

Waiting for Rēwana Bread



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Mahi (Mah-hee)

rēwana (reh-wah-nah): Rēwana is the name
for the potato yeast used to make bread rise
and is also the name of the bread itself.
Sometimes it is spelt “rēwena”.

For more support with pronunciation, go to www.readytoread.tki.org.nz
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Mahi was at Aunty's house.

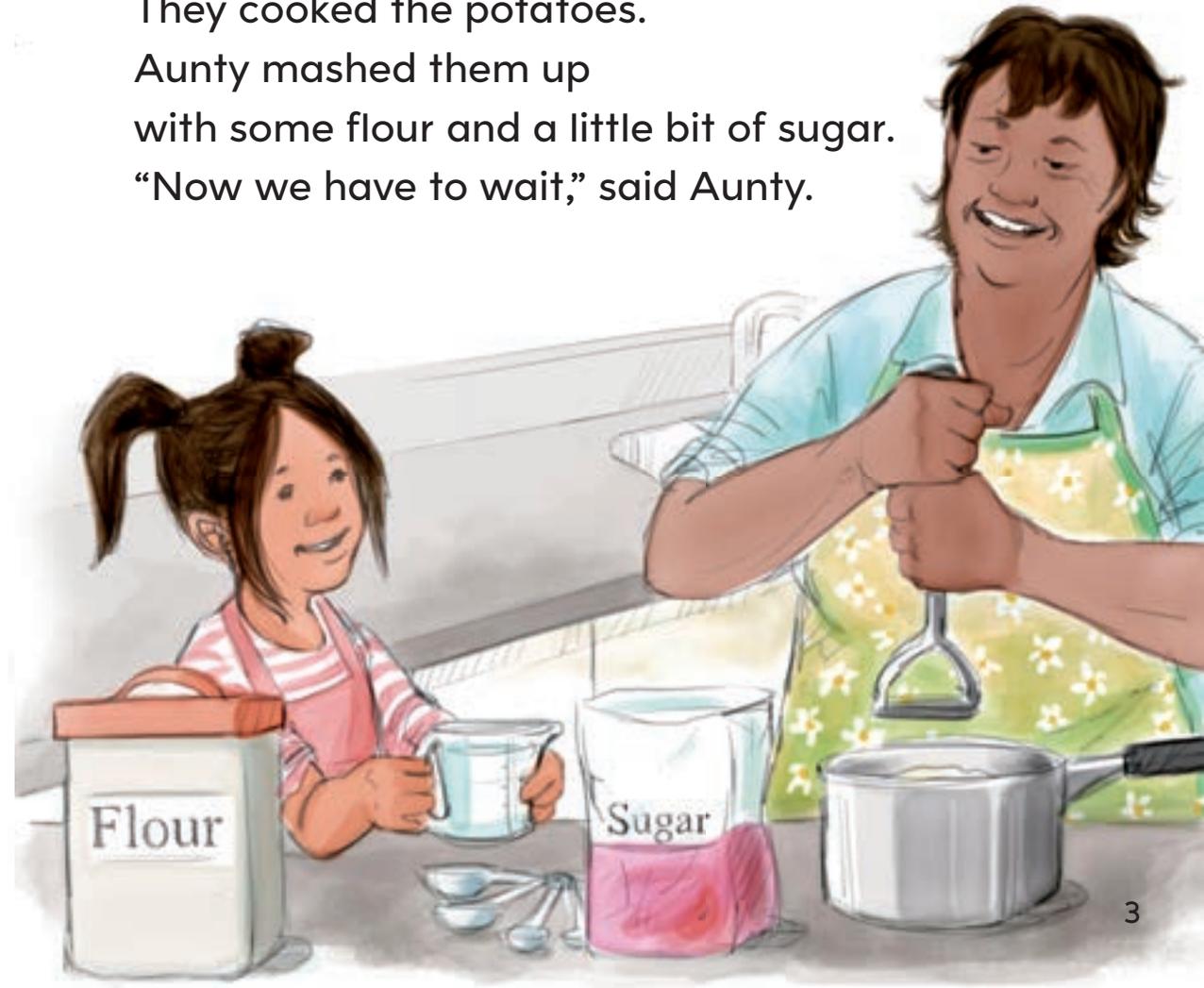
"Come and help me make some bread," said Aunty. "Here are the potatoes."

"Potatoes!" said Mahi.

"But we are making bread, not cooking potatoes!"

Aunty smiled at Mahi.
"We *are* making bread,
but this is rēwana bread.
We need to start with the potatoes,"
she said.

They cooked the potatoes.
Aunty mashed them up
with some flour and a little bit of sugar.
"Now we have to wait," said Aunty.



Mahi waited and waited.
She waited for three days!
She saw bubbles in the potatoes.
“Ka pai,” said Aunty. “The rēwana is ready.
Now we can make the bread.”

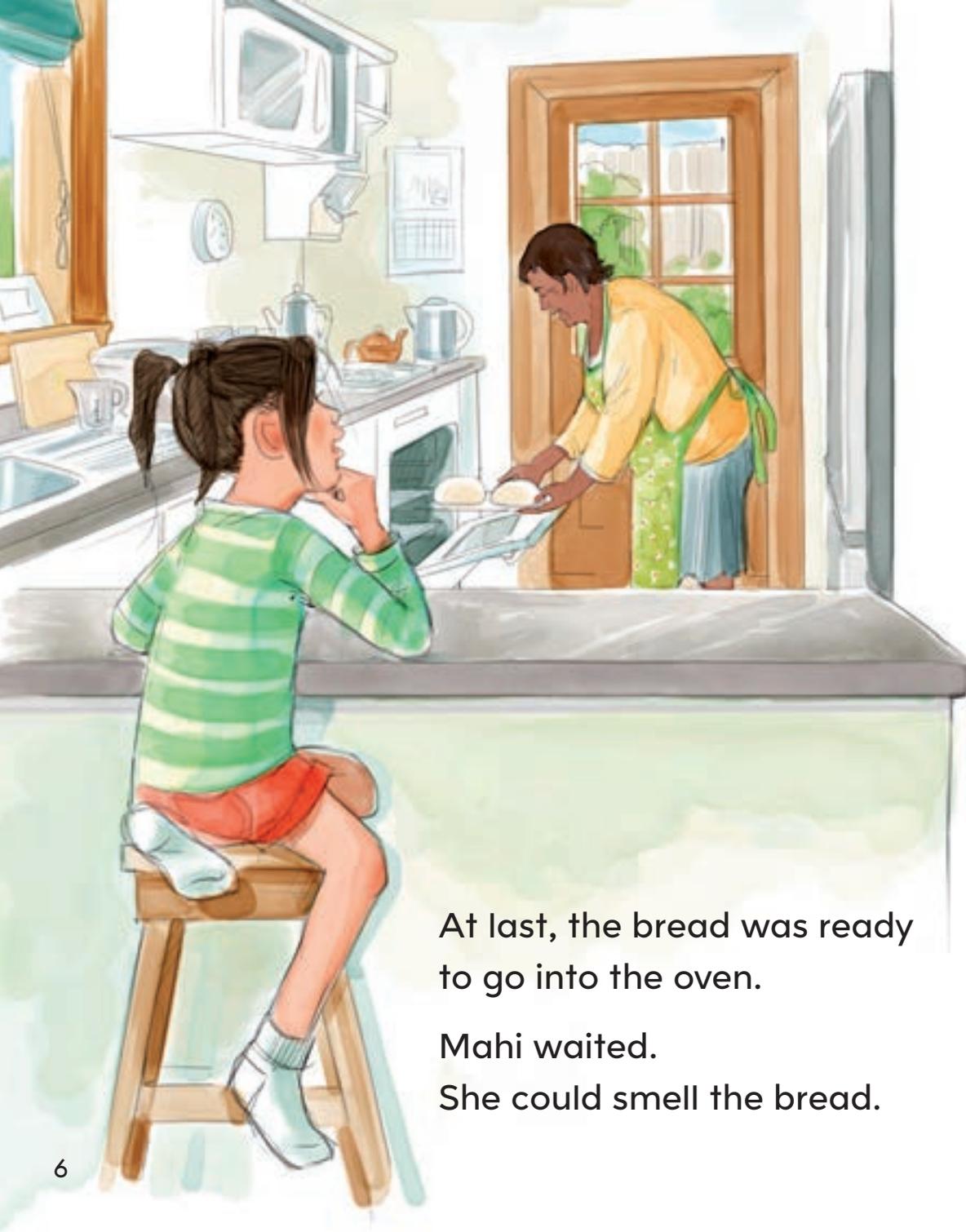


Mahi and Aunty
mixed some more flour and some water
with the rēwana to make dough.
It was very sticky.

Aunty showed Mahi how to knead the dough.
“Now we need to wait for the dough to rise,”
said Aunty.

“It’s a big job,” said Mahi.





At last, the bread was ready to go into the oven.

Mahi waited.
She could smell the bread.



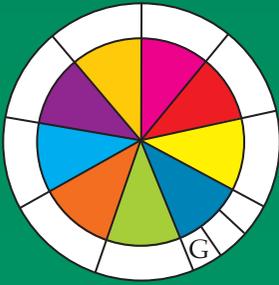
Mahi waited and waited ...

At last, Aunty said, “Ka pai.
The bread is ready.”





“Ka pai,” said Mahi.
“I am ready, too!”



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