

Finding Mum

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I only looked away for a minute,
and Mum was gone.





I looked by the talo and bananas,
but Mum wasn't there.

I knew she wanted sausages,
but Mum wasn't there.





Mum always forgets yoghurt,
so I got some.
I knew Mum wouldn't be there.

But which way now?

I tried to guess.

Dad likes raw fish.

You need coconut cream for that.

But Mum wasn't there.





Mum likes chop suey,
so I looked by the noodles,
but Mum wasn't there.

I looked everywhere,
but I couldn't find her.
So I stopped and had a think.
Maybe Mum was looking for me!

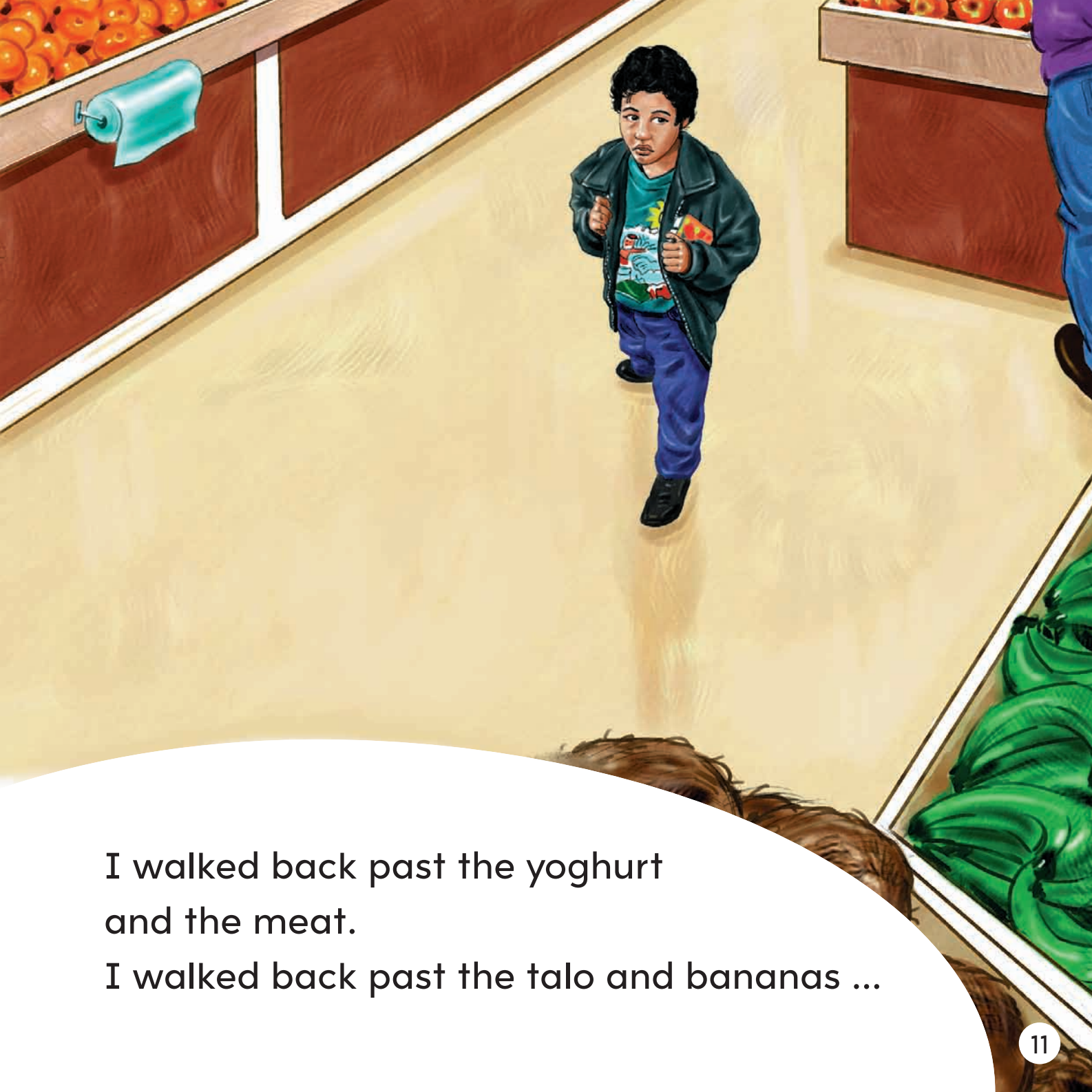




I walked back past the noodles.

I walked back past the coconut cream and the fish.





I walked back past the yoghurt
and the meat.

I walked back past the talo and bananas ...



... and Mum was there!