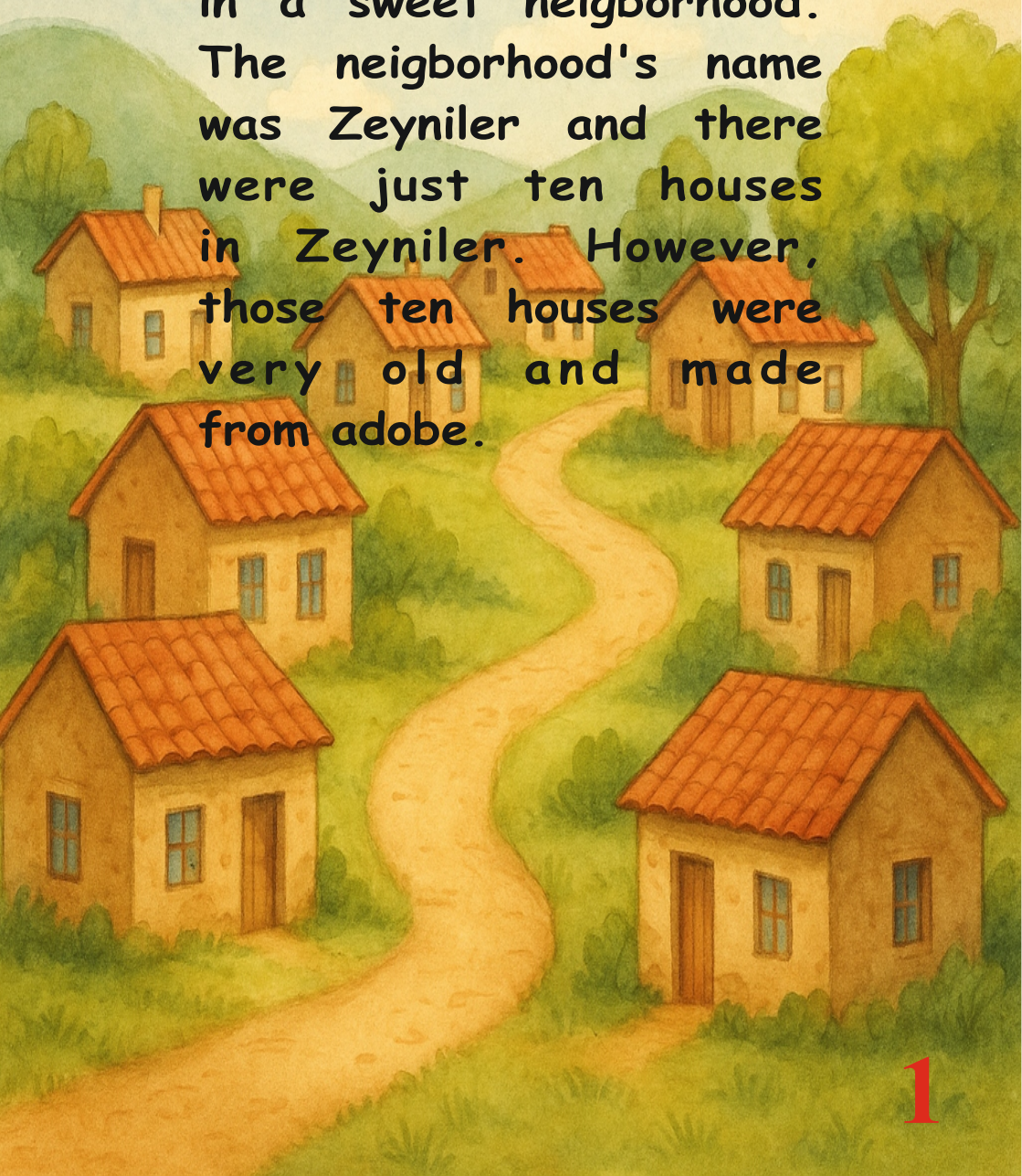


Brotherhood

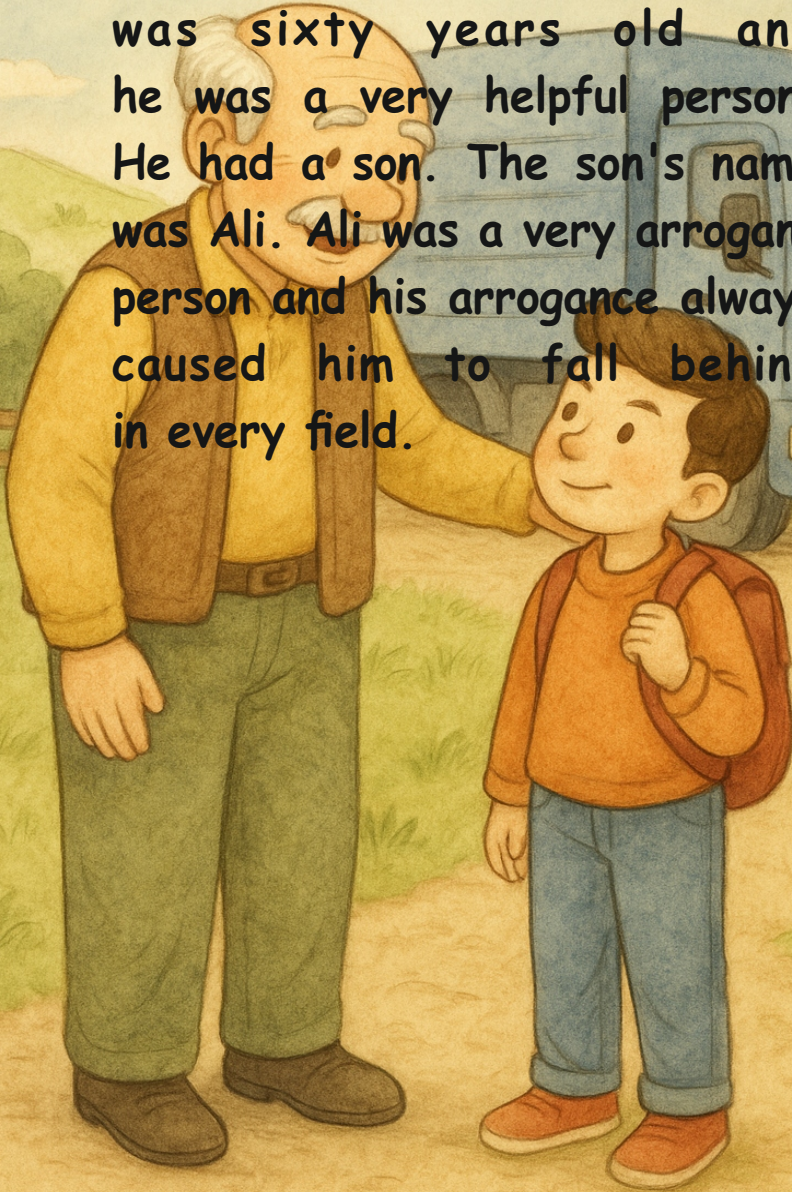
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In the past, there was a happy family and this family had been living in a sweet neighborhood. The neighborhood's name was Zeyniler and there were just ten houses in Zeyniler. However, those ten houses were very old and made from adobe.



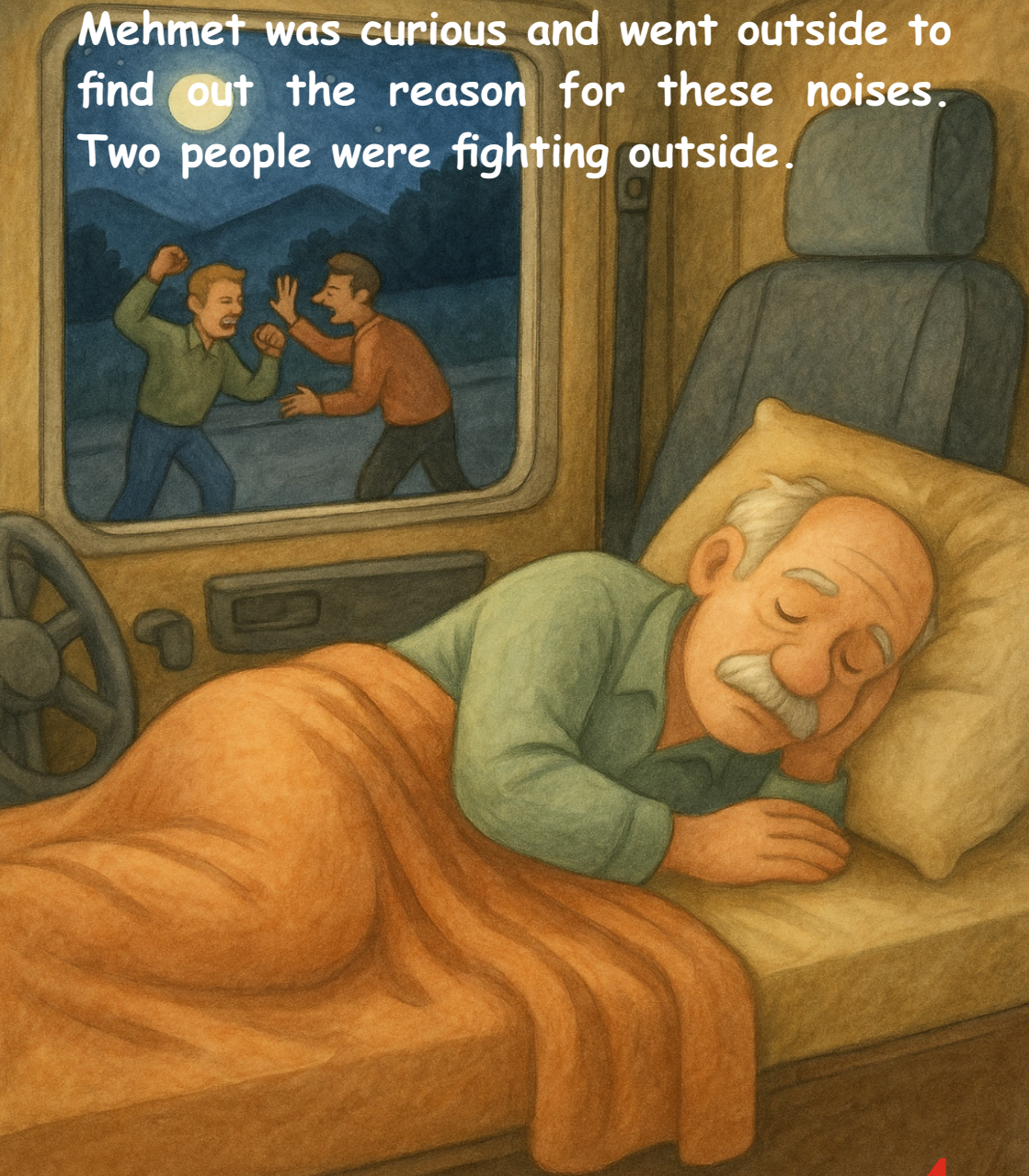
That family's father was a truck driver. The father's name was Mehmet. Mehmet was sixty years old and he was a very helpful person. He had a son. The son's name was Ali. Ali was a very arrogant person and his arrogance always caused him to fall behind in every field.



Ali's father Mehmet, set out to deliver goods to a destination in Istanbul. He always treated other people on the road with respect and obeyed all traffic laws. While he approached Istanbul, He realized he was very tired and pulled over to a suitable area on the right side of the road to rest. He slept on the bed behind the driver's seat.



While Mehmet was sleeping that night,
he heard noises coming from outside.
Mehmet was curious and went outside to
find out the reason for these noises.
Two people were fighting outside.



The reason they fought was because they were gambling and one of them lost a considerable amount of money but refused to give it back because he thought the other person was cheating. The two started insulting each other.



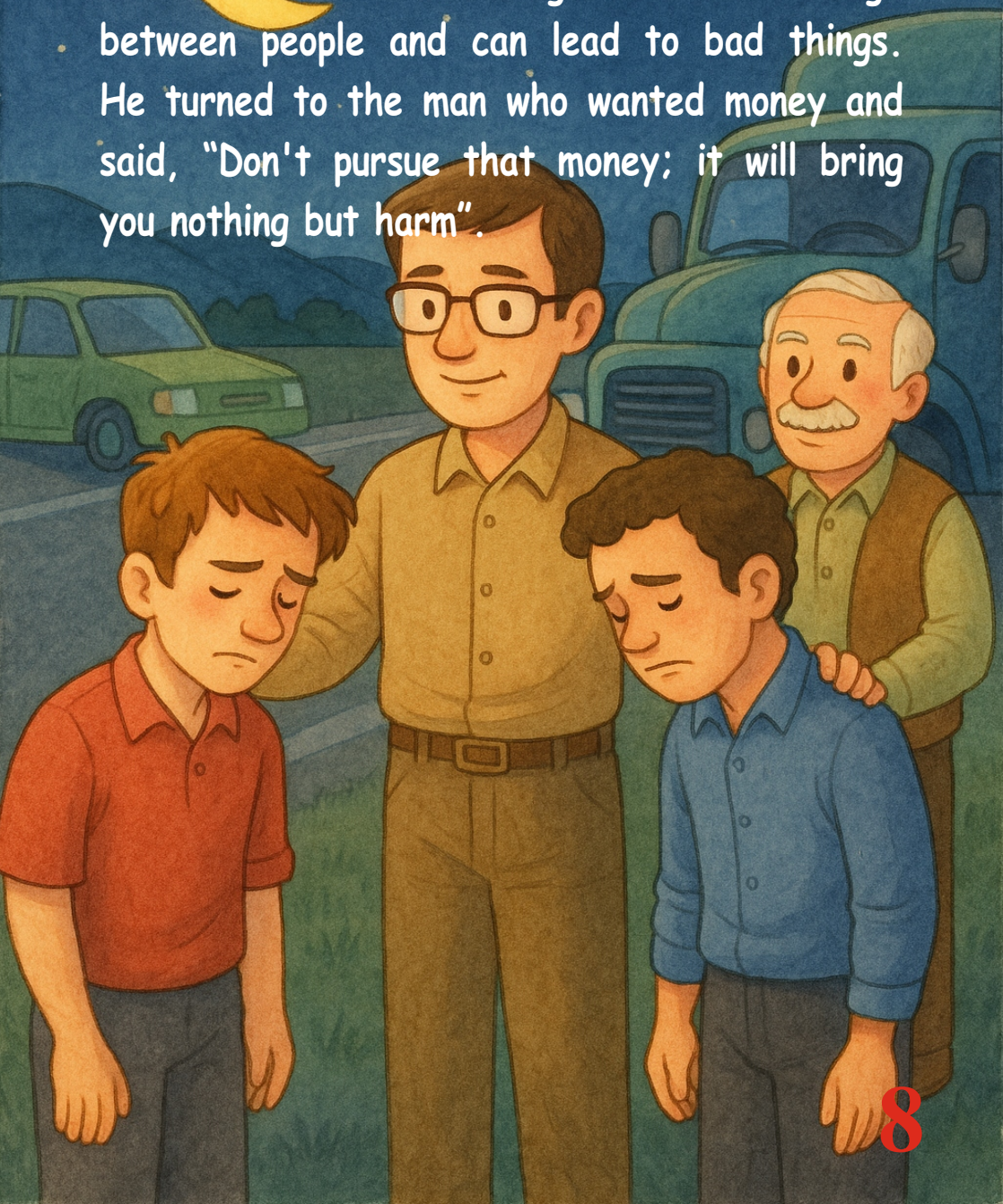
While Mehmet was trying to separate them, a car arrived. That car belonged to teacher Ahmet. Ahmet was going to Istanbul with his children for a trip and encountered this incident on the way.



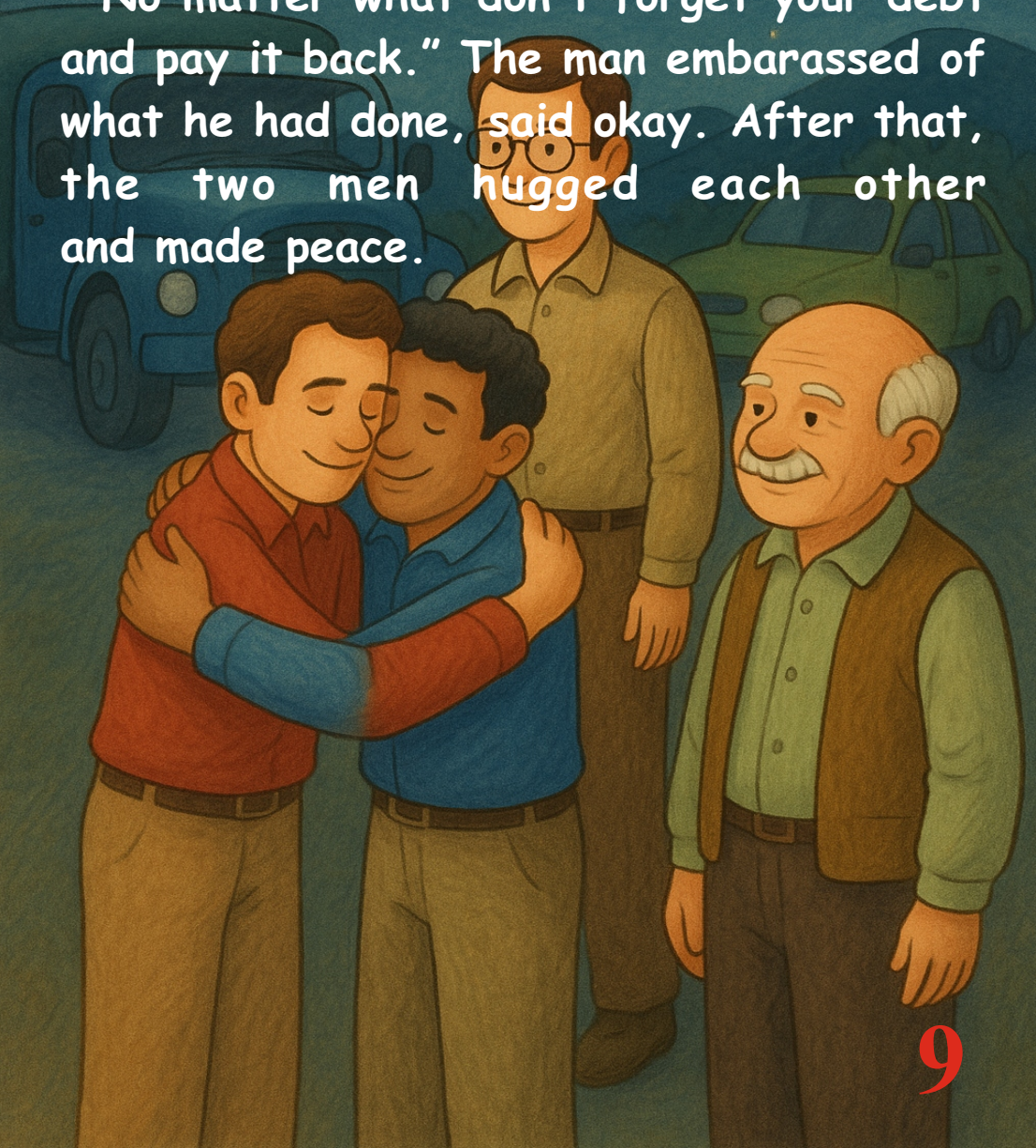
Teacher Ahmet explained to the people fighting that it was wrong and that they shouldn't have done. Although the fighting had subsided, it was not over. The man who gambled explained the situation to teacher Ahmet and said he wanted his money back.



Teacher Ahmet explained to them the harmful effects of gambling, using the context of their current situation. Gambling can drive a wedge between people and can lead to bad things. He turned to the man who wanted money and said, "Don't pursue that money; it will bring you nothing but harm".



After that , he gave up his money for Ahmet Hoca's sake. Then Ahmet Hoca turned to the man who had not given him the money and gave him some advice: " No matter what don't forget your debt and pay it back." The man embarassed of what he had done, said okay. After that, the two men hugged each other and made peace.



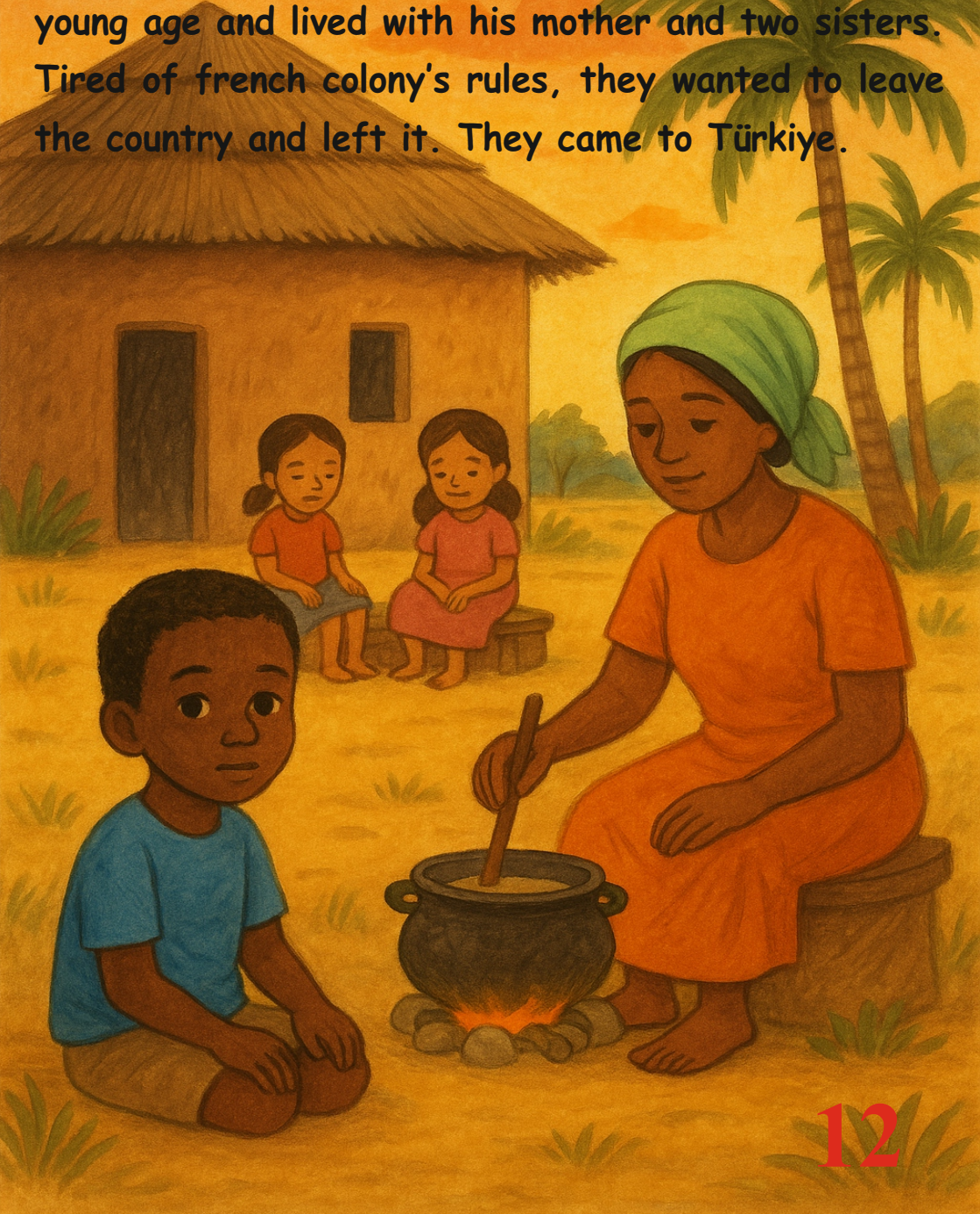
A week later, Ahmet Hoca returned to the neighborhood and began teaching. The students were excited about a new year. Each one was waiting for the teacher to arrive. Ahmet Hoca arrived, and they all stood up. Berat who is a intelligence said " I missed you so much teacher" and they all said in together " we missed you so much too, teacher". After thanking Ahmet Hoca he said " I missed you so much kids".



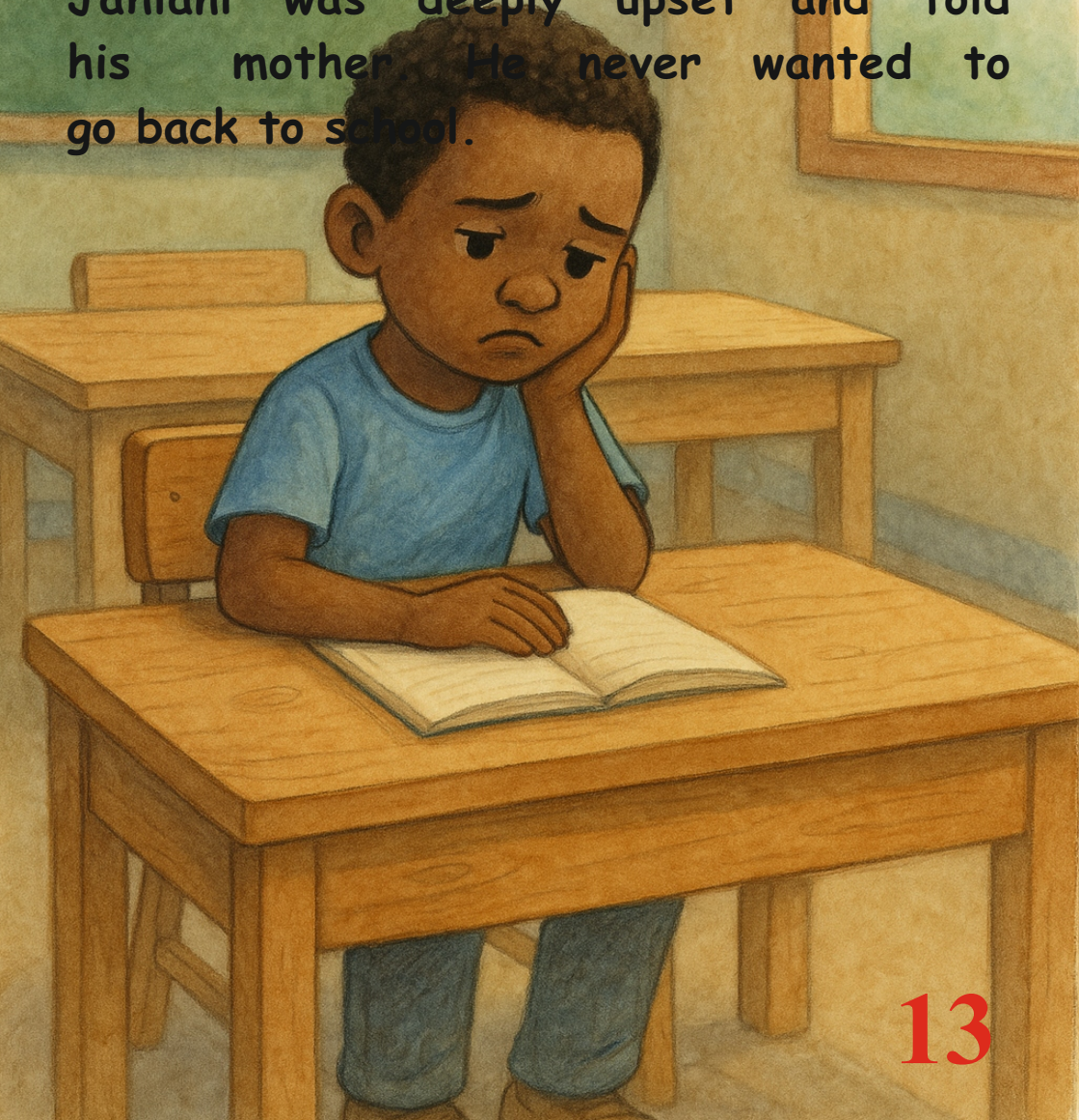
The recess bell rang and class ended. During recess, everyone was looking at the new student who is Jahlani. Jahlani was black, so he was different from everyone else in the class.

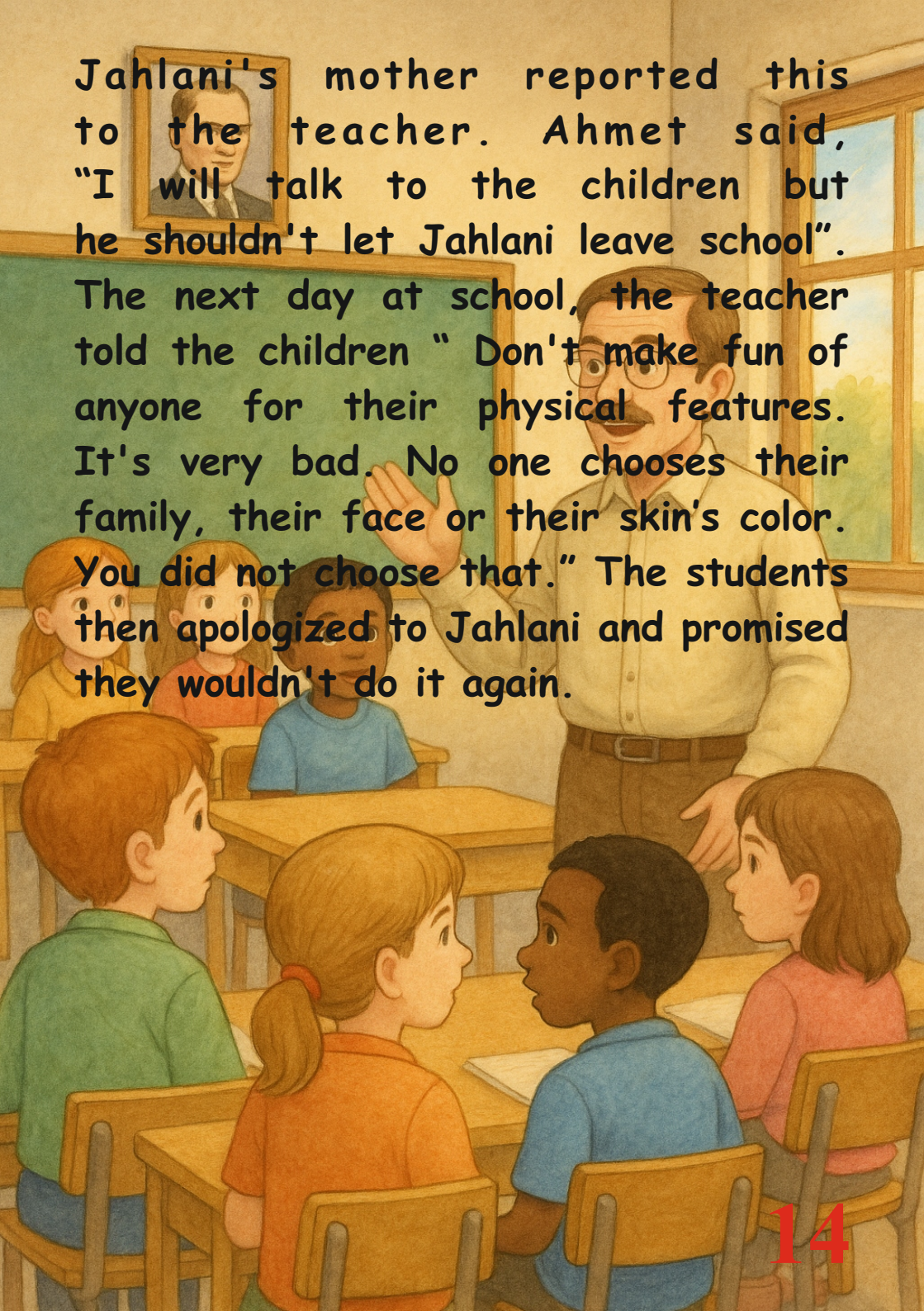


Jahlani was from Senegal, which is French colony. Jahlani lost his father to an illness at a very young age and lived with his mother and two sisters. Tired of french colony's rules, they wanted to leave the country and left it. They came to Türkiye.




When Jahlani and his family arrived in Türkiye, they moved to this neighborhood and began attending this class. After a while, his friends began speaking badly about he was black. Jahlani was deeply upset and told his mother. He never wanted to go back to school.



An illustration of a classroom scene. A male teacher with glasses and a mustache, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and brown trousers, stands at the front of the room. He is gesturing with his right hand raised, palm facing forward, as if speaking to the class. In the background, there is a framed portrait of a man on the wall and a window showing a view of trees outside. Several young students of diverse ethnicities are seated at wooden desks. In the foreground, a boy with brown hair in a green shirt, a girl with brown hair in an orange shirt, a boy with dark skin in a blue shirt, and a girl with brown hair in a pink shirt are looking towards the teacher. Other students are visible in the background, including a girl with red hair in a yellow shirt and a boy with dark skin in a blue shirt. The text is overlaid on the illustration, following the contours of the scene.

Jahlani's mother reported this to the teacher. Ahmet said, "I will talk to the children but he shouldn't let Jahlani leave school". The next day at school, the teacher told the children " Don't make fun of anyone for their physical features. It's very bad. No one chooses their family, their face or their skin's color. You did not choose that." The students then apologized to Jahlani and promised they wouldn't do it again.

An illustration of five diverse children (three boys and two girls) of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and shaking hands in a circle. They are in a classroom setting with a sign on the wall that reads 'WE ARE DIFFERENT, WE ARE SAME'. The children are wearing colorful clothing: a boy in an orange shirt, a girl in a red dress, a boy in a blue shirt, a boy in a yellow shirt, and a girl in a green shirt. The background shows a classroom with desks and a window.

**WE ARE
DIFFERENT,
WE ARE SAME**

After that, they never made fun of anyone again. In conclusion, differences and disagreements are not worth breaking the bond of brotherhood between us.

**WE ARE DIFFERENT,
WE ARE SAME**

THE END

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