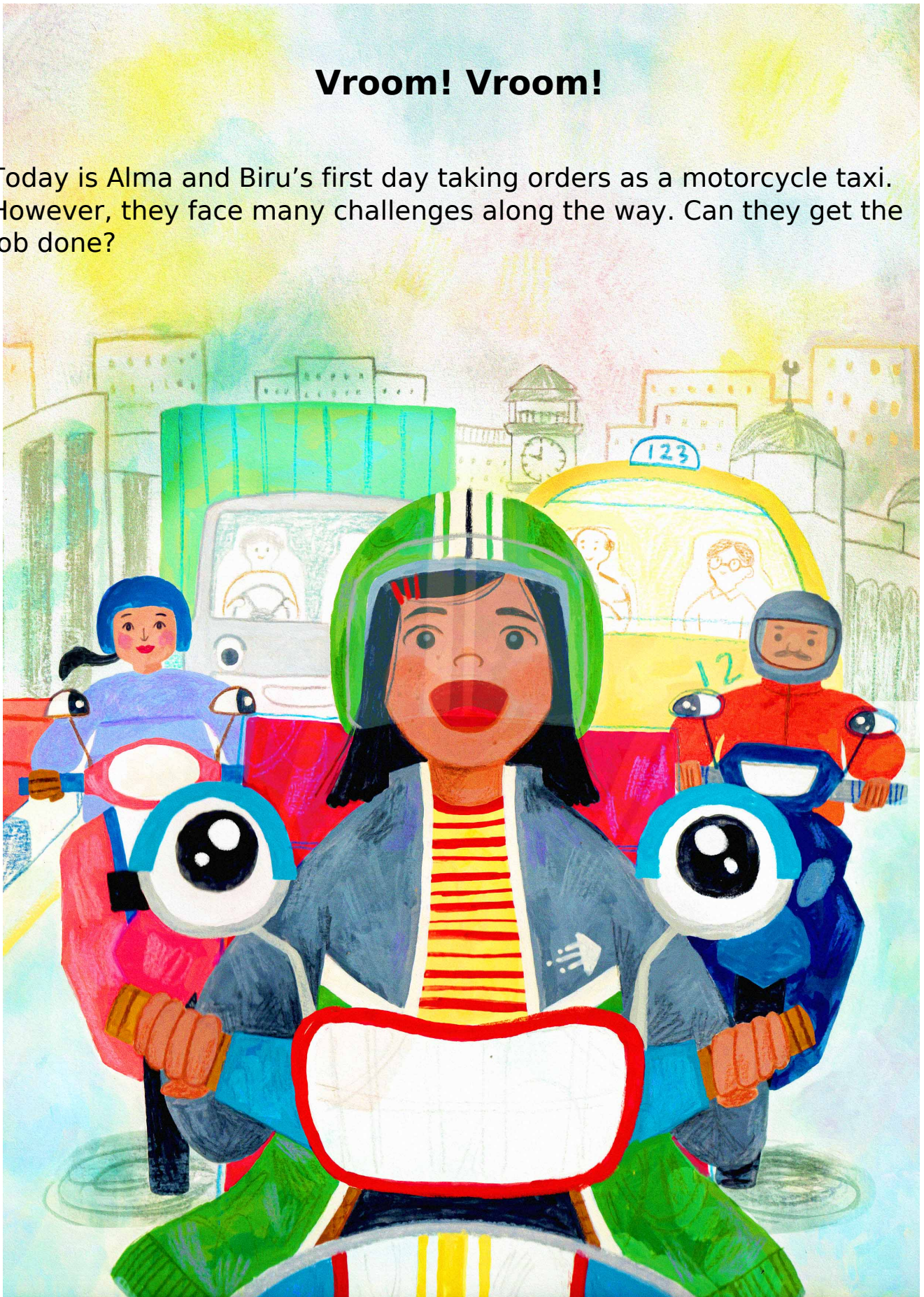
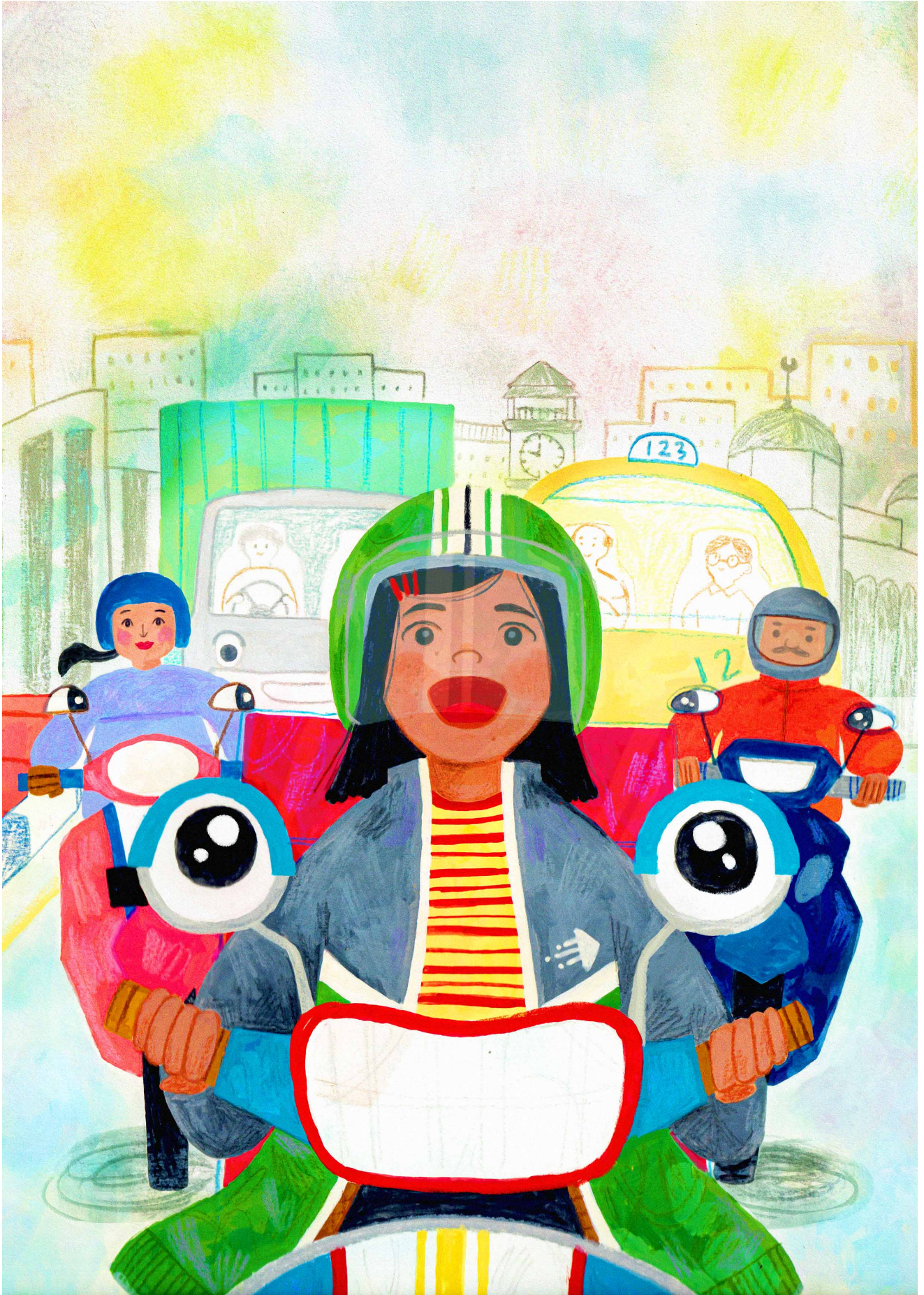


Vroom! Vroom!

Today is Alma and Biru's first day taking orders as a motorcycle taxi. However, they face many challenges along the way. Can they get the job done?





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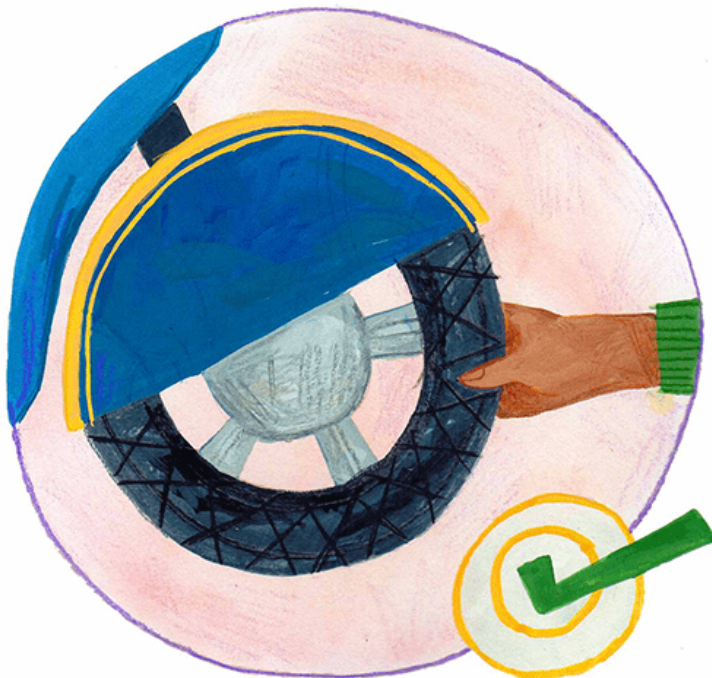
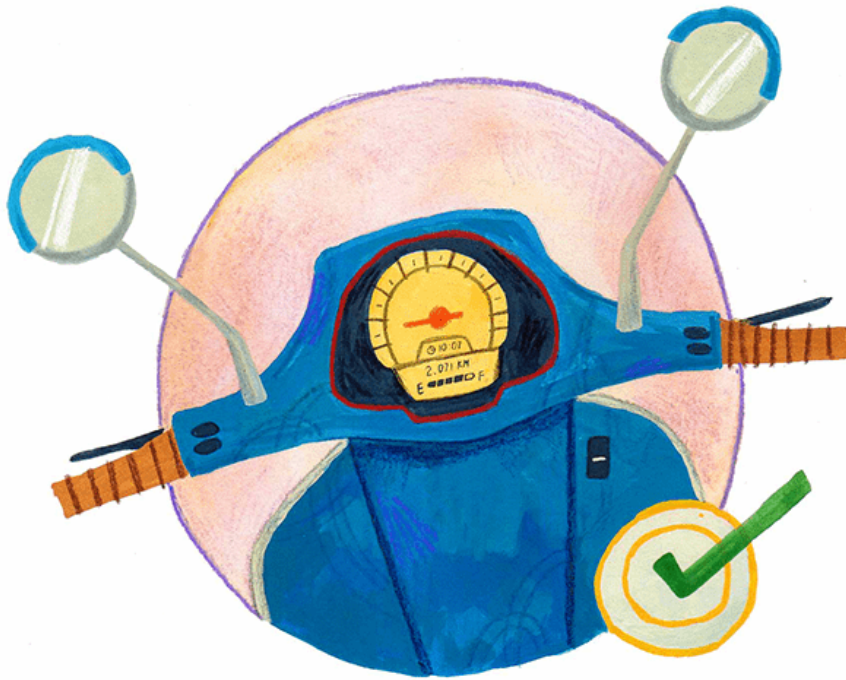


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Biru was waiting for Alma to finish her classes. There she was! Biru and

Alma were going to take orders as an online motorcycle taxi. It was their first day. Biru was worried. Could he handle it?



“Let’s get ready,” Alma said. Gasoline? Check! Oil? Check! Tires?

Check! Seeing Alma so confident calmed Biru's nerves. He was ready to go.



Ring! Ring! Wow, an order already. "Let's go!" Alma cheered. Biru

revved his engine in excitement. Vroom, vroom!



The streets were packed. "Hi! Hello! How are you?" Biru politely greeted

the other vehicles. Beep, beep! Vroom, vroom! Honk, honk!



Biru's first job was to give a ride to an elderly woman. She wanted to go

to the funeral home. One of her family members had passed away. Gently revving his engine, Biru drove with caution. Vroom, vroom!



Biru calmly rode along. All of a sudden, another motorcycle cut him off!

The motorcycle turned right, even though the driver had turned on the left blinker. Phew, good thing Biru was alert. If not, they could've just gotten into an accident.



They arrived at their destination. The elderly woman got there on time.

Biru was relieved. They successfully completed their first job. Ring, Ring! Their next order had already come in.



This time, Biru and Alma's customer is a pregnant mother. Well, Biru

needs to be more careful so there would be fewer bumps during the trip.



Oh no, the traffic was jammed! Biru was annoyed. If only everyone

followed traffic rules! Then Biru could drop their passenger off sooner.



“Let’s just take a shortcut,” Alma said. Biru remembered that there was

a shortcut around here. But where was it? Oh, there it is!



Biru twisted and turned, avoiding potholes and puddles. Right turn - left

turn. Easy, speed bump ahead! Watch out, there's a cat crossing the road! Vroom, vroom! The pregnant woman safely arrived at her destination. Biru was ready to receive his next order.



Ring, ring! Alma's phone chimed. Their next order was to deliver some

boxes of cakes. There were lepat and ombus-ombus cakes. Biru was sure Alma could safely deliver the cakes



Biru was right. Alma knew a way. Biru felt the cakes being tightly

fastened to his seat. “This way, the boxes won’t budge.” Vroom, vroom!
Biru was back on the road.



Pitter, patter! What's that? Rain! The cakes can't get wet!



The cakes were safe. However, Biru got a bit worried. What if Alma got

sick because of the rain? Biru didn't want Alma to become ill.



Biru refused to move. Alma tried again and again to turn on his engine,

but Biru wouldn't budge. "Don't break down, Biru! Come on, we can do this," Alma coaxed.



Biru gazed at the passing motorcycles. Their drivers looked tough. They

drove on even as the rain fell harder. Biru glanced at Alma. She also looked tough. He knew they could do that too!

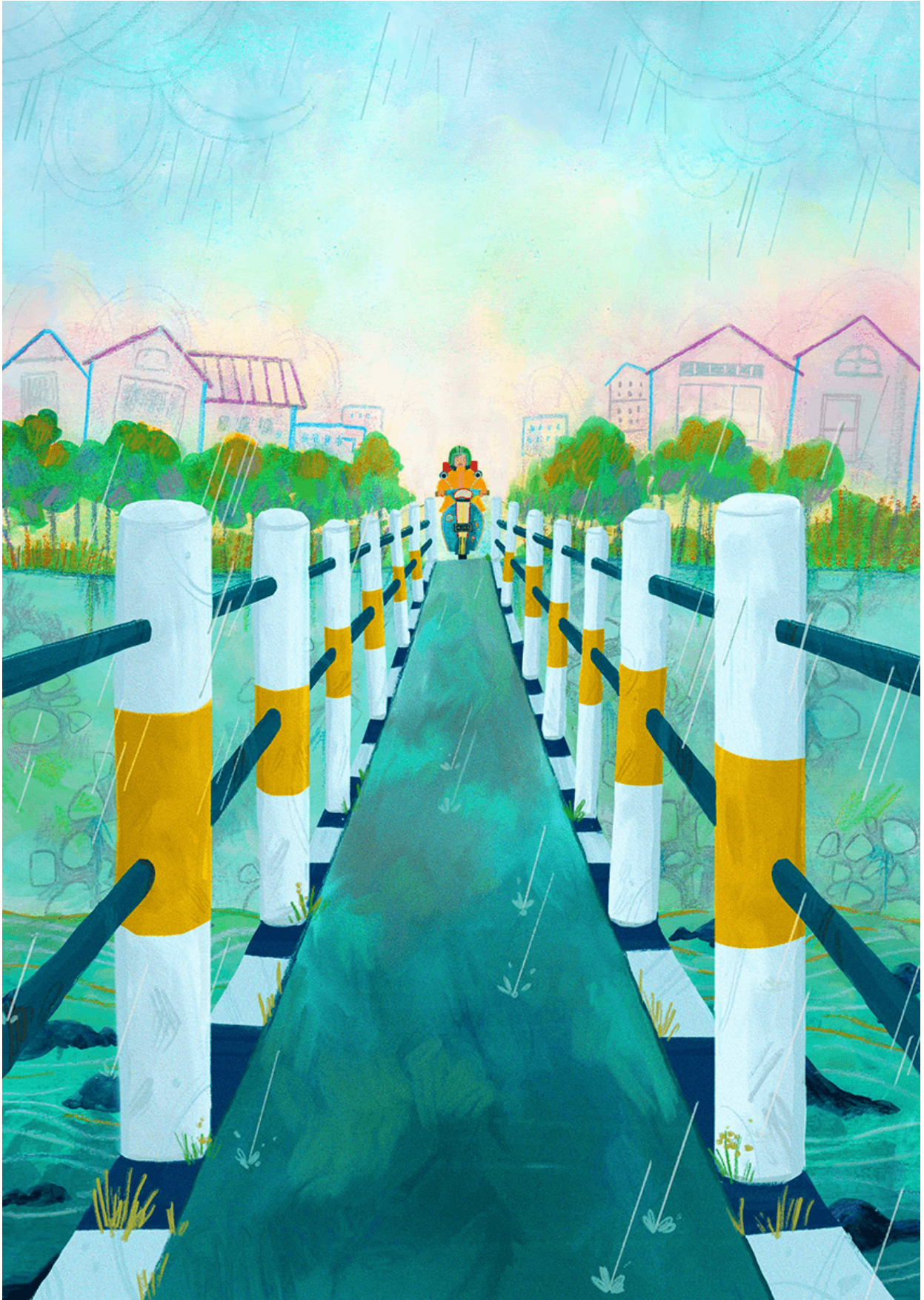


Vroom, vroom! Biru's engine turned on. Let's deliver these cakes.



Biru slowly rode on. Suddenly, Biru's body was splashed by water. Hey,

that car should've driven more slowly through that puddle of water.



Biru eyed the bridge in front of him with uncertainty. The water below

looked awfully choppy. However, seeing that Alma remained calm, Biru rode on with confidence.



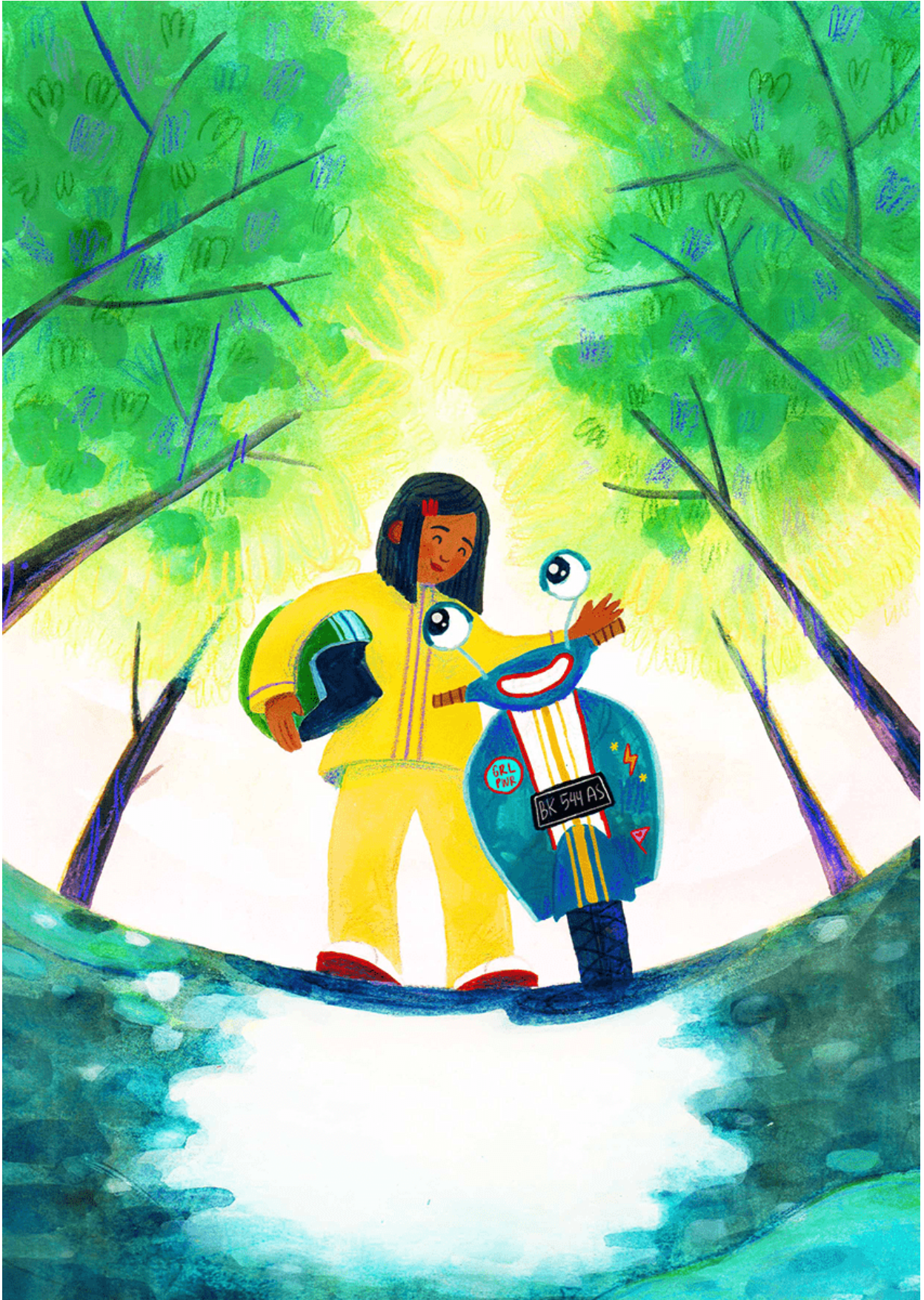
Biru drove on at just the right pace. Not too slow, but not too

fast. Vroom, vroom!



Finally, Biru and Alma arrived at their destination. "Hooray, there's a

cake delivery for us!” the children at the orphanage gleefully cheered



Biru and Alma completed all their orders for the day. "Good job," Alma

said, patting Biru. Biru was happy to help.



Wonderful Wordslepat - a dessert made from flour and mashed banana, tapioca, or other starchy ingredients, and then wrapped in banana leaves and steamed
dombus-ombus - a traditional snack made from rice flour, coconut, sugar, salt and palm sugar shaped into a pyramid and steamed in banana leaves



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