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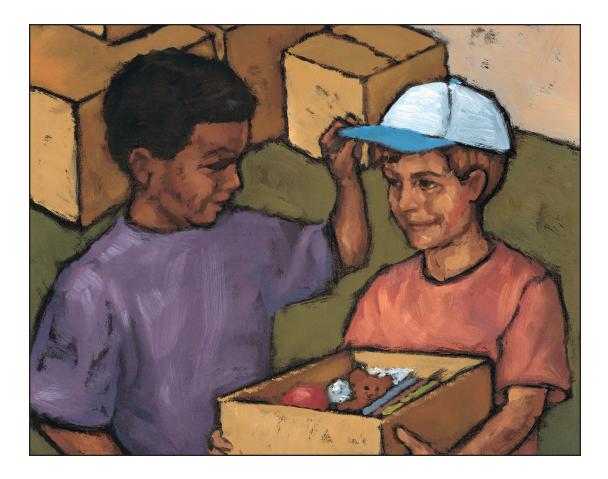
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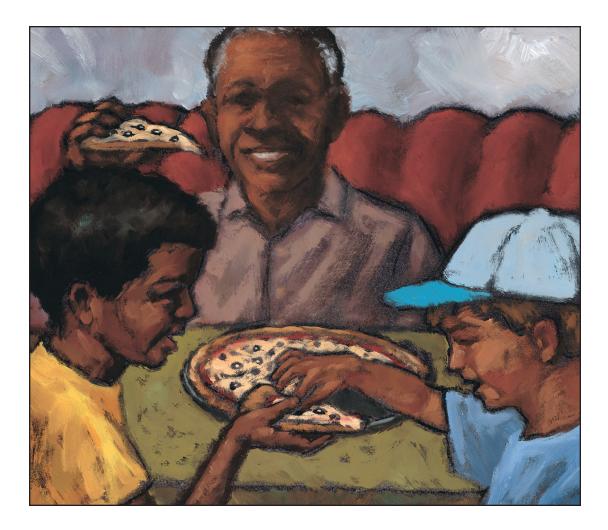
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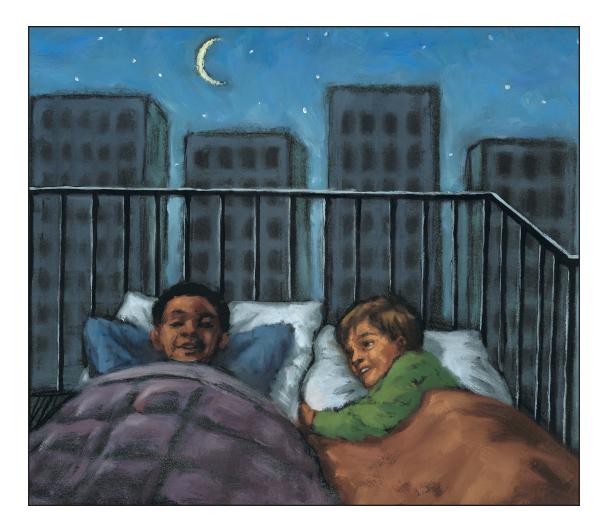
My best friend, Thomas, is moving. His mom has a new job. She says it's in a nice place. She says they'll have a new house to live in. But what will I do without Thomas?



All day I help pack boxes. We put in Thomas's books and toys. "You can have my baseball cap," he says. What will I do without Thomas?



Thomas's grandpa comes with a truck. He takes us out for pizza. Thomas gives me his olives. What will I do without him?



We sleep out for the last time. In the night, I hear a scary noise. "It's only cats," says Thomas. What will I do?



I watch the truck pull away. "We'll always be friends," says Thomas. "I'll write to you every week." Good-bye, Thomas.



A new family has moved in.

- They have a baby girl and a boy named Jason.
- Jason is nice.
- I read him Thomas's letters.



Sometimes.

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