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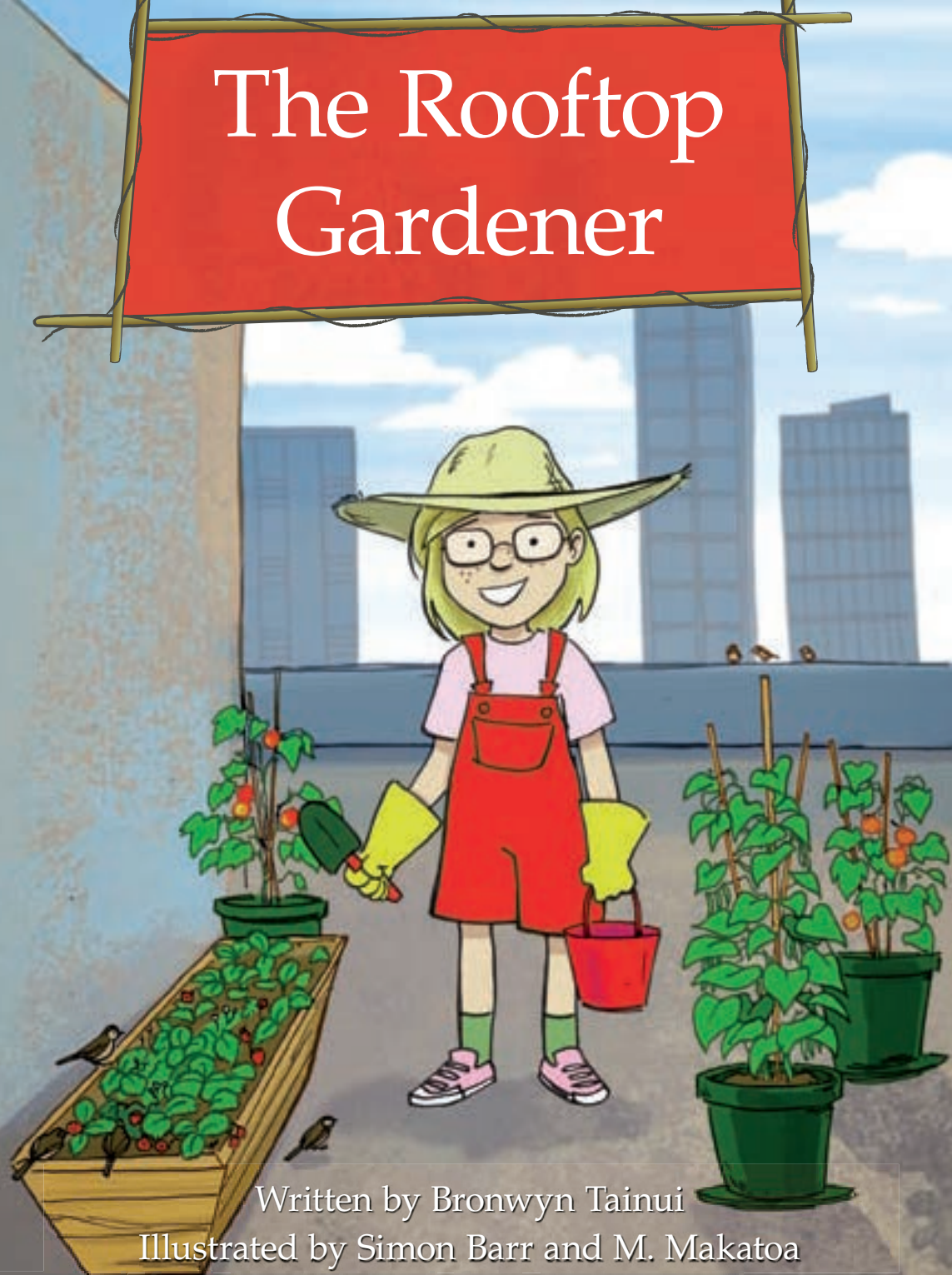
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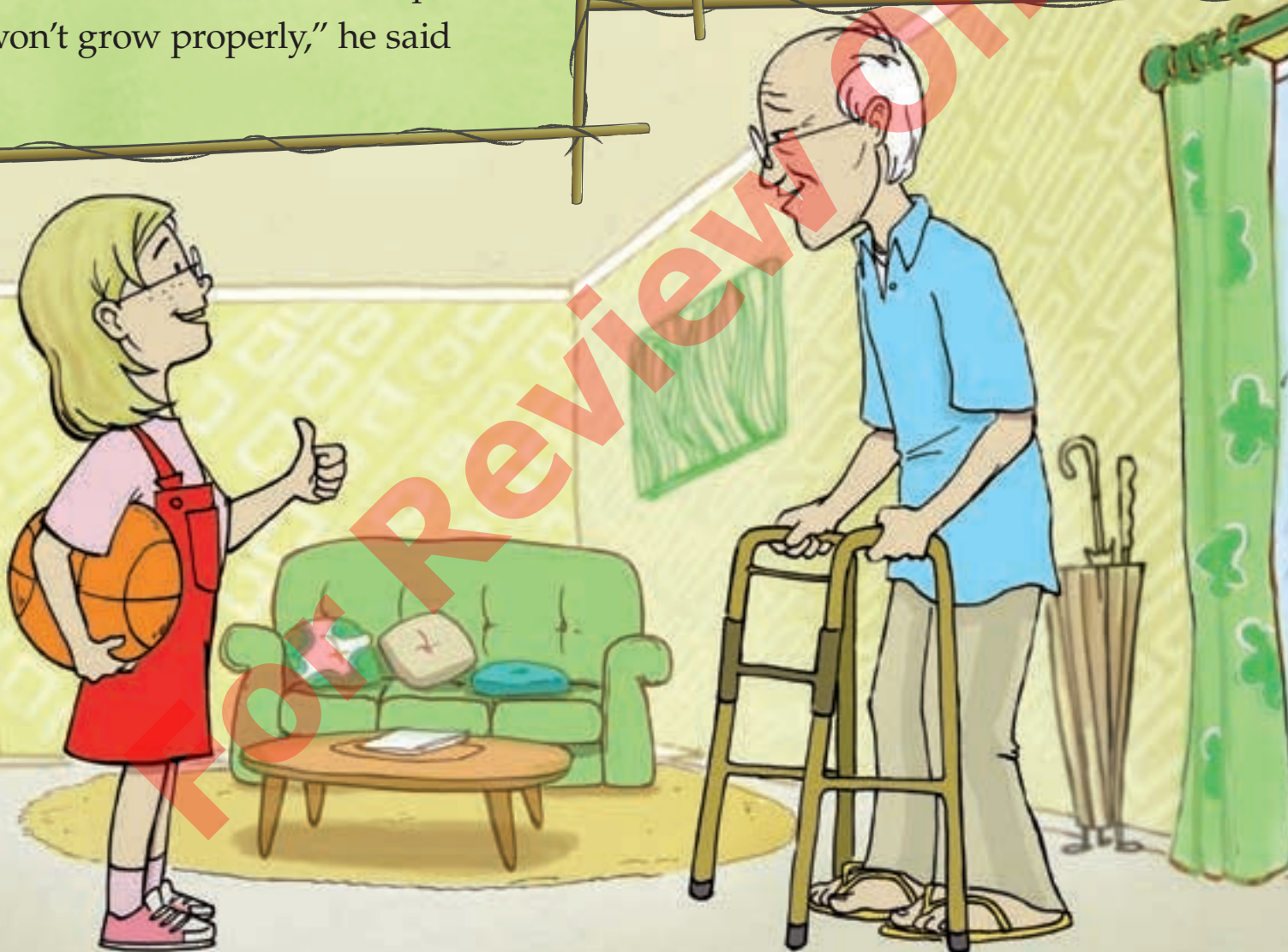
Jessie lived with her grandpa, Pop. They lived in an apartment. There was no garden, so Pop grew plants in pots on the rooftop. He liked to grow fruit and vegetables. He took care of his plants and watered them every day.



One day, Pop fell and broke his hip. Then, he had surgery to have his hip replaced.

Pop was still getting better, so he couldn't walk very well. "You will have to look after our plants, otherwise they won't grow properly," he said to Jessie.

At first, Jessie didn't answer. She wasn't sure she could look after the plants. However, she liked spending time on the rooftop. "OK, Pop," she said. "No problem."



On Monday, Pop said, "The weather's been just right for tomatoes, so ours should be ripe. Would you pick some for dinner, Jess?"

Jessie picked some small, green tomatoes from the pots by the shady wall. They did not look like last year's fat, red tomatoes.

