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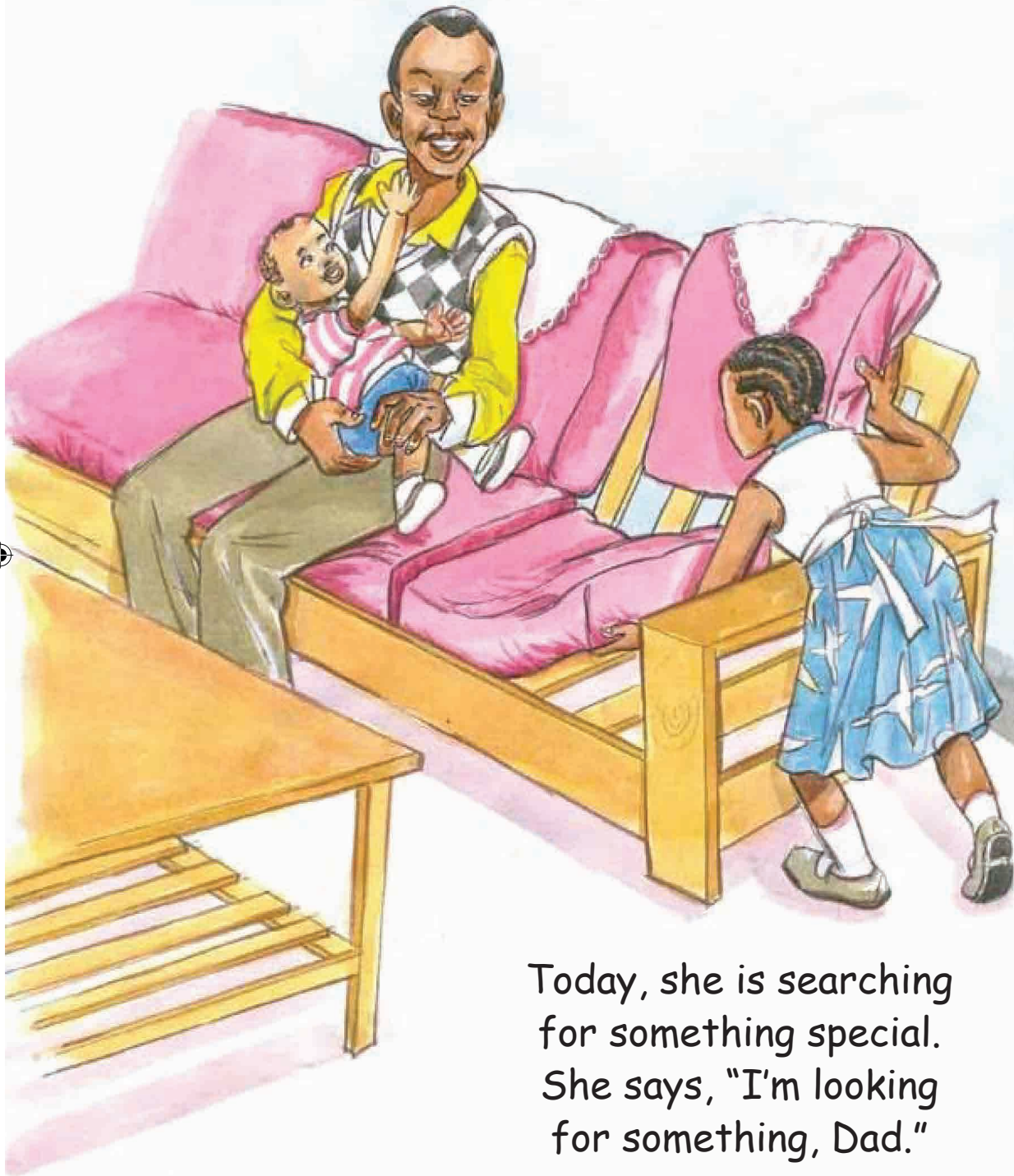
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Bahati is a forgetful girl.





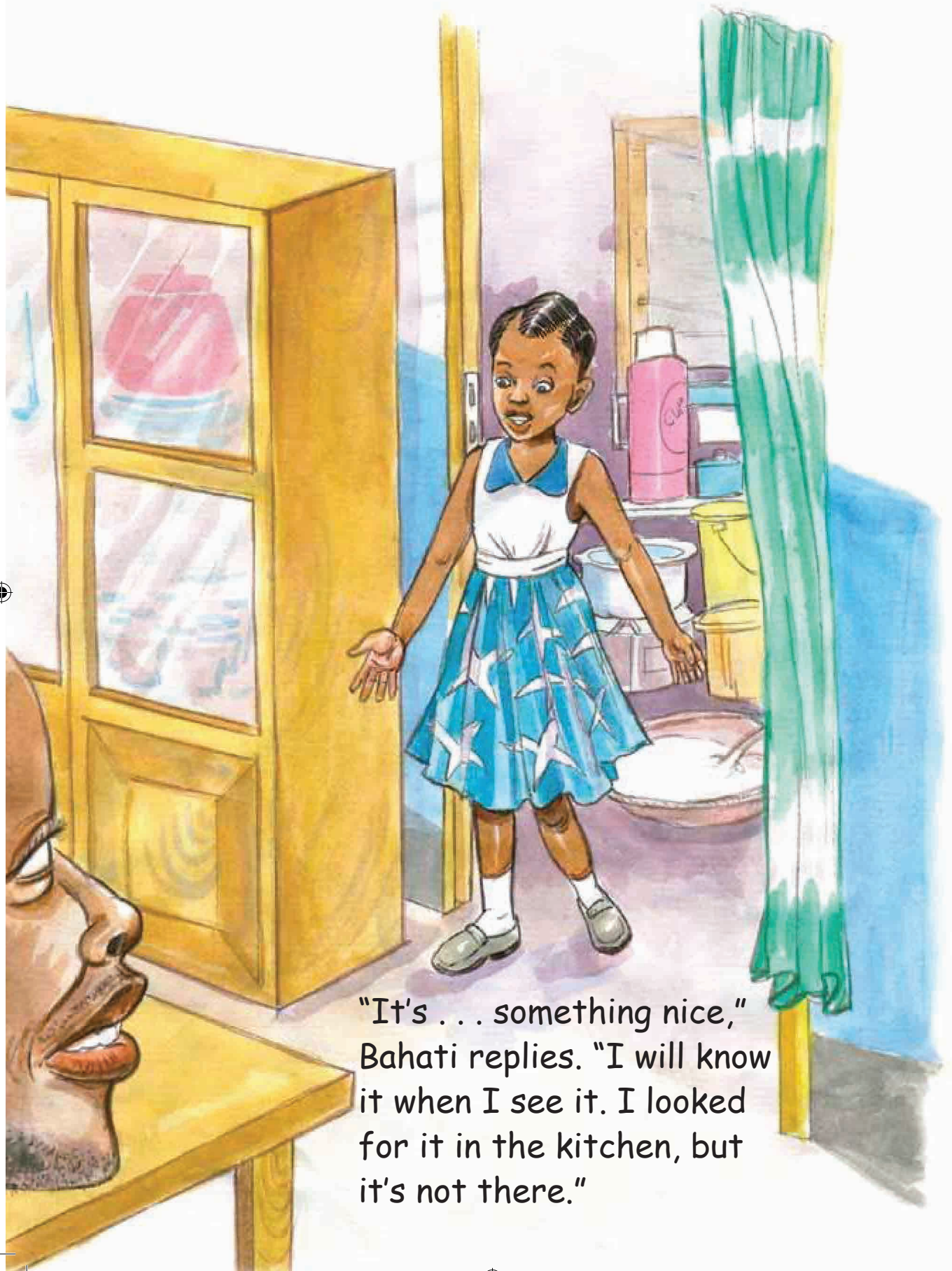
Today, she is searching
for something special.
She says, "I'm looking
for something, Dad."





"What is it?" Dad asks.



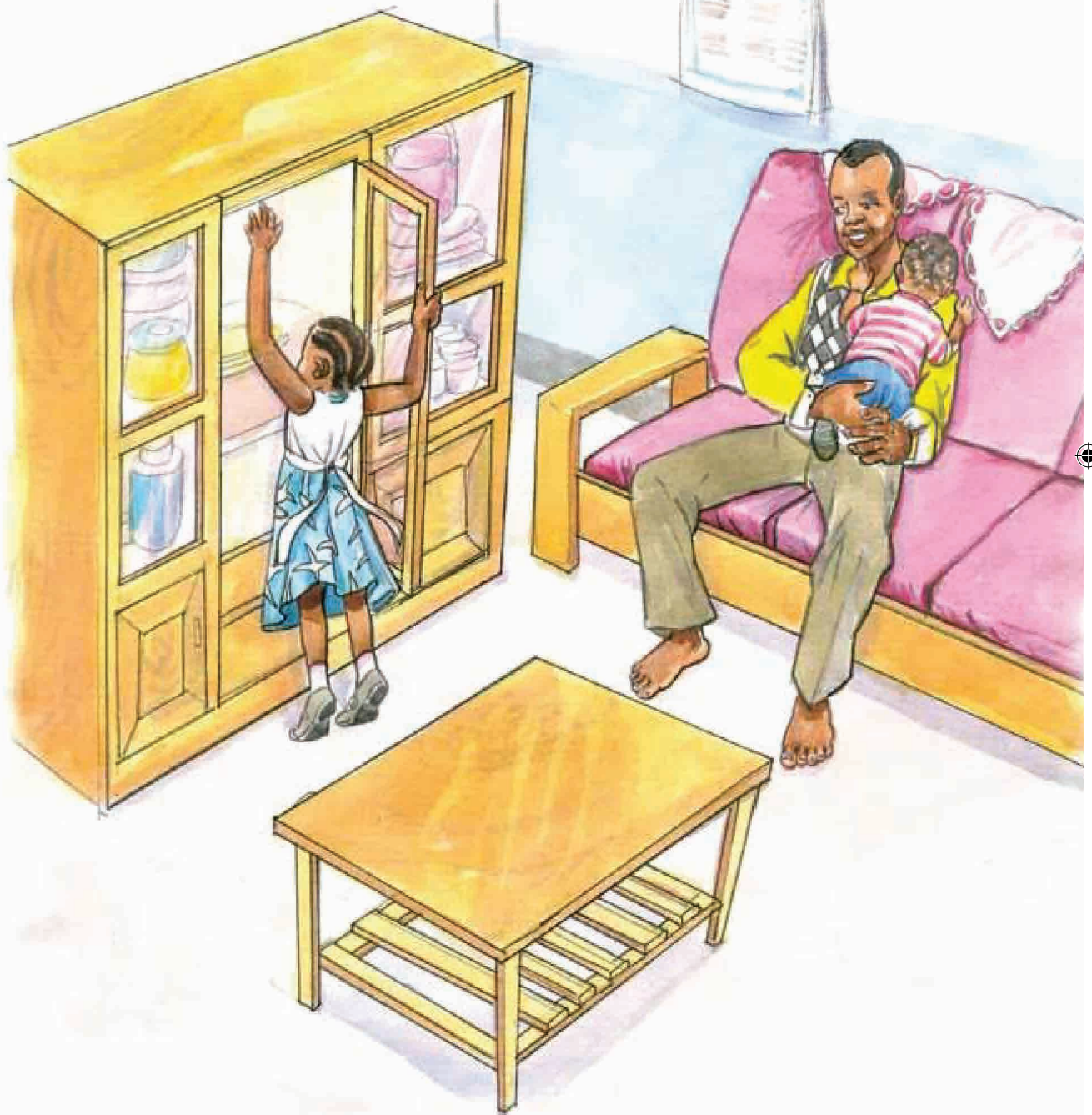


"It's . . . something nice," Bahati replies. "I will know it when I see it. I looked for it in the kitchen, but it's not there."



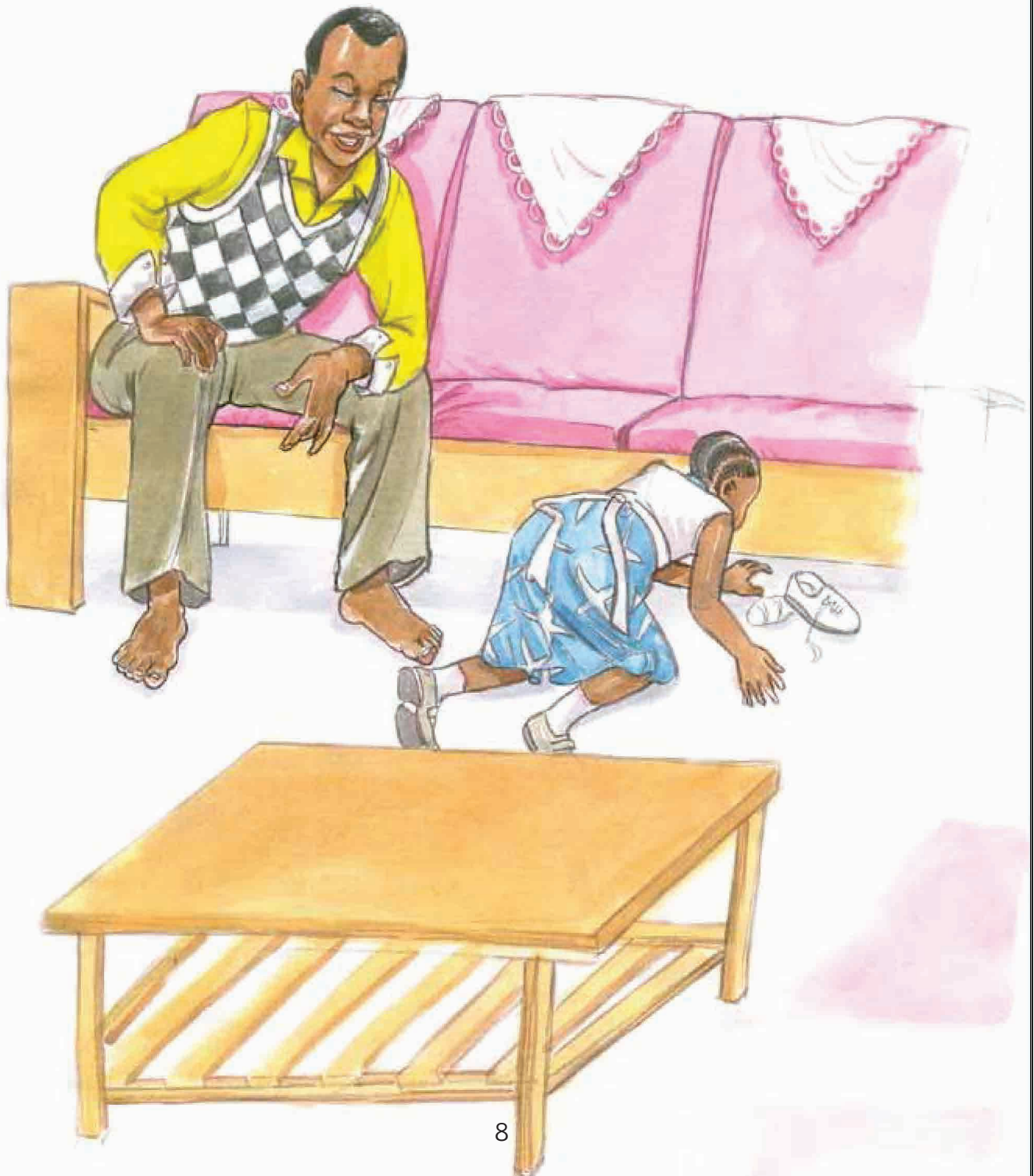


"It's not in the cupboard either!" Bahati exclaims.
"Where did I put it?"



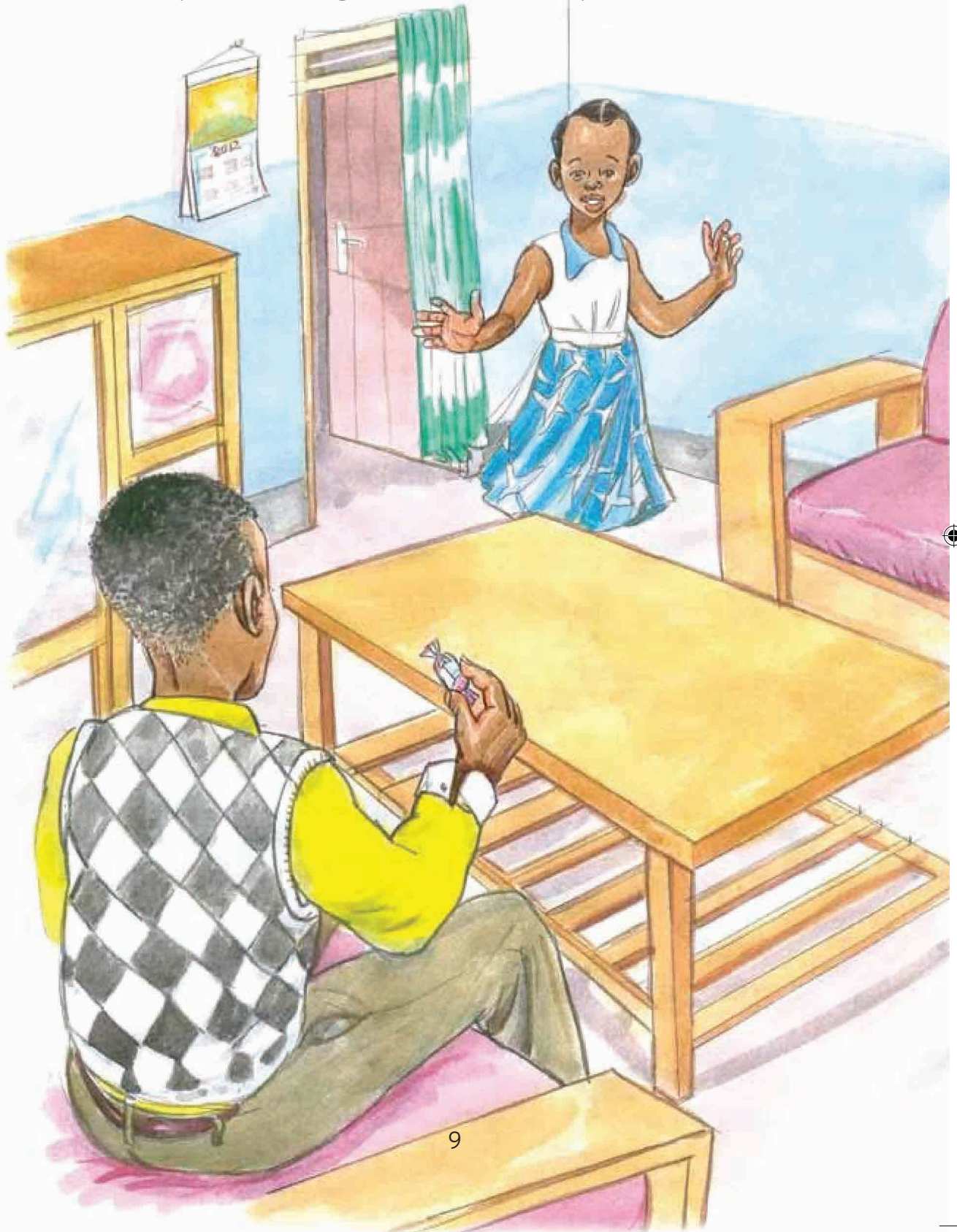


"I'll keep searching for it," Bahati says.
"Dad, have you seen it?"



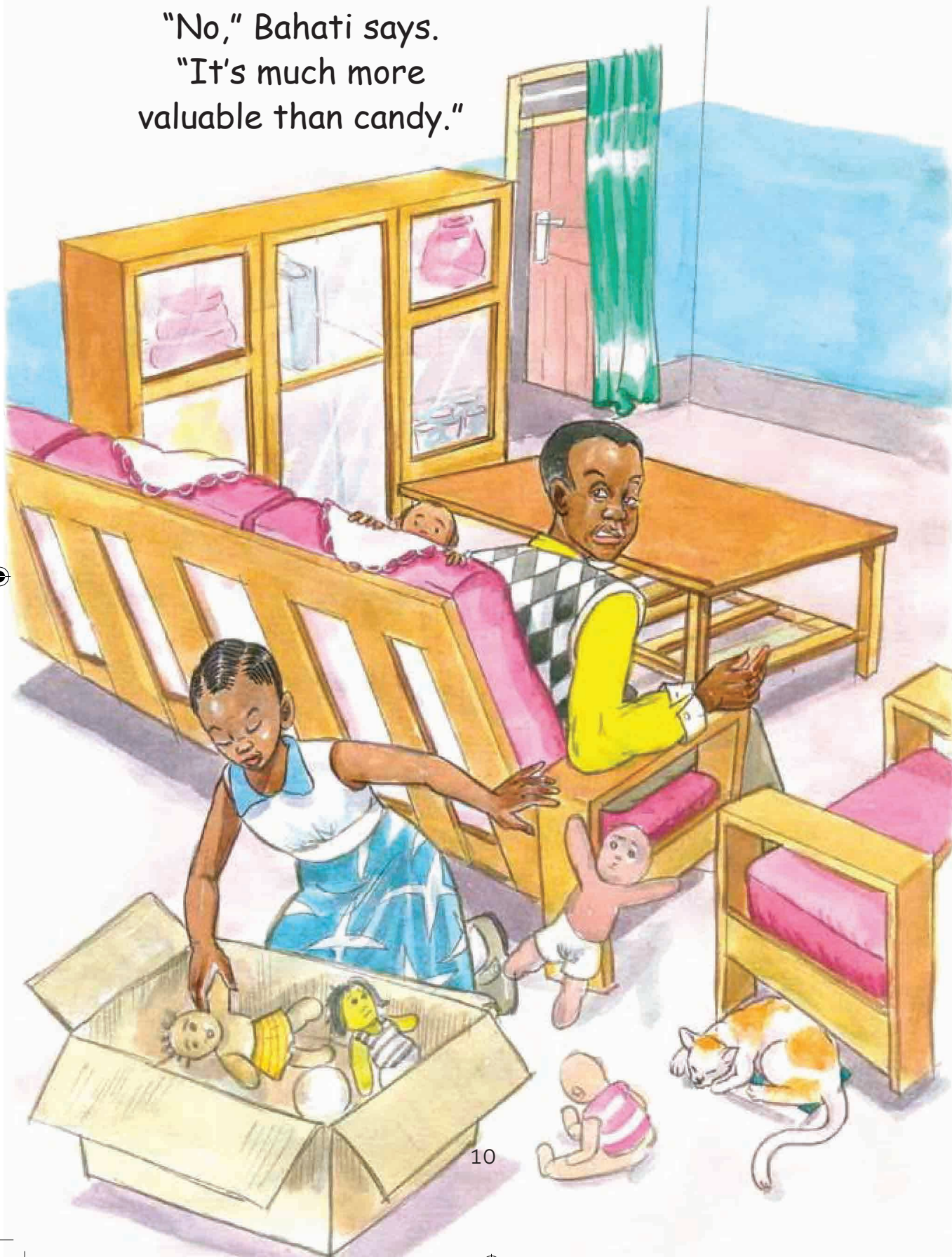


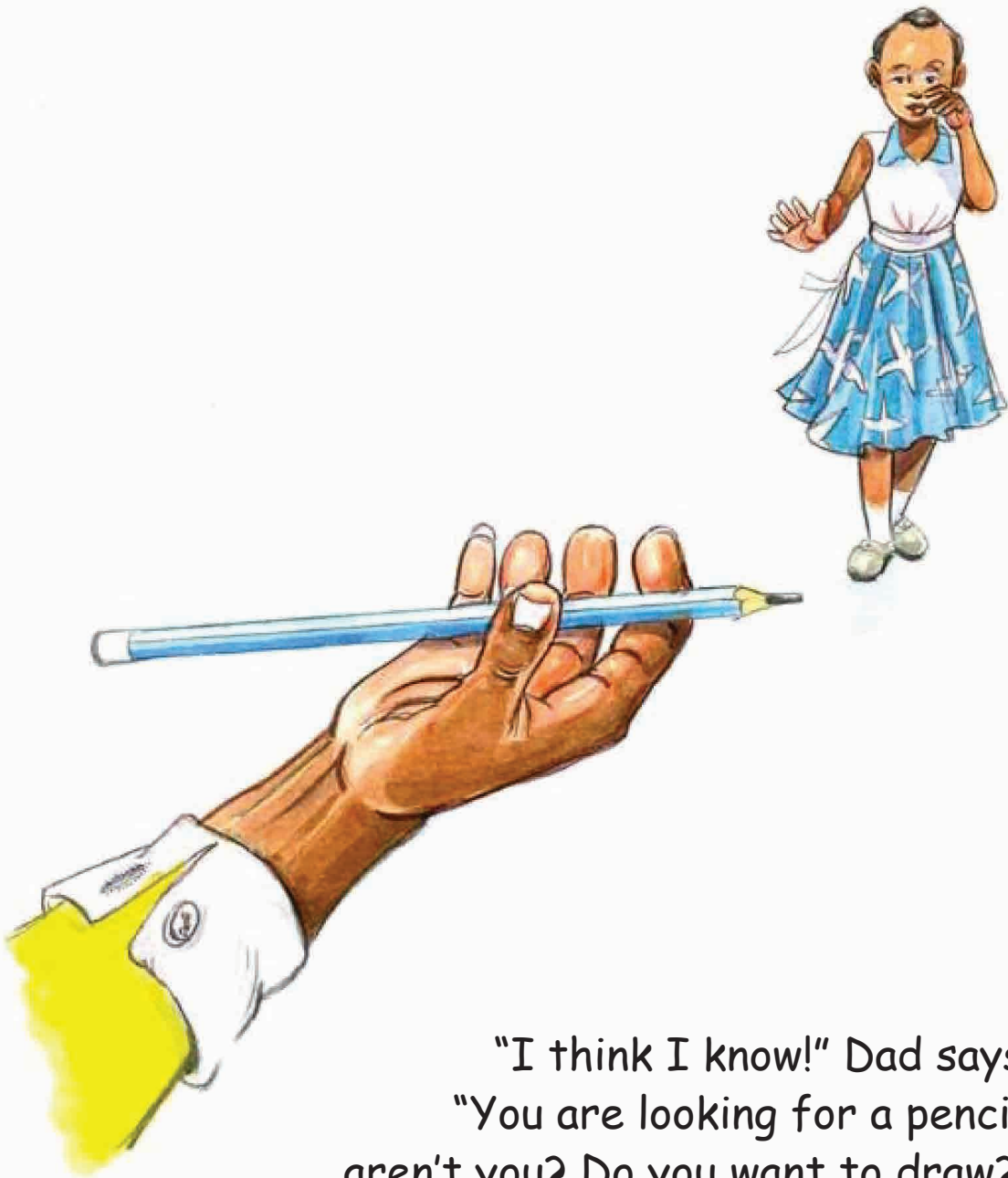
Dad tries to help her.
"Are you looking for this candy?" Dad asks.





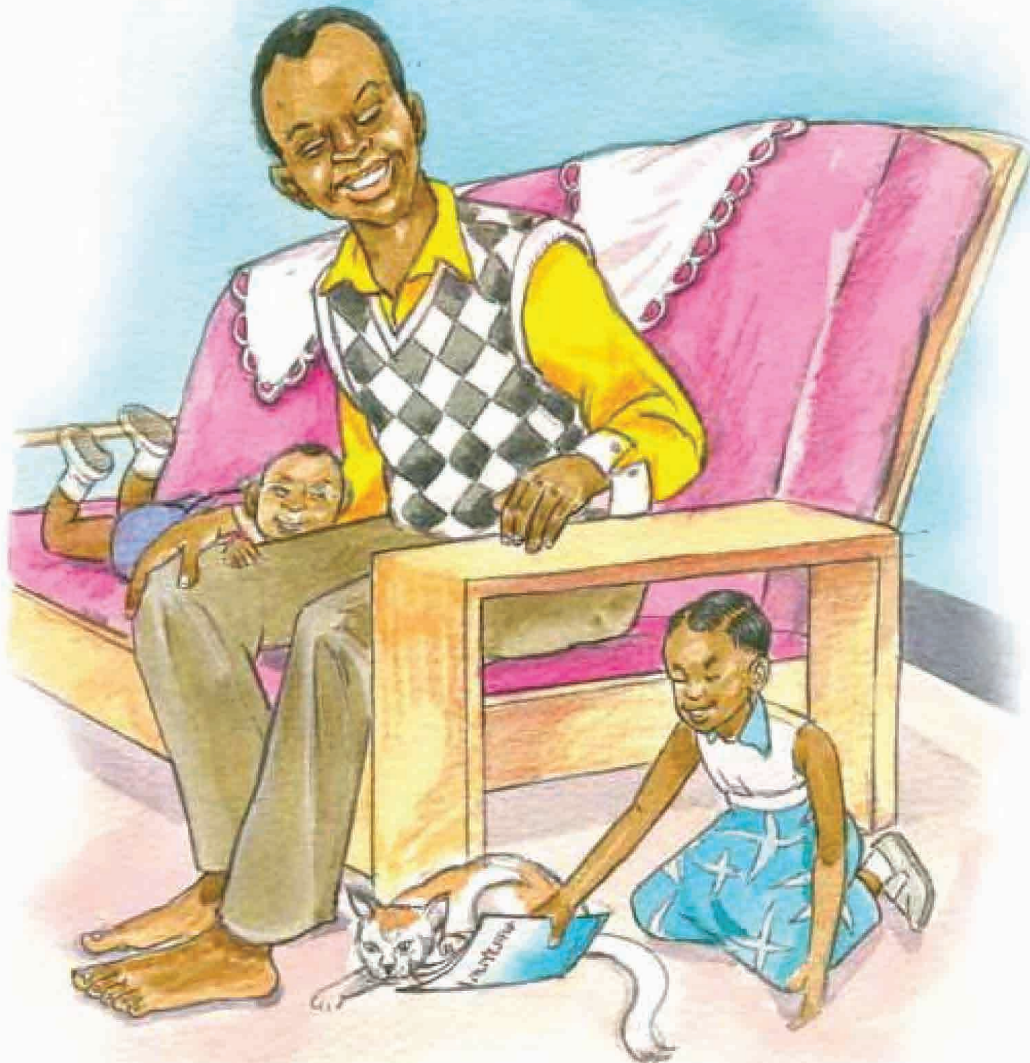
"No," Bahati says.
"It's much more
valuable than candy."





"I think I know!" Dad says.
"You are looking for a pencil,
aren't you? Do you want to draw?"





"Ha ha ha!" Bahati laughs. "I found it!
It's a book! The cat had it all along."

