

UNDER THE SAME SUN

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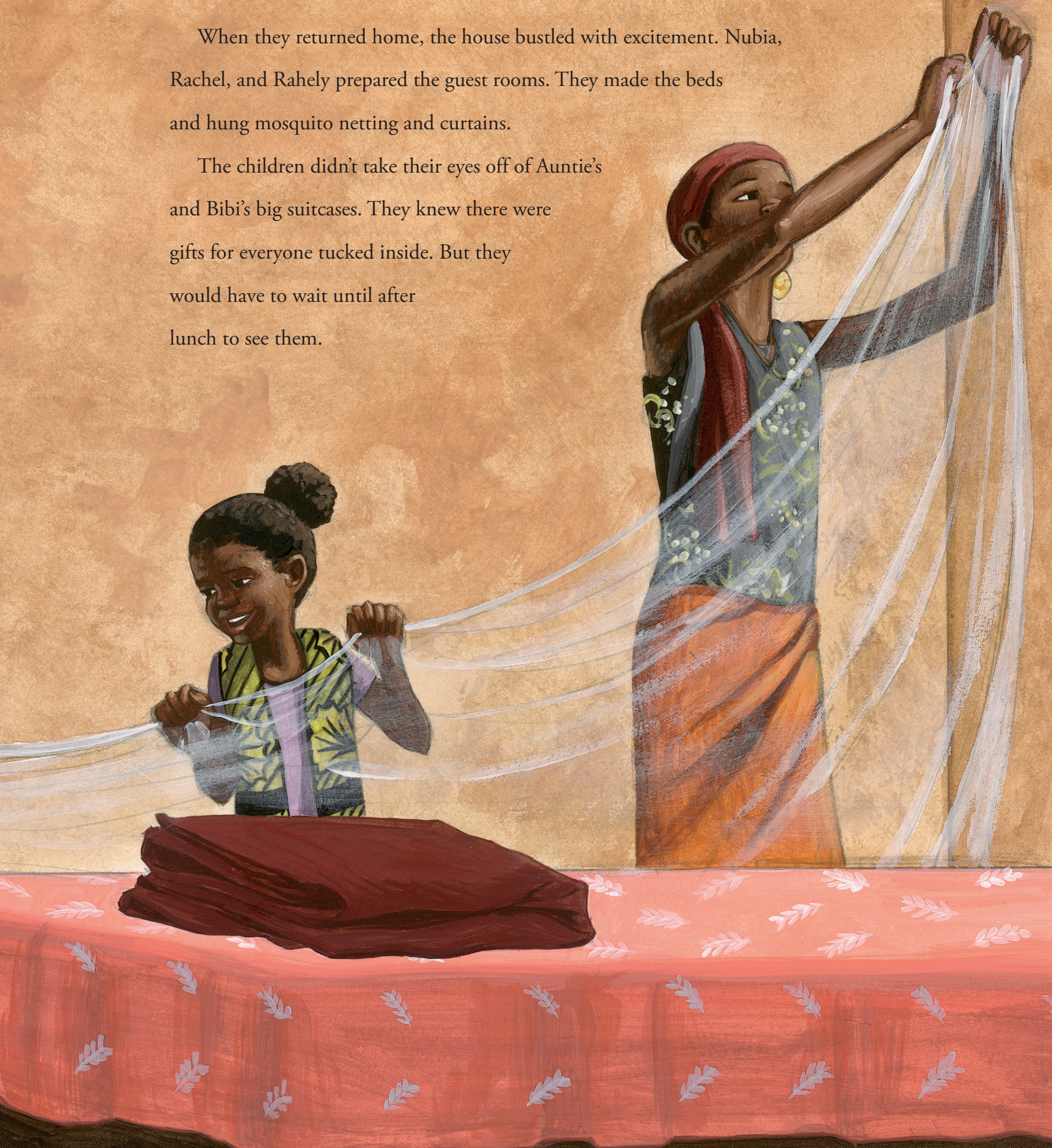
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When they returned home, the house bustled with excitement. Nubia, Rachel, and Rahely prepared the guest rooms. They made the beds and hung mosquito netting and curtains.

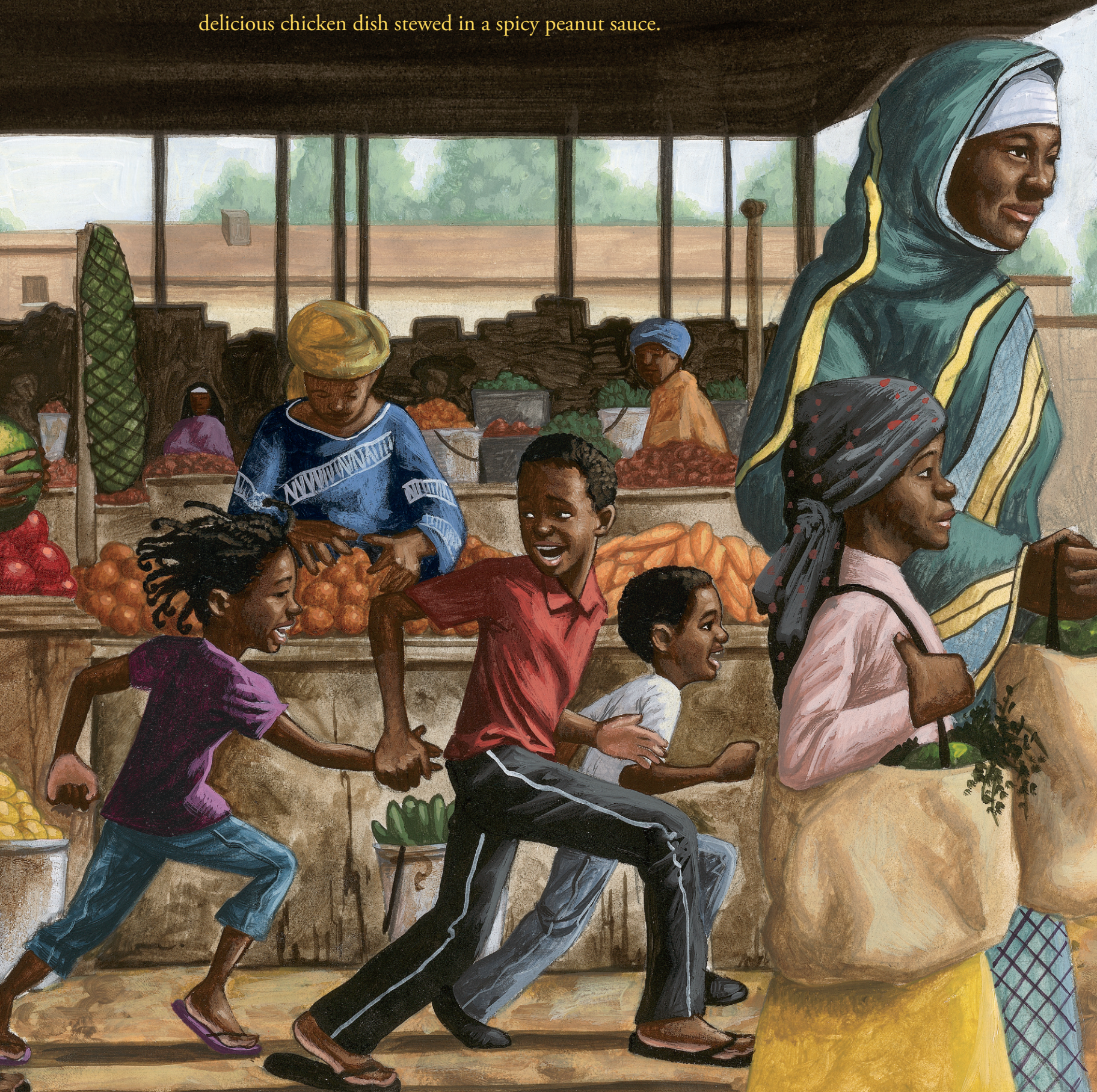
The children didn't take their eyes off of Auntie's and Bibi's big suitcases. They knew there were gifts for everyone tucked inside. But they would have to wait until after lunch to see them.



The next few days were spent together exchanging gifts, telling stories,
and filling in the gaps from their years spent apart.



The family made frequent trips to the market for fresh mangoes, pineapples, bananas, and greens. Mother made a dinner of *kuku na mchuzi wa karanga*, a delicious chicken dish stewed in a spicy peanut sauce.





Days and nights were hot and steamy. And the children counted down the time to Bibi's birthday.

Soon they were ready to prepare for Bibi's big surprise.

Clothes were washed. Suitcases were packed.

Two women arrived to braid hair.