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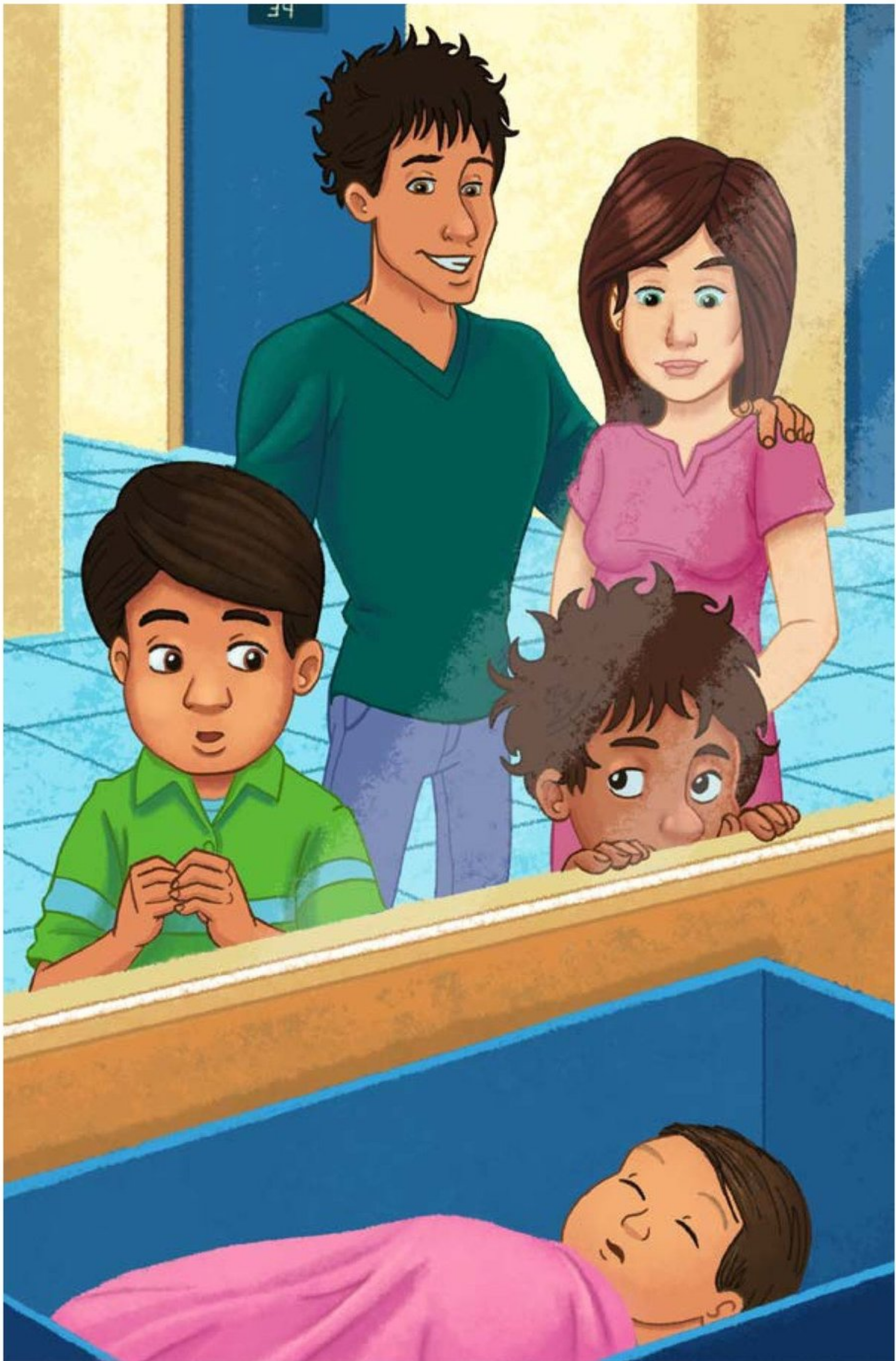


Pablo was messy.
He liked to draw whenever
he could.



Nico was neat.

He liked to organize whatever
he could.



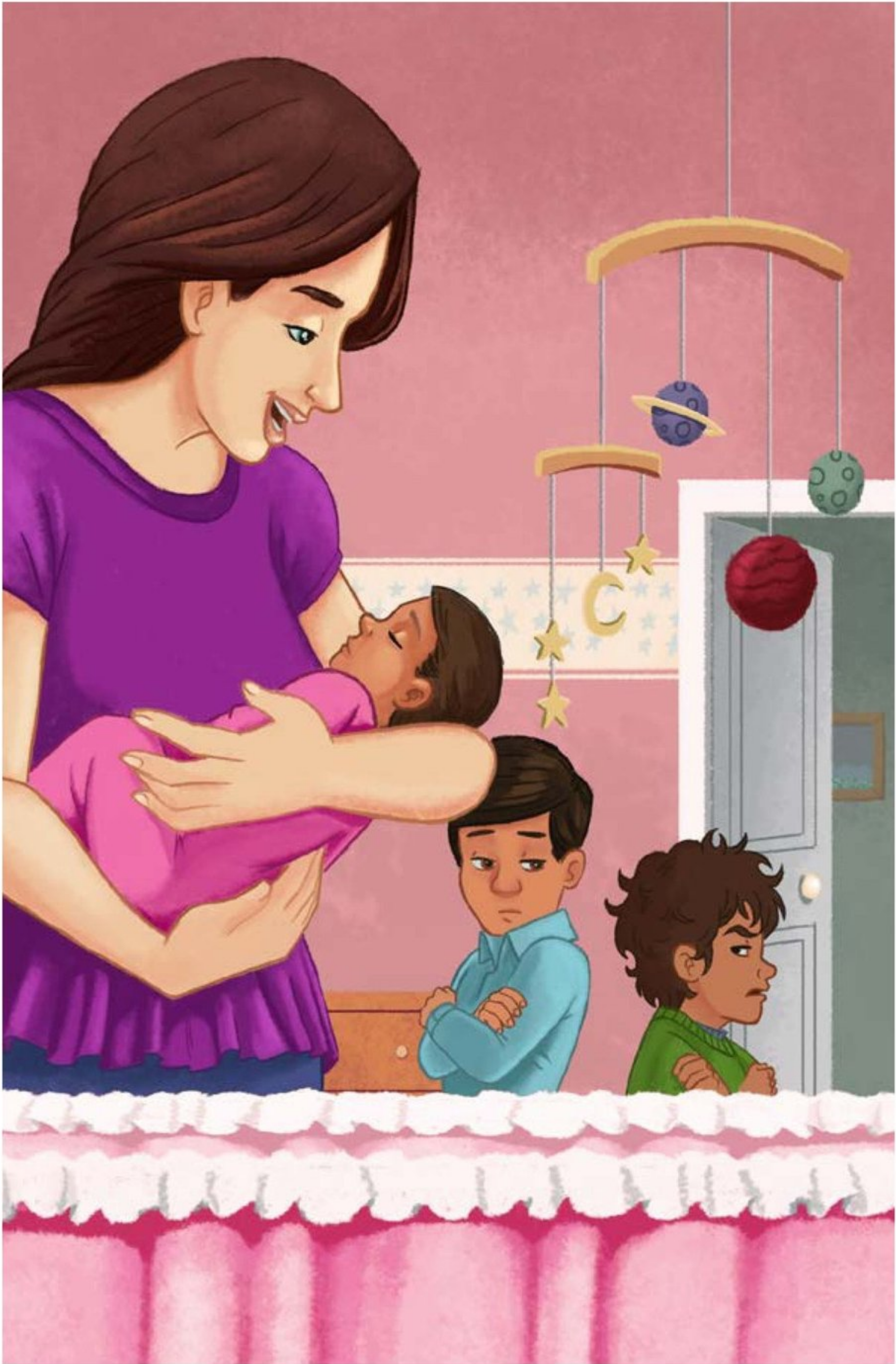
When their sister Maria was born,
the boys had to share a room.



“I’m not sharing a room with that slob,” Nico said.



“How can I do anything fun when everything is so clean?” Pablo asked.



“Find a way to work it out,” their mother said.



Their first week together, Pablo slept in the closet.

“It’s too clean out there,” Pablo said.



The closet was too dark at night,
though.
Pablo moved back into their room.

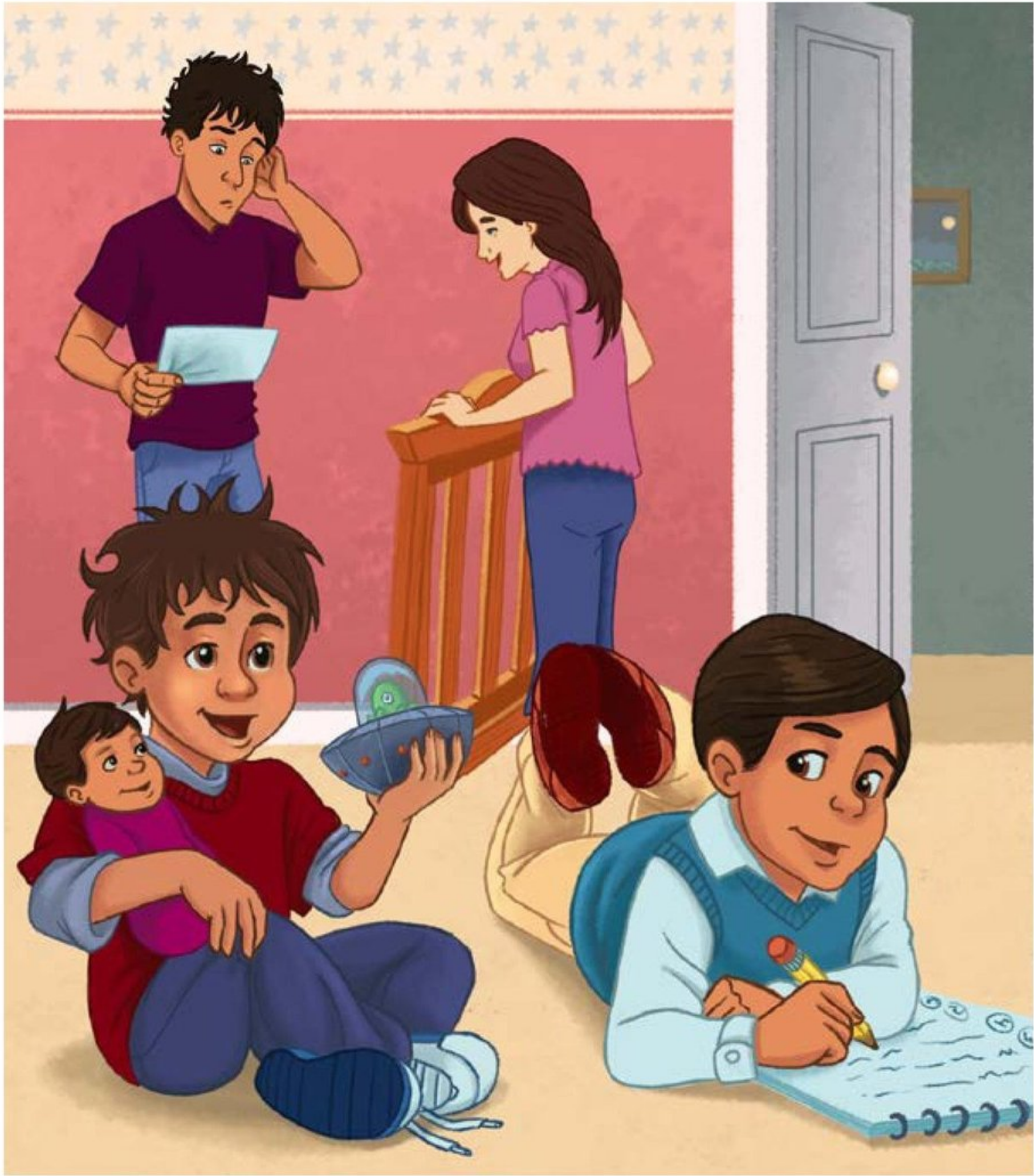


The second week, Nico put tape on the floor.

“You stay on your side,” Nico said.



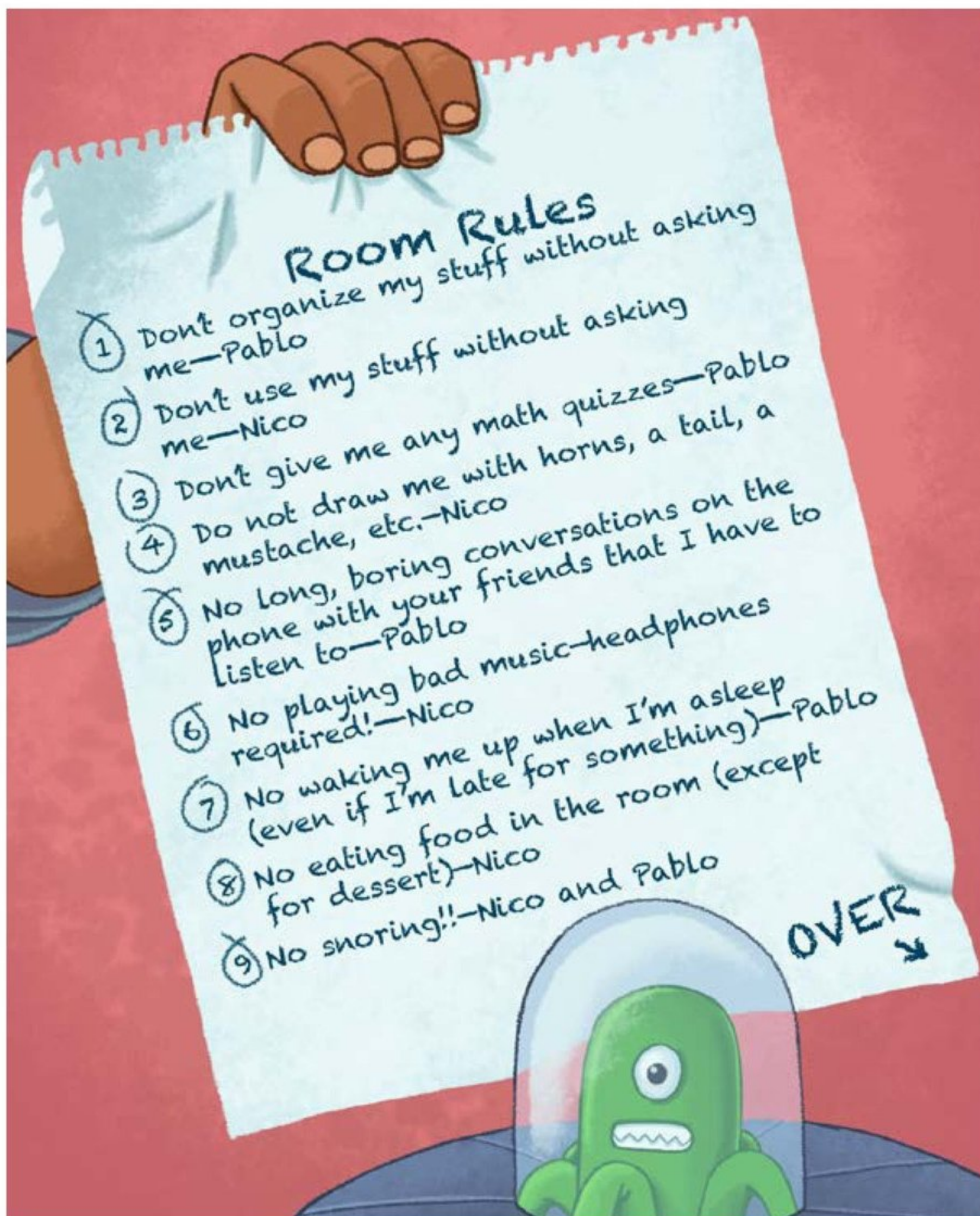
Nico had to cross the line every day to leave the room, though. He pulled up the tape.



The third week, they decided to come up with rules.

“First rule is you can’t organize my stuff without asking me,” Pablo said.

“Second rule is you can’t use my stuff without asking *me*,” Nico said.



They thought up a list of fifteen rules they promised they wouldn't break.

At the end they both agreed on one more thing.



“We need to paint our room!”



Lucky for them, they both agreed on what to paint.

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