



READER 4

# A Strange Day



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This is my book.

My name is

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My school is

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My teacher's name is

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Hi! My name is Rich. I'm eleven years old.  
I'm a mild person.  
I'm careful. I'm never in a hurry.  
I study a lot. I get good **grades**.  
I play sports. I play with my dog.  
Every day is usually the same.  
But yesterday was different. Yesterday was strange.







The day began **strangely**.  
My alarm clock never rang.  
I forgot to set it.  
I never forget to set my alarm!  
I got up quickly. I usually get up slowly.



I always listen to the radio when I get dressed.  
I turned it on, and it was really loud.  
That was strange because I usually listen  
to music quietly.  
“Rich! Turn down the music!” my mom yelled.  
“Sorry, Mom,” I said, and I turned it down.







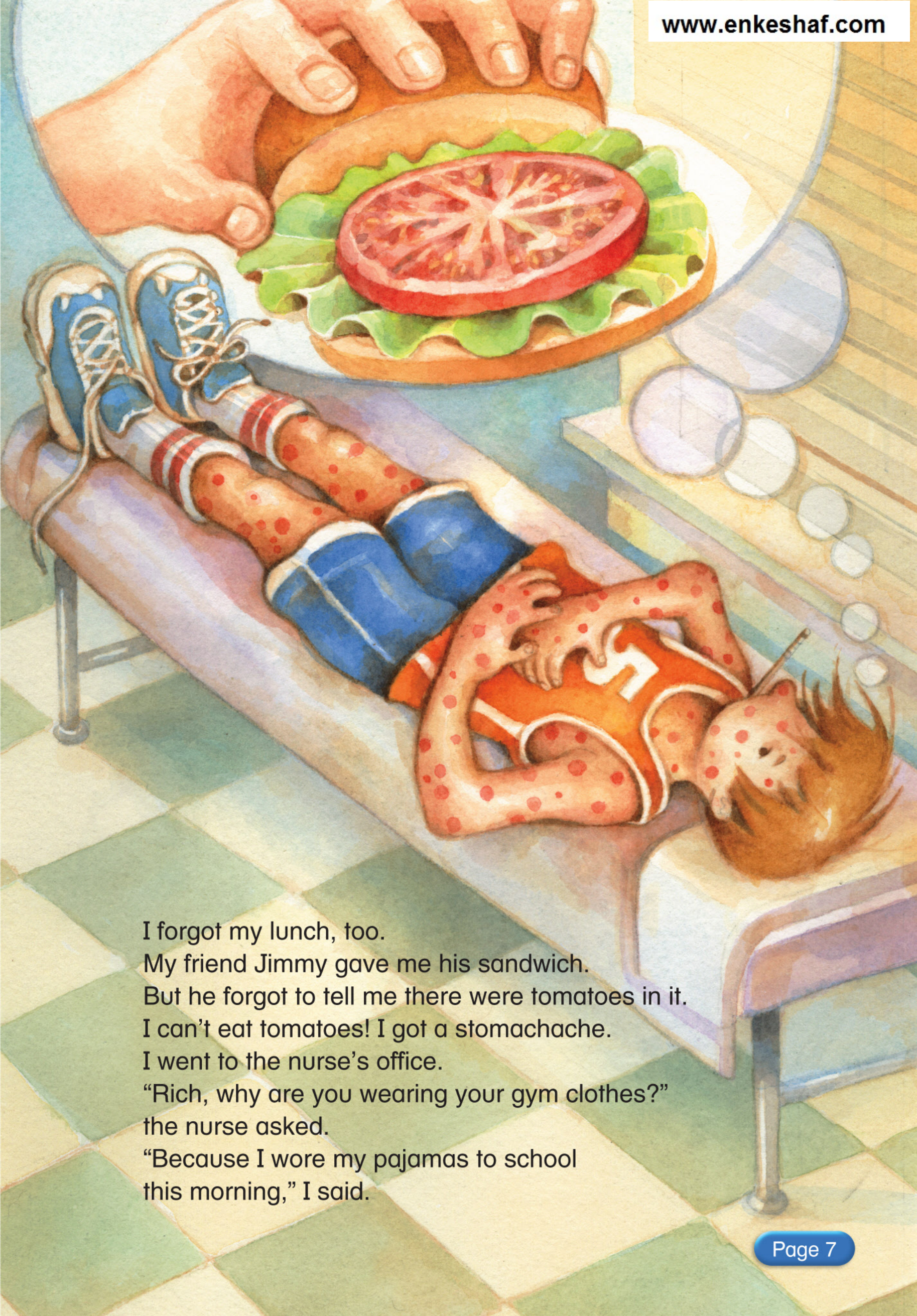
I went downstairs and ate breakfast.  
Then I went to school.  
I always ride the bus to school.  
I usually study on the bus.  
But that morning I couldn't study because  
everyone was laughing loudly.  
They were laughing at me because I was  
wearing my pajamas!



When I got to school, I put on my gym clothes.  
For school, gym clothes are better than pajamas.  
In science class, my friend Alice sat next to me.  
“Rich, why are you wearing your gym clothes?”  
the teacher asked.  
“Because I forgot to get dressed this morning,” I said.  
“And I forgot my homework, too. Sorry.”  
Alice laughed loudly.







I forgot my lunch, too.  
My friend Jimmy gave me his sandwich.  
But he forgot to tell me there were tomatoes in it.  
I can't eat tomatoes! I got a stomachache.  
I went to the nurse's office.  
"Rich, why are you wearing your gym clothes?"  
the nurse asked.  
"Because I wore my pajamas to school  
this morning," I said.



When I got better, I went to gym class.  
We ran outdoors. I usually run quickly.  
But that day, I ran slowly. Very slowly.



I was the last one back  
to school, and the door  
was **locked**!



I walked to the front of the school,  
and I saw a strange girl.  
Her hair was blue. Her dress was blue.  
Her **spaceship** was blue.  
“My name is Zeta,” she said.  
“Nice to meet you. My name is Rich,” I said.





“Do you like to fly?” Zeta asked me.

“Yes, I like to fly,” I said. “I usually fly very well.”

“Good,” she said. “You can fly my spaceship.”

And I did.

We flew to the moon. We flew around the sun.

“Is it usually this hot by the sun?” I asked.

“I don’t know,” she said. “I don’t usually fly this near the sun.”





“I don’t usually fly this near the sun, either,” I said.  
“Oh no! You’re flying badly!” Zeta said. “Let me fly.”  
“And I don’t usually fly carelessly,” I said. “Wait a minute! I don’t usually fly spaceships!”



“That’s OK. Here, have this,” she said. She gave me a blue flower.  
“Thanks, Zeta,” I said.





I woke up in the nurse's office.

"You were **snoring** loudly," the nurse said.

"That's strange. I never snore loudly," I said.

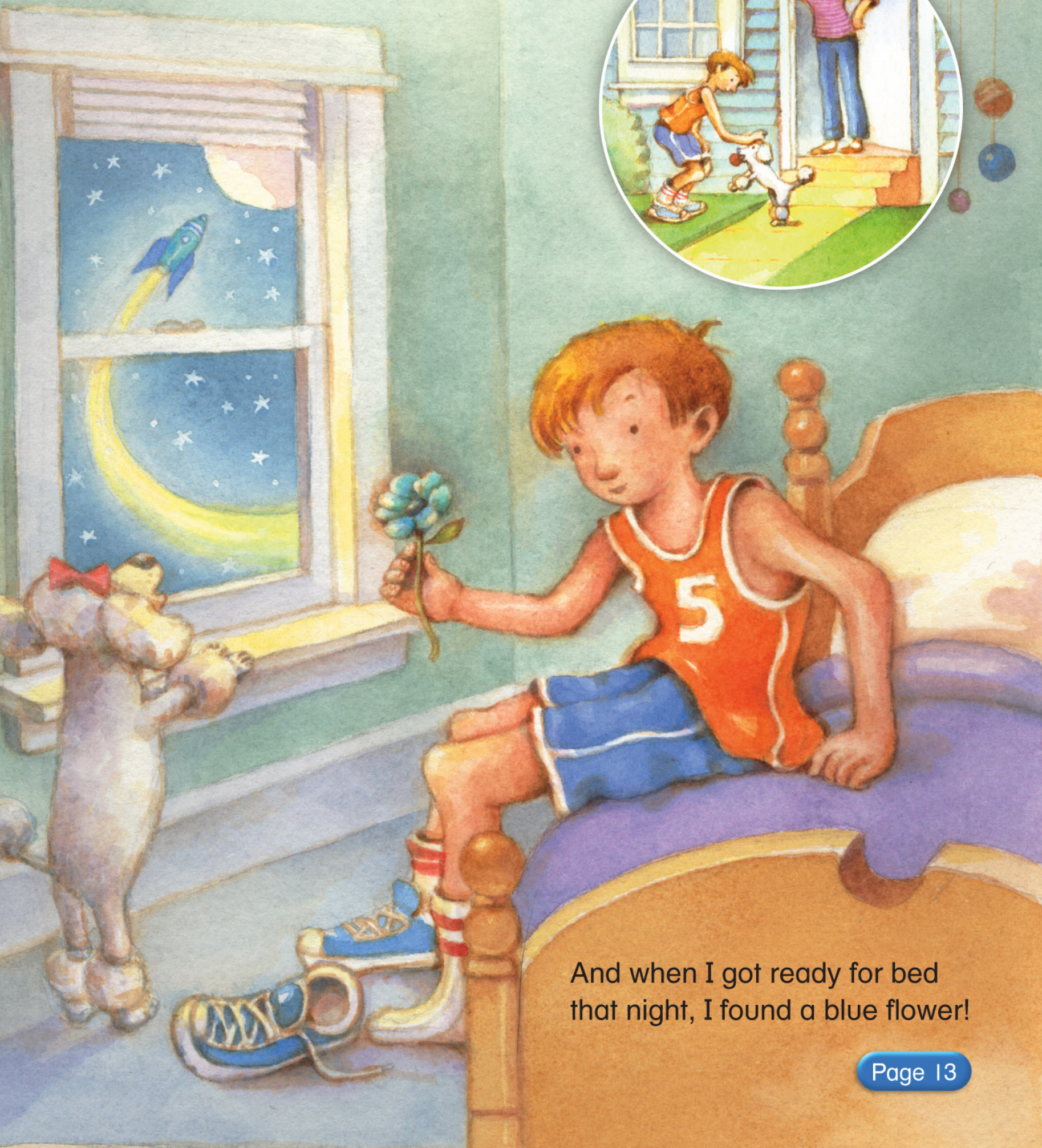
"You snored loudly, and you missed your gym class," she said.

"I went to gym class. I ran. Then I couldn't open the door, and I met a girl with blue hair," I said.

"You had a dream," the nurse said. "You should hurry, or you'll miss your bus."



“Rich, why are you wearing your gym clothes?” my mom asked.  
“I forgot to put on my school clothes this morning,” I said.  
“That’s strange. You usually do everything carefully,” she said.  
“I know,” I said. “But today was a strange day.”



And when I got ready for bed  
that night, I found a blue flower!





## Exercise 1. True or false?



Track 13

1. Rich is usually a mild person.

True

False

2. Rich always forgets to set his alarm clock.

True

False

3. Rich usually wears his gym clothes at school.

True

False

4. Rich met a strange spaceship.

True

False

5. Rich gave Zeta a pink flower.

True

False

## Exercise 2. Vocabulary. Match the words.

- |                |   |   |                                   |
|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. either      | • | • | a. a thing that can fly in space  |
| 2. locked      | • | • | b. this or that                   |
| 3. a spaceship | • | • | c. you see it when you are asleep |
| 4. a dream     | • | • | d. to be closed                   |





### Exercise 3. Answer the questions.



Track 14

1. What does Rich usually do on the bus?

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2. How does Rich usually run?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Does Zeta usually fly near the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. How does Rich usually sleep?

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Exercise 4. What about you?

1. How do you usually sleep?

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2. How do you usually get to school?

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3. Do you usually have strange dreams?

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