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Focus Question

How does Jae react when he loses things?
What does this say about his character?

Words to Know

baseball

dinosaur

keys

losing

signed

umpire

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Jae couldn't find his **keys**

after school.

His parents would not be home

from work for an hour.



Ron was a man who lived next door.

He was a good friend
of Jae's parents.

Jae had seen Ron many times but
had never talked to him much.

I can't just sit here, Jae thought.
He knocked on Ron's door.



Inside Ron's house, Jae saw

a **baseball** on a shelf.

"That was **signed** by the Twins team in 1987," Ron told him.



“Wow! How did you get it?”

Jae asked.

“I was an **umpire** for many years,”

Ron answered.



Jae loved baseball.

He asked Ron question after question.

Ron told Jae many stories about his job.



When it was time to go home,
Jae asked Ron, “Can I come
back again?”

“Sure,” Ron said.

Wow, *losing* my keys turned out
okay, Jae thought.



The next day at school, Jae looked for his book all around his desk. He couldn't find it.

"Need help?" asked Martina. She was new in school.



“Yes, I lost my **dinosaur** book,”

Jae said.

“You can use mine if you want,”

Martina said.

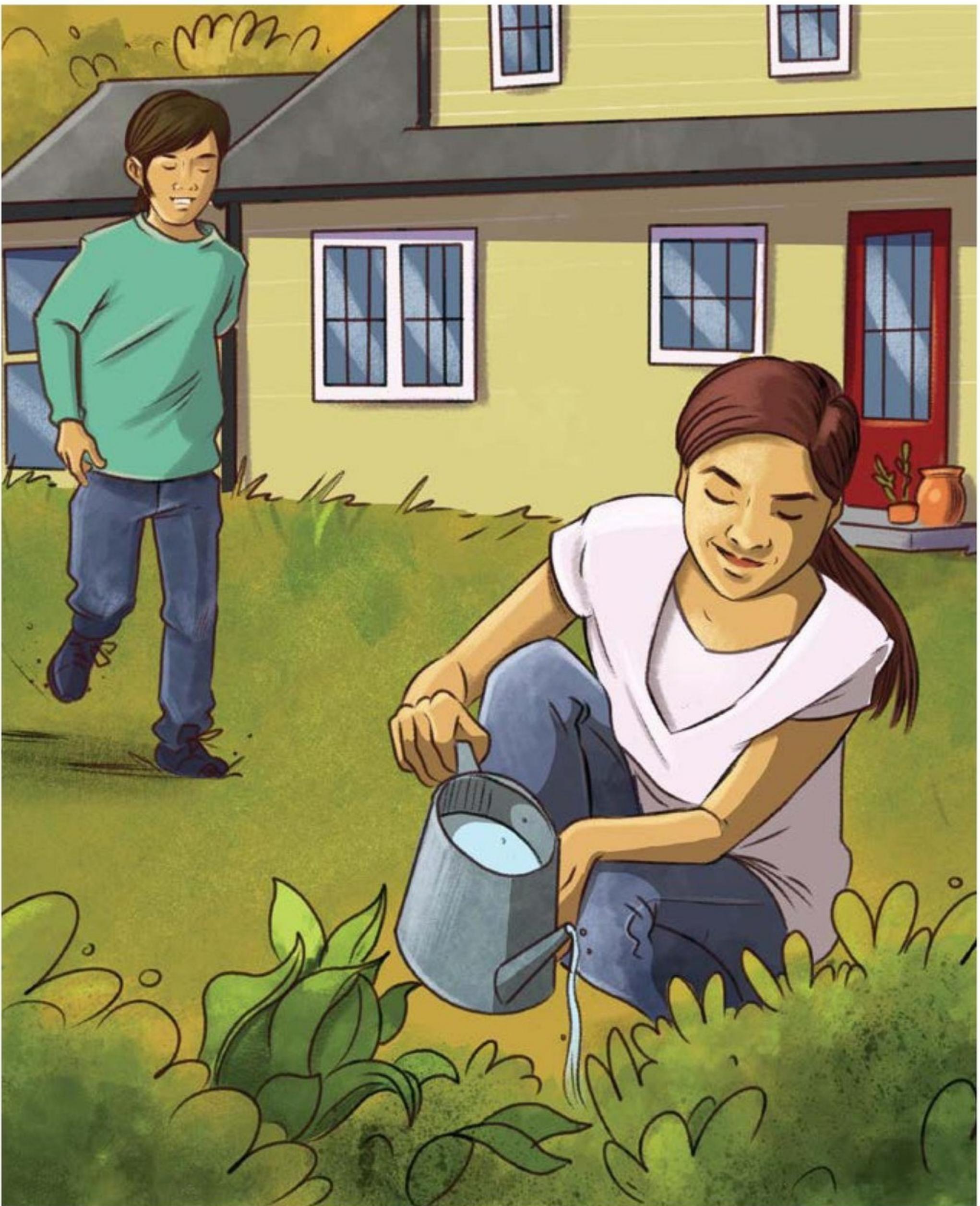


“That’s the same book I use!”

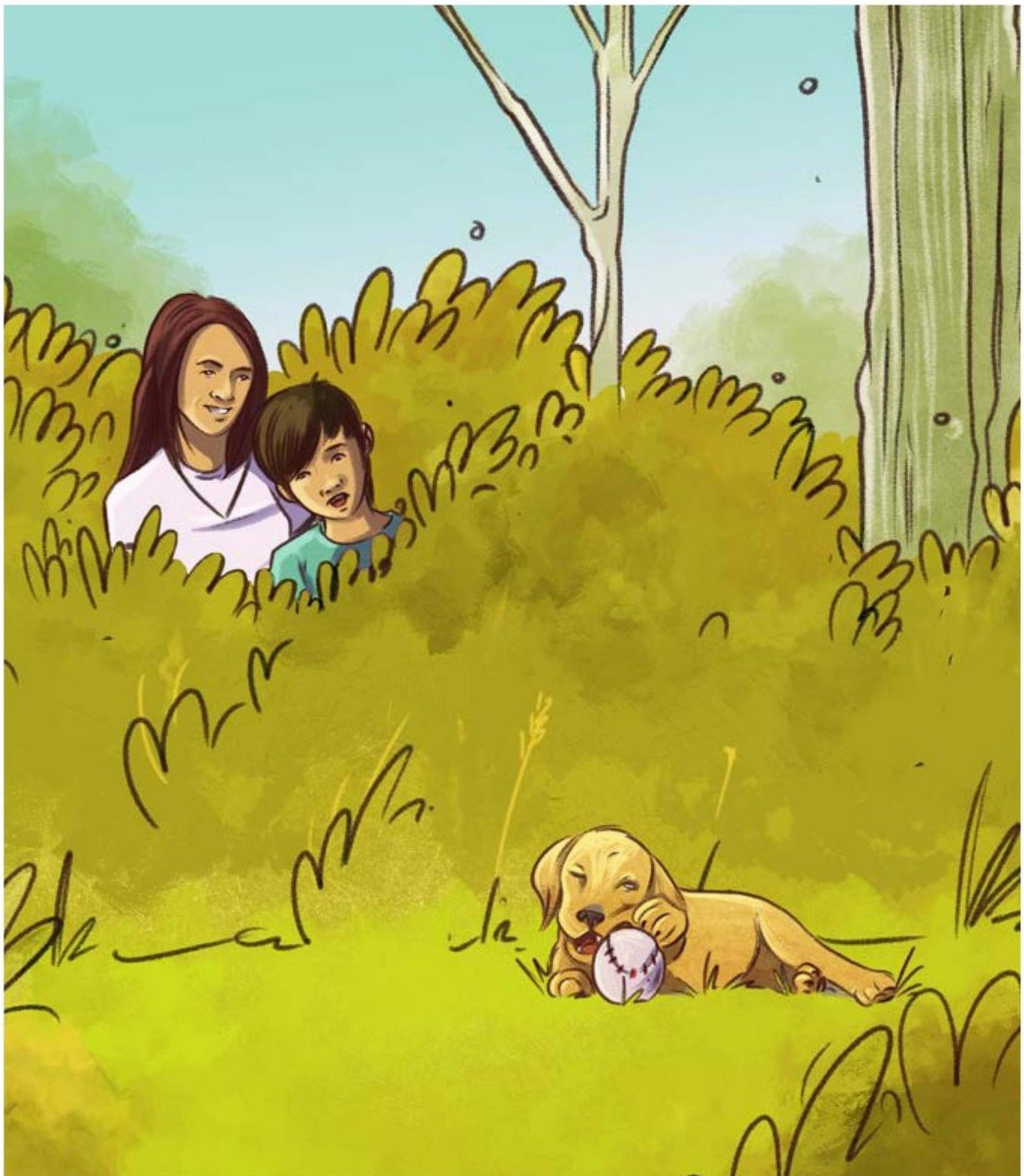
Jae said.

They talked about dinosaurs.

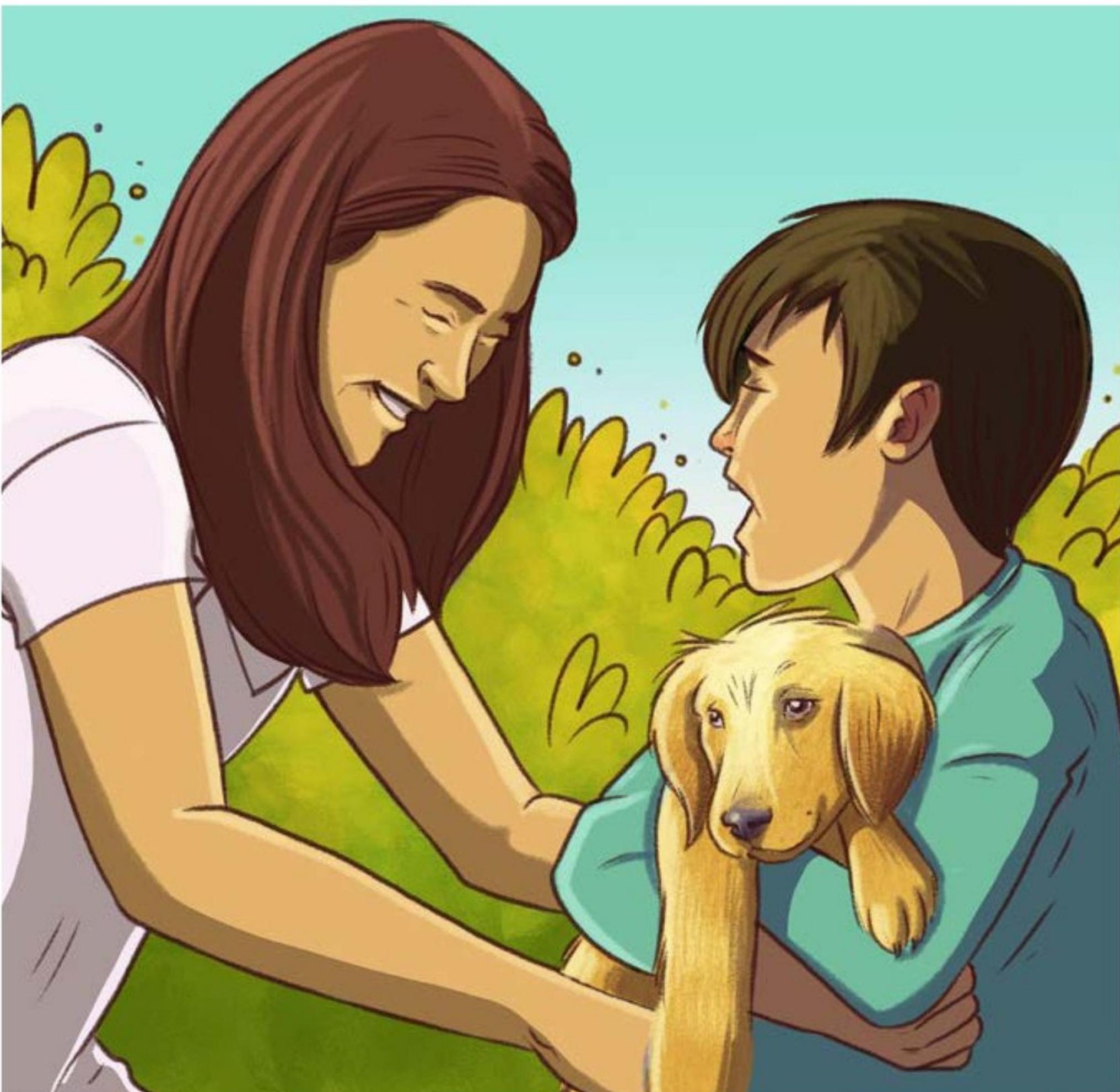
Martina’s pretty cool, Jae thought.



The next morning was Saturday.
Jae couldn't find his baseball.
“Can we go to the park to look for
my baseball?” Jae asked his mom.



At the park, they saw a puppy.
It was all alone and did not have
a tag.
The puppy was playing with Jae's
baseball!



“Mom, I think this puppy needs a home,” Jae said.

His mother smiled.

“Yes, he does,” she said.

“It will be your job to look after him,” she added.

Jae smiled.



Jae thought about his week.

Every time he lost something,
he found a friend.

“Maybe I should lose things more often,” Jae said to the puppy.

Glossary

baseball (n.)	a hard white ball used to play the game of baseball (p. 5)
dinosaur (n.)	a member of a group of reptiles that lived long ago (p. 10)
keys (n.)	shaped pieces of metal that are used to open locks or start cars (p. 3)
losing (n.)	being unable to find something (p. 8)
signed (v.)	marked one's name on something (p. 5)
umpire (n.)	an official who rules on plays at a sports game (p. 6)

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Connections

Writing

Continue the story.

Write about something else Jae loses and what he finds when he goes looking for it.

Social Studies

Write about a time when you lost something.

What did you lose?

How did you react?

Would you do anything different next time?

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