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"May I ride your bicycle?" I asked Didi.



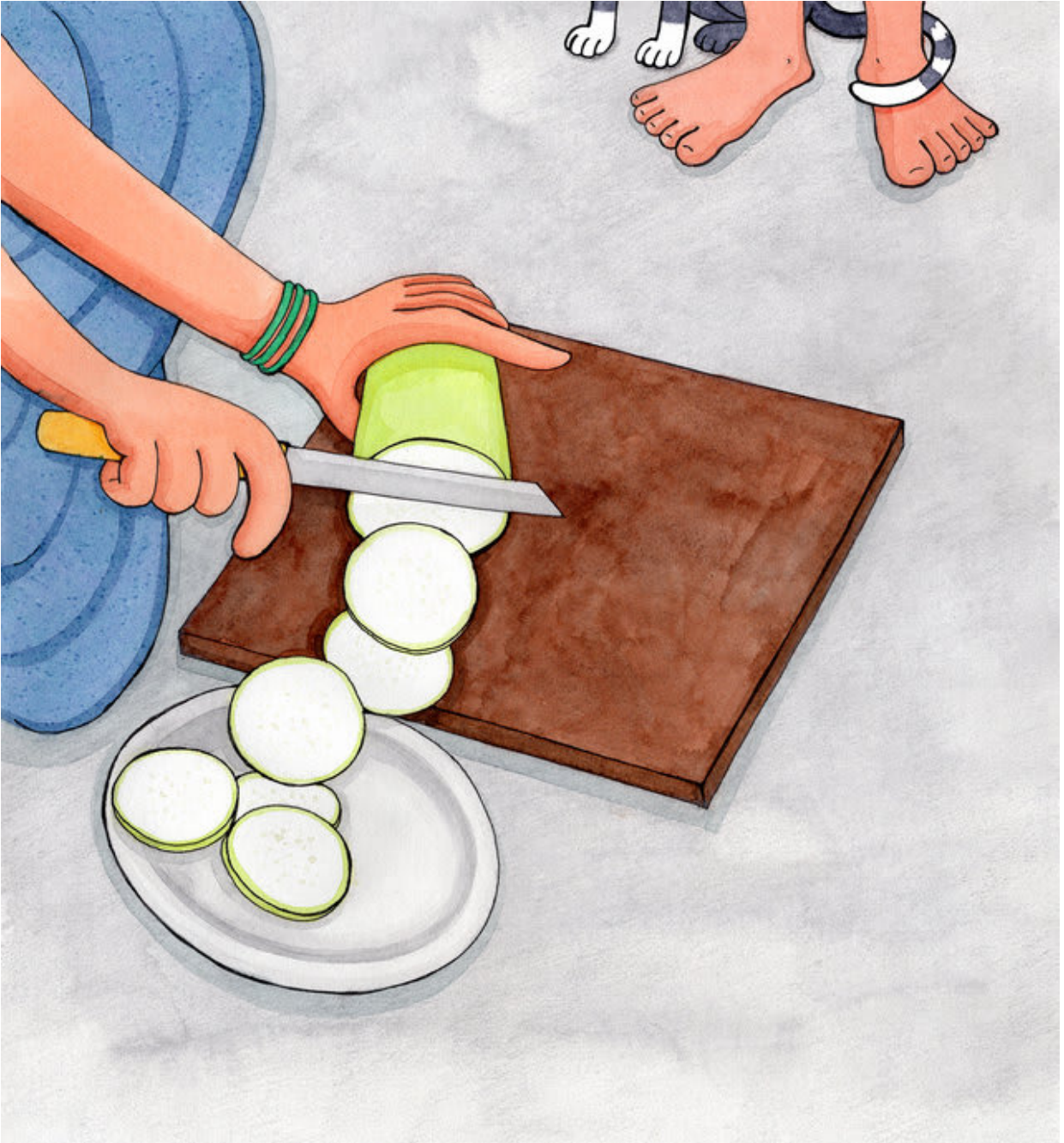
"No," Didi said. "You're too young to ride a bike."



"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."



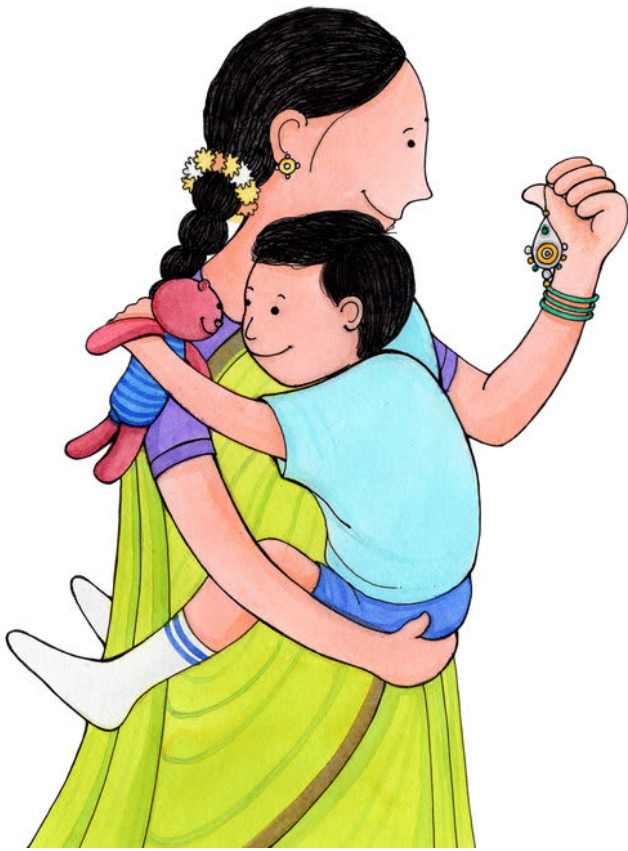
I was confused. I thought to myself,
Am I too old, or too young?







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?



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Young or Old? (English) A little boy is old enough to tie his shoes, but too young to help his father paint the house. He is old enough to feed himself, but too young to help his mother cook. Is he too young, or too old? This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.



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