

Educational Tales for Children
From 8 to 10 years

THE RACE OF CHAMPIONS



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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.

Sami was glued to his chair in front of the internet screen. His fingers tapped the keyboard buttons repeatedly. Sami heard the voice of his little brother Mazen in the



living room challenging his friend Majdy,

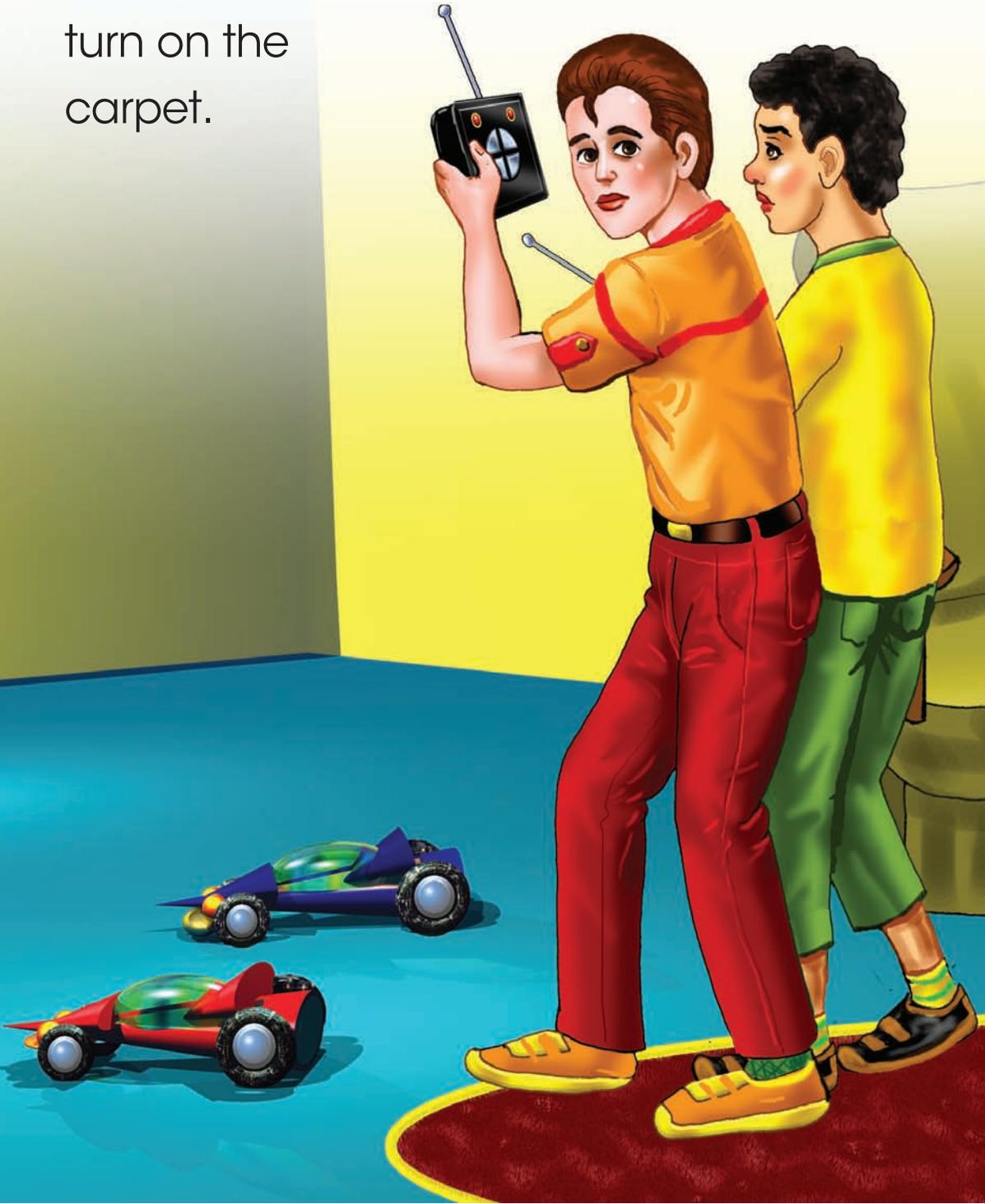
“My red car is faster.”

“No, my black car is faster...”

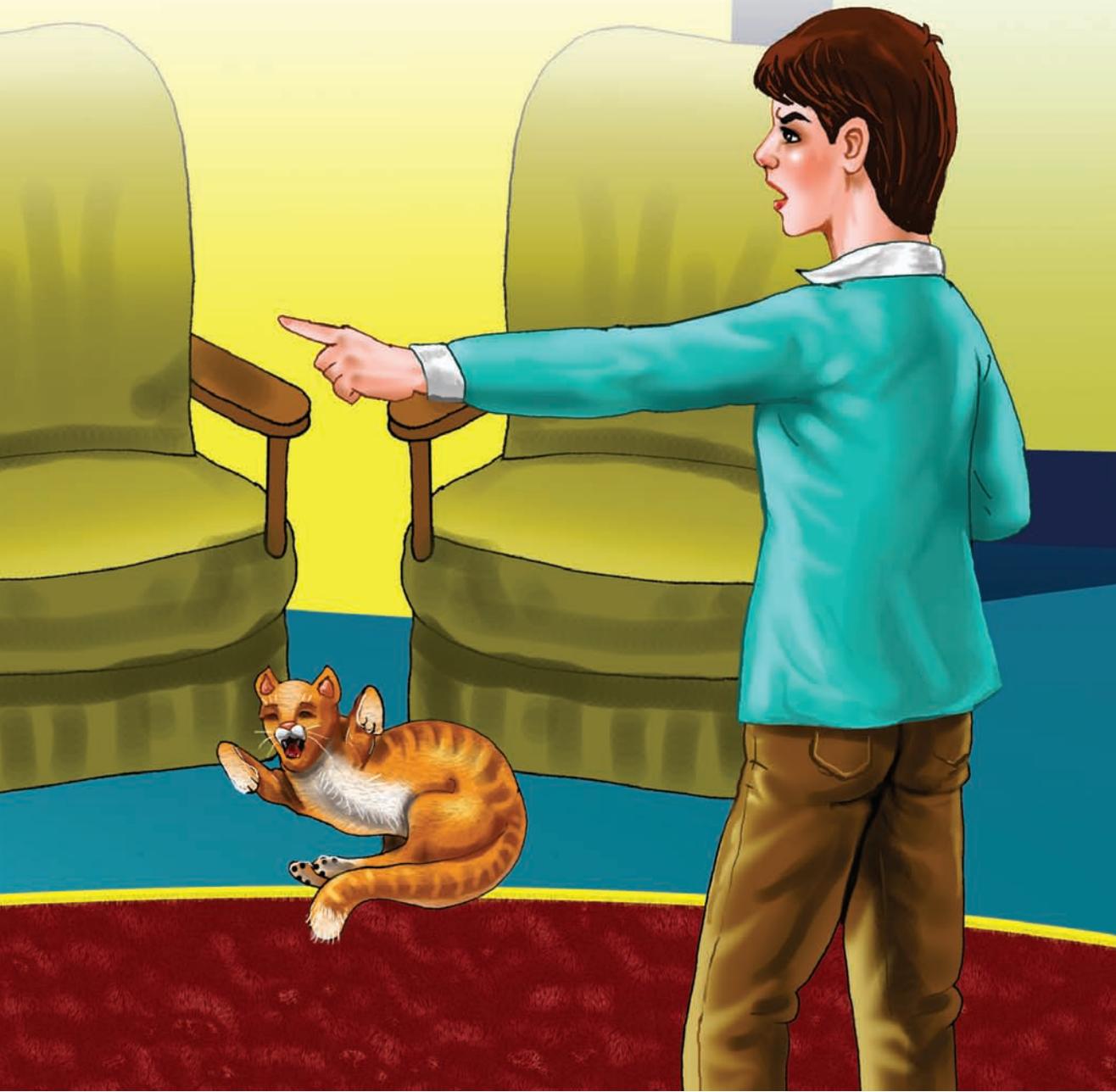


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The cat Harhura was lying down on the carpet when the sound of the two boys annoyed her, so she started to yawn and turn on the carpet.



At this moment, Sami asked the two boys to play outside. He couldn't stand the cat inside the house, so he kicked it out.



The two boys went out to the yard to race. Mazen's red car set off quickly. The boy switched on the lights, and the sound of its engine delighted him, so he increased its speed.



Majdy chased him with his black car and was determined to pass him.

The car turned to the right, and then to the left. It inclined and almost flipped over, but it landed on its wheels.



Majdy saw the red car pass him by to the end of the road. He backed up his car, and he wanted to curve around before Mazen returned. Suddenly,



Harhura jumped, so the boys lost control of their cars, and the cars crashed violently.



Sami went out and said, "Go play beside the orchard and take this naughty cat with you."

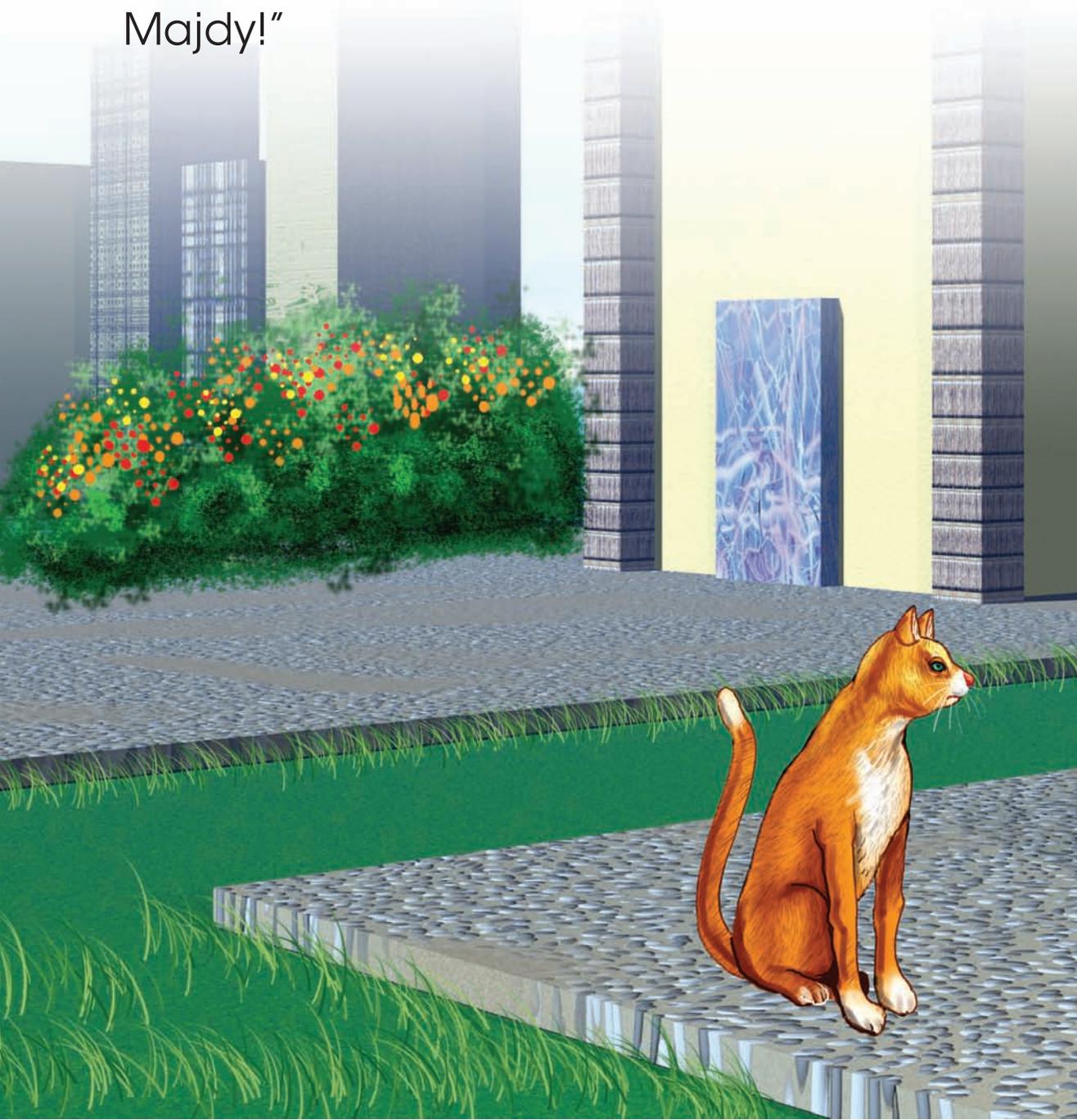


The two boys went away, and Mazen said proudly, "My car is equipped with rubber bumpers."



Majdy replied, "And my car, too. Why didn't you stop?"

"I wasn't able to control the remote control well. I will not let you pass me, Majdy!"



The two boys tried to operate the cars, but the cars did not move. The boys were really afraid to lose these exciting toys after the violent crash.



They returned home and tried to charge the toy batteries. They waited. They went out to the yard to play with Harhura. Sami quickly broke down the two chargers. The two boys returned to check on the toys, but they did not work.



Mazen was sad, but he did not regret his speed. He wanted to be one of the race champions in the future. As for Majdy, he complained to his friend how his father drove his car slowly and allowed cars on both sides to pass him.



Sami called them from his room, saying, "Do not cry! Come to watch the car race on my computer. I also have the game, "Race in Space!"



Then, he smiled and said, "Do not be sad, little ones. You just did not operate the charger buttons well!"



In the evening, while Mazen and Majdy were racing beside the orchard, the trees suddenly moved. A strong light shone from behind them. The boys stopped their cars immediately.



A strange space creature came out from behind the trees. He shot his ray gun and uttered strange words.

They were really afraid. They ran home, leaving their cars behind. Frightened, Harhura ran with them.



They went to tell Sami what had happened, but they did not find him.

After some time, they returned to bring the toys, but the toys had disappeared!



On the next day, the boys entered Sami's room, but they did not find him. They took the chance to play the game, "Car Race!"

Mazen pressed the start button. Then, he saw on the screen the "Race in Space" game and images of a space creature like the one they saw yesterday.



The two friends discovered that Sami had disguised himself in a space creature costume to scare them and to hide their cars.

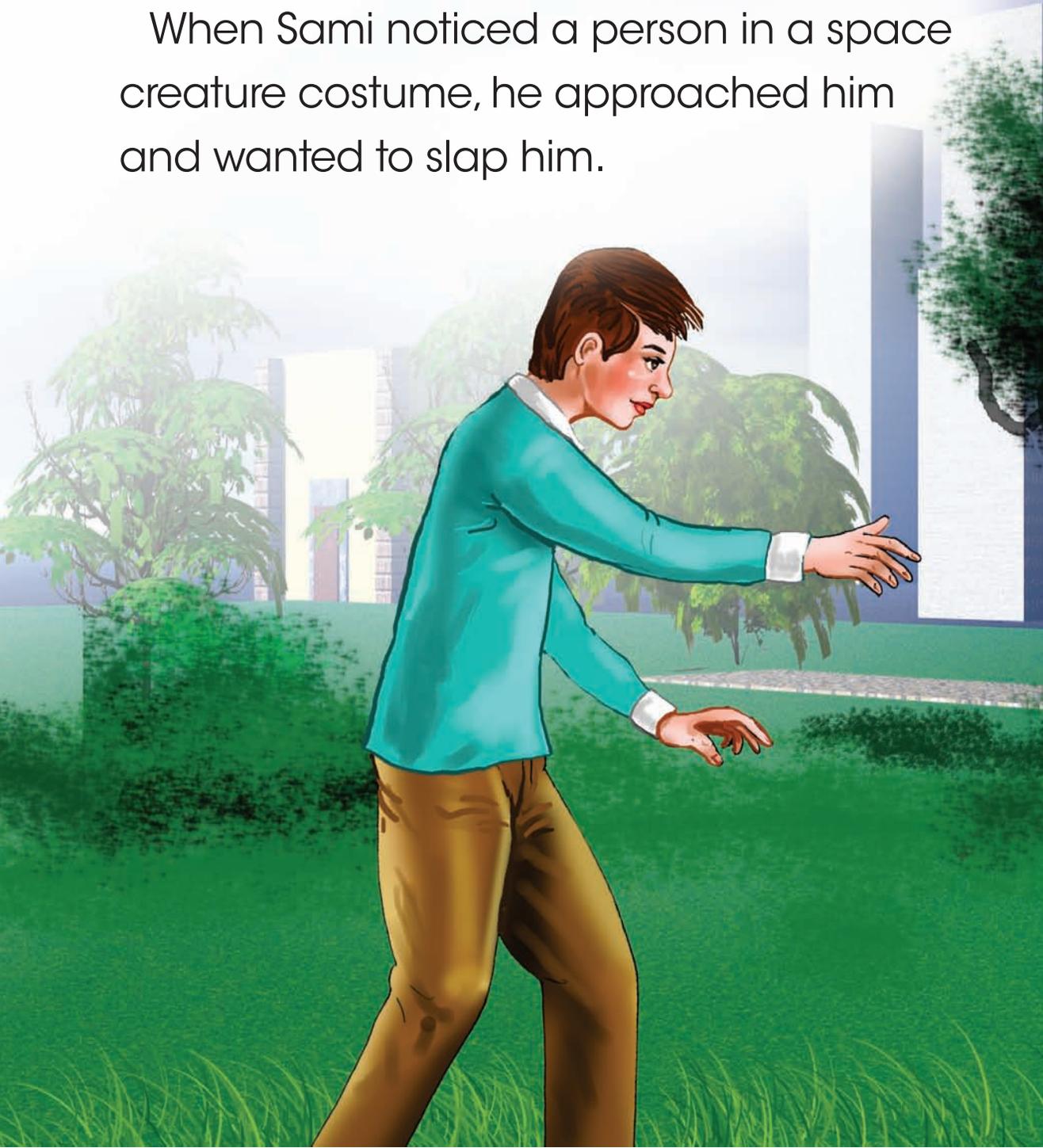


They searched the room and found the two cars and the space costume under the bed.



Mazen wore the costume, and the boys waited behind the trees for Sami to come back in the evening.

When Sami noticed a person in a space creature costume, he approached him and wanted to slap him.





Suddenly, he felt an animal jumping on him, so he fell to the ground. "Meow..."

He looked around. Then, he saw Harhura running and two ghosts running in front of her.



Sami got up and shouted,

“Well, naughty boys. We are even!”

At this moment, everyone heard the sound of a car braking suddenly.

They ran and saw Harhura jumping to escape a sports car that nearly ran her over.



Mazen approached the driver to yell at him. He saw his father getting out of the car, so he shouted, "Dad, you're driving



this car! When did you buy it?"

"Come on, ride with me to see the race of champions," said Dad.



“Slowly, dad. We do not want to kill a cat or crash into anyone. It is certainly a beautiful car...but life is more beautiful,” Mazen replied.



I- Answer the following questions.

1. What were Mazen and Majdy arguing about?

2. Why was Harhura annoyed? What did she do?

3. The author believes that driving fast leads to a lot of problems. Go back to page 11 and pick one piece of evidence to support this statement.

4. There are many pieces of evidence that clearly show how stressed out Sami is. Write at least two pieces of evidence from the story. What do you think the main cause for Sami's stress is?

5. Why did Sami disguise himself in a space creature costume?

II. Fill in the graphic organizer to inform us about the author's perspective regarding driving fast.

clues

perspective

III. Circle the correct answer.

1. When the cars did not move, the kids were

- a. excited b. afraid c. relieved d. proud

2. The toys did not work because

- a. they were ruined after the violent crash.
b. Sami broke down the chargers.
c. Harhura jumped on them.
d. they were every old.

3. The space creature was

- a. Majdy b. Sami c. Mazen d. Harhura

4. Majdy and Mazen left their cars behind because
 - a. they wanted to check on Harhura.
 - b. the space creature scared them.
 - c. they did not operate well.
 - d. they wanted to get rid of them.

5. The theme of the story is that
 - a. cats are nice pets.
 - b. driving fast is dangerous.
 - c. we should be loyal to our friends.
 - d. we should not annoy our older brothers.

6. Which of these sentences is not related to the theme of the story?
 - a. Harhura jumped to escape the fast car.
 - b. The two cars crashed violently.
 - c. It is certainly a beautiful car, but life is more important.
 - d. Sami kicked Majdy and Mazen out of the house.

IV. Fill in the following cause effect chart.

cause

effect

Sami kicked the cat out.

The boys lost control of their cars.

Sami broke down the chargers.

The boys ran home leaving their cars.

Sami fell down.