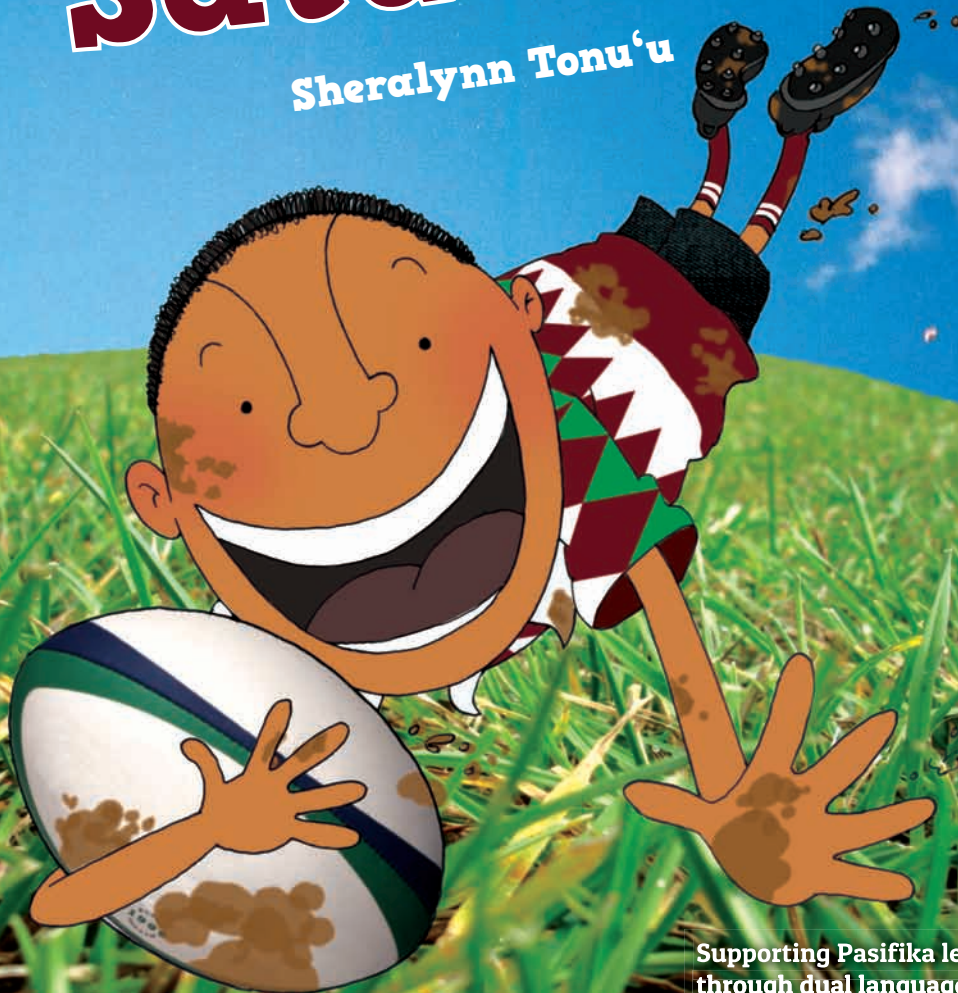


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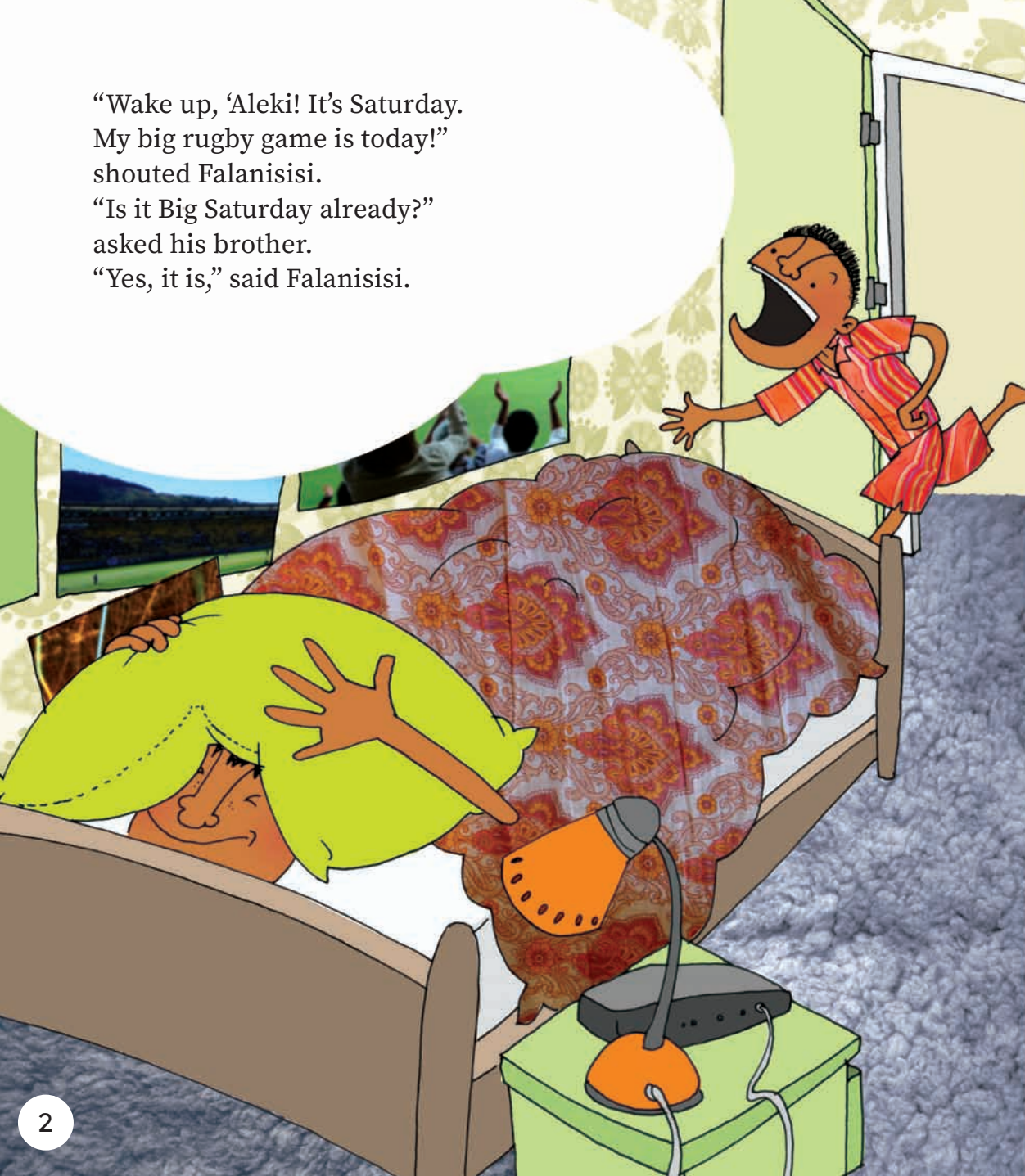
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“Wake up, ‘Aleki! It’s Saturday. My big rugby game is today!” shouted Falanisisi.
“Is it Big Saturday already?” asked his brother.
“Yes, it is,” said Falanisisi.



Falanisisi was excited. He was going to play his first game of rugby today. He ran to the kitchen. “Good morning,” said Dad. “Do you know what day it is?” “Yes! It’s Big Saturday!” shouted Falanisisi.

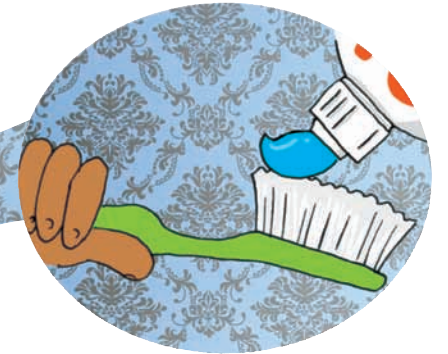
“That’s right.
You’re going to need a lot of energy,
so have some breakfast,” said Dad.
“OK,” said Falanisisi.
He ate his breakfast quickly.



Down went the cereal.



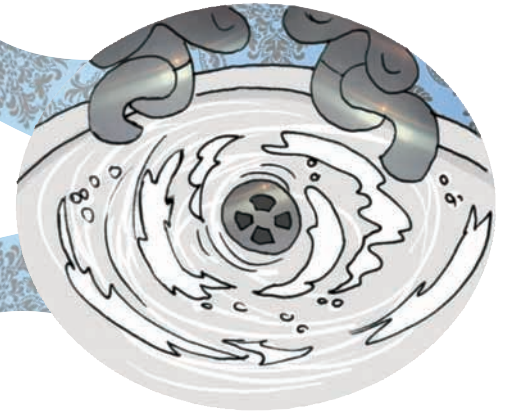
“Don’t forget to brush your teeth,”
said Dad.



Falanisisi brushed
his teeth quickly.



Swish went the toothpaste.
Scrub went the toothbrush.



Whoosh went the water.
“Finished!” shouted Falanisisi.



Down went the toast.



Down went the hot chocolate.



“Finished!” said Falanisisi.

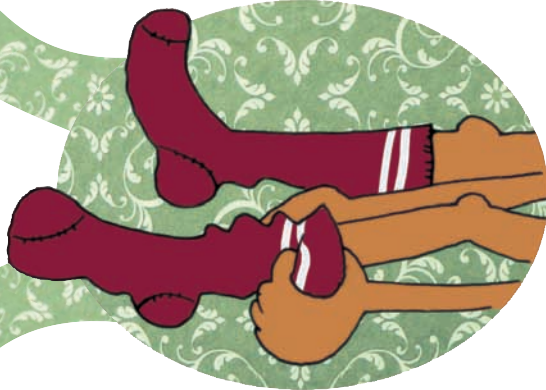
Falanisisi ran into his bedroom.



On went his shorts.



On went his jersey.



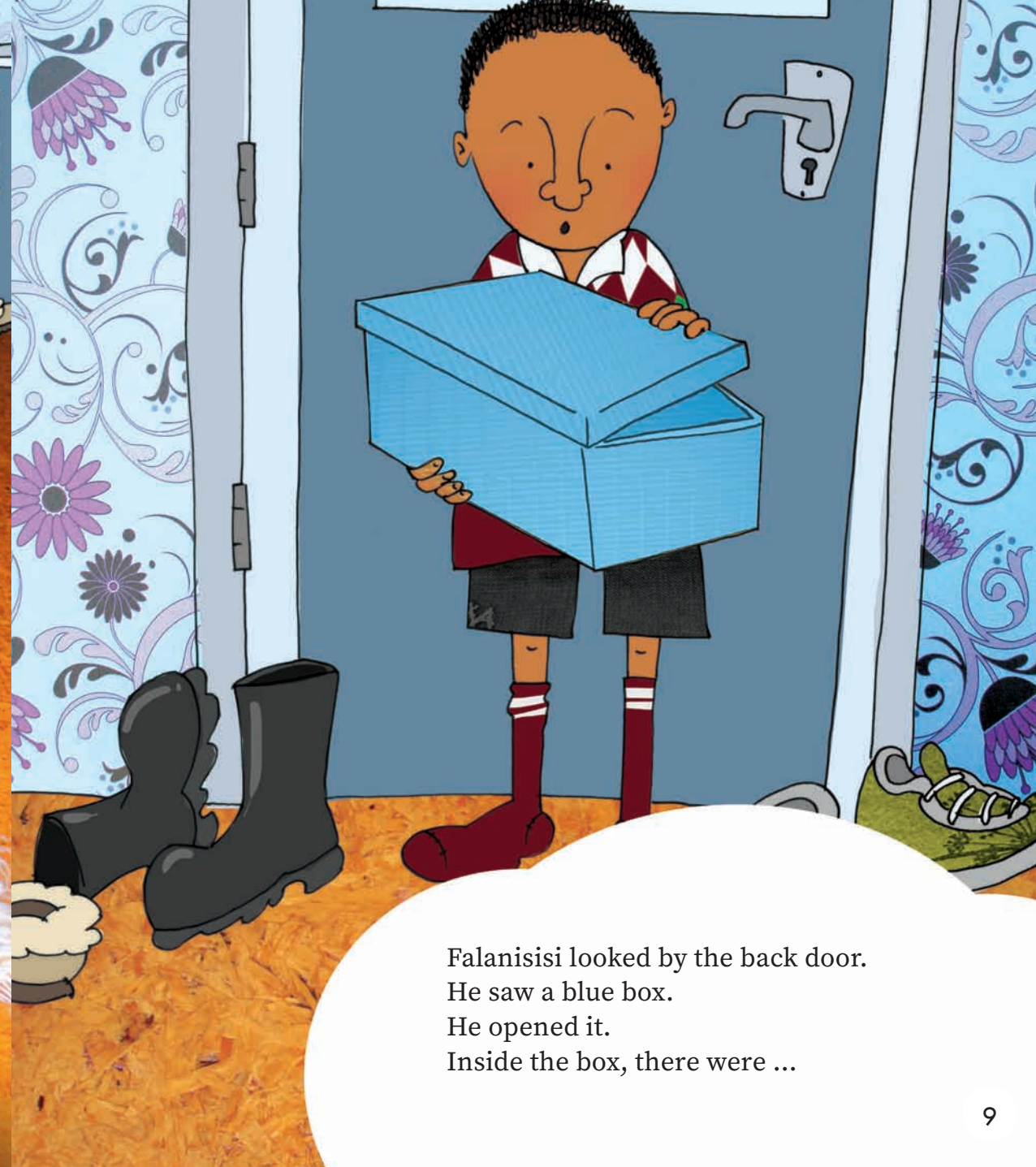
On went his socks.

“Can we go now?” asked Falanisisi.
“Are you sure you’ve got everything?”
asked Dad.

Falanisisi looked.
He had his jersey on.
He had his shorts on.
He had his socks on.
“What’s missing?” he thought.
He looked at his feet.
“My boots!
I need my rugby boots!”

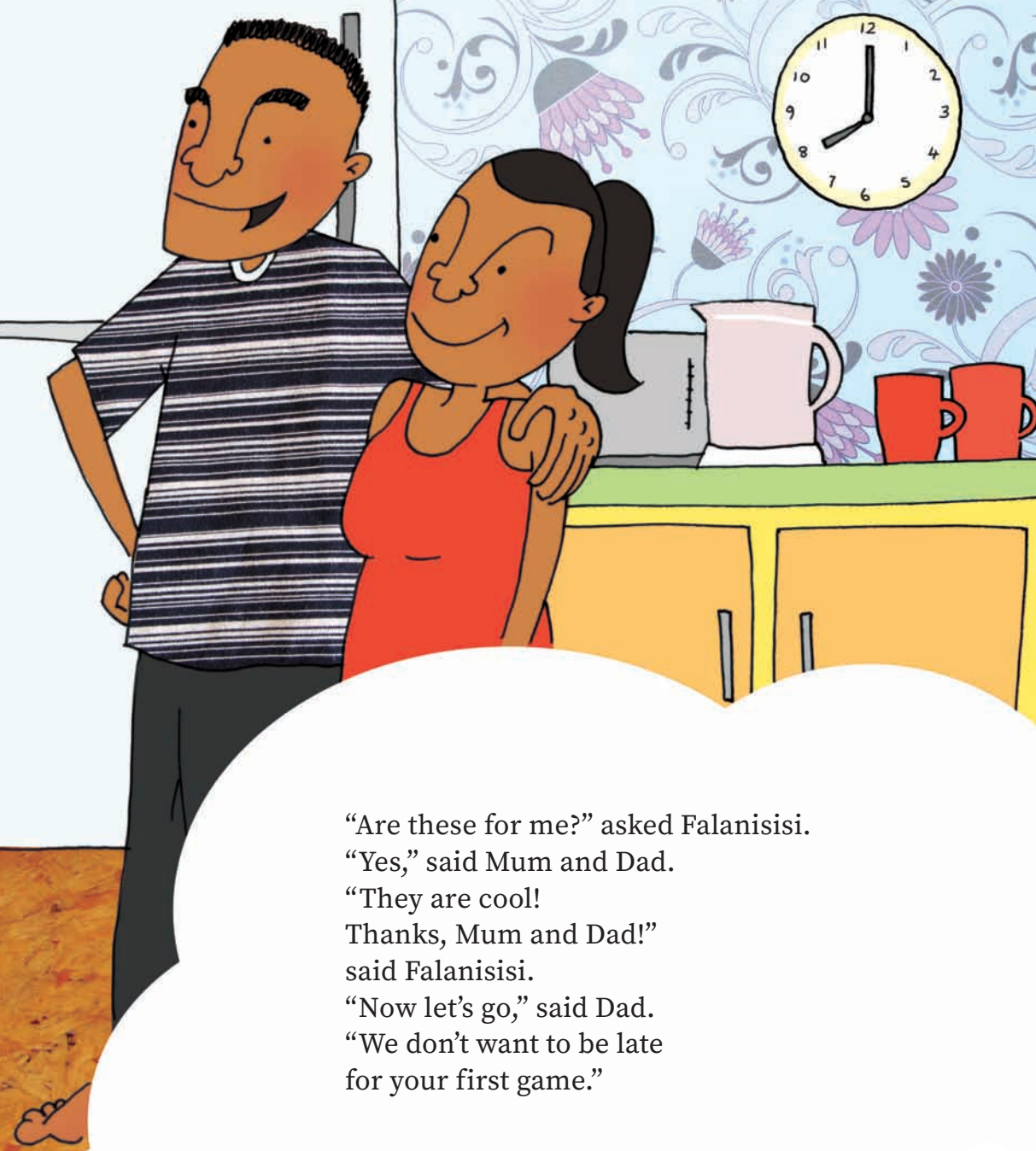


“Have you seen my boots?”
Falanisisi asked ‘Aleki.
“No,” said ‘Aleki.
They looked around the house.
Mum was smiling.
“I think you should look
by the back door,” she said.



Falanisisi looked by the back door.
He saw a blue box.
He opened it.
Inside the box, there were ...

... new rugby boots.



“Are these for me?” asked Falanisisi.
“Yes,” said Mum and Dad.
“They are cool!
Thanks, Mum and Dad!”
said Falanisisi.
“Now let’s go,” said Dad.
“We don’t want to be late
for your first game.”

Falanisi ran to the car.
What a great start to Big Saturday!

