

Too Young and Old Enough



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May I ride your bicycle?" I asked Didi.



"No," Didi said.
"You're too young to ride a bike."

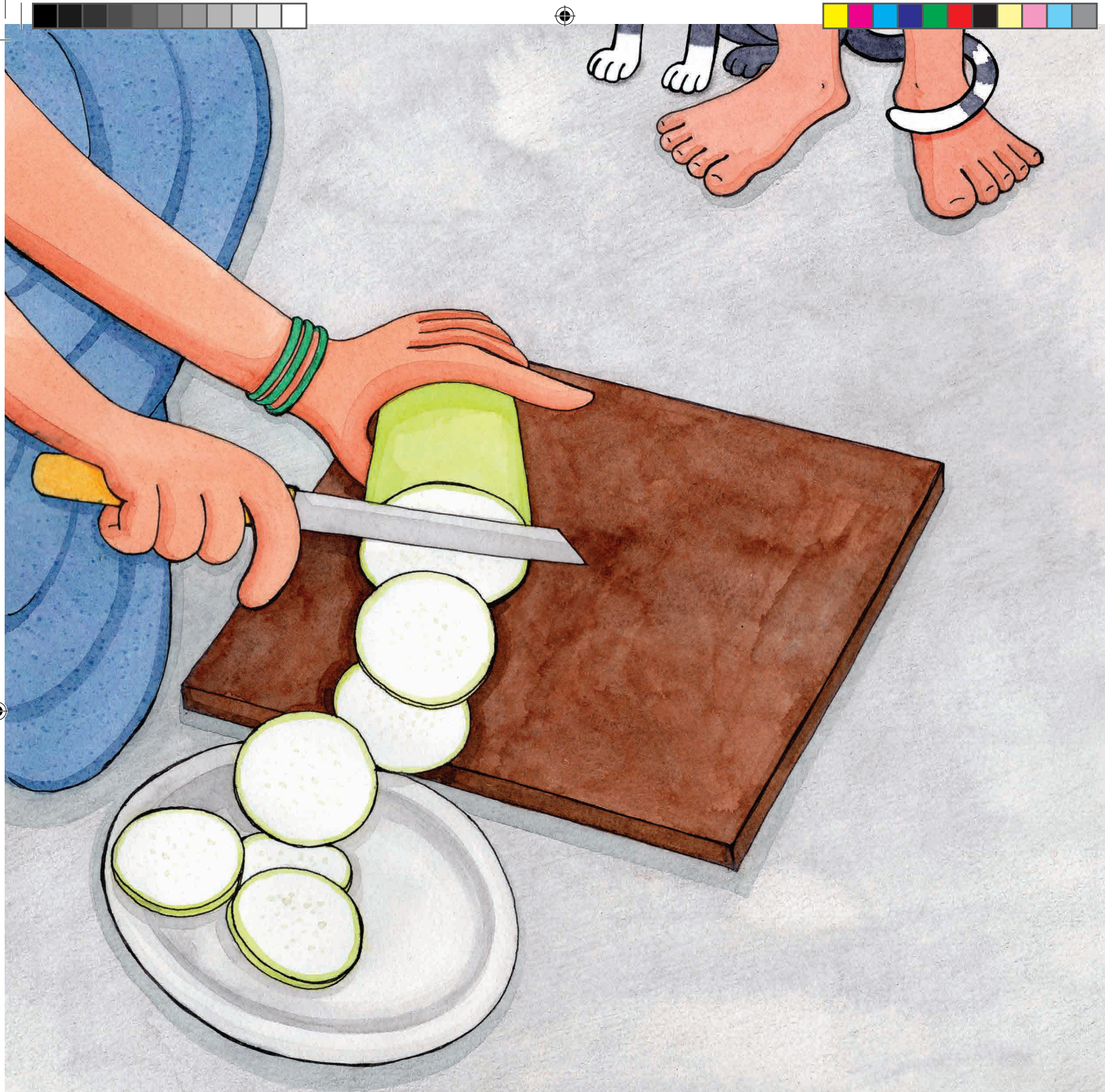


"Didi, can you start the water pump for me?" I asked.



"No," Didi replied.
"You're old enough to do it yourself."





"Ma, may I help you cut the vegetables?" I asked.



"No," Ma said. "You're too young to use a knife."





"Ma, can you please feed me my lunch?" I asked.





"No," Ma said. "You're old enough to feed yourself."





"May I help paint the wall?" I asked.



"No," Pa said. "You're too young for this."



"Can you please help me put my shoes on?" I asked Ma.

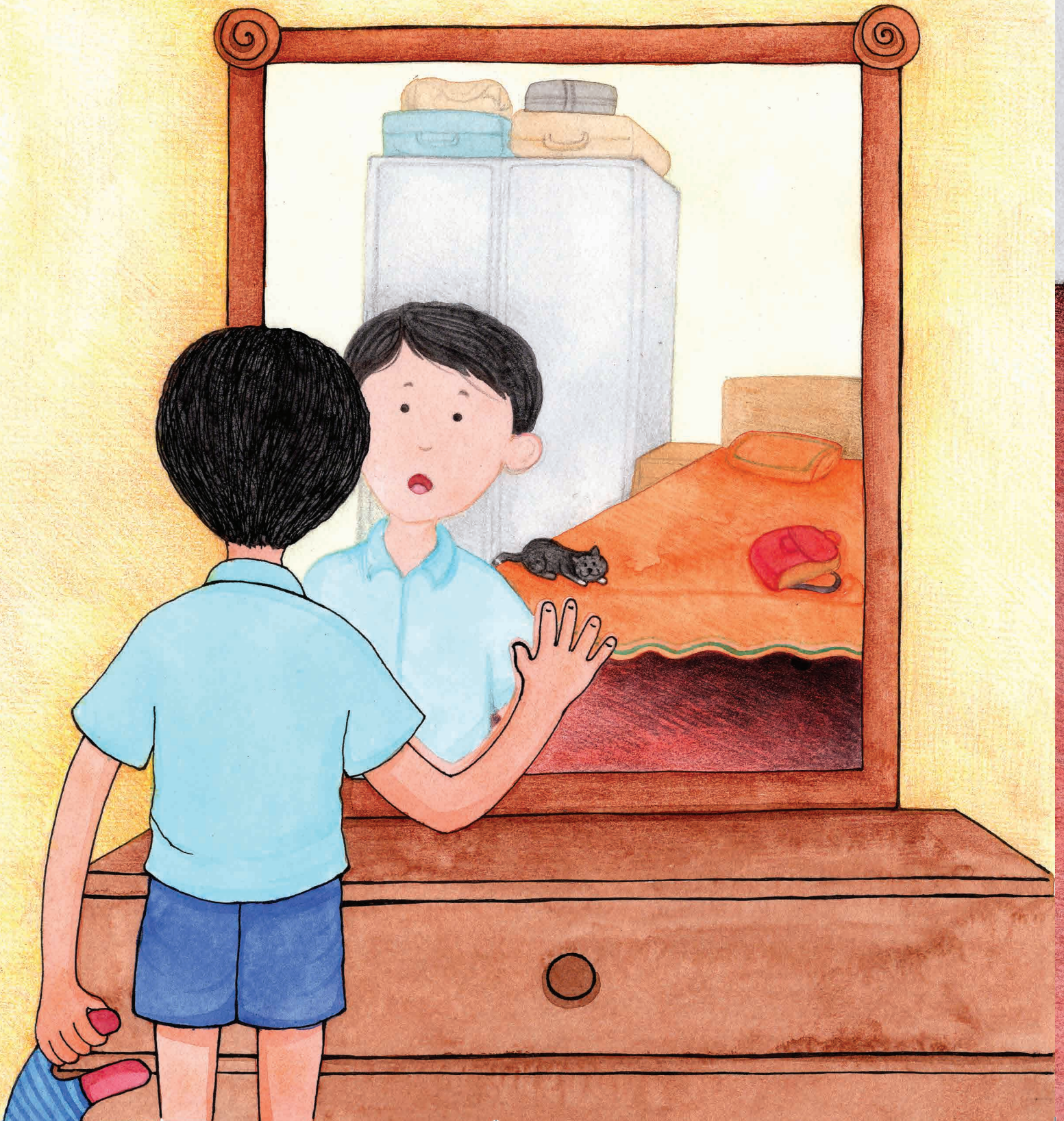




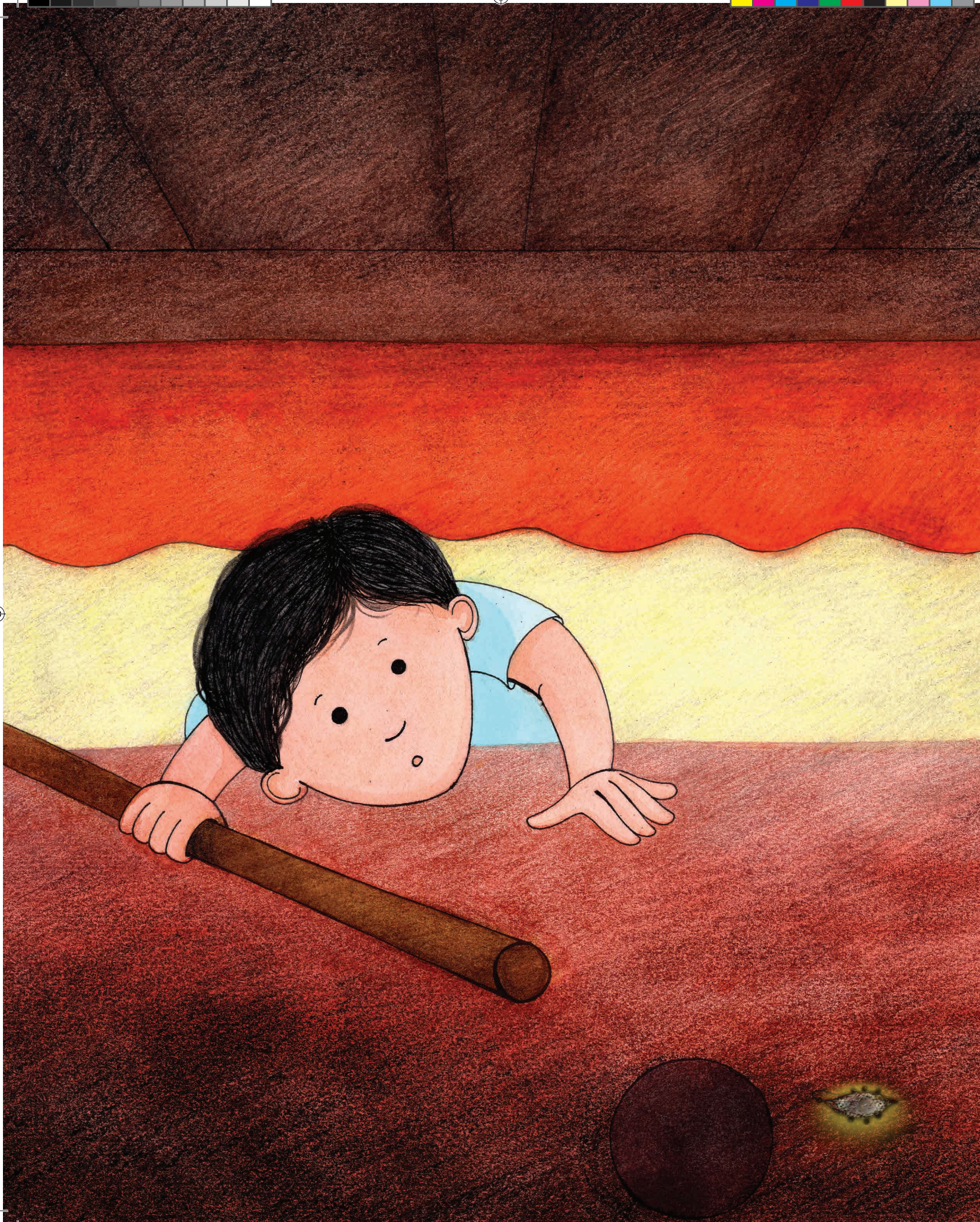
"No," Ma said. "You're old enough to put your shoes on yourself."



I was confused. I thought to myself,
Am I too old or too young?







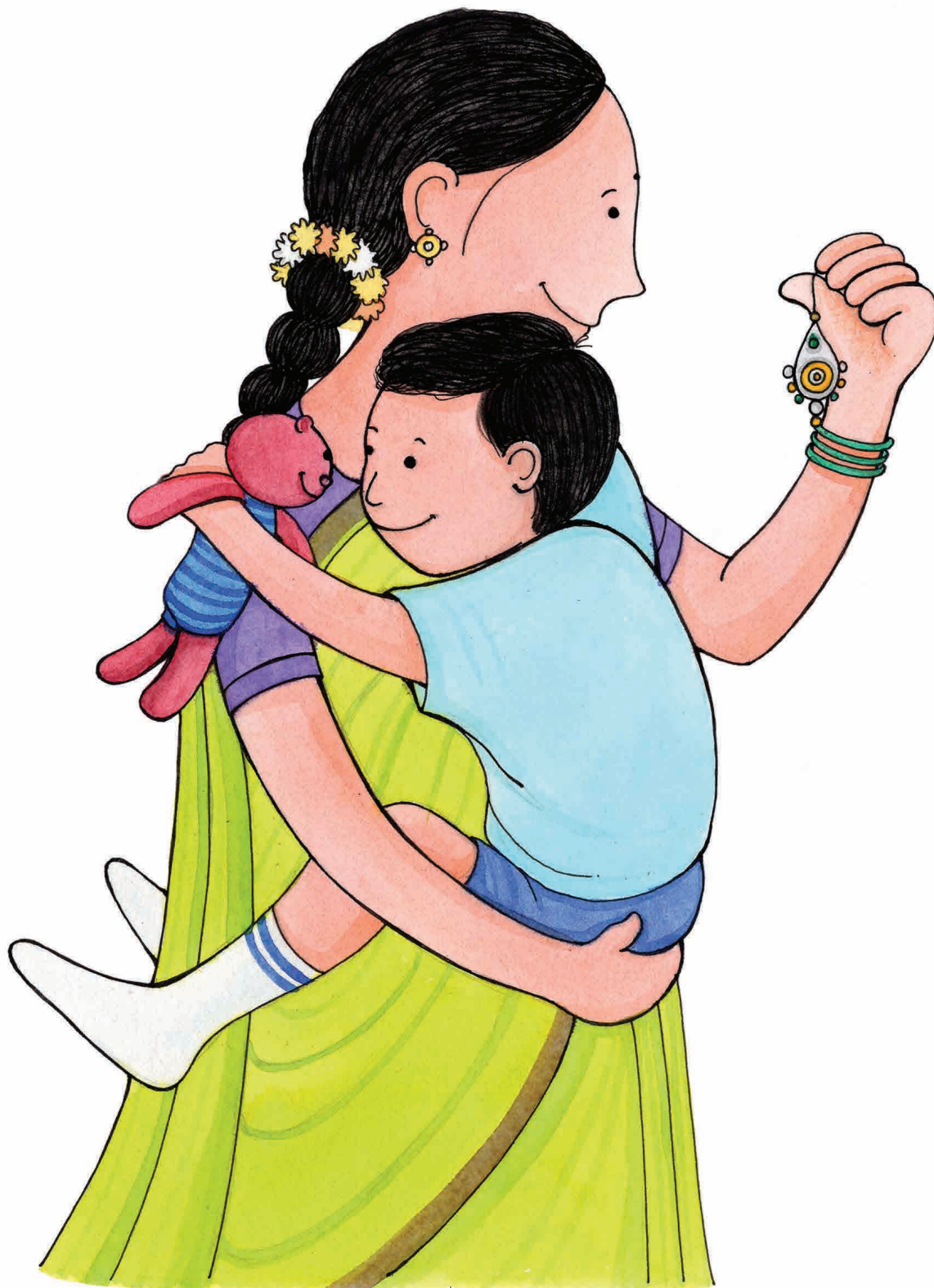


One day, I found Ma's earring under the bed.





"I've been looking for this for ages!" Ma said.





Everyone celebrated.
"You're so grown-up!" they said.





But, I'm still
confused. Am
I too old or
too young?

