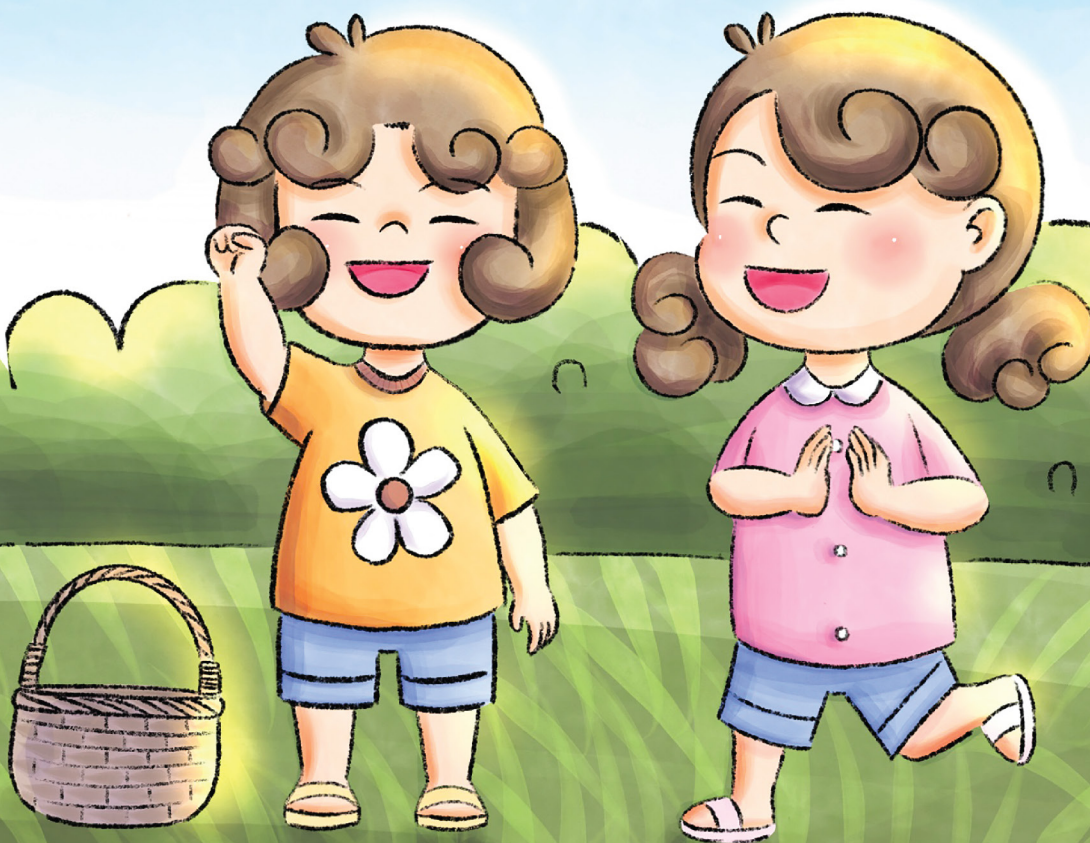


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Jom and Jam were picking Indian gooseberries,
carefully walking around each bush.
"Peek-a-boo! What are you doing?"
Big Brother Em said in a surprise greeting.



"I found it! It's an Indian gooseberry tree, right?" Jom shouted excitedly.

"That's a star gooseberry tree," Em laughed happily.

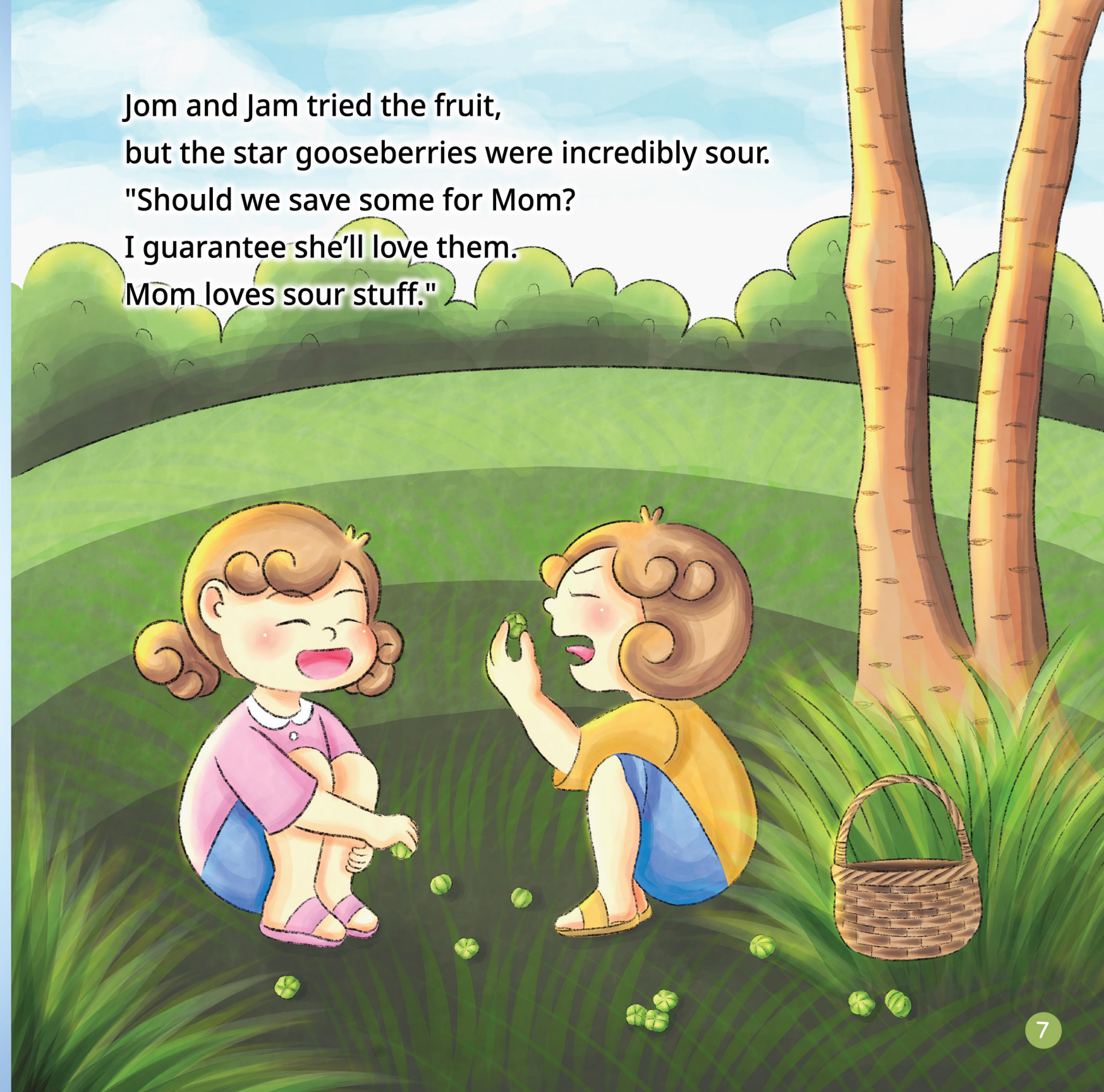
"Then, should we pick star gooseberries first?" Jam said, mouth-watering.



Em gave the tree a vigorous shake.
Jom and Jam gathered the falling fruit.
The star gooseberries were so big and delicious looking.



Jom and Jam tried the fruit,
but the star gooseberries were incredibly sour.
"Should we save some for Mom?
I guarantee she'll love them.
Mom loves sour stuff."





After a while, they came across a tree with green pods.
"Wait, wait! Let's stop and pick some tamarinds!"
Em called out quickly.



Jom and Jam looked up at the tree -
carefully searching for tamarinds.
"Em, aren't tamarinds supposed to be
big and brown?" Jom asked curiously.



Tamarind



Young Tamarind



"Let's pick some mangoes first
and then go pick the Indian gooseberries!"
Jom and Jam shouted as they ran. Em ran after them.
The trees here were full of mangoes.
Jom and Jam couldn't decide which ones to pick.



Picking two was enough to fill everyone's belly.
Em picked the mangoes easily. Jom and Jam
could only reach the mangoes on their tiptoes.



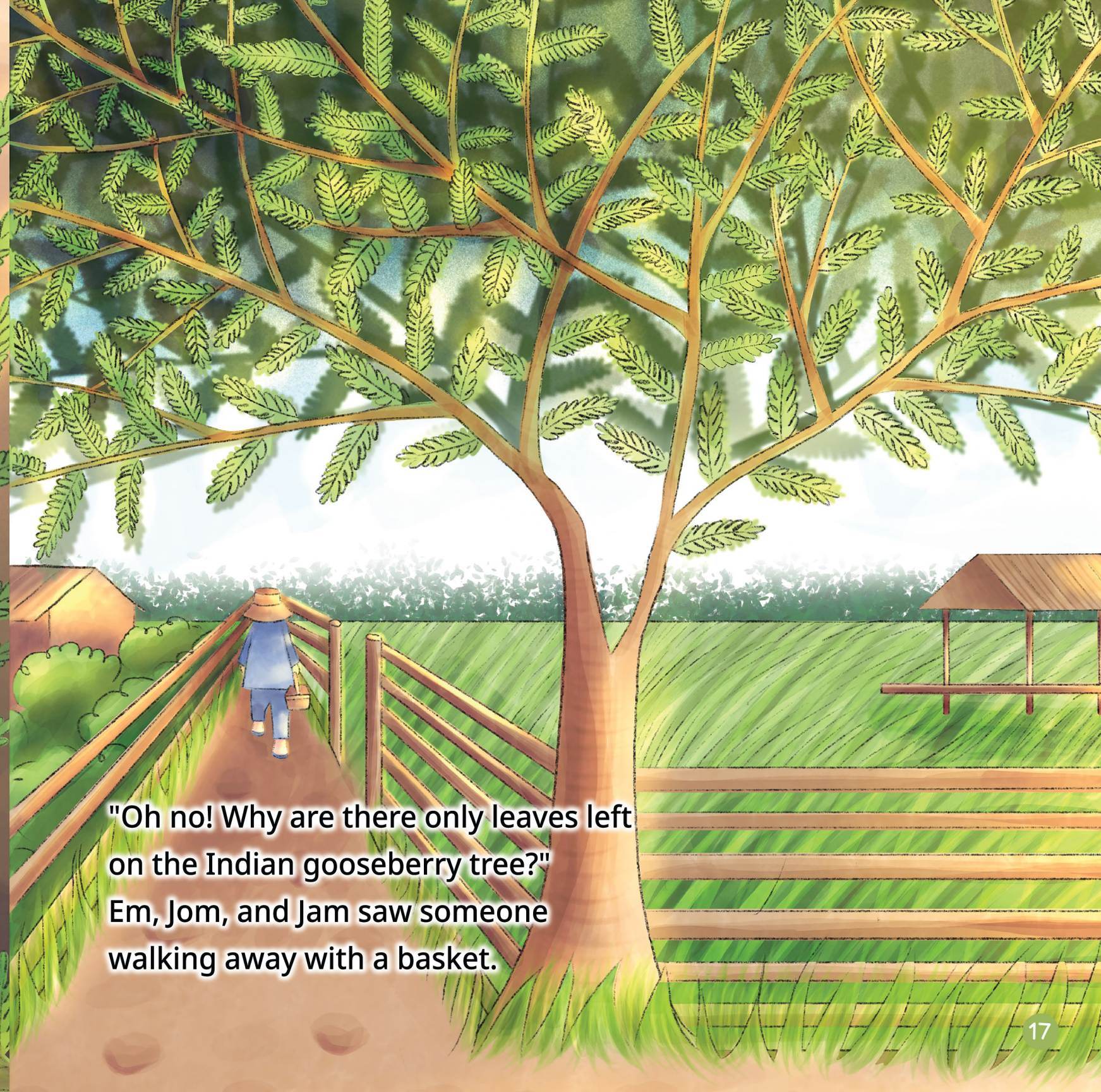


"Ouch! Ouch! An ant's bitter! Em, help!"
Jom and Jam screamed. Injured and itchy,
Jom and Jam were trembling.
Then, in the distance, a dog started barking.
Jom and Jam dropped the fruit and ran to Em.

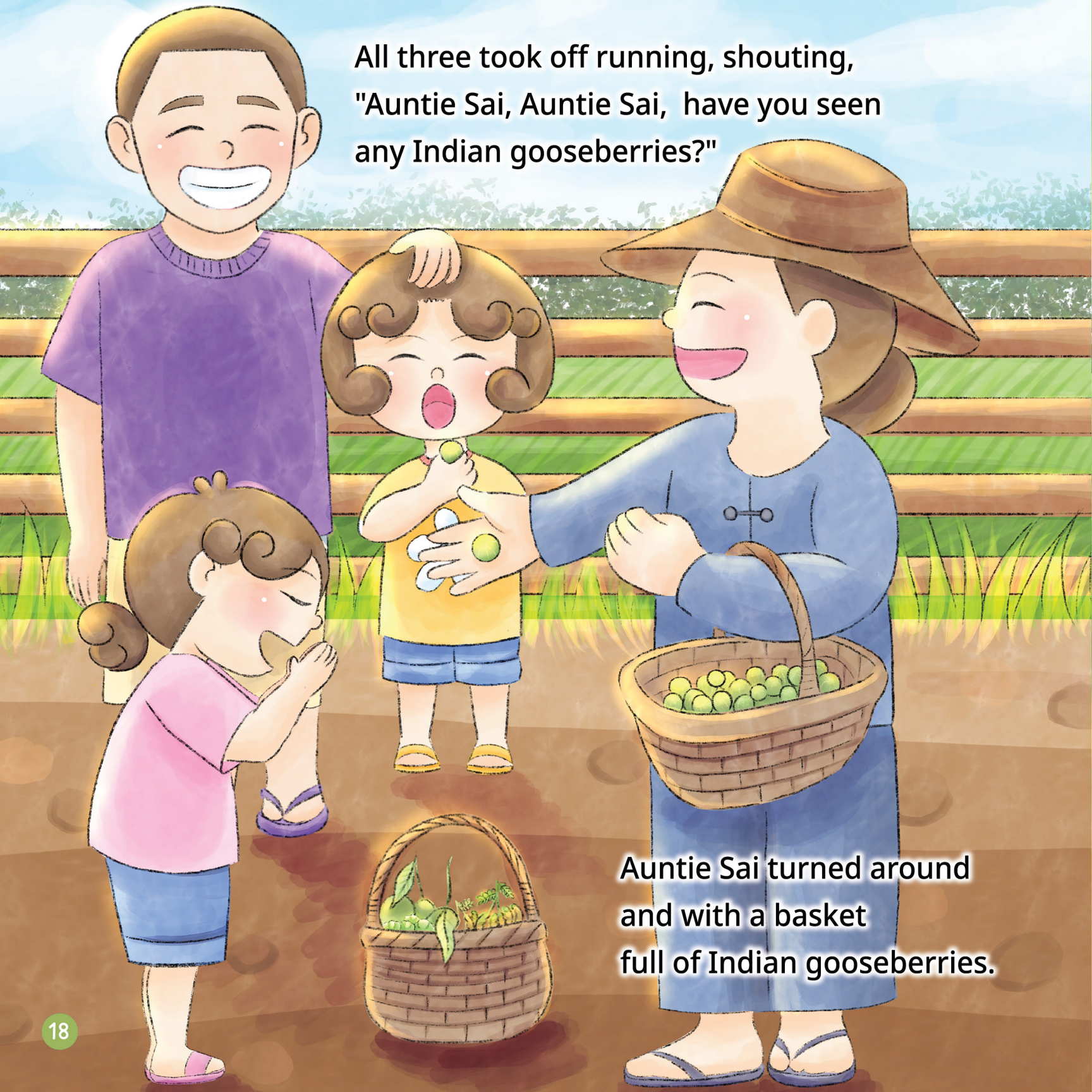


Em held Jom and Jam's hands,
protecting them from danger.

"We wanted to pick Indian gooseberries, remember?" Em asked.
Jom and Jam nodded. They followed Em to a large tree.



"Oh no! Why are there only leaves left
on the Indian gooseberry tree?"
Em, Jom, and Jam saw someone
walking away with a basket.



All three took off running, shouting,
"Auntie Sai, Auntie Sai, have you seen
any Indian gooseberries?"

Auntie Sai turned around
and with a basket
full of Indian gooseberries.





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In addition, Indian gooseberry is the provincial tree of Sa Kaeo. At school, there is an Indian gooseberry tree, and children like to gather its fruit to eat with chili salt. The inspiration for the story is reflected in the character dialogue between a student and teacher where the student asks the teacher if they had every tried gooseberry fruit.

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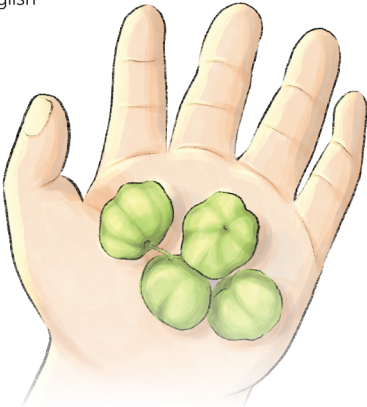
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