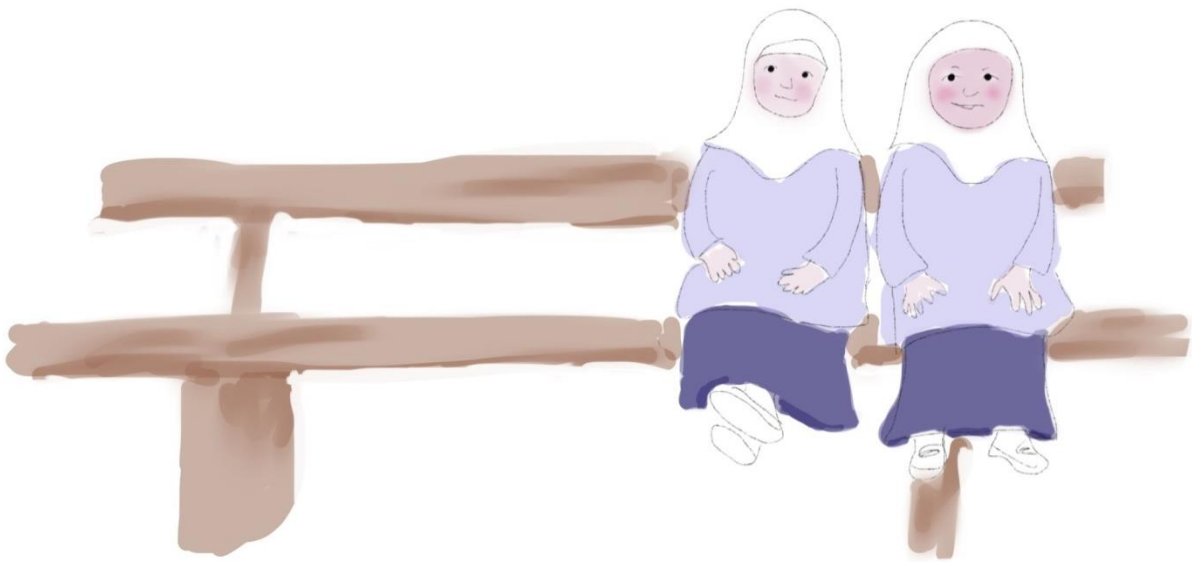


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It was the first day of school.

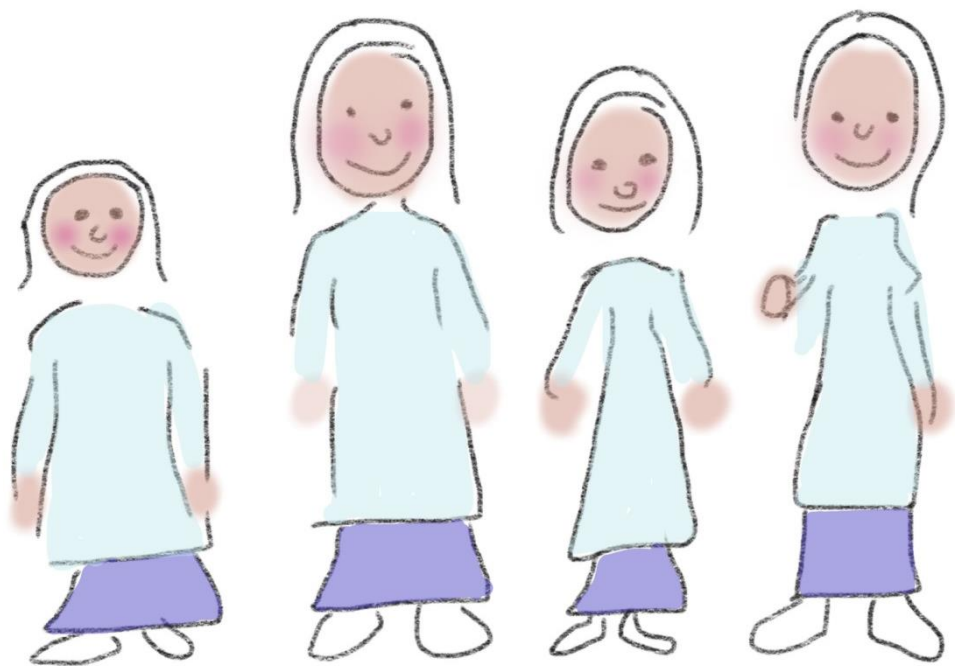
Sumi's sister, Alya, took her to school.

Alya took Sumi to her classroom.



Sumi waited for the other children, and her teacher.

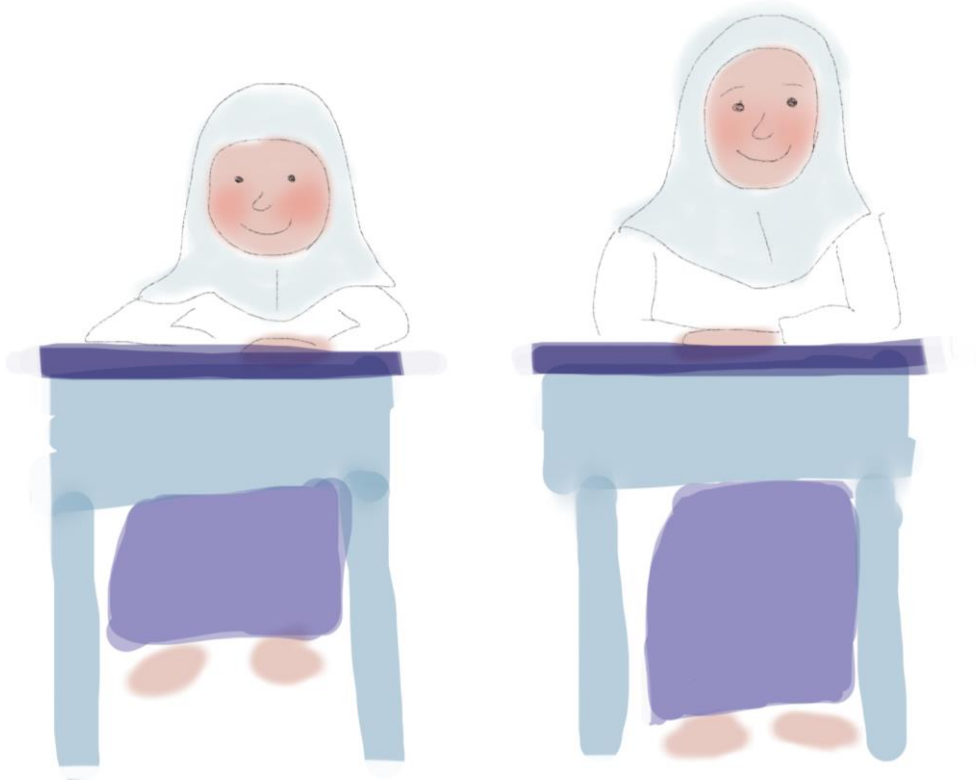
When the school bell rang,
Sumi stood in the girls' line.



The other girls were all taller than Sumi.

Sumi sat on her chair at her desk.

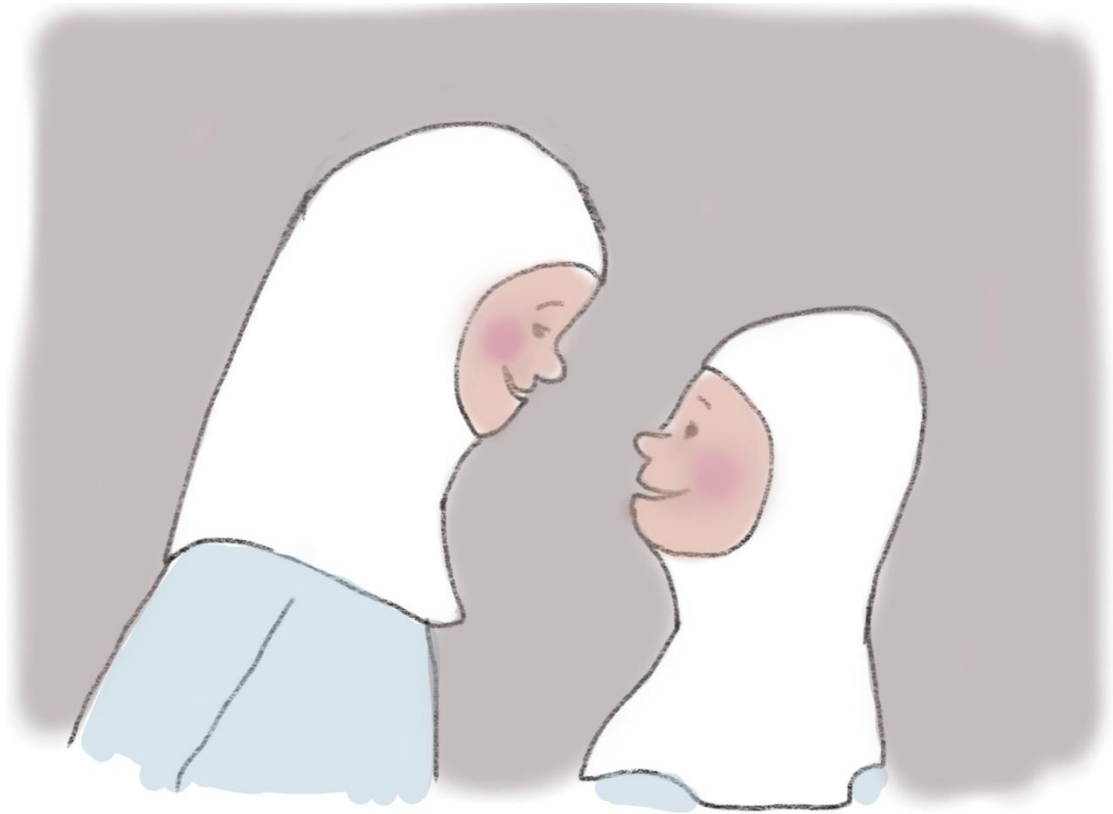
Her feet did not touch the floor.



Siti sat on the chair in the desk next to Sumi.

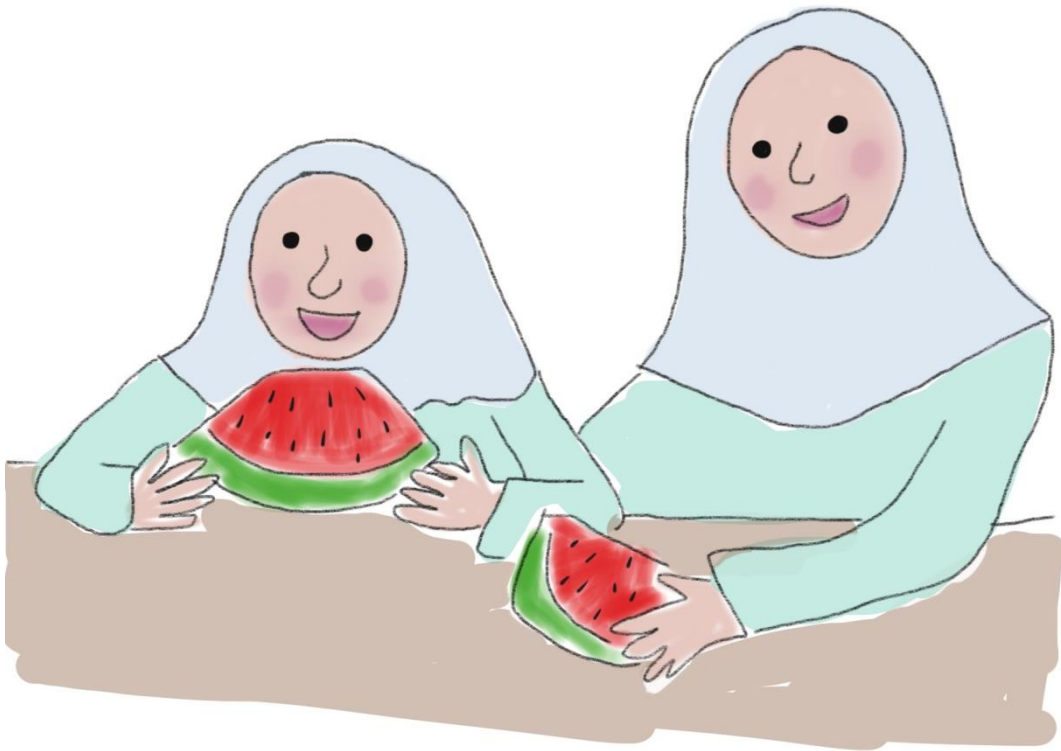
Sumi and Siti smiled at each other.

Soon they were best friends.



Little Sumi was happy to have a tall friend.

At break time Sumi and Siti sat together in the canteen.



Sumi was sure that school would be ok.

