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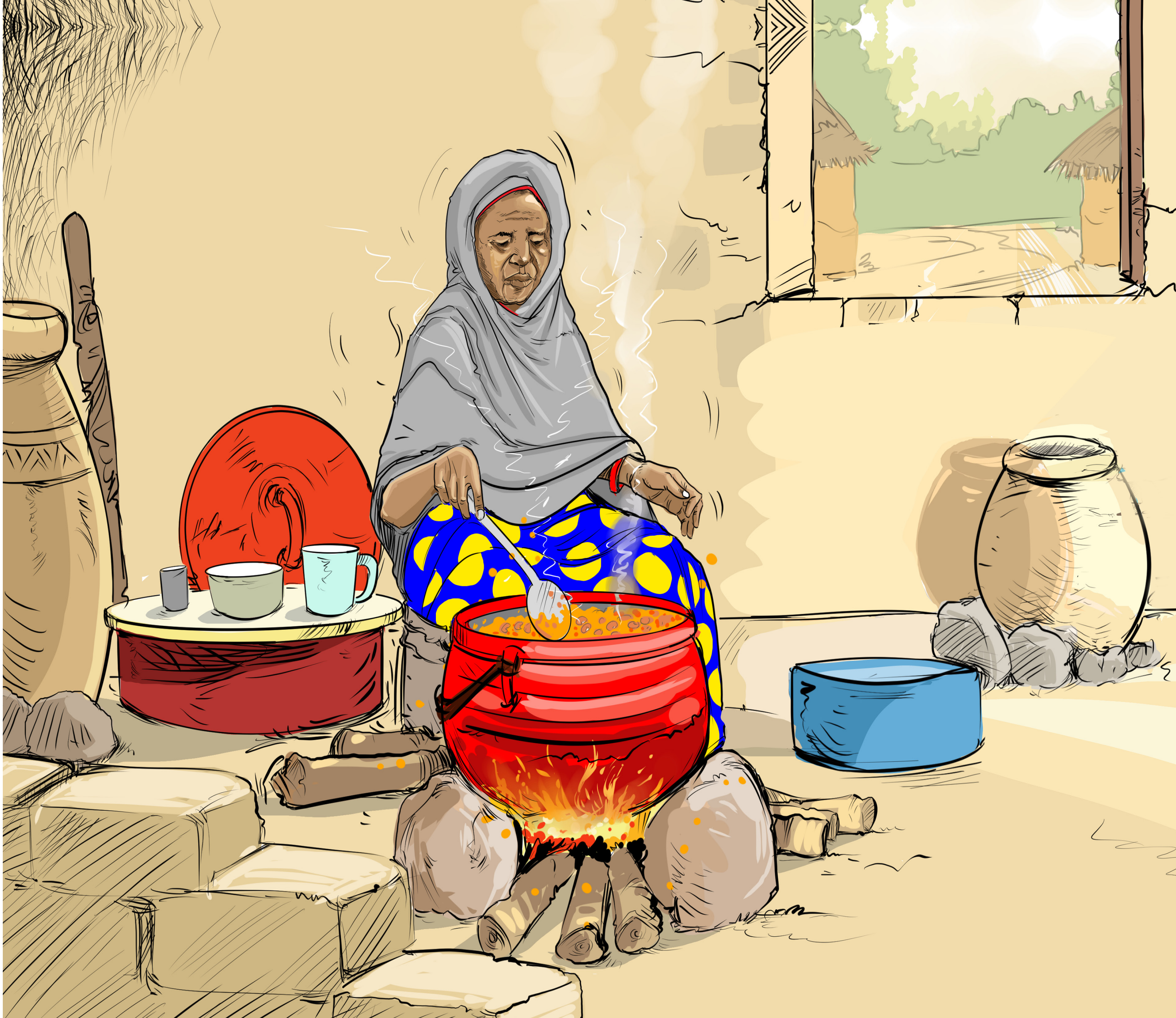
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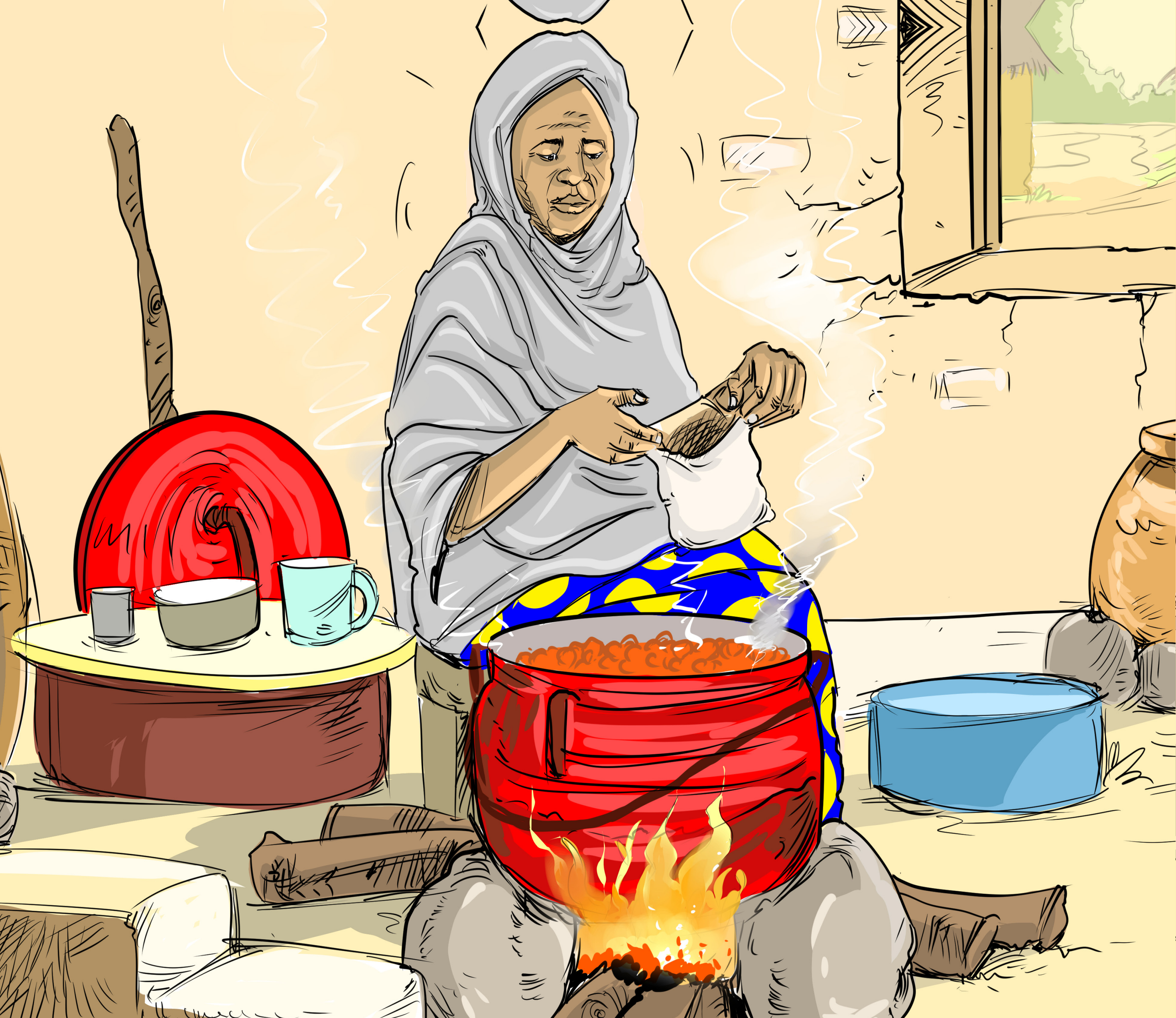
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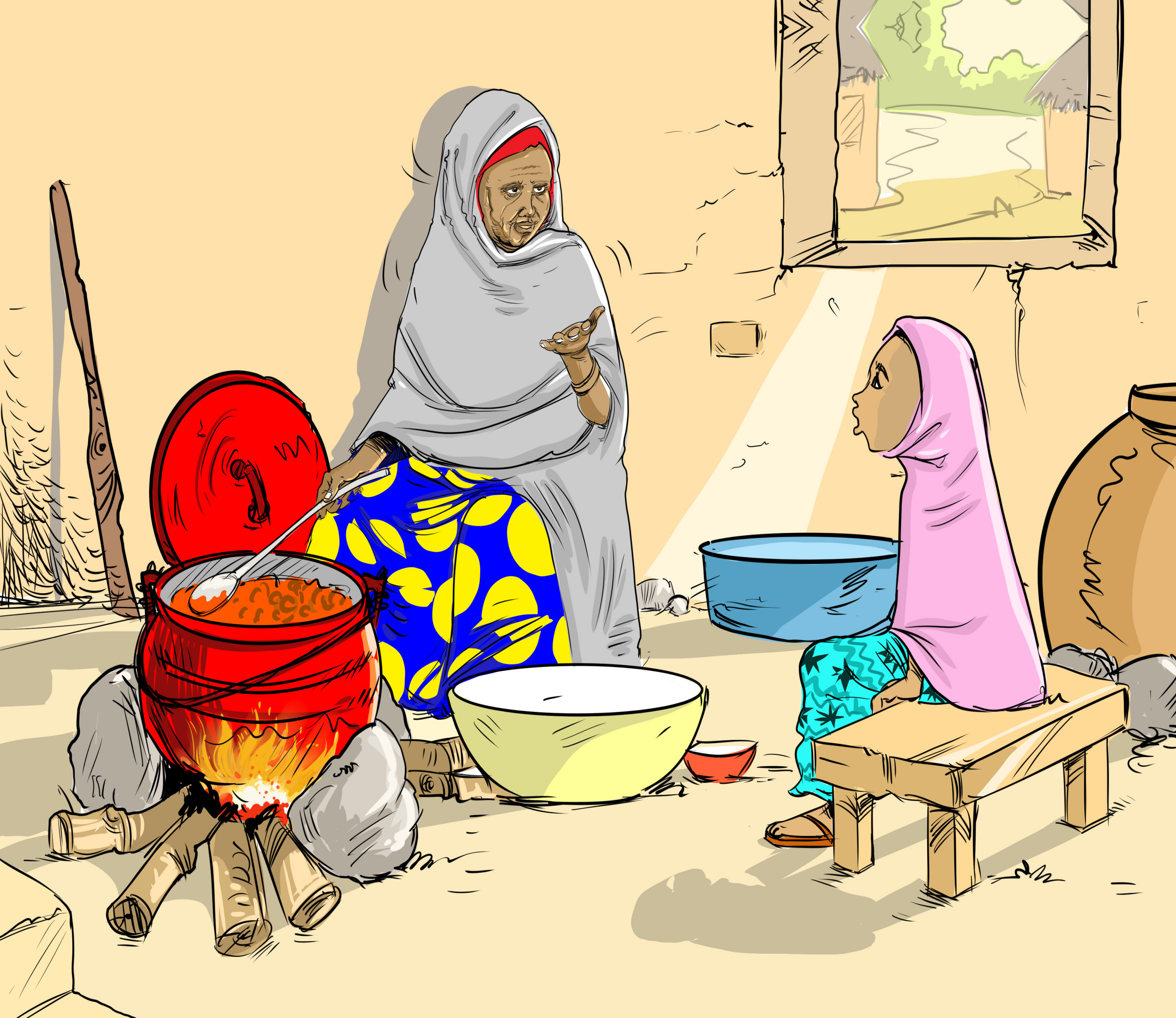
Grandmother cooked beans  
in an old red pot.





“Oh, no! I have no salt,”  
Grandmother said.





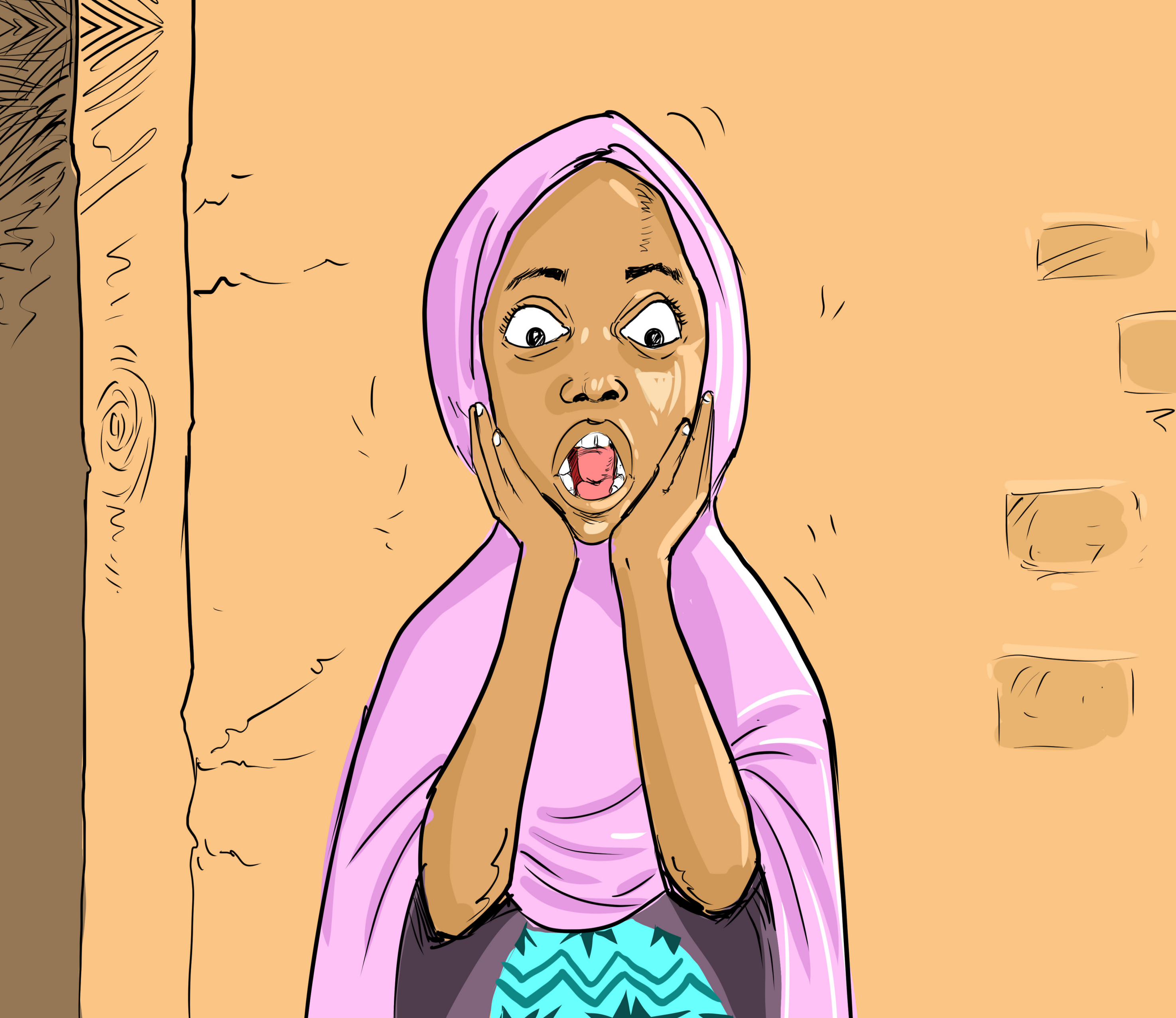
“Aisha, I must go to the market to buy salt,” Grandmother said. “Do not take the pot off the fire.”





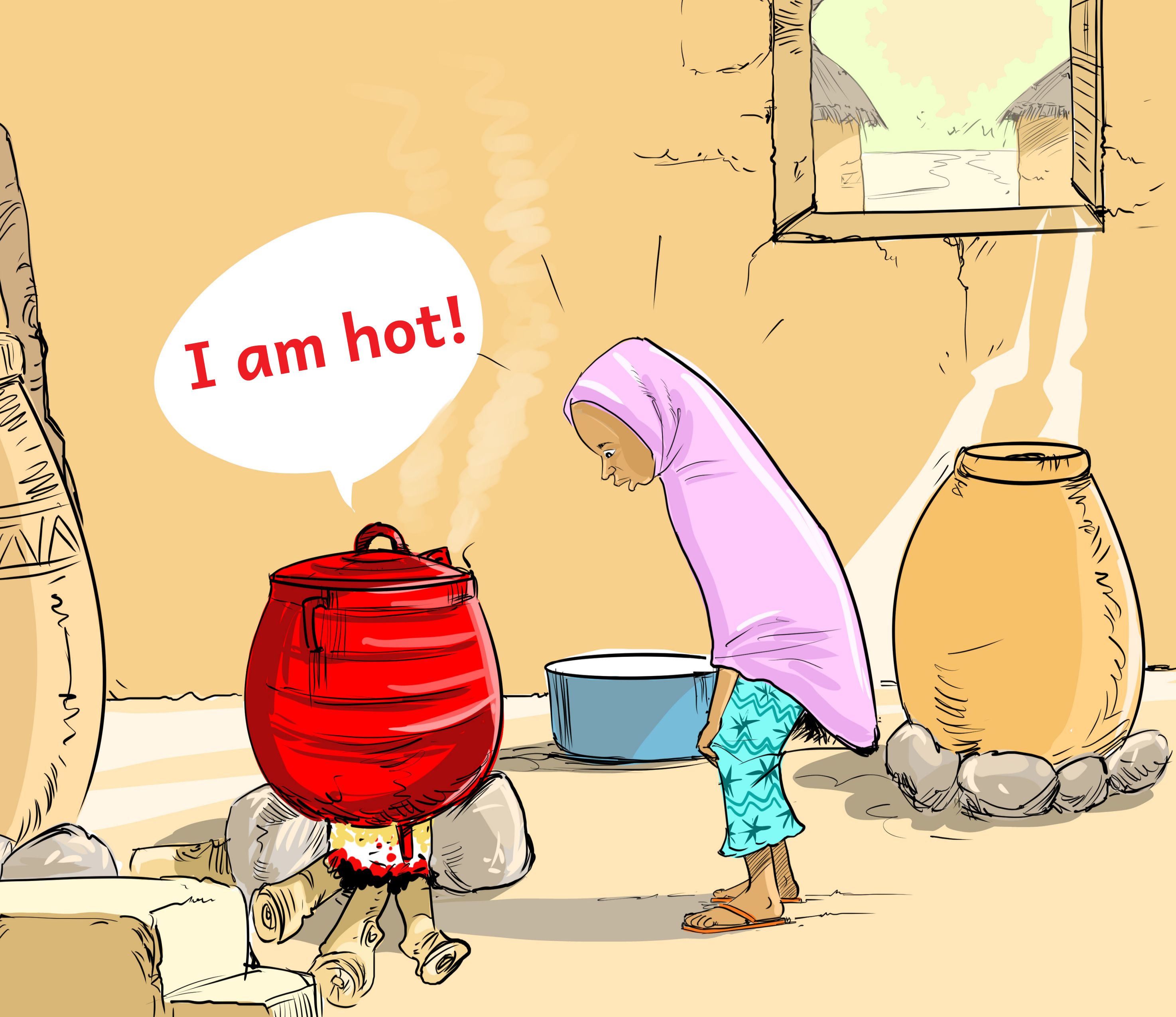
“Yes, Grandmother,”  
Aisha said.





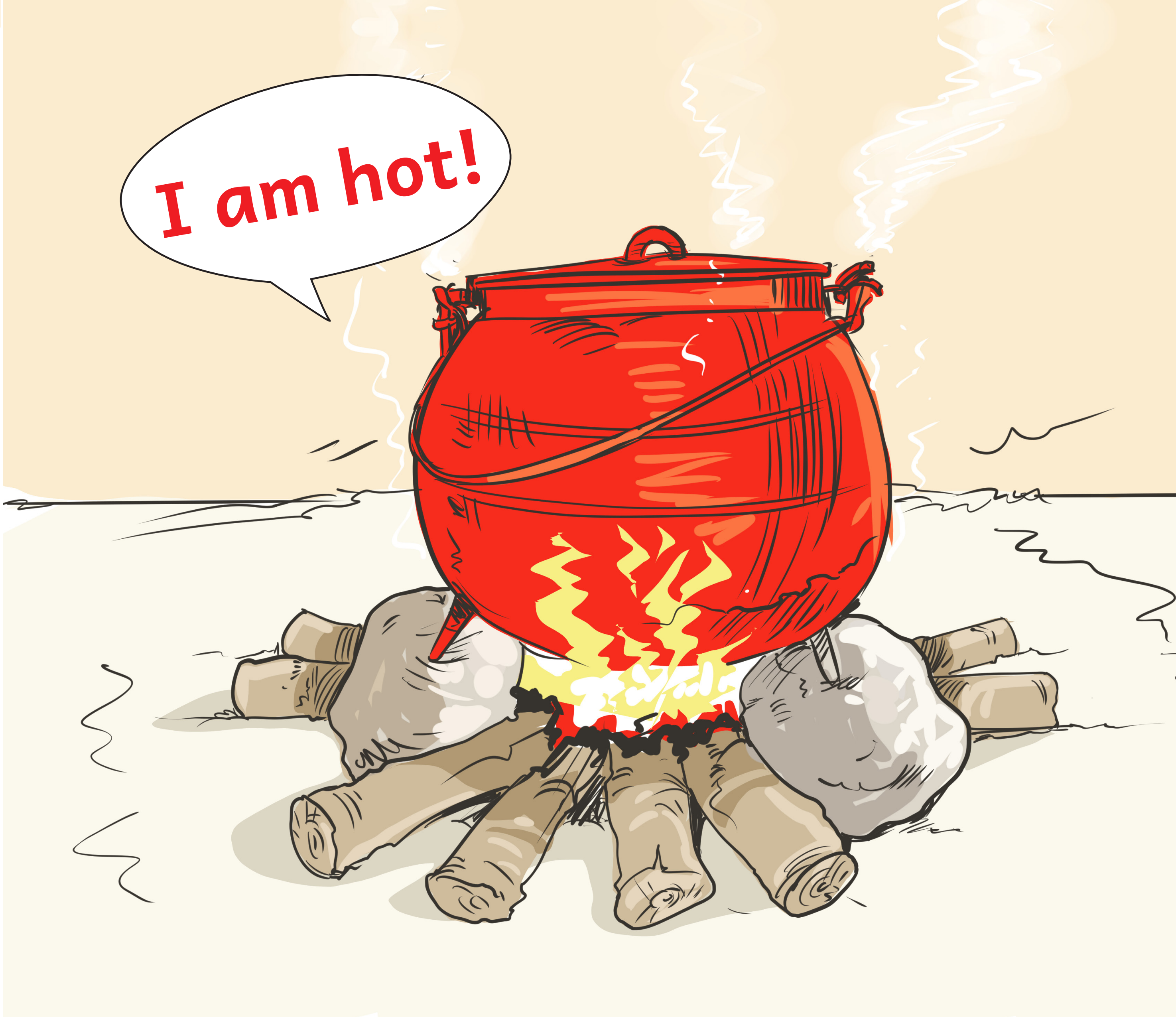
Aisha sat on the ground by the fire. “I am hot! I am hot! I am a talking pot!” the pot said.





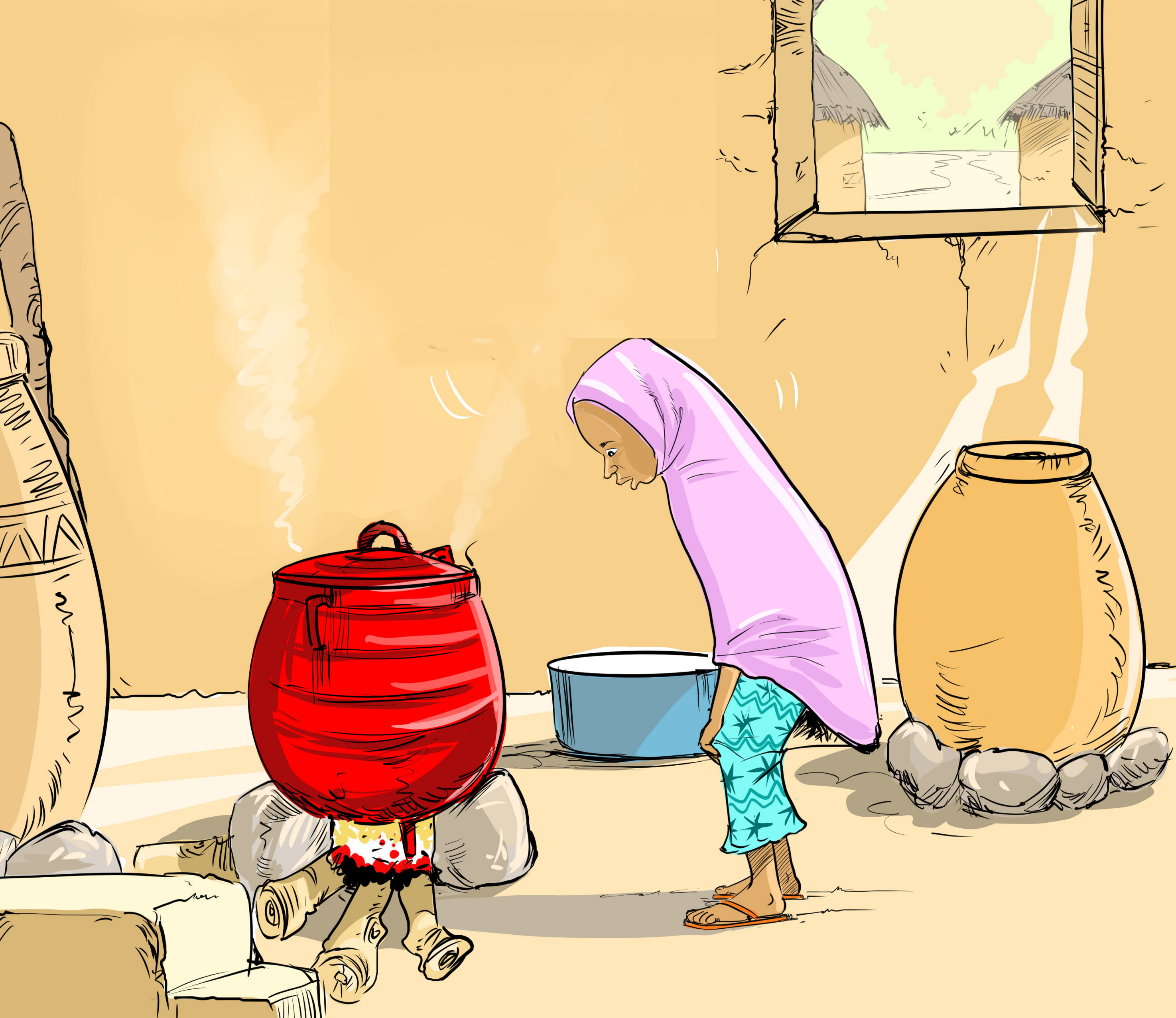
Aisha looked at the old red pot.





“I am hot,” said the talking pot. “Please take me off the fire.”





“Grandmother said I should not take you off the fire,”  
Aisha said.





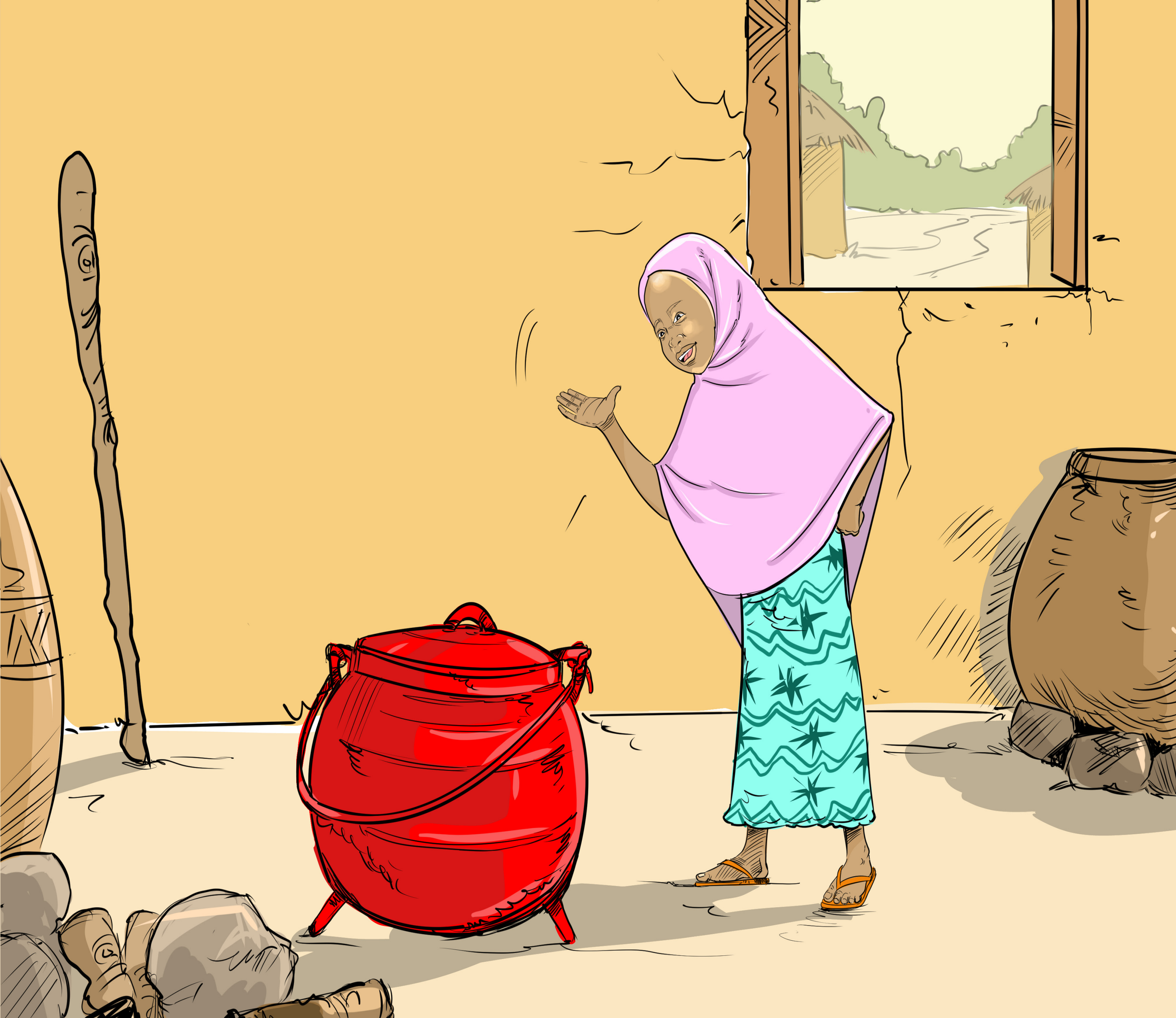
“I will give you a wish if you take me off the fire,” said the talking pot.





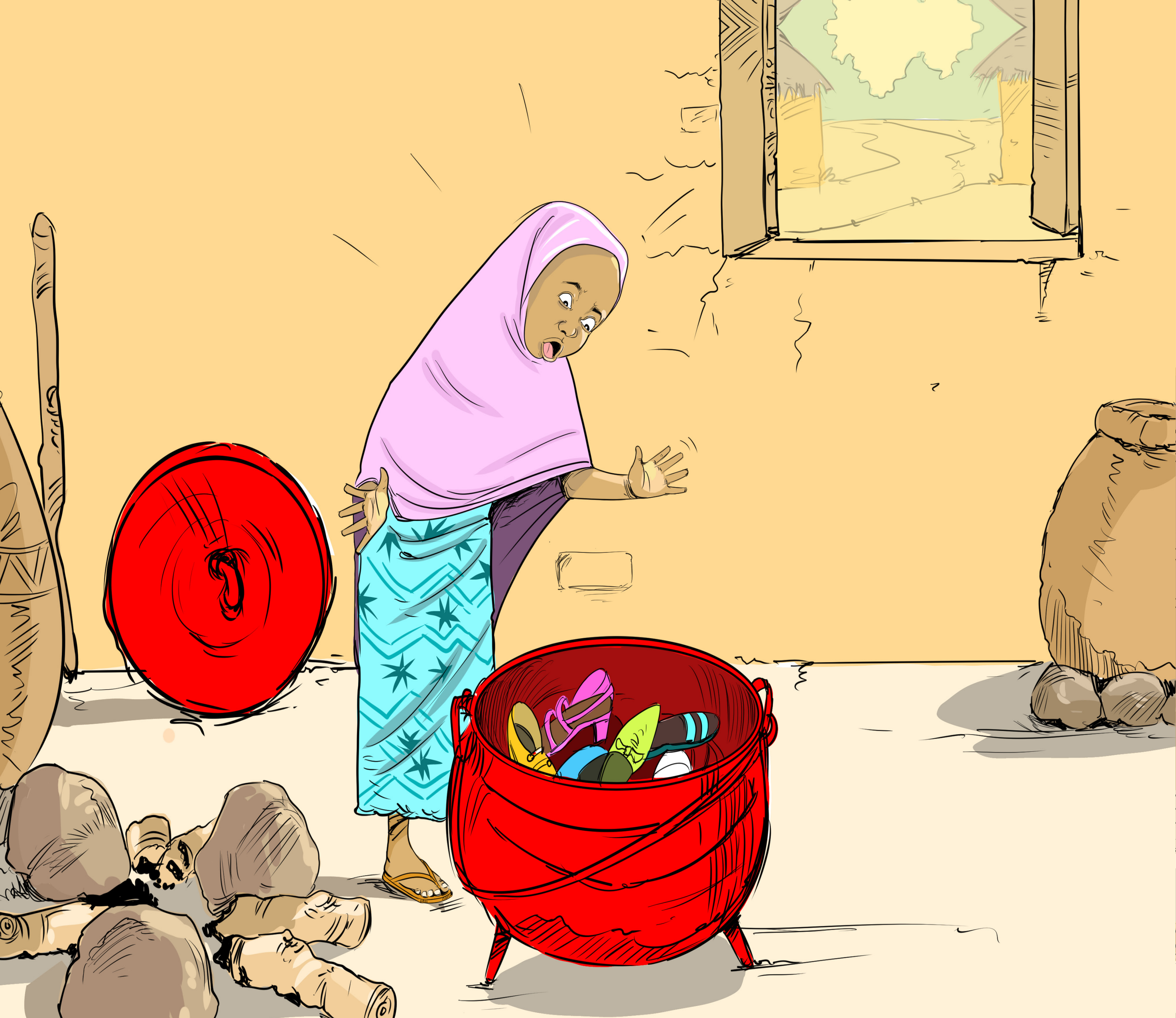
Aisha took the talking pot  
off the fire.





“I wish for new shoes,”  
Aisha said.





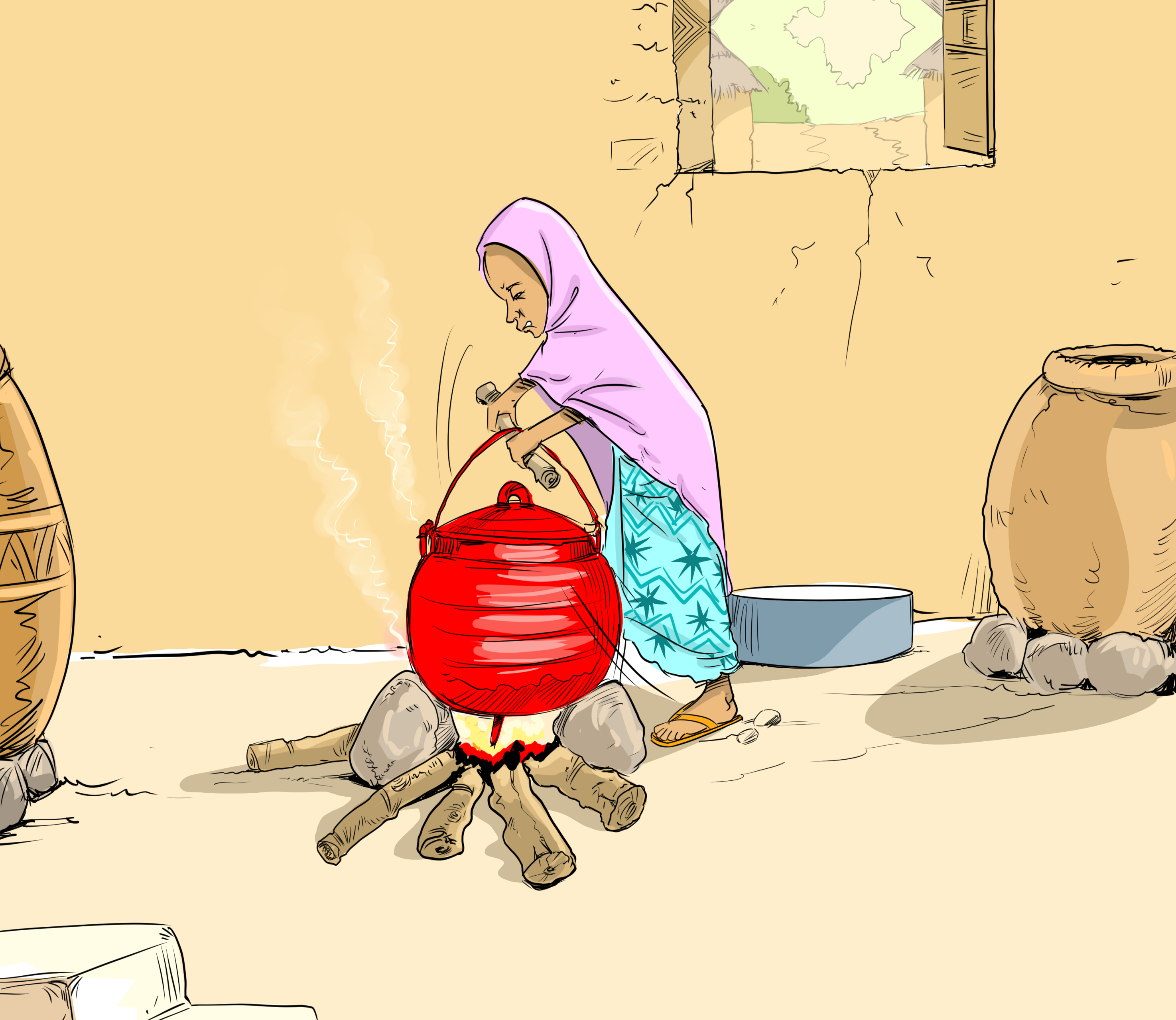
Aisha looked inside the pot.  
There were new shoes in  
the pot.





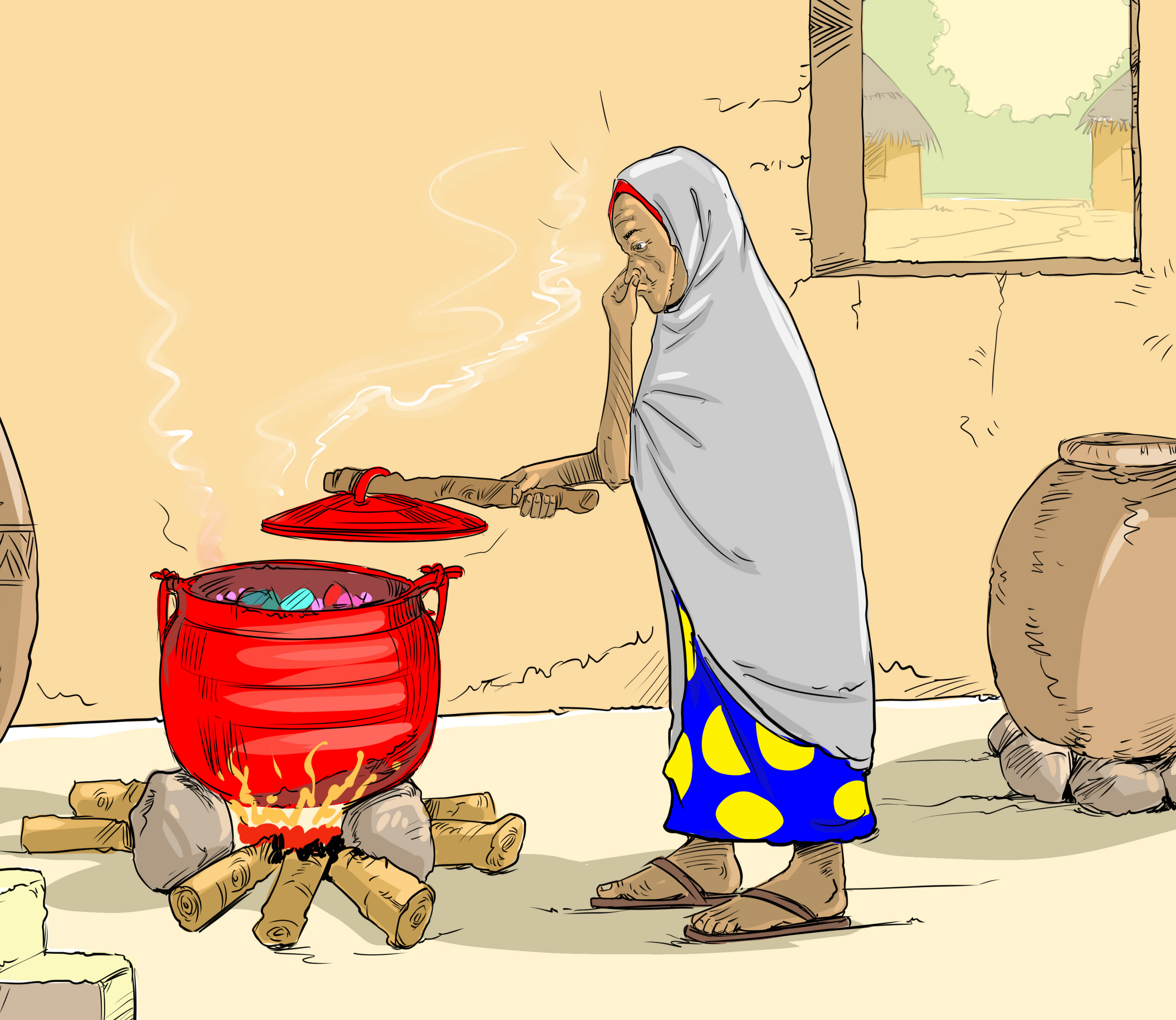
Just then, Aisha saw  
Grandmother walking  
back from the market.





She put the cover on the pot. She put the pot on the fire.





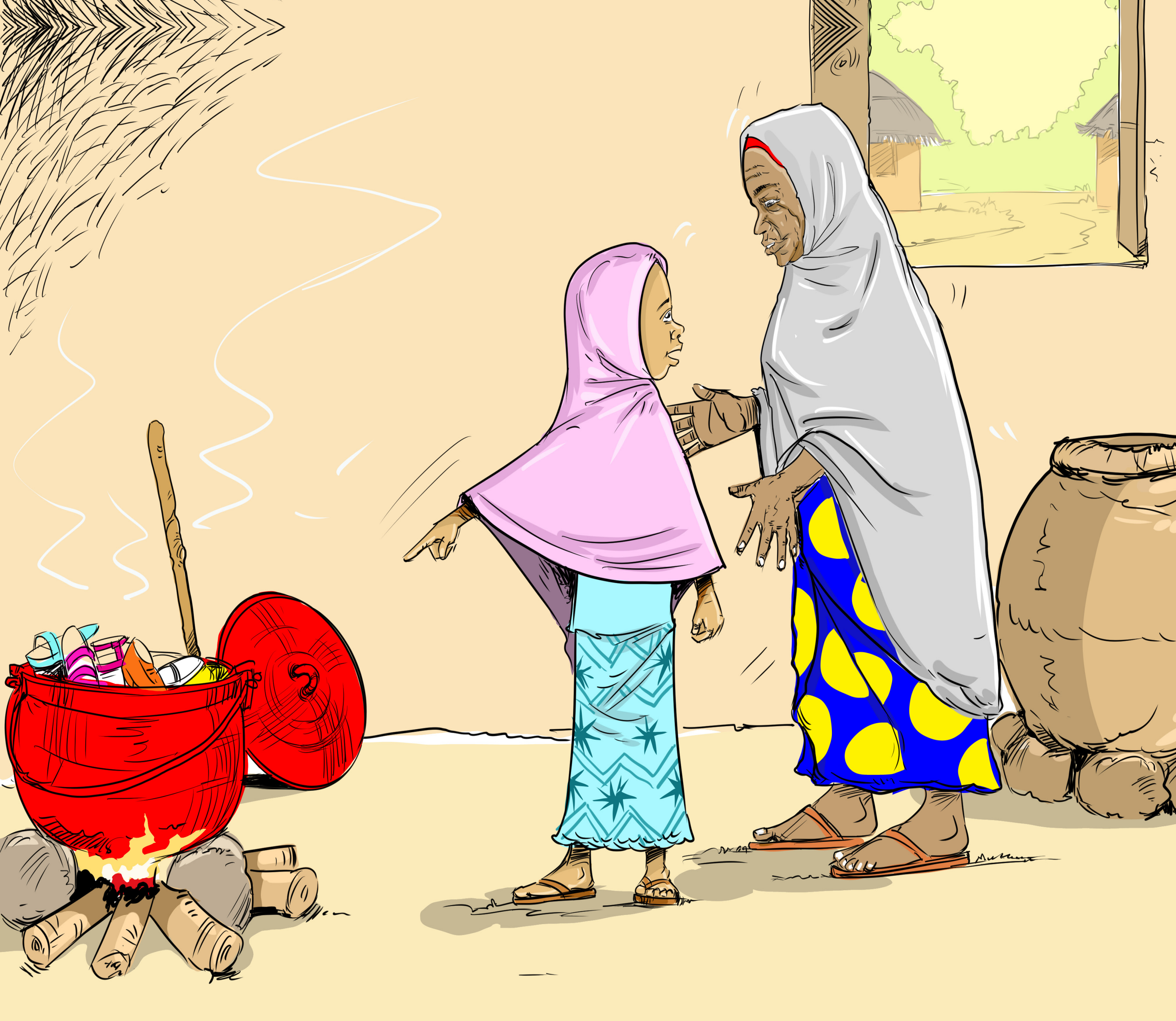
“The beans do not smell good!” Grandmother said. Then, she took the cover off the pot.





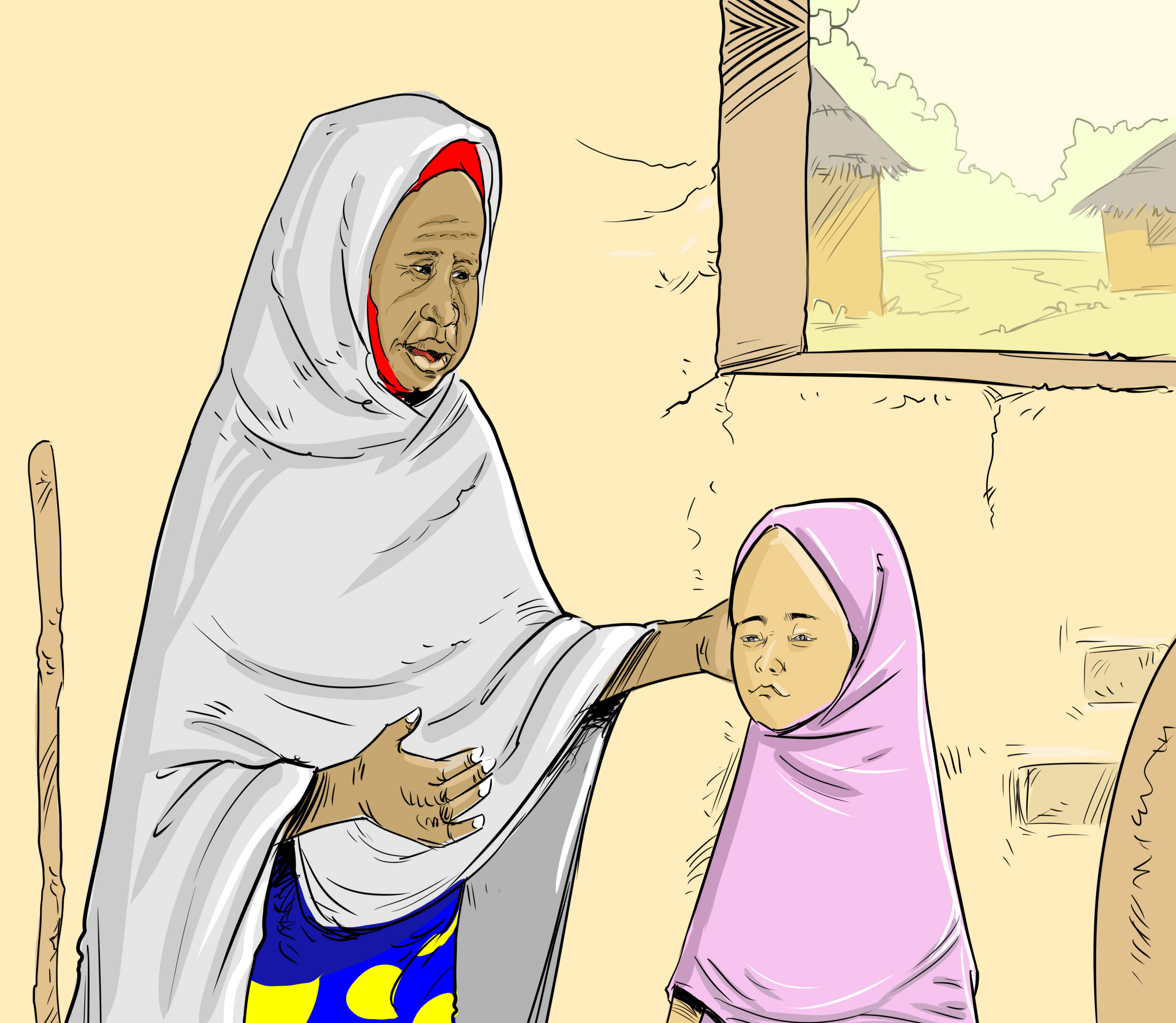
“Aisha! Why are these shoes in the pot?” Grandmother shouted.





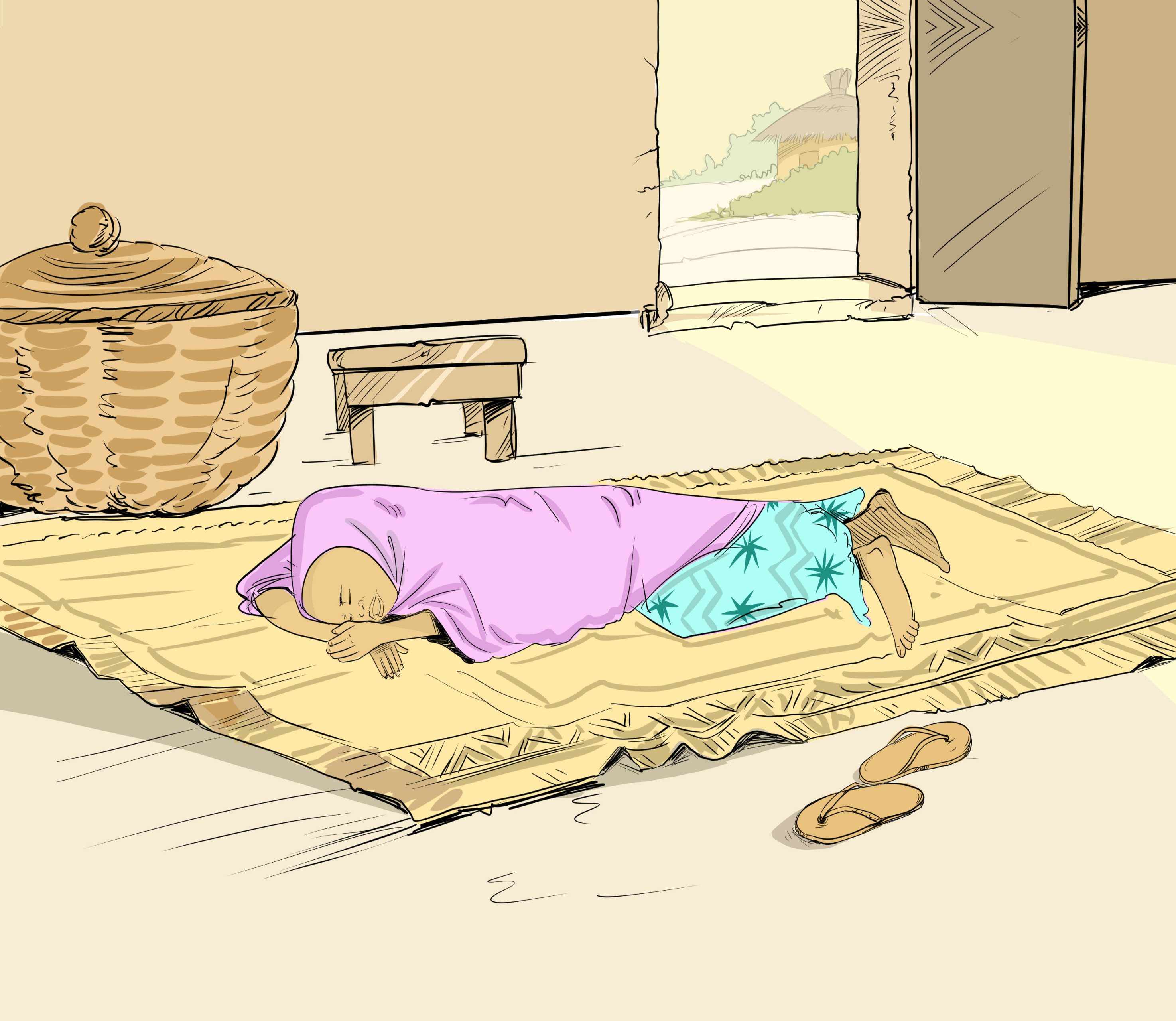
Aisha told Grandmother the truth about the talking pot and the wish.





“You will have no food to eat today,” Grandmother said.





Aisha was sad. Soon, she fell asleep.





Grandmother took the shoes out of the pot. She hid the shoes under the table.





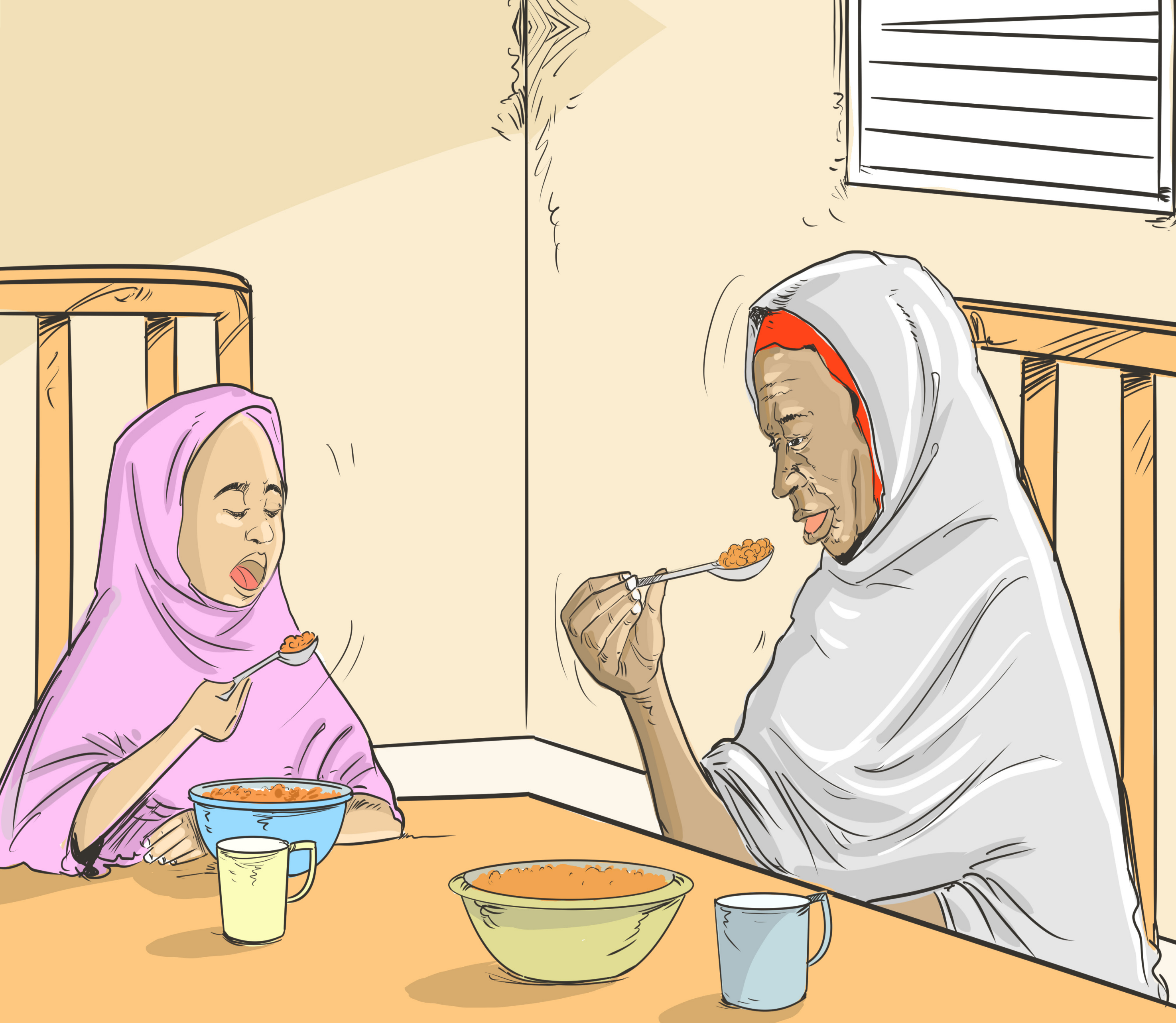
“I am hot! I am hot! I am a talking pot!” said the pot.  
“Please take me off the fire.”





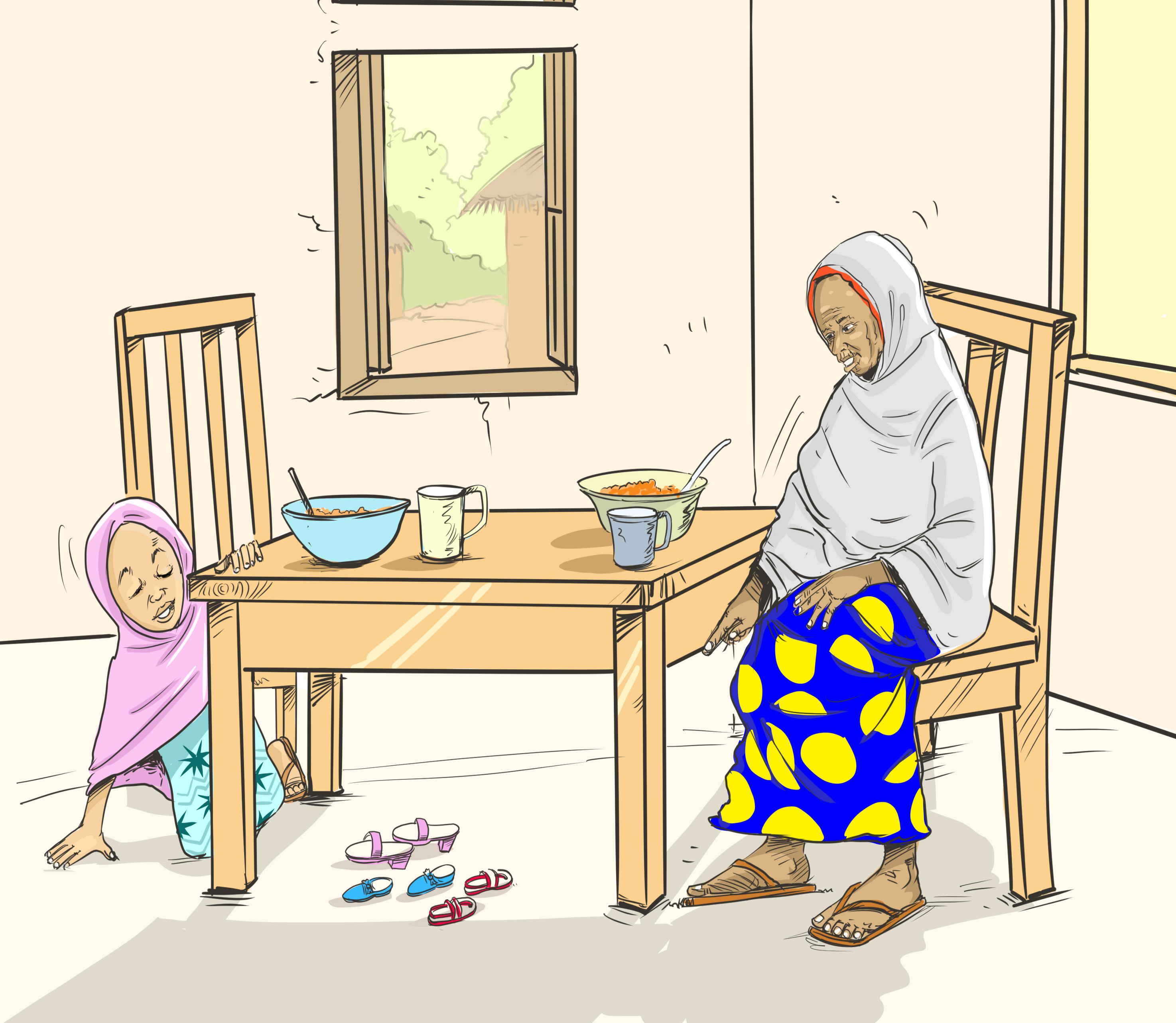
“You are a bad pot!”  
Grandmother said. “You will  
stay on the fire.”





When Aisha woke up, she ate the delicious beans with Grandmother.





“Look under the table,  
Aisha,” Grandmother said.





The old red pot never talked again.



# List of Vocabulary

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beans

fire

pot

sad

salt

shoes

smell







