

Snow White
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Captain Soldier



Madiha's Soldier Gets Married

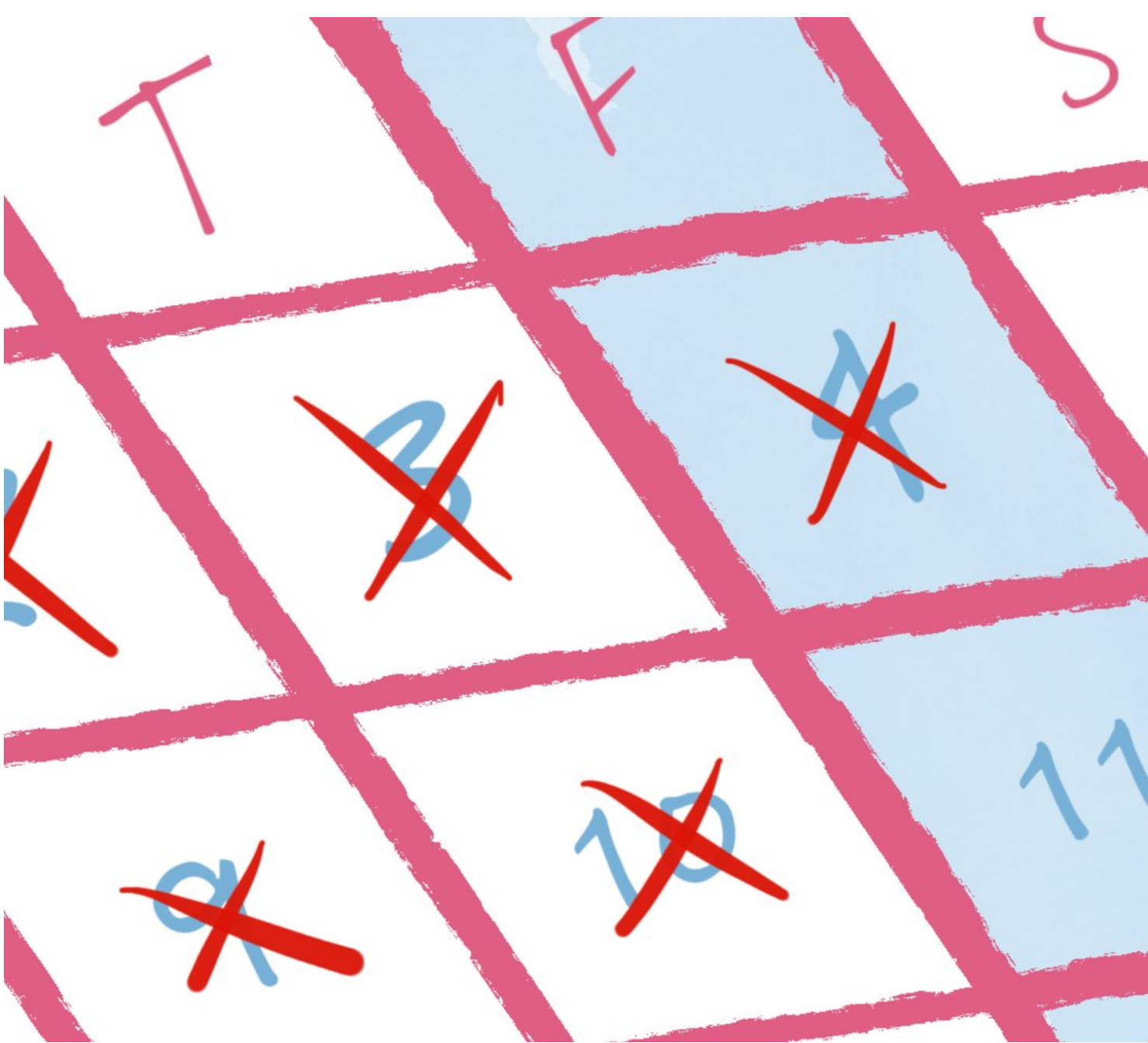
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**For my
brother,
Asif.**



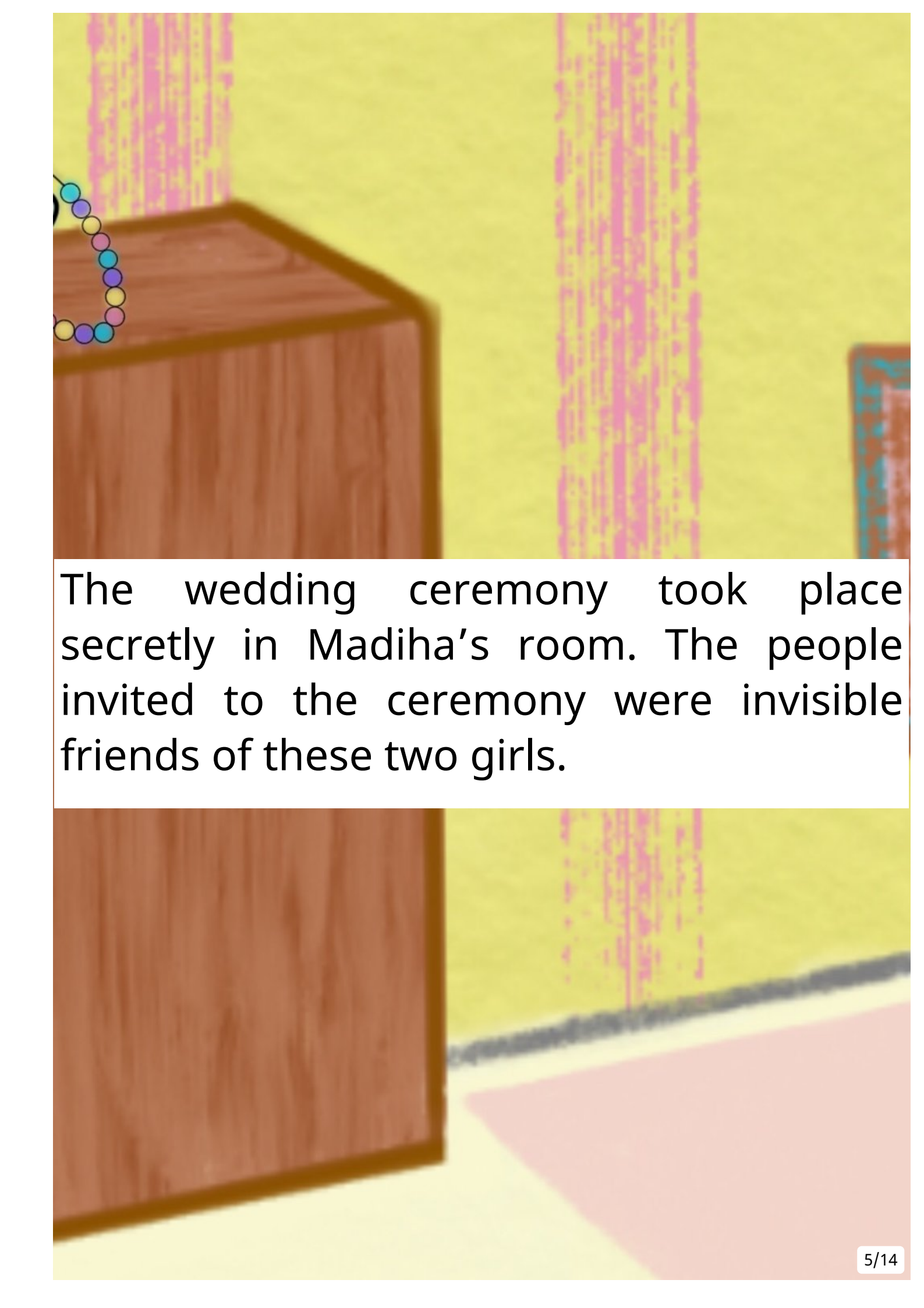


It was decided that the great event will be held on Friday. The event was indeed great. After all, Madiha's soldier was getting married to Fariha's doll. Fariha had named her doll Inayah but the box in which the doll was brought showed that her name was Snow White.

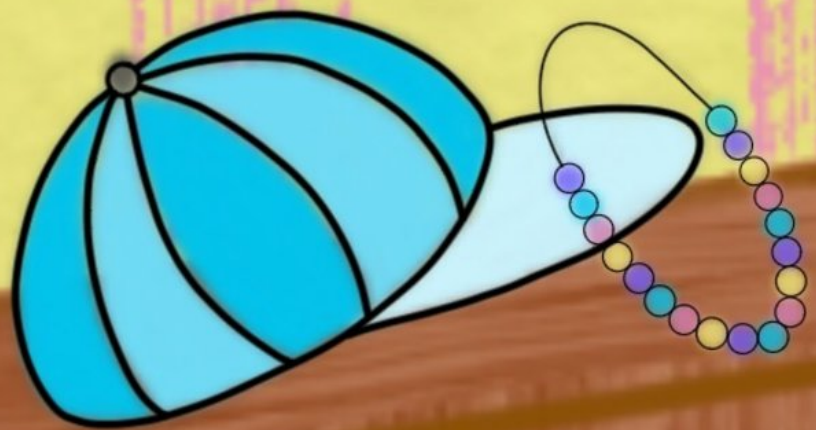


The preparations for the wedding were on. The bride's mother, Fariha, came early from school but the groom's mother took some time.




The background is a stylized illustration of a room. The walls are a bright yellow color with vertical pink brushstroke-like patterns. On the left, there is a brown wooden cabinet or wardrobe with a beaded necklace hanging from its top edge. The necklace has colorful beads in shades of blue, purple, yellow, and pink. In the bottom right corner, a portion of a pink rug is visible on a light yellow floor. The text is centered in a white rectangular box.

The wedding ceremony took place secretly in Madiha's room. The people invited to the ceremony were invisible friends of these two girls.



The groom's mother gifted a handmade necklace to the bride while the bride's mother gave a cap made of paper to her soldier son-in-law.

A hand-drawn sign on a wooden post. The sign is a rectangular piece of light blue paper with a dark blue border. It is mounted on a wooden post. The text on the sign is written in black marker and reads "Snow White & Captain Soldier". The background is a light blue wall with vertical lines.

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The bride and groom were made to stand in front of the cardboard designed by Madiha. On it was written 'Snow White & Captain Soldier.'



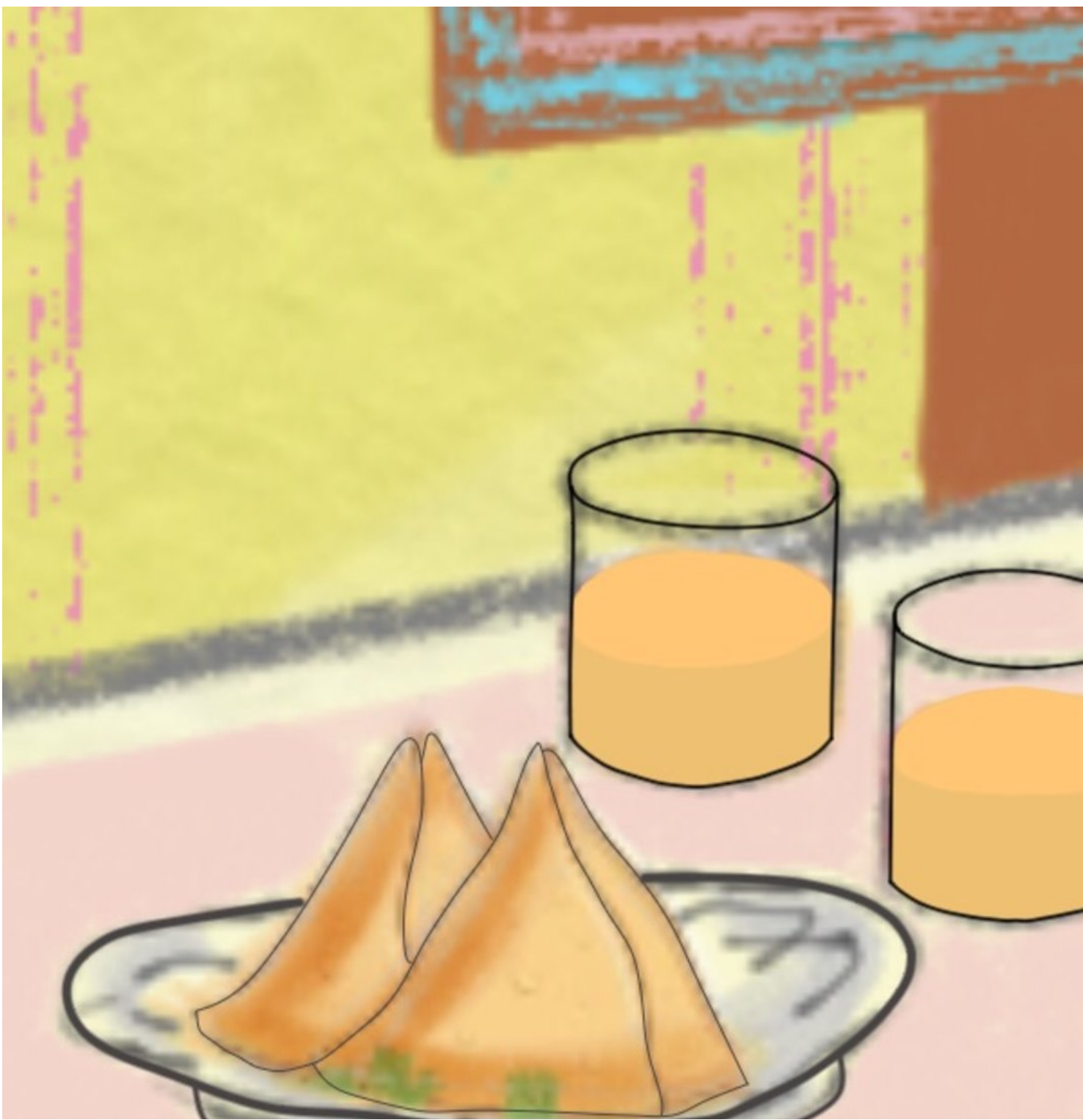
Fariha had tied a red rose to her doll's head. The rose especially brought from the garden. It was not plucked off. It had fallen to the ground so Fariha picked it up.



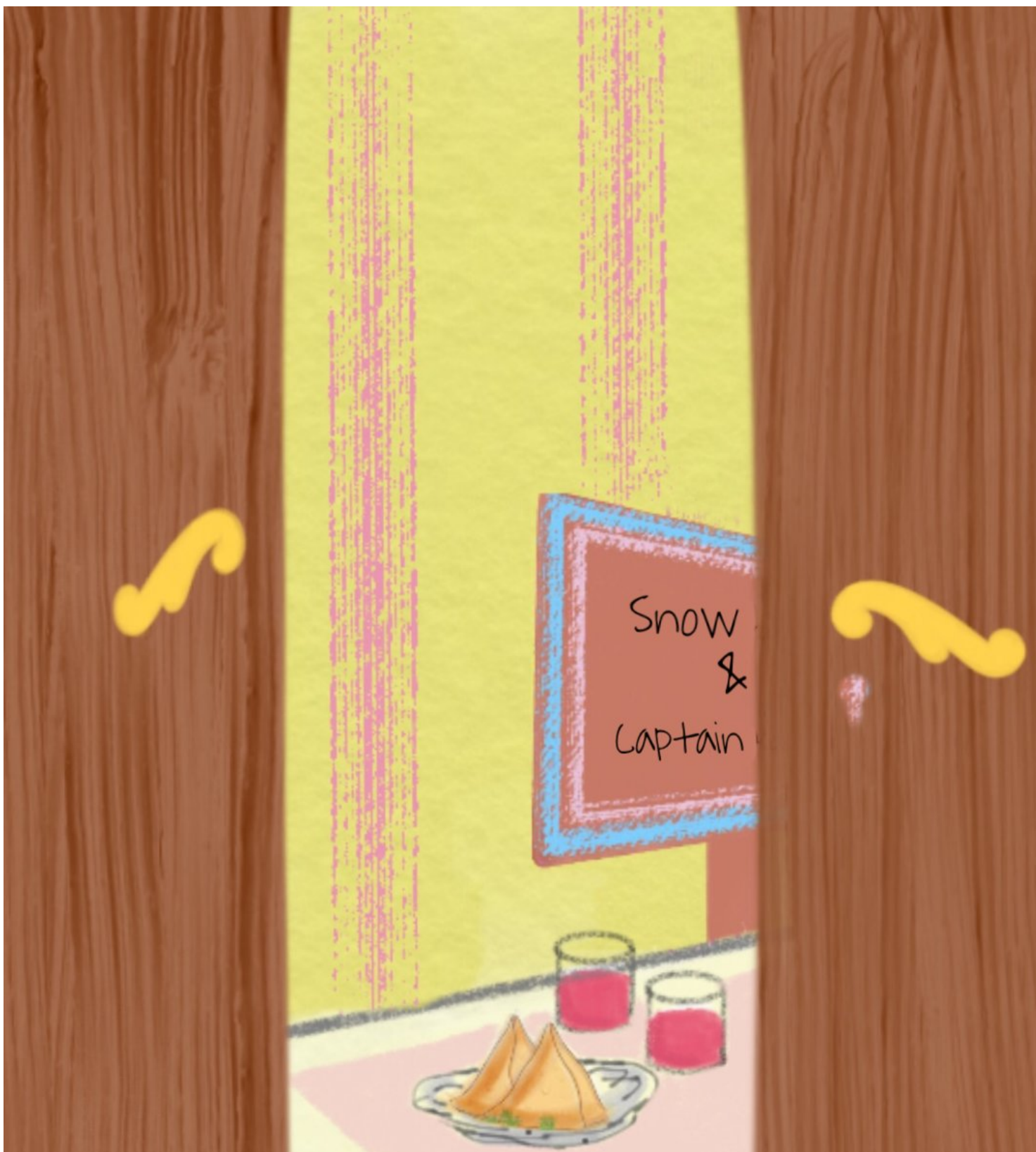
te Fariha said, 'Madiha, take these ten
dier rupees. I had saved it from my pocket
money. I give this as dowry.'

Madiha got very angry on hearing this. She said, 'You are giving me such a nice doll. It is more than enough. God will be angry with me if I take this money or anything else from you. In fact, take these two rupees as a gift from me.'

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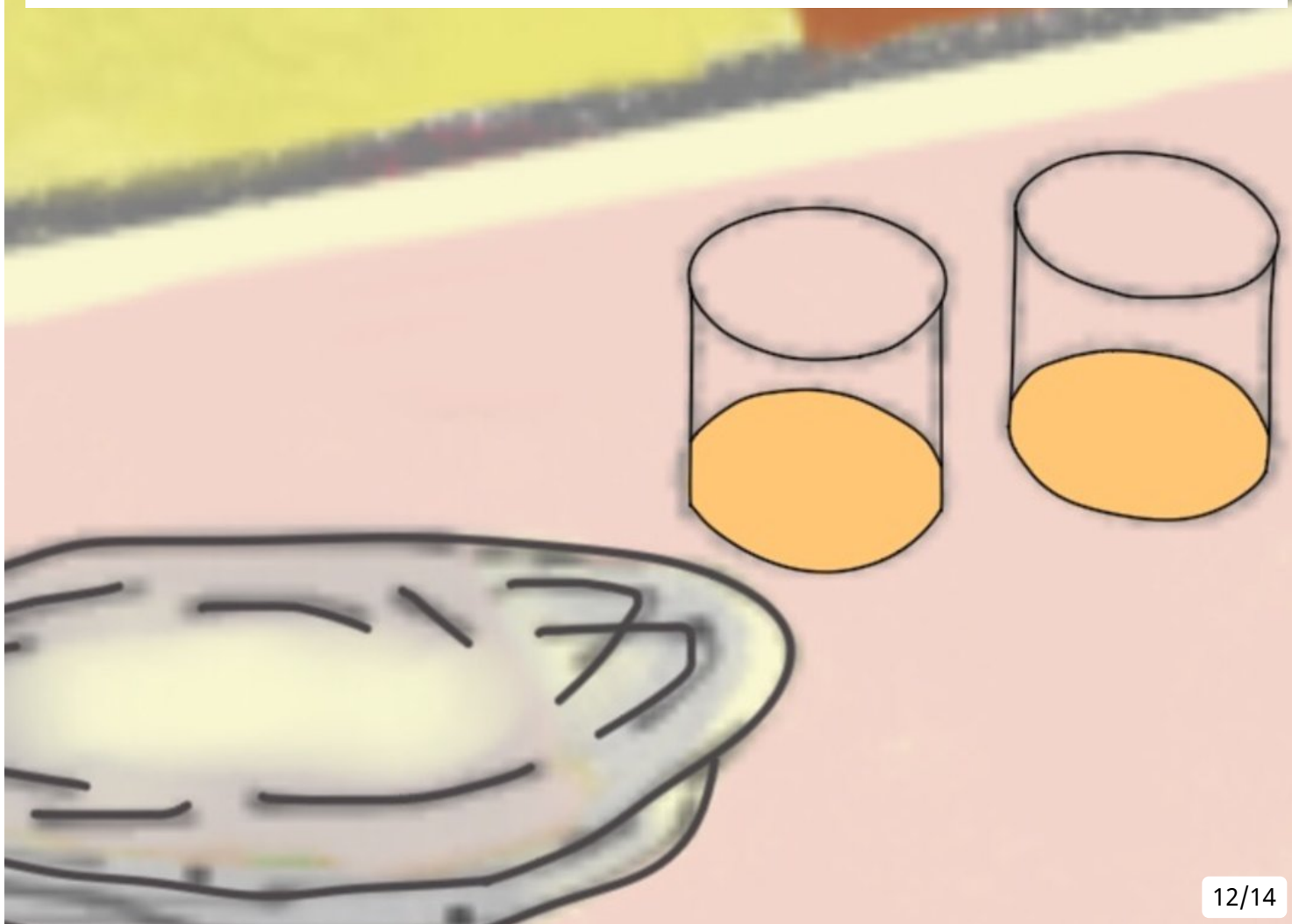


Fariha was pleased. She had brought two samosas from her mother's kitchen and Madiha had prepared a sherbet using water and honey. They feasted to their heart's content and embraced each other with love.



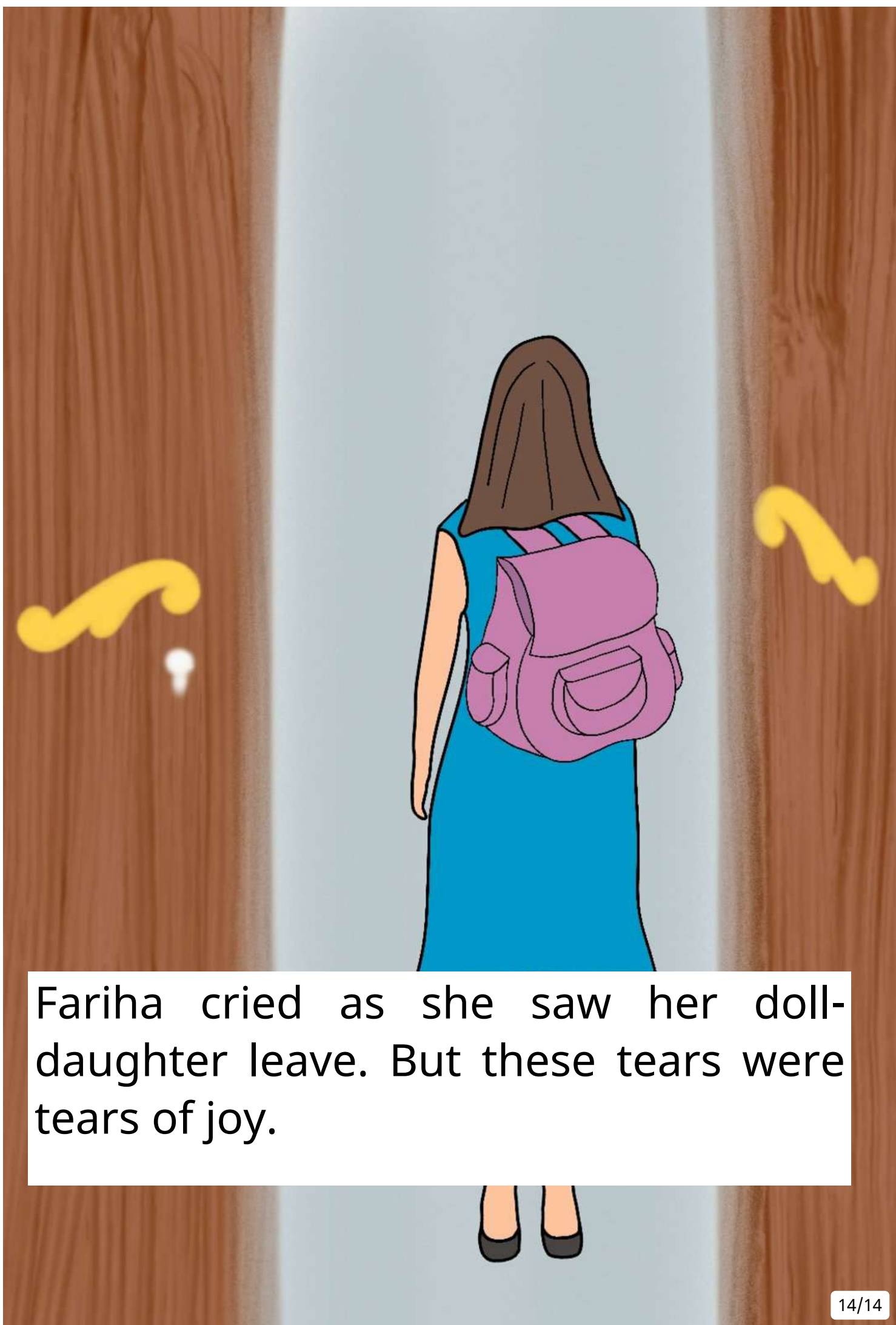
As soon as the party ended, the marriage came up with problems. The mothers of the bride and groom were beginning to fight as both wanted to keep the married couple with them.

Then Madiha got an idea. She said, 'We should not fight on this. Let us break this marriage. Anyways, the party is over.' At this, Fariha said, 'No! God does not like those who fight and break promises for small reasons. Let us do one thing. You take them today and give them to me after two days. Then again after two days, I will give them to you. This way we both will get to see our toys.'



Madiha rejoiced. 'That is a very good idea. And don't worry, I will take very good care of your doll just like my soldier.' Then she kept carefully kept the doll and the soldier in her school bag and went home.





Fariha cried as she saw her doll-daughter leave. But these tears were tears of joy.



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(English)

Madiha and friend, Fariha decide to get their toys married and though all of it is done just to have a party, it becomes a very emotional situation.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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