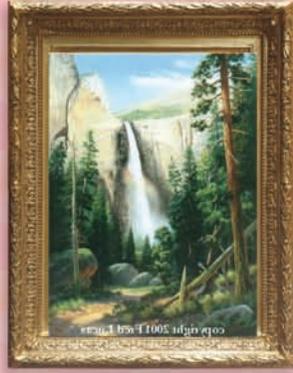






Her dad went to work, and her mom resumed her work in the kitchen. Sara took the piece of cloth and began to wipe the dust, and Boosee began to go around her in circles. "Ah, wiping the dust is really interesting." Sara sighed, "Isn't it, Boosee?"





Sara started by wiping the dust off the table and the fruit bowl cover.

“Heh...What is under the cover? An elegant hair tie? Its color matches my dress. What do you think, Boosee?”

Using the tie, Sara tied her hair like a pony tail.





Sara walked proudly. Then, she wiped the four chairs around the table. She shook her hair that was tied like a pony tail. Boosee went around her joyfully. On the first chair, she found a new drawing and coloring notebook.





Then, on the second chair, she found a  
box of coloring pencils.



“Boosee, stop going around me! Sit down in front of me at the table. I will draw you for my sixth birthday.

Don’t you agree that you are my only friend on this birthday?”





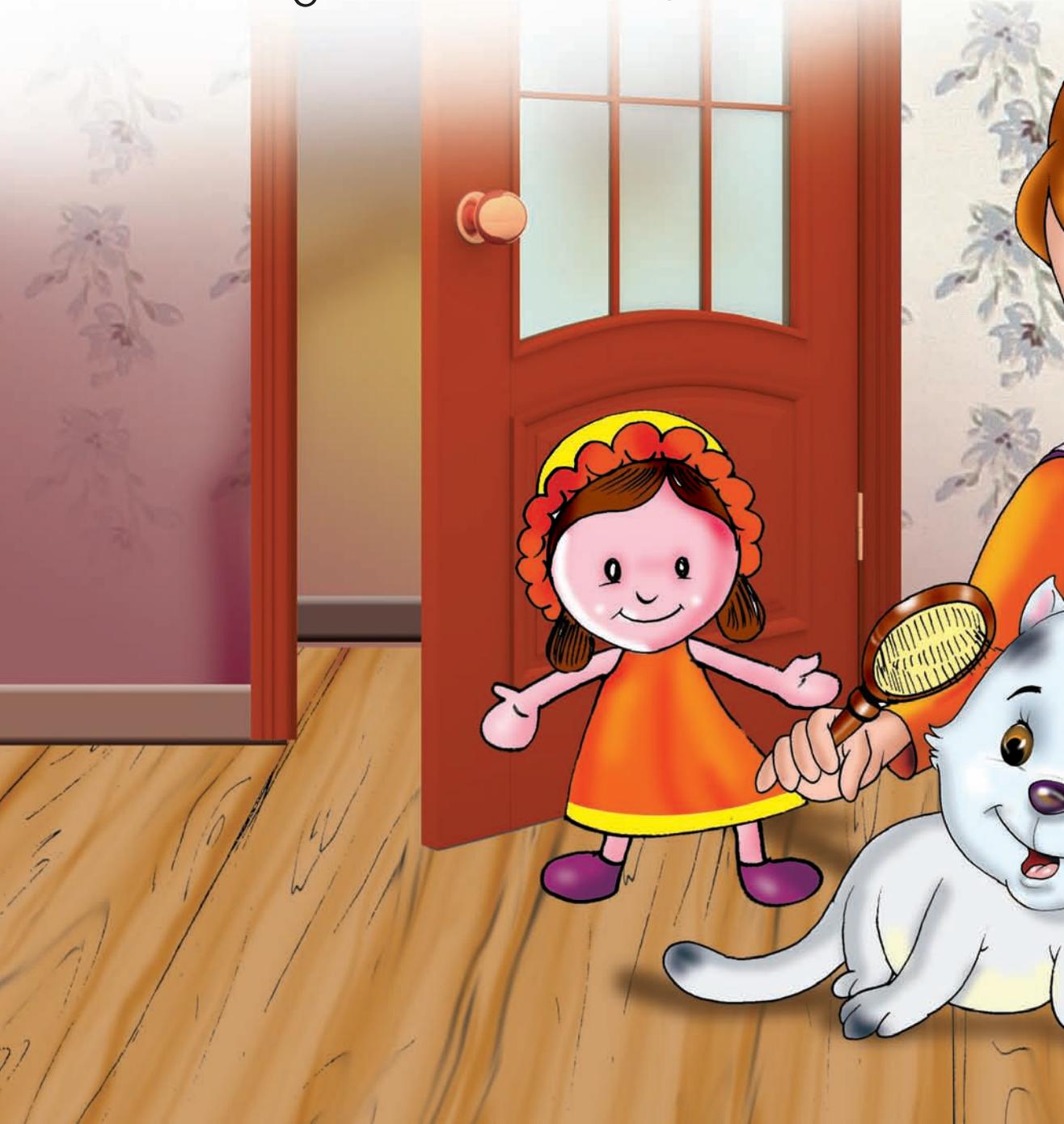
“What is on the third chair?  
A woman’s purse, with “Sara”  
written on it?” Sara carried it and  
walked proudly. Pleased, Boosee went  
around her.

On the fourth chair, she found a small  
hairbrush.

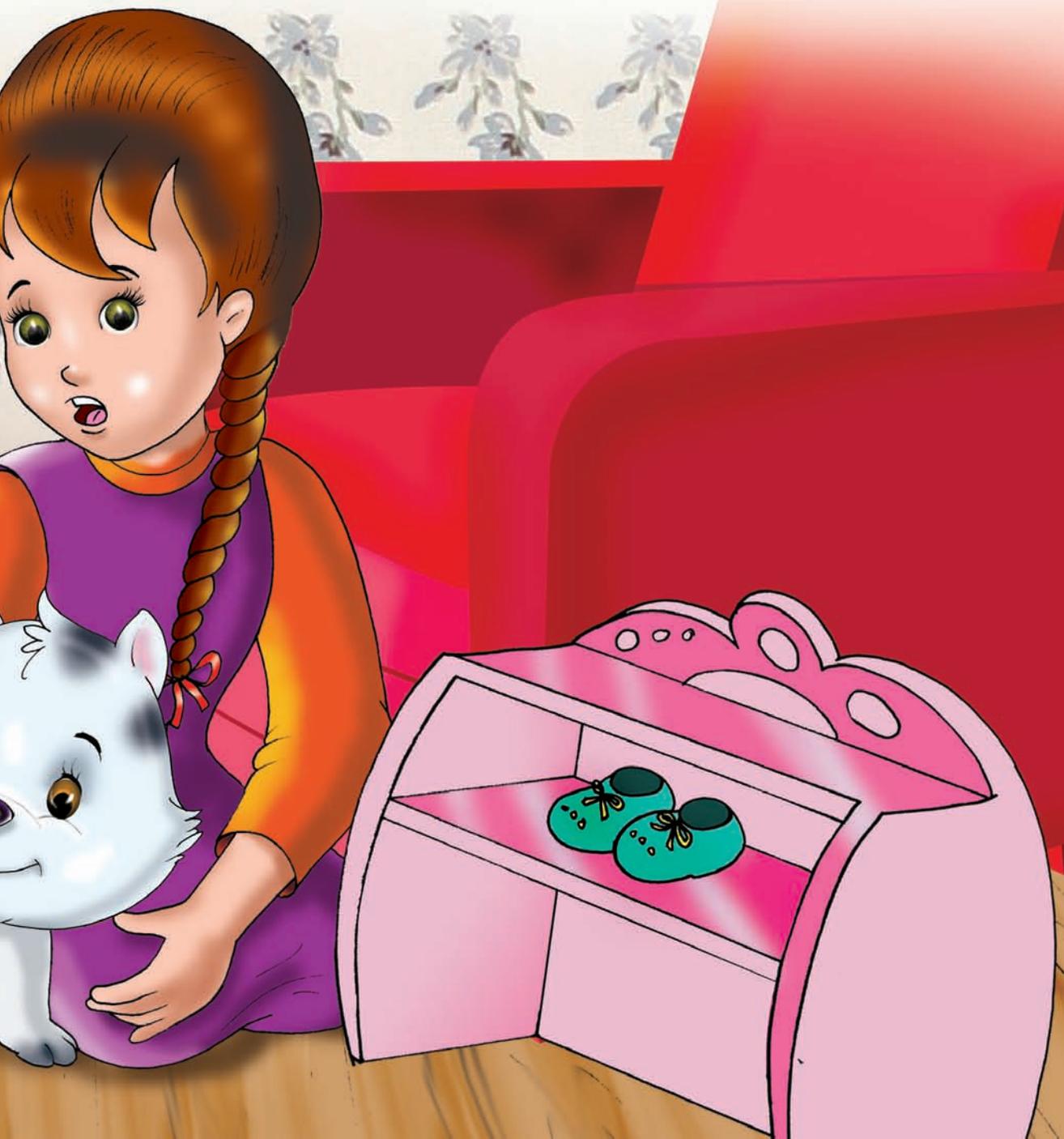


“Now, it is your turn, Boosee. I will comb your hair. Aren’t you my partner this birthday?”

On the glass cabinet shelf, Sara found



a pair of doll shoes while she was wiping the dust. "How wonderful they are! They are the right size and just what I want."

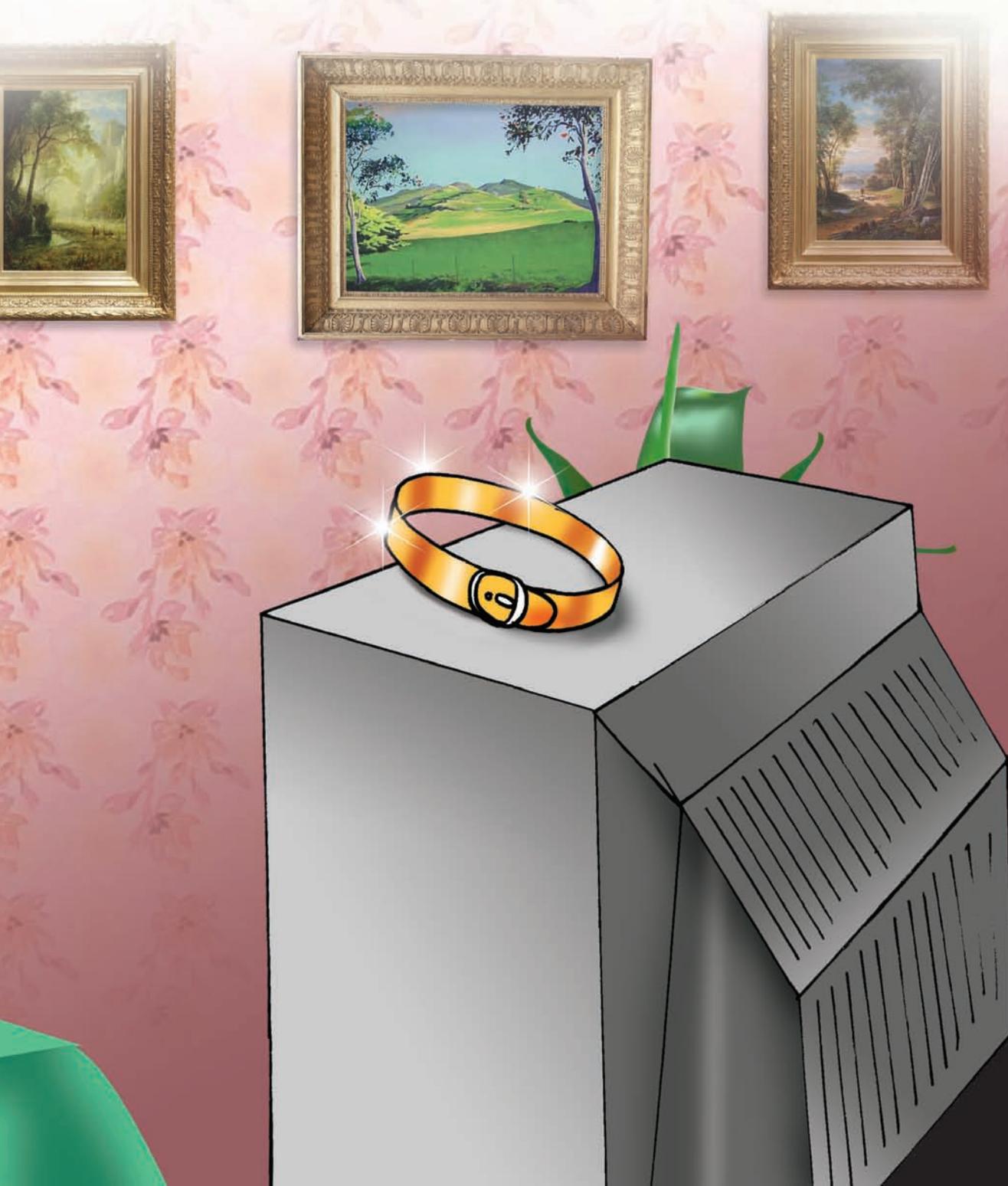


On the TV, she found a bracelet and an elegant ring with a colored, glass stone. The ring was perfect for her finger. She was very happy when she saw it shining on her hand!

“And this shiny bracelet...Can't



it be a collar for you, Boosee? Come on, don't be afraid. Put it around your neck."



Sara's mom came to the room smiling. "All of these things are for you on your birthday, Sara. Aren't you satisfied?"

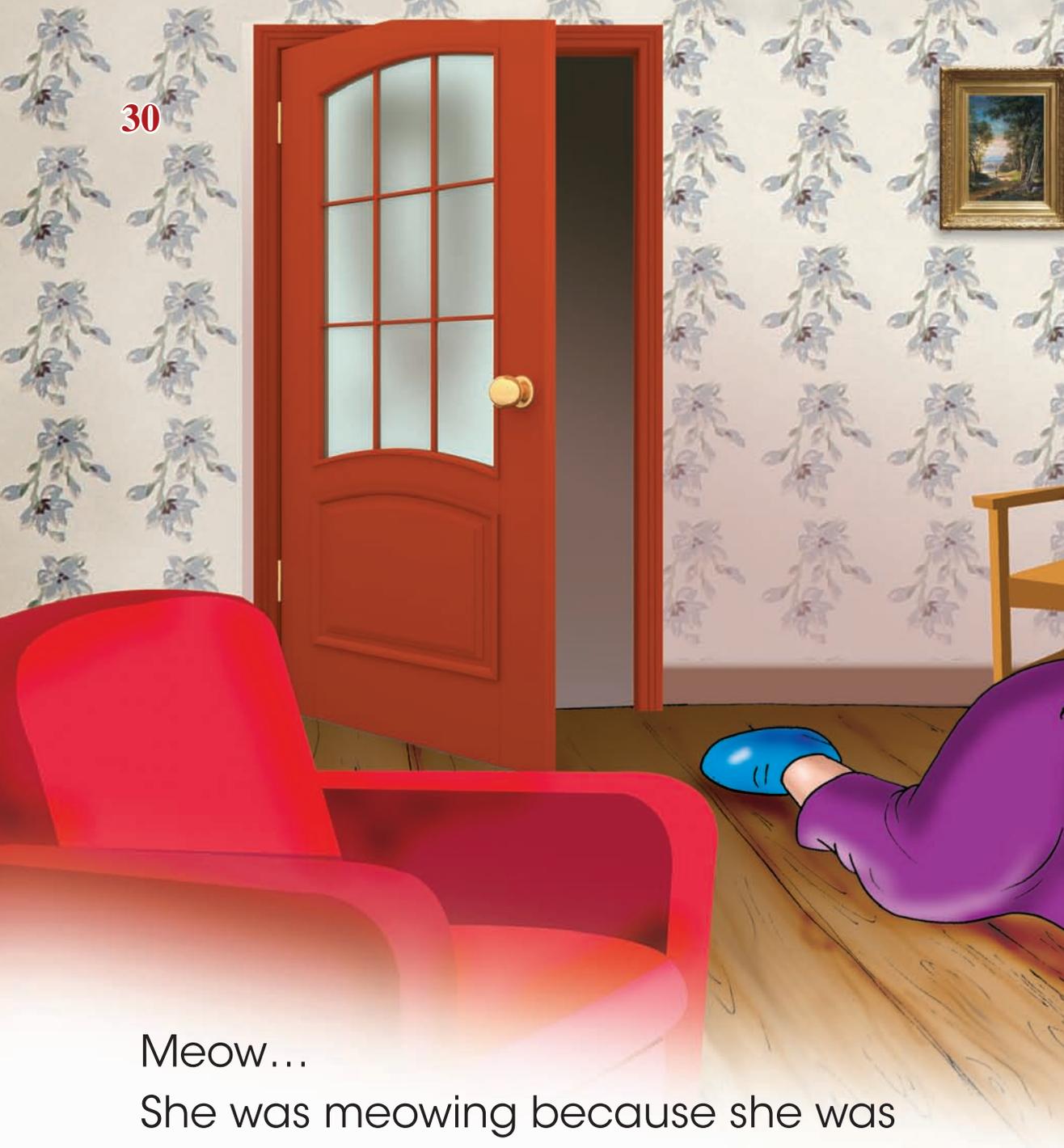
"Yes, mom...Even Boosee was going happily around me on my birthday, but where is she?"

The cat disappeared. Sara called her,



but she didn't reply. She searched for her under the chairs and behind the TV.





Meow...

She was meowing because she was stuck inside the lower closet.

When Sara removed her, she found Boosee pulling a small, red, wool shirt with her teeth.



“This is not for the doll...and, of course, not for me...it is for you, Boosee. Isn't my birthday amusing?”

At this moment, Sara's mom brought a cake from the oven. It was decorated with six candles. Sara was very happy.

"How beautiful wiping the dust is! This makes me very busy...as many surprises wait for me!"



***1. Answer the following questions.***

1. How old is Sara?

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2. What kind of gift does Sara expect? Why?

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3. How do you think Sara felt when she saw the dust cloth? Explain.

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4. What kind of relationship is there between Sara and her cat? Explain.

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5. The cat got two presents. What are they?

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6. Why could not Sara find Bossee?

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**II. Match each gift Sara got to the correct birthday.**

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| a. first birthday  | a doll cart  |
| b. second birthday | doll clothes |
| c. third birthday  | a bear       |
| d. fourth birthday | a doll       |
| e. fifth birthday  | a doll house |

**III. List in order all the presents Sara found.**

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**IV. Circle the correct answer :**

**1. Sara used the tie**

- a. to wrap the birthday gift.

- b. to tie her hair.
- c. to make a toy for the cat.
- d. to seal the bag.

**2. Sara thinks she has been given a silly gift because**

- a. she has to clean her dirty room.
- b. she should help her mom dust the living room.
- c. she has angered her parents.
- d. her parents can't afford buying an expensive gift.

**3. Sara sighed because**

- a. she was extremely tired after wiping the dust.
- b. she was disappointed for getting such a silly gift.
- c. she was sad because she could not find Boosse.
- d. her father went to work, and her mother resumed her work in the kitchen.

**4. Sara walked proudly after**

- a. her mom gave her the cake.
- b. getting the dust cloth.
- c. tying her hair with the tie.
- d. unwrapping the tiny parcel.

***V. Fill in the blanks by using your own words or words from the story.***

At the beginning of the story, Sara was \_\_\_\_\_  
because she thought she would get a \_\_\_\_\_ present because  
she was \_\_\_\_\_ year older. When she opened the gift, she was  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

As she was \_\_\_\_\_ the house, she found \_\_\_\_\_, so she felt  
\_\_\_\_\_.

