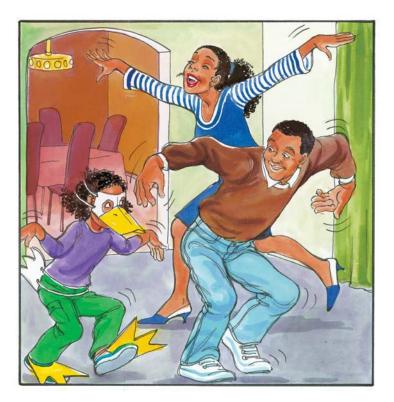




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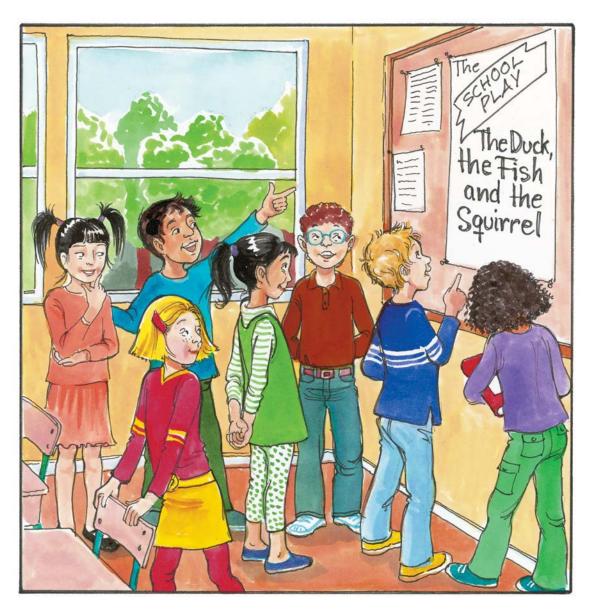
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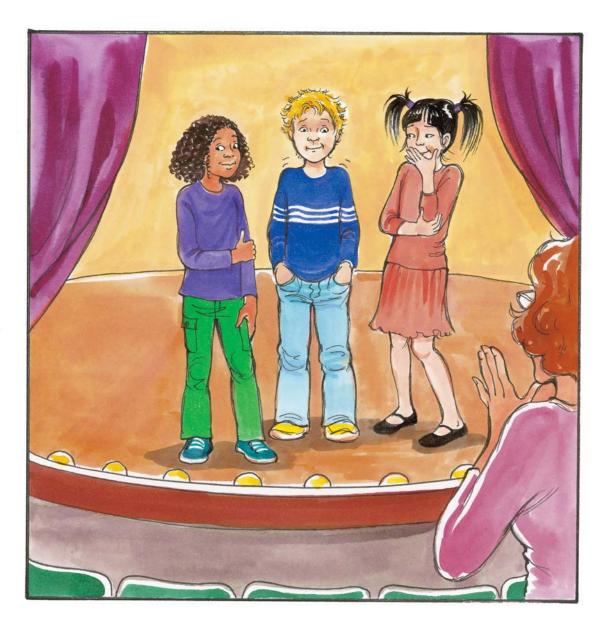
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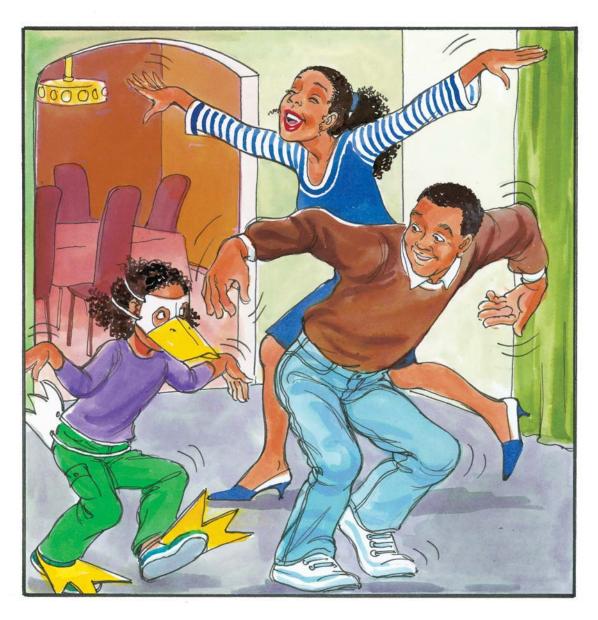
The play at Brown Street School is soon. The play is called *The Duck, the Fish, and the Squirrel*. It is going to be a funny play. All the children at school will see it. Some children will be in the play.



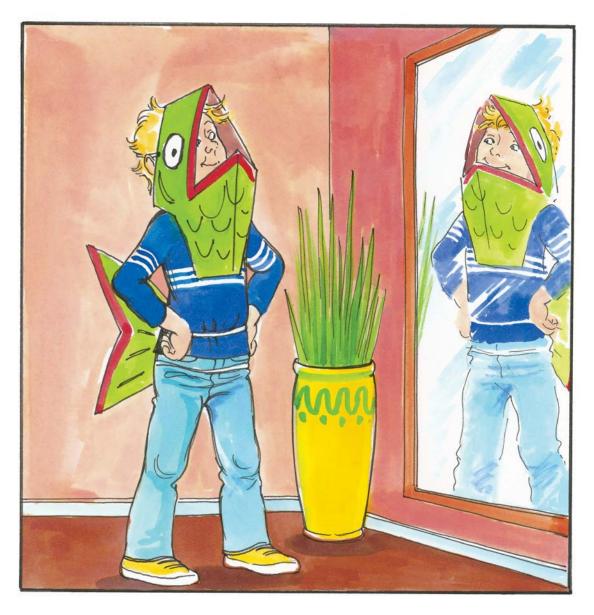
Not all the children at Brown Street School will be in the play. Just some children will be in the play. Three of the children are Tanya, Matt, and Val. Tanya, Matt, and Val will be in the Brown Street School play.



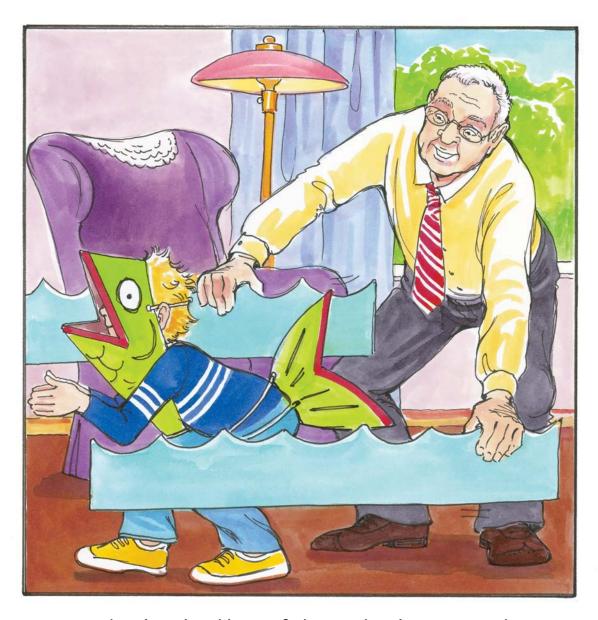
In the Brown Street School play, Tanya will be a duck. So Tanya had to make a duck's tail and a duck's feet. She had to make a duck's head too. Tanya will be a duck in the school play. She had to look like a duck.



Tanya had to be like a duck. She had to fly like a duck. Tanya asked her mother and father to help her. Tanya's mother and father helped Tanya fly like a duck. Mother, Father, and Tanya looked like ducks flying around the house.



In the Brown Street School play, Matt will be a fish. So Matt had to make a fish's tail. He had to make a fish's head too. Matt will be a fish in the school play. He had to look like a fish.



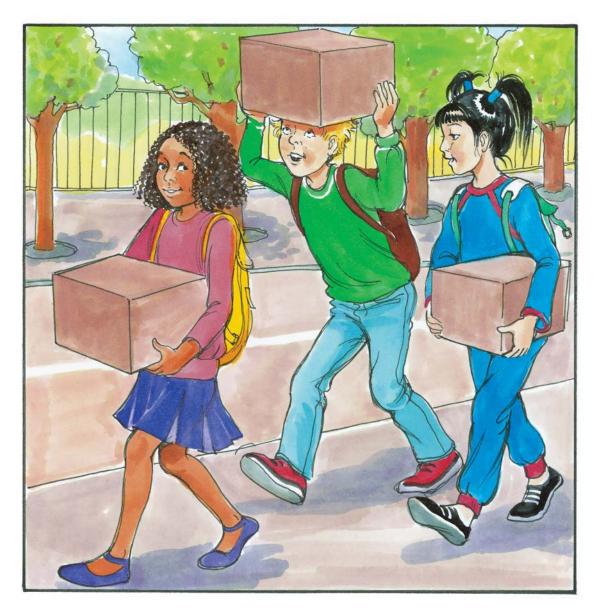
Matt had to be like a fish. He had to go in the water like a fish. Matt asked his grandfather to help him. Grandfather helped him. Matt's grandfather helped Matt look like a fish in the water.



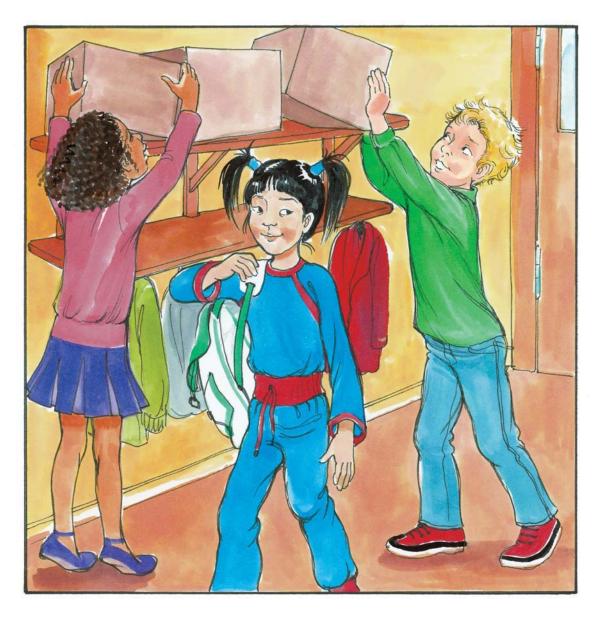
In the Brown Street School play, Val will be a squirrel. So Val had to make a squirrel's tail. She had to make a squirrel's head too. Val will be a squirrel in the school play. She had to look like a squirrel.



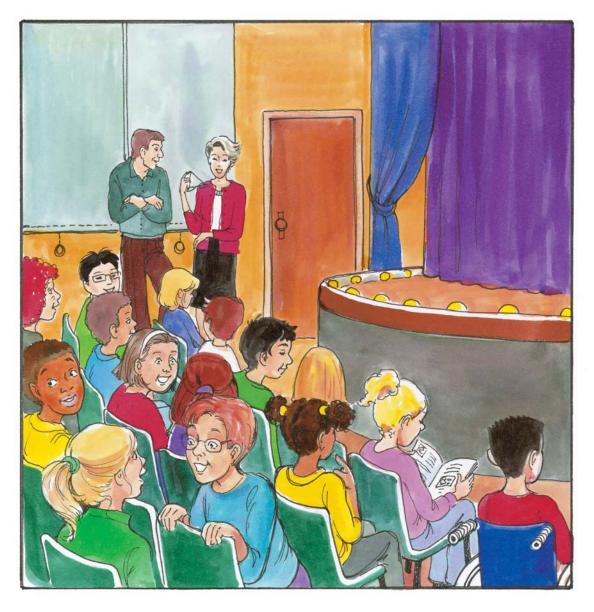
Val had to be like a squirrel. She had to go up and down a tree like a squirrel. Val asked her mother to help her. Val's mother helped Val look just like a squirrel going up and down a tree.



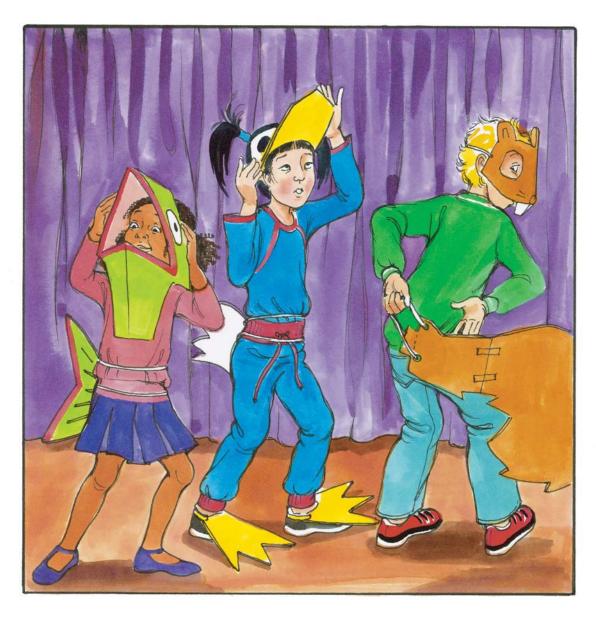
The Brown Street School play will be today. The three children, Tanya, Matt, and Val, come to school. The three children had three boxes. The three boxes are for the play. Tanya had a box. Matt had a box. Val had a box too.



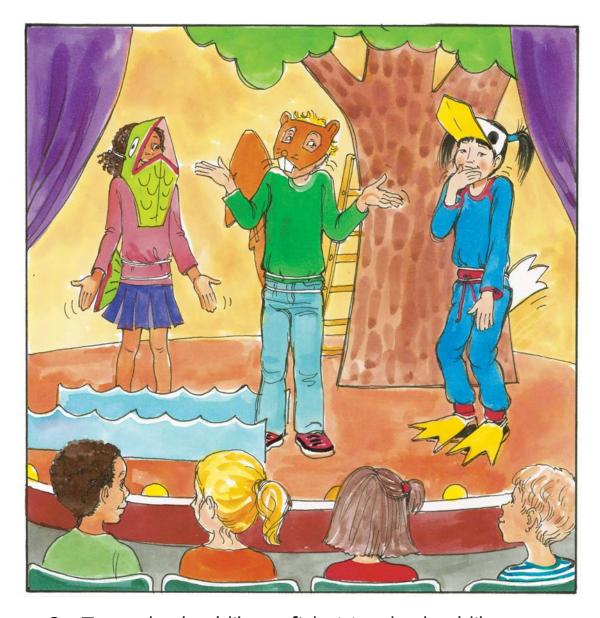
Tanya's box was like Matt's box. Matt's box was like Val's box. But Tanya's box had a duck's head, tail, and feet in it. Matt's box had a fish's head and tail in it. Val's box had a squirrel's head and tail in it.



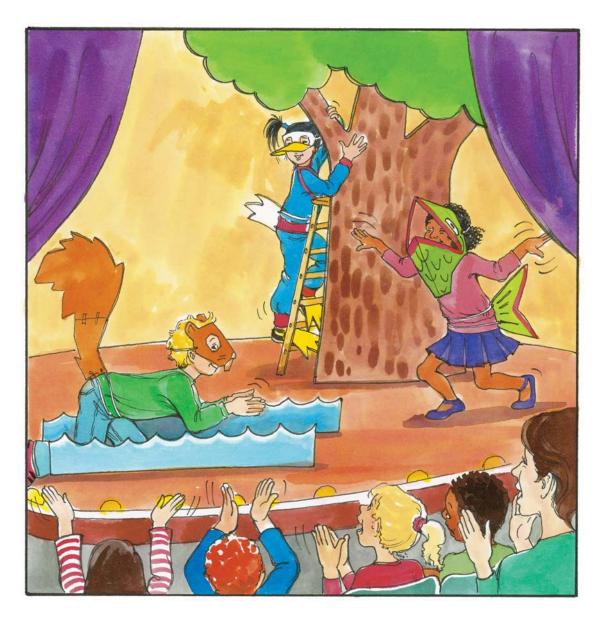
The Brown Street School play will be on soon. All the children from school are in chairs. All the children will watch the play. Will the children like the play?



But the play was too soon! Tanya, Matt, and Val had to get going. The three children had to get the boxes. But Tanya had Matt's box. And Matt had Val's box. And Val had Tanya's box. This was not good!



So Tanya looked like a fish. Matt looked like a squirrel. And Val looked like a duck. Will the children like the play?



In the Brown Street School play, the fish was flying like a duck. The squirrel was in the water like a fish. And the duck was up in a tree like a squirrel. The children liked the play.

It was a funny, funny school play.



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