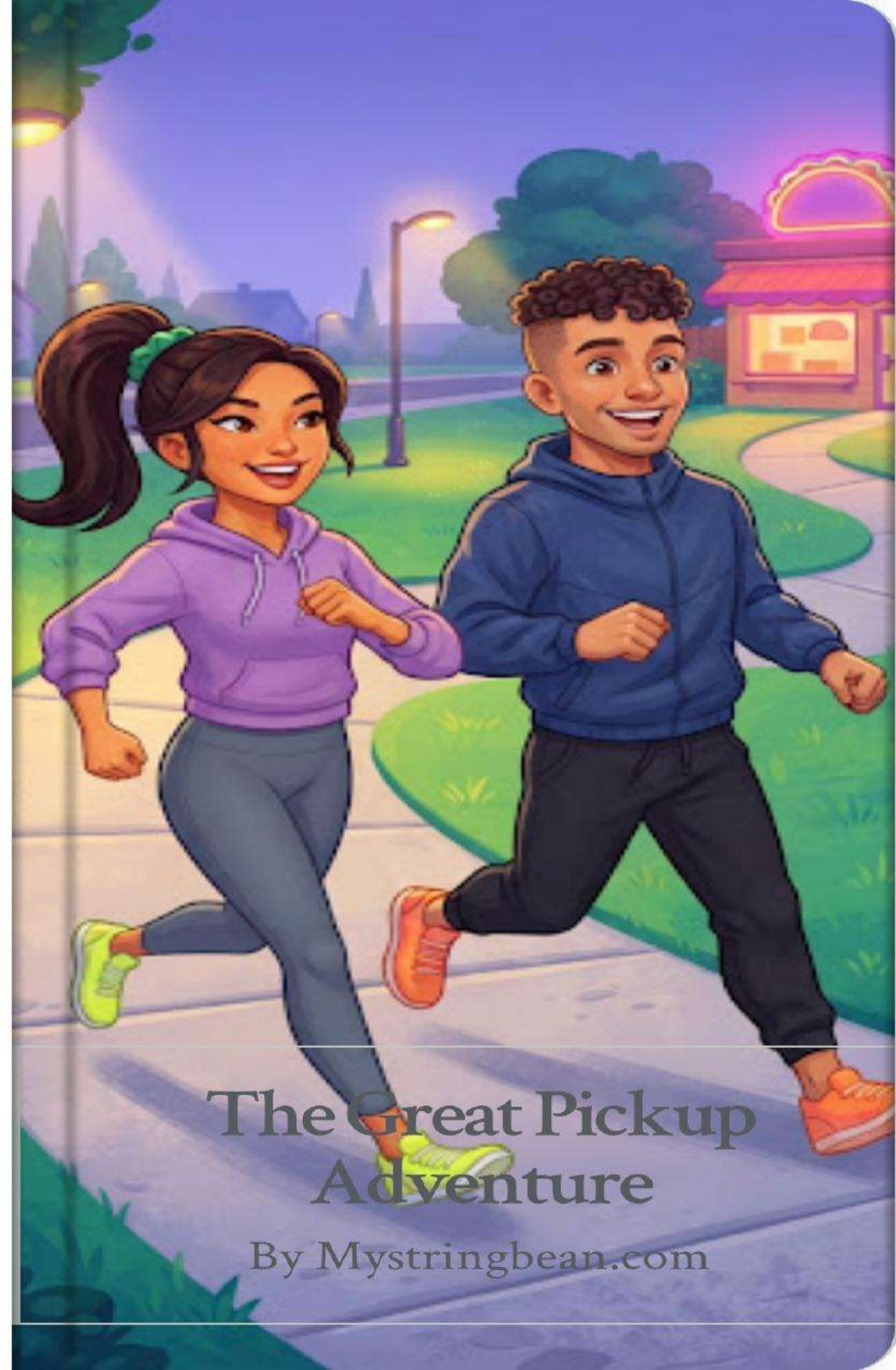




The Great Pickup Adventure

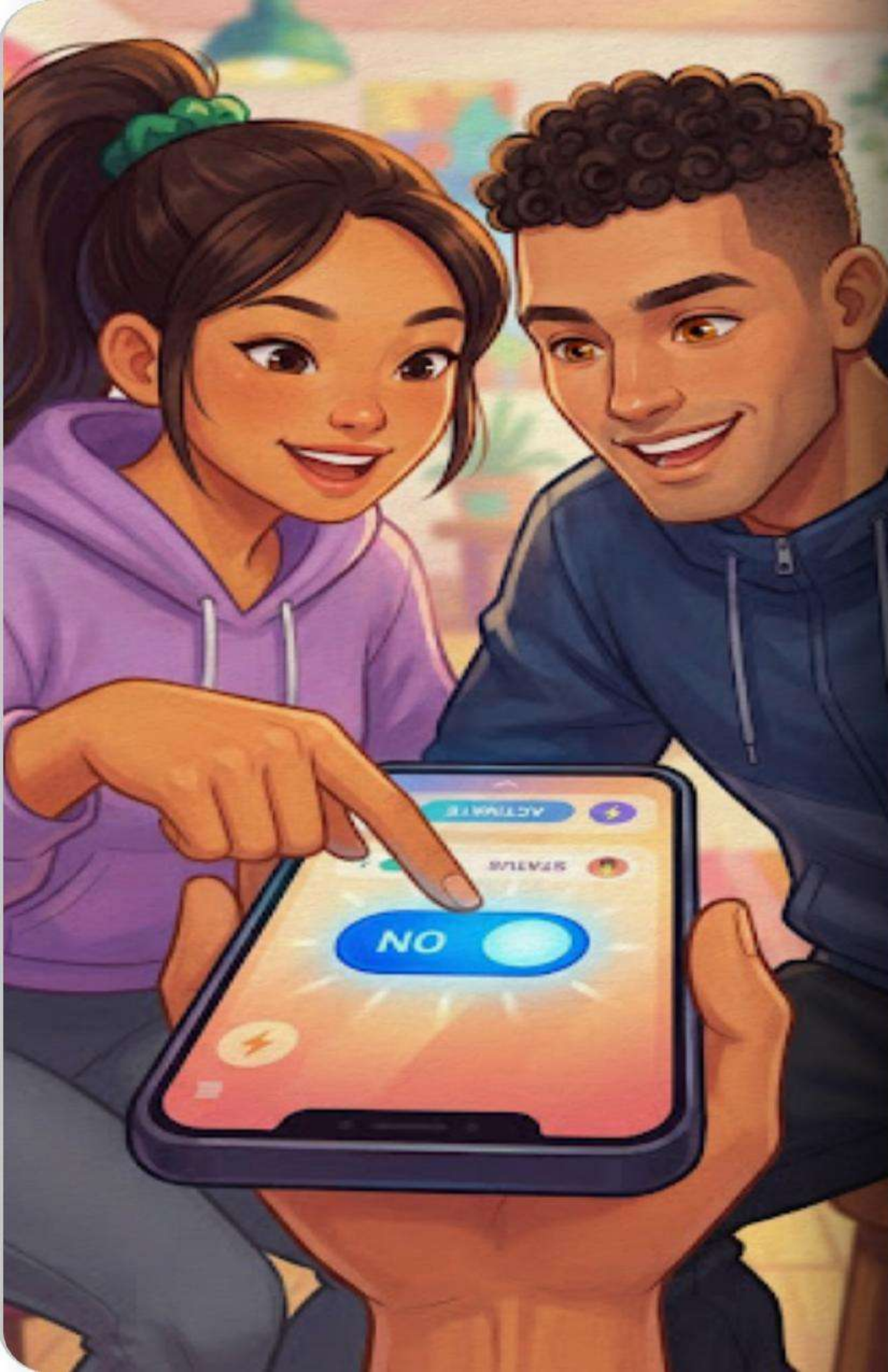
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It was a rainy Tuesday, and two bellies were grumbling very loudly. Nia and Arlo sat on their big, plush sofa, dreaming of spicy tacos and crunchy chips. "I'm hungry enough to eat a mountain!" Arlo cried. Nia nodded and reached for her glowing phone.





They opened the delivery app, but Arlo's eyes went wide. "Wait!" he gasped, pointing at the screen. "The delivery fee is five dollars, the service fee is three, and the tip is six!" The total cost was soaring high into the clouds, far away from their budget.



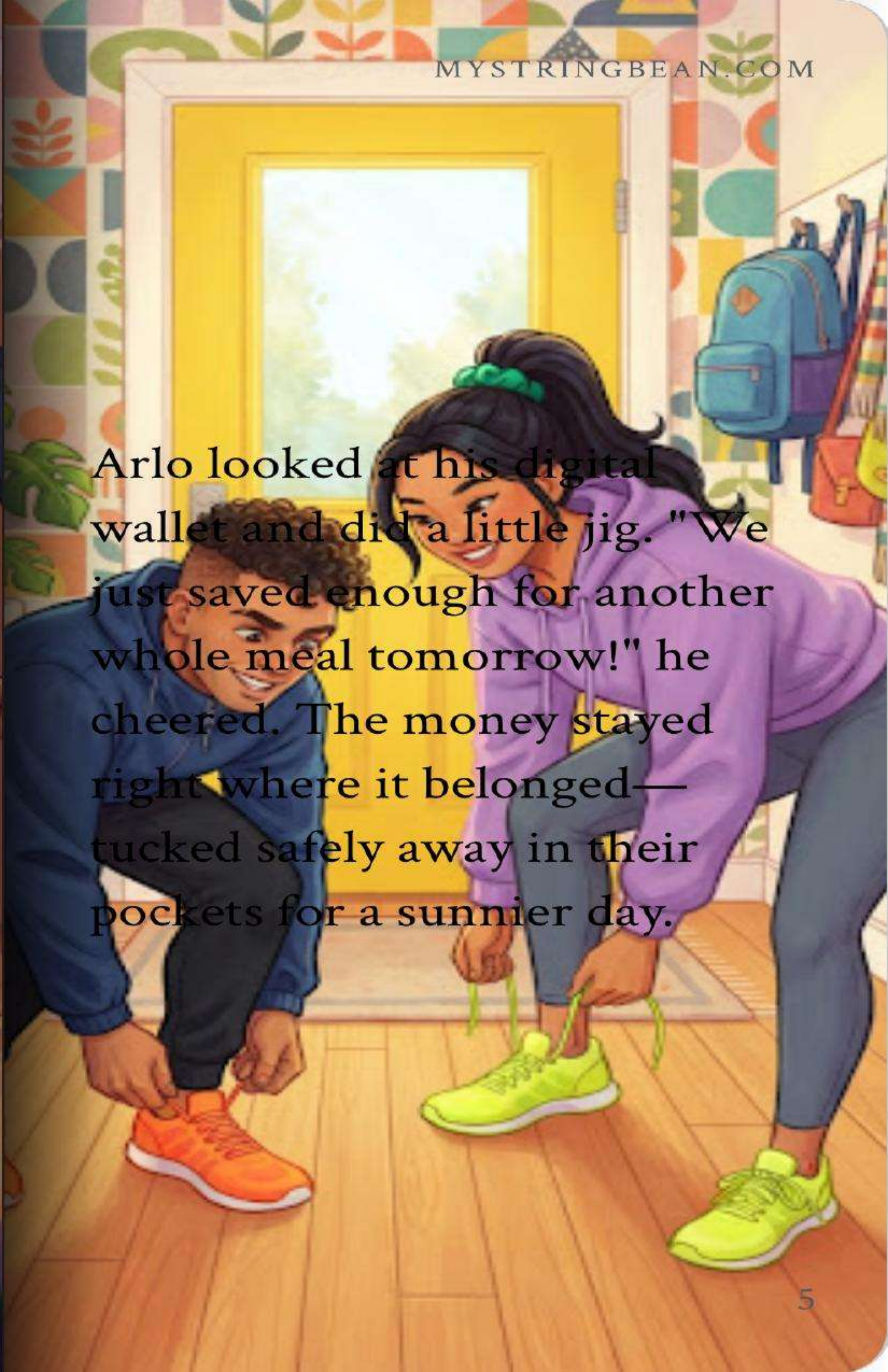
Nia smiled a clever, knowing smile. She slid her finger across the glass. "Look here," she whispered, pointing to a tiny, glowing toggle. It didn't say 'Delivery.' It said 'Pickup.' "If we go get it ourselves, we keep our gold!"



With a confident tap, Nia selected their favorite tacos. She bypassed the delivery screen and clicked the big, vibrant green button for pickup. On the screen, the extra fees vanished like a puff of smoke. The price dropped down, down, down!



Arlo looked at his digital wallet and did a little jig. "We just saved enough for another whole meal tomorrow!" he cheered. The money stayed right where it belonged—tucked safely away in their pockets for a sunnier day.





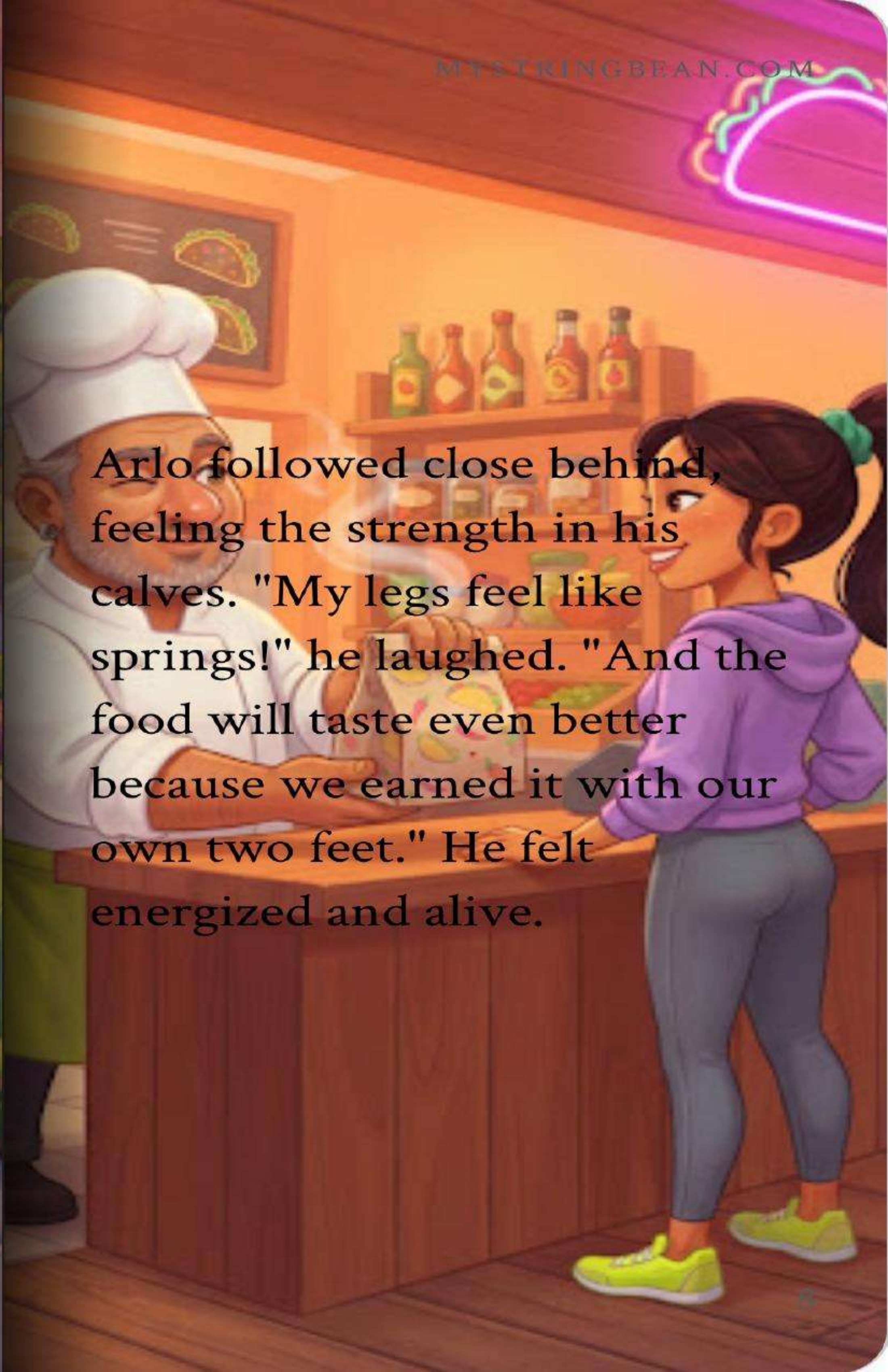
"Time for an adventure!" Nia cheered. They didn't want to sit and wait for a stranger to bring a cold bag to their porch. They laced up their brightest sneakers and grabbed their keys. Out the door they went, ready to conquer the sidewalk.



Nia led the way down the winding sidewalk. The fresh evening air felt cool and crisp on her face. Her heart went pitter-patter, not from hunger anymore, but from the wonderful joy of moving her legs and breathing deep.



Arlo followed close behind, feeling the strength in his calves. "My legs feel like springs!" he laughed. "And the food will taste even better because we earned it with our own two feet." He felt energized and alive.





Back at home, a Nila and Arlit
enjoyed their feast. The chef
wasn't kidding. Basil had made the Nila
bodies feel light and healthy,
and the tacos were perfectly
"Fish." Rick thought the greatest
recipe of all. If they'd agreed,
taking a big, happy bite.