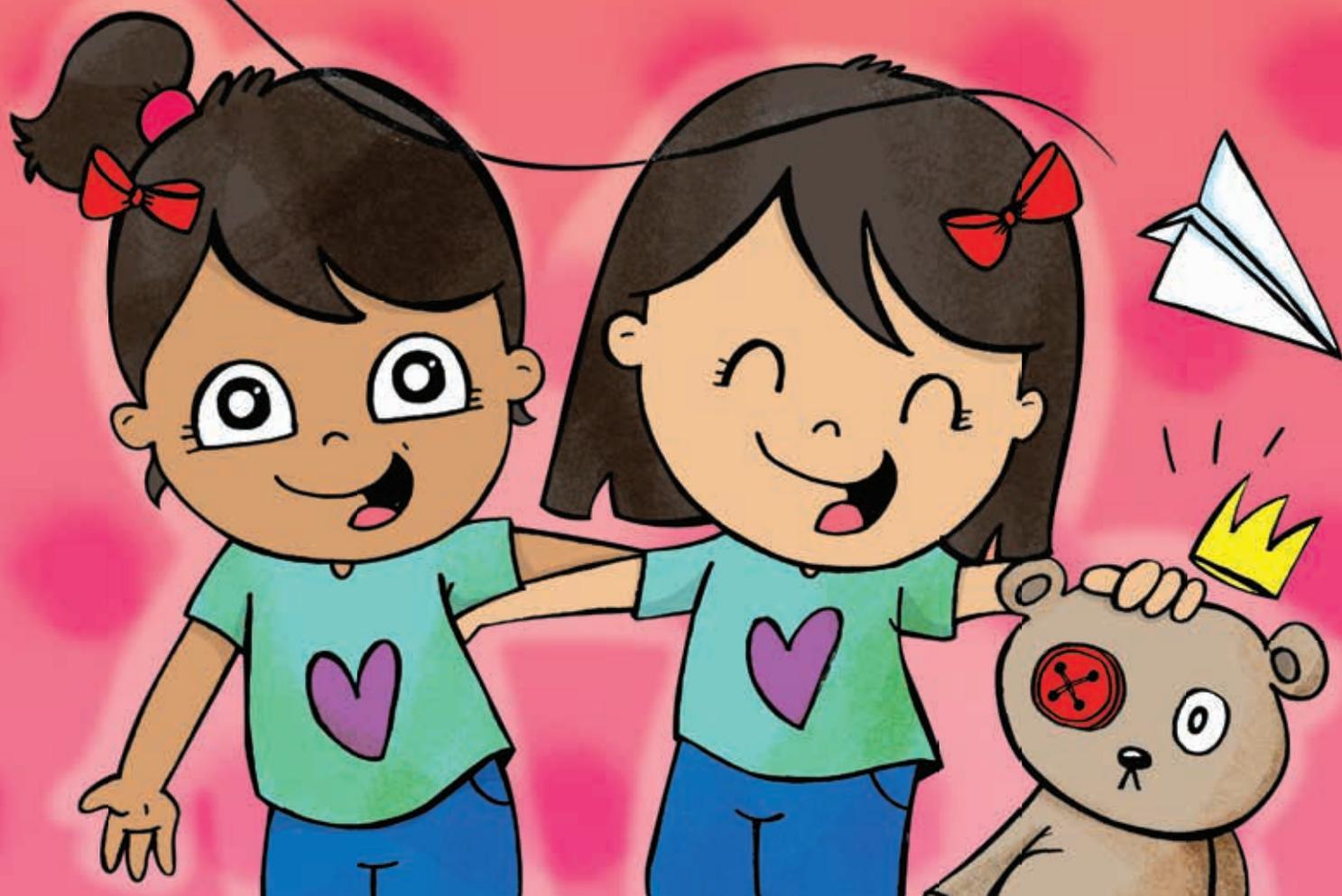
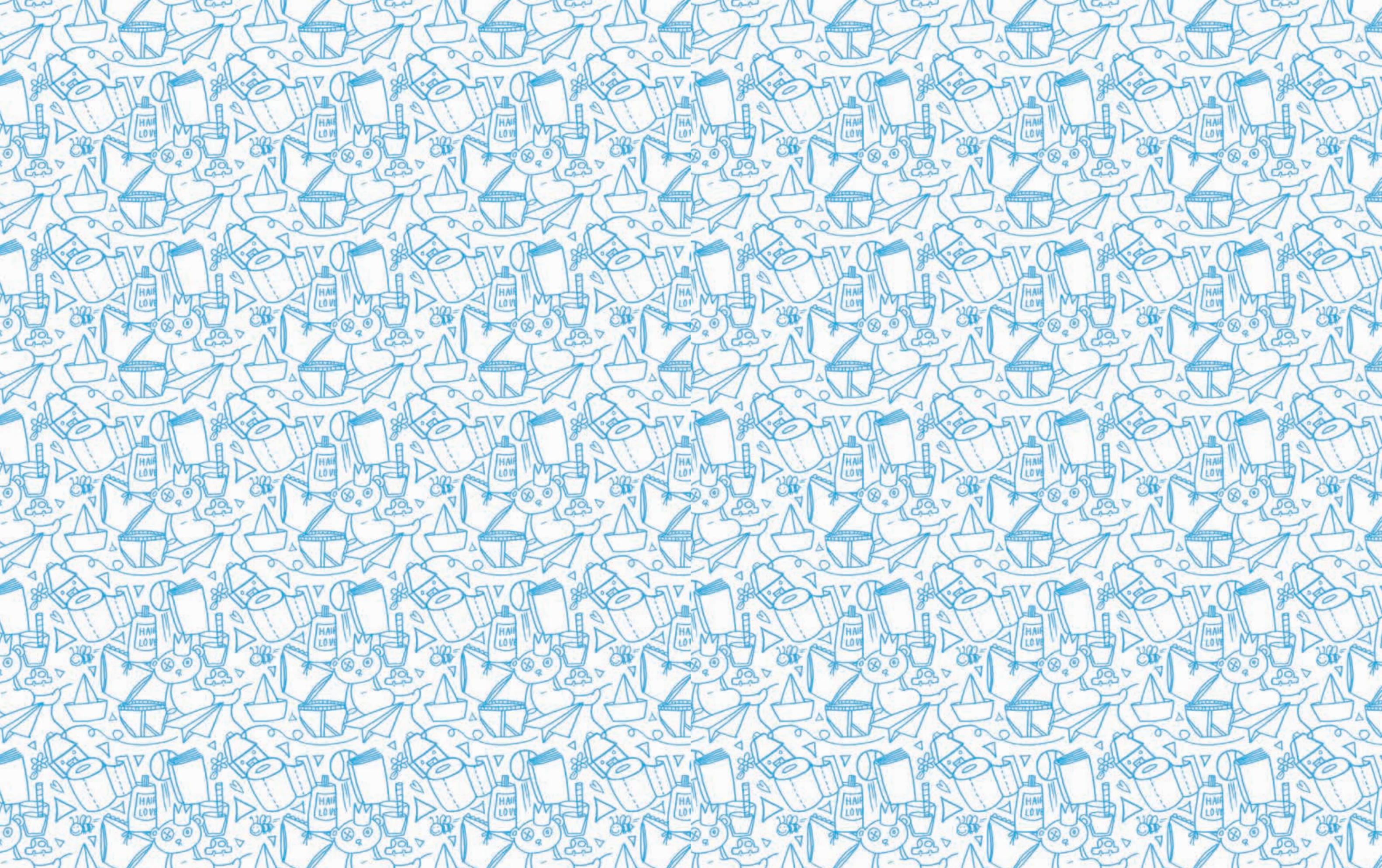
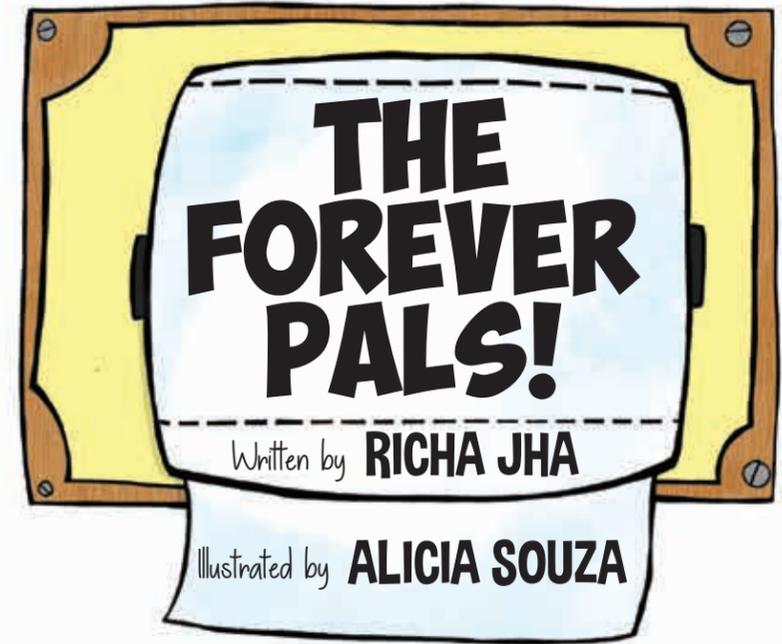


# THE FOREVER PALS!

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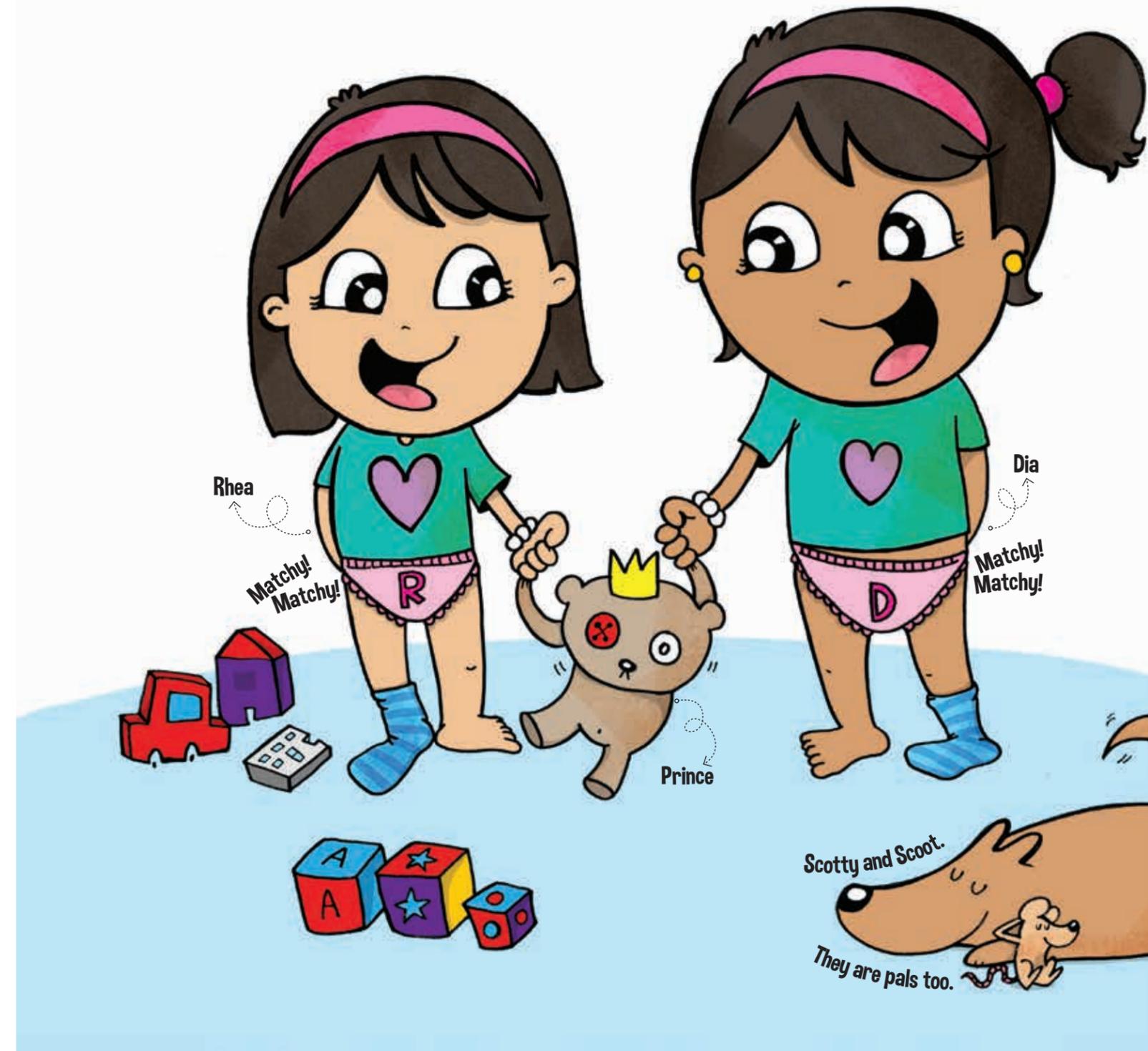
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Rhea and Dia are two best pals.

The 'let's scrub the button-eyed Prince' pals.

The 'let's matchy-matchy our knickers' pals.

The 'let's do everything together' pals.



EVERYTHING.

Just us. Forever and ever!





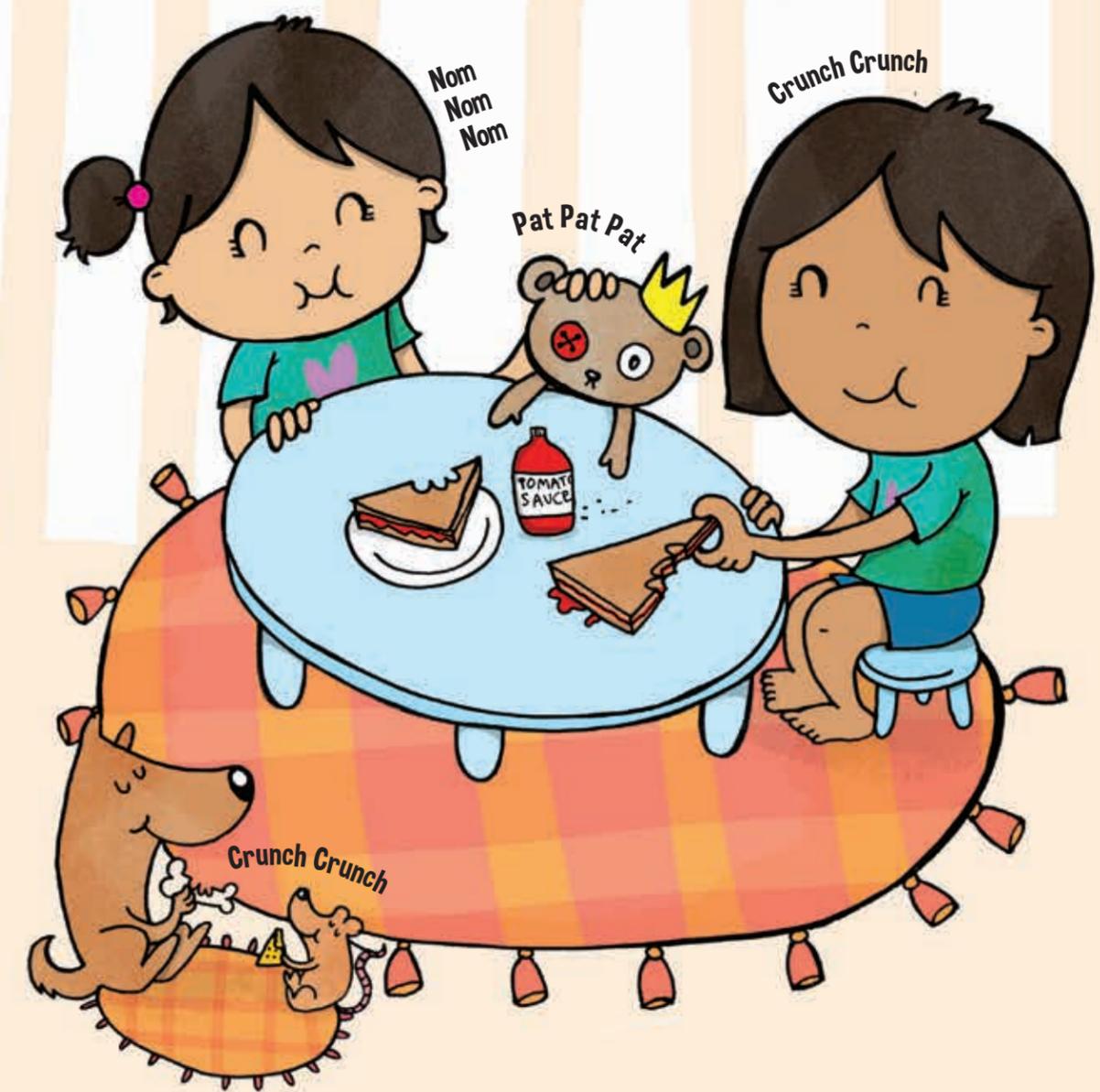
They win battles,  
fly jet planes and build palaces.



Sometimes,  
Prince helps them make sandwiches.  
But there is someone they always fail to notice.

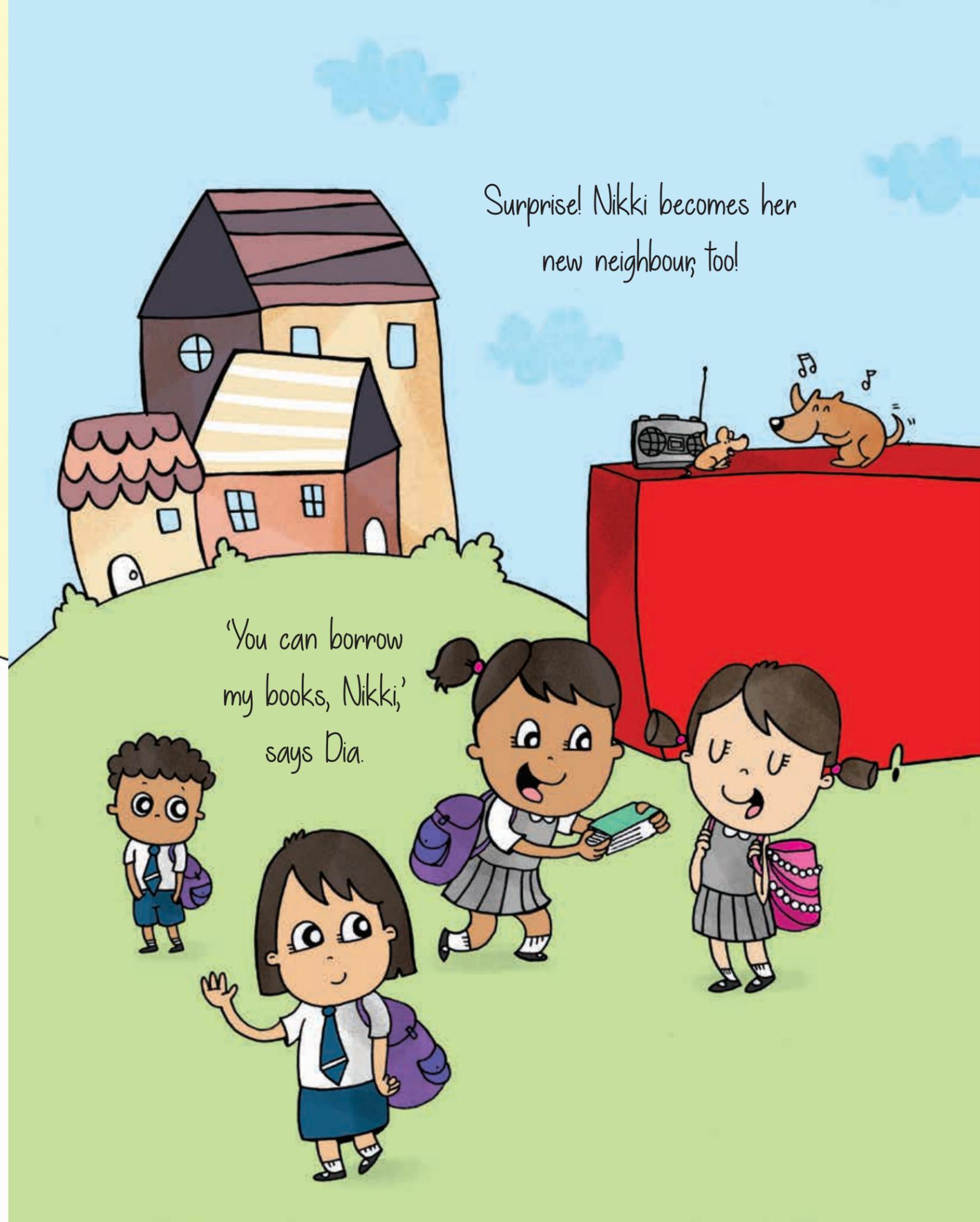


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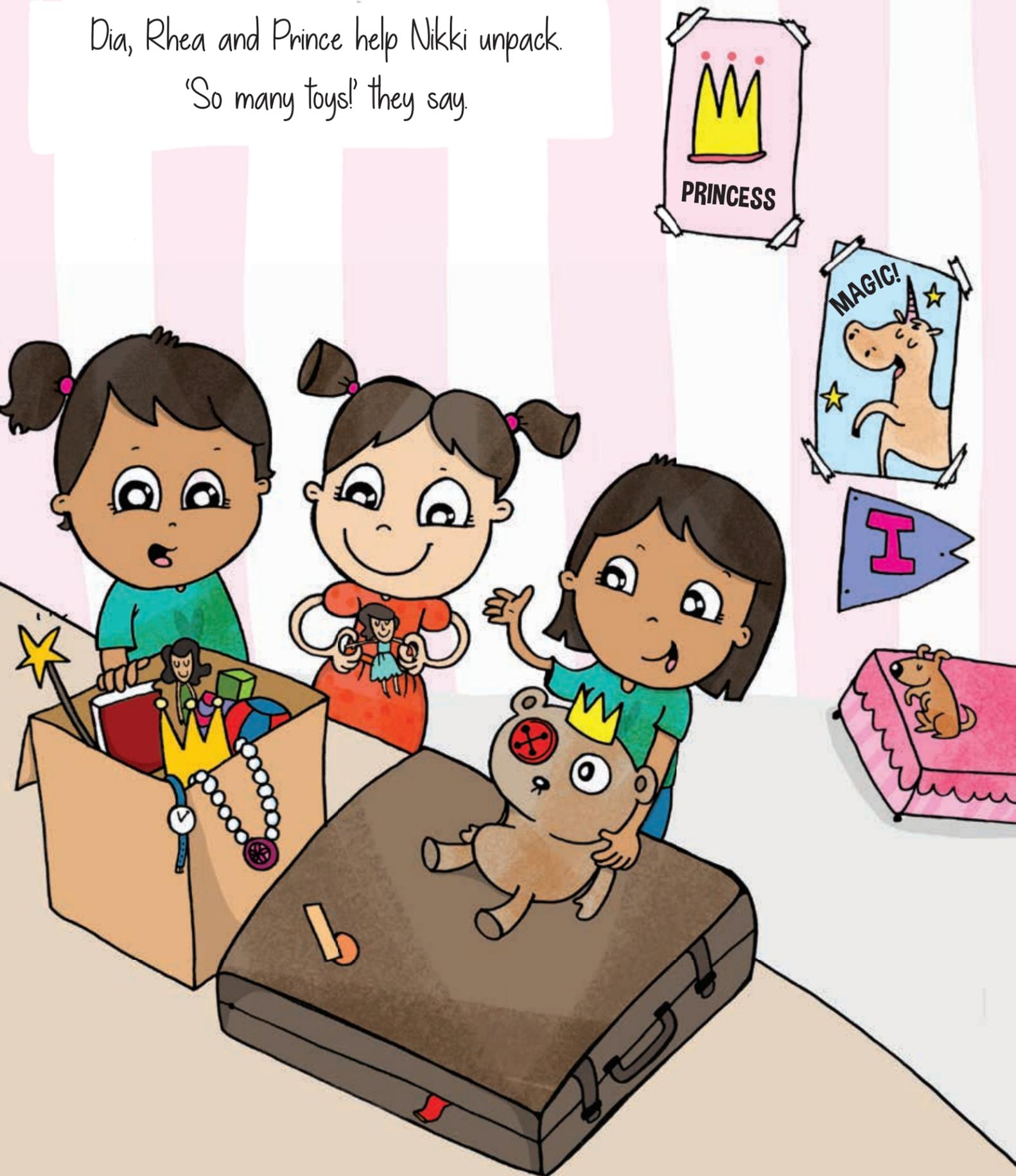
One day,  
Dia has a new classmate,  
Nikki.



Surprise! Nikki becomes her  
new neighbour, too!

'You can borrow  
my books, Nikki,'  
says Dia.

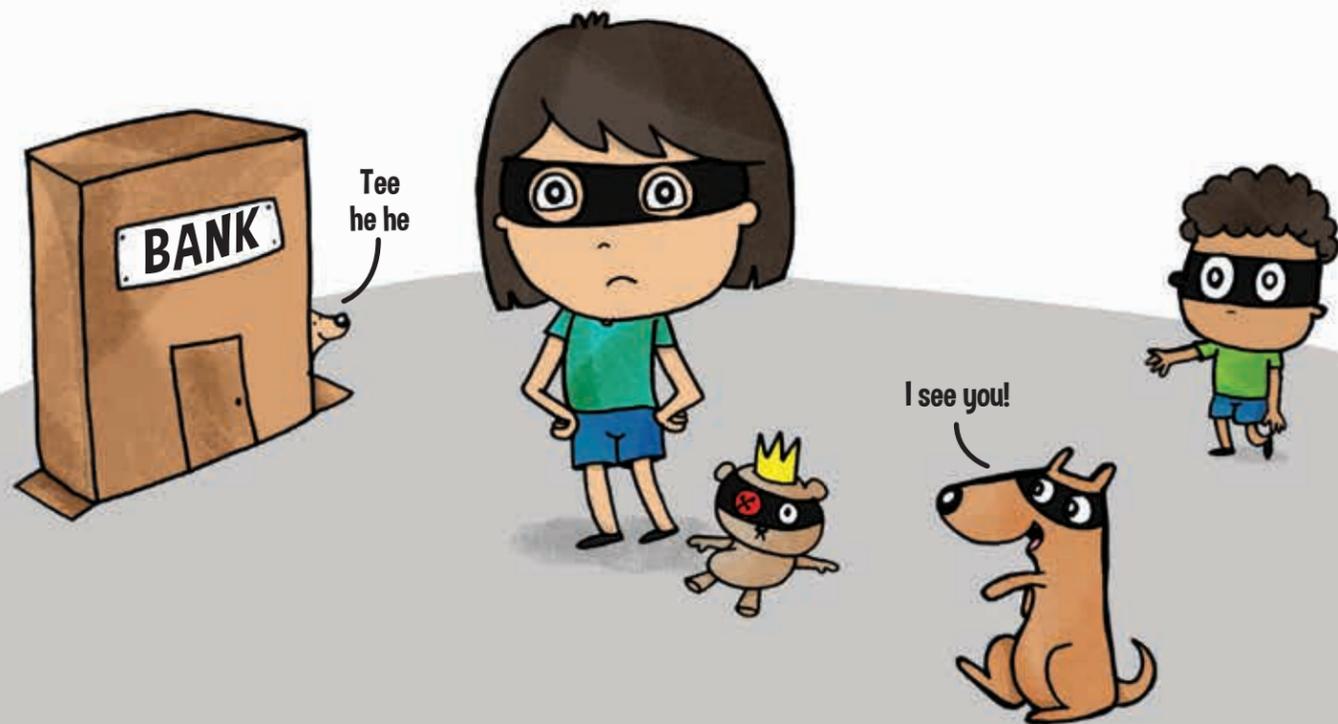
Dia, Rhea and Prince help Nikki unpack.  
'So many toys!' they say.



At dinner time,  
Rhea and Prince have to remind Dia that  
it's time to go home.



The next evening,  
Rhea and Prince wait for Dia to rob the bank.



But Dia is not free.



At the dragon-slayer picnic, Dia comes with Nikki.

'You and this teddy look so silly,' says Nikki.

'Yes, really silly,' says Dia.



So, Nikki and Dia find more interesting things to do.



The next evening,  
when Rhea and Prince go looking for Dia,  
she is BUSY!

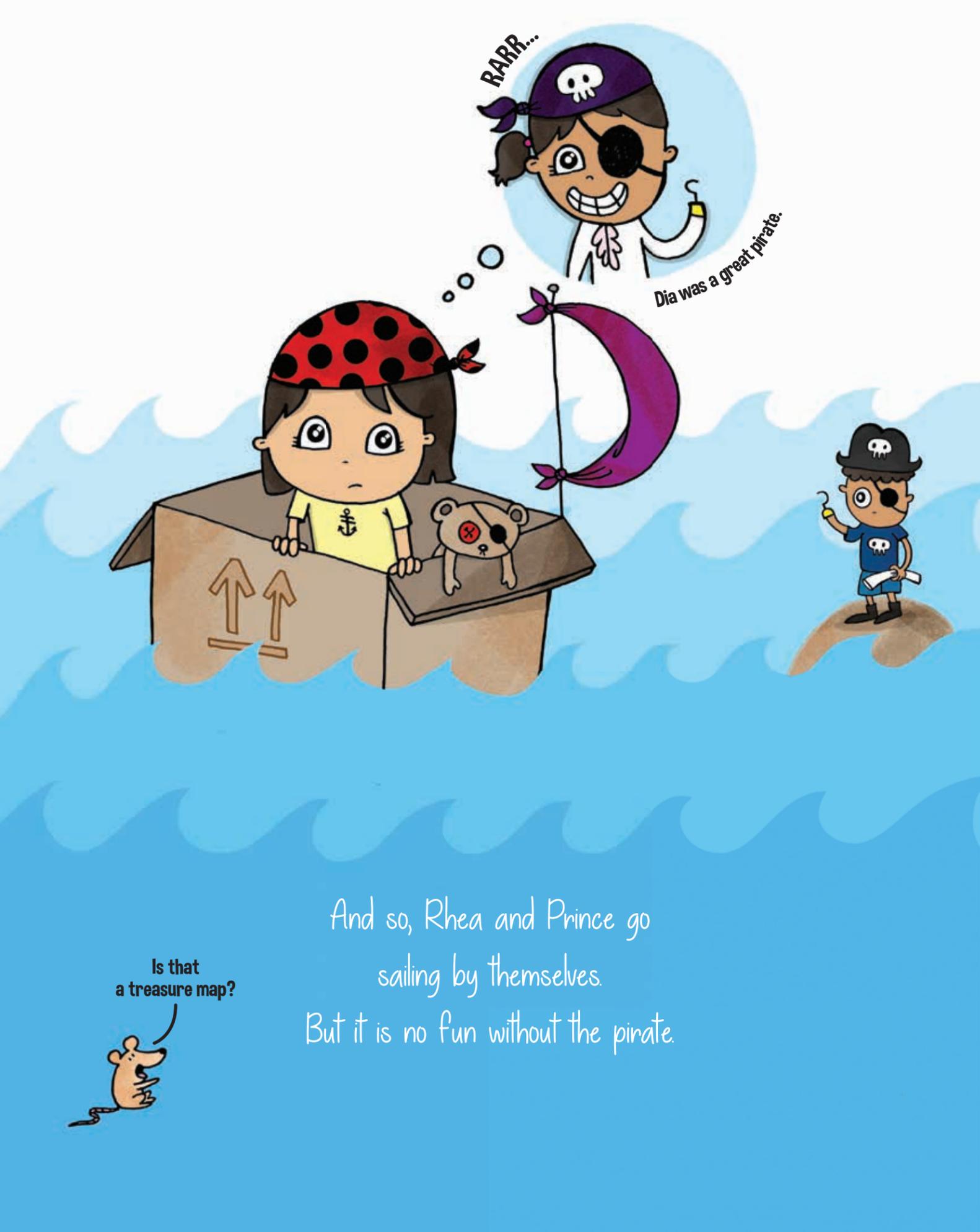


Rhea and Prince hold an important meeting.

'We are never going to play with her again,' says Rhea.

'Never, ever,' agrees Prince.





And so, Rhea and Prince go sailing by themselves. But it is no fun without the pirate.

Is that a treasure map?



They become mysterious Mummies. But it is no fun without the tomb-raider.



Dia was a funny tomb-raider.



They go swimming.  
But it is no fun without the water monster.

'Dia must be having fun,' says Rhea.

'LOTS of fun,' agrees Prince



Dia and Nikki sure have HUGE fun.

'Yellow knickers today?' says Dia.

That's SO silly!' says Nikki.  
So they wear yellow nail paints instead.



They have GIGANTIC fun.

'Let's take Prince on a chase; I'll call Rhead!' says Dia.

That's babyish!' says Nikki.  
So they WATCH the chase instead.



They have GARGANTUAN fun.

'I'm coming in too!' says Dia.

'That's GROSS!' says Nikki.

So they take turns instead.

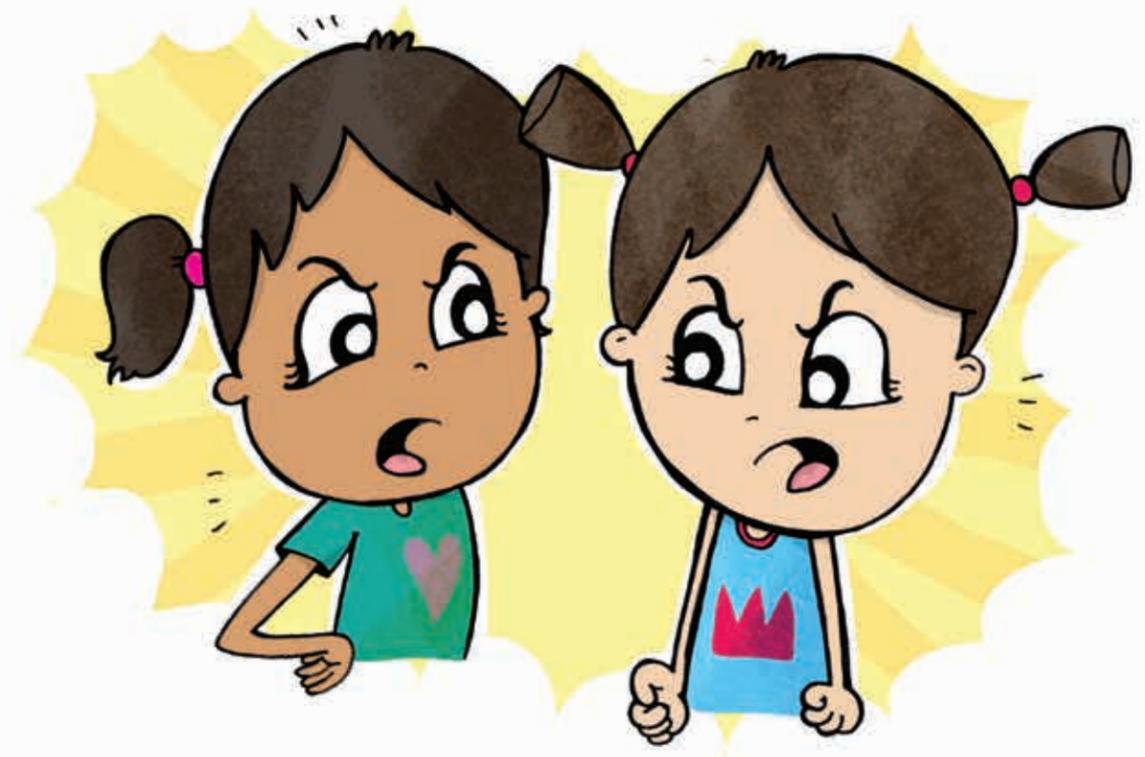


Soon, Dia is tired of taking turns.

'I'm bored,' says Dia.

'That's because YOU are boring,' says Nikki.

'You are MORE boring than boring,' says Dia,  
and walks off.



The next day, Rhea and Prince go out to play.

Dia is there too.

The old best pals don't say hello.

But as they start hitting, their eyes fall on something  
matchy-matchy peeping out.

'Red!' say Rhea and Dia.

'Red!' says Prince.



'Red?' comes another voice.

THAT is when they see him and it is THEN that  
Shiva opens his mouth.

'Red and battles and planes and sandwiches and  
bank and slayer and pirate and raider and monster  
and tennis and matchy-matchy.  
And more matchy!'

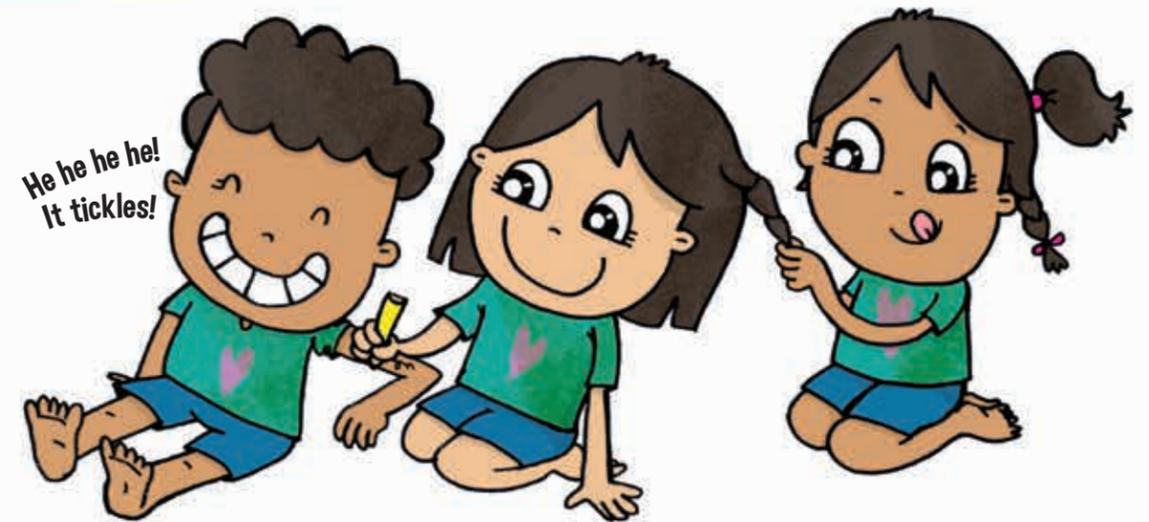




Rhea, Dia, Prince and Shiva have  
GINORMOUS fun together



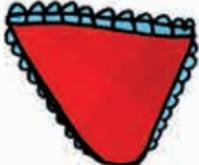
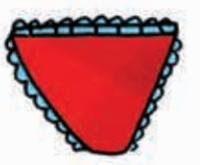
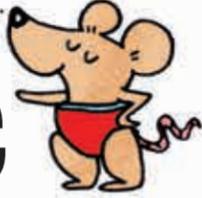
The next day, Rhea, Dia and Shiva are three best pals.



The 'let's braid and tattoo' pals.

The 'let's matchy-matchy our knickers' pals.

The 'let's do everything together' pals.

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EVERYTHING?

Well. Almost.

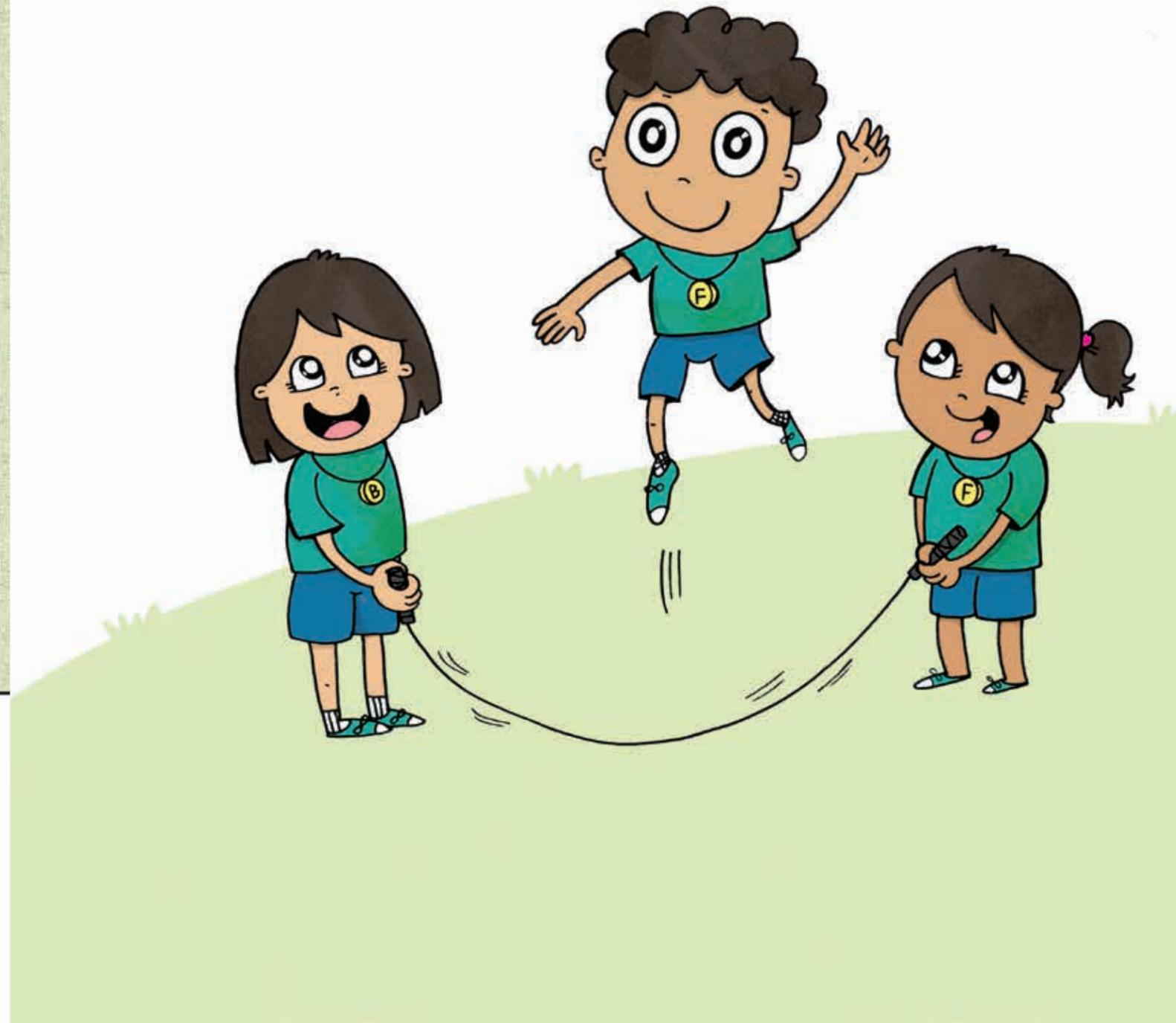
'Wait! I'll come in too!' says Shiva.

'NO WAY!' say Rhea and Dia.



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Forever and EVER!





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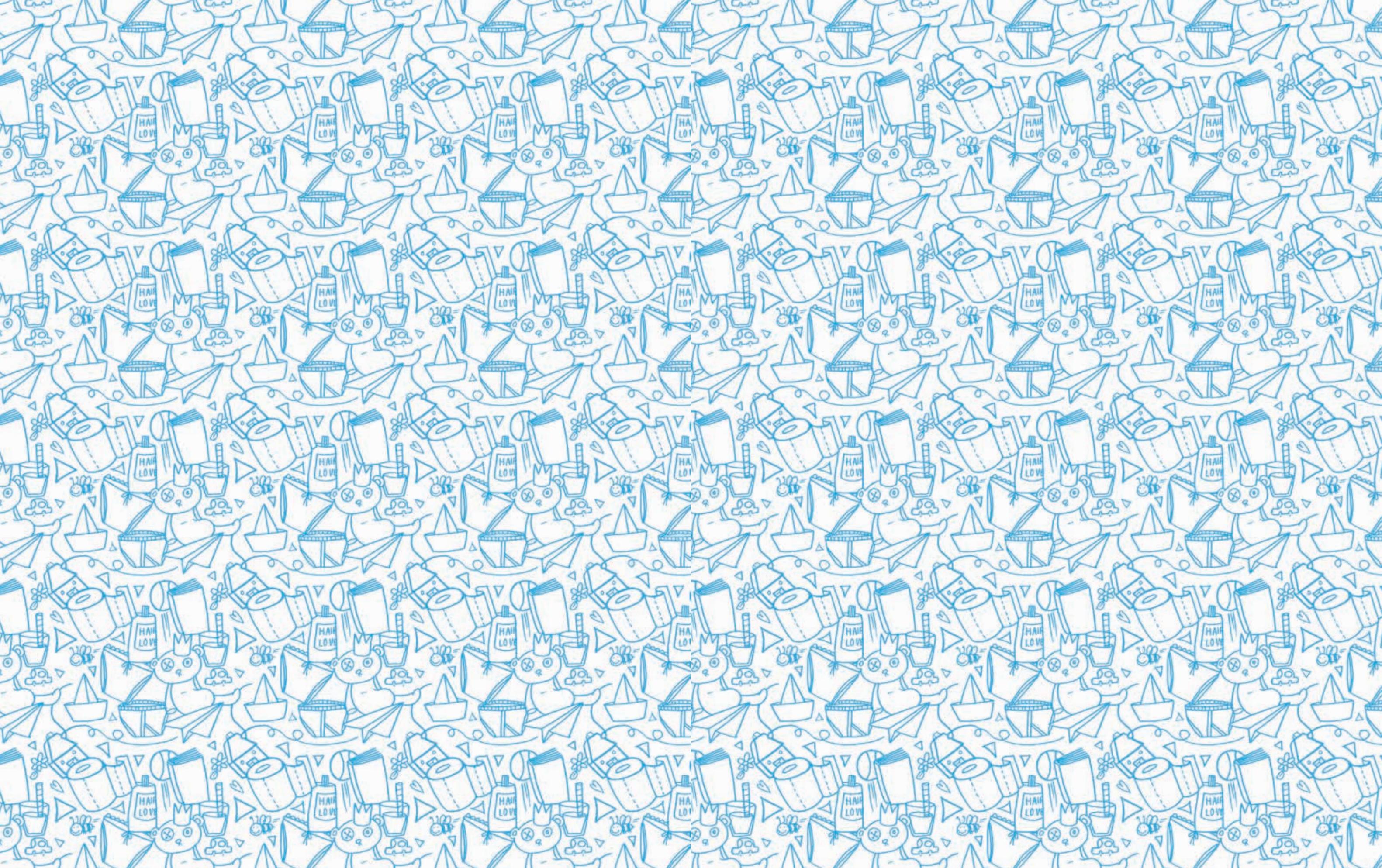
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