

An Incredible Dream

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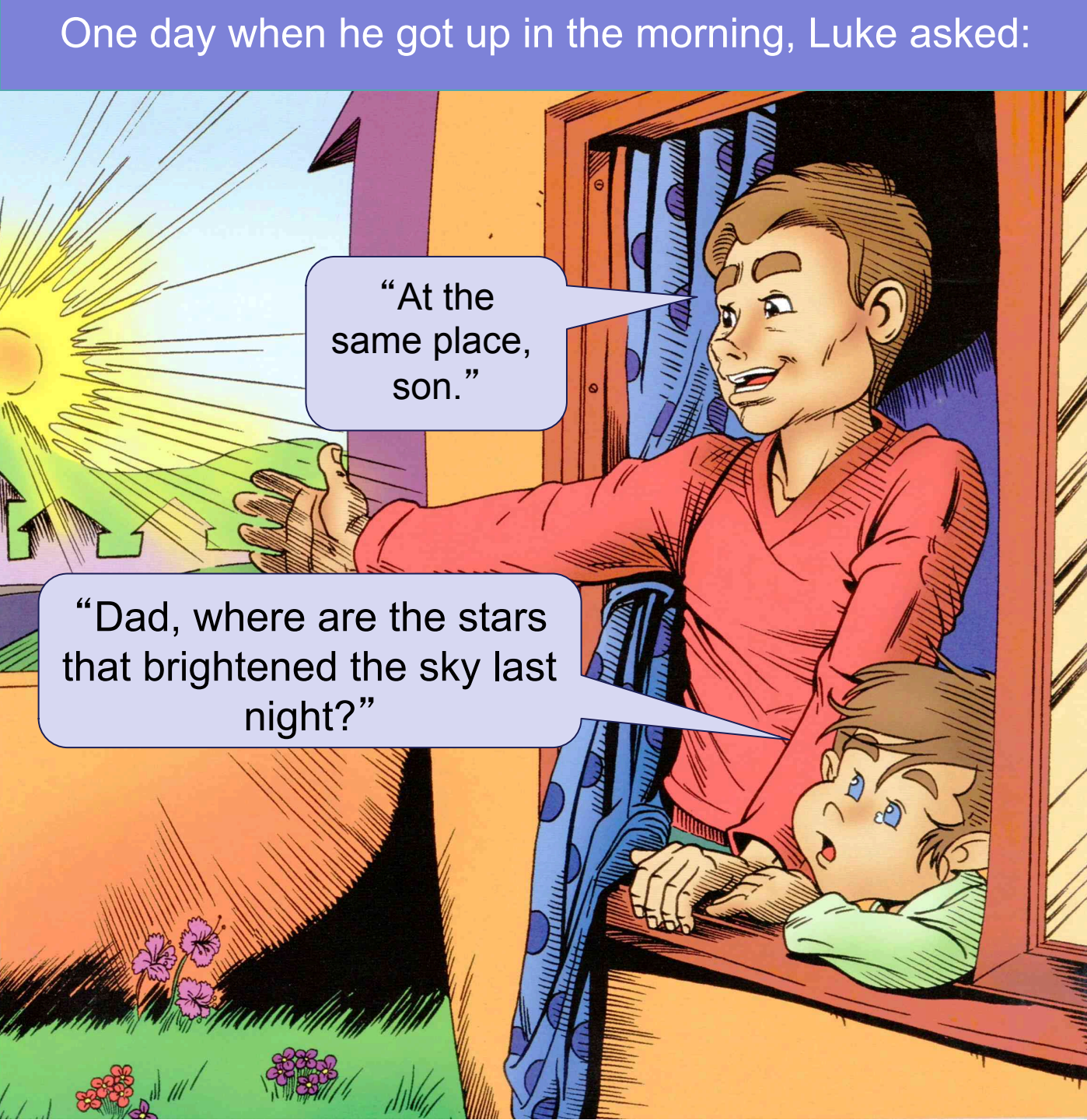


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Luke and Michael were great friends. They liked to study and play together.

One day when he got up in the morning, Luke asked:



"At the
same place,
son."

"Dad, where are the stars
that brightened the sky last
night?"

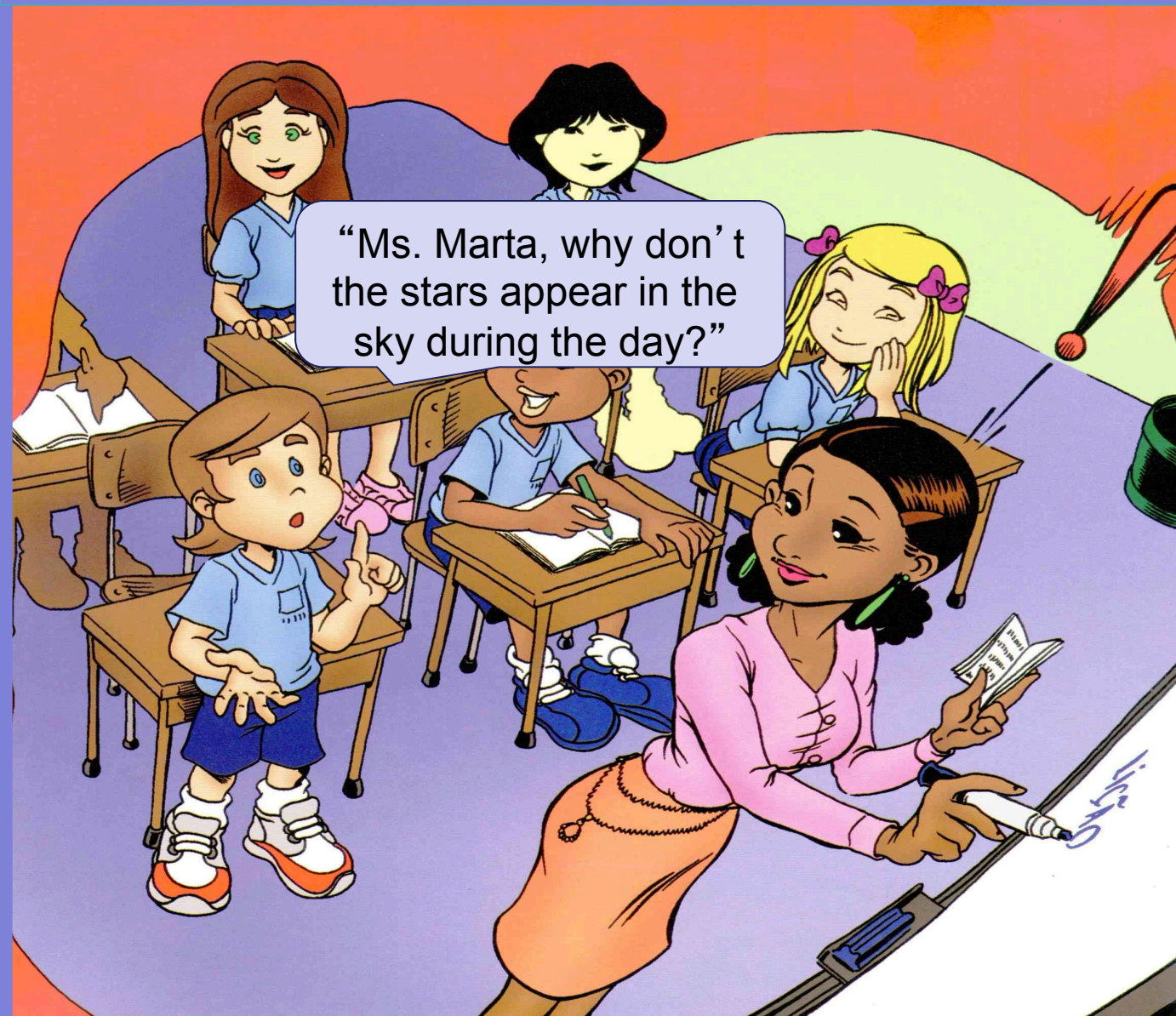
A man with brown hair, wearing a red V-neck sweater, is sitting in a chair and pointing his right hand towards a bright sunrise visible through a window. A young boy with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt, is leaning over the back of the chair, looking out the window with a surprised expression. The scene is set indoors, with a wooden window frame and a blue patterned curtain visible. Outside, the sun is rising over a green landscape with small trees and flowers.

“No, Luke. They are at the same place. It’s because the sunlight is so bright, and shines so much, that it doesn’t let us see the stars; however, they are still there.”

“How? If I don’t see them anymore! The sky is blue all over, without any stars. Are they gone?”

Luke was not totally convinced with his dad's answer. He said good-bye to his mom and went to school. At arriving at school he asked the teacher the same question:

“Ms. Marta, why don't the stars appear in the sky during the day?”



Several classmates got interested about the subject and joined the conversation. Ms. Marta, then, expanded the explanation with some comments:

“The same happens to the sun. We can’t see it at night but it continues to exist and shine in another part of the world. There are many things we don’t see, but they exist: the wind, electricity, the scent of a flower, among many others.”

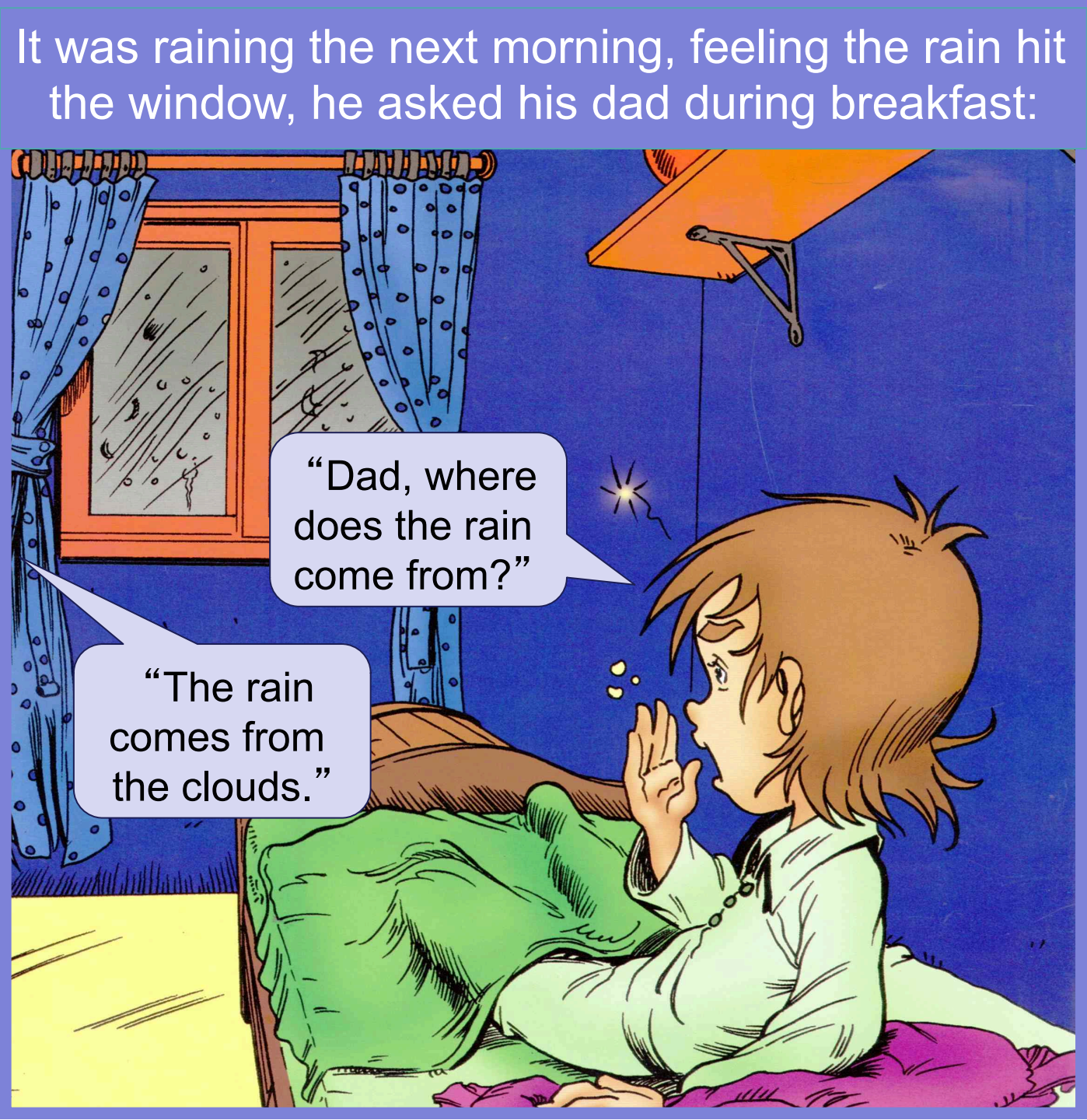


Luke and Michael, Ms. Marta's son, went home talking about all that happened at school.



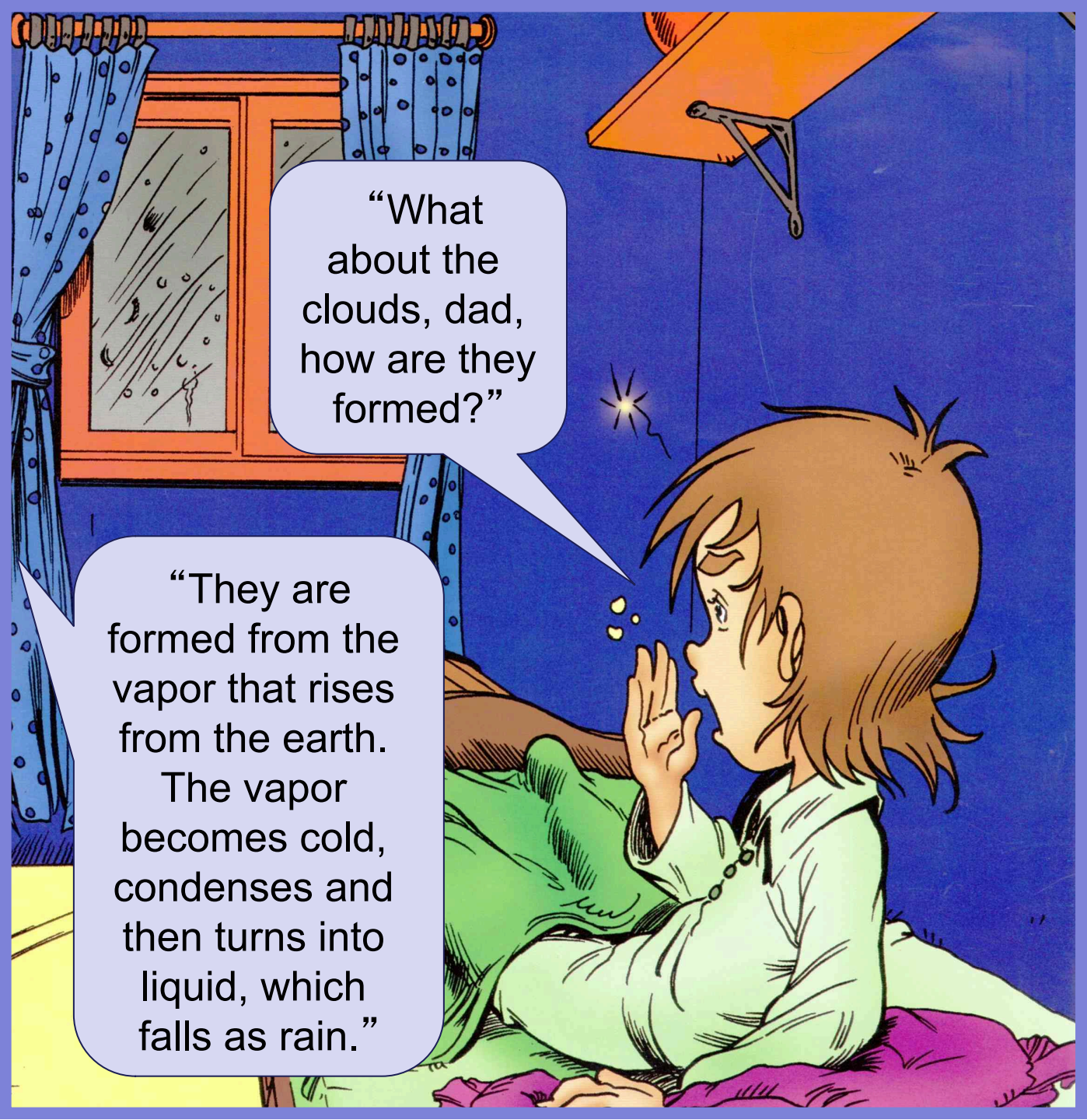
In the afternoon, the two friends studied and played, like always.

It was raining the next morning, feeling the rain hit the window, he asked his dad during breakfast:



"Dad, where does the rain come from?"

"The rain comes from the clouds."



“What
about the
clouds, dad,
how are they
formed?”

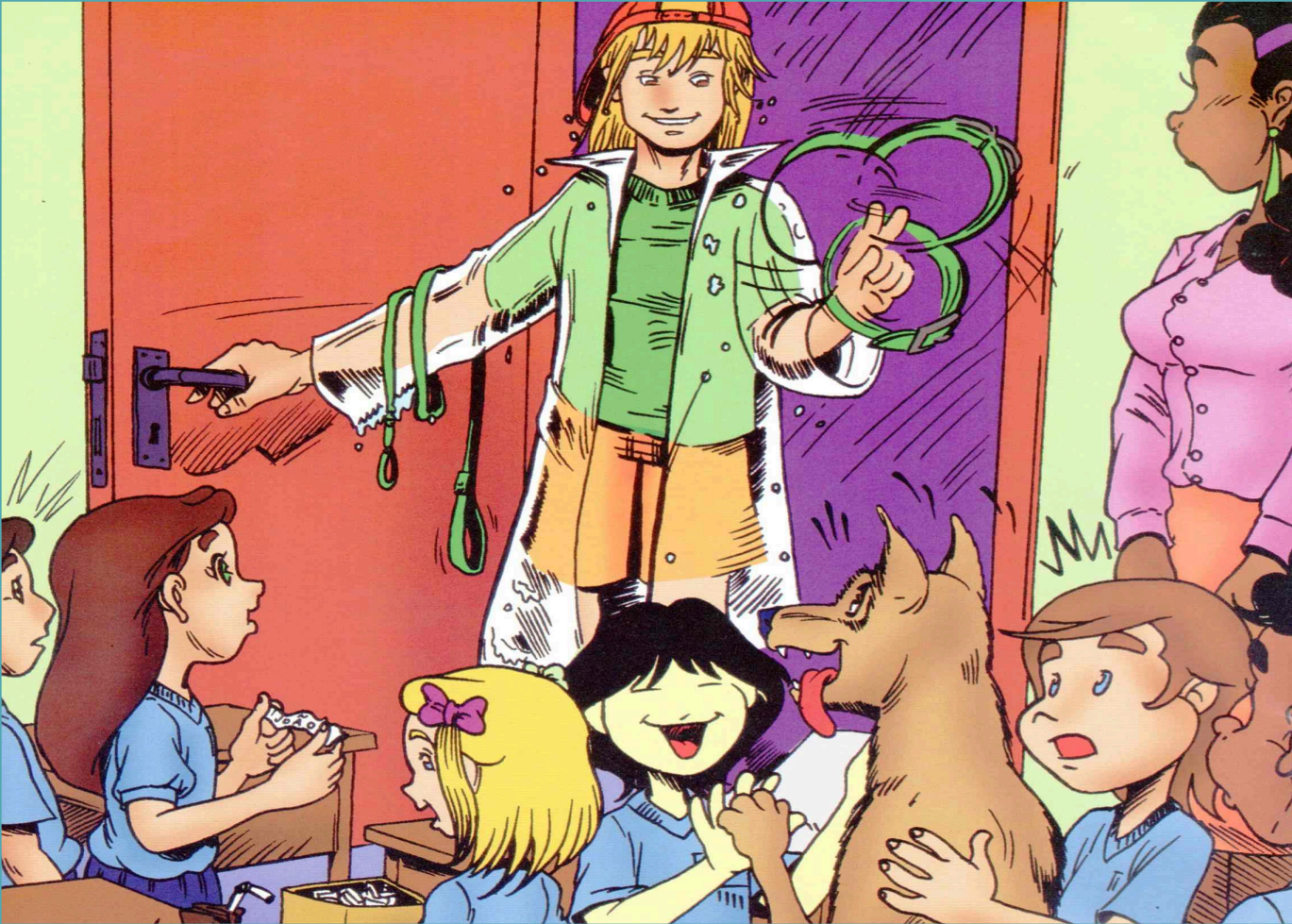
“They are
formed from the
vapor that rises
from the earth.
The vapor
becomes cold,
condenses and
then turns into
liquid, which
falls as rain.”

That morning, at school, all of them remained in class during recess.



Then they heard a noise. Something pushed the classroom door, and a wet dog came in as fast as an arrow.

They tried to grab him and play games. The students came up with different names for the dog. Suddenly, when they just started voting his name, a young man showed up in the classroom looking for his lost dog.

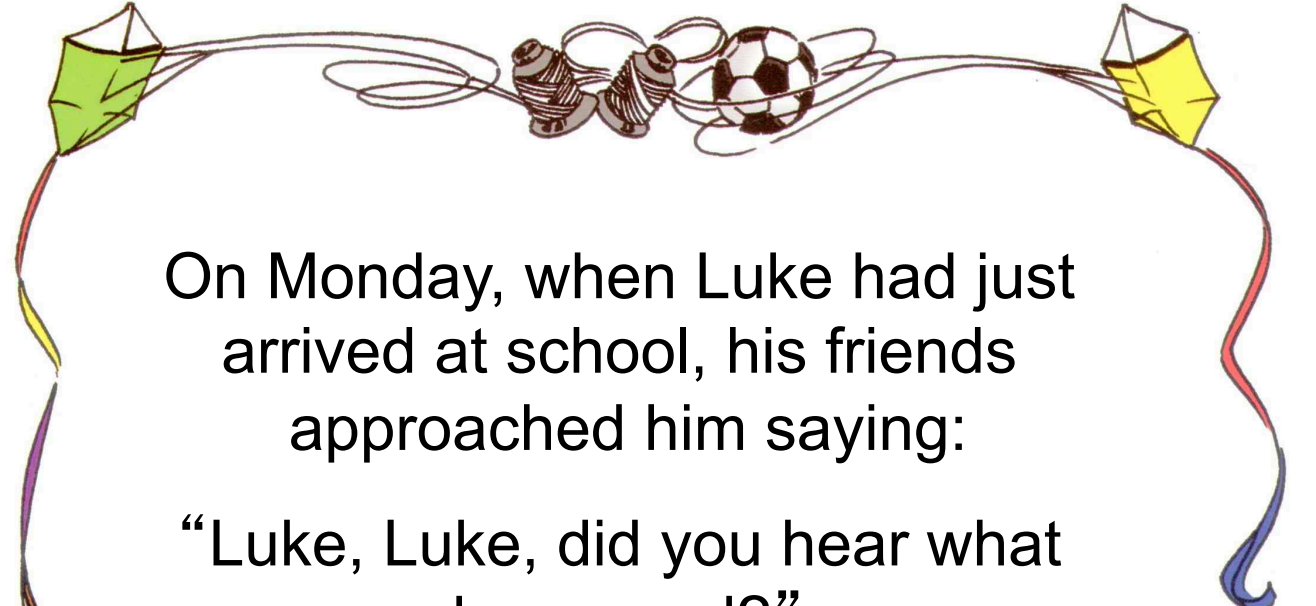


The boys and girls were disappointed after the dog was gone. But, by that time, they had to turn their attention to the teacher.

Luke was going out for the weekend and said
goodbye to his friend Michael.

“Have a nice
trip, Luke!”

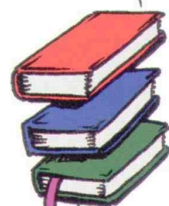




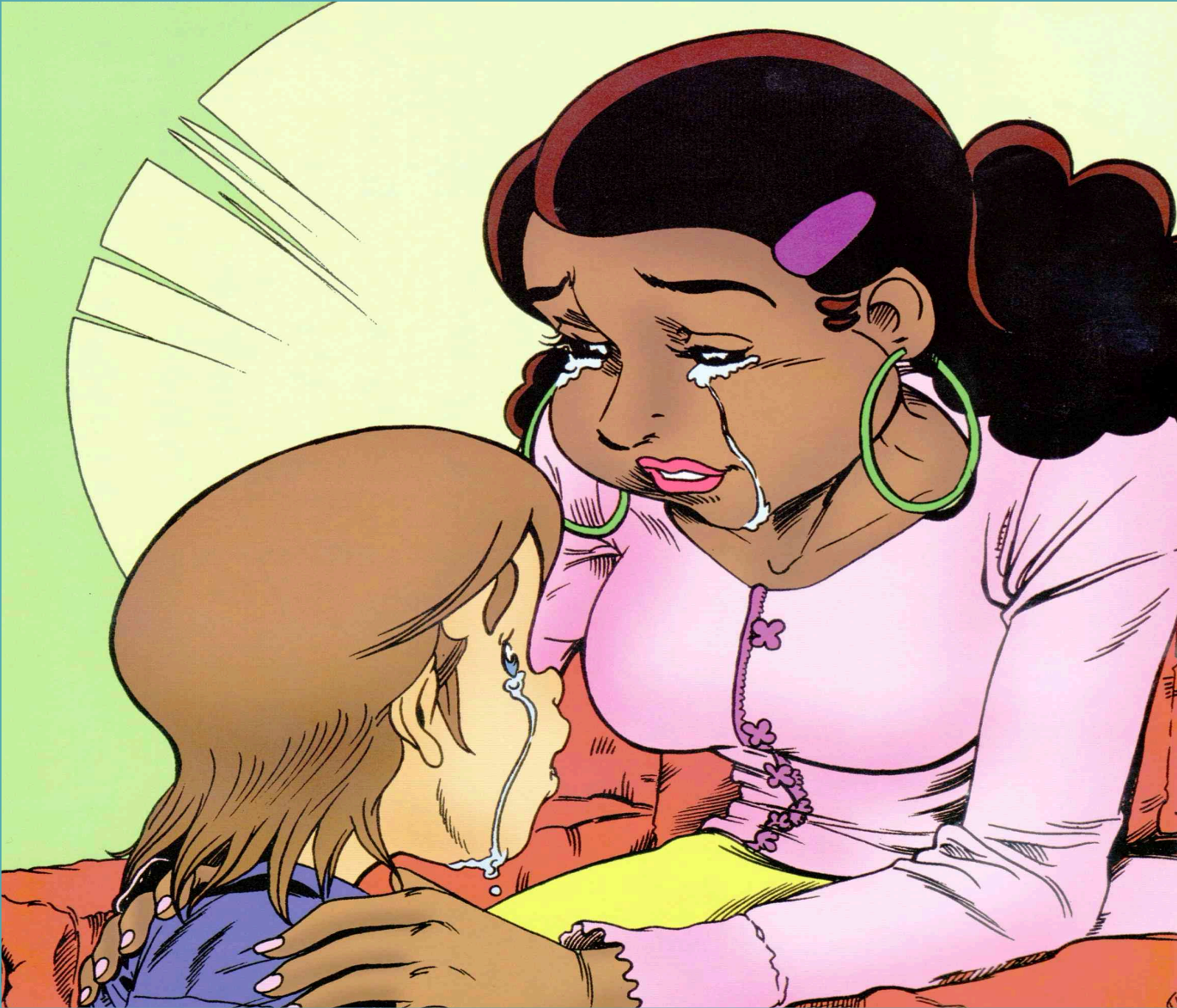
On Monday, when Luke had just arrived at school, his friends approached him saying:

“Luke, Luke, did you hear what happened?”

“What?” Michael had an accident, he went to the hospital, but, unfortunately, he did not make it...”



Luke couldn't say anything, he was extremely sad. He went to visit Ms. Marta and as he arrived, he hugged her and cried.






“My friend is gone. He doesn’t exist anymore! I will never talk to him again!”

“Luke, do you remember what we studied a few days ago? Does the sun stop existing during the night?”

“No, Ms. Marta, it brightens the other side of the world.”



"Do you see the wind?"

**"No.
Sometimes it
is very
strong, but I
don't see it."**

"How about
the flowers'
scent?"

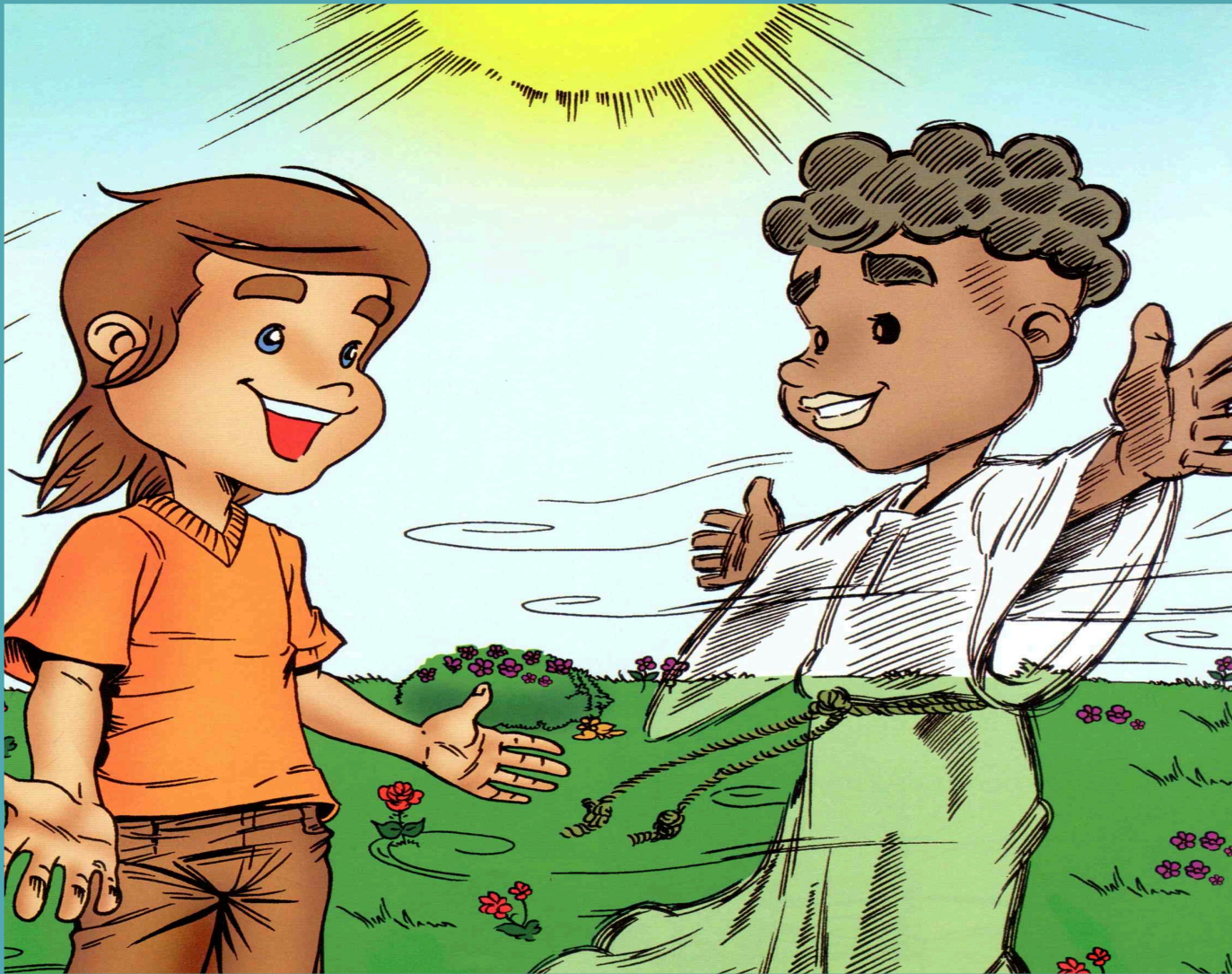
**"I don't see
it either.
And it is so
nice to feel
their
perfume!"**

“Therefore, they still exist, right?” said his teacher. “It is like that with Michael. We can’t see our loved boy but he is still very much alive.”




Luke stopped crying.

At night, Luke slept calmly and dreamed that he was at a very beautiful garden where people and children would come and go. They were busy and happy. Suddenly Luke's heart jumped! Someone was coming towards him...it was Michael!



He had the same smile and the same kind look as always. They hugged each other, and Michael said:



“Don’t be sad.
I am alive and
we’ll continue
to be friends.”
“Friends
forever!”

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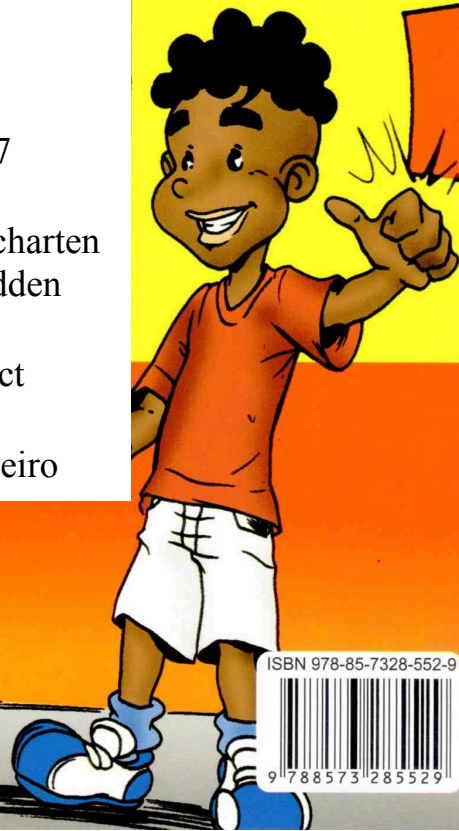
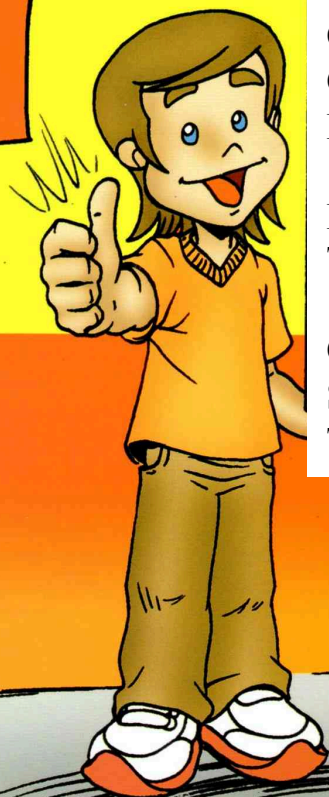
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