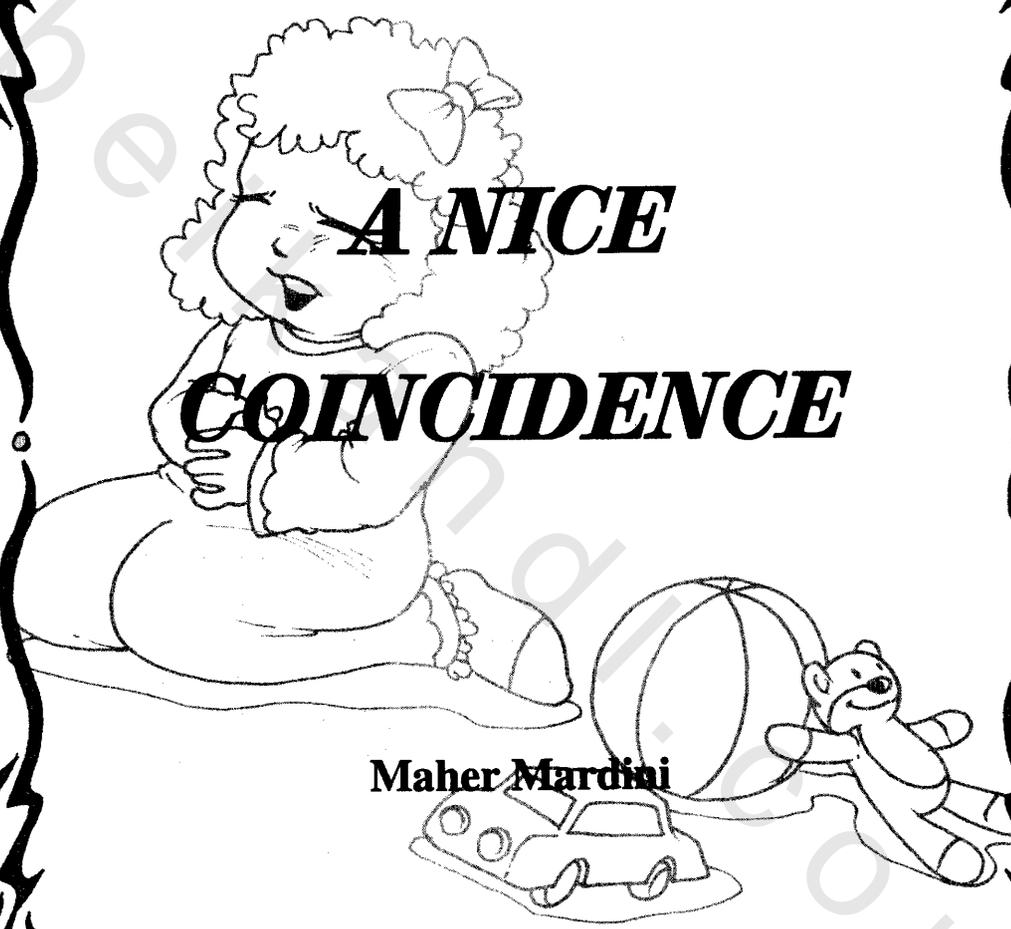


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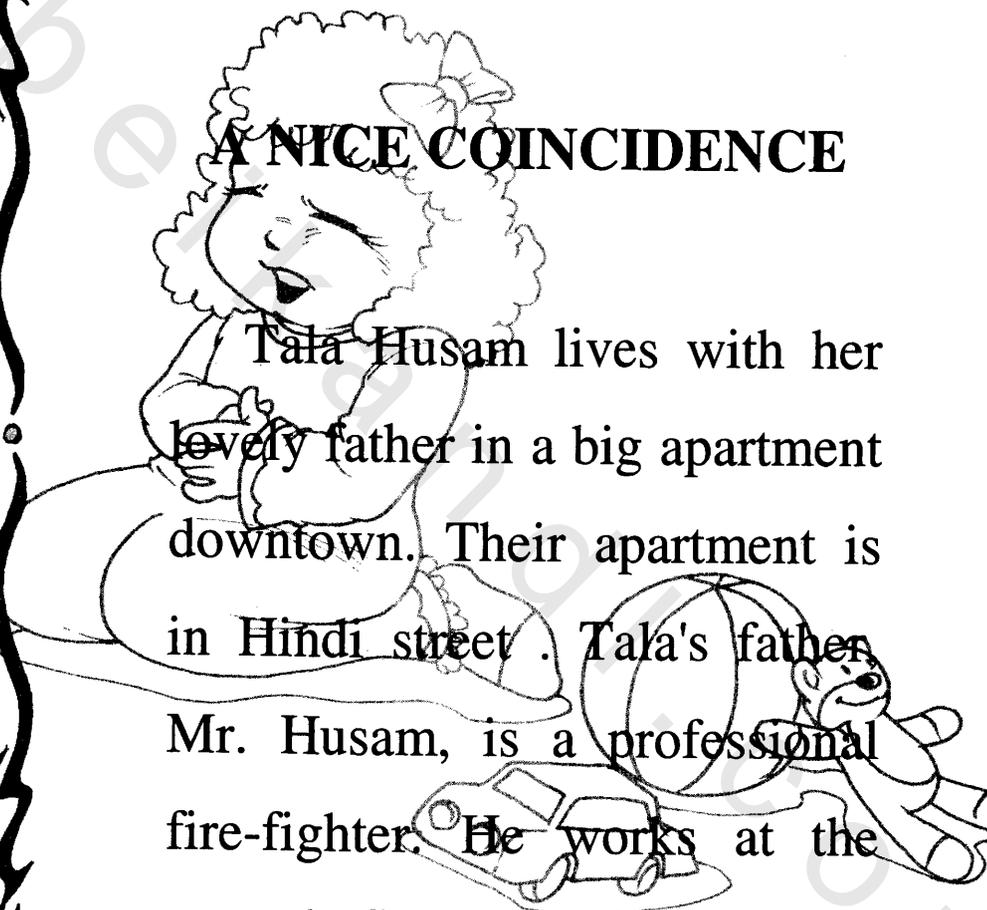
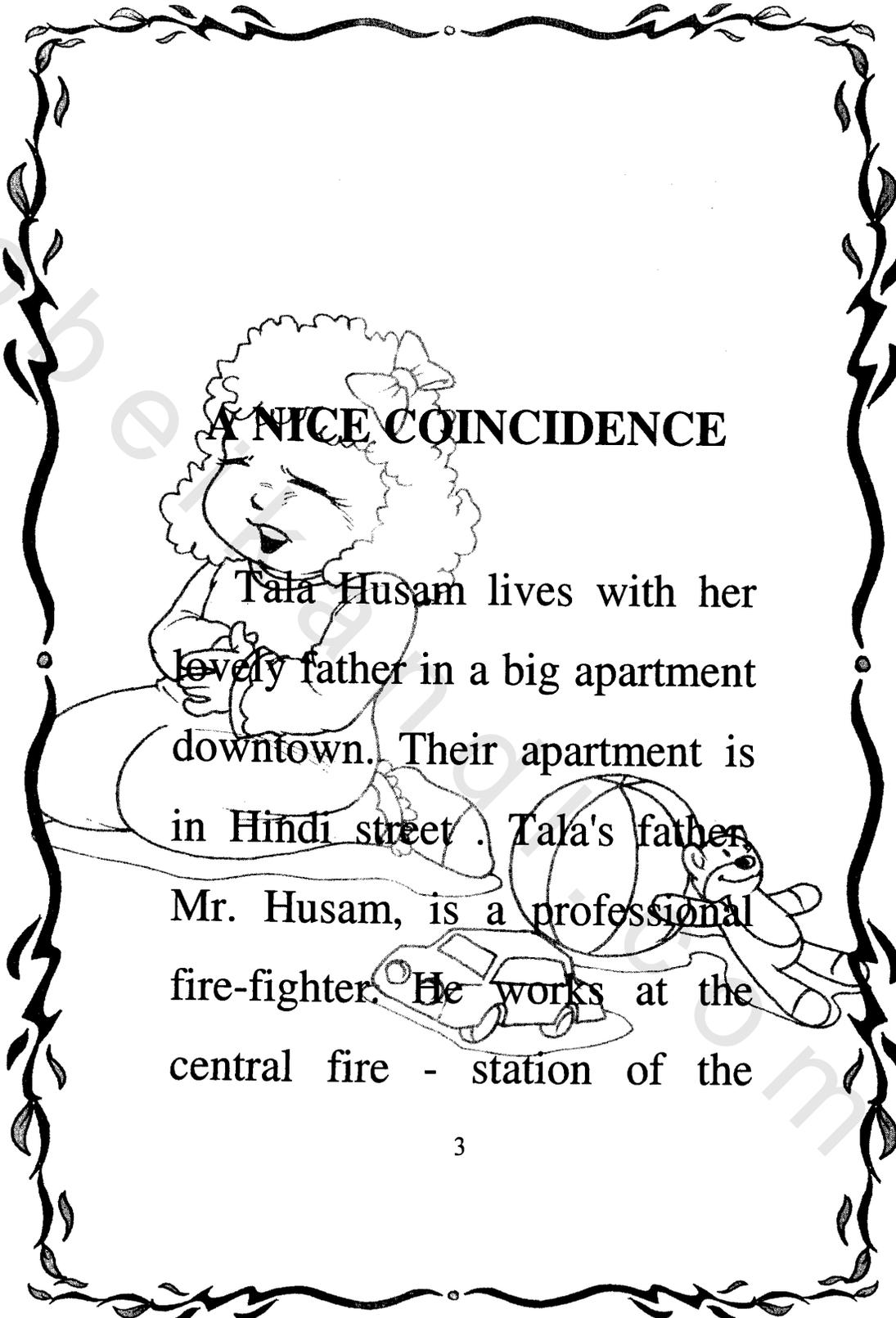
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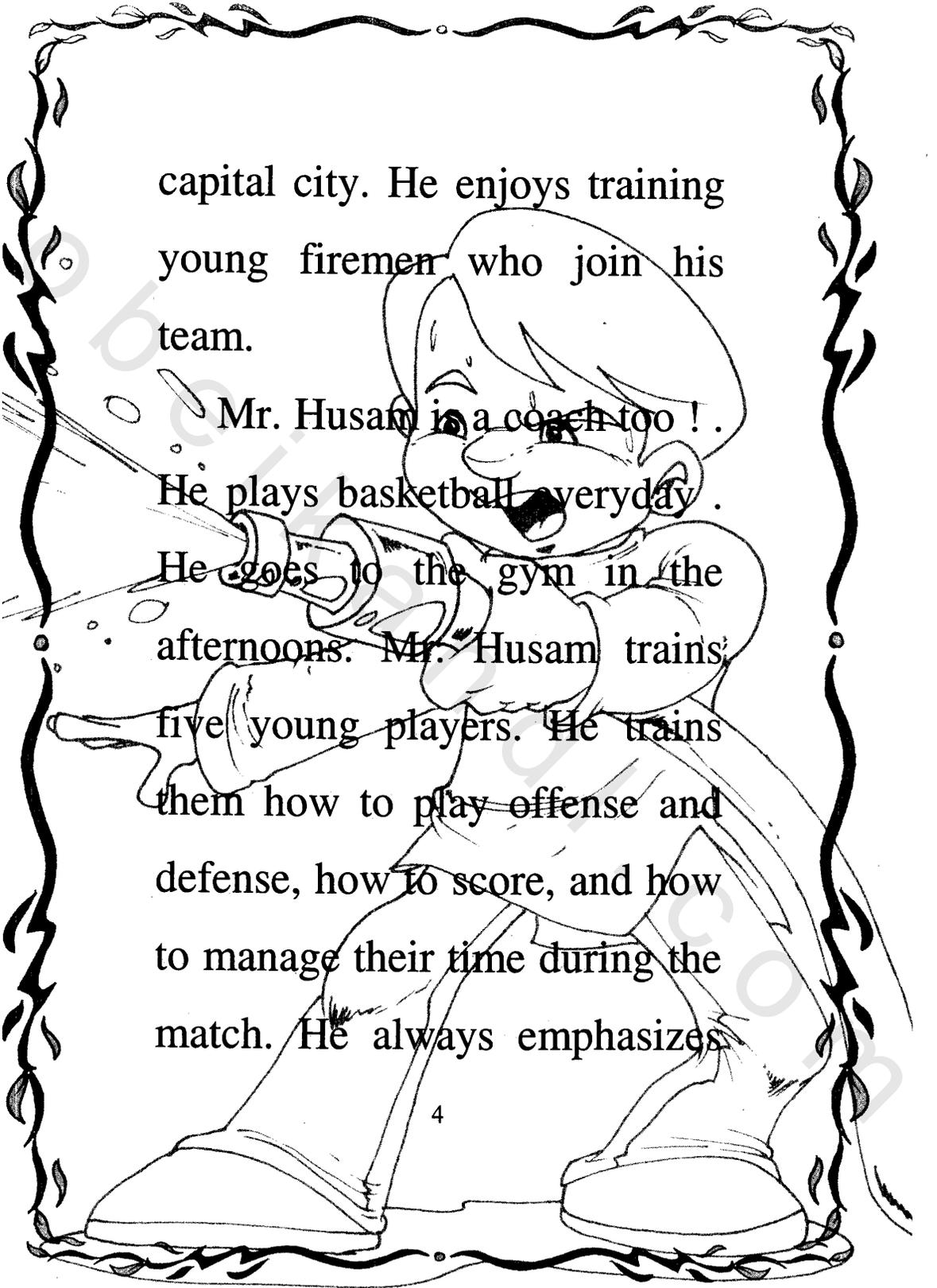
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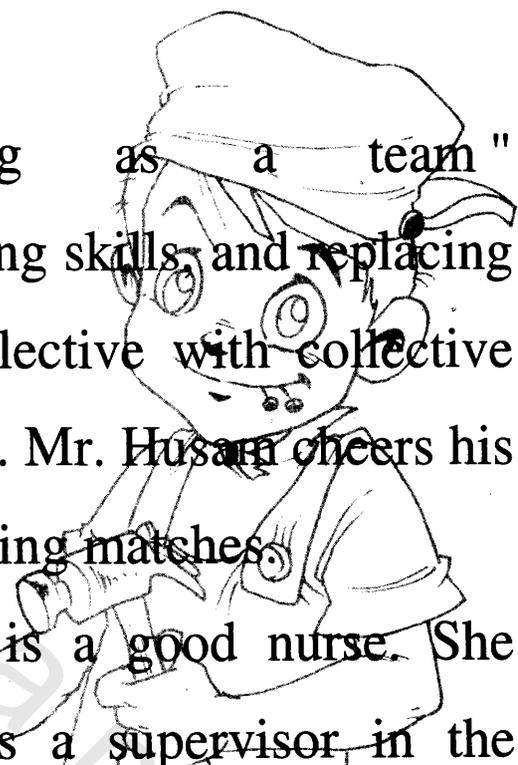
A NICE COINCIDENCE

Tala Husam lives with her lovely father in a big apartment downtown. Their apartment is in Hindi street . Tala's father, Mr. Husam, is a professional fire-fighter. He works at the central fire - station of the



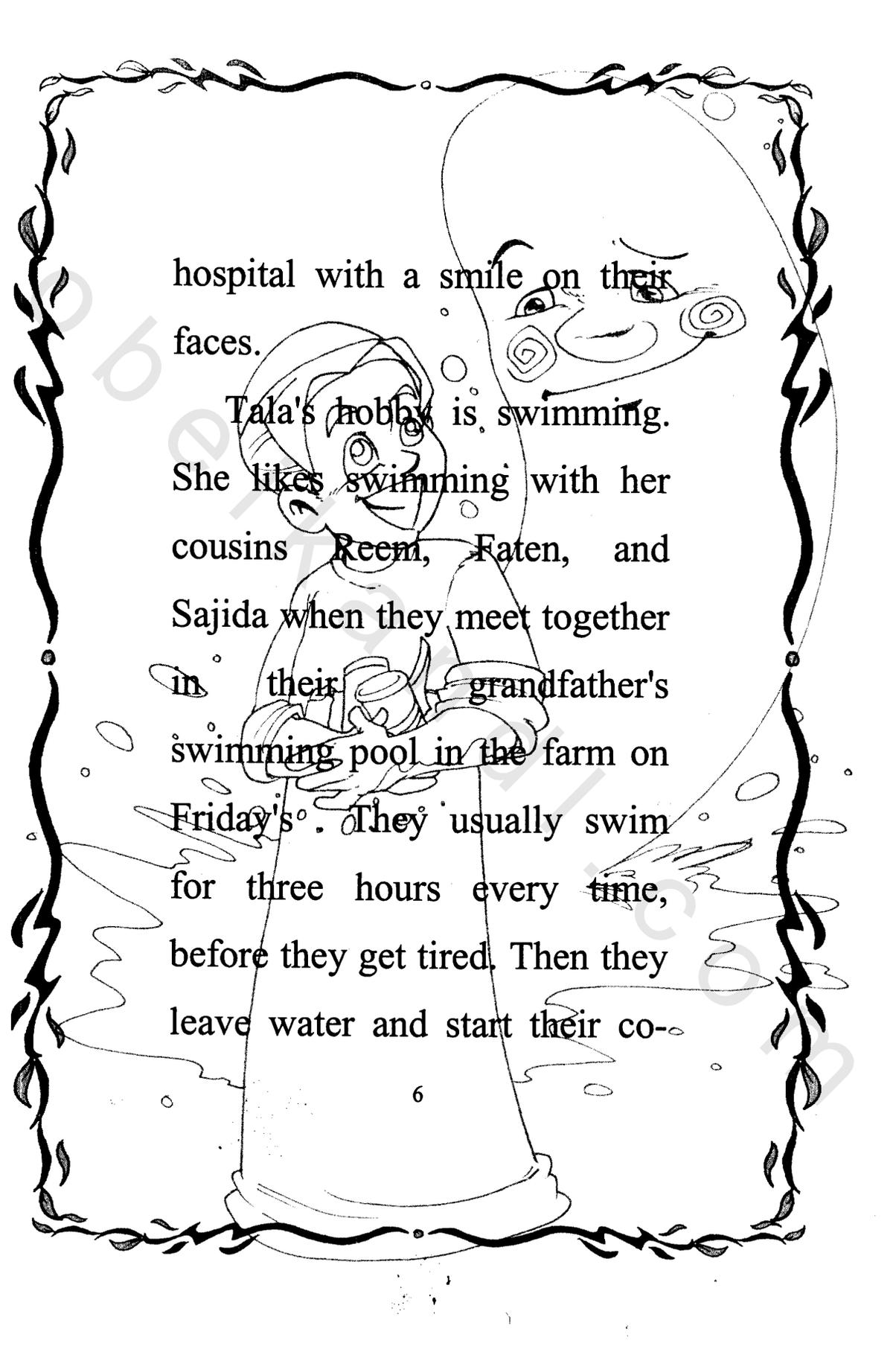
capital city. He enjoys training young firemen who join his team.

Mr. Husam is a coach too ! .
He plays basketball everyday .
He goes to the gym in the afternoons. Mr. Husam trains five young players. He trains them how to play offense and defense, how to score, and how to manage their time during the match. He always emphasizes



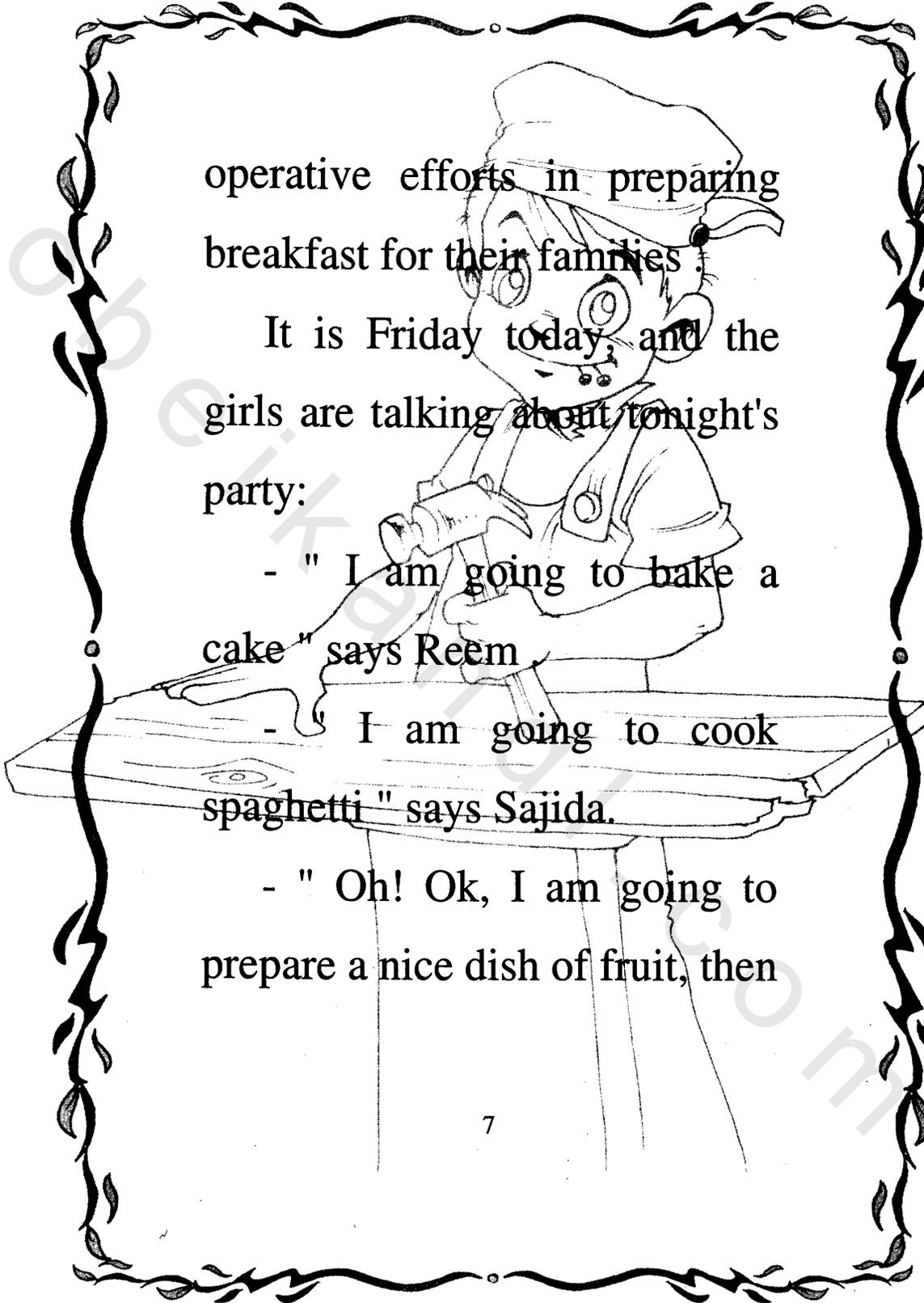
" working as a team "
developing skills and replacing
non- collective with collective
behavior. Mr. Husam cheers his
team during matches.

Tala is a good nurse. She
works as a supervisor in the
nursing department at one of
the biggest hospitals in
Damascus .She is friendly, and
she looks very happy when she
sees her patients leave the



hospital with a smile on their faces.

Tala's hobby is swimming. She likes swimming with her cousins Reem, Faten, and Sajida when they meet together in their grandfather's swimming pool in the farm on Friday's. They usually swim for three hours every time, before they get tired. Then they leave water and start their co-



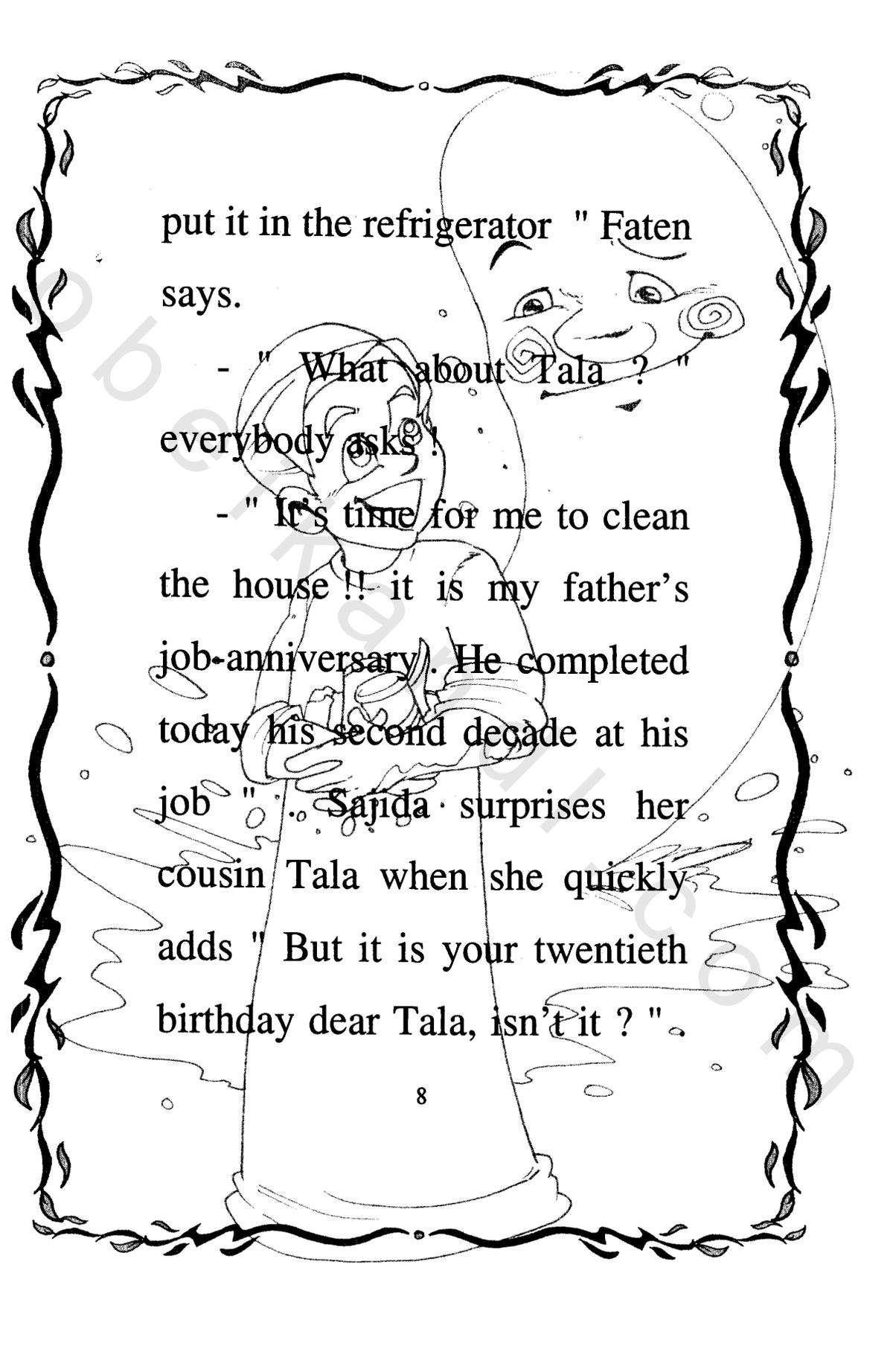
operative efforts in preparing
breakfast for their families :

It is Friday today, and the
girls are talking about tonight's
party:

- " I am going to bake a
cake " says Reem

- " I am going to cook
spaghetti " says Sajida.

- " Oh! Ok, I am going to
prepare a nice dish of fruit, then



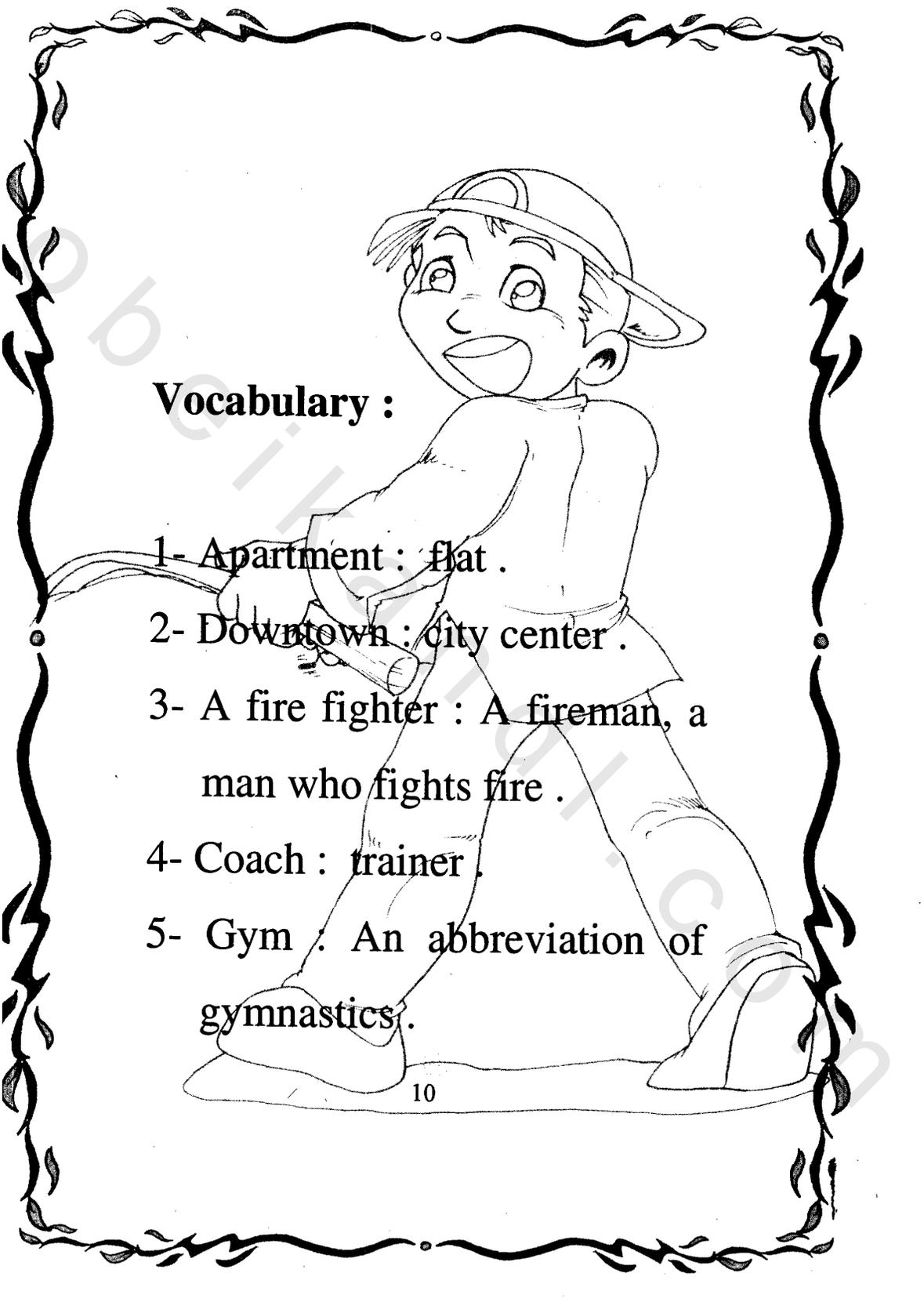
put it in the refrigerator " Faten says.

- " What about Tala ? " everybody asks !

- " It's time for me to clean the house !! it is my father's job-anniversary. He completed today his second decade at his job " .. Sajida surprises her cousin Tala when she quickly adds " But it is your twentieth birthday dear Tala, isn't it ? " .

Tala looks at her peers, checks her diary quickly, and says "

Ya, that's right, what a nice coincidence !!", and they all start laughing for a while



Vocabulary :

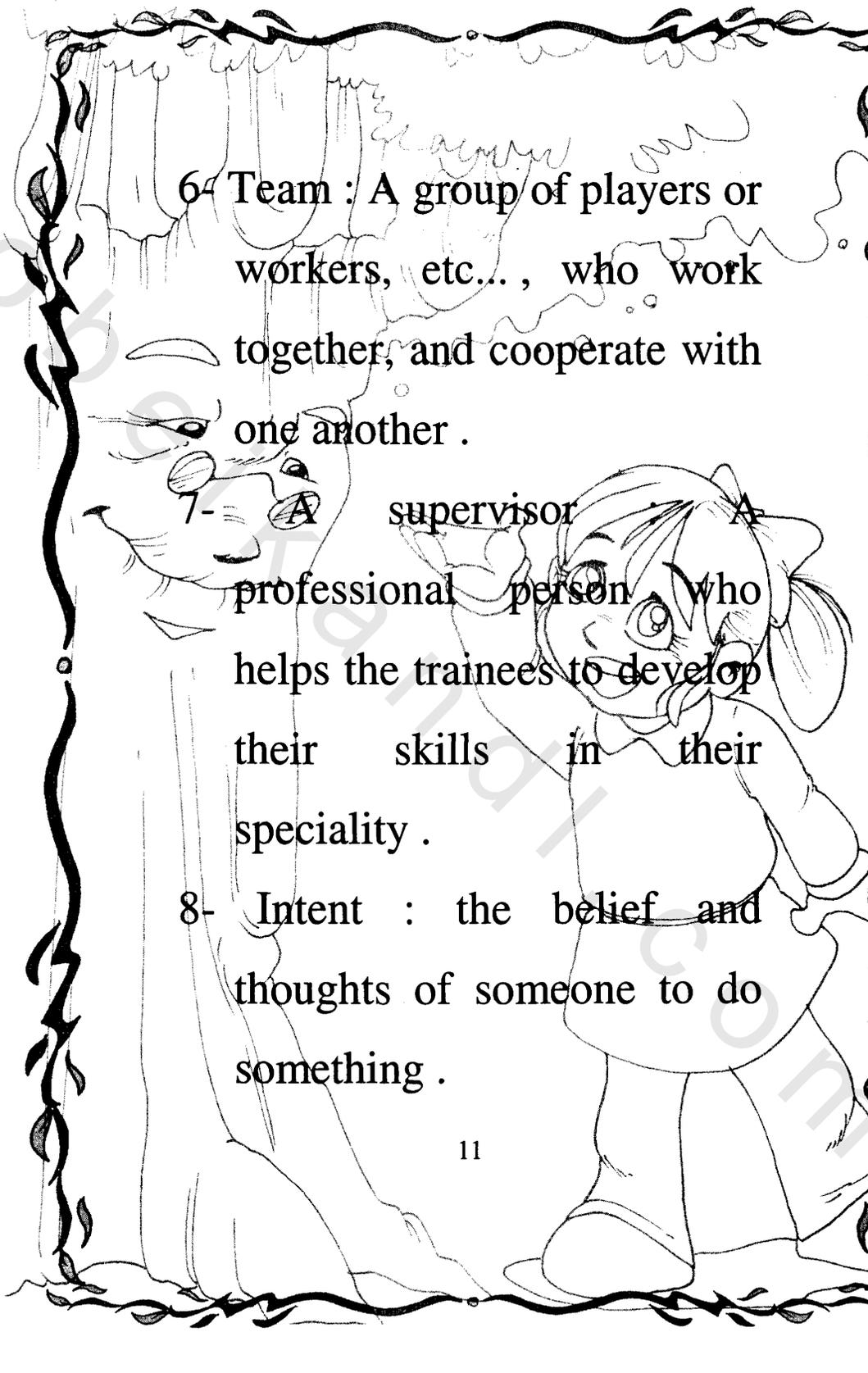
1- Apartment : flat .

2- Downtown : city center .

3- A fire fighter : A fireman, a
man who fights fire .

4- Coach : trainer .

5- Gym : An abbreviation of
gymnastics .



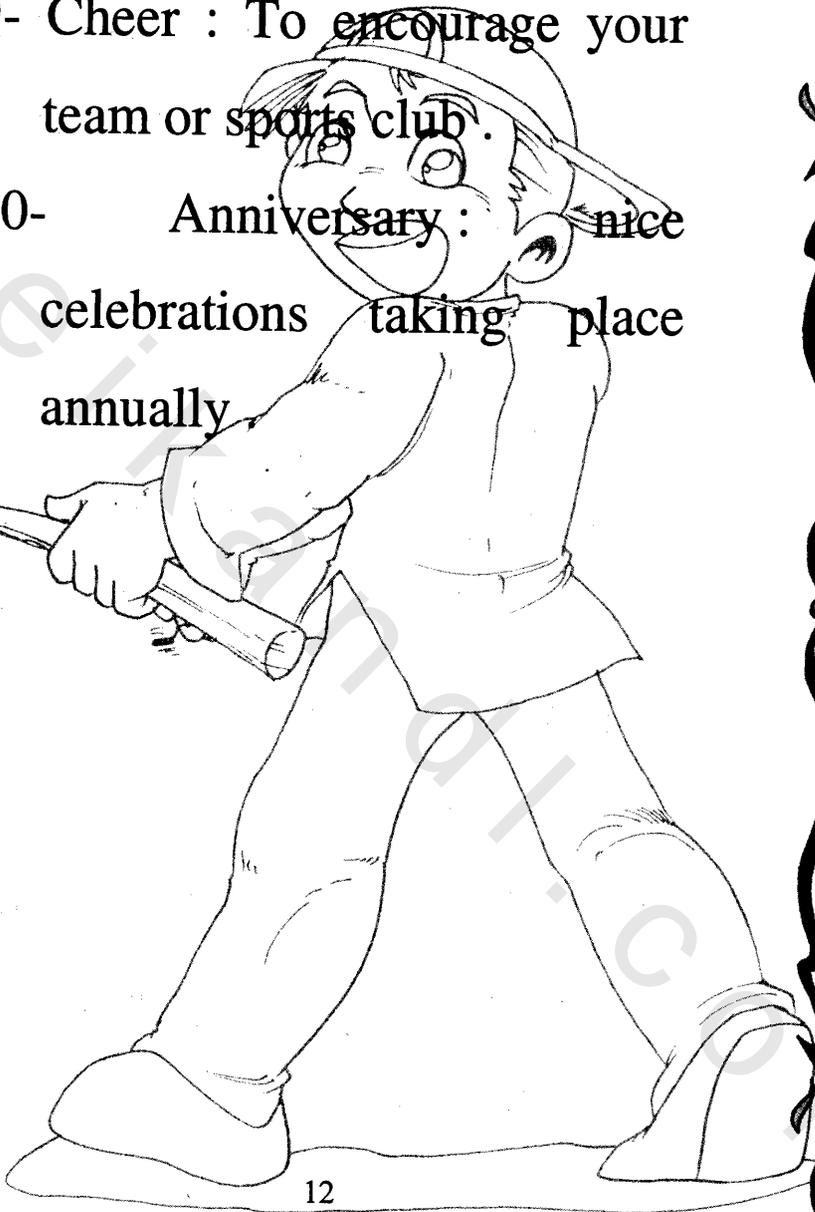
6- Team : A group of players or workers, etc... , who work together, and cooperate with one another .

7- A supervisor : A professional person who helps the trainees to develop their skills in their speciality .

8- Intent : the belief and thoughts of someone to do something .

9- Cheer : To encourage your
team or sports club .

10- Anniversary : nice
celebrations taking place
annually



Comprehension Questions :

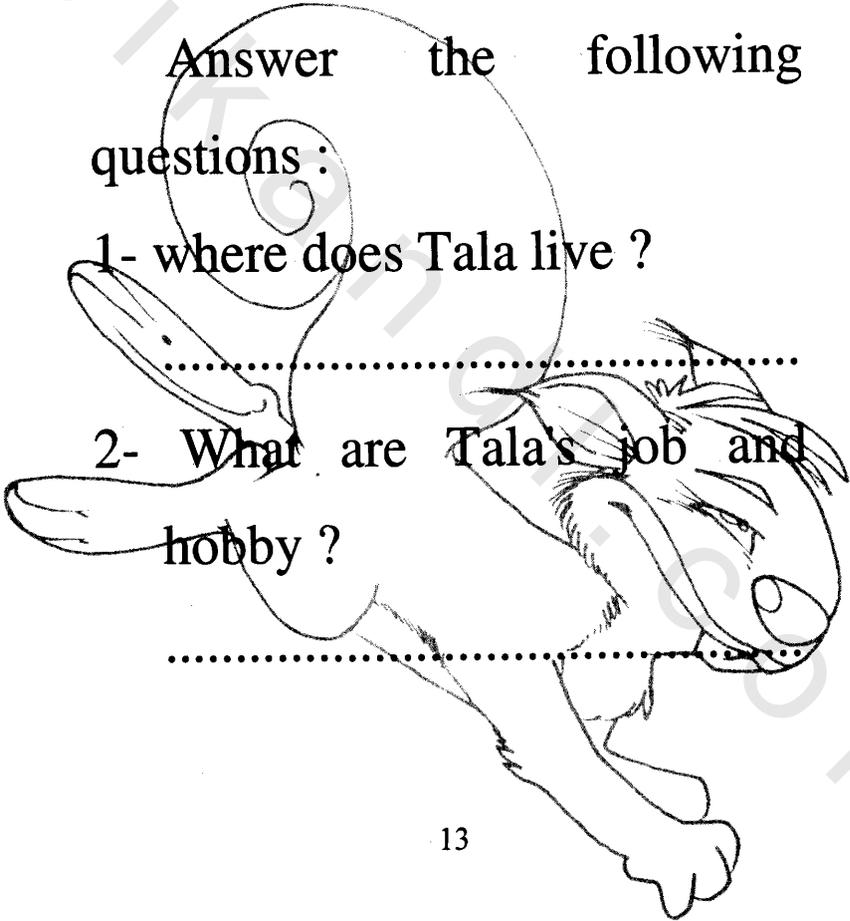
Answer the following questions :

1- where does Tala live ?

.....

2- What are Tala's job and hobby ?

.....



3- What is the most important
goal Mr. Husam
emphasizes ?

4- Who cooked the cake ?

5- What was the nice
coincidence ?

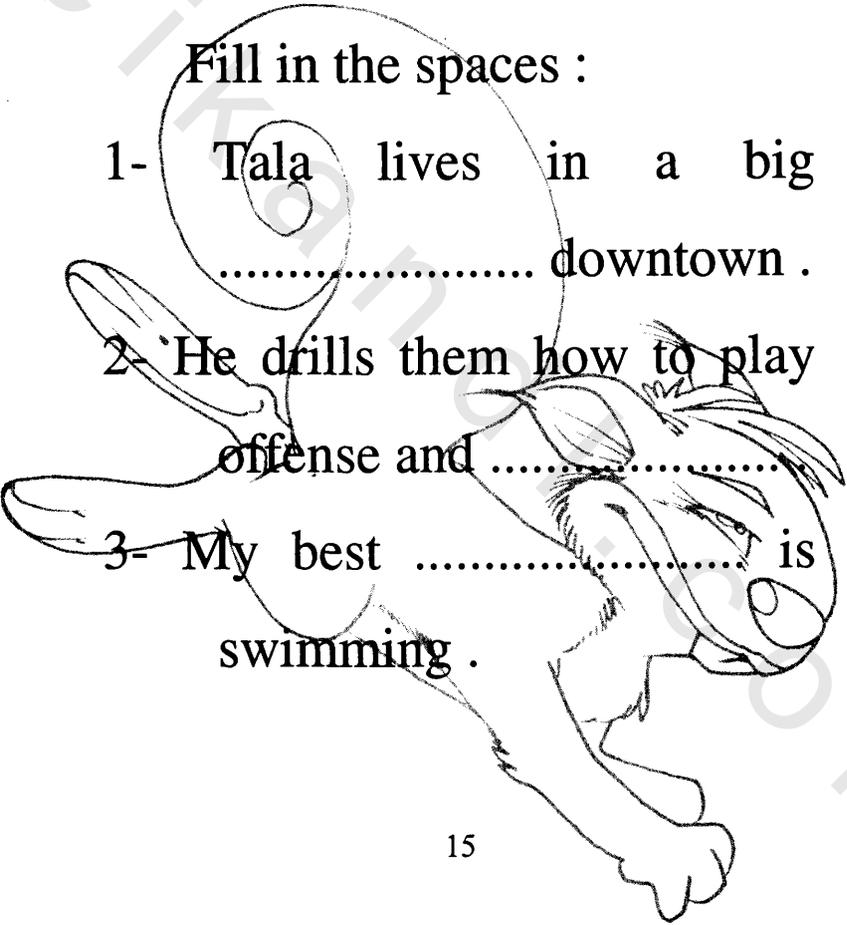
Missing words :

Fill in the spaces :

1- Tala lives in a big
..... downtown .

2- He drills them how to play
offense and

3- My best is
swimming .



4- They swim for

.....

5- It is the time to

and arrange the house .

