

THE VIRUS *and us*

One against all –
all against one



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All of a sudden, there it was, the coronavirus. Where exactly did it come from and how it developed is not yet known. But because people are travelling all over the world with cars, planes, trains and ships, it eventually spread all over the world.

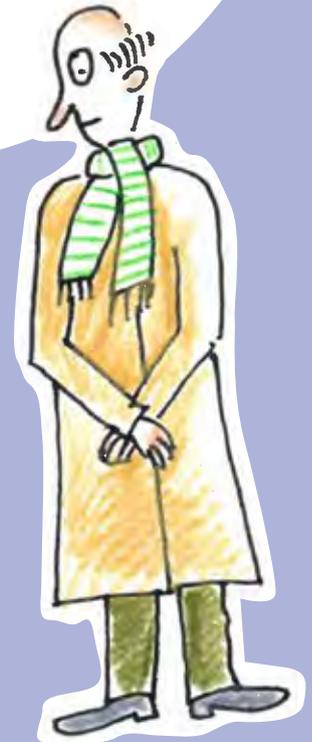
Mum says it is dangerous for us humans and therefore you have to take good care of yourself and the others. She knows that very well because she works in a hospital. She says you can't see it because it's tiny. So tiny that its invisible. If you cough or sneeze, the virus is transmitted to another person. It spreads to the other person through their mouth, nose or eyes.



AND THEN MARY
SAID TO JOHN THAT
GRACE



Therefore, it is important that you never sneeze or cough without putting your arm in front of your mouth. It is also better not to touch your face. Additional face masks help ensure that we do not infect anyone else. And keeping a distance to other people also protects against infection.



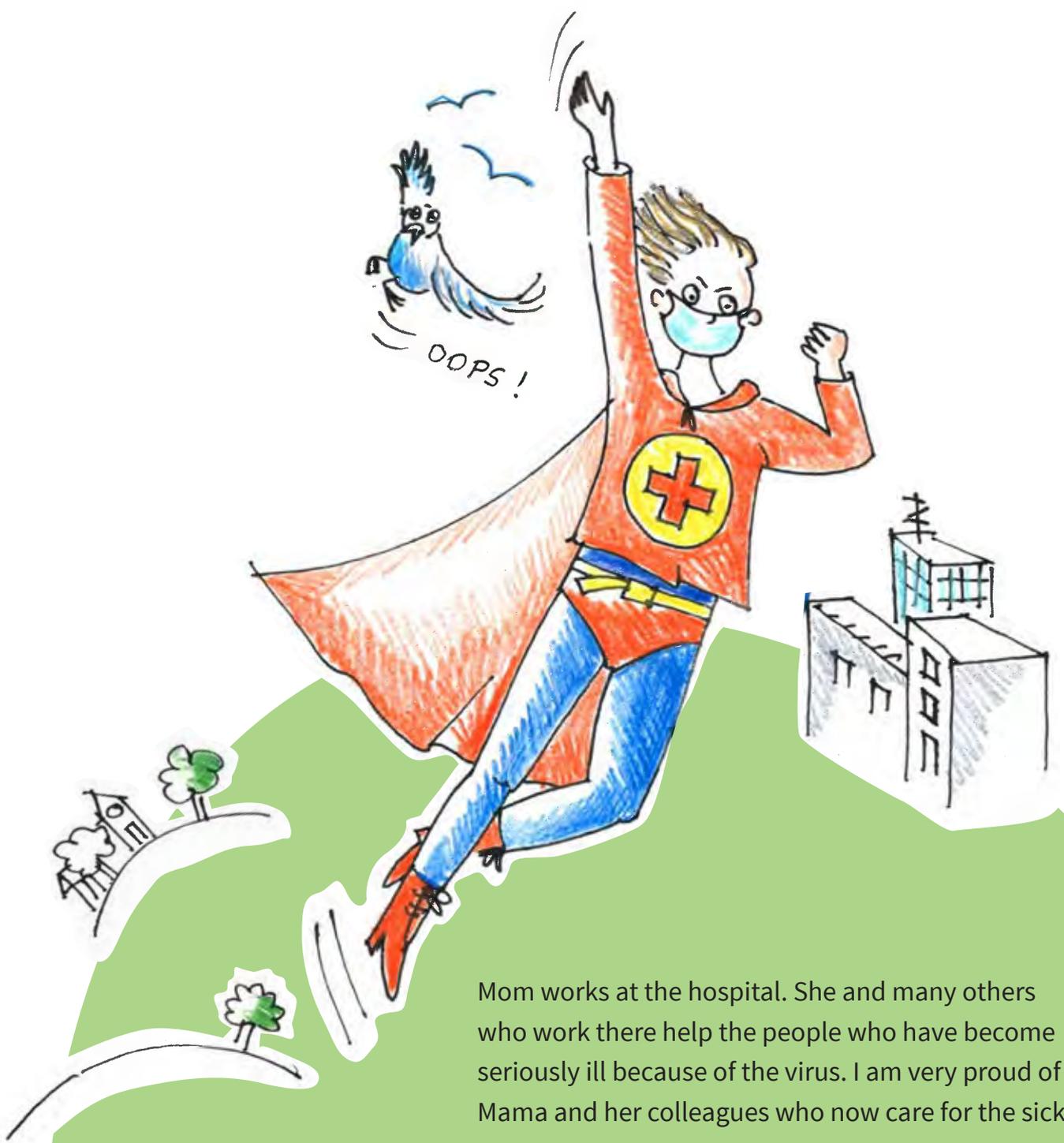


However, it is also possible that the virus is deposited on your hand and when you shake hands, the virus is transmitted to the other person. Frequent hand washing prevents this from happening. The virus does not tolerate soap or disinfectants.

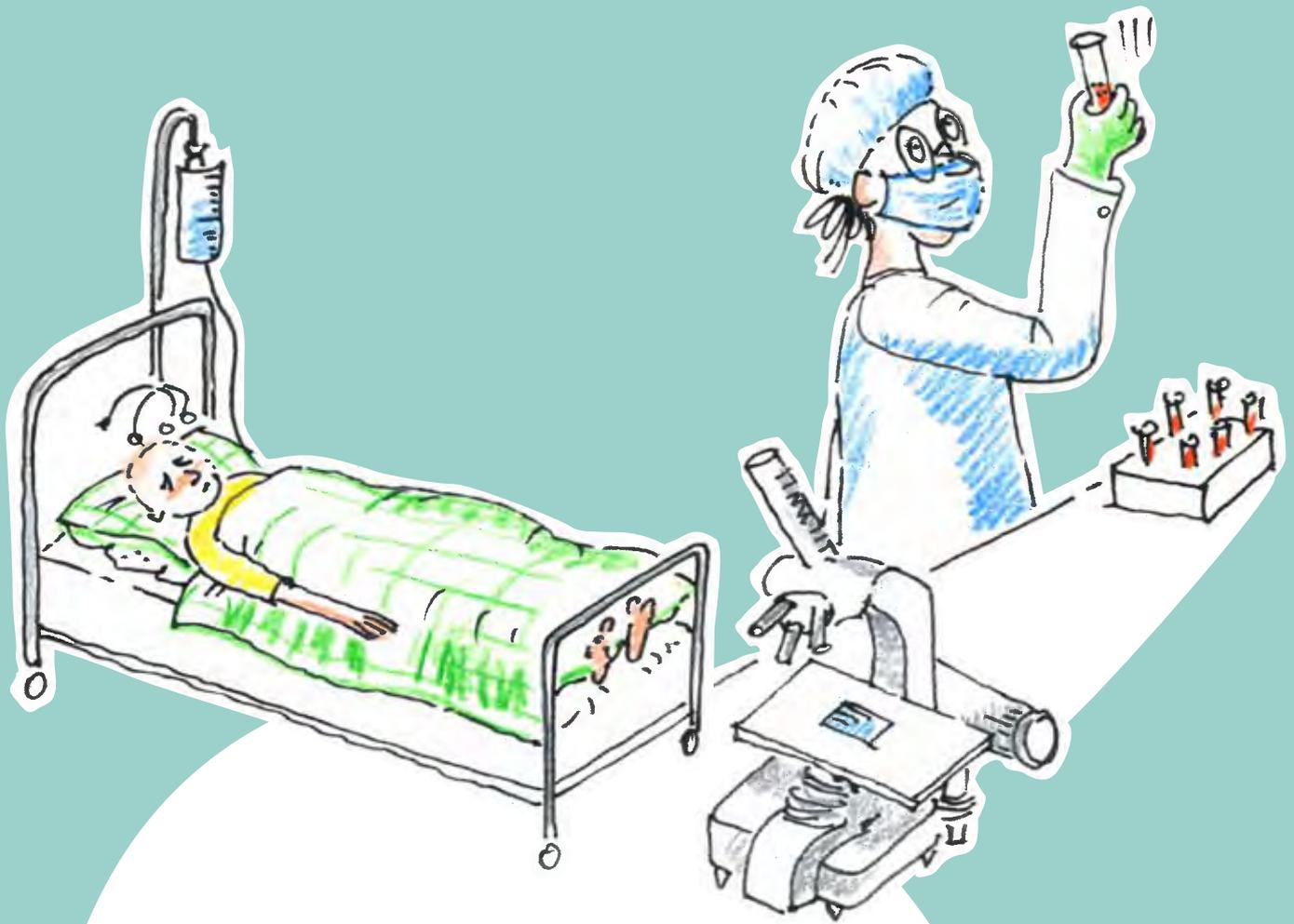


And instead of shaking hands,
you can greet each other in a
completely different way.



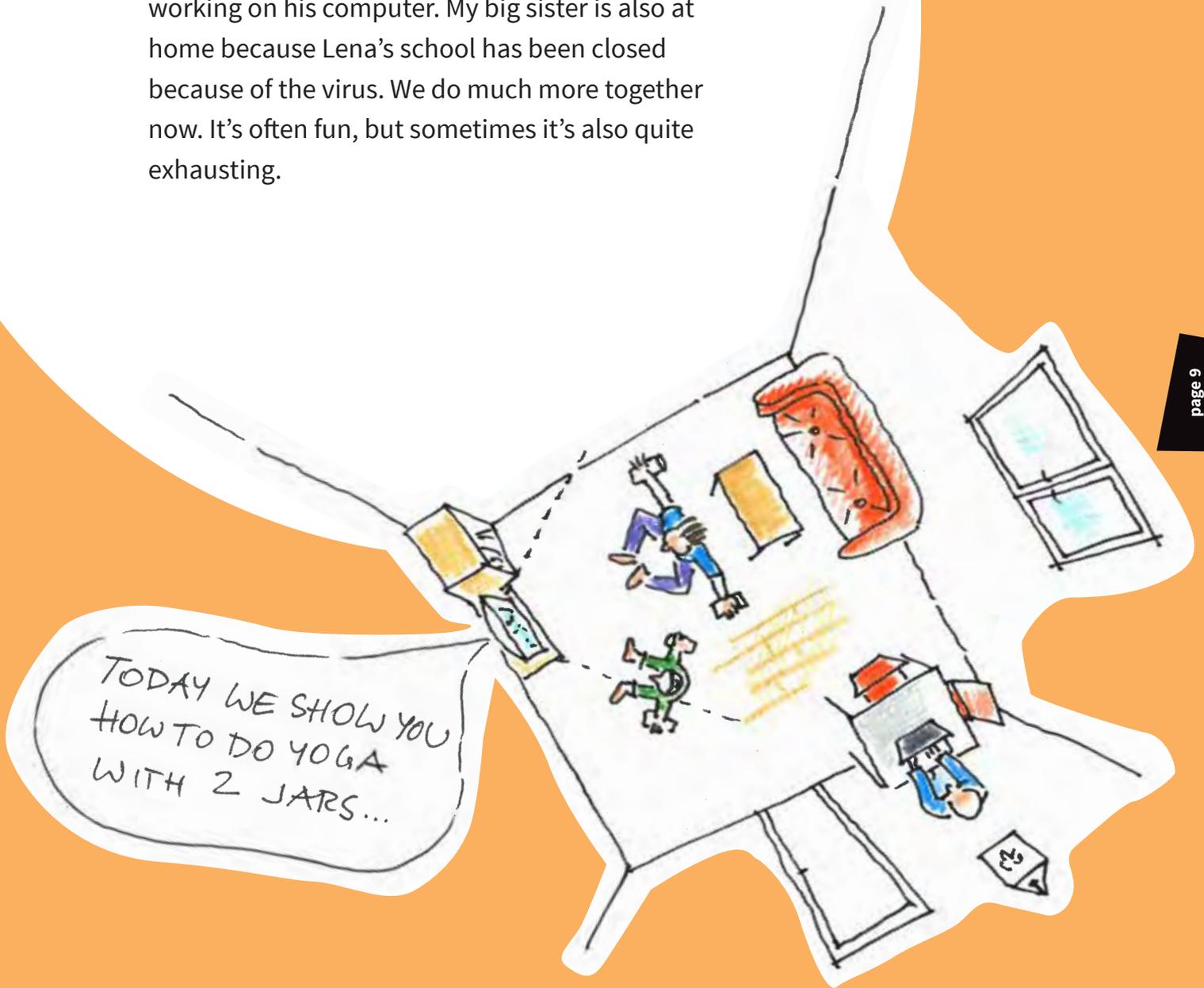


Mom works at the hospital. She and many others who work there help the people who have become seriously ill because of the virus. I am very proud of Mama and her colleagues who now care for the sick.



Many people only get a cold and fever from the virus, but some get it so bad that they have to go to the hospital. Scientists all over the world are working to develop a medicine against the virus. Everyone hopes that they will find it soon.

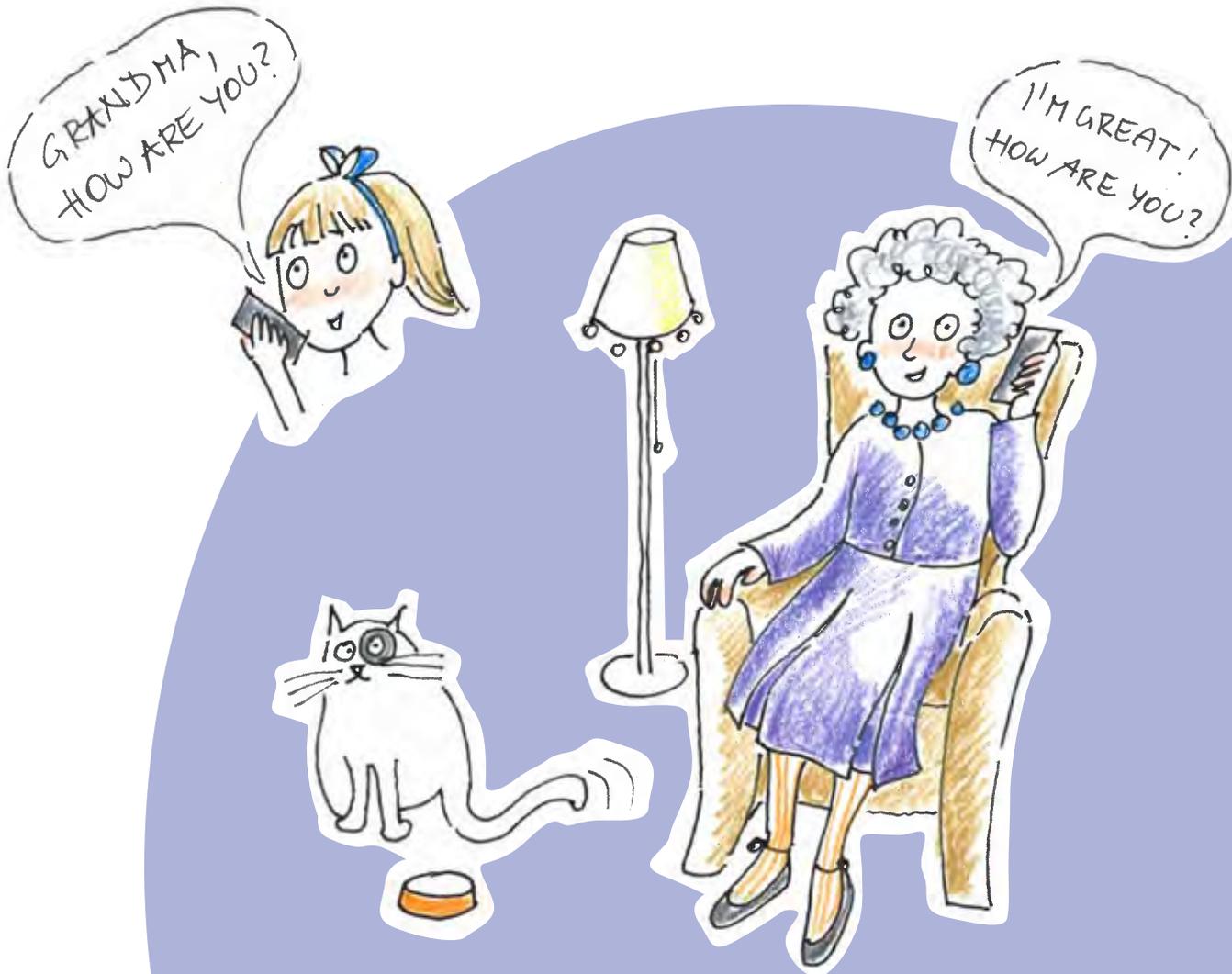
Mum is not around much now, but Dad is at home working on his computer. My big sister is also at home because Lena's school has been closed because of the virus. We do much more together now. It's often fun, but sometimes it's also quite exhausting.





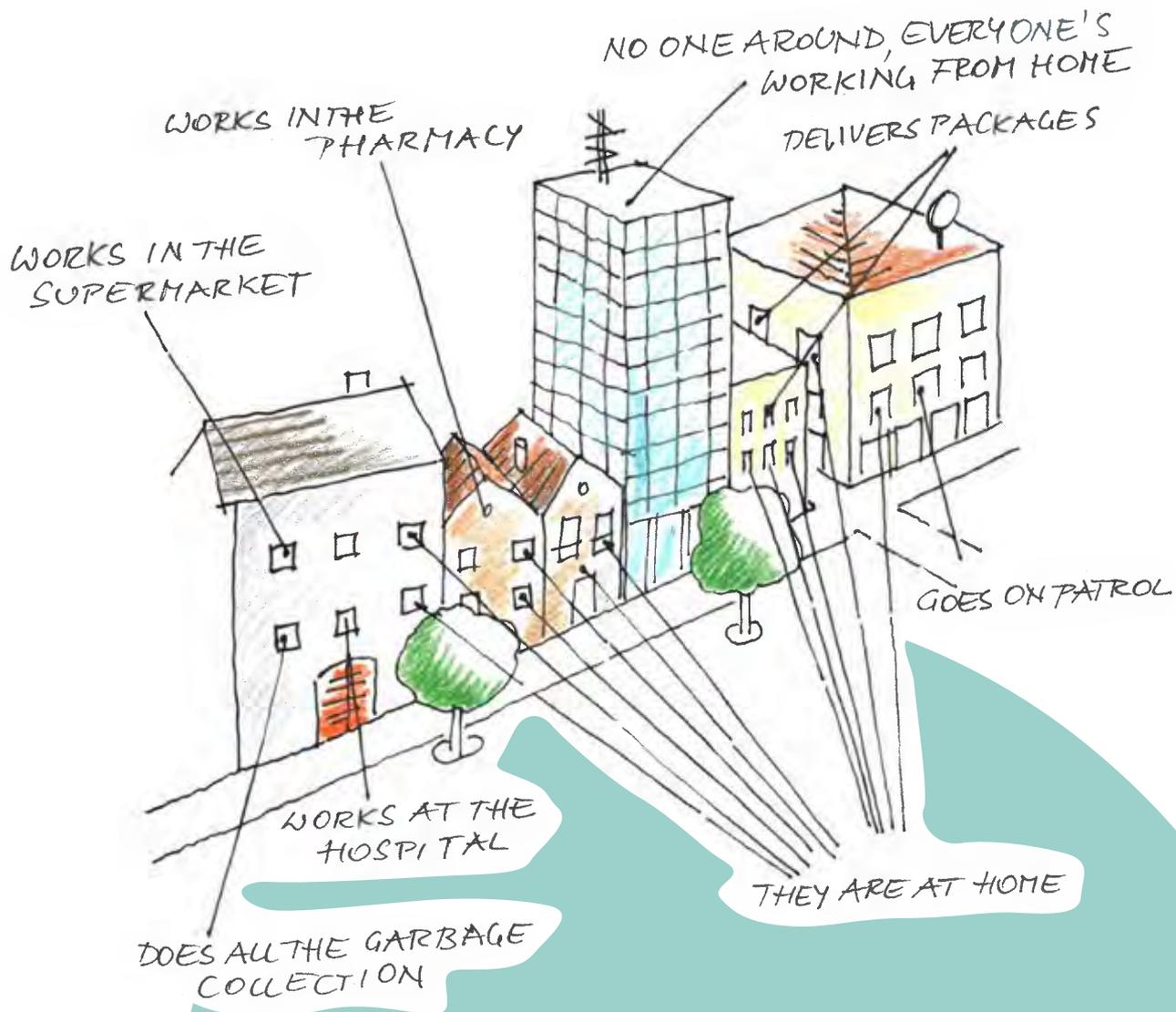
When it becomes too exhausting to be at home all the time, we go out for a short walk in the fresh air. We take care to keep our distance to other people. Then the virus has no chance to get to us.

I'd like to meet Grandma, but Dad says it wouldn't be good for her. It's better that she stays at home because there she's safe from the virus. She can't get infected by other people. If we talk to her on the phone instead of seeing her, we can't infect her either. She is well protected.



She has very nice neighbours who now shop for her more often, so she doesn't have to go out. My parents say that especially now people have to take care of each other and should help each other.





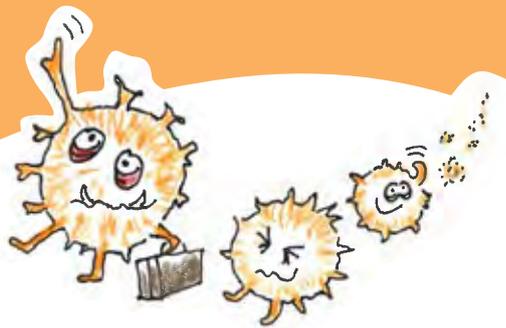
The world is much quieter now, you hardly hear any noise and see much fewer planes in the sky. This is because many other people are now staying at home. But some people are now particularly busy and not at home very much. They provide us with food, medicine and other things that we need in our daily lives and keep everything going.



Mum says that nature has been given a rest and can recover a little from us humans. When I open the window, I hear the birds louder than usual. I like that. If we take care of nature, hopefully, it will continue to thrive in the future.

And if we take good care of each other, things will get better with this bad virus. Then I can meet my friends again and we can play outside together.





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