

She is a hero who gives free products to poor customers and charges them to the accounts of the rich...

A sharp mind that mixes beverages behind the counter to make something even better to offer her customers...

A philanthropist who collects holiday treats from her friends to send to kids in Africa...

She is an apprentice grocer who can't help but stir change with every step; a super fun, wickedly clever innovator...

She made into the business world with full of dreams, but kept bumping into the world of adults. She ran into countless woes and obstacles, all because of them...

So, with all that experience, she prepared a wonderful guidebook for you.

"Delicate Issues Children Should Consider in Dealing with Adults" is right here in this book. Ten full items. Read and pay attention...

Meanwhile, let me give you a secret:  
Adults...  
They're everywhere...



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Everything in this book is **true**.

**Or maybe not.**

Maybe some of it is **true**, and some of it **not**.

All the characters are make-believe,  
but maybe, just maybe,  
they're not.

I mean, some might sorta be real, and I may have made up the rest.  
I mean, I might be **afraid** that the real people will read this. That's  
why I'm saying they're not real. You know how it goes; they  
might say, 'Why did you make me sound like that?' or 'Was I  
really like that towards you?' or 'I don't remember saying that!'  
and so on and so forth forever...

So, let's just agree that none of this is real.

Yuh-huh, I made it all up, every single bit of it.

It has nothing to do with real people.

Absolutely nothing!

It's a game of pretend, a world of giggles and wiggles!.

Really, **I'm serious!**

Could a girl like me ever be a helper for an actual grocer?

Like, really? Right?

**RIGHT!**



*What will you be  
when you grow up?*



Oh boy, this is a grownup's question. If there are plenty of grownups around you who are clueless when it comes to talking to kids, you better get used to this question and others like it. Because they won't quit until they have an answer...

These grown-ups have no idea how to talk to kids. It's like they don't have a clue about how to make conversation, what to say.

They think they're super smart and that we're just, you know, little human pups that don't know a single thing.

That's why they never stop to ask us **how we're doing**. They never start the chat with, "How chilly it is today, looks like winter's here." They keep their dreams and problems, their goals and achievements to themselves. For some funny reason, they think we won't get them. So when these grownups talk to us, they only ask stuff they think we can handle. And since we know we have to dance to their tune, we play along with two different answers, one for them and one for ourselves.

**Question:** How is school?

**On the outside:** Fine.

**On the inside:** Well, it's this big four-story building, not bad, pretty comfy. Well thought-out. Only, they could have made the hallways a bit roomier...

**Question:** What's your grade?

**On the outside:** 8th grade.

**On the inside:** Well, it changes based on the class.

Some of my grades are lower than others.

And if I actually gave this answer:

**Question:** How much?

**On the outside:** Not much. I'm still an ok student.

**On the inside:** The school? It costs us nothing, it's a public school. To think that there are those who have to pay heaps of money every month...

**Question:** Gosh! Look how much you've grown. Do you eat a lot?

**On the outside:** Nope.

**On the inside:** Oh yeah, I eat a ton. The more I eat, the more I grow, because growth only has to do with how much you eat. And I'll munch my way to adulthood...

**Question:** What will you be when you grow up?

**On the outside:** A doctor.

**On the inside:** How should I know... You start planning your career in high school. One should just do what they love. And I don't know what that is yet. Guess we'll figure it out as the years go by...



This is always the grownup's last question. They can't figure out what to say after that. To them, this is the final stop in the kid-to-adult chat. But this last question, it sticks with you, you know?

Should I be a doctor? Or an engineer? I mean, what even does an engineer do?

Maybe a teacher? No, wait! How about a brave cop? Or a cool journalist? Or maybe a soccer superstar?

A singer? Whoa, imagine that! Being in movies? Or better yet, strutting my stuff on the stage as an actor, all dramatic... What about being a barber, that could be fun, right?

Oh my goodness! What in the world am I gonna be when GROW UP?



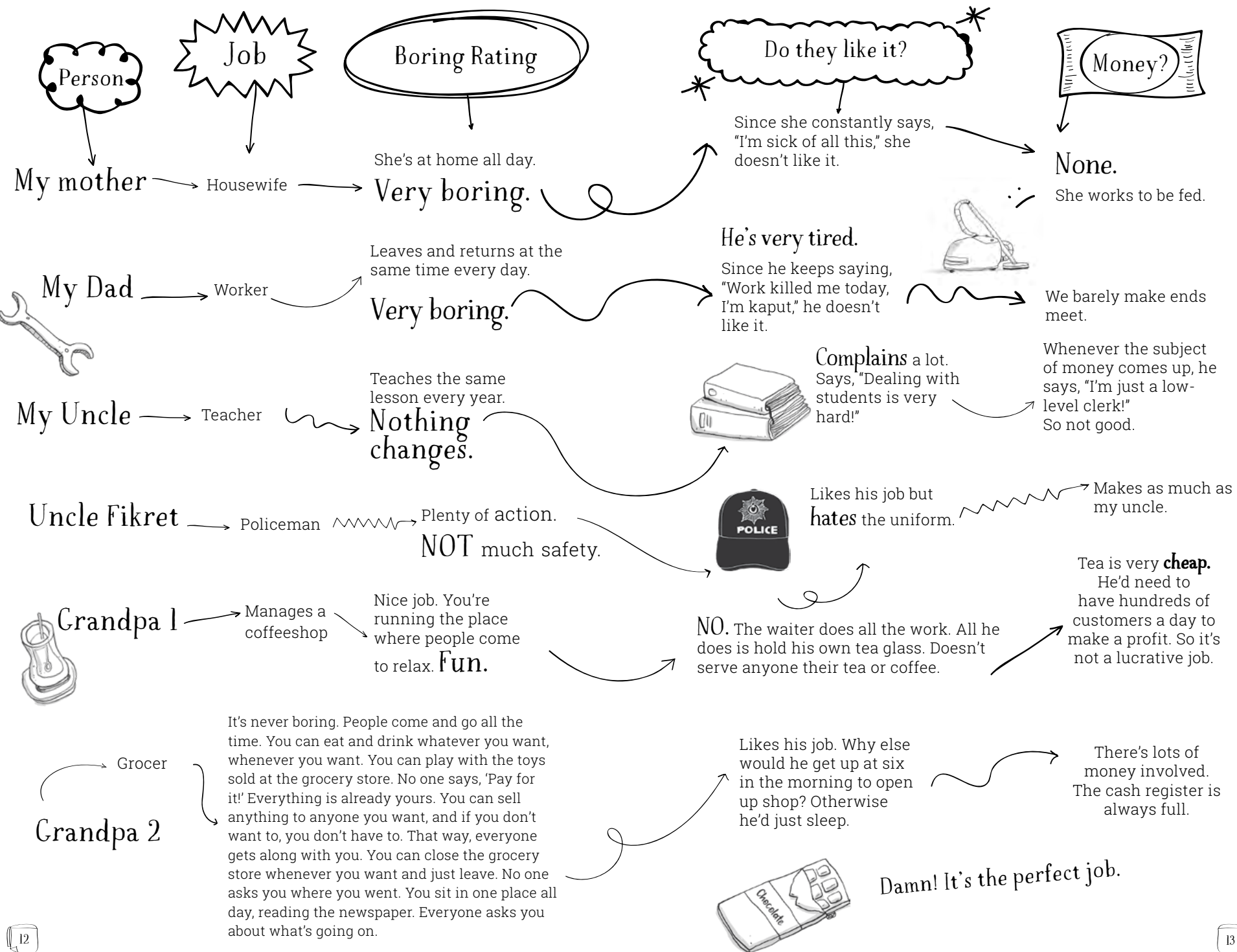
The whole “What will you be when you’re all grown up?” Question was like super important for grown-ups. Seriously, nine out of ten adults would ask me the same thing! I felt like I needed to come up with a really good answer for them.

I was on a mission to find the perfect job!

So, I started watching the grown-ups around me.

I checked out what they did for work, whether they looked bored or were totally loving it. That was gonna help me figure out what I wanted to be. I even made a special list! It was like my secret mission to choose the right job!





I made my decision that day!

I figured out the only job I could do:

## Being a grocer!

Just five minutes later, I was standing before my grandpa. Waiting was for slowpokes. Being a grocer when you're a grown-up? No biggie. But becoming one before that? Now that was quite the skill!

I went up to my grandpa all excited:

"Grandpa, I wanna be a grocer! Can I be your helper?"

"Sure, I need a helper alright. But we'll have to give you a little test."

"I can totally do everything you do. The prices are right on the labels. I can ask the customers what they want, give it to them, put it all in a bag, hand them their change, and write a receipt. Easy peasy!"

"You're absolutely right. Piece of cake! You don't even need special training. You can be a grocer right now."

"Seriously? I can be a grocer right away? What's the first thing I do?" I asked, all excited.

**"Start by sweeping the front of the store."**

I kinda thought he'd do this big dramatic show of standing up and say: "Come, my child! It's time for you to take over the store. I'm done and tired of this business anyway. You'll handle it all by yourself."

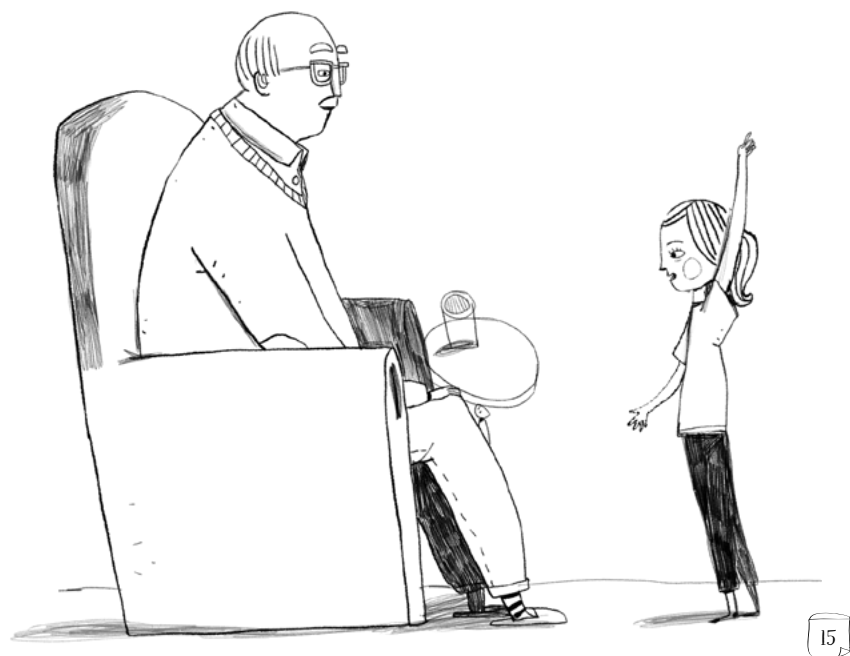
But nope, he just handed me the broom.

And you know what?

That's fine!

I'd put my mind to it.

**I'd start from the bottom.**







My grocer  
grandpa,  
in front of  
his store  
when he was  
young

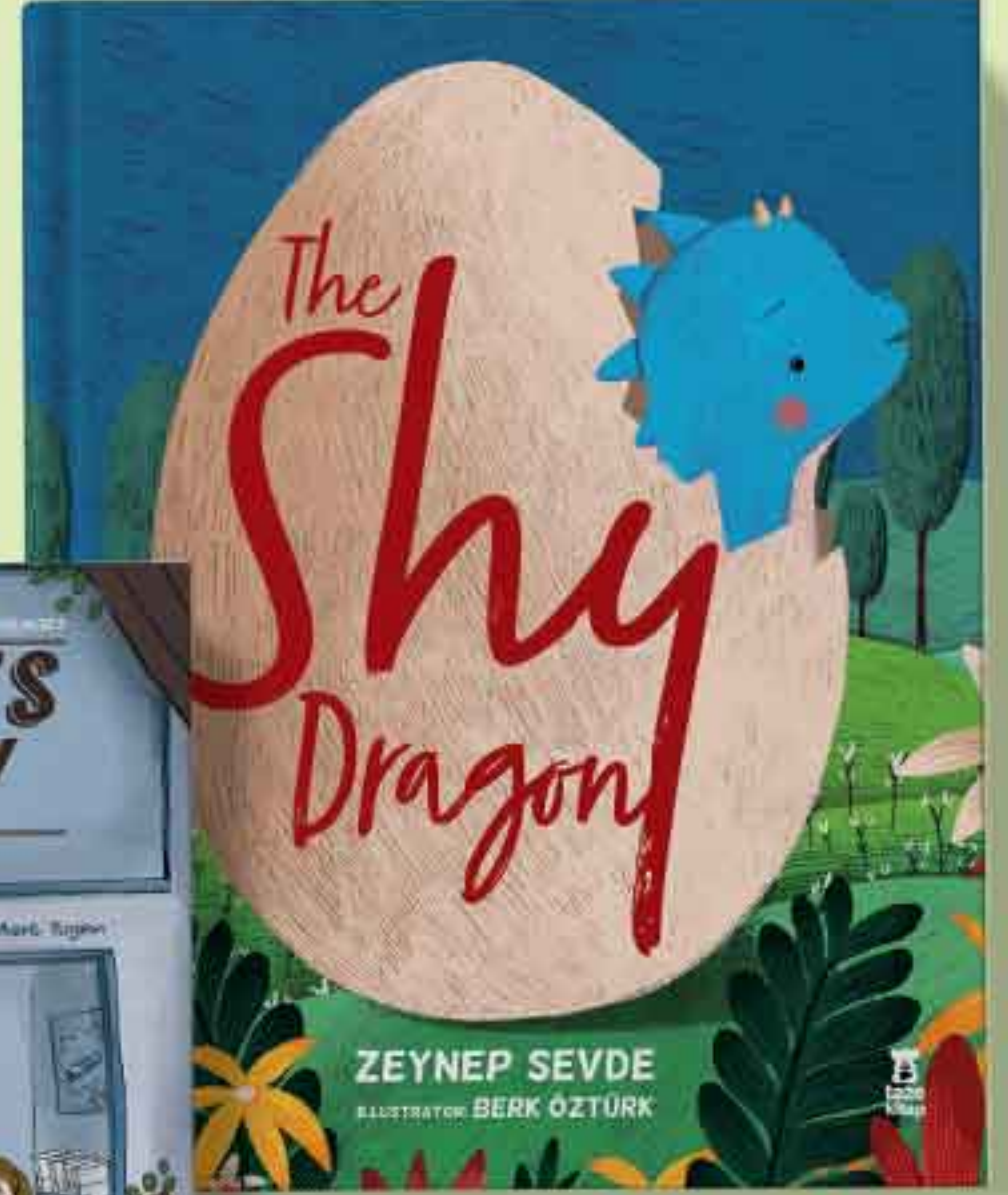
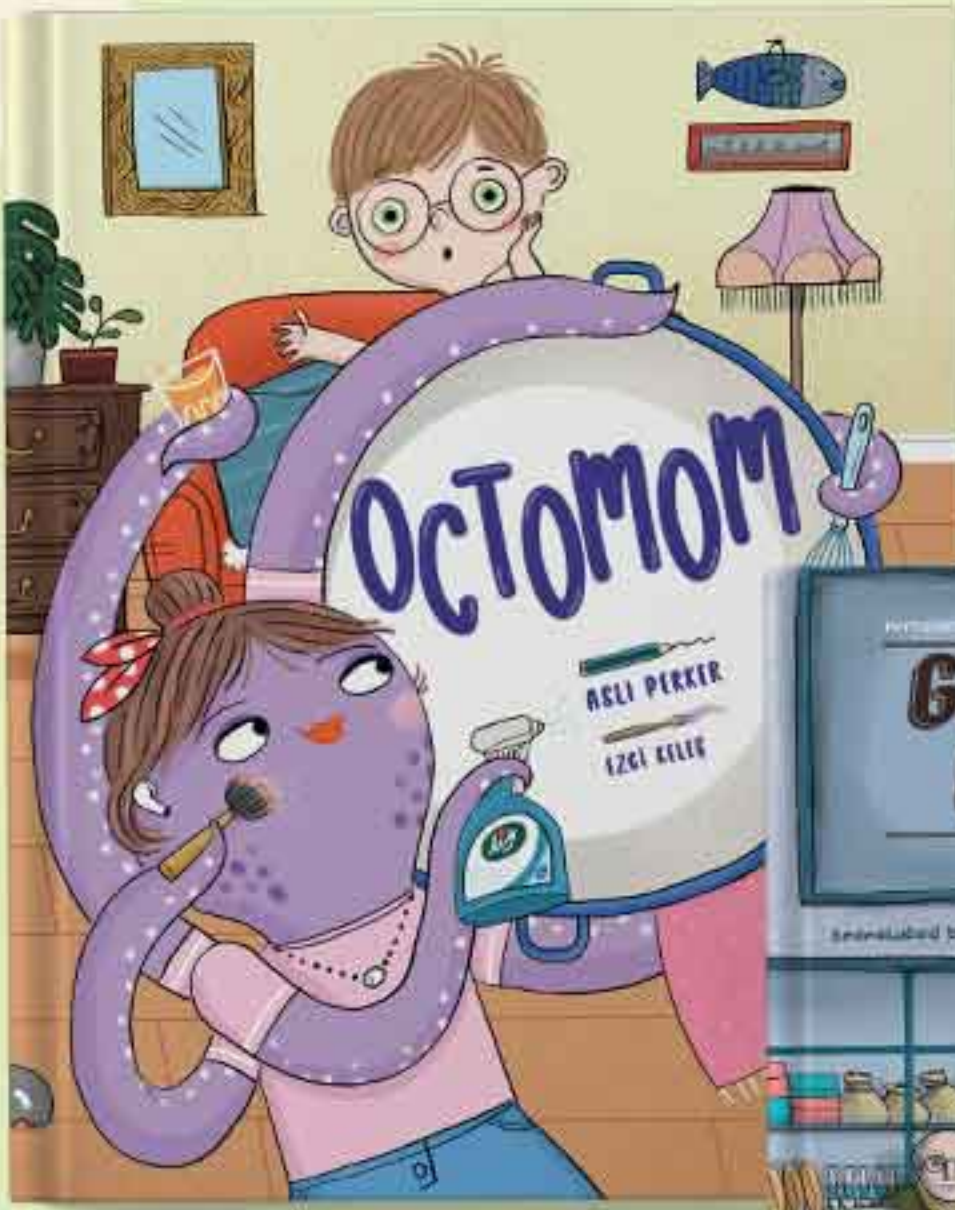


Grandpa and  
The Boss



Grandpa, The Grocer





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