



Picture Books and Life

Bring a picture book to life by finding familiar objects, acting out expressions, and joining your child in the story.

Helps Your Child Grow



Emergent Literacy

Comparing pictures with real objects and acting out a character's expressions and actions helps your child understand what the pictures mean.

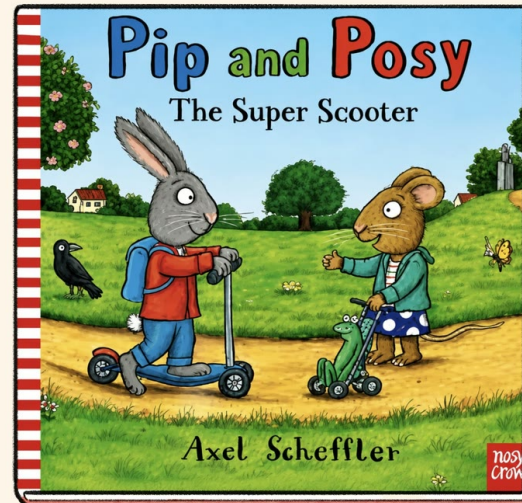


Relationships with Adults

Following your child's responses and joining their actions during shared reading helps them feel safe, connected, and understood.



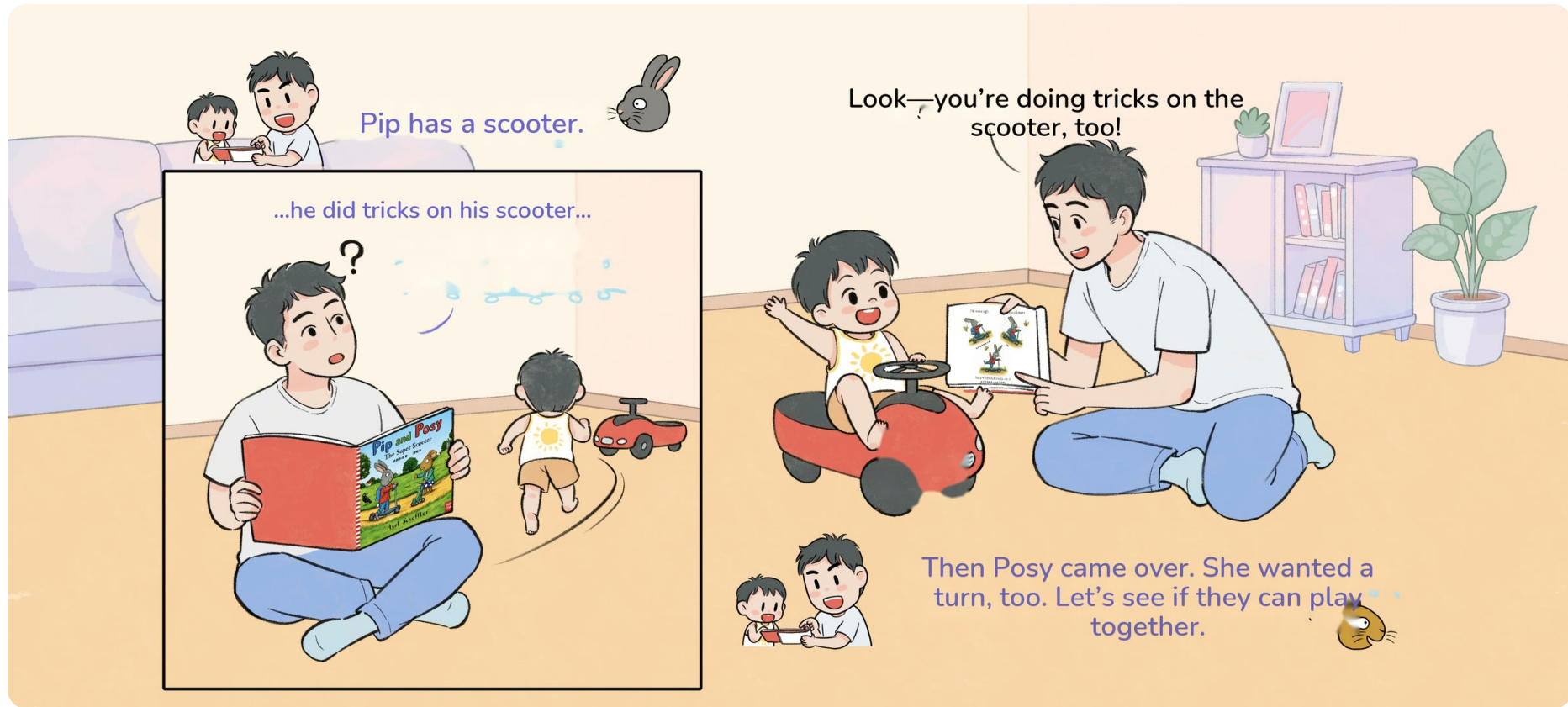
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Pip and Posy: The Super Scooter

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1. A picture book, such as Pip and Posy: The Super Scooter



A Scooter in the Story

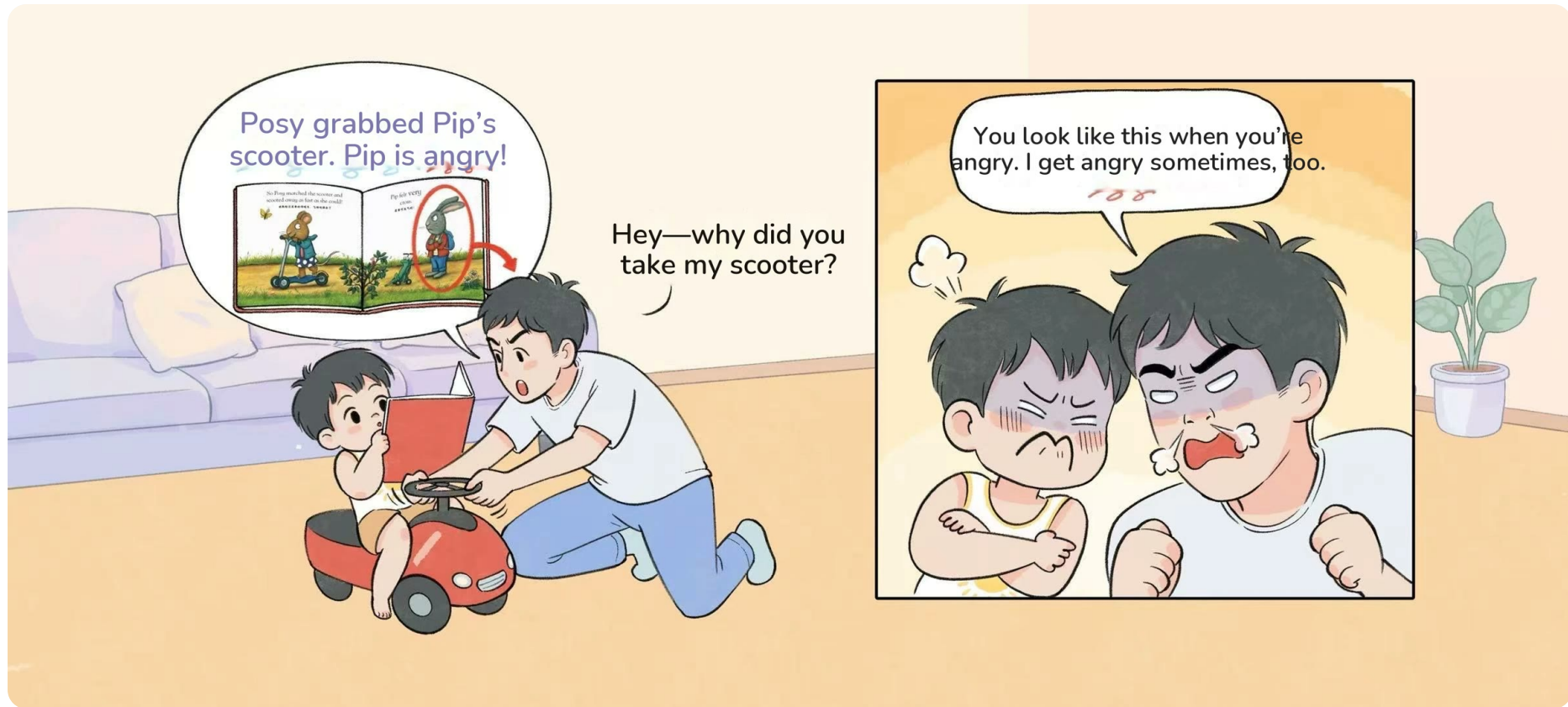
While reading, your child may notice something that you also have at home and bring the real object to you. Follow their interest: connect the object with the picture and use it to act out what happens in the story.

Observations

- Finds an object at home that matches one in the book
- Returns their attention to the book with your help

Tips

- Point to a familiar object in the picture and ask, “Do we have one at home? Where is it?” Your child can point toward it or bring it to you.
- After exploring the real object together, use the next event in the book to draw your child’s attention back to the story.



What Does Angry Look Like?

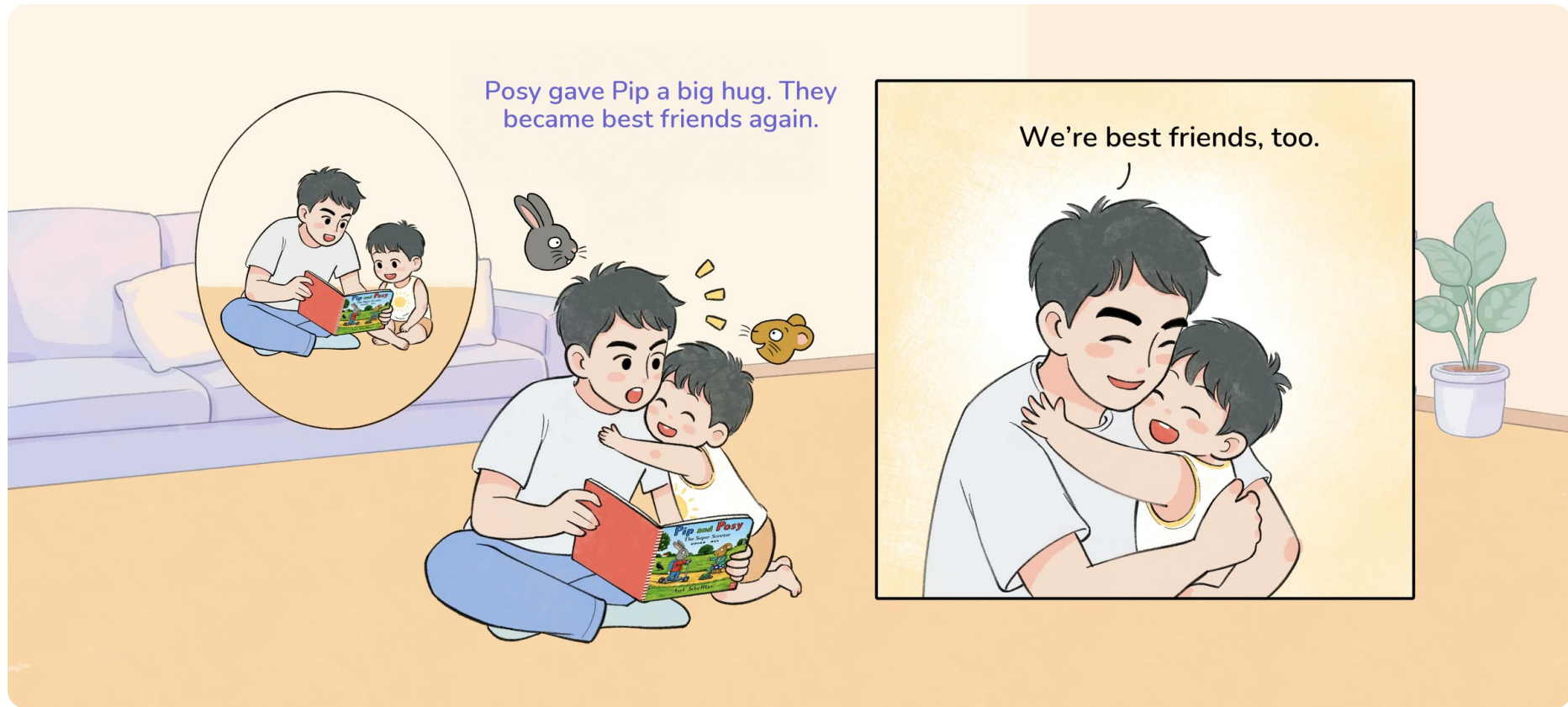
Go beyond reading the words: play a character and exaggerate the character's facial expression. Then pause. Your child may study the picture, frown, pat the page, or copy your face.

Observations

- Laughs at your performance
- Copies your facial expression

Tips

- You do not need to repeat every line exactly. Add your own voice, face, or movement to make the moment lively.
- Name the feeling as you make the expression: "He looks angry." This connects the word with the face.
- Copying a character's expression together makes the feeling easier to notice and turns reading into active play.



We're Best Friends

Your child may copy a familiar action from the story. When a character hugs or holds hands, they might move closer or reach toward you. Respond to the action. If they do not join in yet, invite them: "Can we hug like the friends?"

Observations

- Moves closer, reaches toward you, or returns your hug
- Interacts with you while sharing the book

Tips

- At eighteen months, your child may not remember an entire plot. Choose one short part they understand and enjoy, then act it out together.
- Name an object in the picture and invite your child to point to where it is on the page.