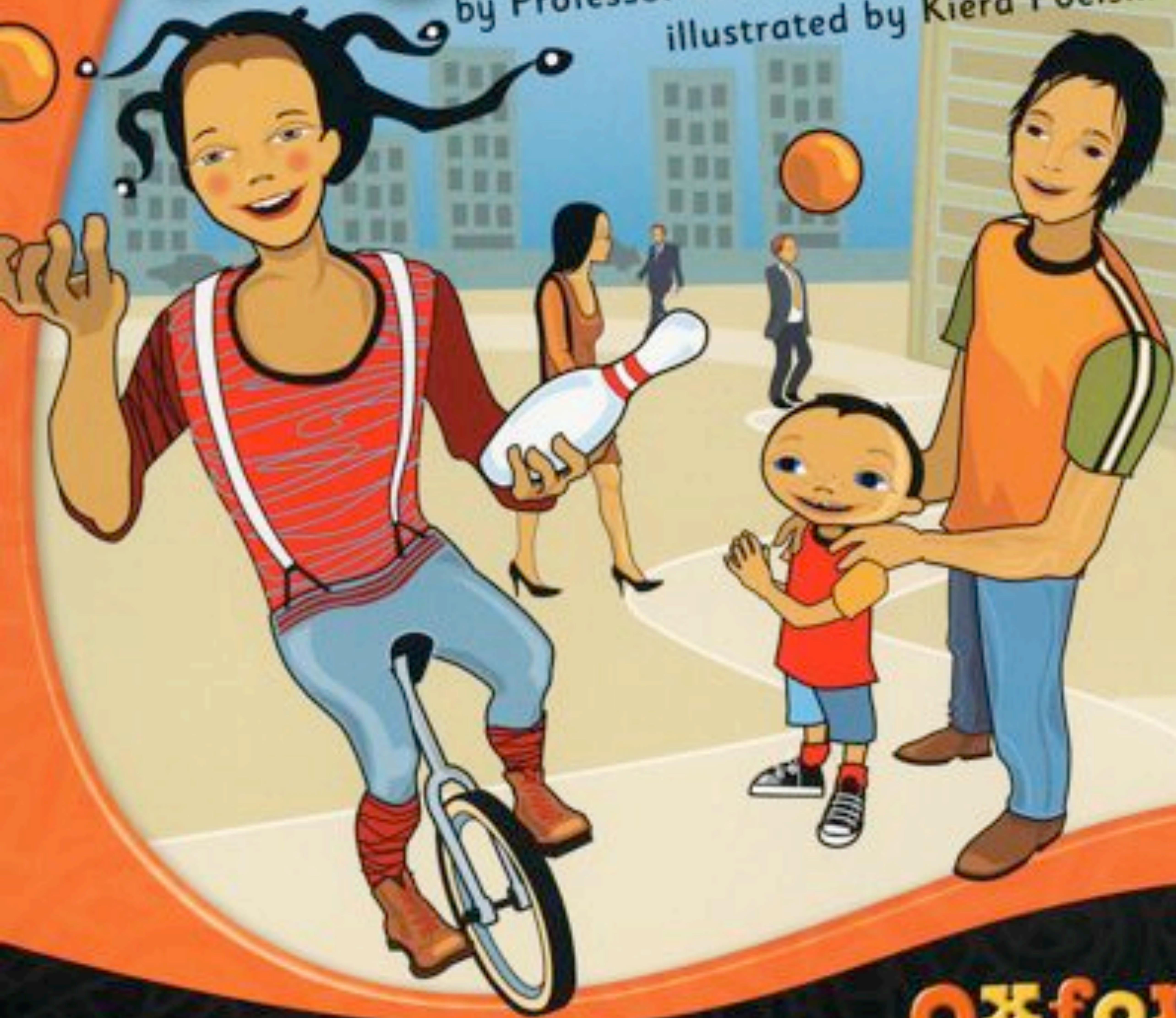


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Focus on mathematics

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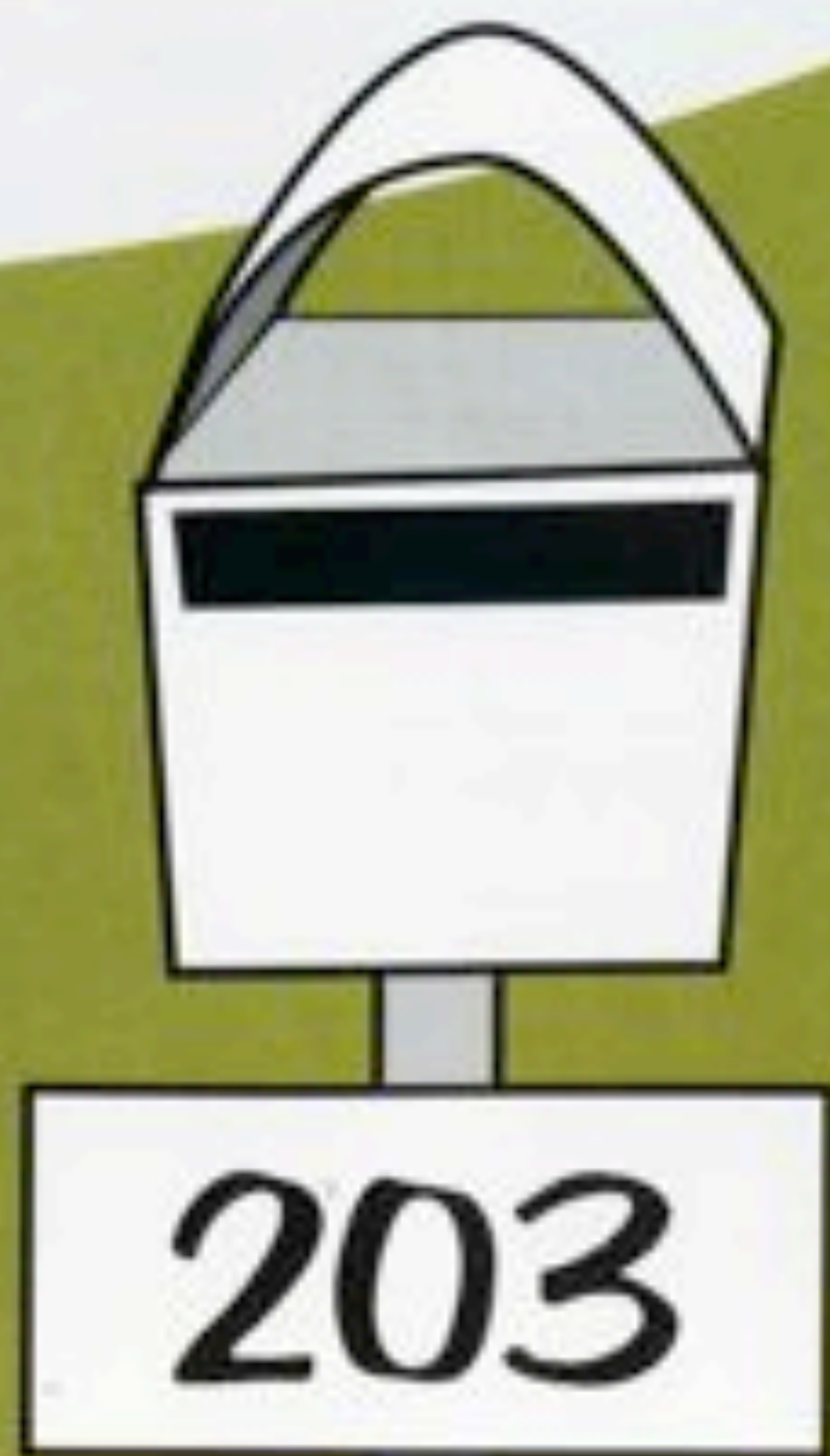
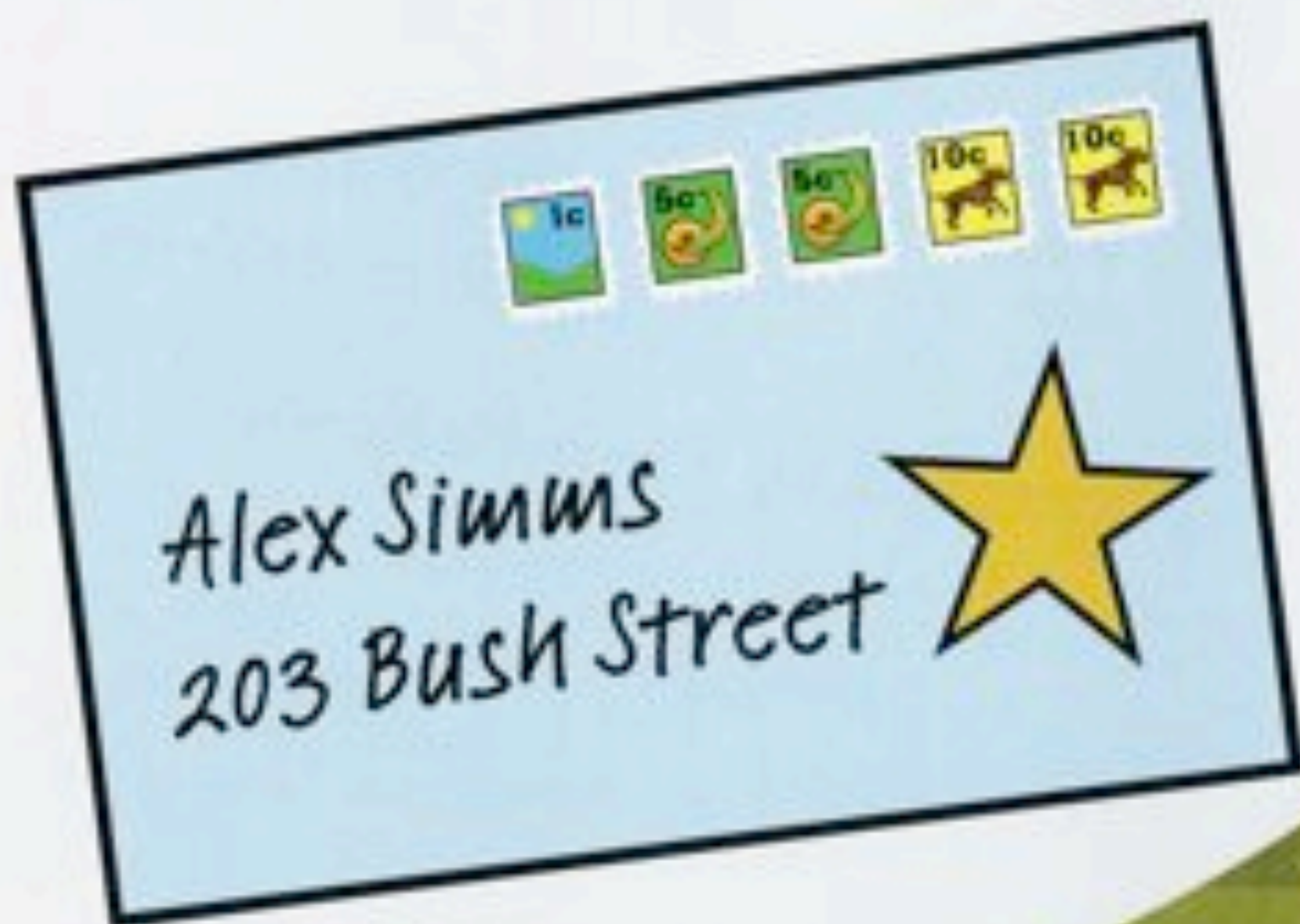
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On Wednesday, Alex got a letter in the mail. The letter had his name on it and a big star.





Alex ran back to the house. "Mum! Dad!" he shouted. "I've got a letter!"

"Is it the letter you've been waiting for?" asked Mum.

"I think so!" said Alex.


Alex opened the envelope
and read the letter.

“I won!” shouted Alex.

“I won a raffle ticket prize!”

“You’re a lucky boy!”
said Mum.



A partial illustration of a person wearing an orange t-shirt and holding a light blue envelope. The person is positioned on the left side of the page, with only their torso and arm visible.

There were two tickets in the envelope. Alex took them out and held them up.

“These look like plane tickets,” said Alex.

“Yes, they are,” said Dad. “You won the first prize – a weekend in the city for two! I can come with you!”

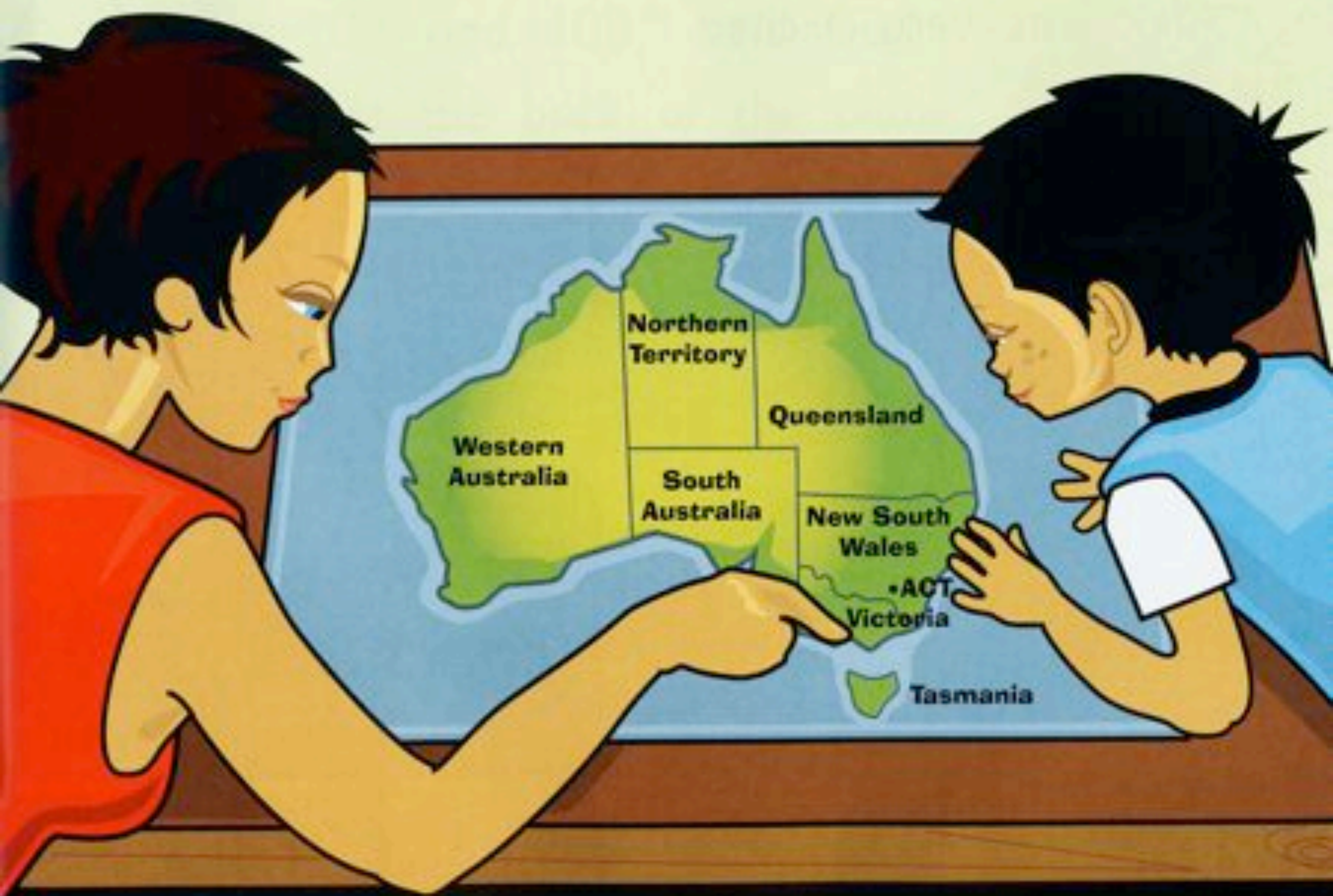


Alex rang Tess to tell her the good news.

“Wow, that’s a great prize!” said Tess. “You’re going to have so much fun in the city.”



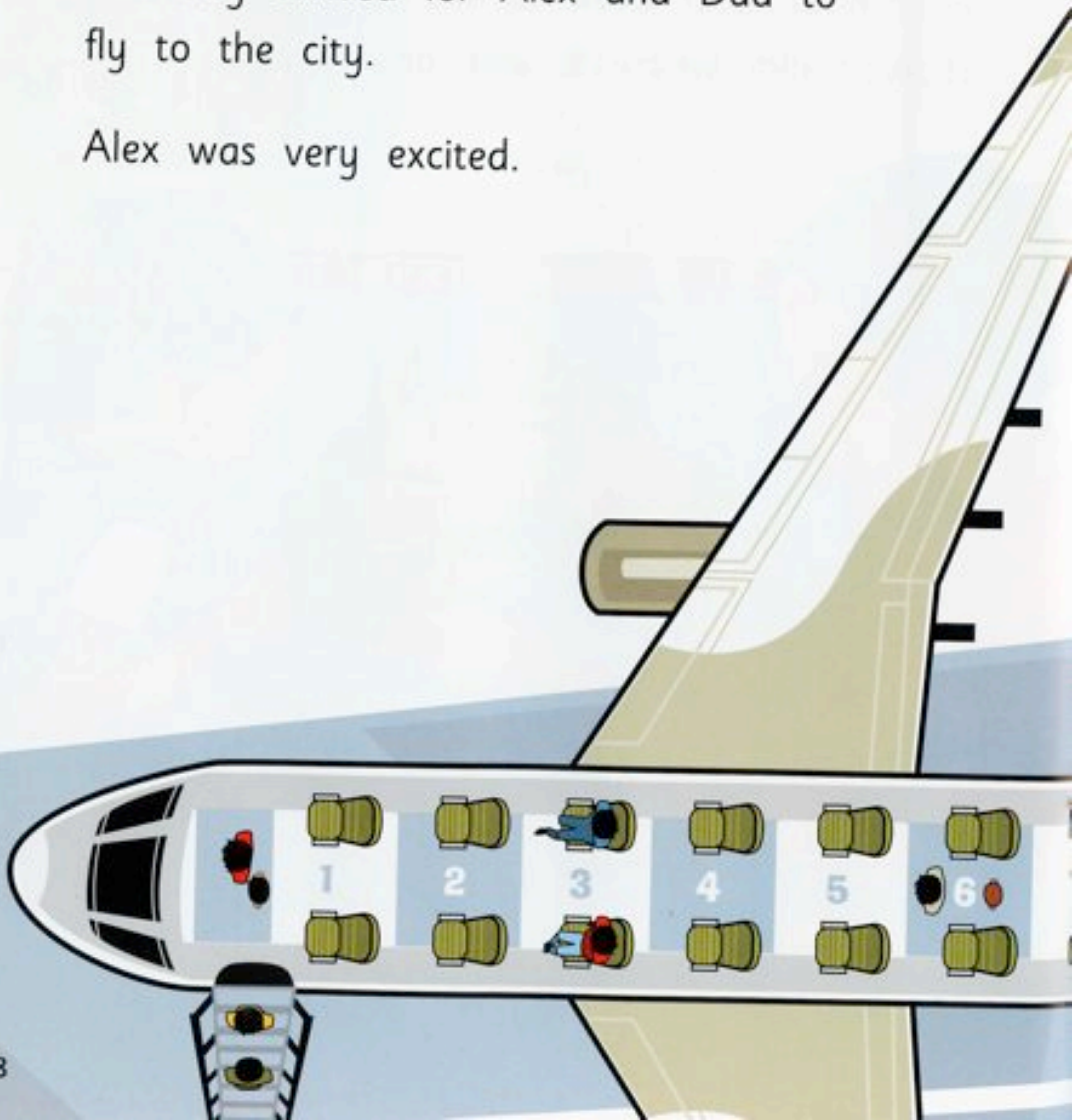
Alex had never been to the city, so Mum showed him where it was on a map.



“The city is a long way from home,”
said Alex. “I’m glad Dad is coming with me.”

The day arrived for Alex and Dad to fly to the city.

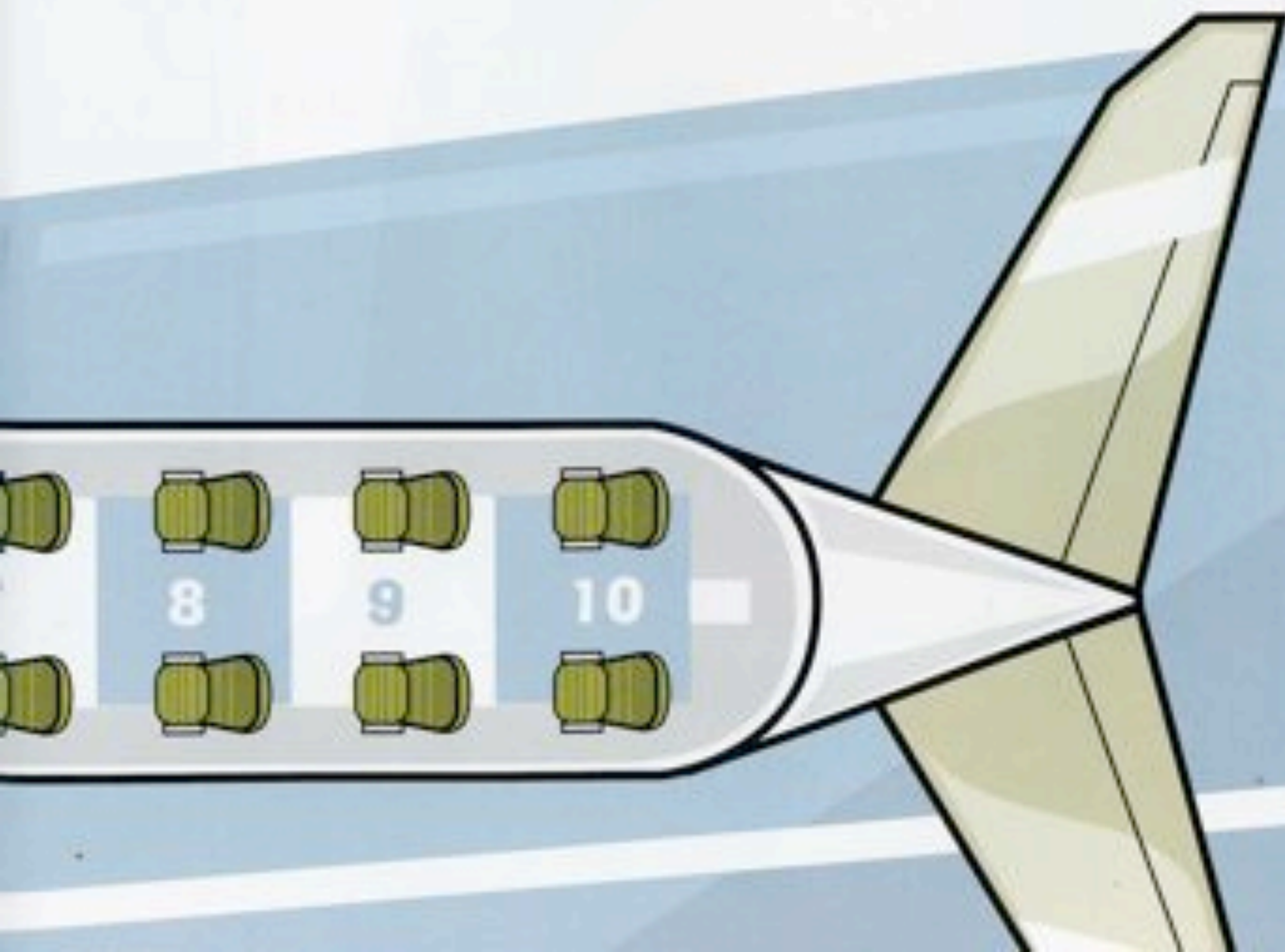
Alex was very excited.



“What are our seat numbers?”
asked Alex.

“Seats 10A and 10B,” said Dad.

“They’re at the back of the plane.”



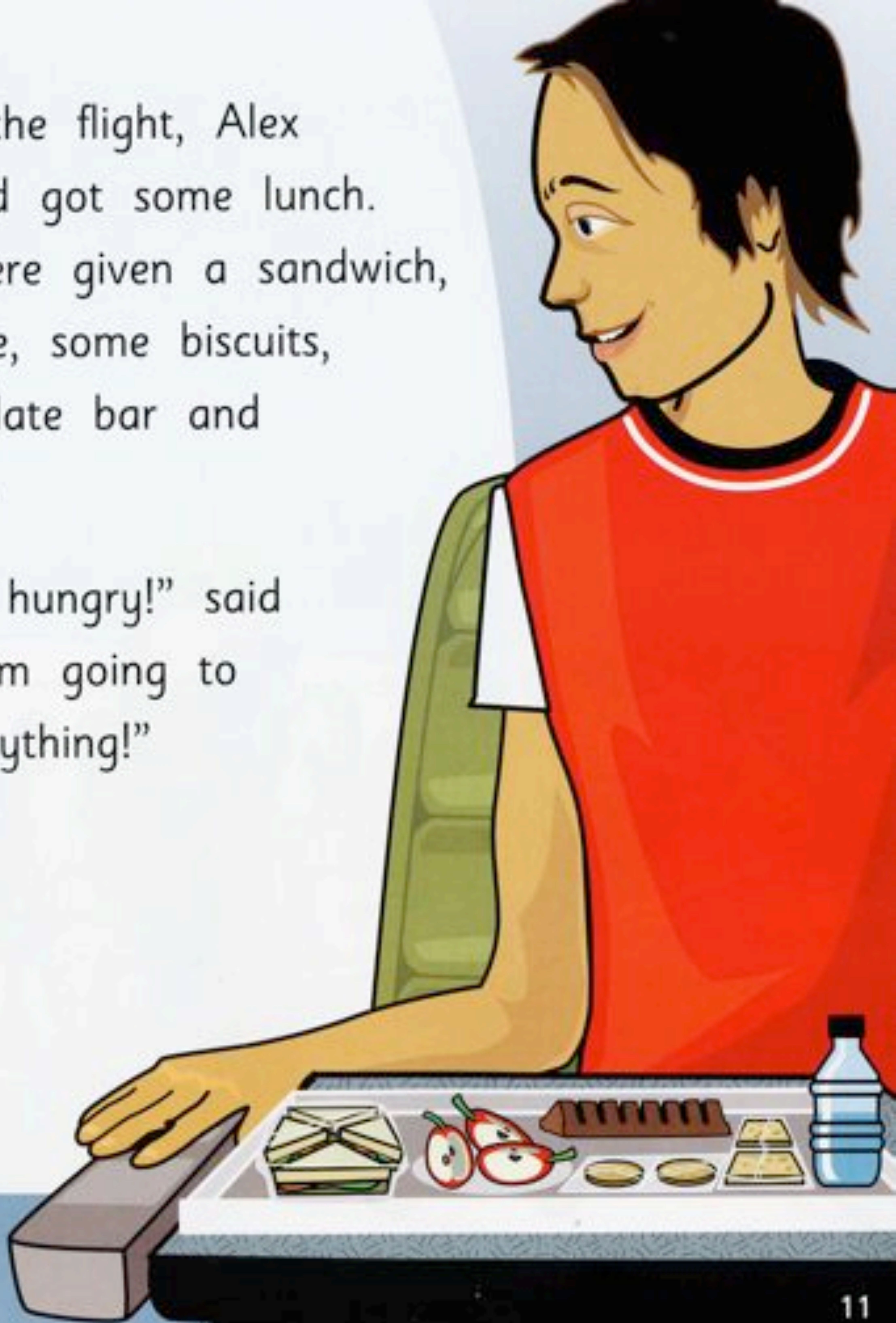
Alex and Dad sat in their seats and put on their seatbelts.

The plane took off and they were finally flying.



During the flight, Alex and Dad got some lunch. They were given a sandwich, an apple, some biscuits, a chocolate bar and a drink.

“I’m so hungry!” said Alex. “I’m going to eat everything!”



After two hours, the plane landed.


“Don’t take off your seatbelt yet,” said Dad.
“We have to wait until the plane has come
to a complete stop.”



When the plane stopped, Alex and Dad got out of their seats and waited to get off. Then they walked out of the plane and down the stairs.

The airport was a very busy place.





Alex and Dad caught a bus from the airport to the city.

On Saturday, they walked around the city.



MUSEUM

They went to the city square and saw people singing and juggling. Then they went to an art gallery and a museum.

ART
Gallery



On Sunday, Alex got the best prize of all.
They went to the footy to watch his
favourite team play.



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Alex won a big prize in a raffle.

Find out what he won and
the places he visited in

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