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Focus Question

How does Julia's attitude change during the story?

Words to Know

cable car
celebrate
mango

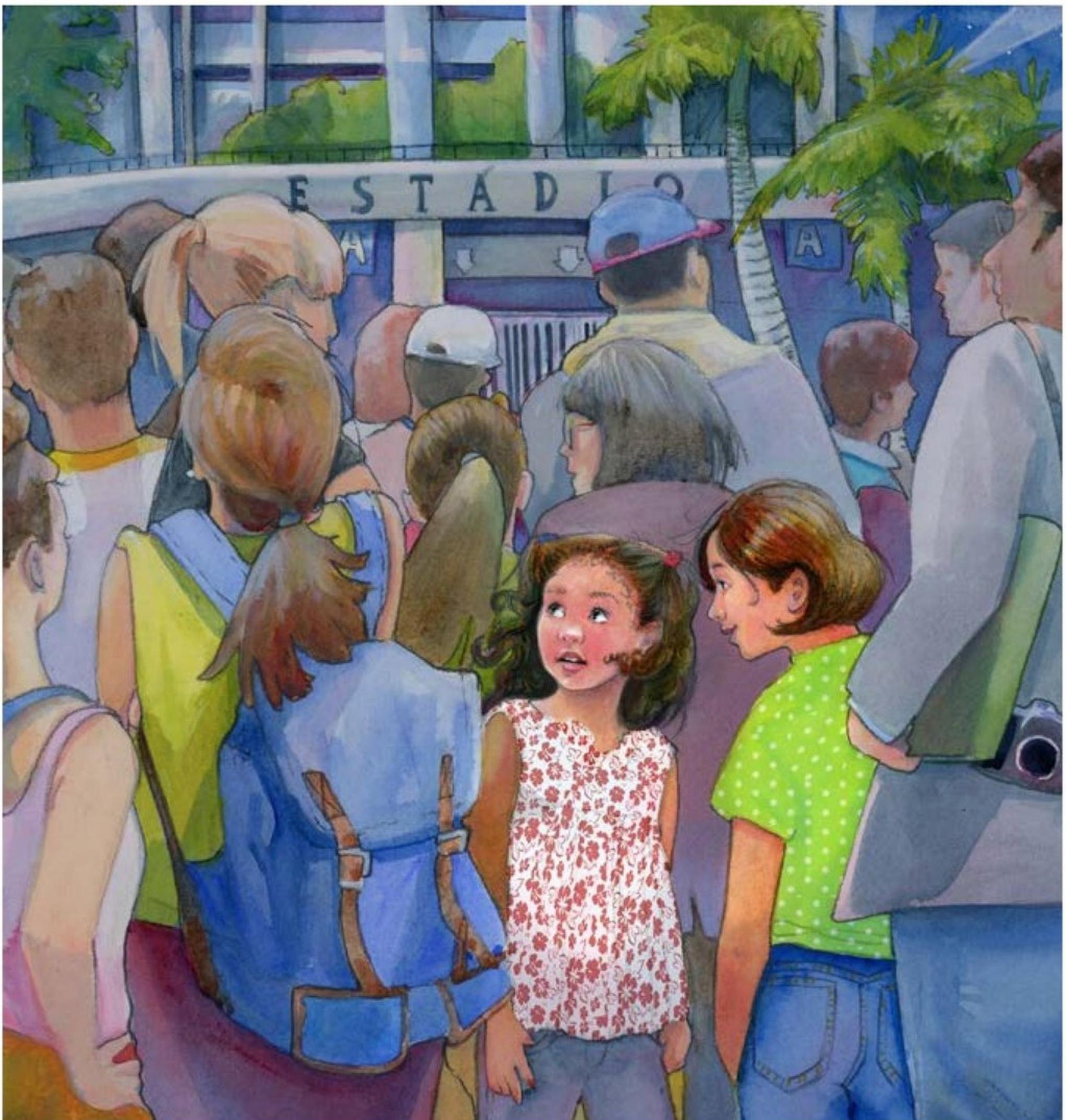
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Olympics
stadium

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Julia and her family traveled from New York to visit Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Julia's cousin Gabriela lived there. They all went to the opening night of the **Olympics**.



The **stadium** was very crowded.
It made Julia **nervous**.
Everyone screamed and cheered.
Their seats were far away.
Julia could barely see.
The music was loud.
It made her head hurt.
Julia had been happy to visit Rio.
Now she just wanted to go home.

Gabriela woke Julia up the next morning.

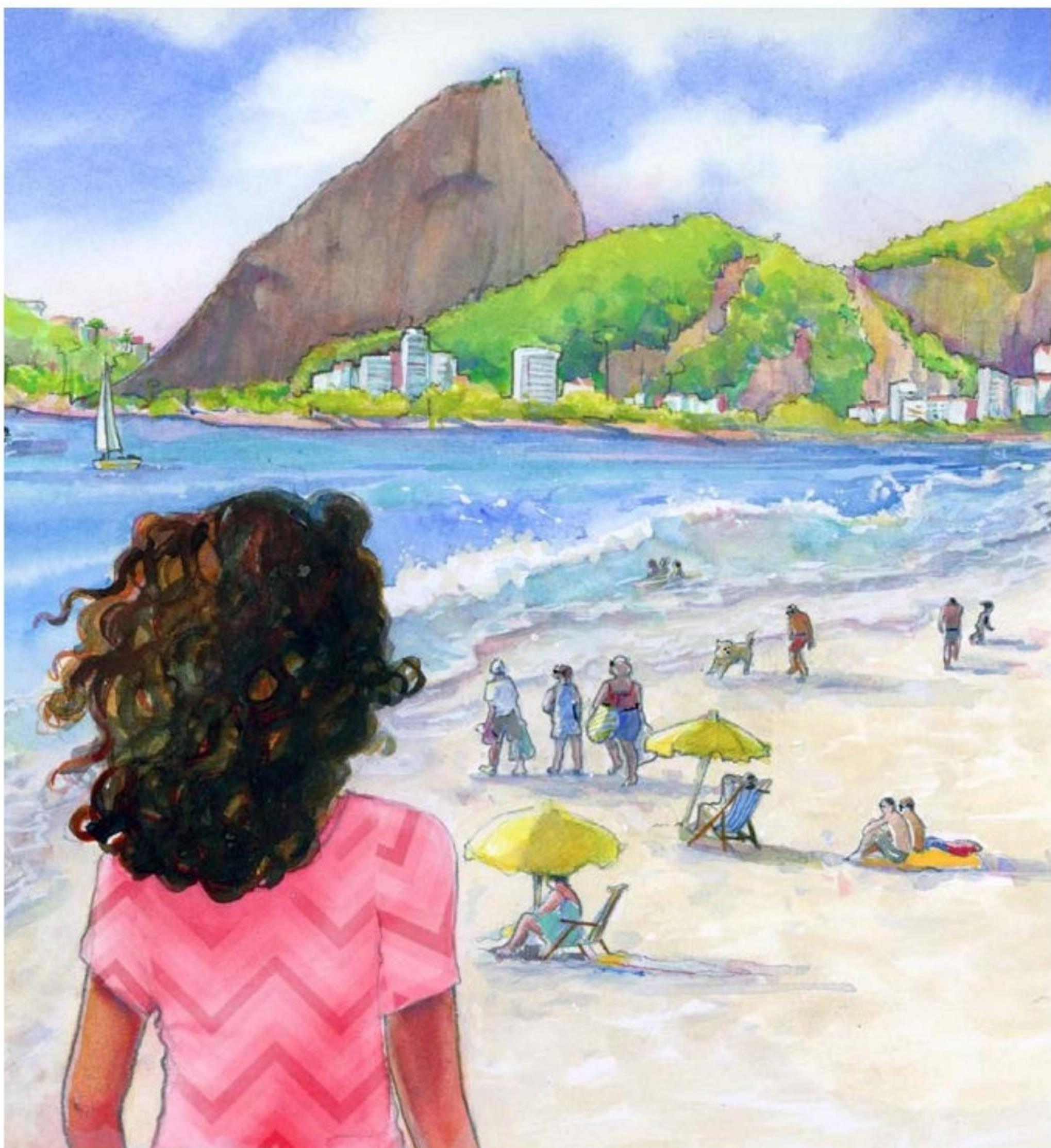
“There’s another Olympic event today!” she said.

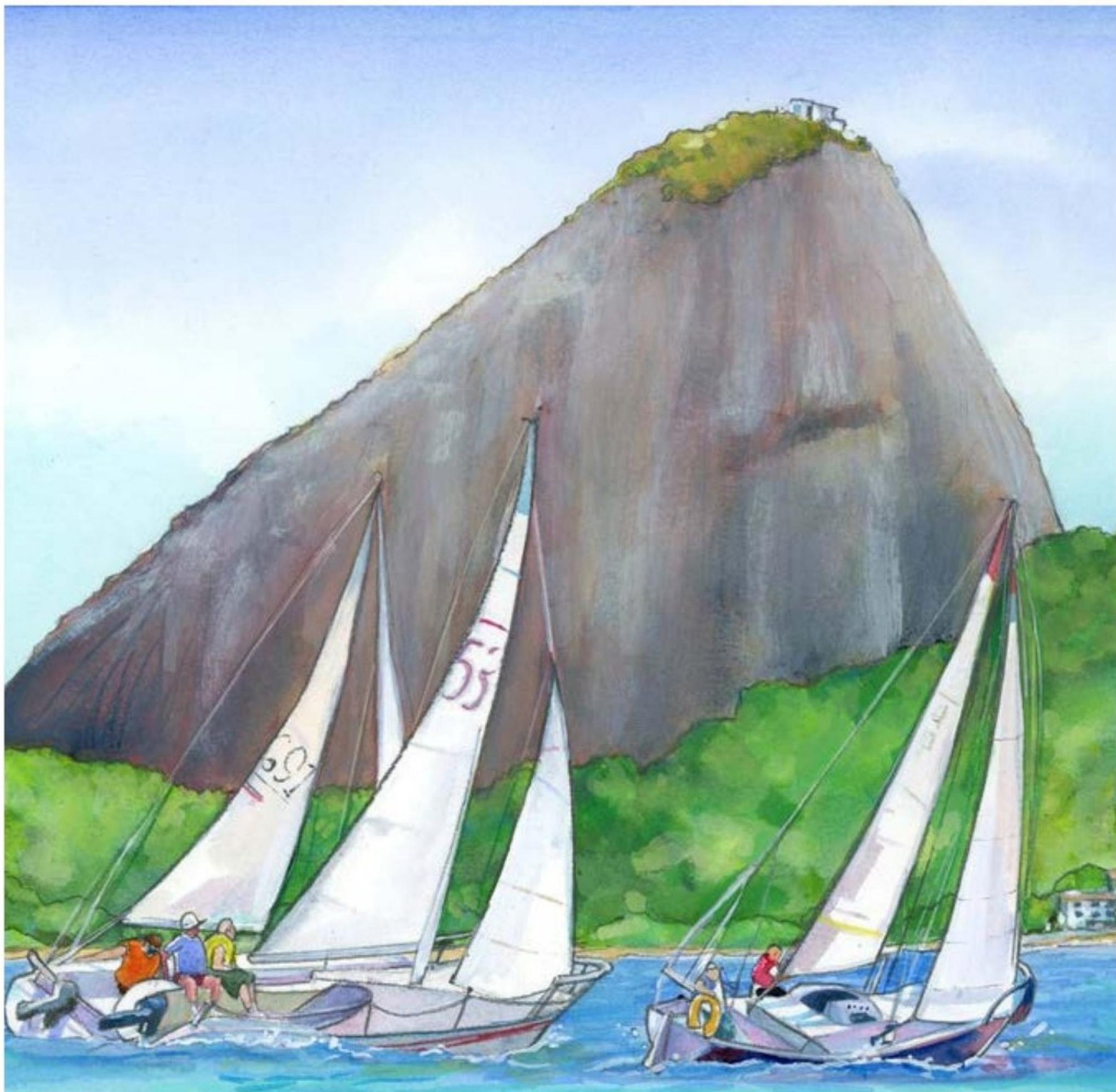
Julia did not want to go, but she smiled and got ready.



The families walked through
shady streets.

Gabriela's street ended at a beach.
Julia stopped and stared.
Tall buildings stood along the beach.





Olympic racing boats floated
on the water.

There was a big mountain
behind them.

“That’s Sugarloaf Mountain,”
Gabriela said.
It was beautiful.



The next day, Julia ran
to Gabriela's room.

"We're going up Sugarloaf
Mountain!" she said.

They rode a **cable car**.

It hung high above the city.

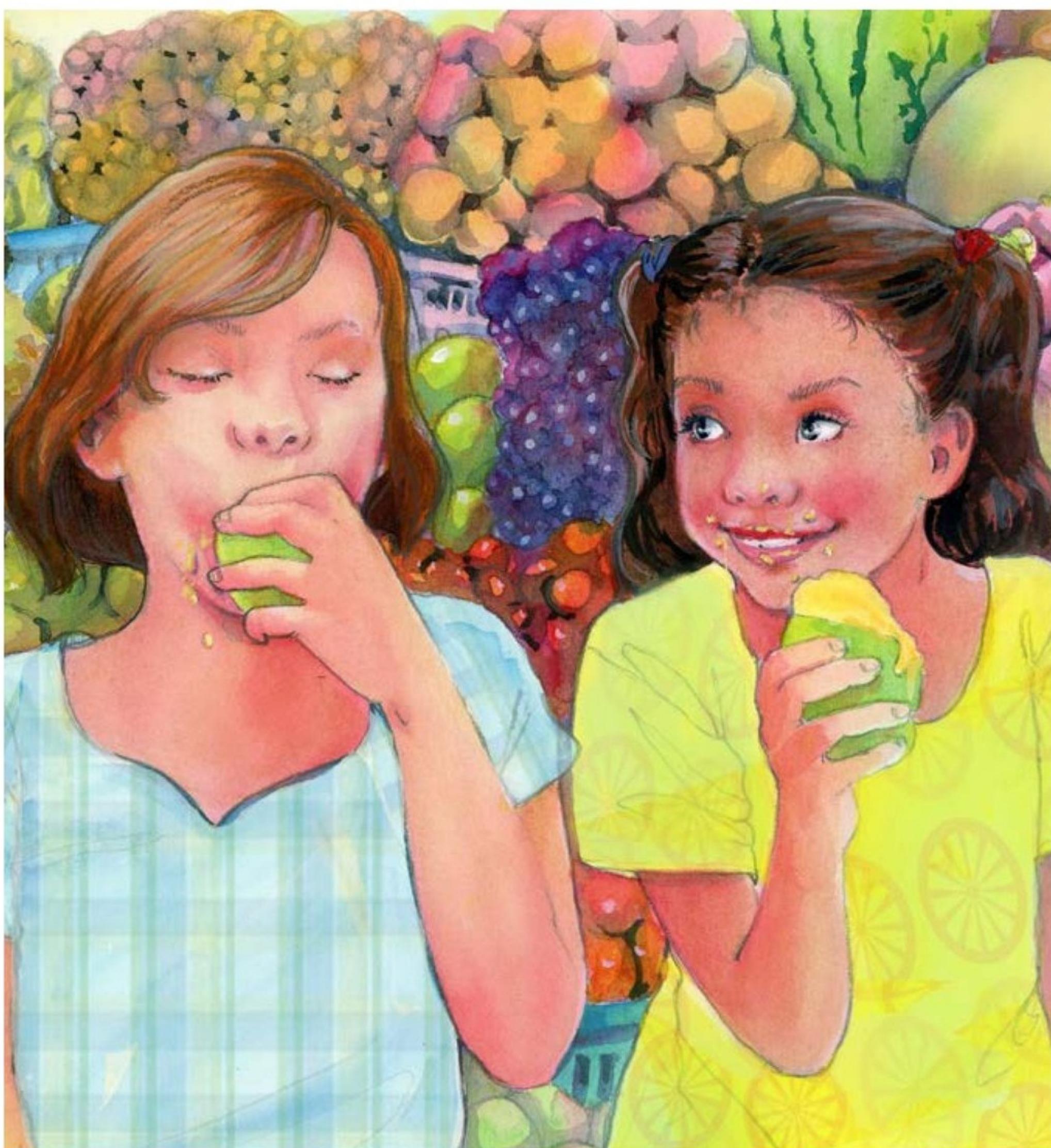
Julia stared out the window.
White buildings stood above
the green jungle.

They went to a big market.

Julia tasted a **mango**.

It was not like the mangoes
at home.

It was juicy and sweet!





They went to an Olympic
swimming race.

Gabriela's brother, Chaz, cheered,
“Go Brazil!”

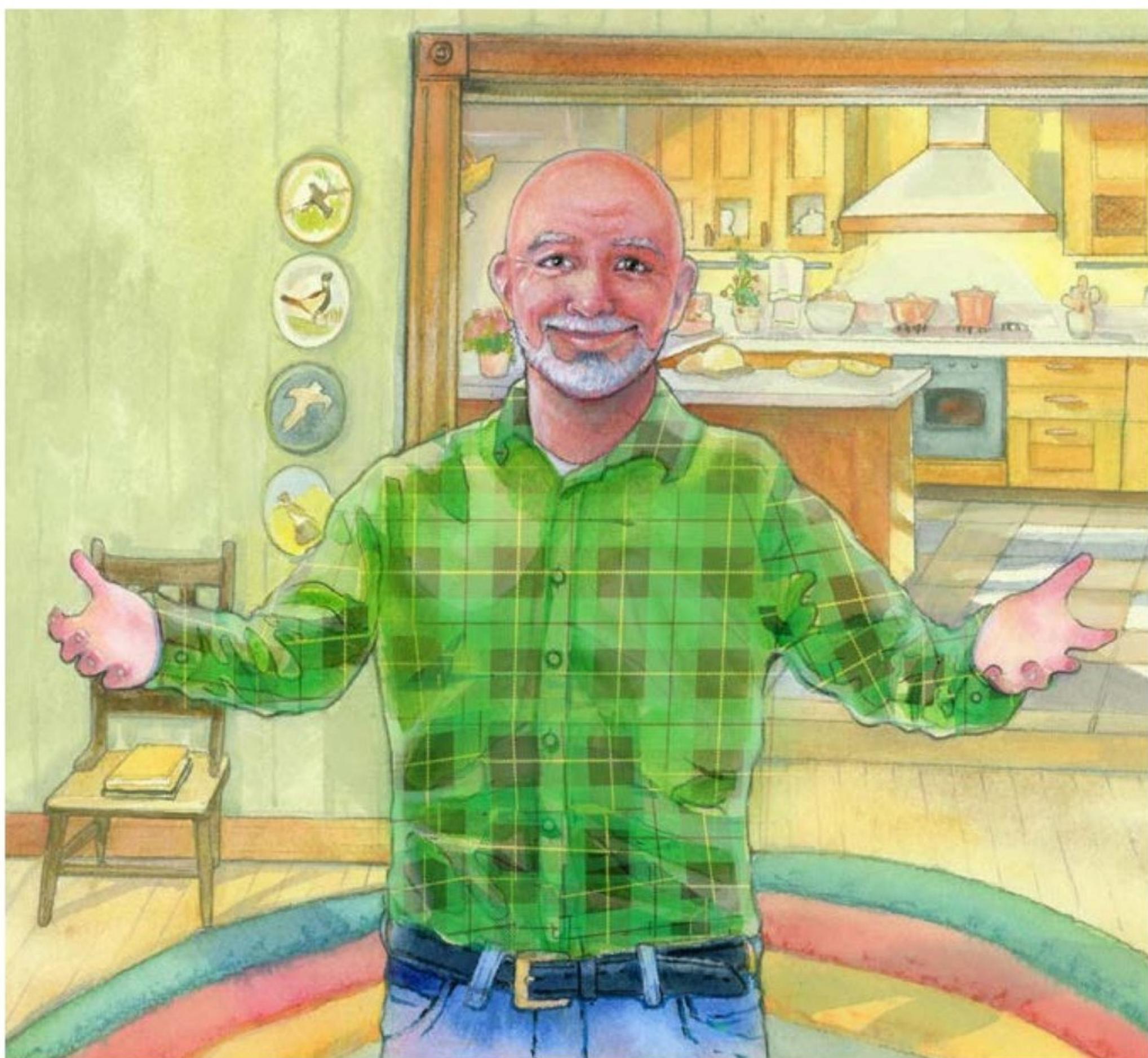
“Brazil is not even in this event!”

Gabriela said.

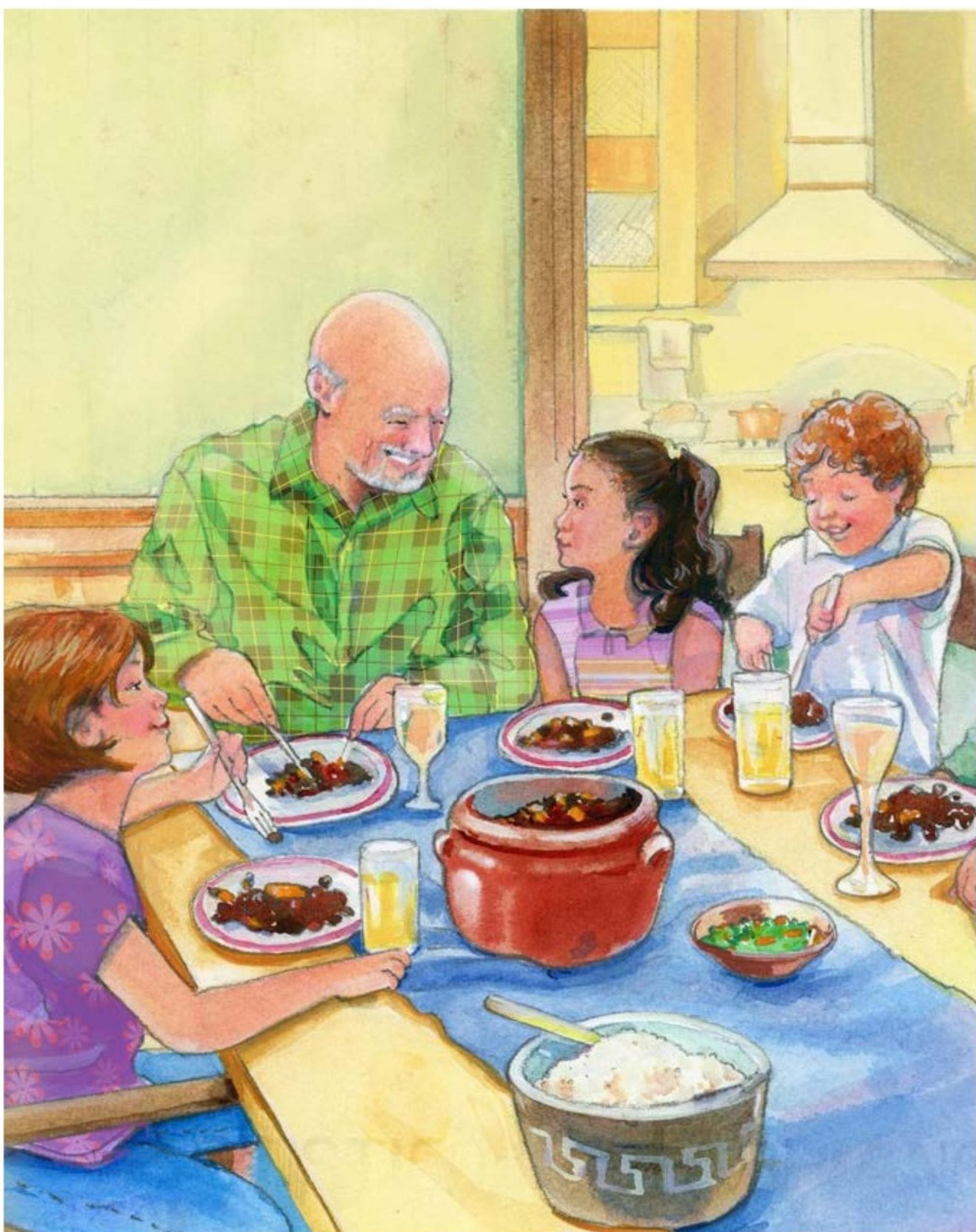
“Oh,” Chaz said.

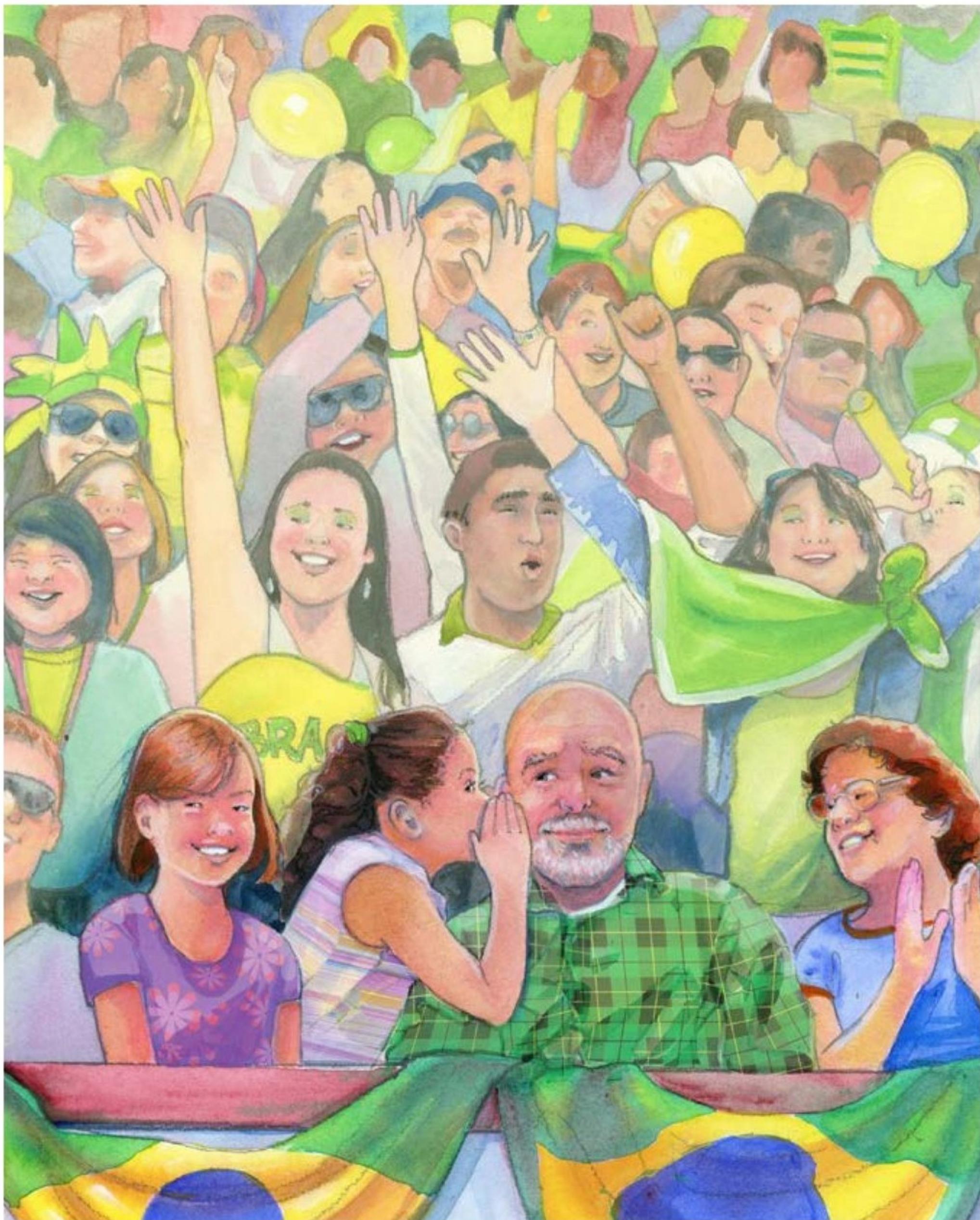
He smiled at Julia. “Go America!”

It was Julia's last day in Rio.
They went to Grandma
and Grandpa's.
Julia remembered the house.
She had visited when she was five.
Grandpa had taught her to dance.
It felt like home.



Grandma made a spicy bean stew.
After lunch, they went to an
Olympic football game.





“The crowd is very noisy,” Julia said.

“I’m scared.”

“Don’t worry,” Grandpa said.

“Football fans are one big family.”



At the stadium, the crowd seemed even louder.

Julia held Grandpa's hand.

Brazil got the ball.

Everyone cheered.

Julia got caught up in the game.

She cheered, too.

Then, Brazil scored a goal.
The crowd cheered.
Grandpa lifted Julia in the air.
They sang a song with the crowd
to **celebrate**.



Glossary

- cable car** (n.) a vehicle that is pulled along tracks or through the air by a cable (p. 8)
- celebrate** (v.) to do something special to honor an event (p. 15)
- mango** (n.) a sweet, juicy fruit that has yellow and red skin and grows in warm climates (p. 9)
- nervous** (adj.) edgy or tense; afraid (p. 4)
- Olympics** (n.) an international contest and festival that involves many kinds of sports (p. 3)
- stadium** (n.) a place with many seats where people watch sports or other activities (p. 4)

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Connections

Writing

Imagine you are Julia and are visiting Rio de Janeiro for the Olympic Games.

Write a postcard home to your teacher.

Tell about what you saw and what you did there.

Social Studies and Art

Make a poster about Brazil.

Include a map and information about the country.

Present your poster to your class.

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