



A Day at the Workshop

Arum is starving after a long day at school. However, Dad's so busy at work in the shop, he hasn't had time to cook. If Arum helps Dad out in the shop, will he have time to cook?



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Oh, look at the time. Arum was almost late for cleaning duty at school.

“Mom, let’s leave now,” Arum said.



“Dad, I’m leaving for school,” Arum called as she hopped on the back of

Mom's bike.



After school, Arum was starving. She only had an apple for breakfast.

However, there was no food on the table.
“Why hasn’t Dad cooked yet?” Arum wondered, surprised.



Oh, no wonder. The workshop was packed with people. Dad must be

busy.

If Arum gave Dad a hand, he would be done sooner.



The workshop was bustling. The customers were arguing to get served

first. “

Fix my bike first. I must pick up my son.”

“Hey, mine will only take a moment! My bike chain came off.”

“Me first. My brakes are broken. It’s dangerous!”

Dad looked around and seemed confused. What should he fix first?



Wow, this was chaotic. The customers should've lined up in order of

arrival.

Ah, yes! Arum had an idea. Arum cut a piece of cardboard into several small pieces. Then she wrote a number on each piece: 1,2,3,and so on.



“Who got here first?” asked Arum.

“He did!” “And then me!” “Yes, and I came after him!”
Arum handed out the numbered cardboard pieces.



Everyone was holding a number. Now all they had to do was wait to be

called.



The line issue was solved. Now it was time to help Dad.

These tools must be tidied up. Somebody could trip and fall. Arum put everything back in the toolbox.



“Where did the wrench go?” Dad asked.

“I put it in the toolbox, Dad,” answered Arum.
“I’m using that. Don’t put it away yet.” Dad frowned.



“Dad, when you’re done fixing that chain, I can lubricate it,” Arum

suggested.

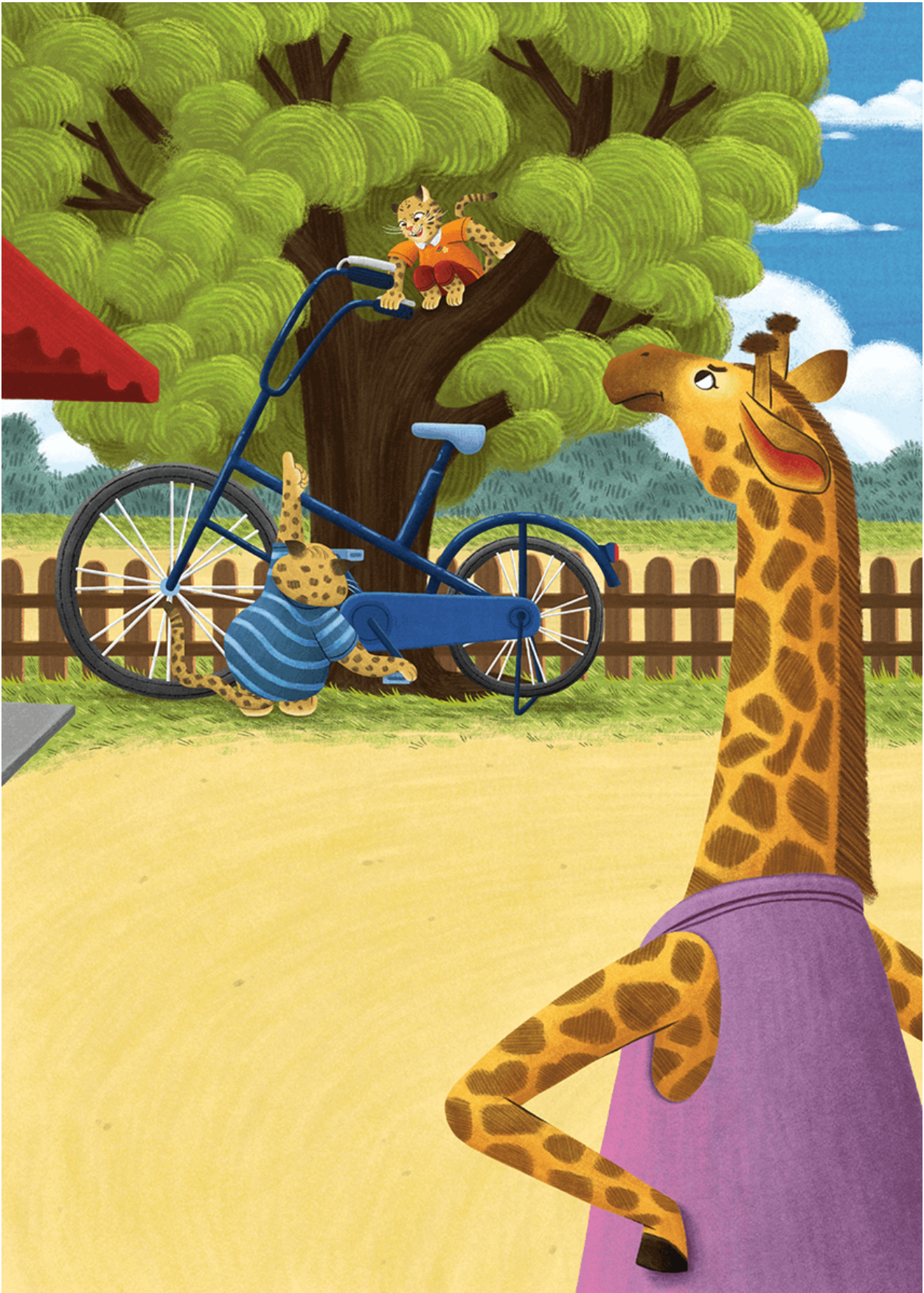
The chain was very dry. Arum poured a lot of lubricant. Oh no, that's too much! Arum quickly wiped off the drops of lubricant from the bike.



Two bicycles had been repaired. Dad went to work on the next bike at

once. Suddenly... thud!

"I'm sorry, Dad. I didn't wipe off the lubricant from the floor."



Next was Giraffe's brakes. Brakes that are repaired must be tested.

So, Dad and Arum had to work together. After Dad spun the rear wheel, Arum pressed on the brakes hard. The wheel stopped turning right away.

Check! The brakes work fine.



“What else can I help with, Dad?” Arum then asked.

“Please give me that hose,” Dad requested. Arum nodded and rushed over.



Oh no, Arum couldn't reach the hose.



Almost got it! Arum reached out her hand and leaped.



Handing over the hose, Arum asked again, "What else can I help you

with, Dad?”

Dad handed Arum the inner tire of a bike. “Please help me find the tire puncture.”



This was Arum's favorite part of working at the shop. She was great at

finding the puncture that causes a leaky inner tire.
Arum dipped the tire in water. Were there any air bubbles?



“Dad, I’ve found it!”

Dad swiftly patched the puncture up.



The sooner they could get their work done at the shop, the sooner Dad

could cook.

Arum's stomach growled. She was sure Dad was also hungry.



Finally, all their work was done. Together, Dad and Arum tidied up and

closed the workshop.

“Let’s go home. Don’t forget to take a bath right away,” Dad reminded Arum.



However, after Arum took a bath, Dad invited her to go out.

Huh? Without eating first?



Surprise!

“Wow, my favorite food!” Arum was delighted, especially since Mom ate with them too.



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