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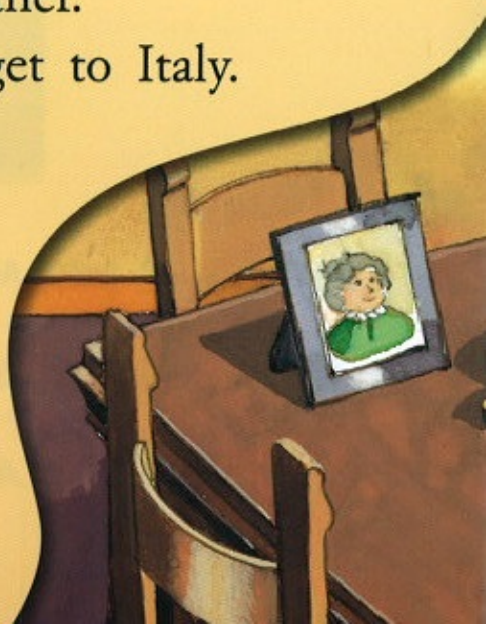
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Maria missed her grandmother.

Sam's grandmother lived in the same city.
Kim's grandmother lived in the same street.
Ben's grandmother lived in the same house!

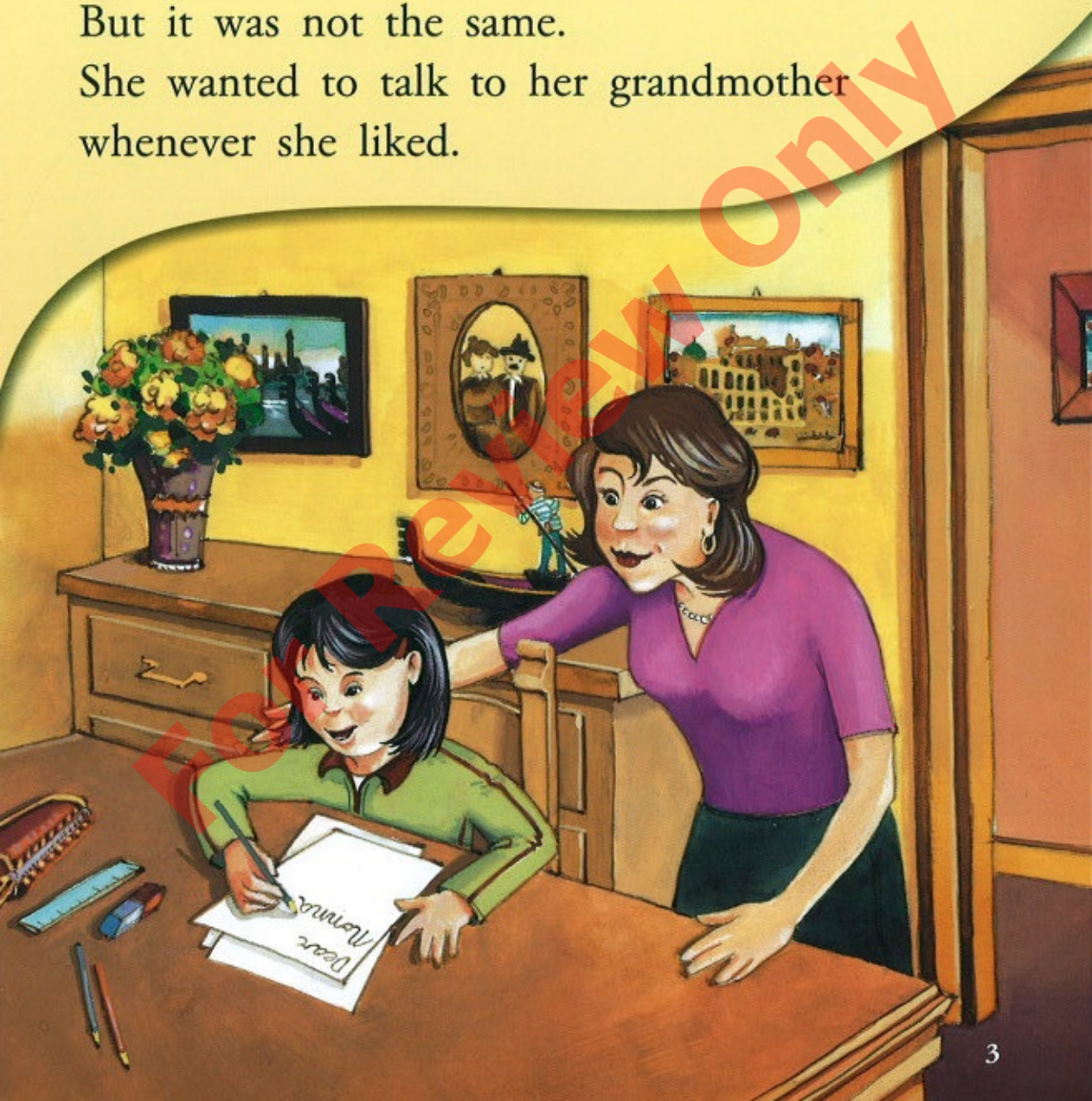
But Maria's grandmother
lived far, far away in Italy.

Sometimes Maria's mum helped her
write a letter to her grandmother.
But a letter took so long to get to Italy.



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Maria liked to talk to her grandmother on the telephone.
But it was not the same.
She wanted to talk to her grandmother whenever she liked.



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A Surprise at School

One day Maria's grandmother told her on the telephone that she now had a computer.



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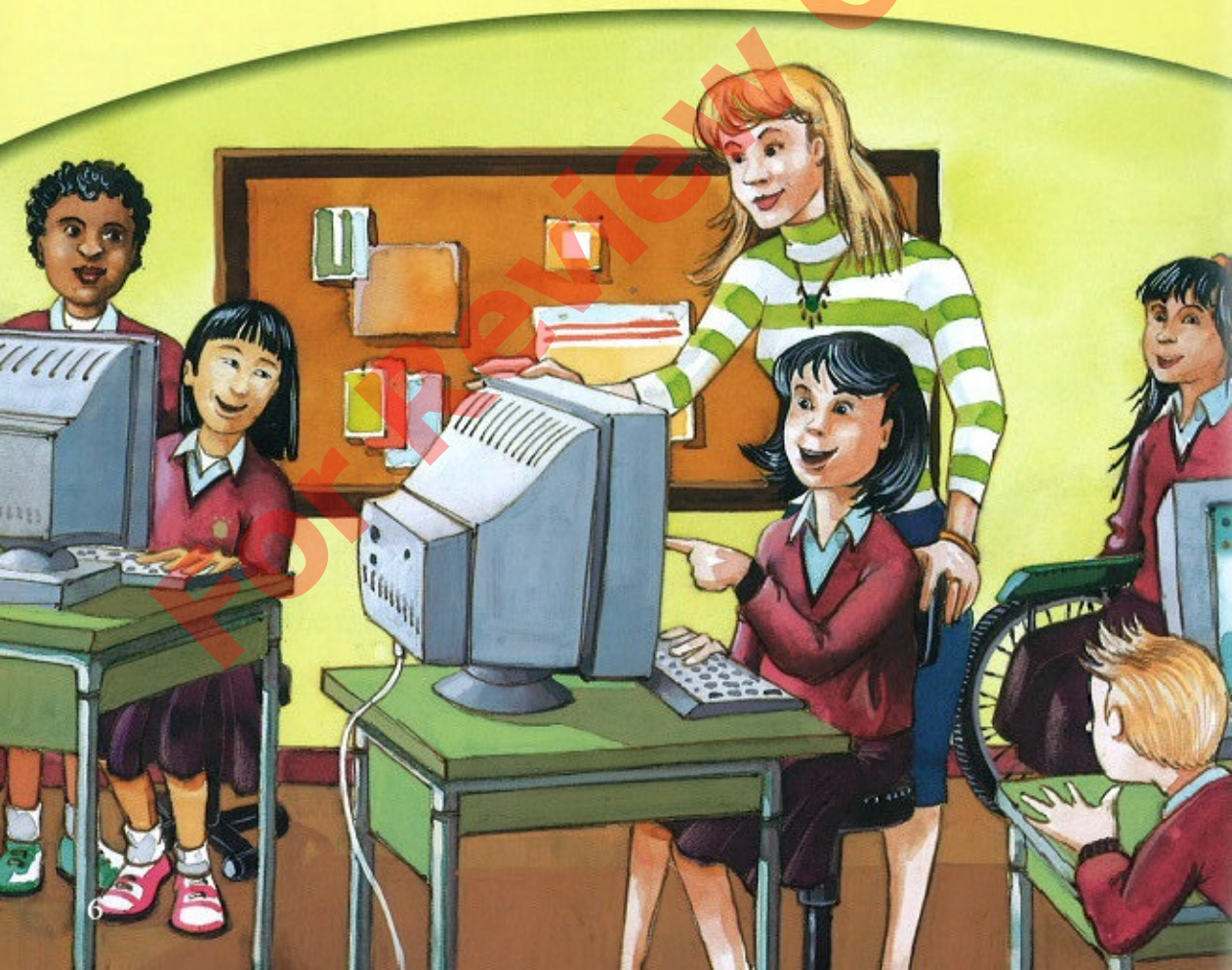
"Have you?" asked Maria.
"We have a computer in our classroom too. Sometimes children from other schools send us emails."

"Do they?" asked her grandmother with a smile.

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The next day the teacher said
she had a surprise for Maria.
She turned on the class computer.
There was an email for Maria.

Maria read her email out to the class.

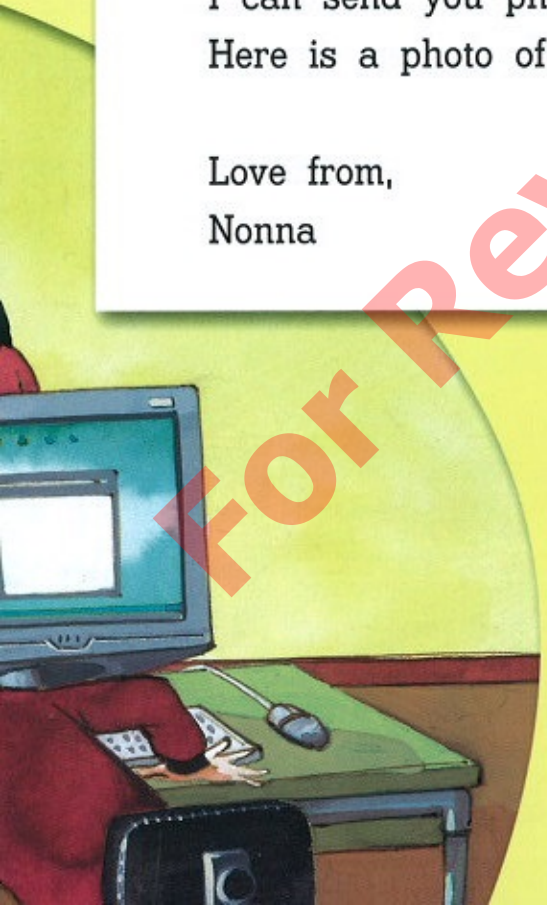


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Hello Maria,

I know you would love to see me.
I would love to see you too.
One day I hope that I can come to Australia.
Letters take so long to get to you.
But now I have a computer,
so I can send you emails whenever I like.
I can send you photos too.
Here is a photo of me on my birthday.

Love from,
Nonna





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