

Rama Goes to Town

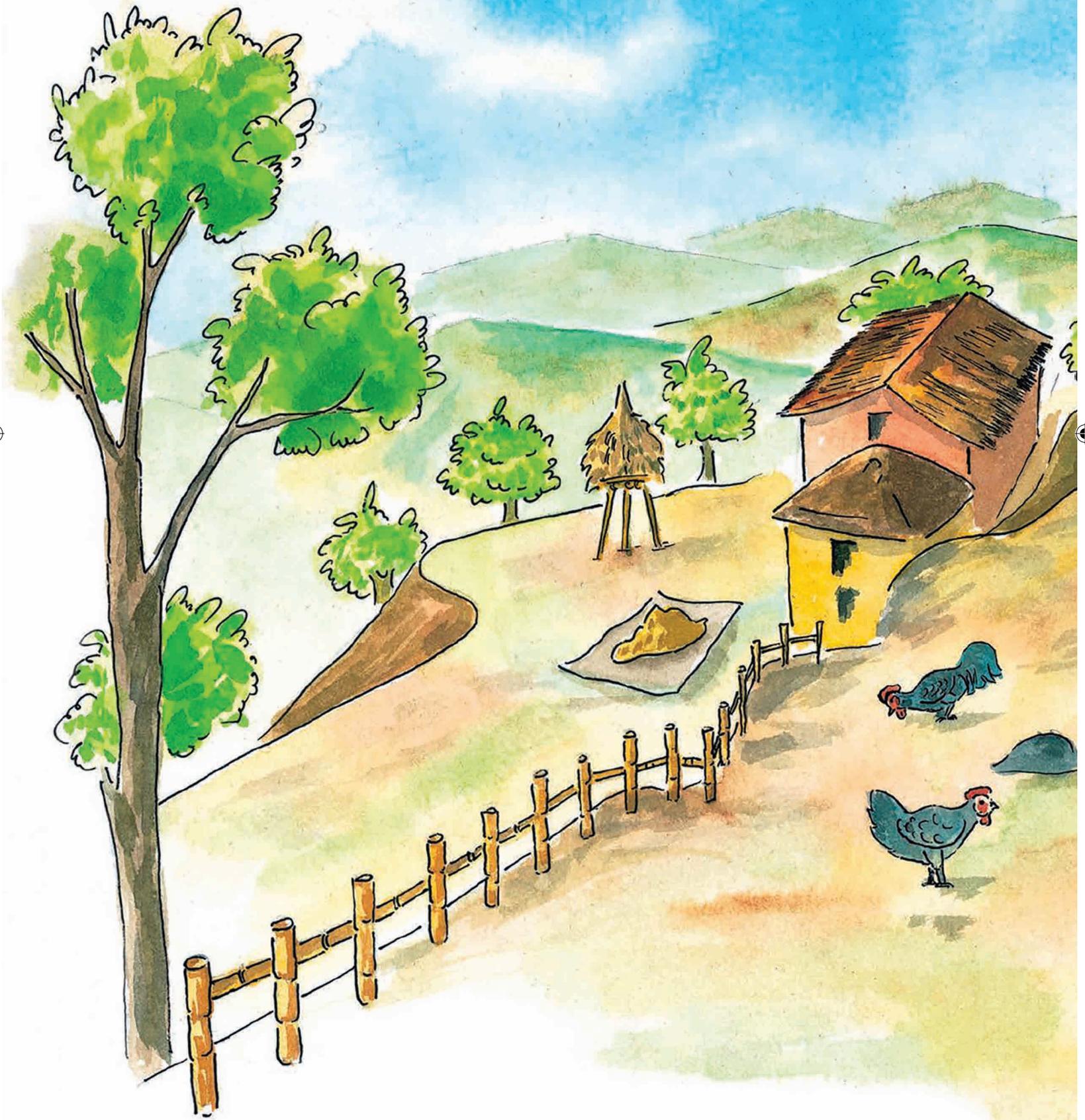


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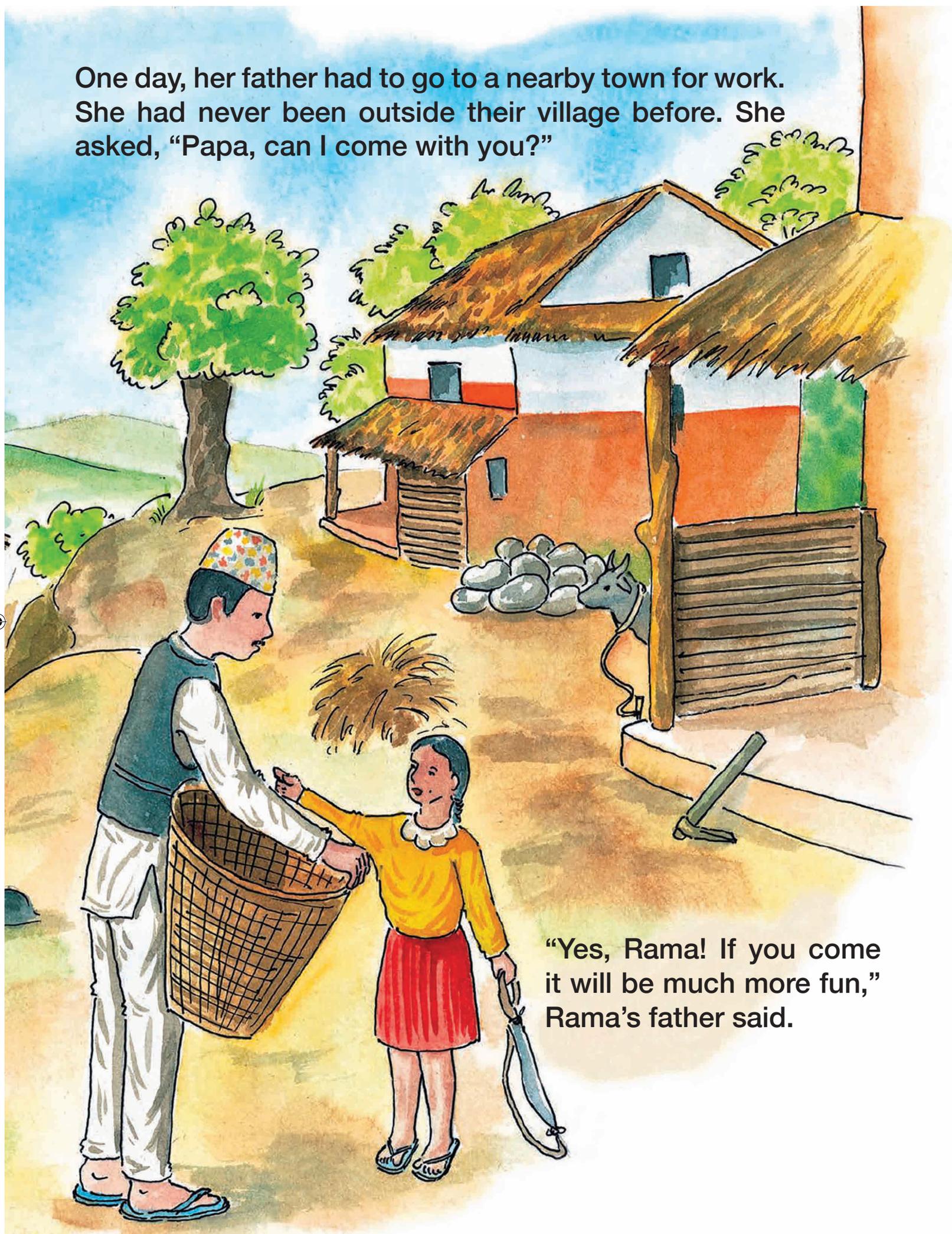


In a village there lived a little girl named Rama.



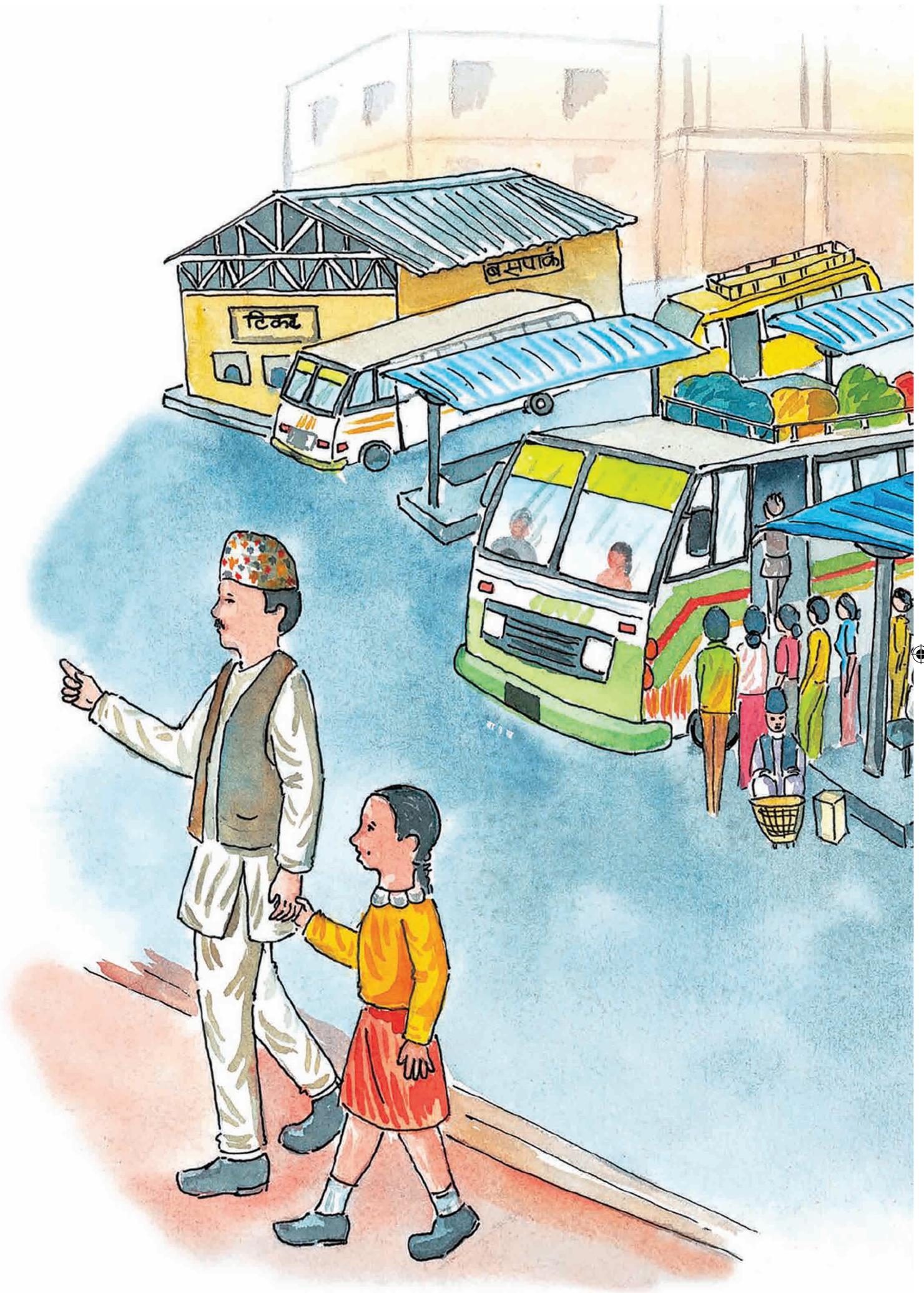


One day, her father had to go to a nearby town for work. She had never been outside their village before. She asked, "Papa, can I come with you?"



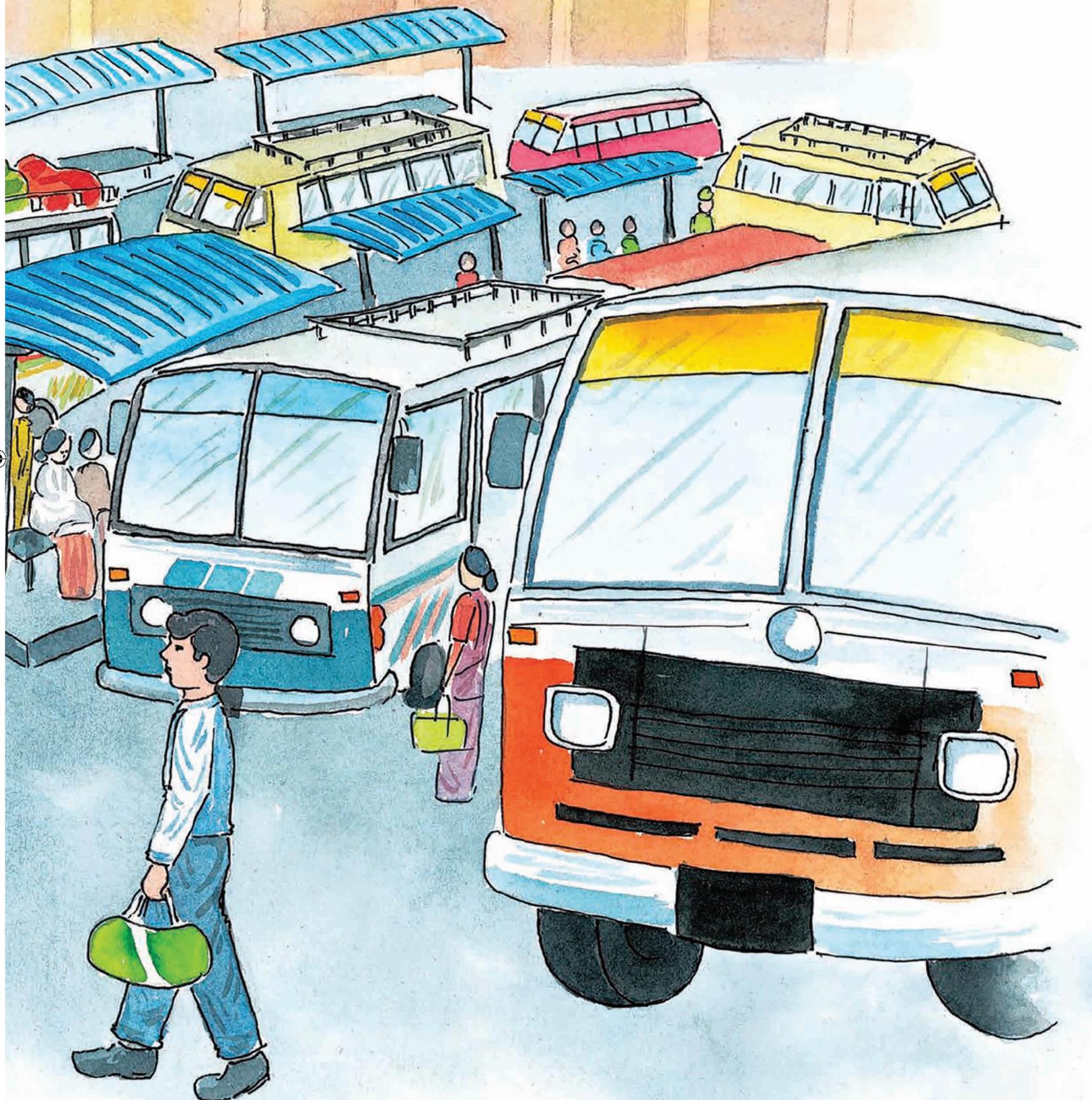
"Yes, Rama! If you come it will be much more fun," Rama's father said.





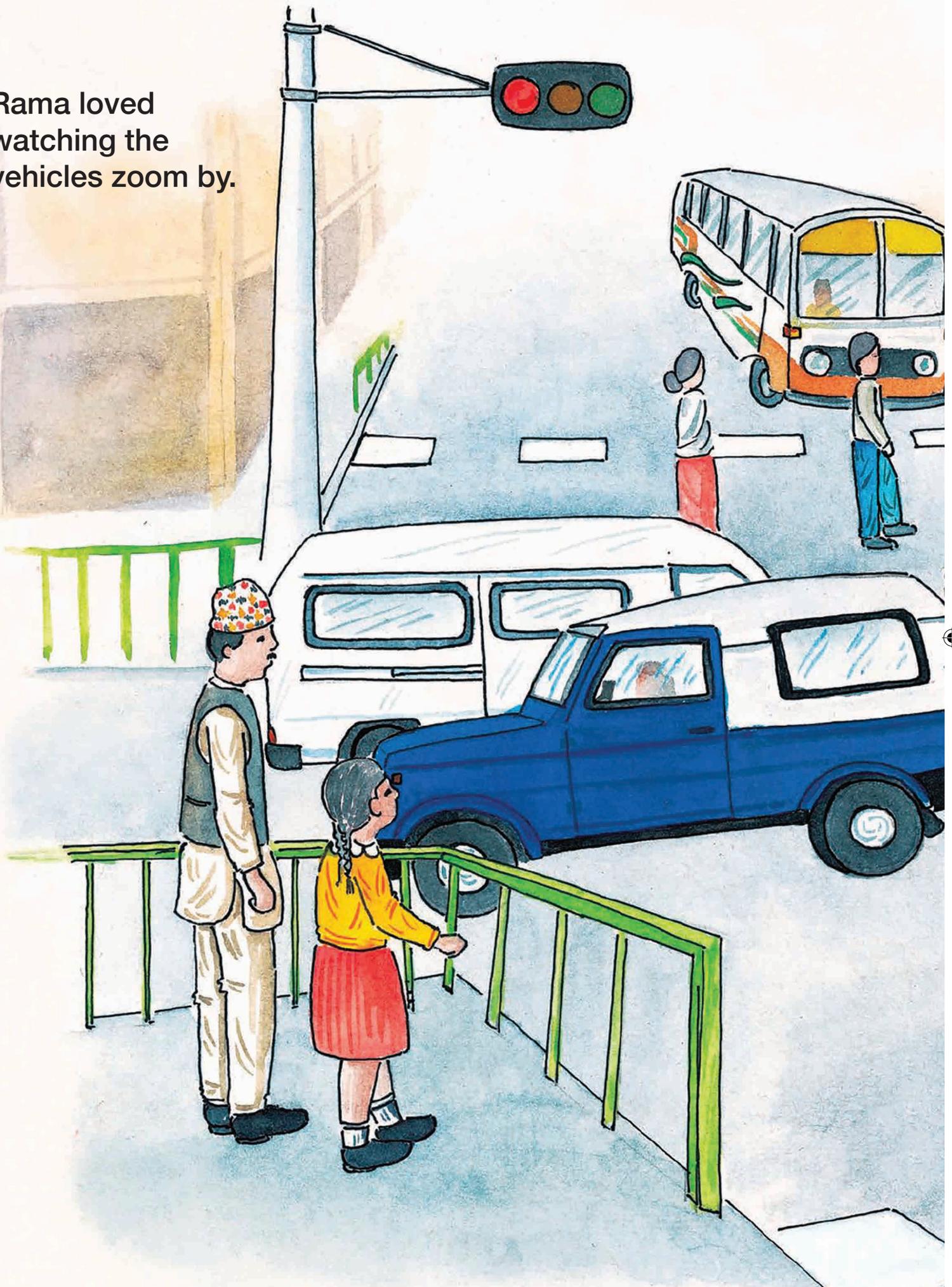


Rama and her father boarded a bus and arrived in the town a few hours later.



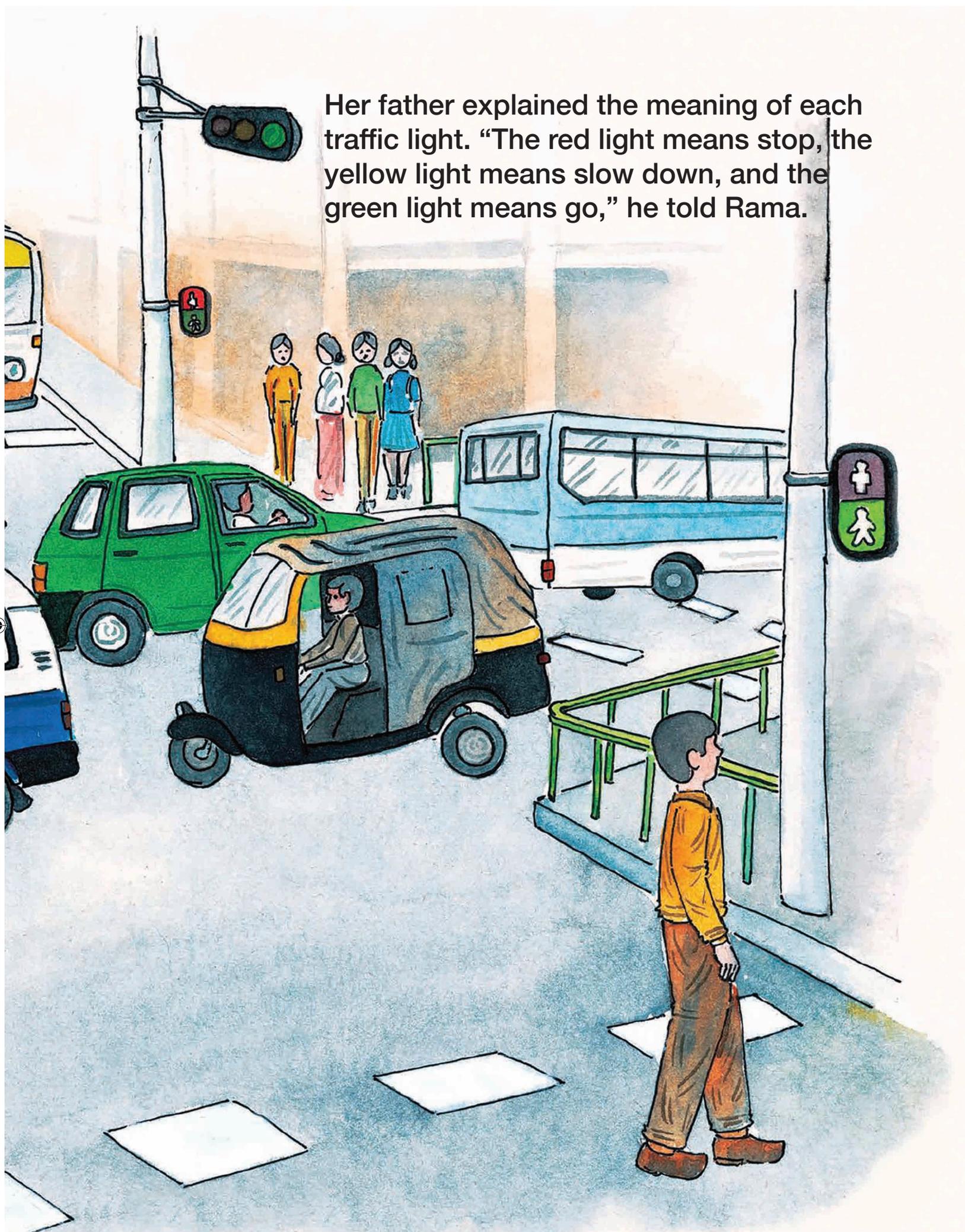


Rama loved watching the vehicles zoom by.





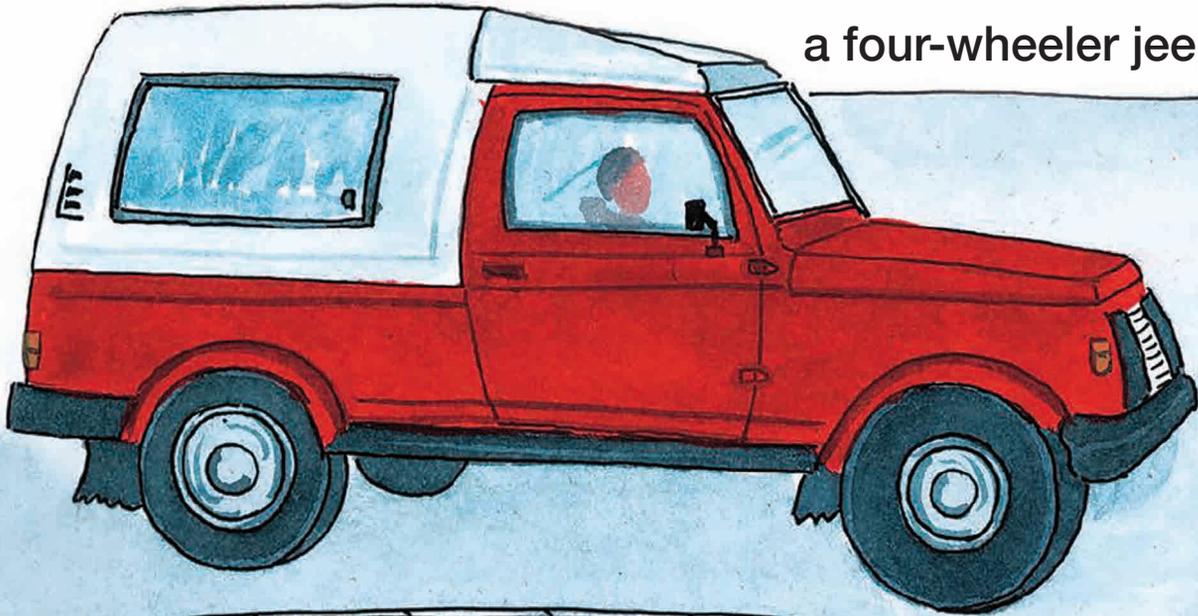
Her father explained the meaning of each traffic light. "The red light means stop, the yellow light means slow down, and the green light means go," he told Rama.



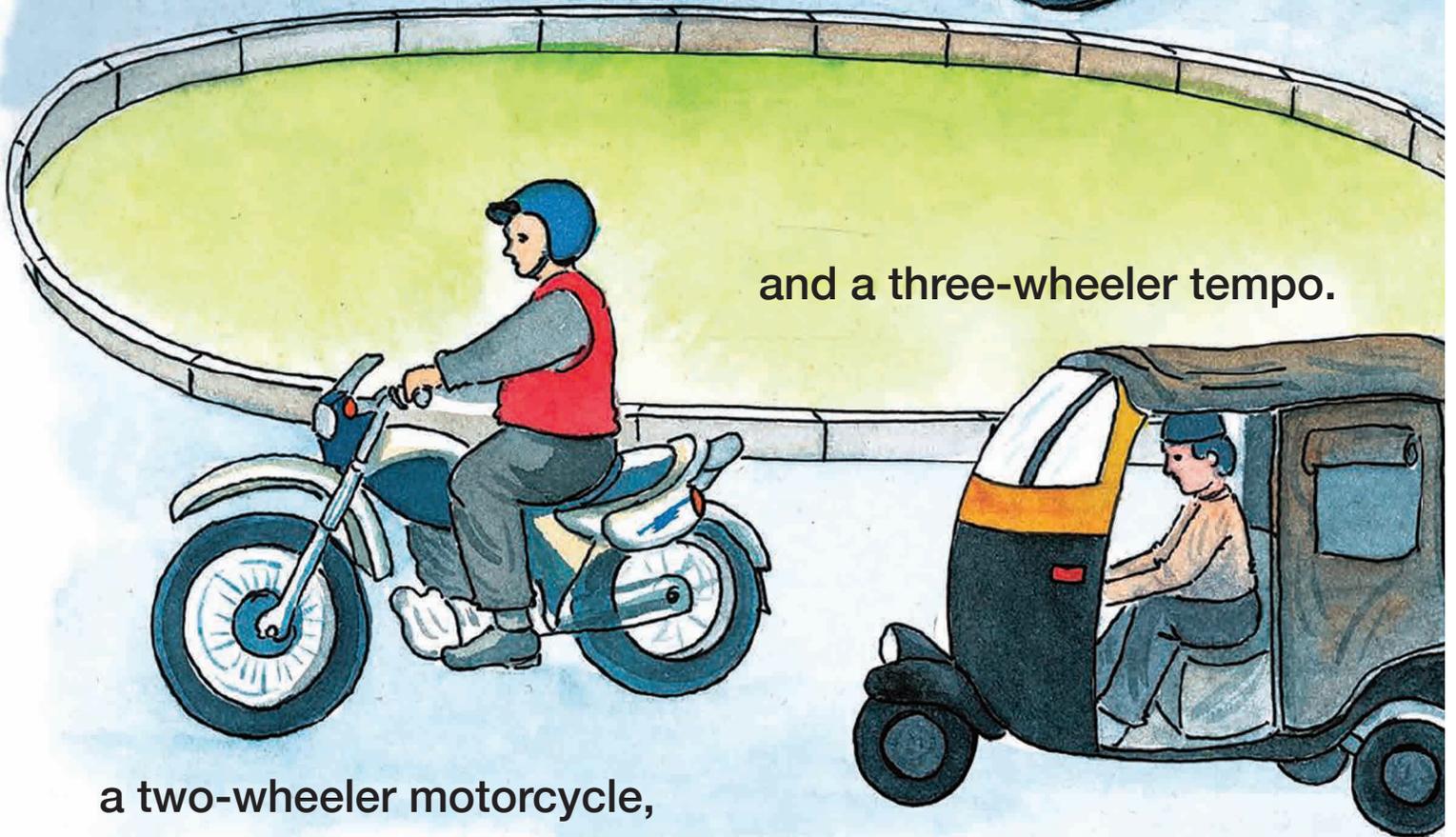


Rama saw

a four-wheeler jeep,



and a three-wheeler tempo.

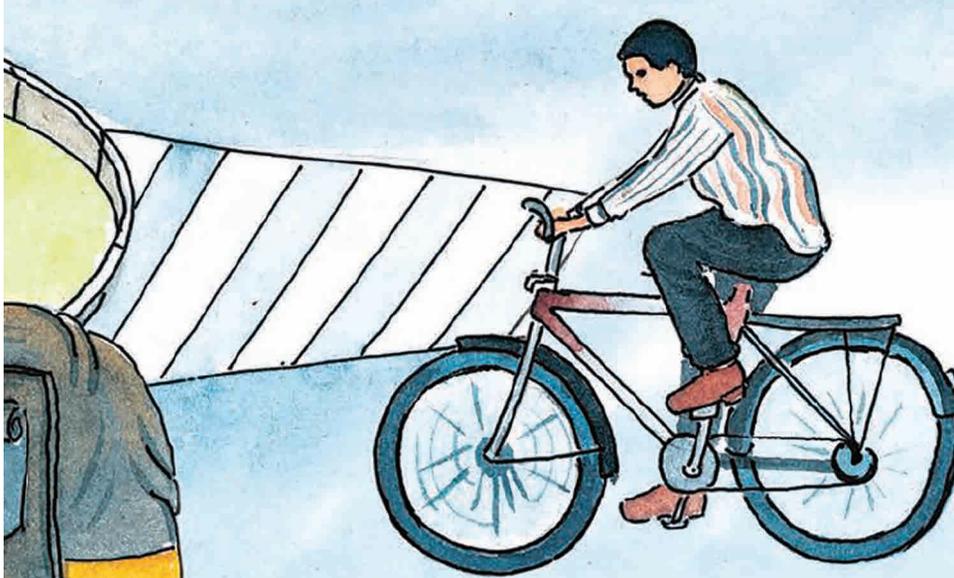
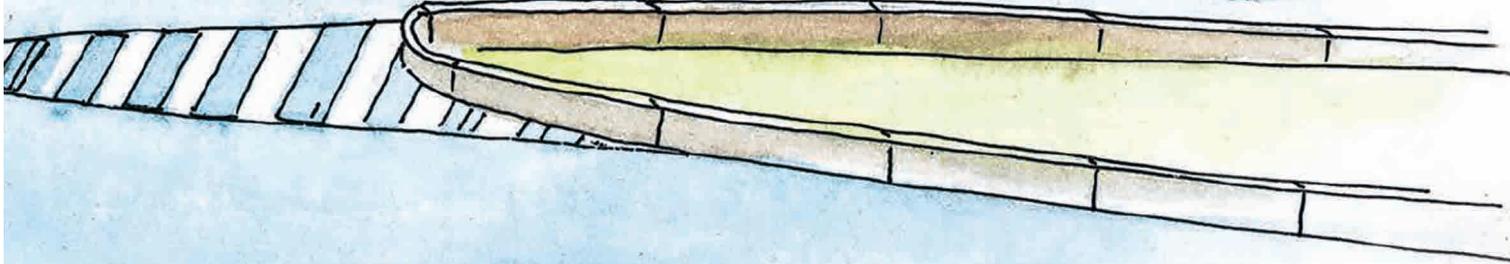


a two-wheeler motorcycle,





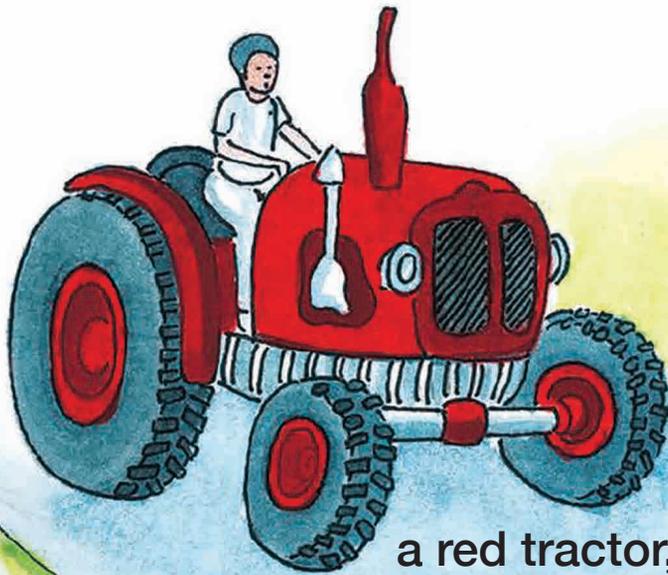
She saw big trucks



and small bicycles.



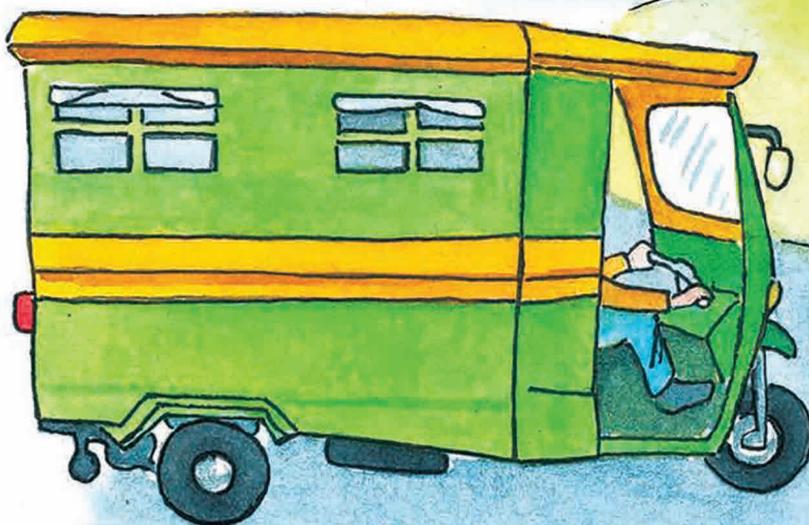
She also saw



a red tractor,



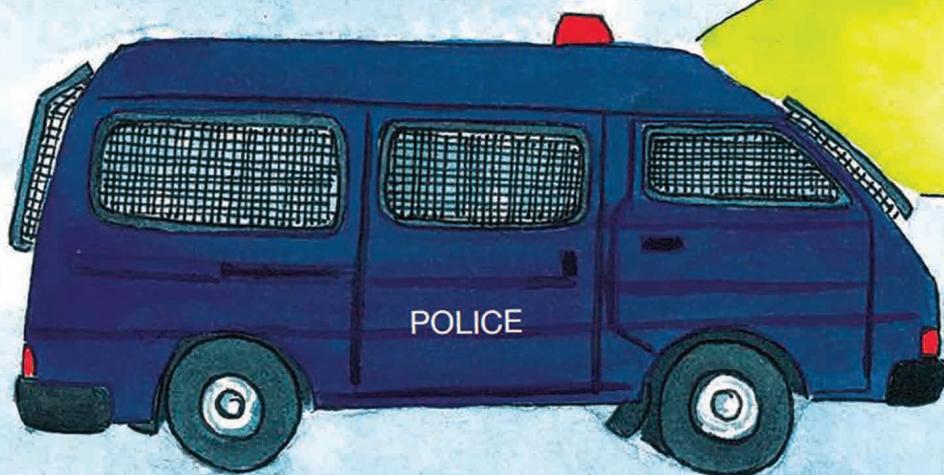
a white minibus,



a green tempo,



a yellow school bus,



a blue police van,



and a black car.



“Whose vehicles are these, Papa?” Rama asked.

“In Nepal,” replied her father,
“white numbers on red
license plates are
private vehicles,



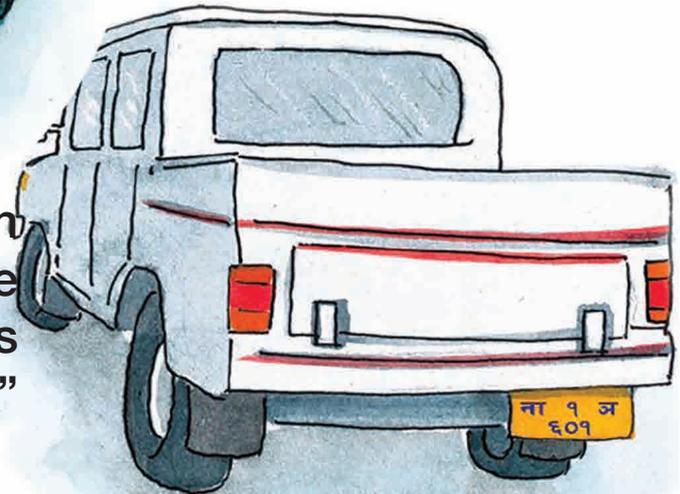
red numbers on white license
plates are government vehicles,



white numbers on black
license plates are public
vehicles,

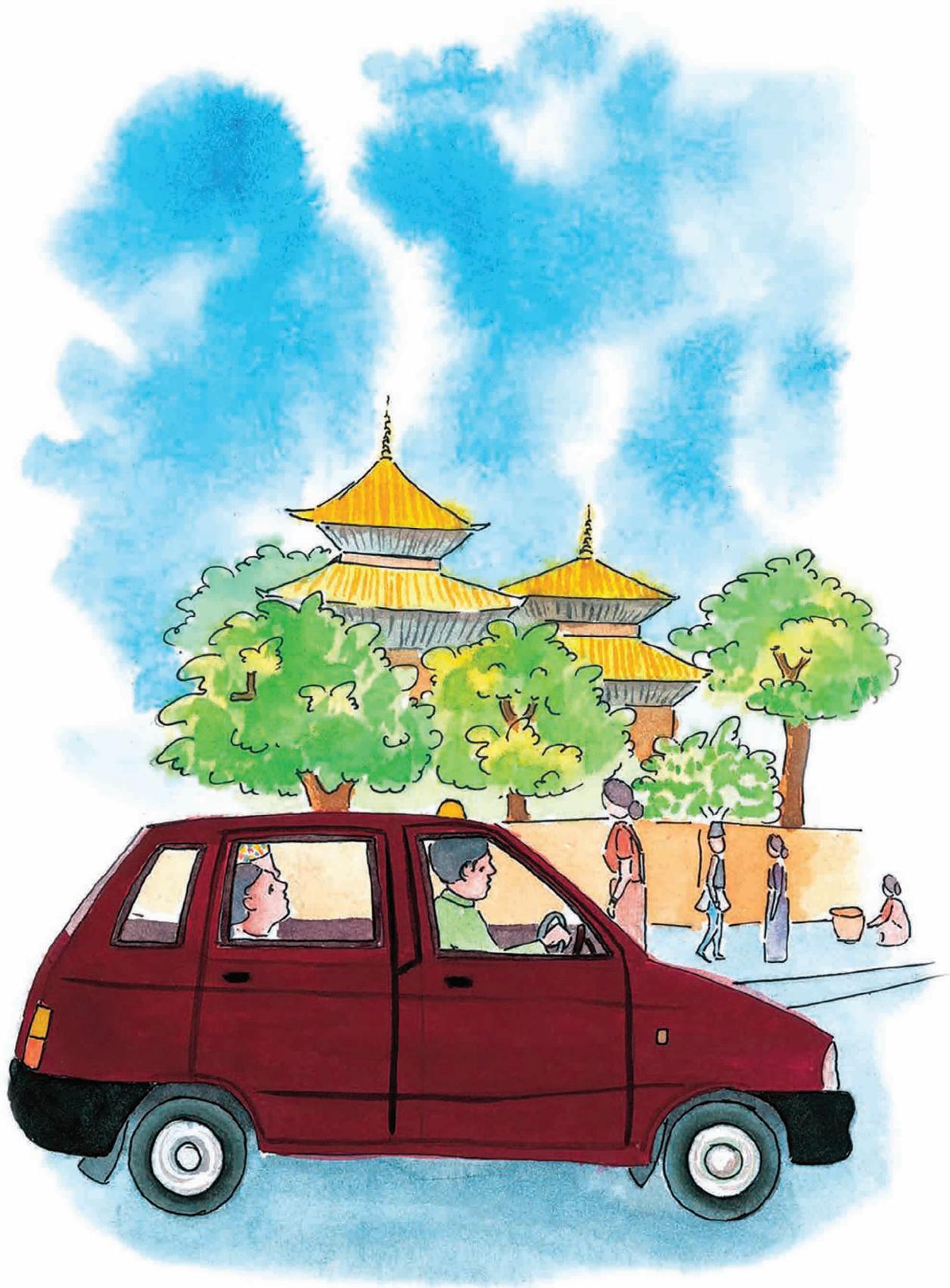


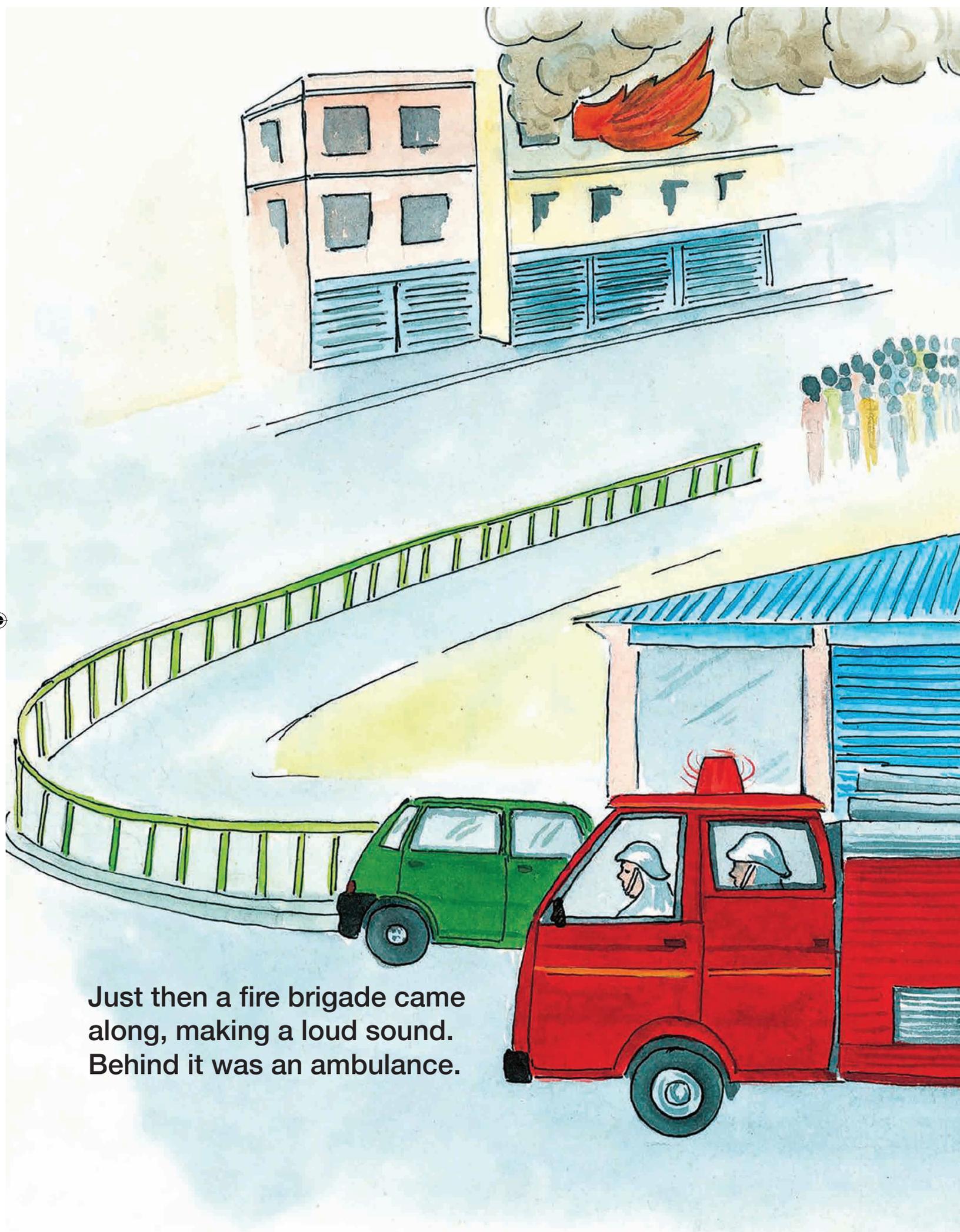
and blue numbers on
yellow license plates are
vehicles owned by corporations
or the town council.”





After they watched more cars and trucks and buses zoom by, Rama's father said, "Let's catch a taxi and tour the town, Rama!"





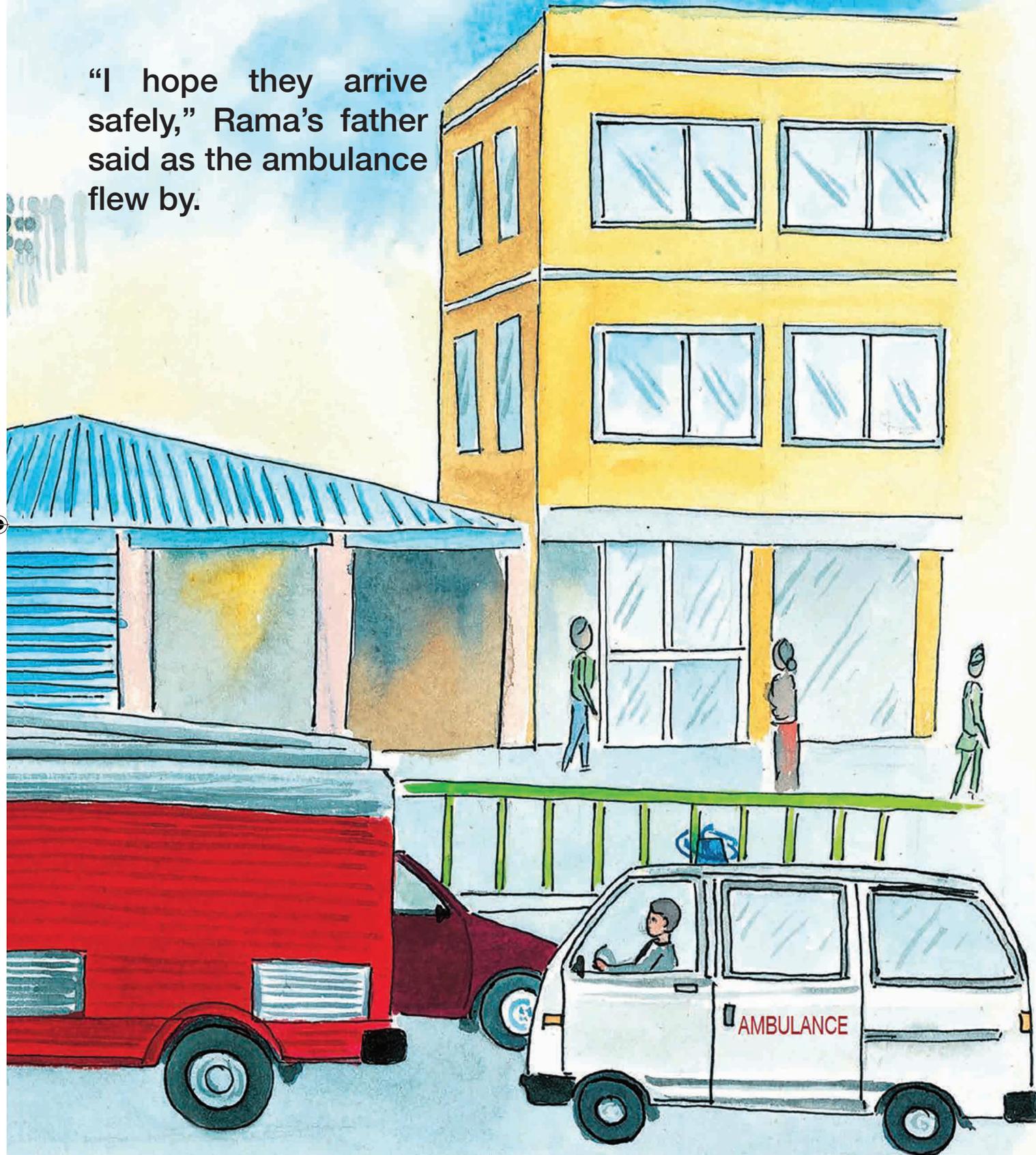
Just then a fire brigade came along, making a loud sound. Behind it was an ambulance.





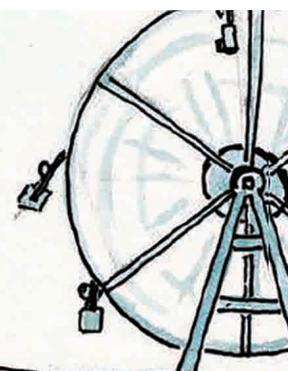
An ambulance carries sick or injured people to the hospital as fast as they can go. Other vehicles make way for it or stop so that the ambulance can pass by quickly.

“I hope they arrive safely,” Rama’s father said as the ambulance flew by.

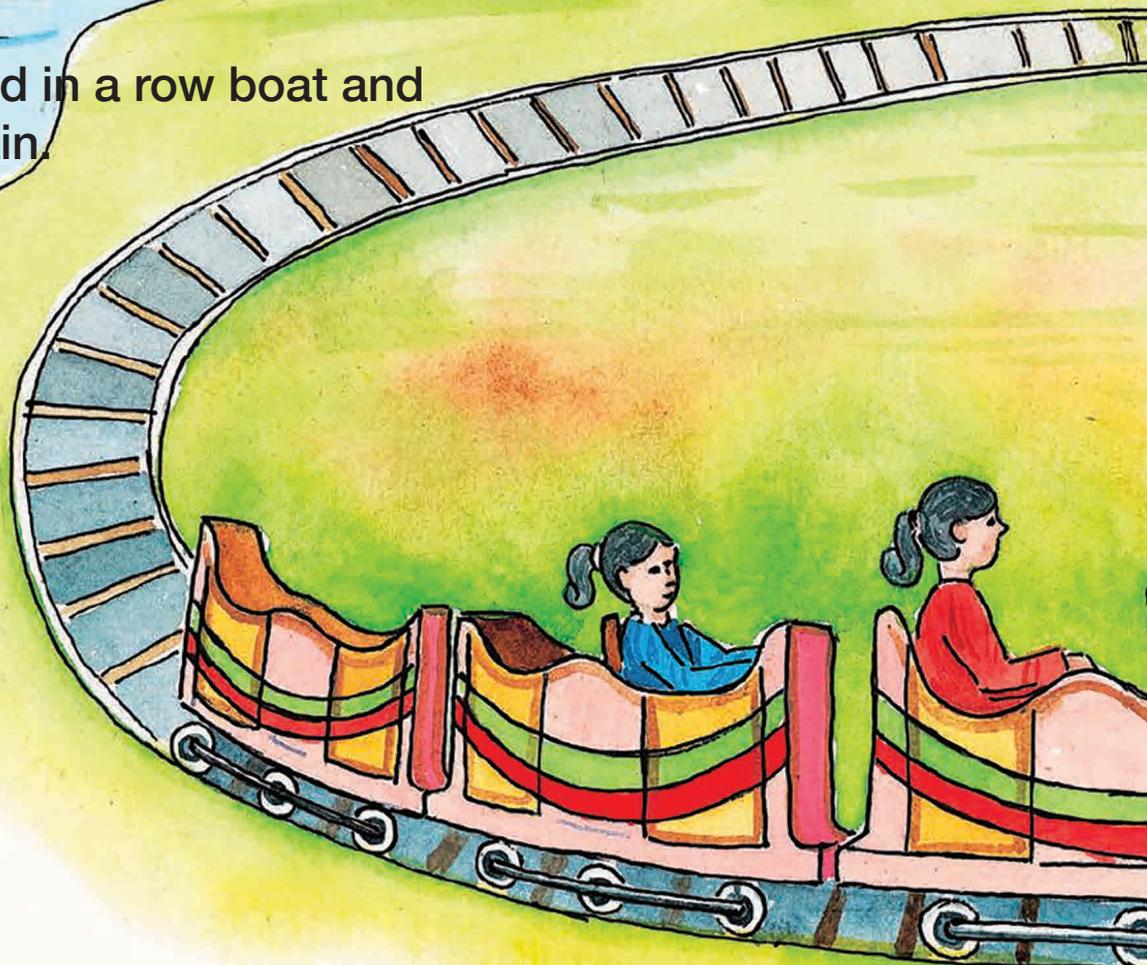


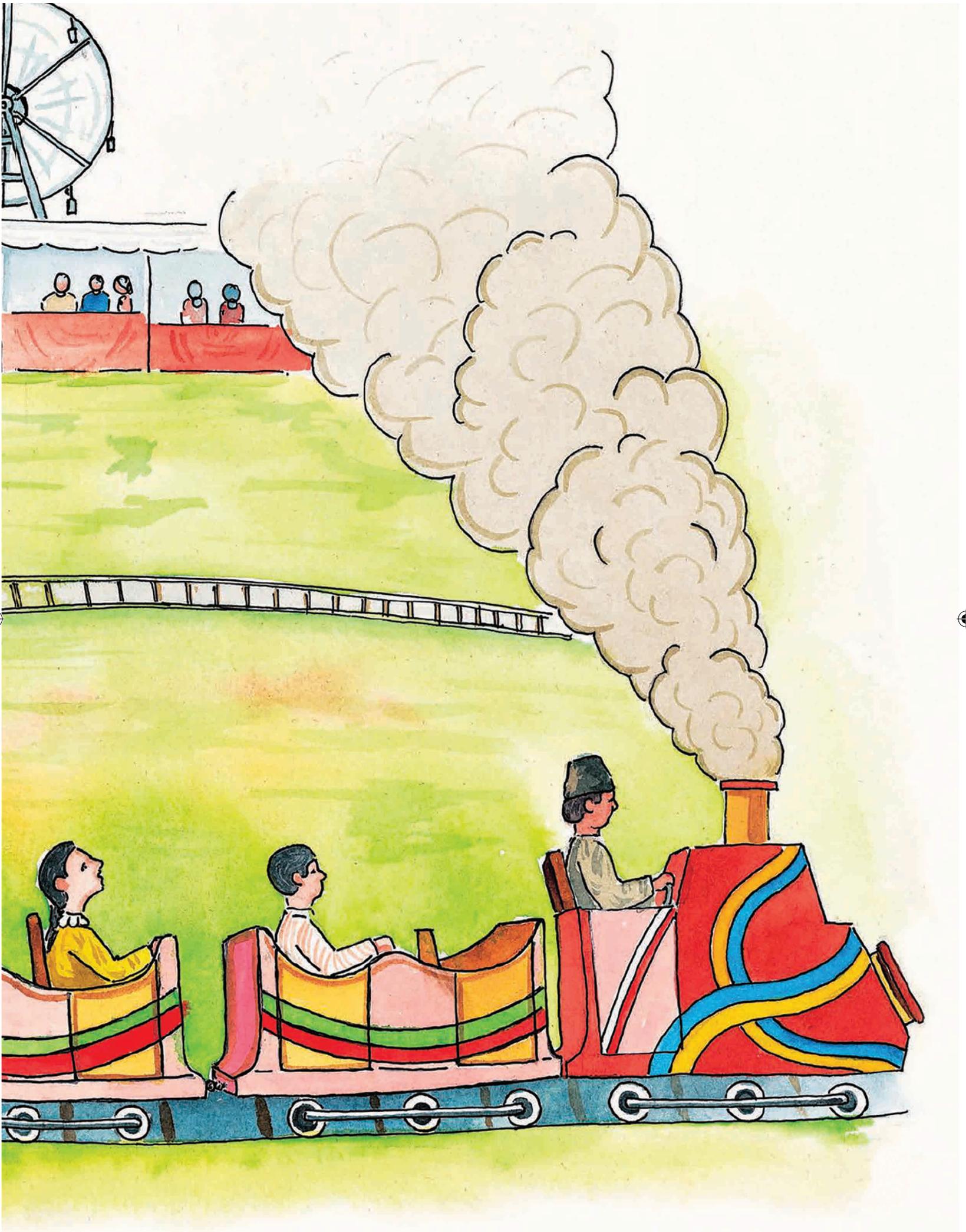


The next day, Rama and her father went to a fair.

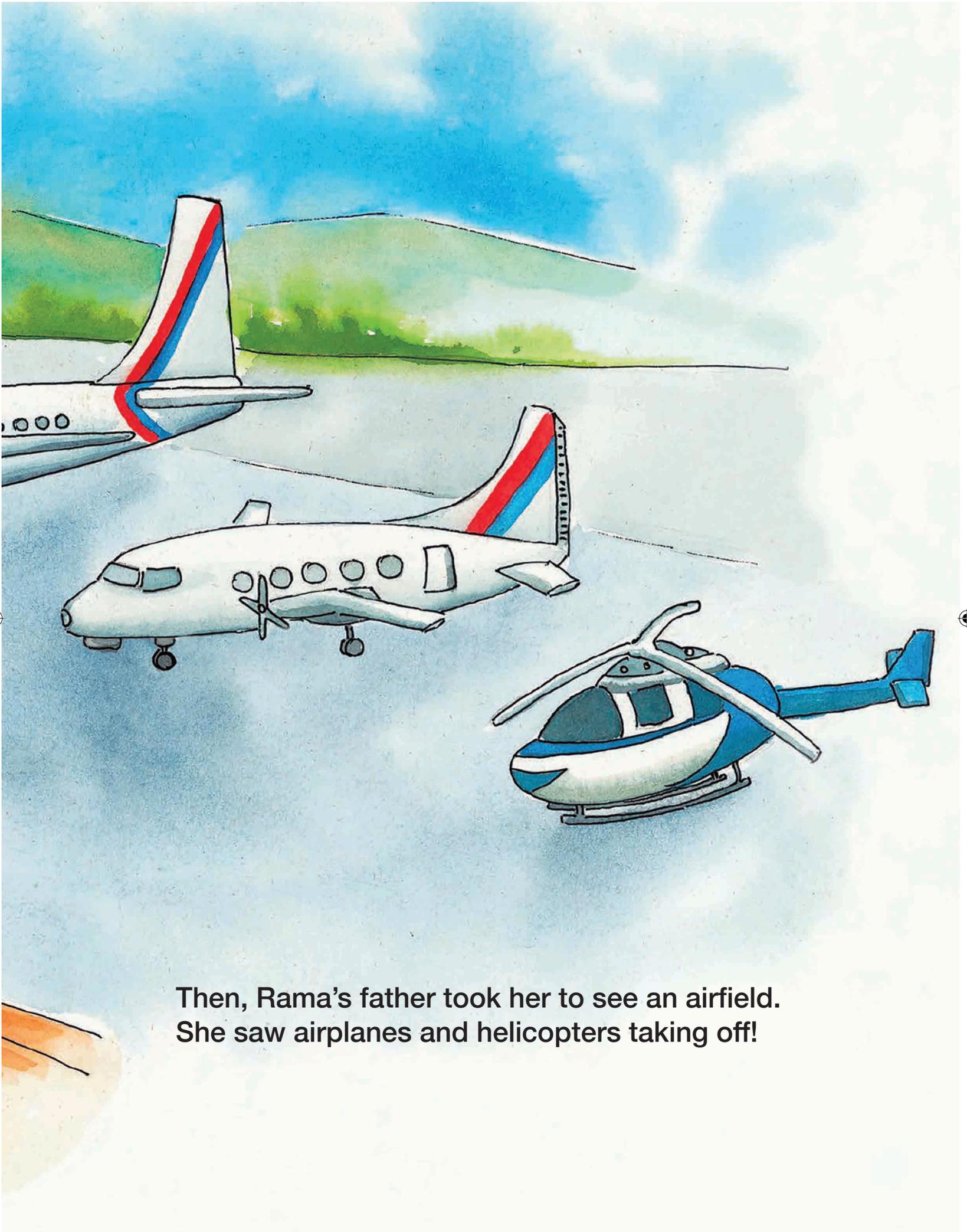


Rama paddled in a row boat and rode a toy train.







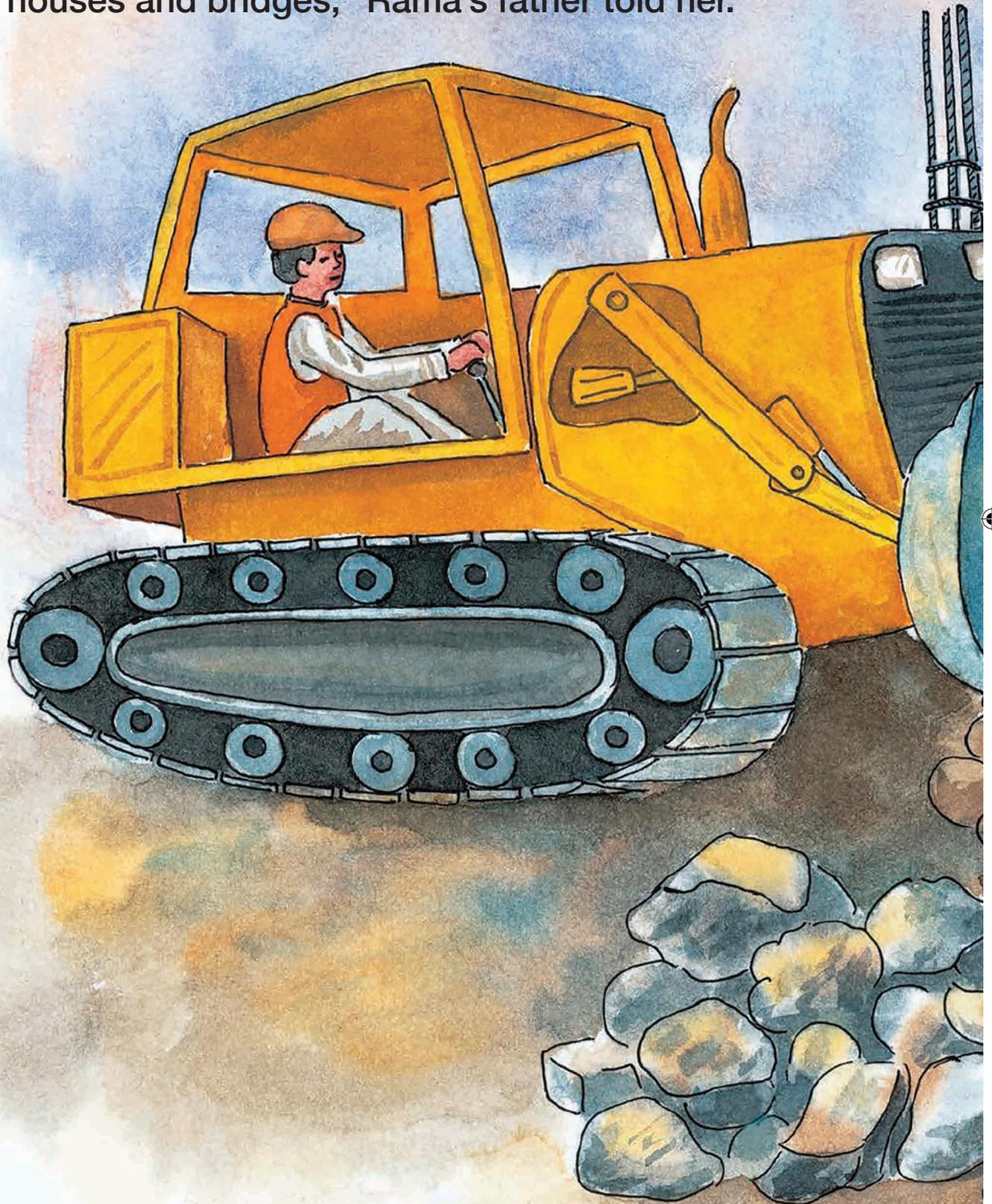


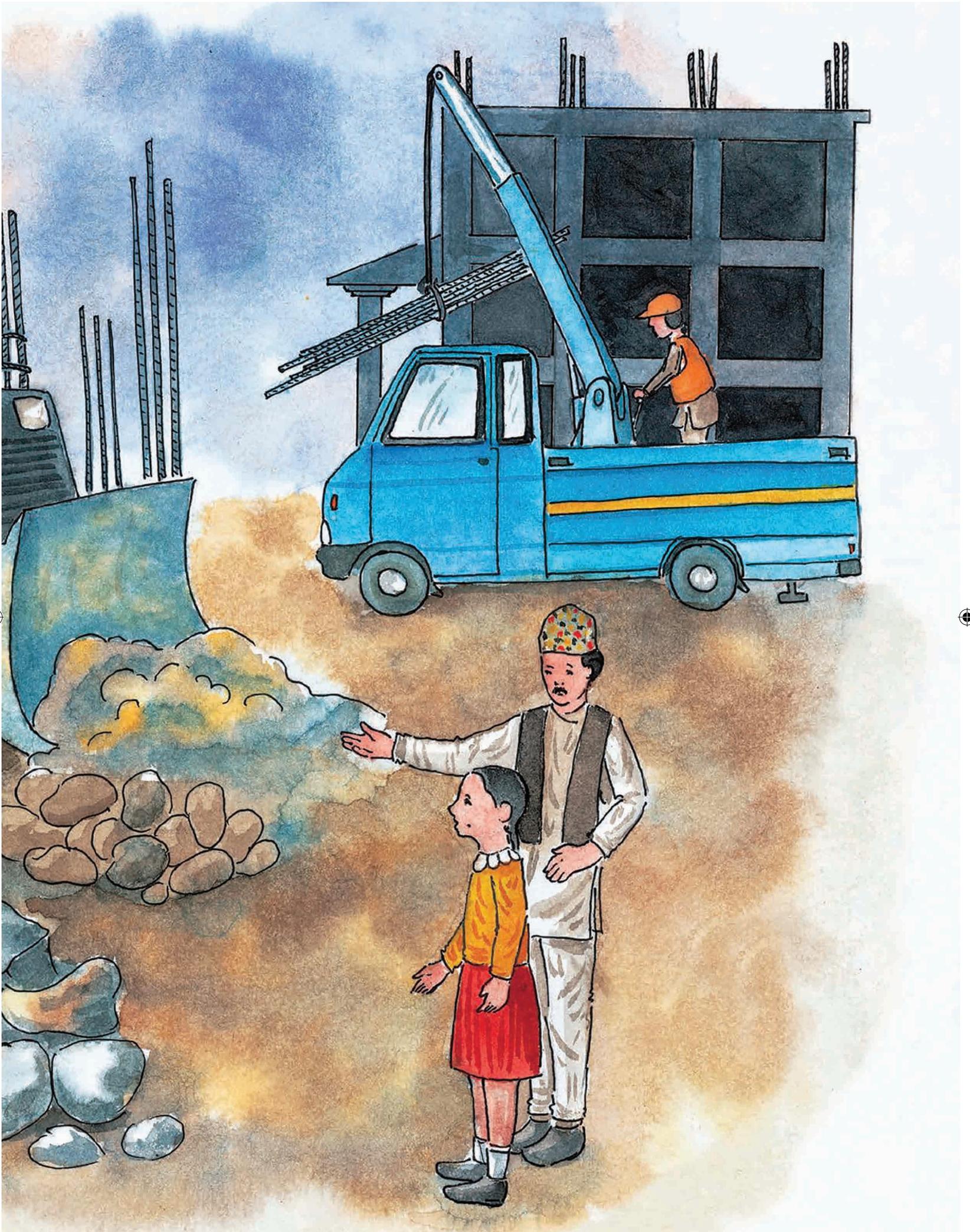
Then, Rama's father took her to see an airfield.
She saw airplanes and helicopters taking off!

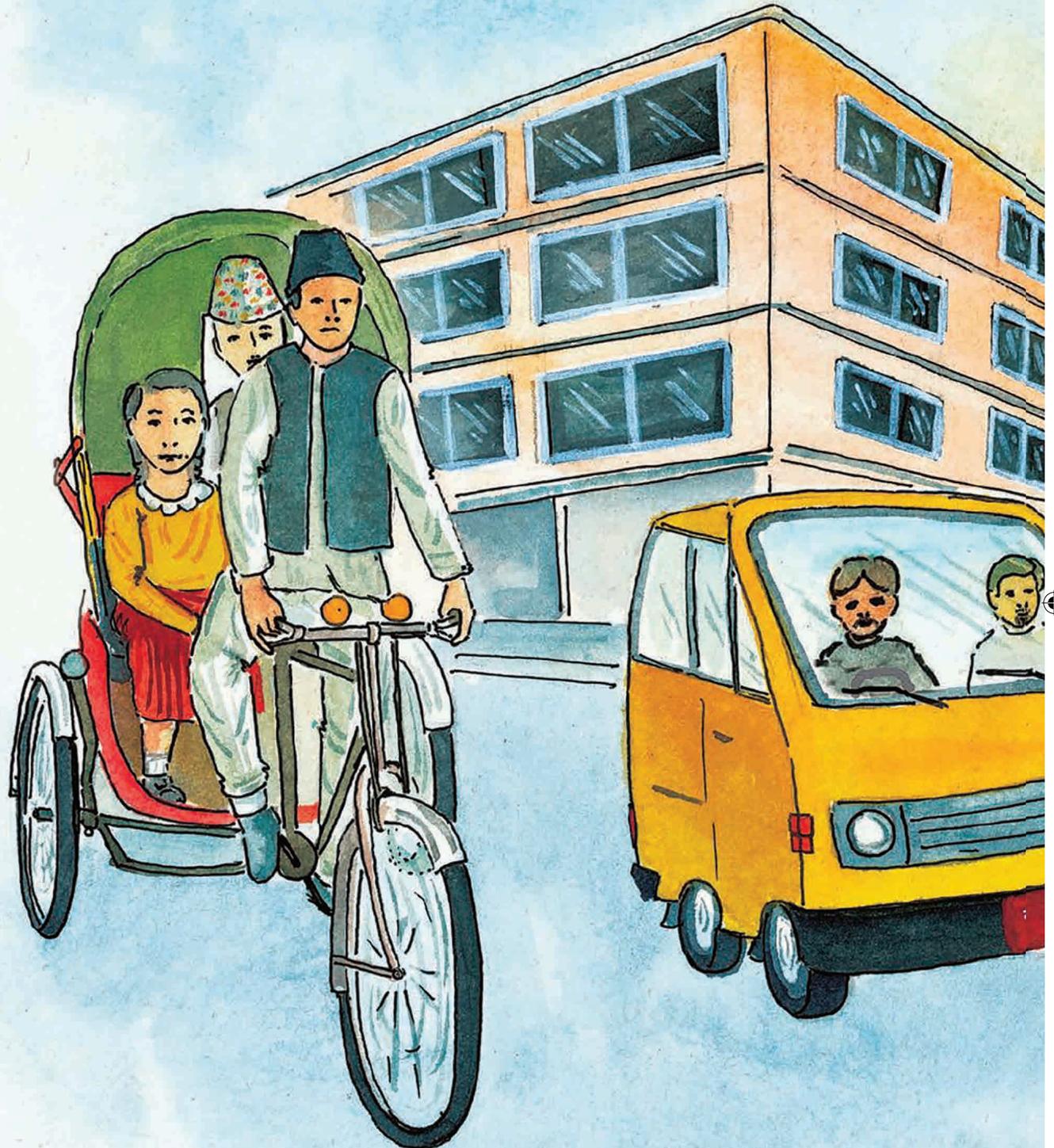




On their way back, Rama saw bulldozers and cranes on the road. “Bulldozers help build roads. Cranes help build houses and bridges,” Rama’s father told her.





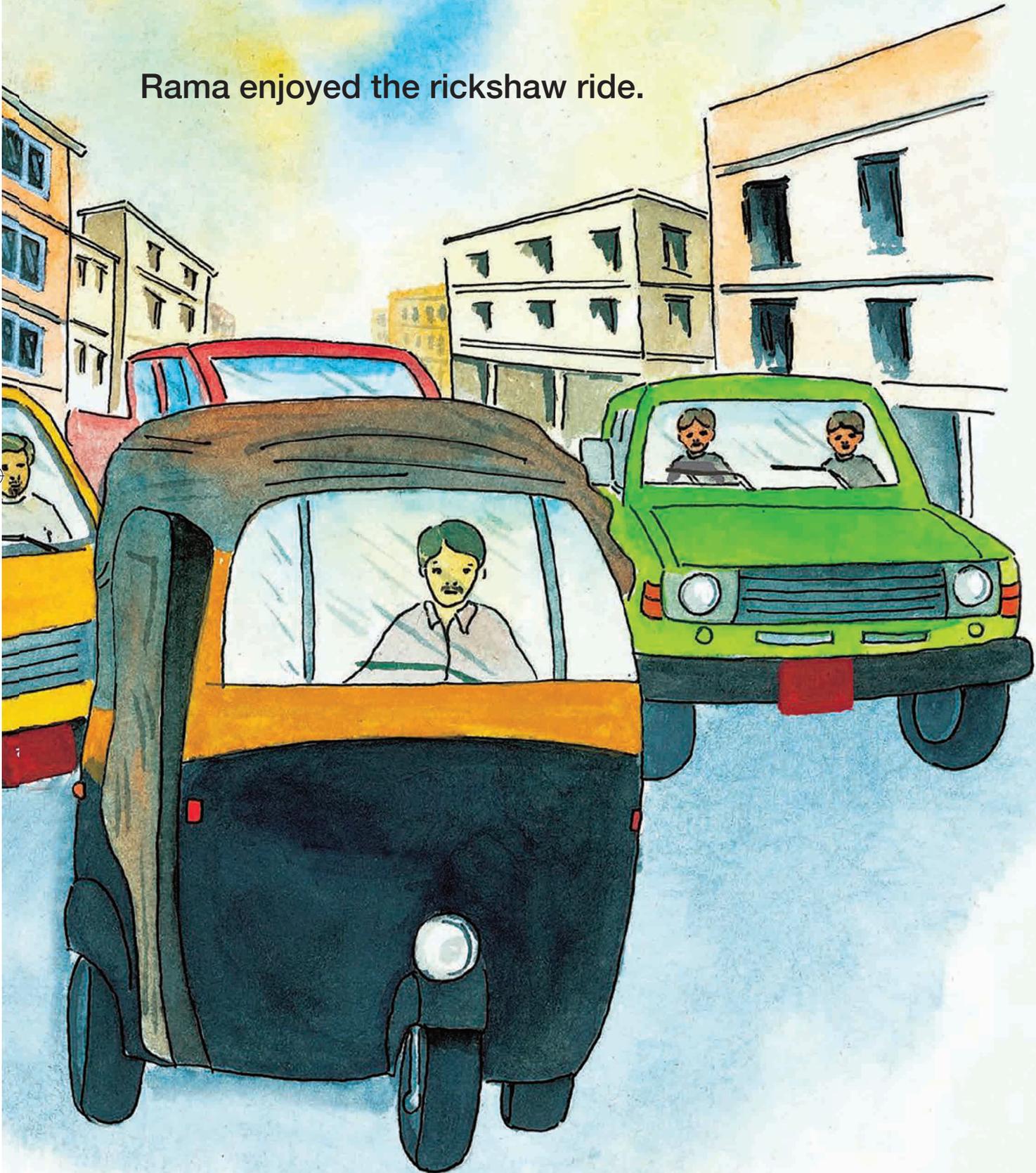


The next morning, Rama and her father boarded a rickshaw and left for the bus stop to return to their village.





Rama enjoyed the rickshaw ride.





Rama thought, “Once I’m back in the village, I’ll tell my friends about all the vehicles I saw.”



Rama was very happy.

