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Ammachi's Incredible Investigation

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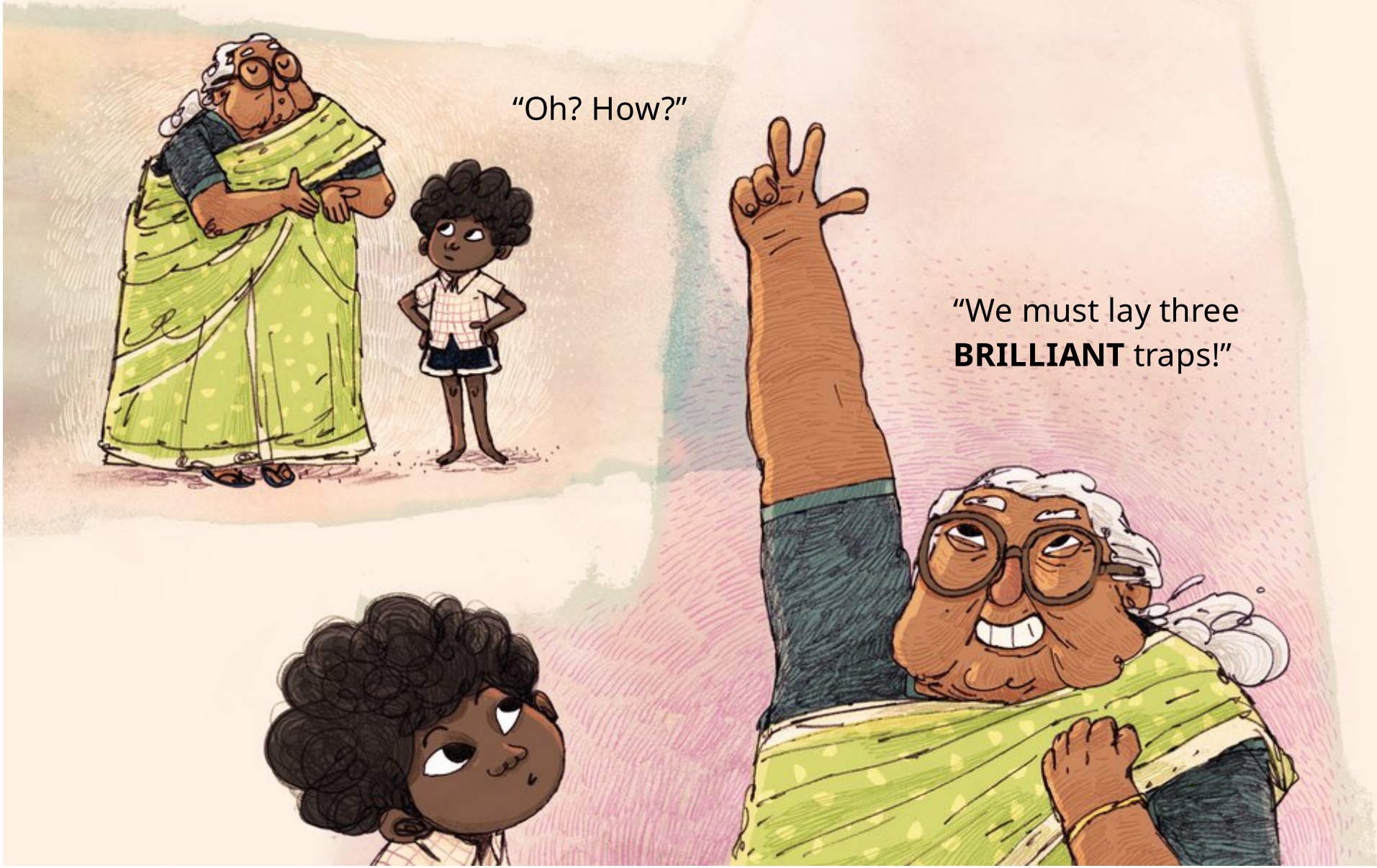
“Oh no, the **unniappams** have disappeared!”
said Ammachi.
“Someone must have stolen them!” said Sooraj.
“But who?” asked Ammachi.

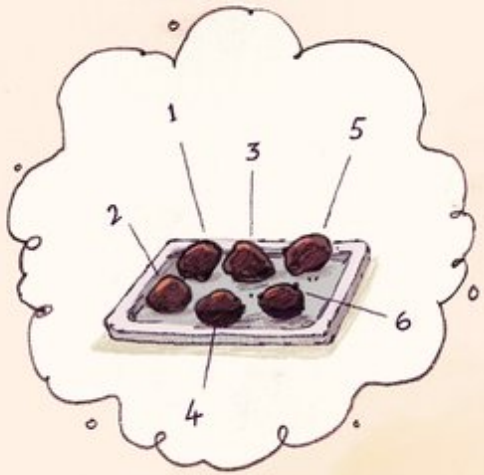
"It could have been Penny," said Sooraj. "Or maybe it was that civet from the attic."
"Hmm," said Ammachi. "Perhaps."
"Or do you think Appachen took them?" asked Sooraj.

“There’s only one way to find out,” said Ammachi.



“First we need more unniappams.”

“Aren’t they all gone?” asked Sooraj.

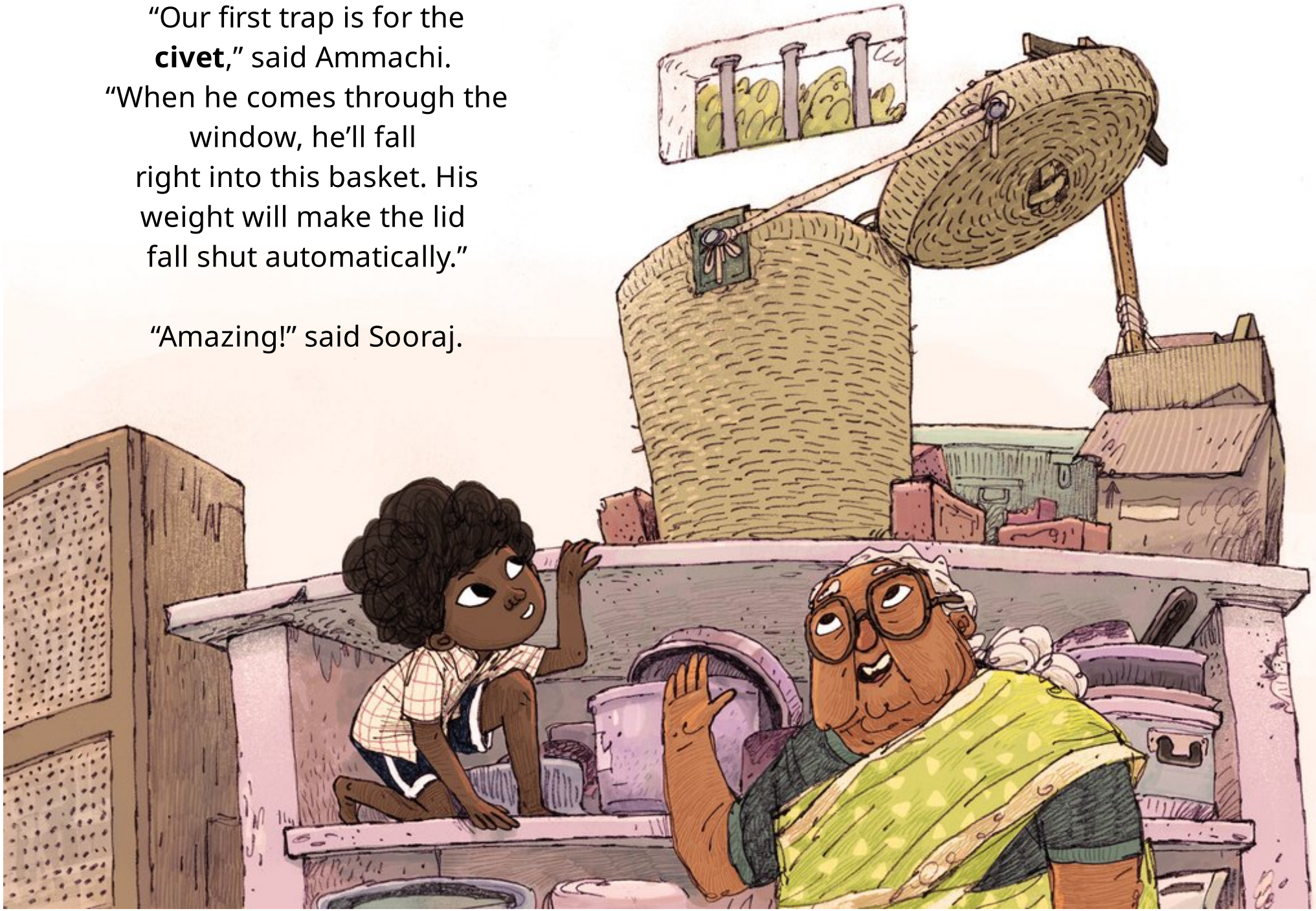


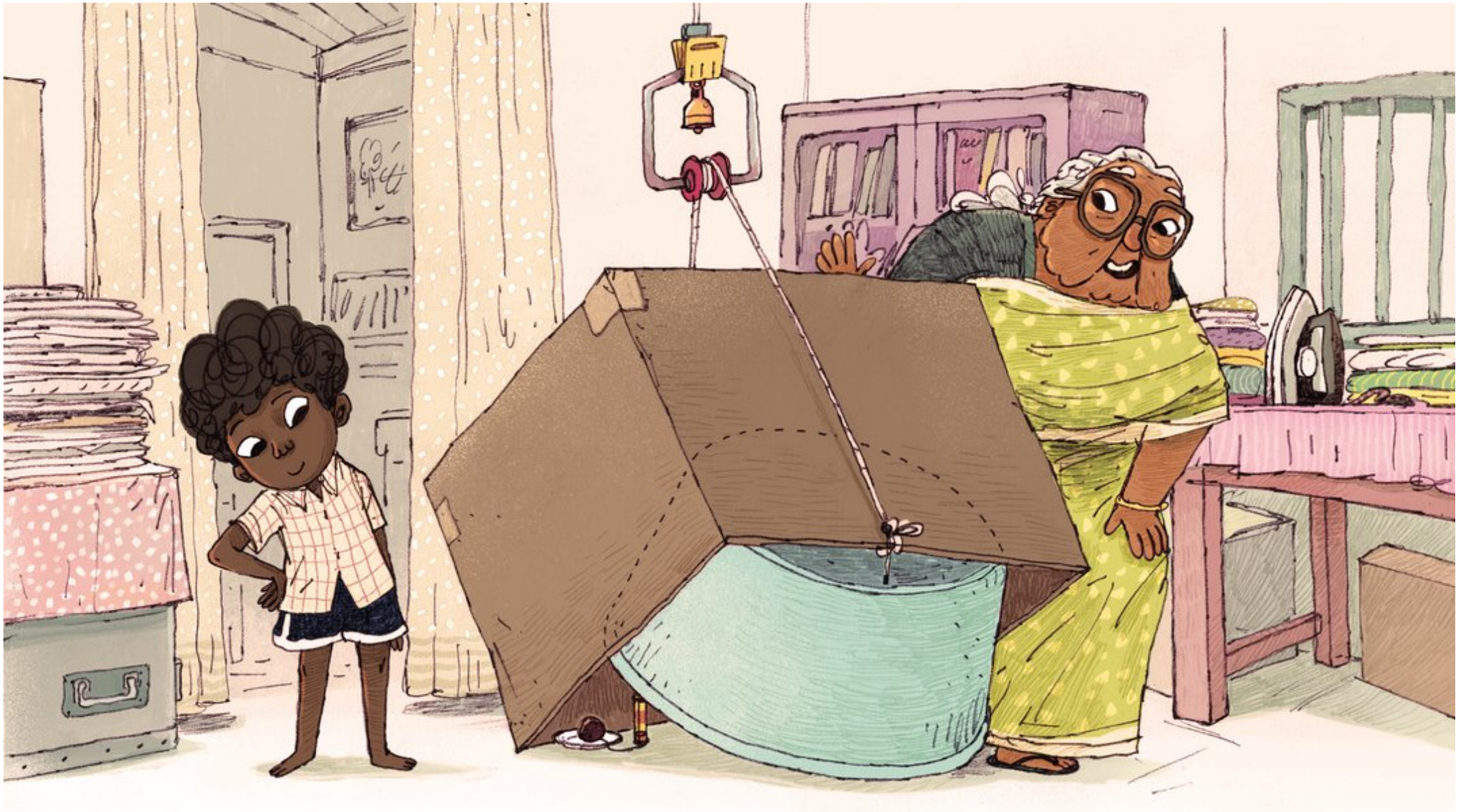
“No, I hid some in the kitchen,” said Ammachi. “For emergencies!”

“Haha! Yum!”

“Our first trap is for the **civet**,” said Ammachi. “When he comes through the window, he’ll fall right into this basket. His weight will make the lid fall shut automatically.”

“Amazing!” said Sooraj.





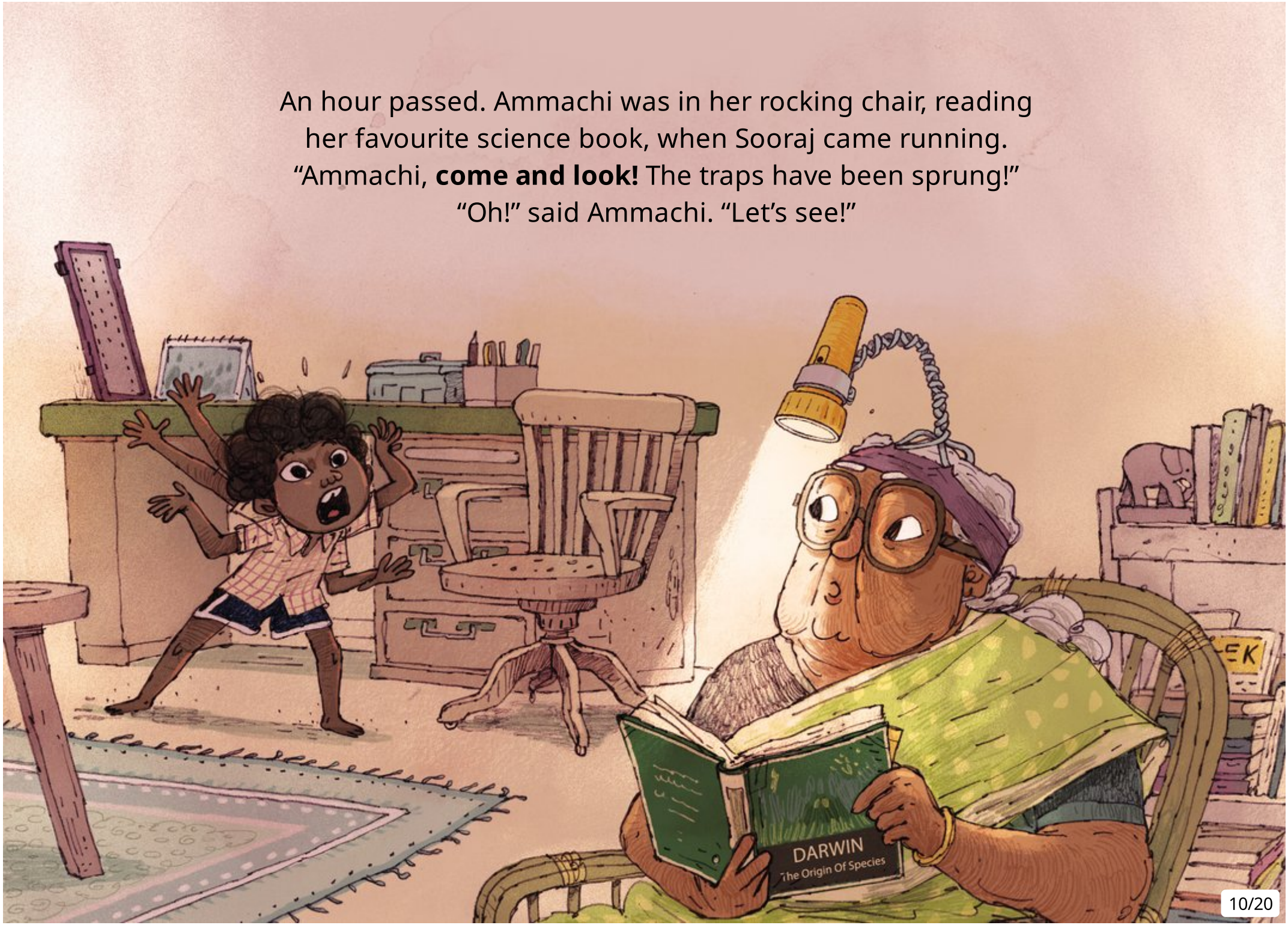
“This one is for **Penny**. If she tries to eat the unniappam,
she’ll be instantly trapped under this bucket.”
“Brilliant!” said Sooraj.

“And this hidden camera will catch **Appachen** red-handed,” said Ammachi. “If he lifts the unniappam off the plate, this string will slip out and trigger the camera’s shutter.”

“Genius!” said Sooraj.

“And now we wait.”

An hour passed. Ammachi was in her rocking chair, reading her favourite science book, when Sooraj came running.
“Ammachi, **come and look!** The traps have been sprung!”
“Oh!” said Ammachi. “Let’s see!”



“The **basket** trap is empty!”

“So is the **bucket** trap!
How odd!”

“The **camera** didn’t go
off either!”

“But the unniappams
are all gone!”
said Ammachi.
“Again!”

“What a clever thief,” said Ammachi. “Maybe we should lay **THREE MORE** traps!”

“YES!” said Sooraj.

“But what will we use as **bait**?”

“Don’t we have three more unniappams left in the oven?” asked Sooraj.

“A-HA!” said Ammachi. “Not so clever after all, I see!”
“Eh?” said Sooraj.
“What?”
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“How did you know that there were **THREE** unniappams left, Sooraj?” asked Ammachi. “And HOW did you know they were hidden in the **OVEN**?”

“Ahhh.... I.... Ummm.... Ohhh....”

“And I didn’t tell ANYONE ELSE how the traps worked. Only **YOU** could have sprung them without getting caught!”

“Okay. OKAY!” said Sooraj. “FINE! You caught me. **I AM** the unniappam thief!”

“Heee. Those unniappams were TOO irresistible, Ammachi!” said Sooraj. “You’re such a **good** cook!”

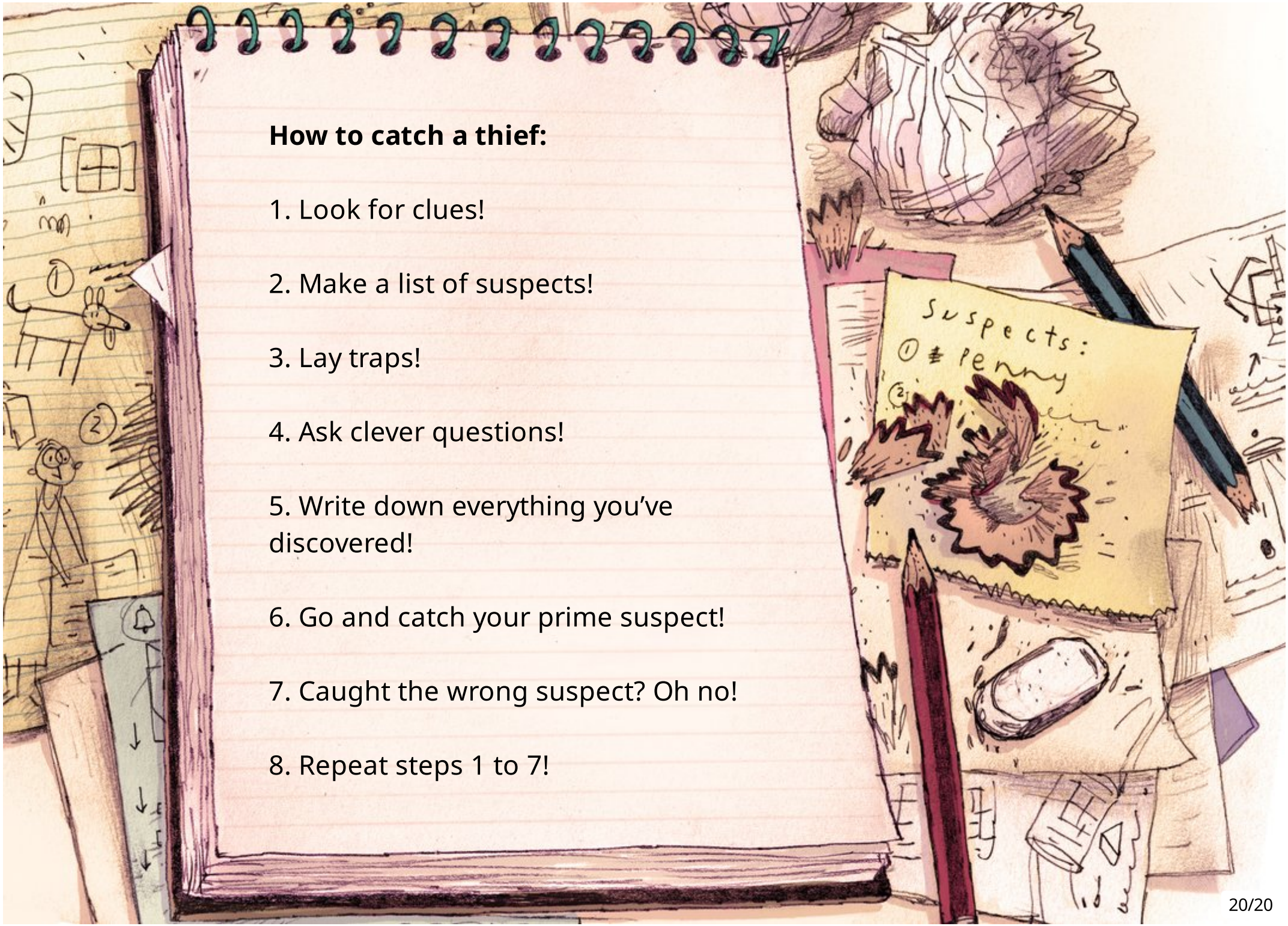
“Hahaha! You little flatterer!” said Ammachi.

“Who gets to eat the remaining unniappams, Ammachi?”

“Hahaha! Come, we’ll share them!”

“Oh no!” said Ammachi.
“The unniappams are GONE!
AGAINNNN!”

"Hehehe!"
NYUM-NYUM
SCRUNCH
MUNCH-MUNCH
CHOMP-CHOMP
TAKA-TAKA-TAKA



How to catch a thief:

1. Look for clues!

2. Make a list of suspects!

3. Lay traps!

4. Ask clever questions!

5. Write down everything you've discovered!

6. Go and catch your prime suspect!

7. Caught the wrong suspect? Oh no!

8. Repeat steps 1 to 7!

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(English)

Someone's been stealing all the unniappams! Help detectives Ammachi and Sooraj, as they look for clues, set traps, and catch the thief!

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