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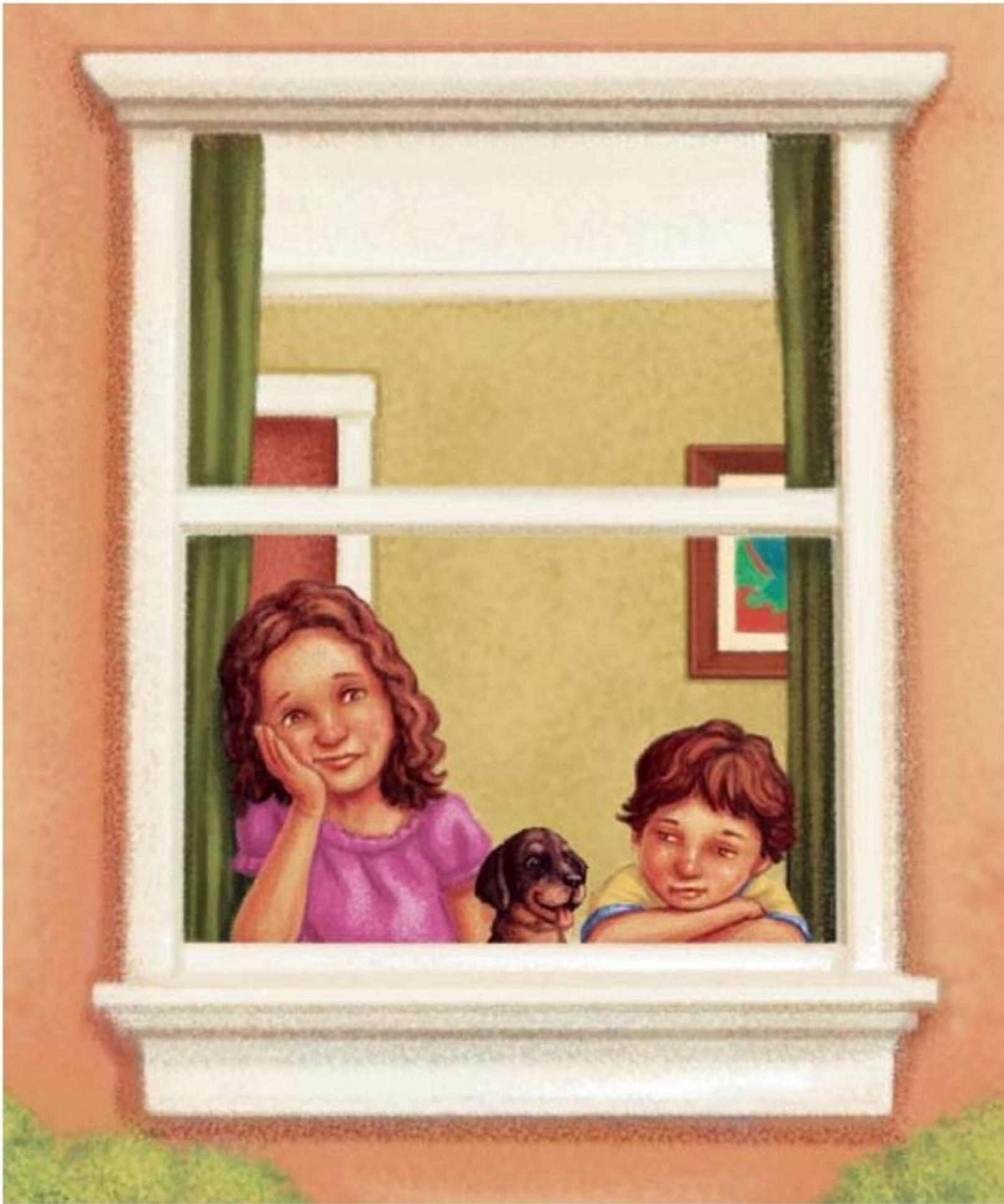
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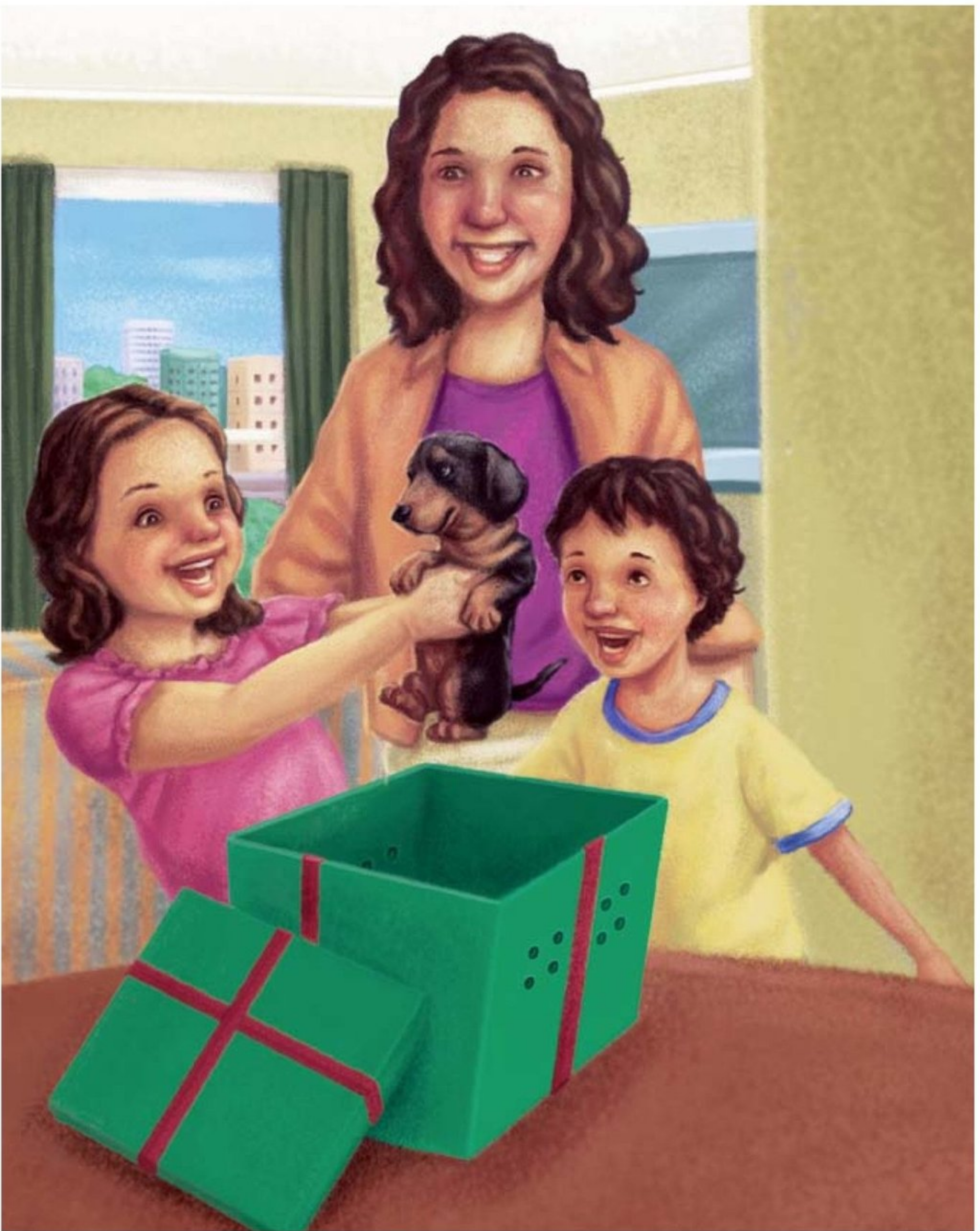
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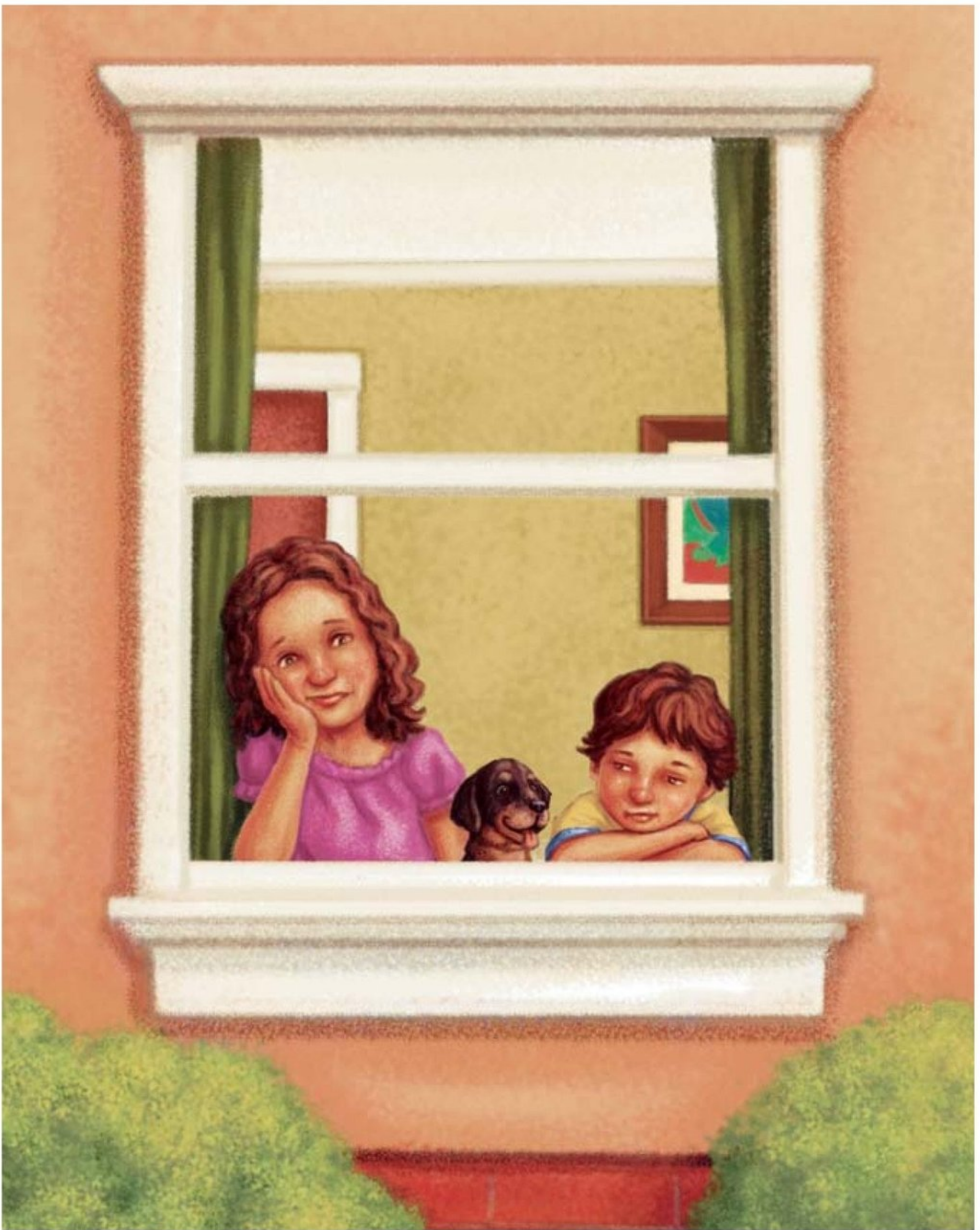
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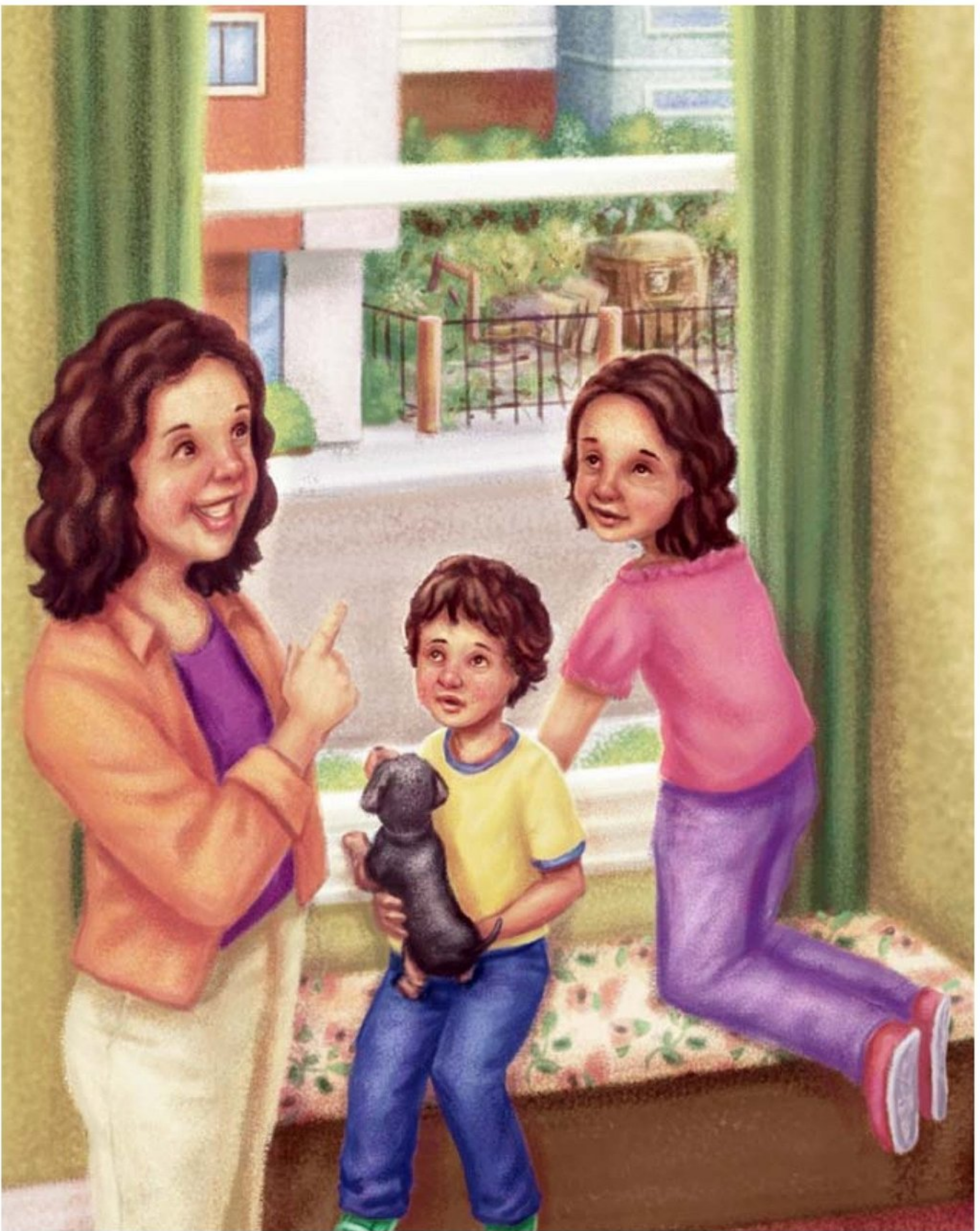
April's mom gave her a puppy named Tiny for her birthday.



April and Jesse wanted to play  
outside with Tiny.

They had no place to go.

They asked their mom what to do.



“The city owns the empty **lot** across the street,” Mom said.

“Let’s ask them if we could put a pocket park there.”

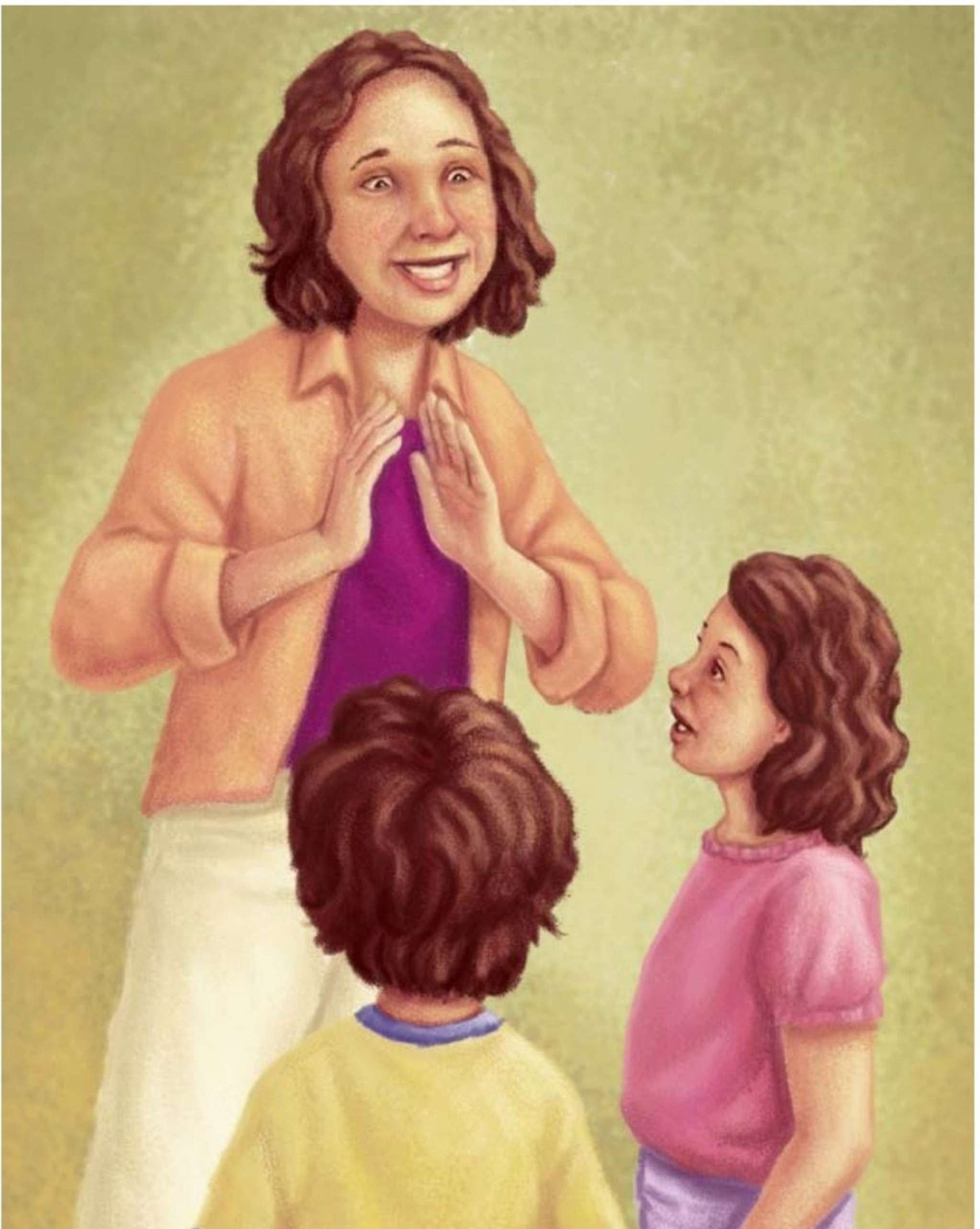


“What kind of pocket has a park?”

Jesse asked.

He pulled a penny out of his pocket.

“No park here,” he said.



“A pocket park is a small park,”  
Mom explained.  
April and Jesse thought a pocket  
park was a great idea.



“First, our **neighbors** need to sign a paper,” Mom said.

“It says they want the park, too.”

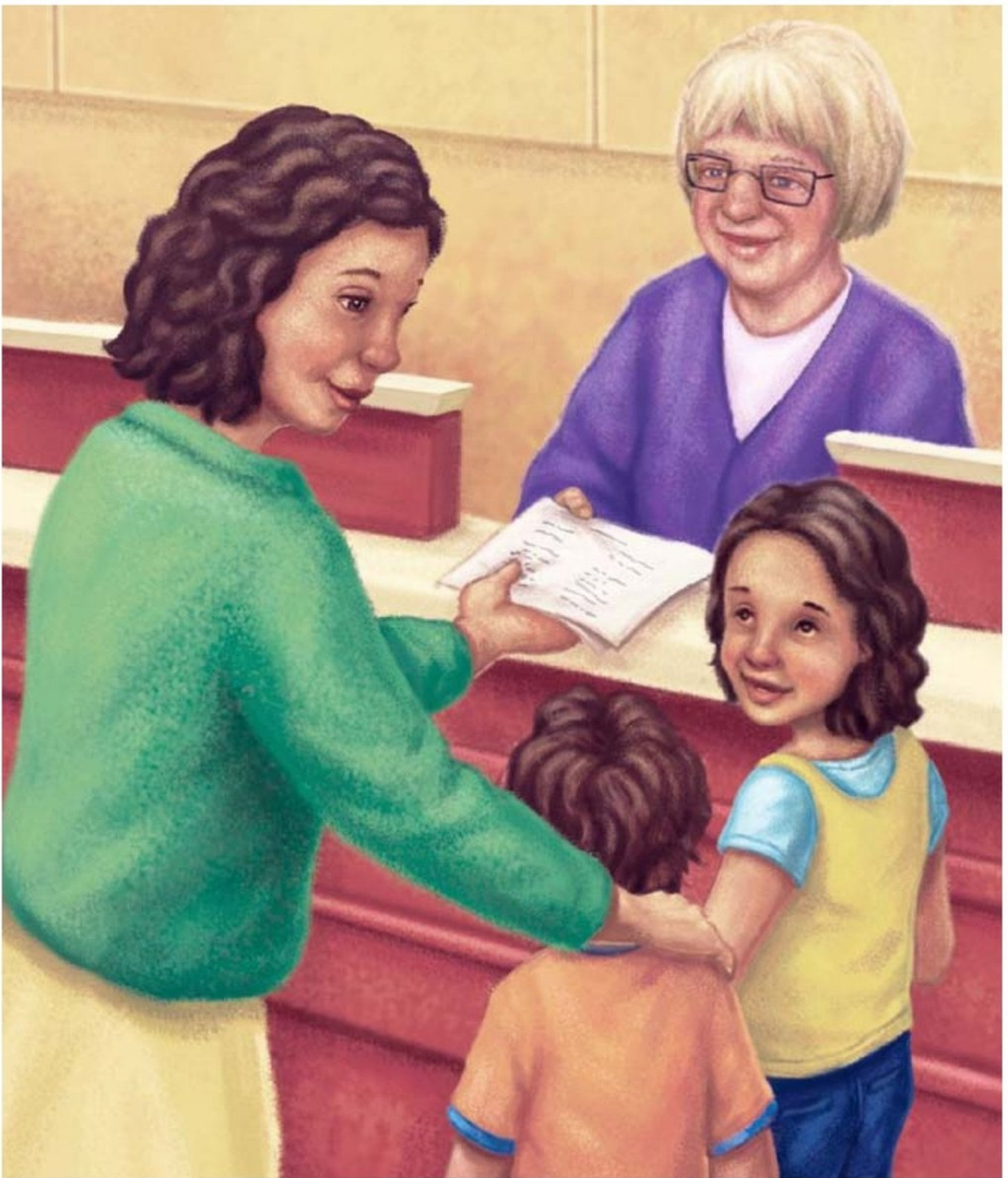
“We’ll take that with us when we go to **city hall**,” April said.





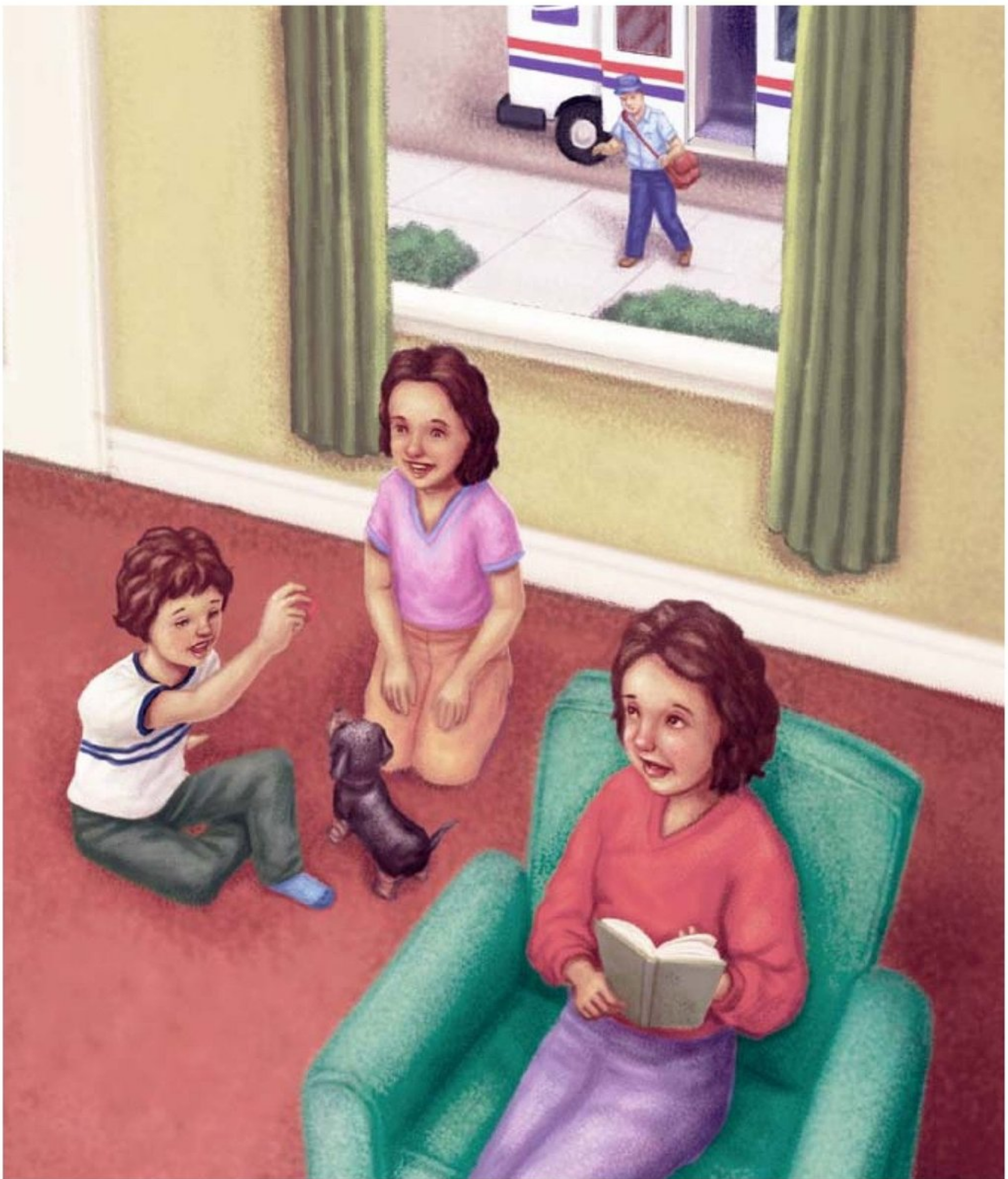
April, Jesse, and their mom talked  
to the neighbors.

Everyone signed the paper.



Then, Mom took April and Jesse to city hall.

They showed a woman the paper. Mom had to fill out some other papers.



“Now we have to wait for the **permit**,” Mom said.

“It says we can **build** the park.”  
They waited, and a few weeks  
later it came.

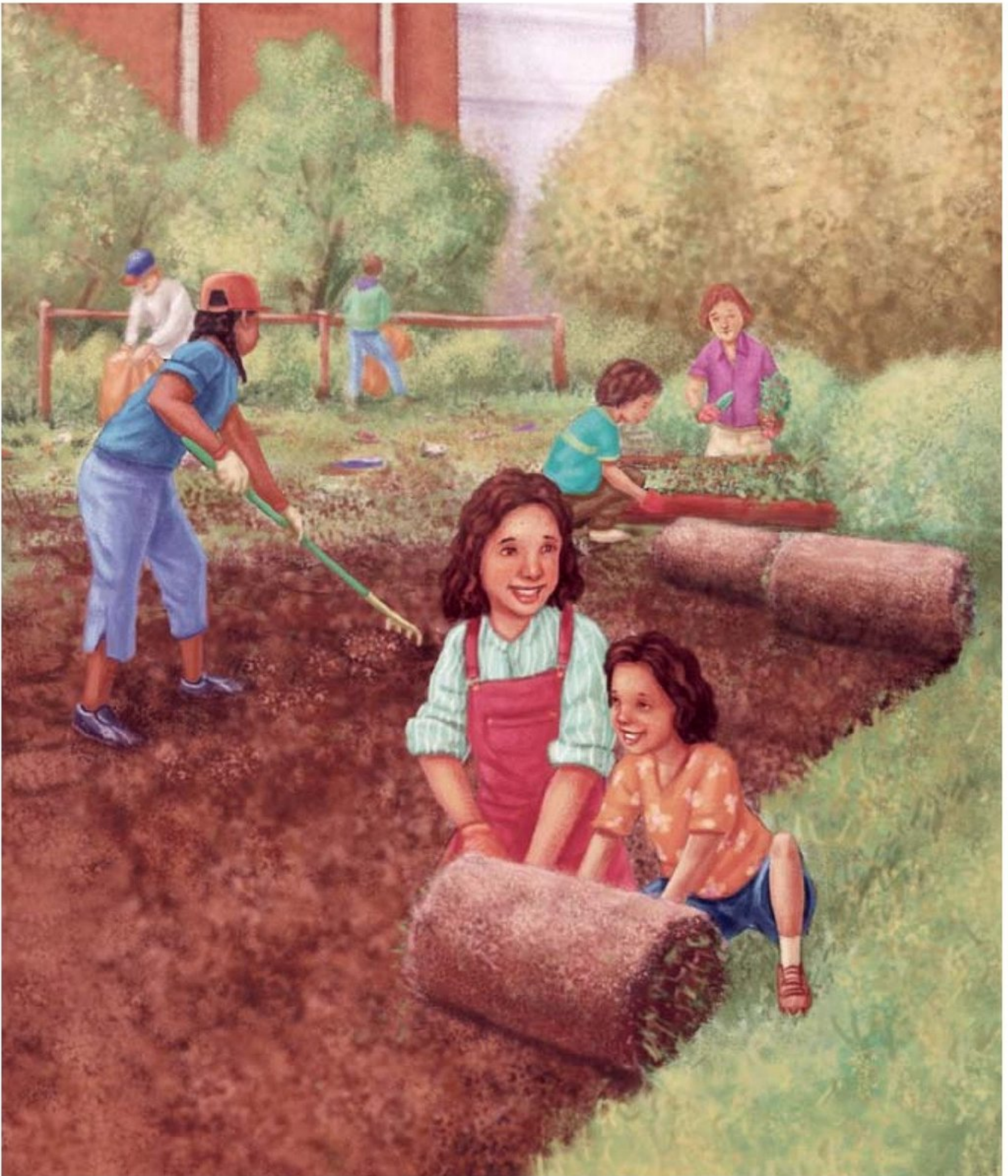


“Let’s build a pocket park!” April and Jesse said.

“Let’s ask the neighborhood to help,” Mom replied.

April, Jesse, and their mom talked to their neighbors again.

Everyone wanted to help.



The next weekend, the whole neighborhood met at the lot. They picked up trash and pulled weeds. They planted grass and flowers.



Mr. Martin **donated** a nice bench.  
Mrs. Lee donated a fountain.  
April and Jesse painted a picture  
on the wall.



Everyone was very tired when it was done.

They had a little party in the pocket park.

The neighborhood was happier because of the new park.

Even Tiny made new friends.

## Glossary

- build** (v.) to make something from parts (p. 11)
- city hall** (n.) the main government building of a town or city (p. 8)
- donated** (v.) gave as a gift to a fund or a cause (p. 14)
- lot** (n.) a piece of land (p. 5)
- neighbors** (n.) people who live near other people (p. 8)
- permit** (n.) a paper that gives someone permission to do something (p. 11)



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