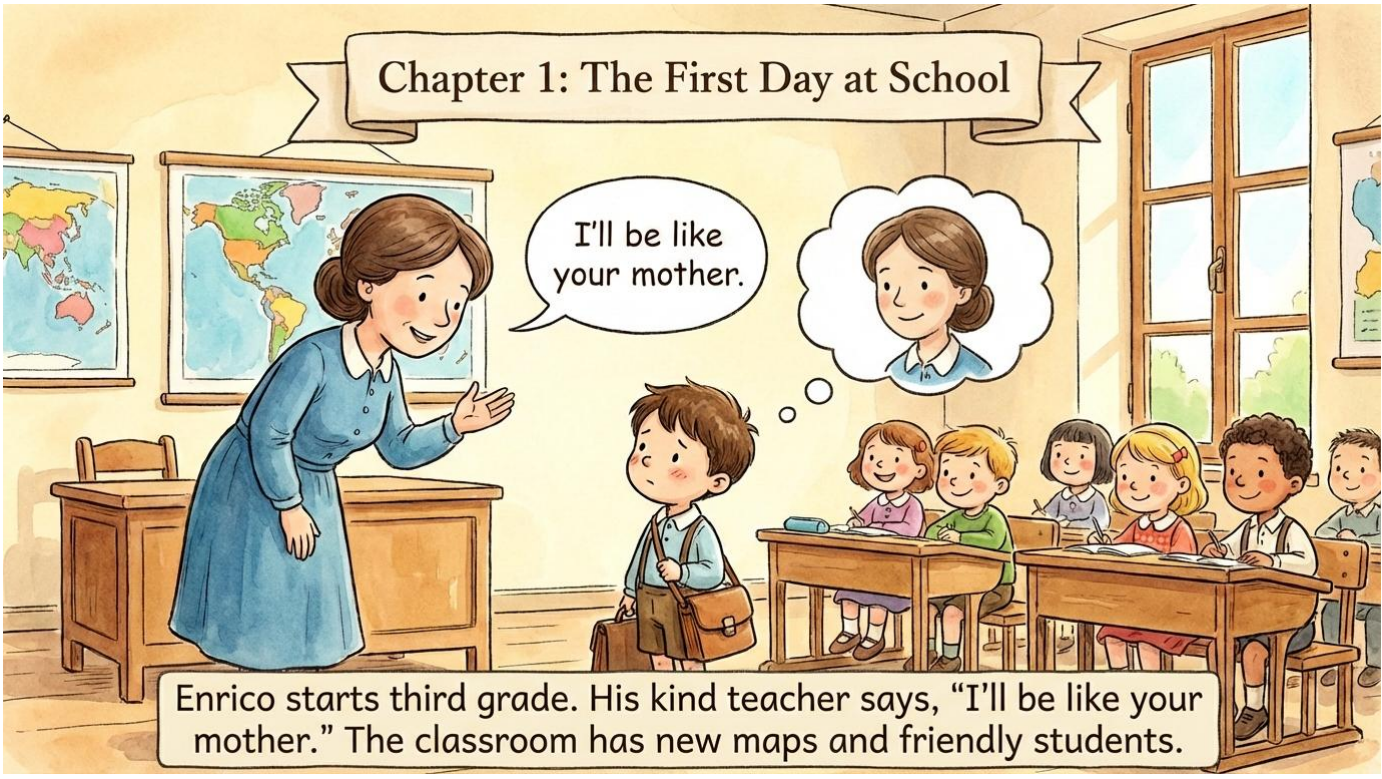


Chapter 1: The First Day at School

I'll be like
your mother.

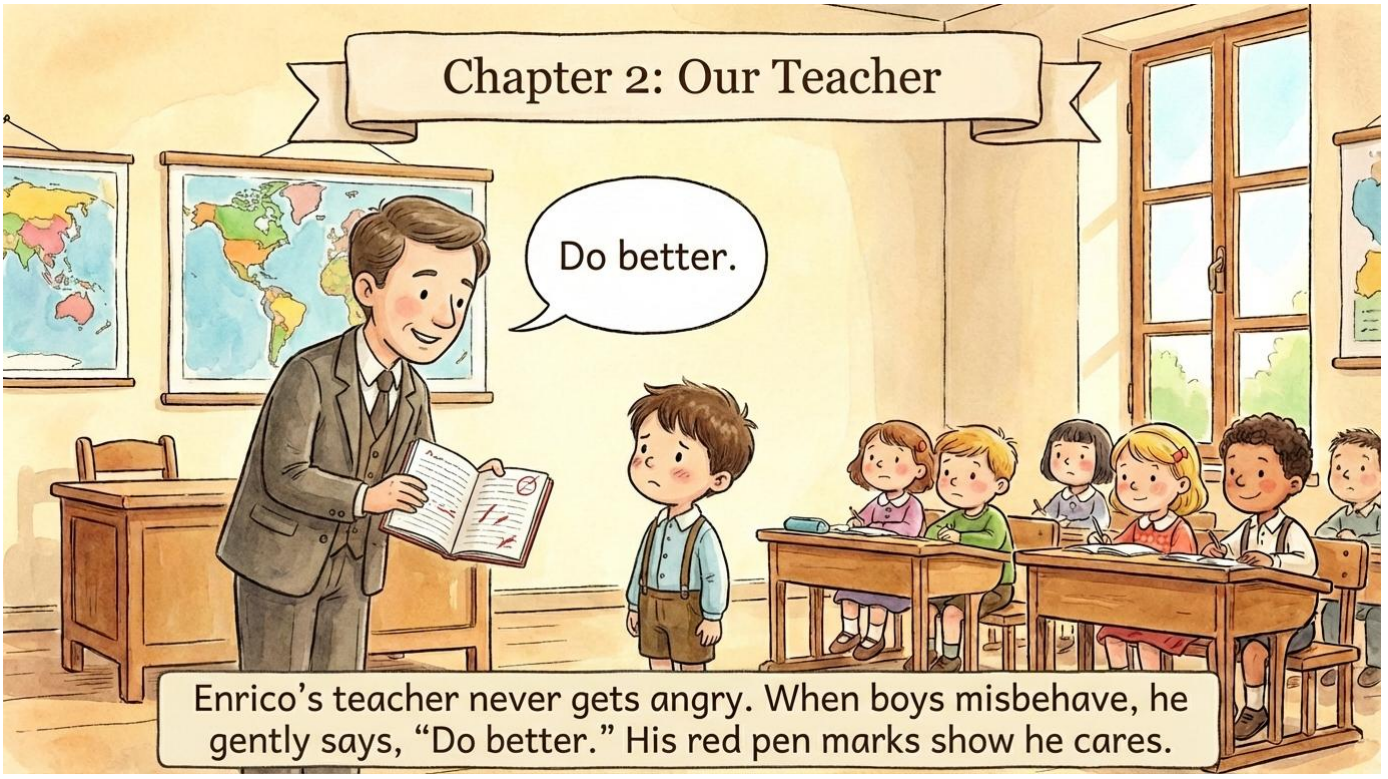
Enrico starts third grade. His kind teacher says, "I'll be like your mother." The classroom has new maps and friendly students.



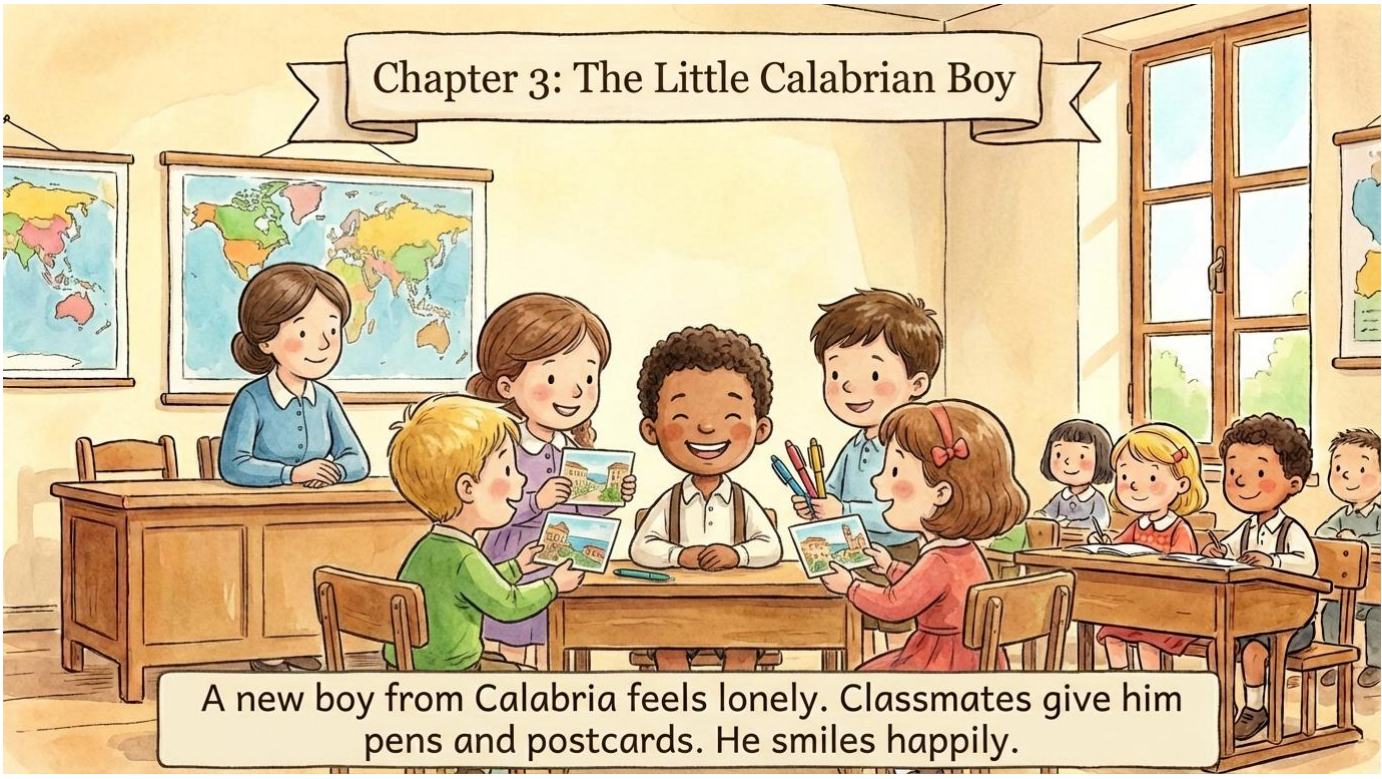
Chapter 2: Our Teacher

Do better.

Enrico's teacher never gets angry. When boys misbehave, he gently says, "Do better." His red pen marks show he cares.



Chapter 3: The Little Calabrian Boy



A new boy from Calabria feels lonely. Classmates give him pens and postcards. He smiles happily.

Chapter 4: Garrone's Kindness



Big Garrone protects weak Coretti from bullies.
He's like a kind older brother to everyone.

Chapter 5: My Kindergarten Teacher



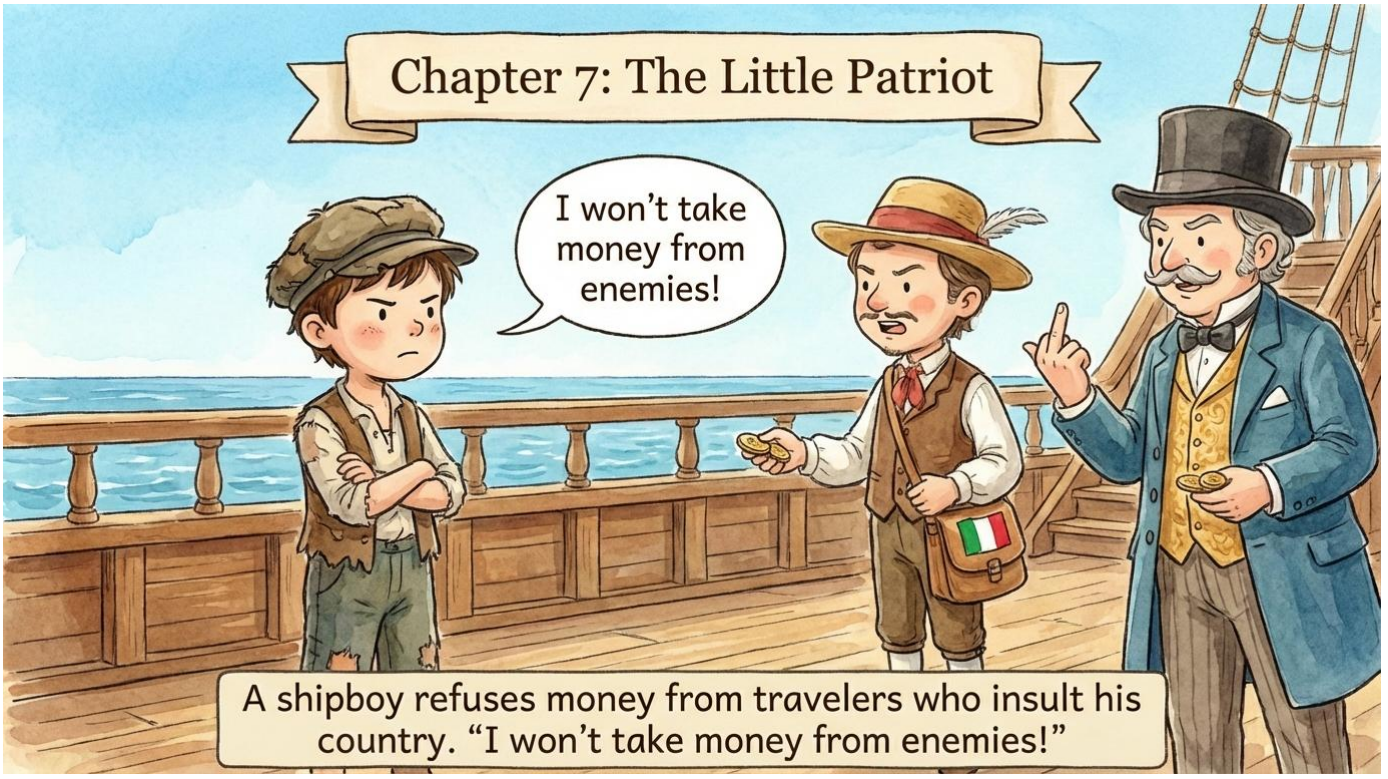
Enrico meets his old teacher. She remembers how he cried on his first day years ago.

Chapter 6: The Slums



Enrico's family brings cloth to a poor widow.
They see Coretti studying in a dark room.

Chapter 7: The Little Patriot



I won't take money from enemies!

A shipboy refuses money from travelers who insult his country. "I won't take money from enemies!"

Chapter 8: Coretti's Shop



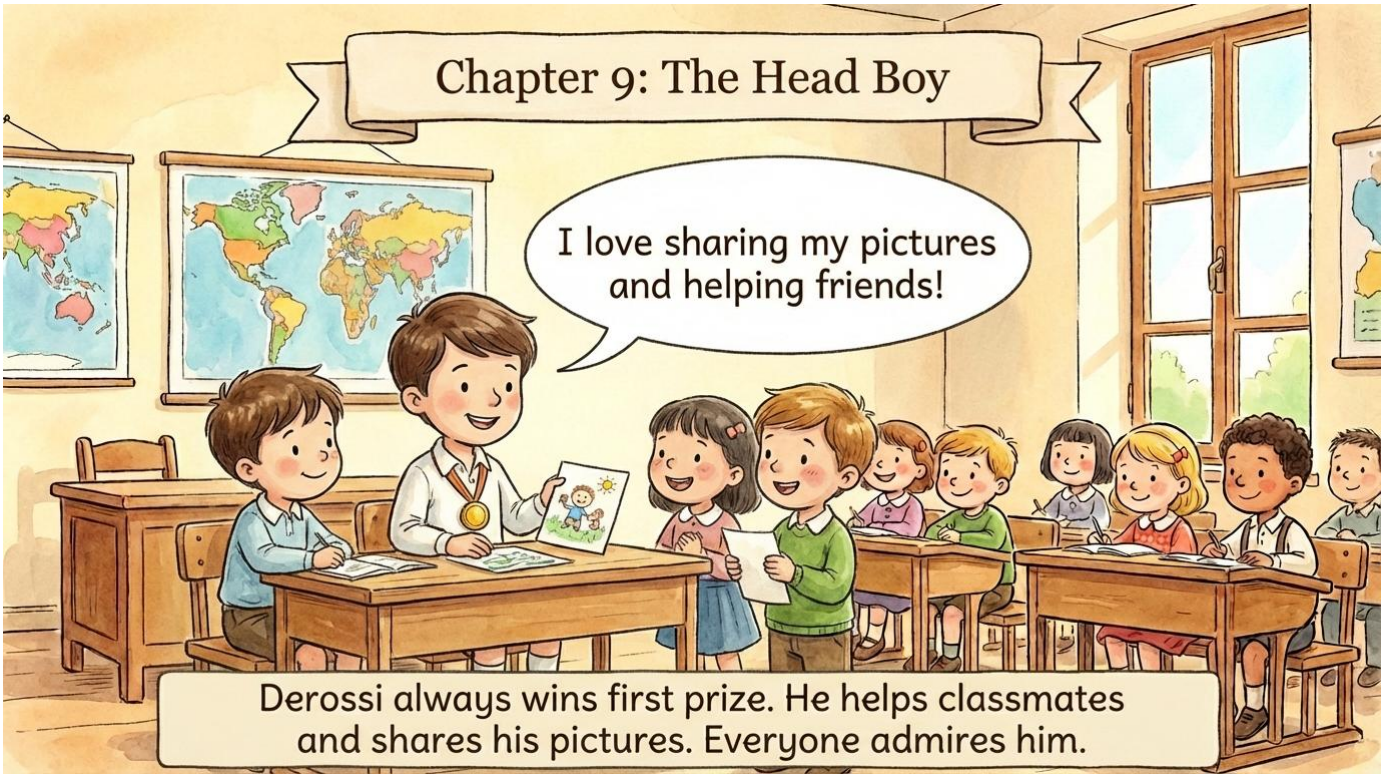
Father will be happy if I prepare wood.

Coretti works in his father's shop while studying. He says, "Father will be happy if I prepare wood."

Chapter 9: The Head Boy

I love sharing my pictures
and helping friends!

Derossi always wins first prize. He helps classmates
and shares his pictures. Everyone admires him.



Chapter 10: Votini's Jealousy



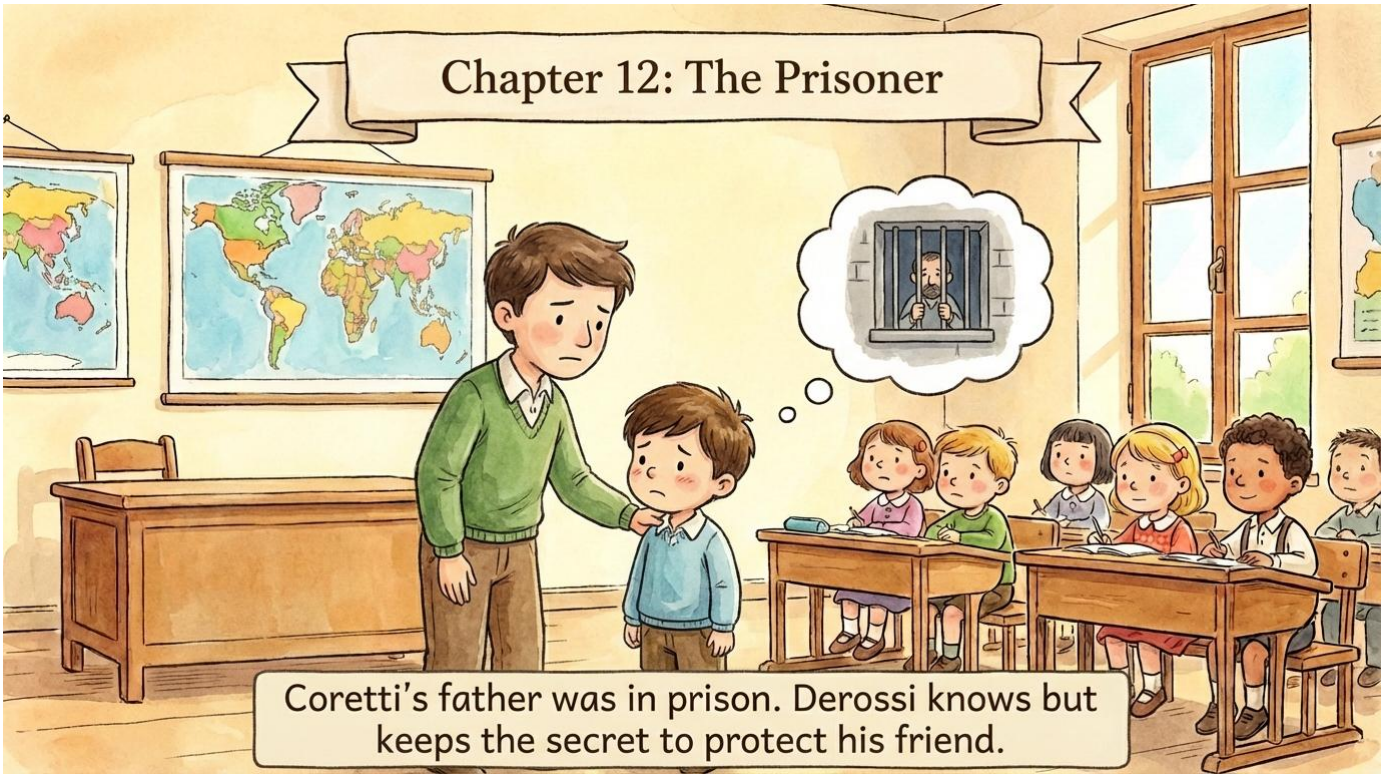
Votini shows off nice clothes, but a blind boy doesn't notice. Votini feels ashamed.

Chapter 11: The Little Florentine Scribe



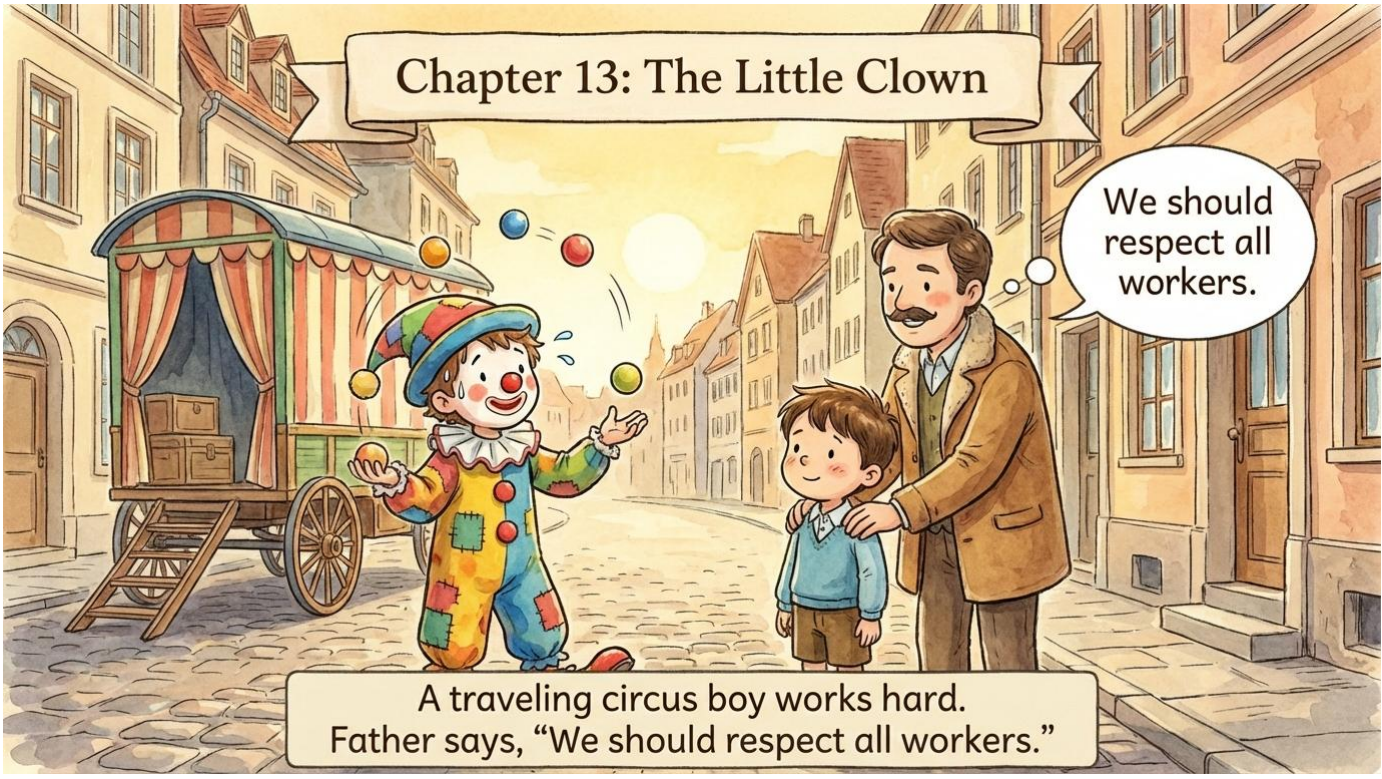
Silvio writes letters at night to help his father. His grades drop until his father discovers the truth.

Chapter 12: The Prisoner



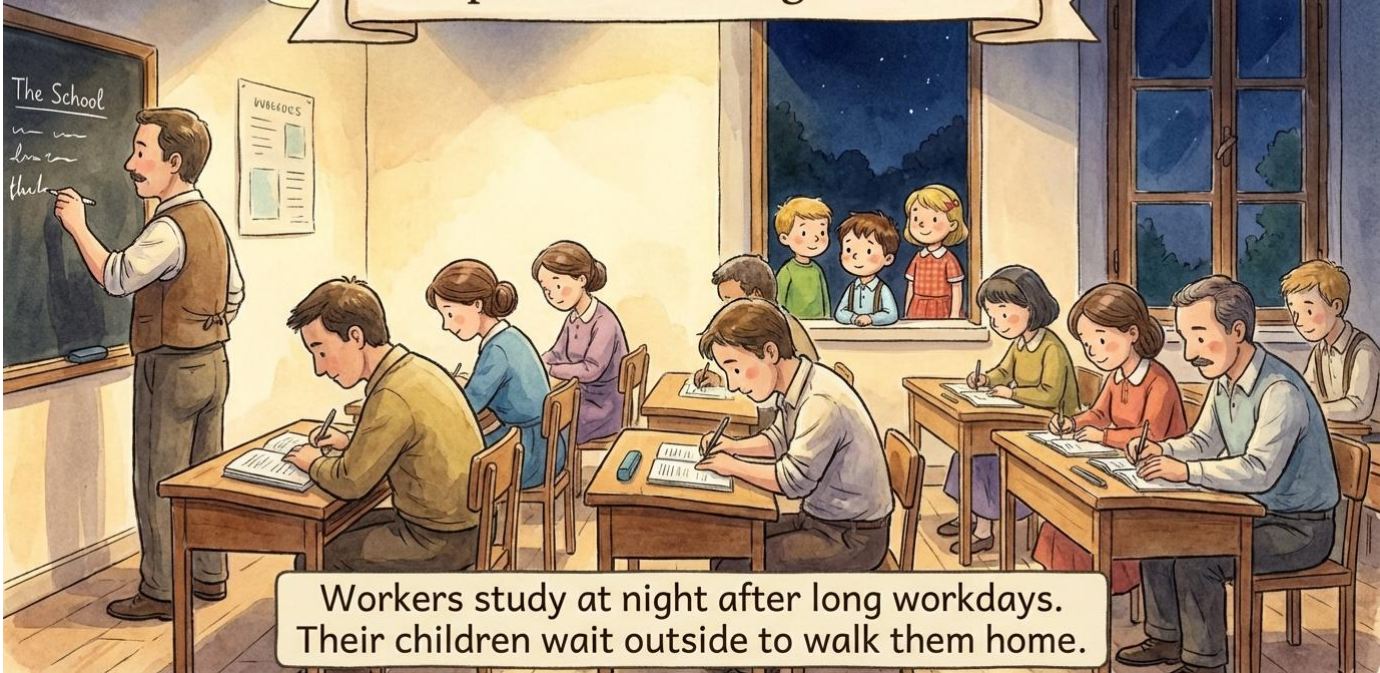
Coretti's father was in prison. Derossi knows but keeps the secret to protect his friend.

Chapter 13: The Little Clown



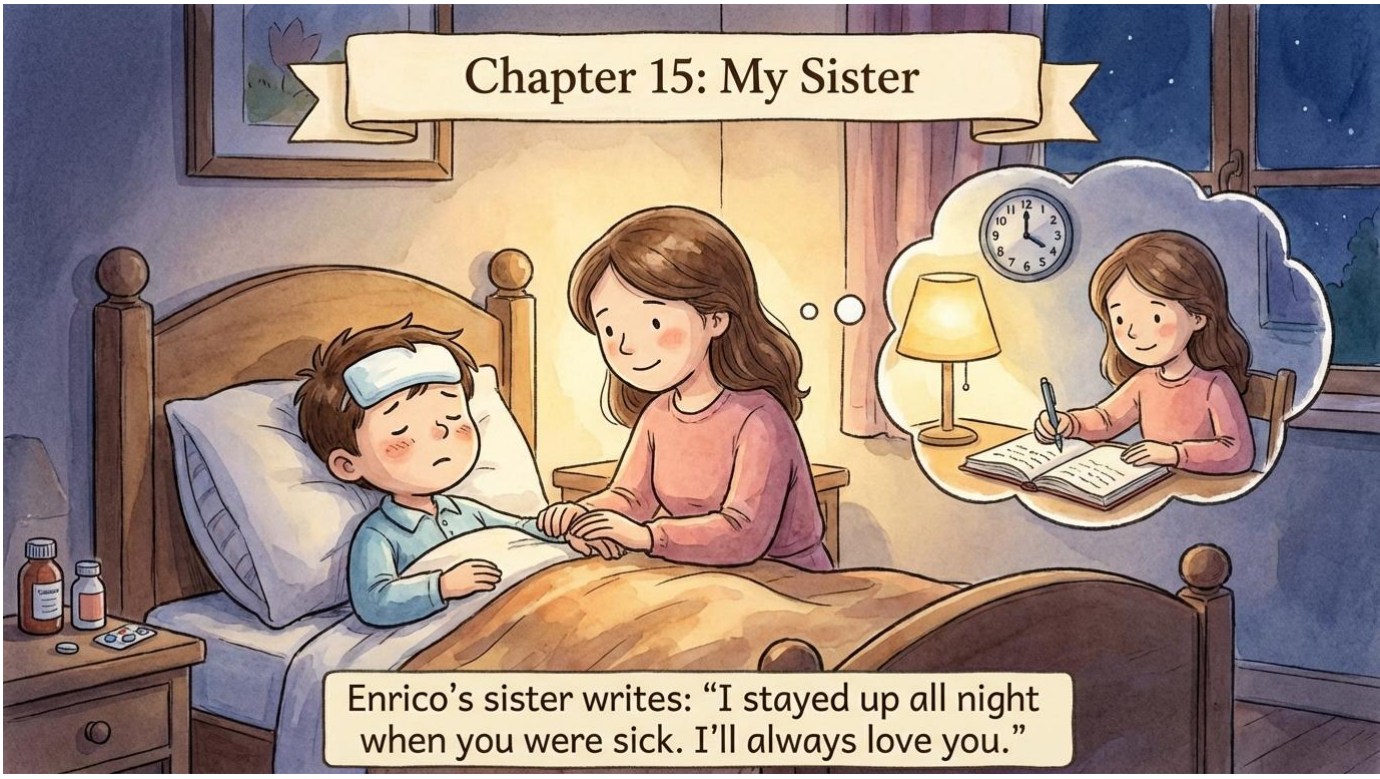
A traveling circus boy works hard.
Father says, "We should respect all workers."

Chapter 14: The Night School



Workers study at night after long workdays.
Their children wait outside to walk them home.

Chapter 15: My Sister



Enrico's sister writes: "I stayed up all night when you were sick. I'll always love you."

Chapter 16: Ferruccio's Bravery



Ferruccio protects his grandmother from thieves but gets hurt. His last words: "Forgive me, Grandma."

Chapter 17: Spring



Enrico enjoys warm weather. His teacher smiles more.
The sick mason boy is getting better.

Chapter 18: The Kindergarten



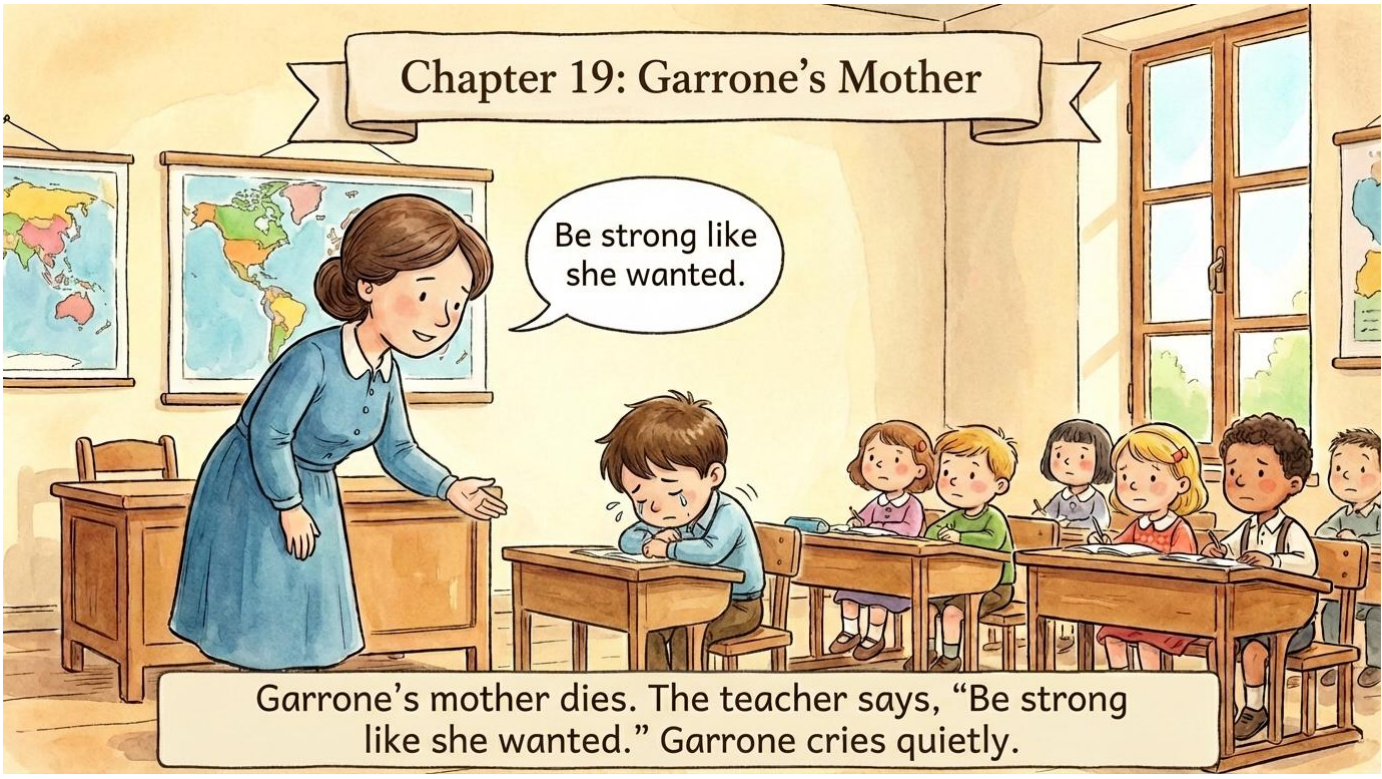
Come back soon!

Little kids hug Enrico's mother and give her flowers.
They shout, "Come back soon!"

Chapter 19: Garrone's Mother

Be strong like
she wanted.

Garrone's mother dies. The teacher says, "Be strong like she wanted." Garrone cries quietly.

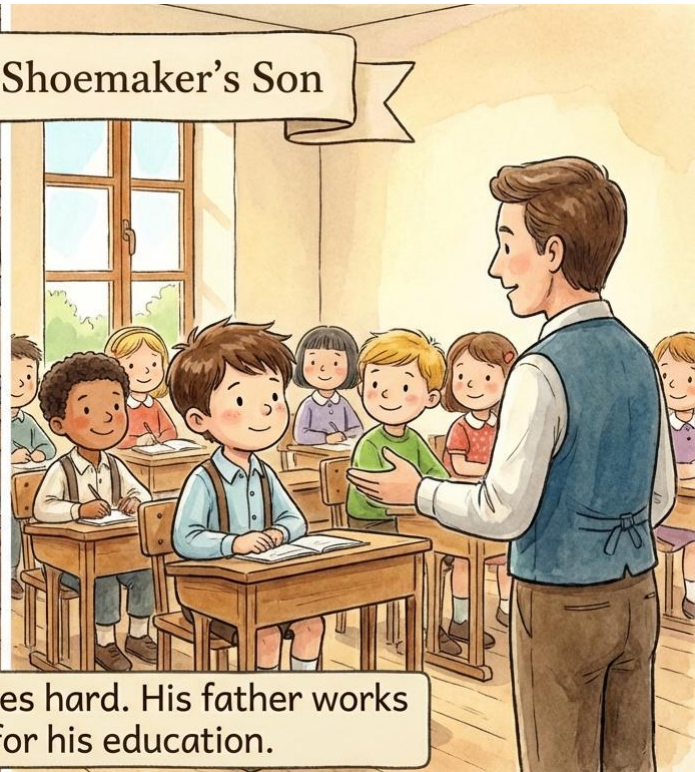


Chapter 20: The Little Sardinian Drummer



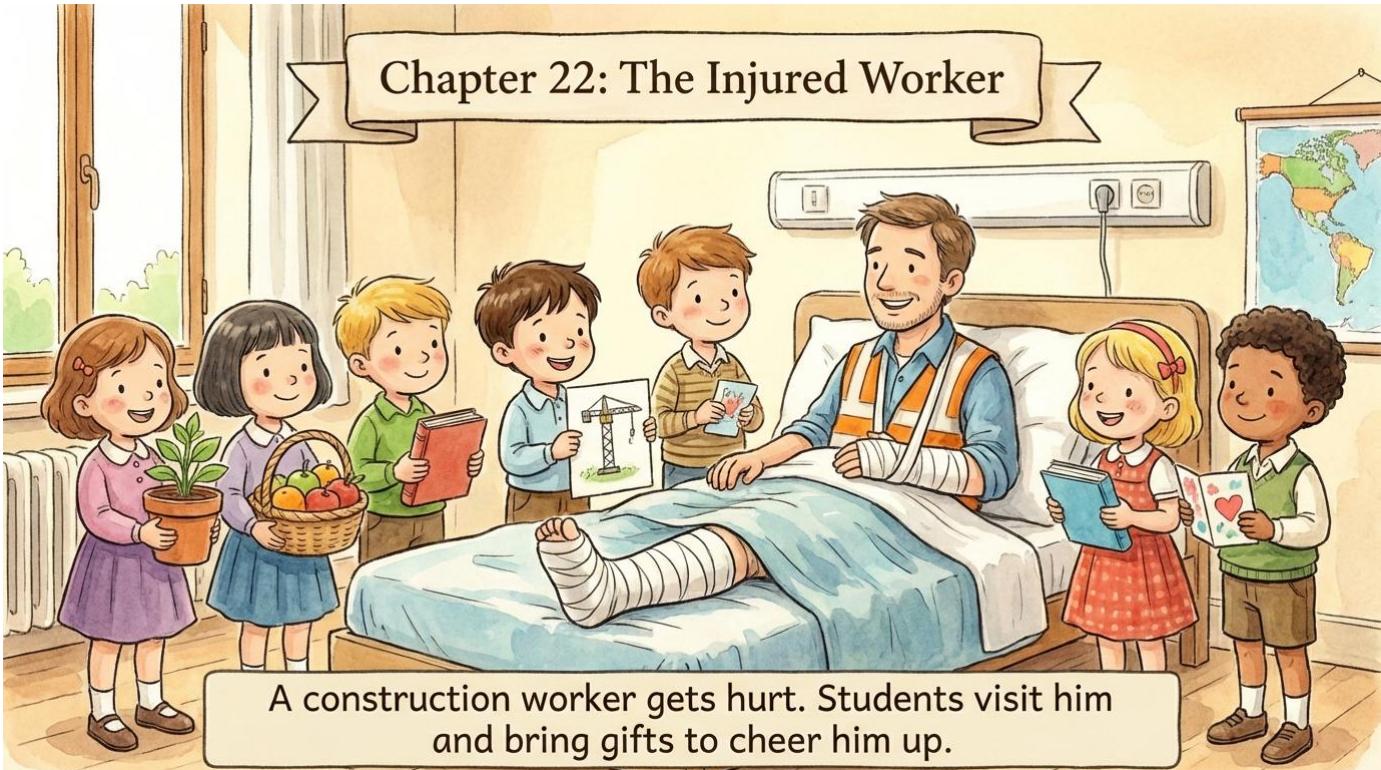
A young drummer delivers a message despite being shot. The captain salutes his bravery.

Chapter 21: The Shoemaker's Son



A shoemaker's son studies hard. His father works all night to pay for his education.

Chapter 22: The Injured Worker



A construction worker gets hurt. Students visit him and bring gifts to cheer him up.

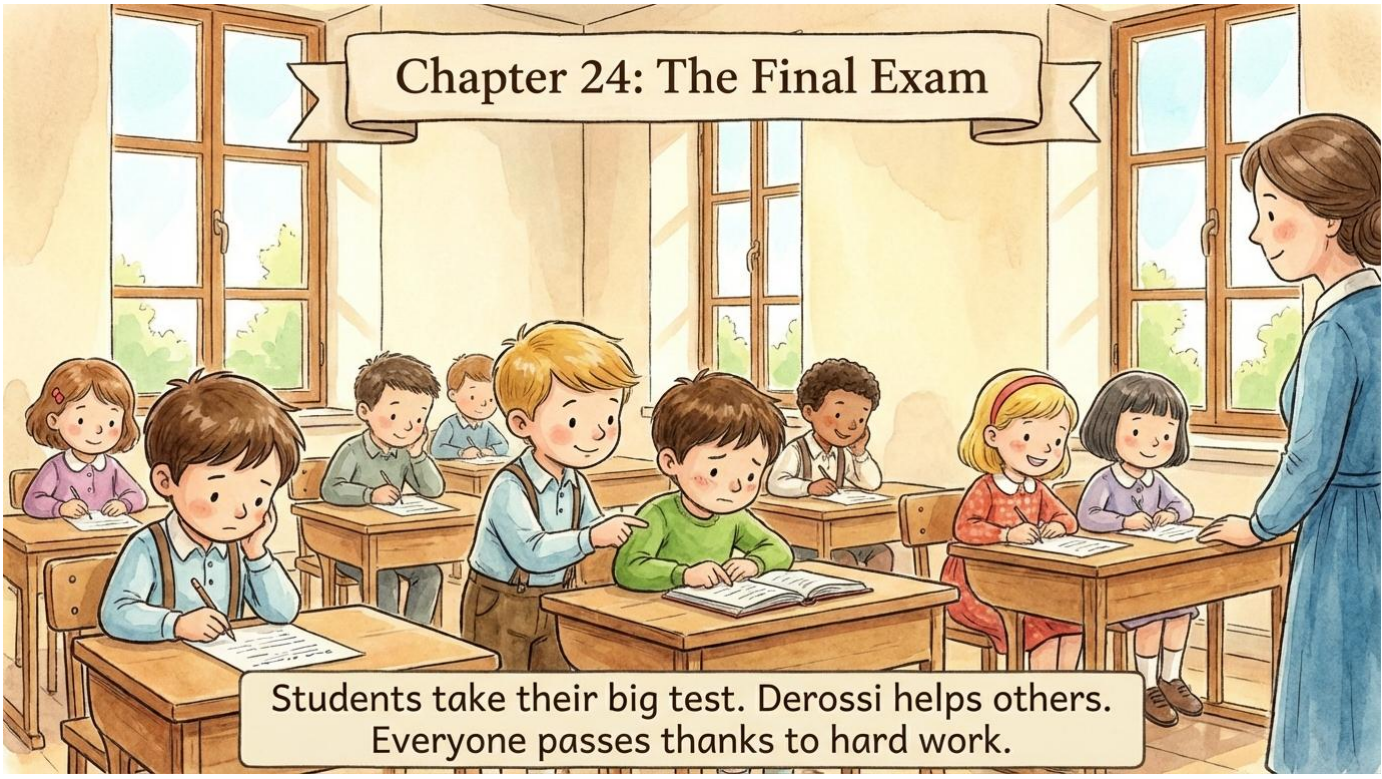
Chapter 23: The Little Street Singer



Talent
deserves
respect.

A blind street singer performs. Enrico's father gives him money and says, "Talent deserves respect."

Chapter 24: The Final Exam



Students take their big test. Derossi helps others.
Everyone passes thanks to hard work.

Chapter 25: Goodbye to Teacher



I'll always remember you.

On the last day, students hug their teacher. He says, "I'll always remember you." They cry.

Chapter 26: The Little Mermaid



A mermaid saves a prince but loses her voice. He marries another. She becomes sea foam but gets a soul.

Chapter 27: The Snowman



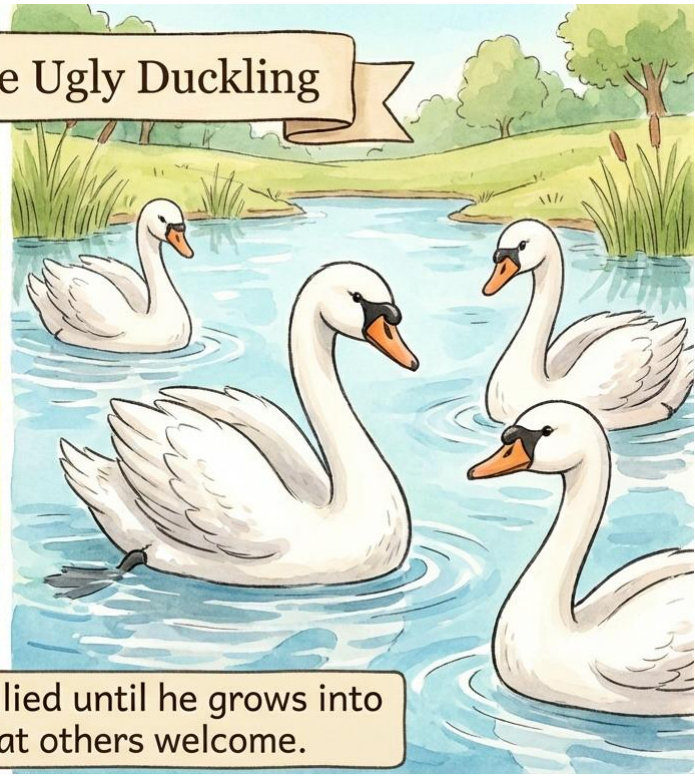
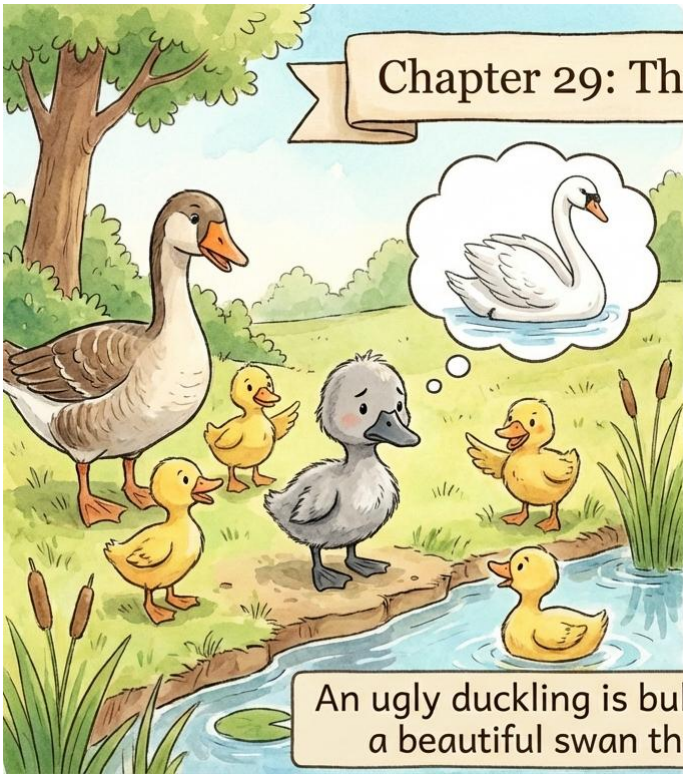
A snowman loves a stove inside a house.
In spring, he melts away, leaving only sticks.

Chapter 28: The Frog Prince



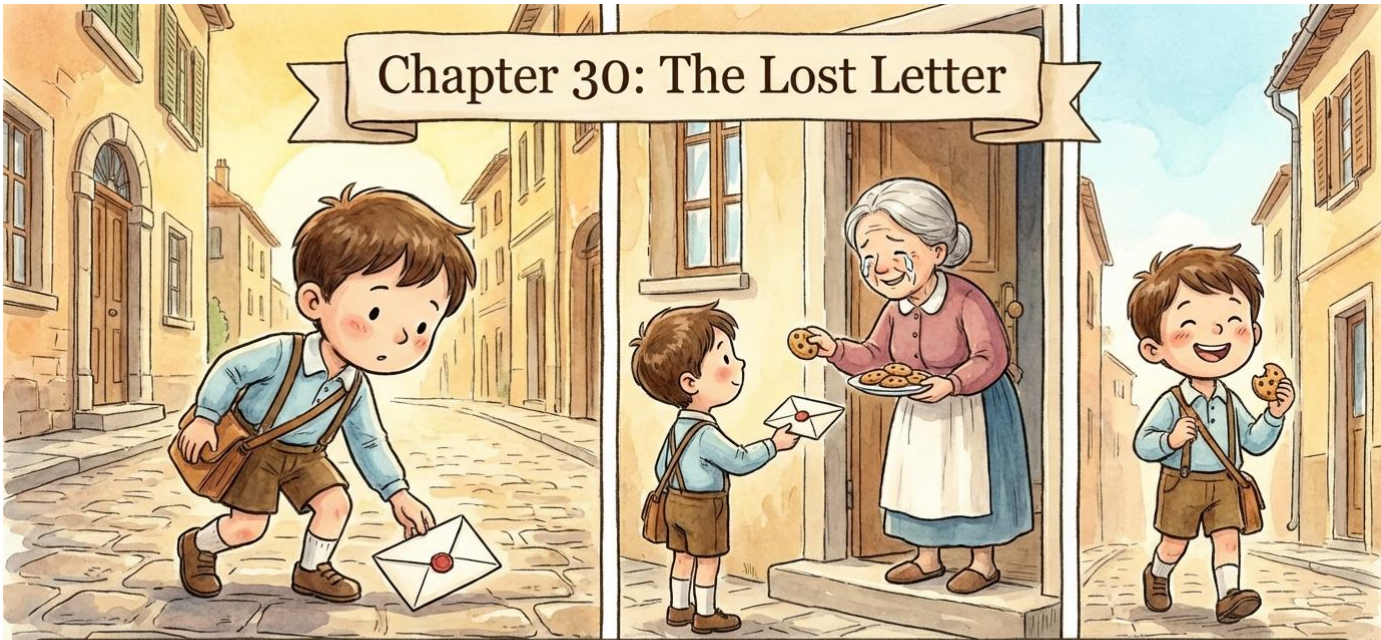
A princess throws a frog against a wall.
It turns into a prince! They live happily.

Chapter 29: The Ugly Duckling



An ugly duckling is bullied until he grows into a beautiful swan that others welcome.

Chapter 30: The Lost Letter



A boy finds an important letter on the street. He reads the address and walks far to deliver it. The old woman who lives there receives it and cries with joy. It's from her son who lives far away. She gives the boy cookies as thanks. The boy smiles all the way home, happy to help.