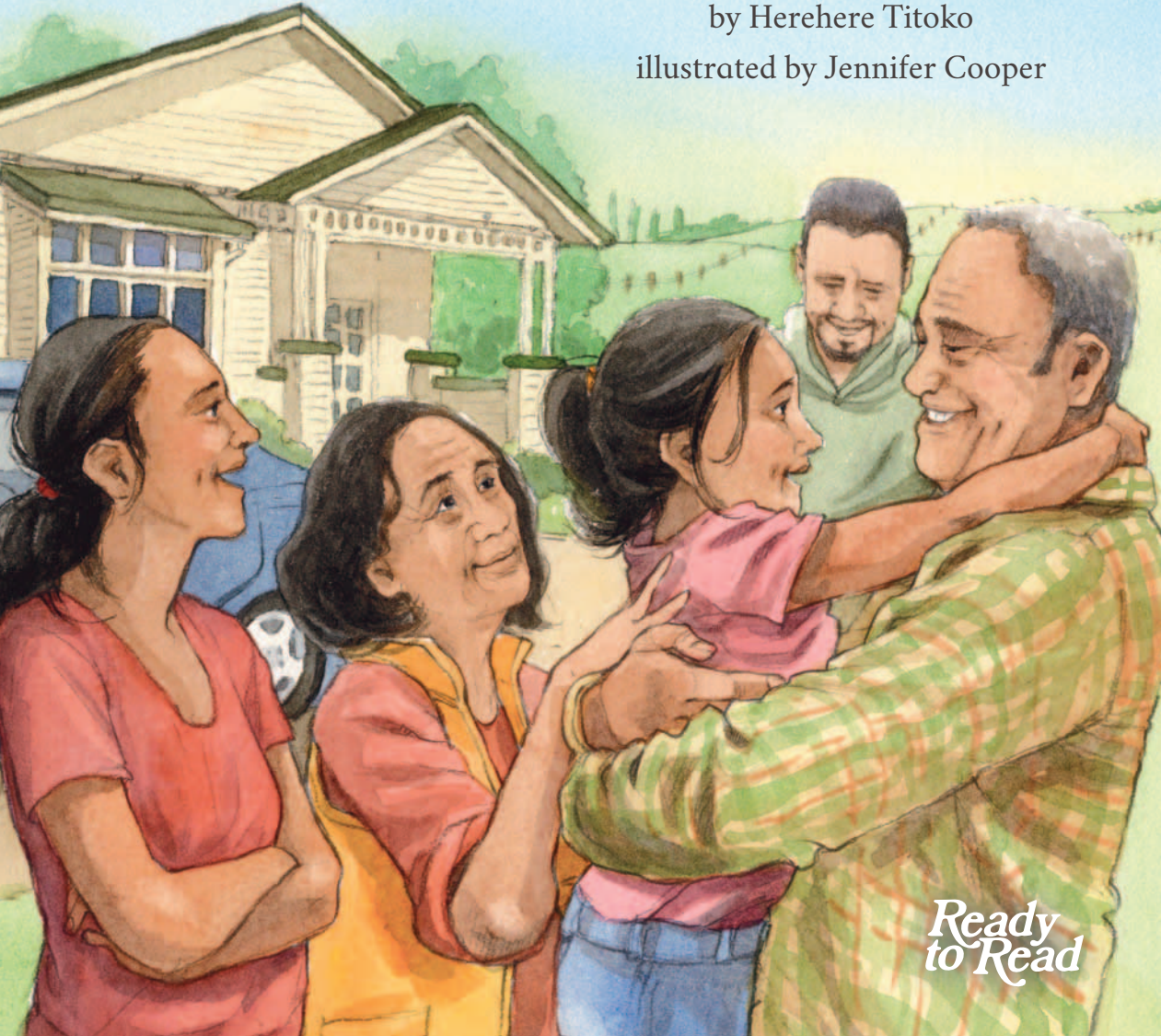


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*For many Māori, the stars represent tipuna (ancestors),
who are a constant presence in our lives. They act as kaitiaki
(guardians), keeping us safe. Kaitiaki come in many forms.*

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Ani carried her bag out to the car.

“Are you ready?” said Mum. “We have a long way to drive today.”

Ani and her mum and dad were going back home to see Koro and Nanny.



When they arrived,
Nanny and Koro came out to meet them.
Ani hugged them both.

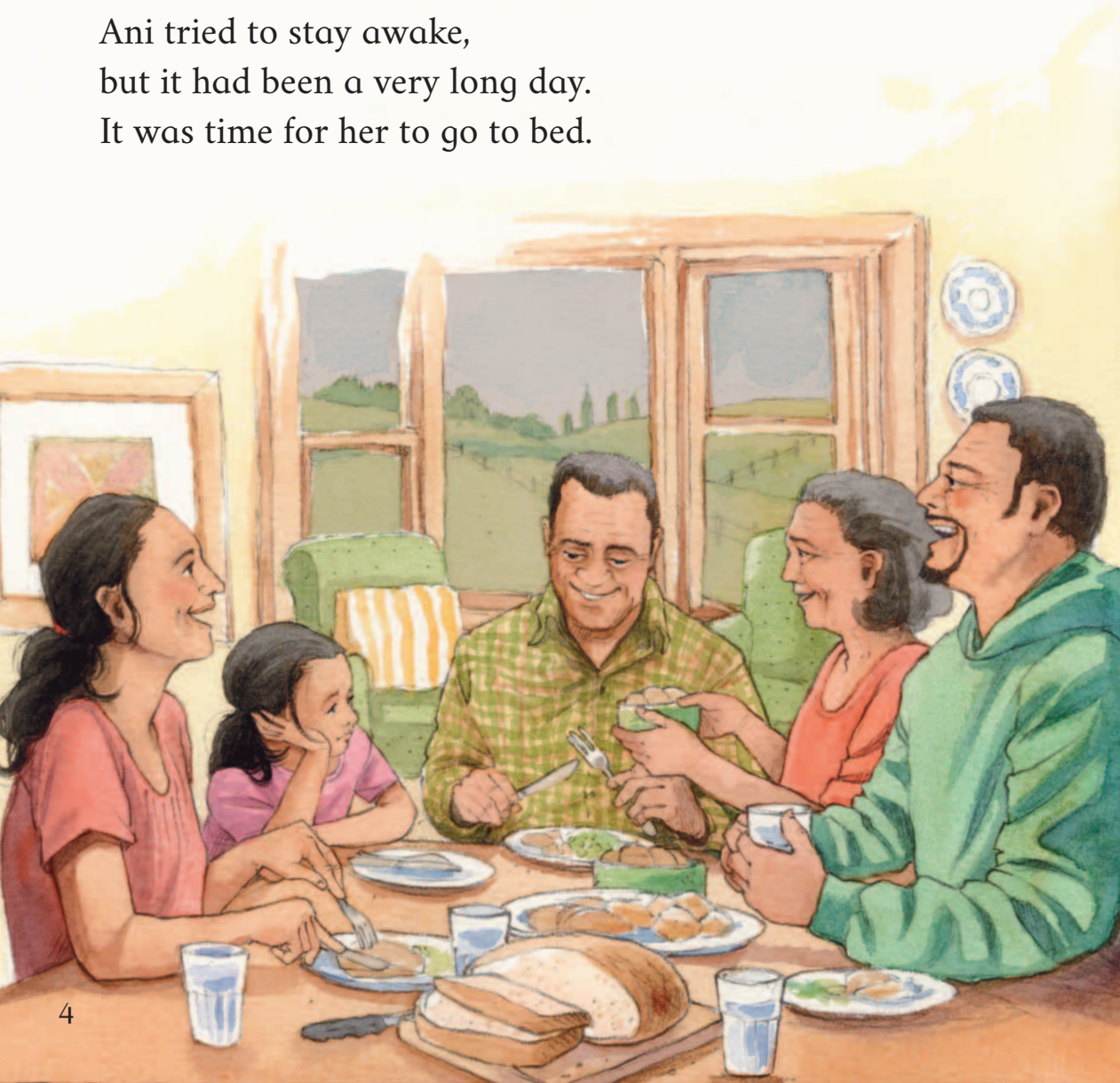
“We’ve missed you, moko,” said Koro.

“You must be hungry,” said Nanny.

“Come and have some kai.”

Ani could smell Nanny's bread baking.
"Yum," she said. Nanny made the *best* bread.
Everyone talked and laughed as they ate.

Ani tried to stay awake,
but it had been a very long day.
It was time for her to go to bed.



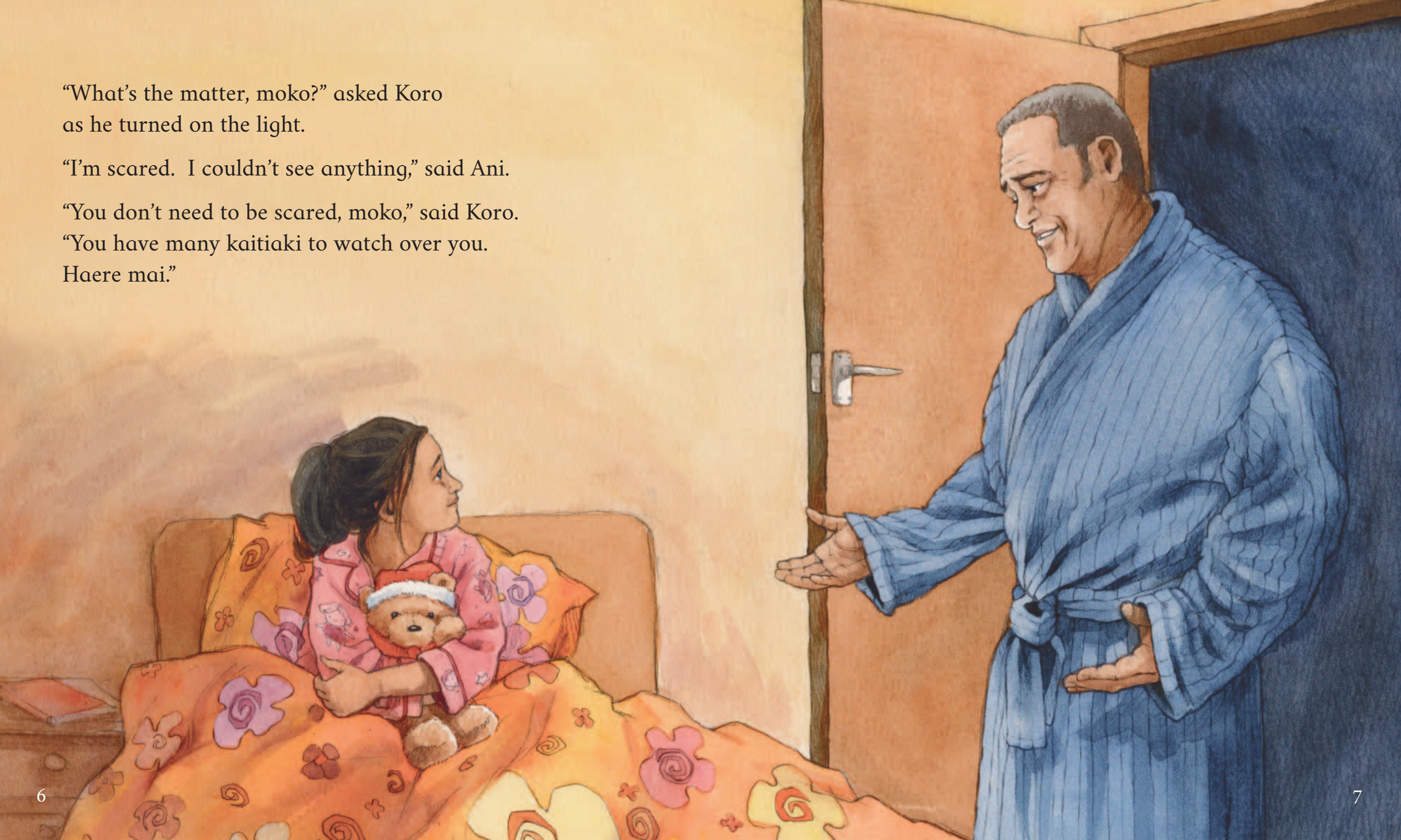
When Ani woke up, it was dark.
She couldn't see the wardrobe in the corner.
She couldn't see the drawers beside her bed.
"Mum! Mum!" she called.
But Mum didn't hear her.

“What’s the matter, moko?” asked Koro as he turned on the light.

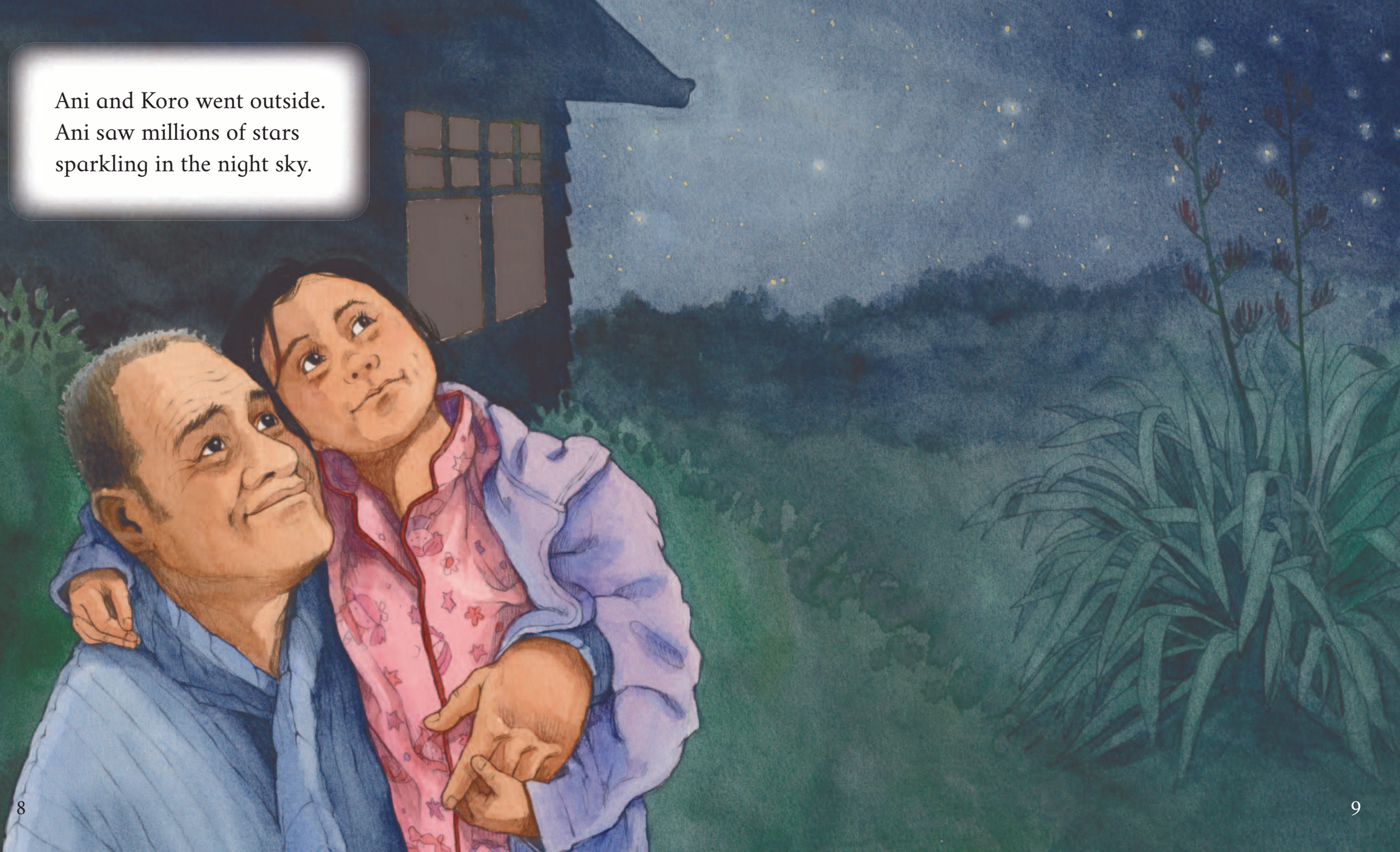
“I’m scared. I couldn’t see anything,” said Ani.

“You don’t need to be scared, moko,” said Koro.

“You have many kaitiaki to watch over you. Haere mai.”



Ani and Koro went outside.
Ani saw millions of stars
sparkling in the night sky.



An illustration of a man and a woman standing in a field. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue quilted jacket and has his right arm raised, pointing towards the right. He has a warm, smiling expression. The woman, on the right, is wearing a purple quilted jacket over a pink patterned top. She has a neutral expression and is looking towards the right. The background is a textured, dark green field.

“They’re so beautiful,” said Ani.

“Āe, moko, they are your kaitiaki,” said Koro.

“They are there to watch over you and light your way.”

Ani yawned.

“It’s time you went back to bed,” said Koro.



Ani opened the curtains in her room.
“Now I will be able to see my kaitiaki,” she smiled.
Ani snuggled back down into bed.
She lay and watched the starry sky
until she fell asleep.



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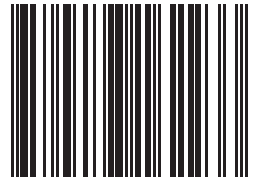
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