

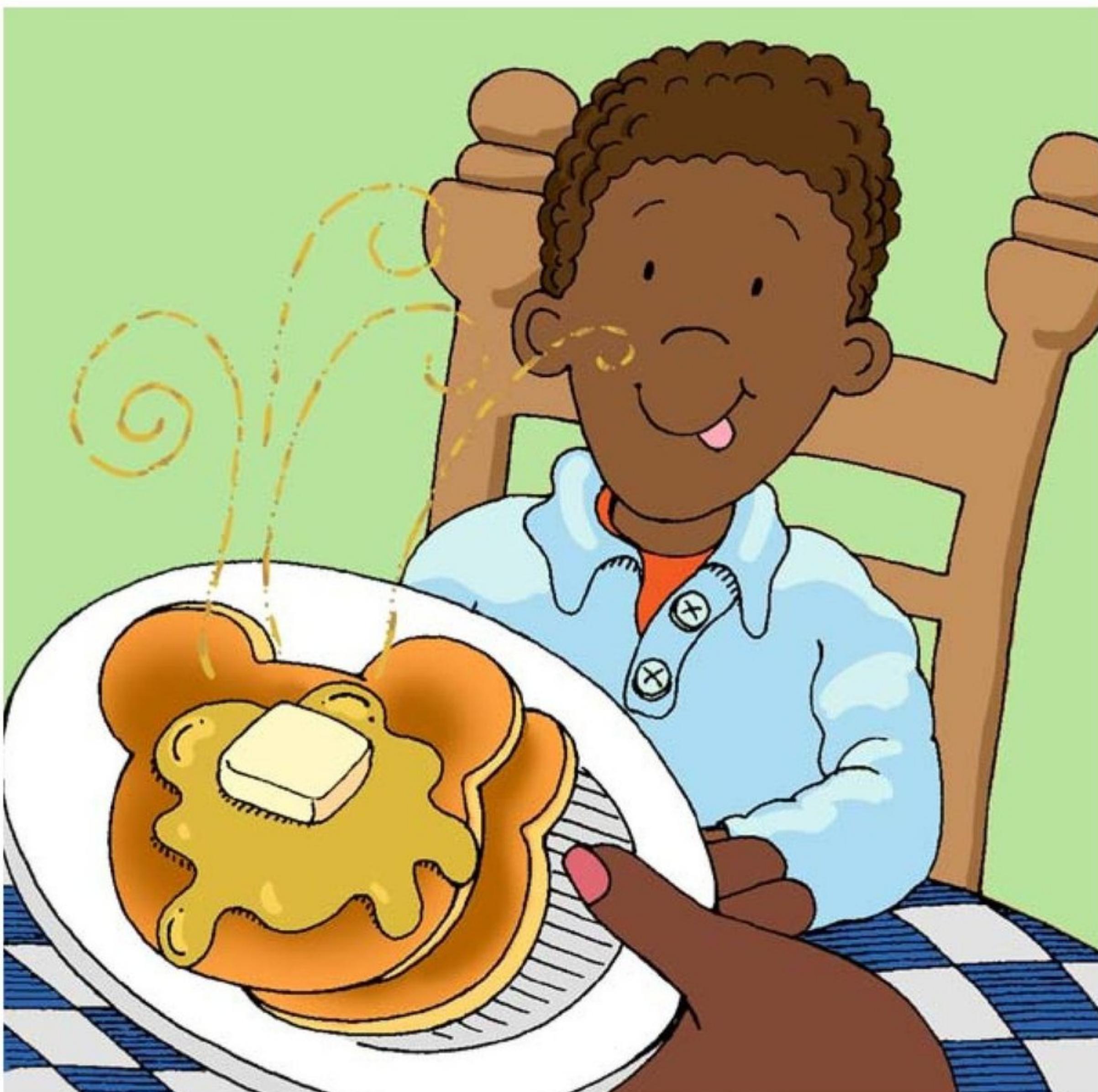
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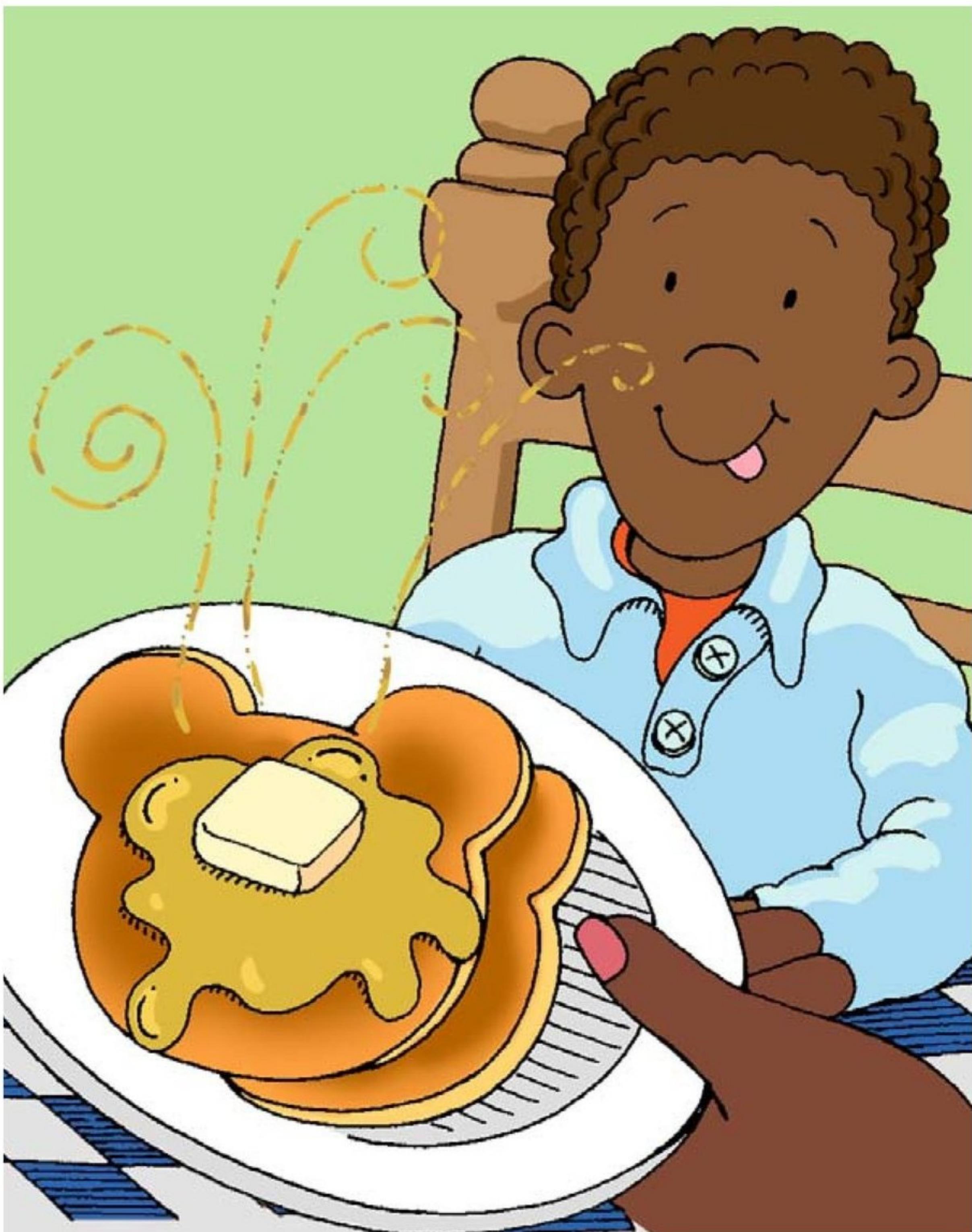
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Hey, sit down, and I'll tell you a story.  
My name is Arthur.  
I'm eight years old, and my life  
is great.



Every morning, Mom wakes me up by  
tickling my feet.  
It makes me laugh and starts my day  
on a happy note.



For breakfast, Dad makes  
Mickey Mouse-shaped pancakes.  
After school, Dad and I kick the  
ball until dinner.



For dessert, I always have a huge  
cookie with milk.

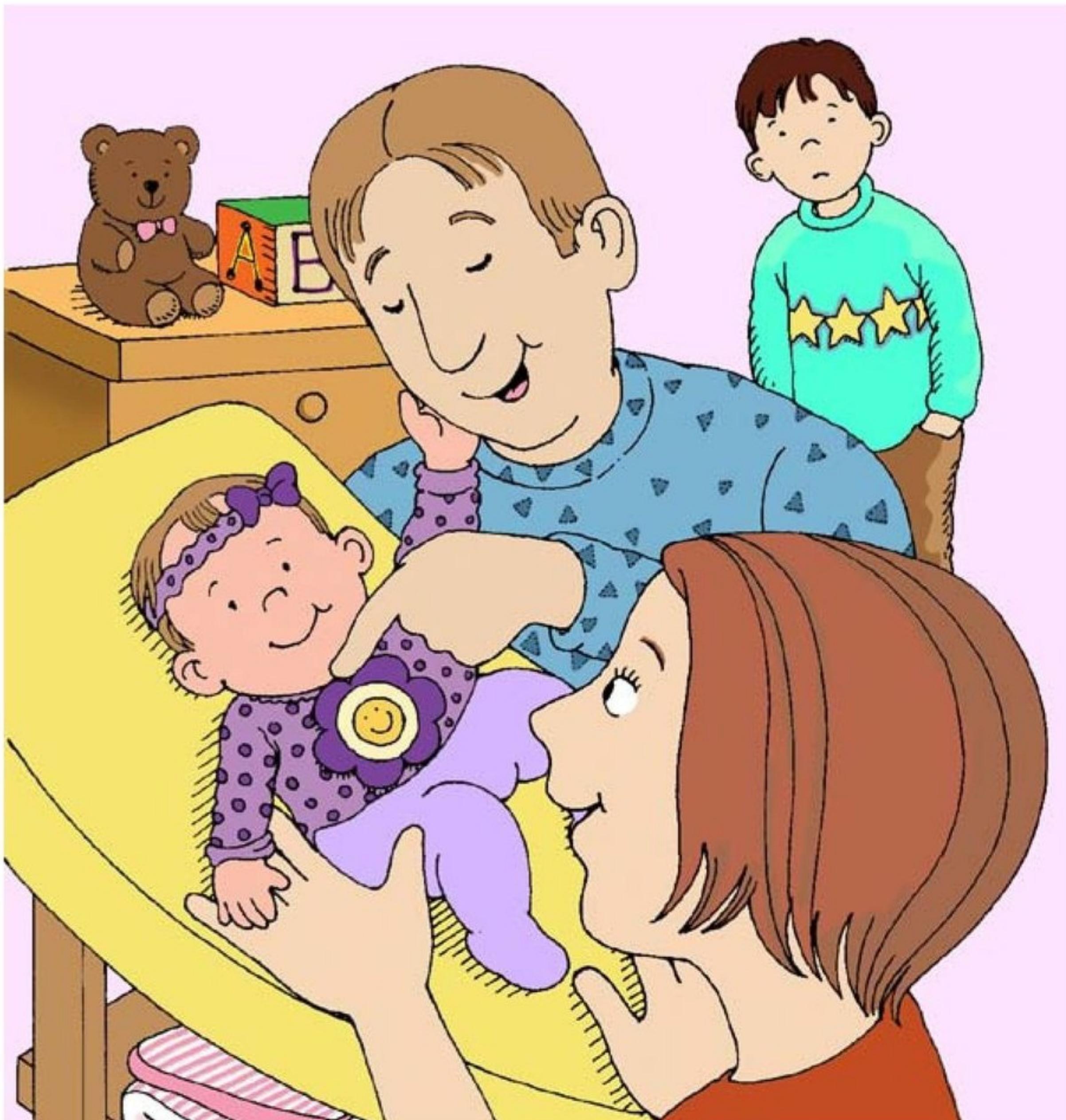
I have my own special cup  
from Disneyland.



But a few months ago, my parents told me some bad news.

They said that I'm going to have a little sister.

I know I'm not going to like it.  
I have never had to share my parents with anybody. 



My friend Jeff got a baby sister last year.

His parents never have time to play with him.

And they are always busy changing the baby's stinky diapers!

Yuck!



Mom and Dad said that I will have  
to share my bedroom with the  
baby.

She better not use my Disneyland  
cup. No way.

I told Mom that I don't want  
a baby sister.



But that didn't seem to matter.



Today, Mom and Dad are coming home with my new sister. I'm just going to tell them to take her back. I don't want to share my mom and dad, or my room. 



Well, here they are.

Dad is carrying some pink blankets.

Is the baby inside there?

Is she that small?



Grandma goes outside.  
She hugs Mom and then looks  
inside the pink blankets.  
I hear Grandma say the baby  
is beautiful.  
I'm not going out there.  
I'm going to sit right here. 



Now Mom is hugging me.  
Dad puts the baby in my lap.  
And then the most amazing  
thing happens.  
She reaches out and grabs my finger!  
She won't let go!



I think she knows that I'm her  
big brother. She likes me already.  
Hey, maybe having a sister won't  
be so bad.

I think Mom and Dad have enough  
love for both of us. 

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