



A Home Made of Books

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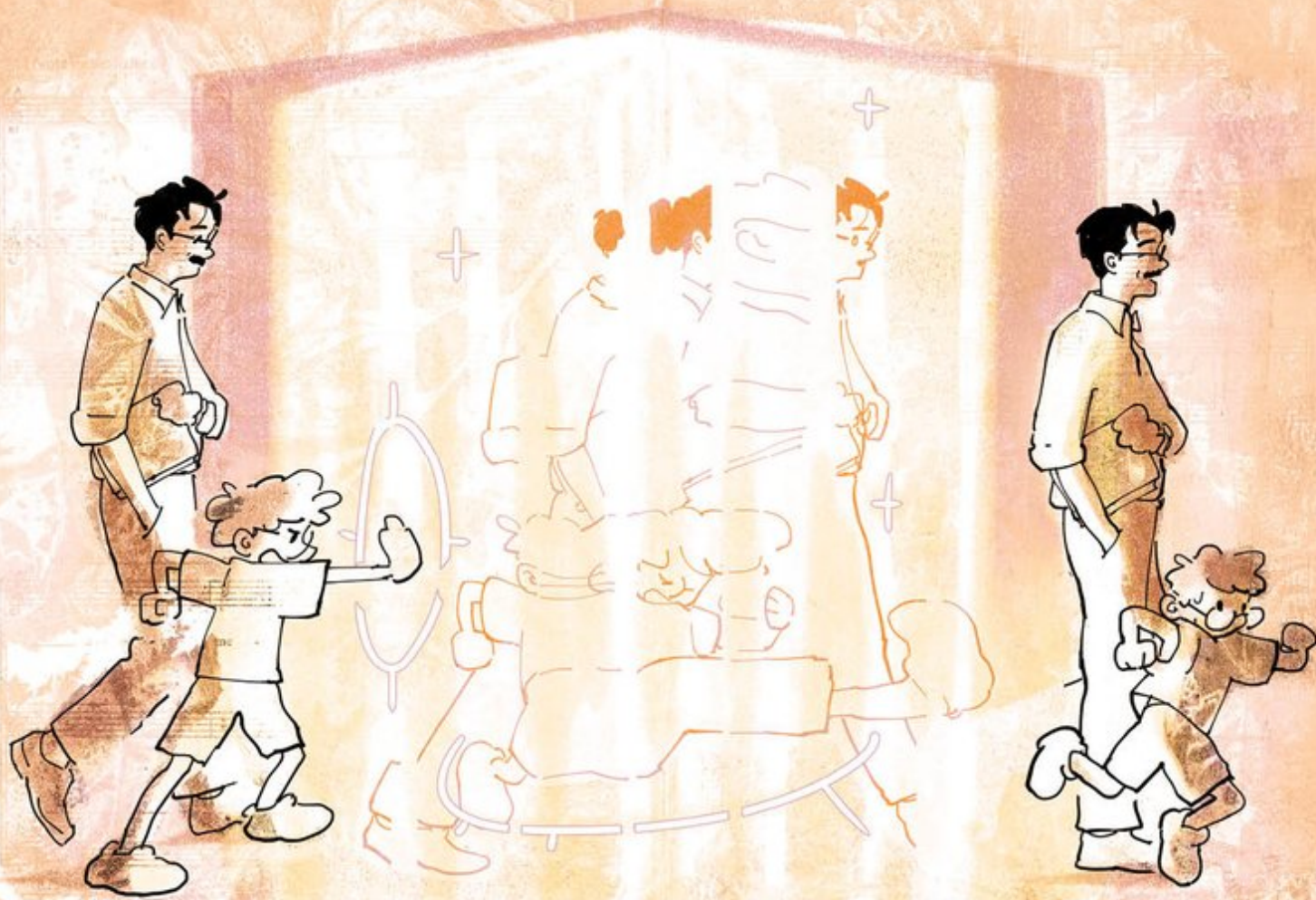


It's quiet at the hospital.
Dadu is not feeling too well.

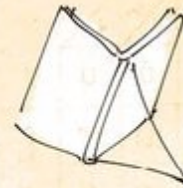
Popsi and I are sitting
on the staircase outside.
He's holding a book.
It's Dadu's favourite book.



Popsi always carries a book,
no matter where he goes.



To the market or to the doctor's.
To the office or on a holiday.
You never know when you'll need a book, he likes to say.



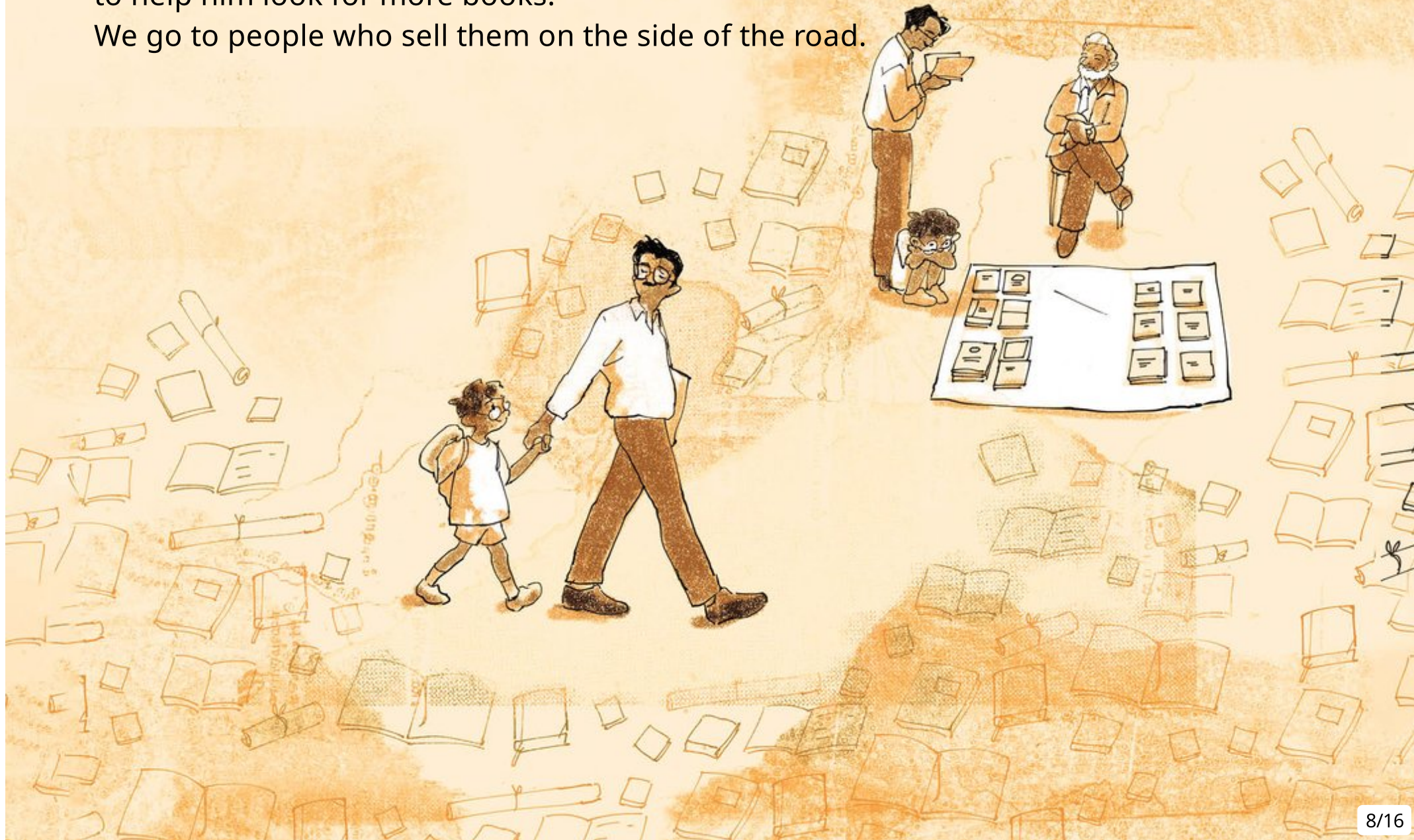
Our home has more books than the school library.
Or maybe as many.
I don't know.



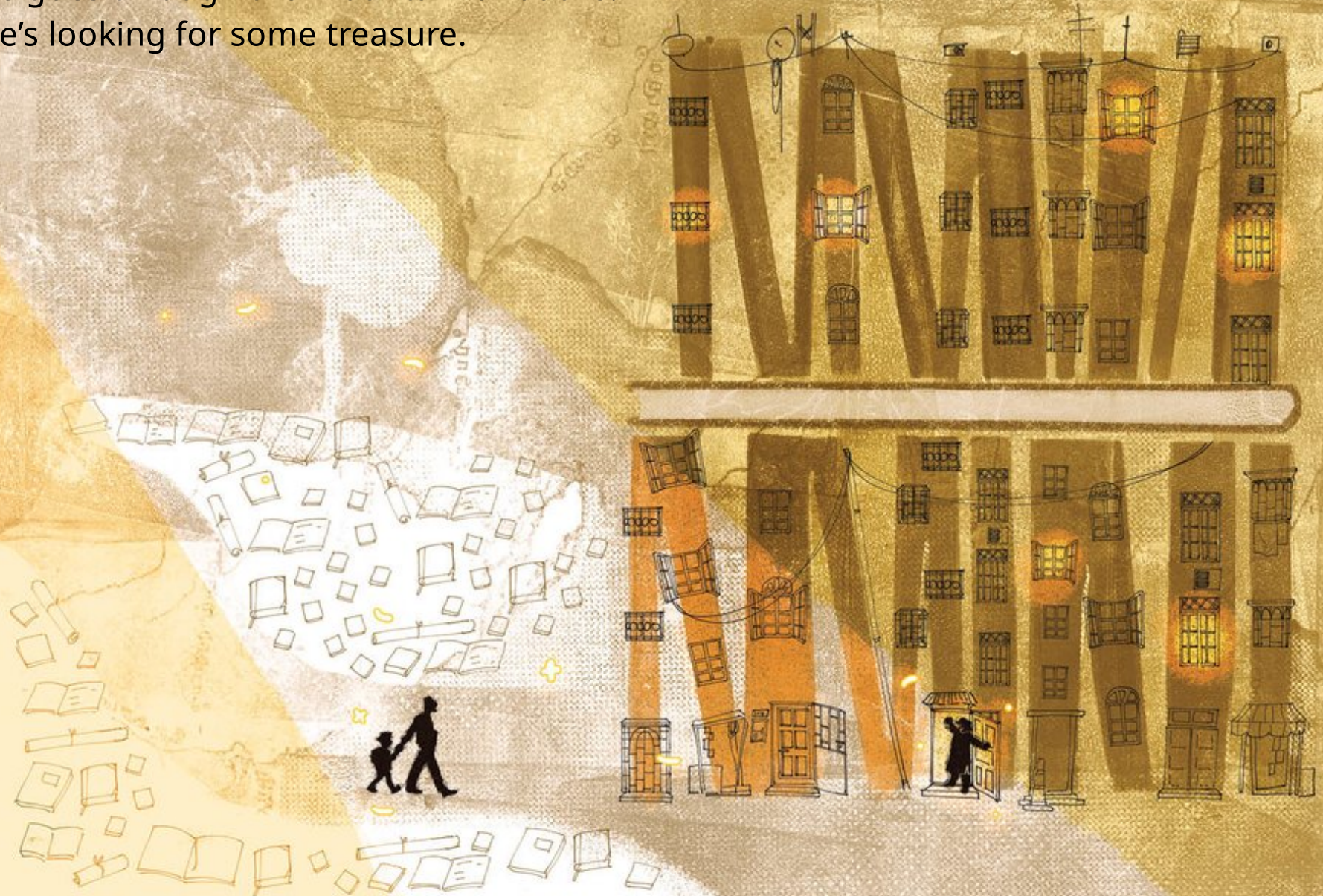


There are definitely a LOT of books.

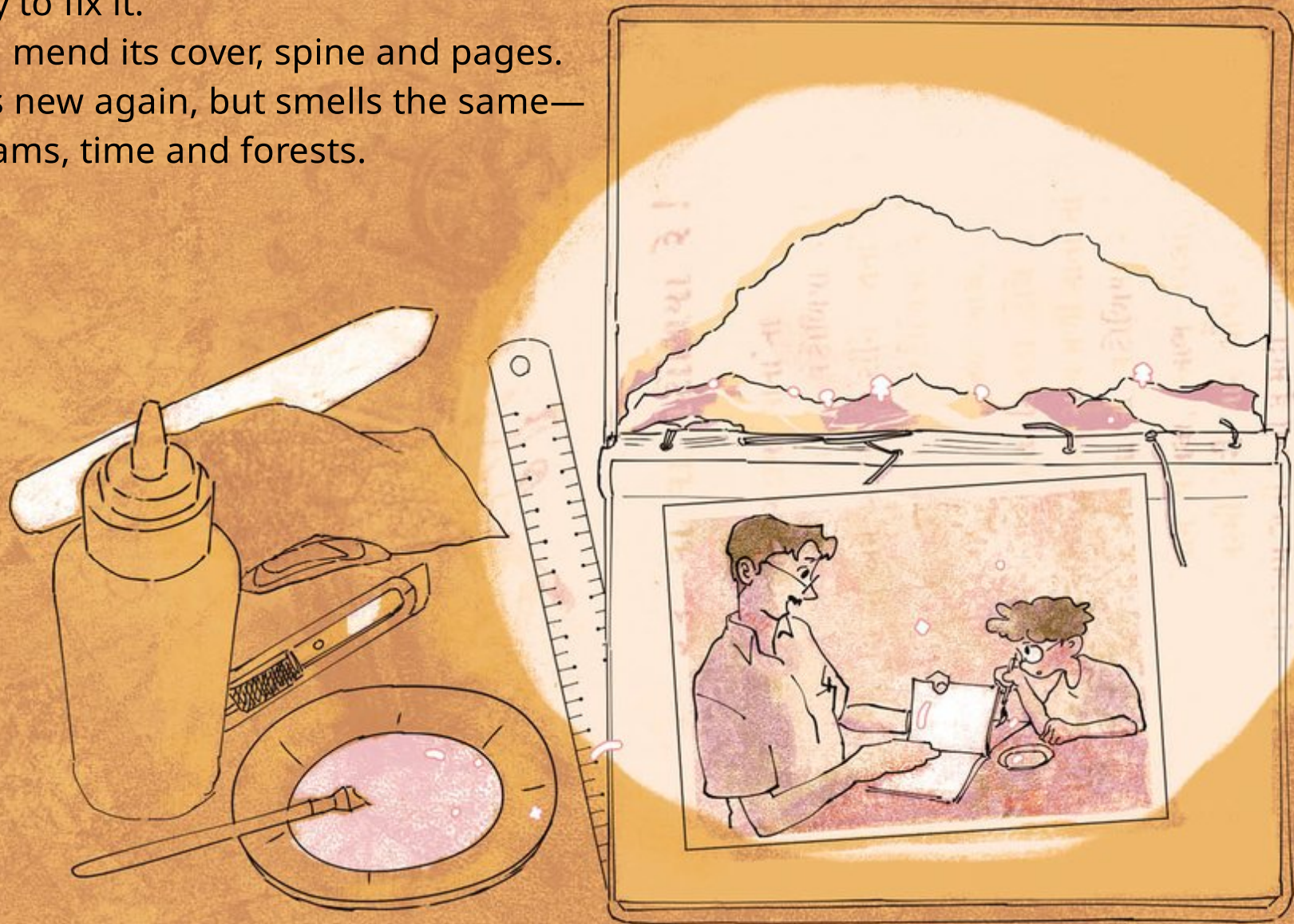
Popsi likes to collect books.
Sometimes he asks me to come with him,
to help him look for more books.
We go to people who sell them on the side of the road.

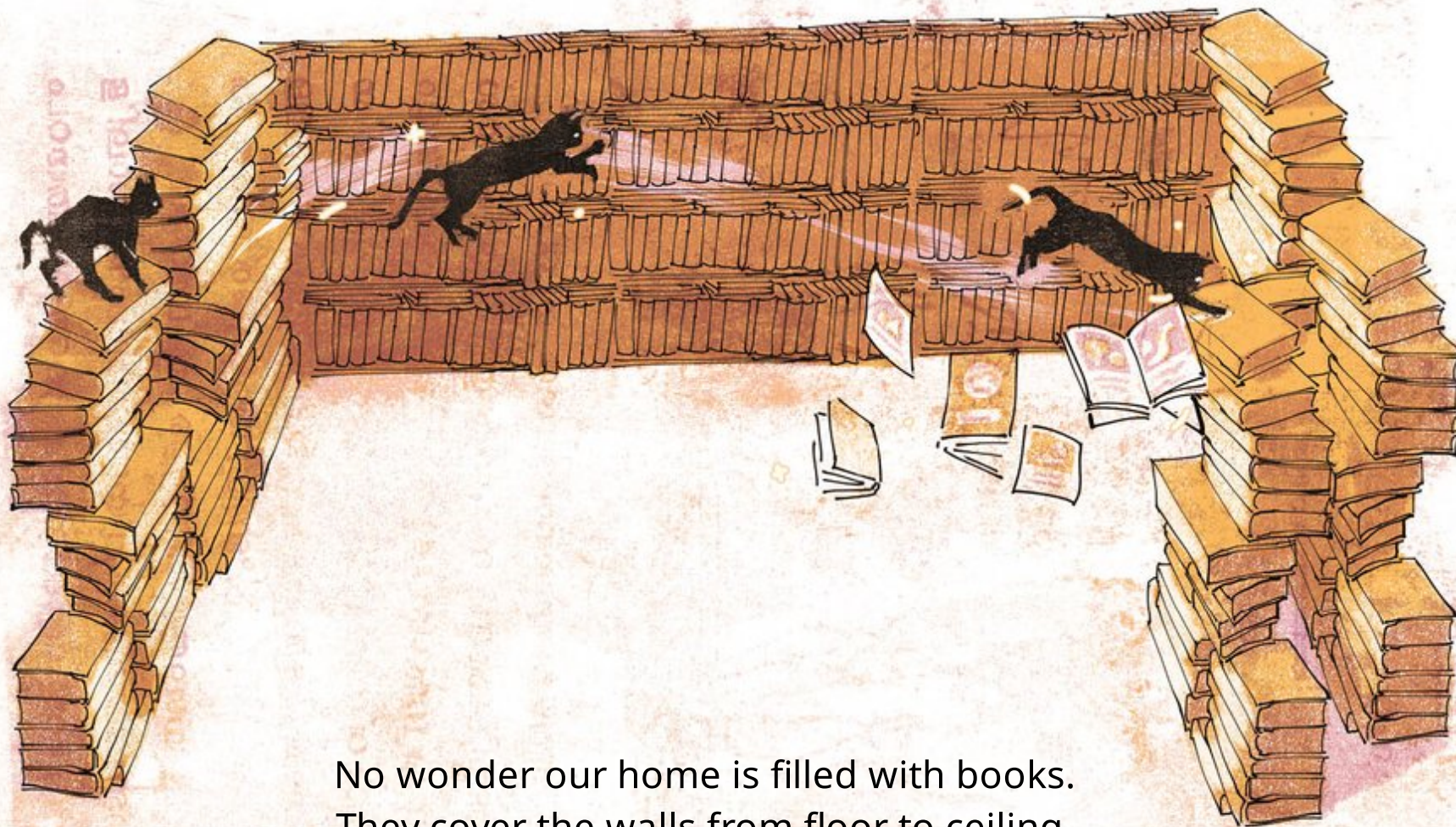


And sometimes to people's homes.
People who have lots of books, but want to give them away.
And he goes through the mountain of books.
Like he's looking for some treasure.

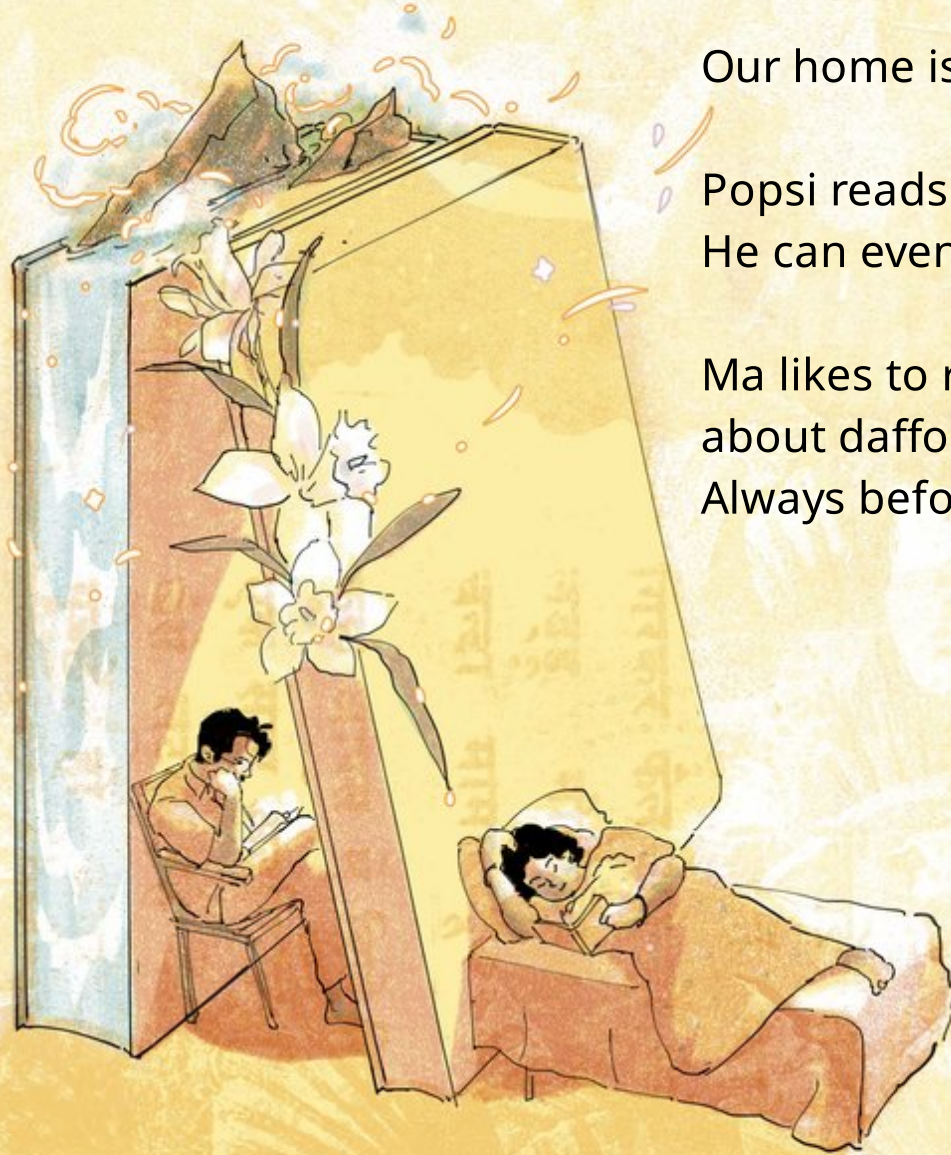


If he likes a book, he will bring it back home
And try to fix it.
He will mend its cover, spine and pages.
Till it is new again, but smells the same—
of dreams, time and forests.





No wonder our home is filled with books.
They cover the walls from floor to ceiling.
Even Eliot, our cat, likes to sleep on a bookshelf.
He jumps from one tower of books to another,
till he is right on top and he can look down at us with his big green eyes.



Our home is a quiet home, a reading home.

Popsi reads about the mountains, wildlife and old wars.
He can even read while standing or walking.

Ma likes to read from her favourite poetry book,
about daffodils and the sea.
Always before we go to sleep.

Dadu likes to tell us stories.
Of two brothers, Kakku and Makku,
Who go on adventures and rescue dragons.



But me? I like books with drawings in them.
I like books about magic, courage and friendship.
And I love Dadu's stories.
I miss his stories.

Home isn't the same without Dadu.
Popsi says Dadu's eyes hurt now.
He is too weak to walk or read.
He misses home and dreams about stories.



I tell Popsi I want to read to Dadu.



I snuggle up to him, hold him tight.
Tell him about the stories I have been reading.
How I want to grow up and build my own house made of books.





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(English)

A house full of books is one that's bursting with the magic of stories. Even when away from home like Dadu, who is in the hospital, books become a reminder of everything that's familiar, of the friendship of beloved characters, and of the hope that families share together.

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