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*For my Grandpa, Victor.
Thank you for teaching me, inspiring me, and being a constant
source of encouragement.*

An illustration showing a young girl with braided hair, wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt, and a man in a blue short-sleeved shirt, both sitting at a wooden table. They are working with a large piece of red fabric. The girl is on the left, and the man is on the right. Above them are two large, red, lantern-like structures with yellow tassels hanging from the ceiling. The background is a light, textured wall.

Emily and Dad stitch with red sewing thread making what looks like a cape.

They weave and they bead, and attach a head;
it starts to take a monstrous shape.

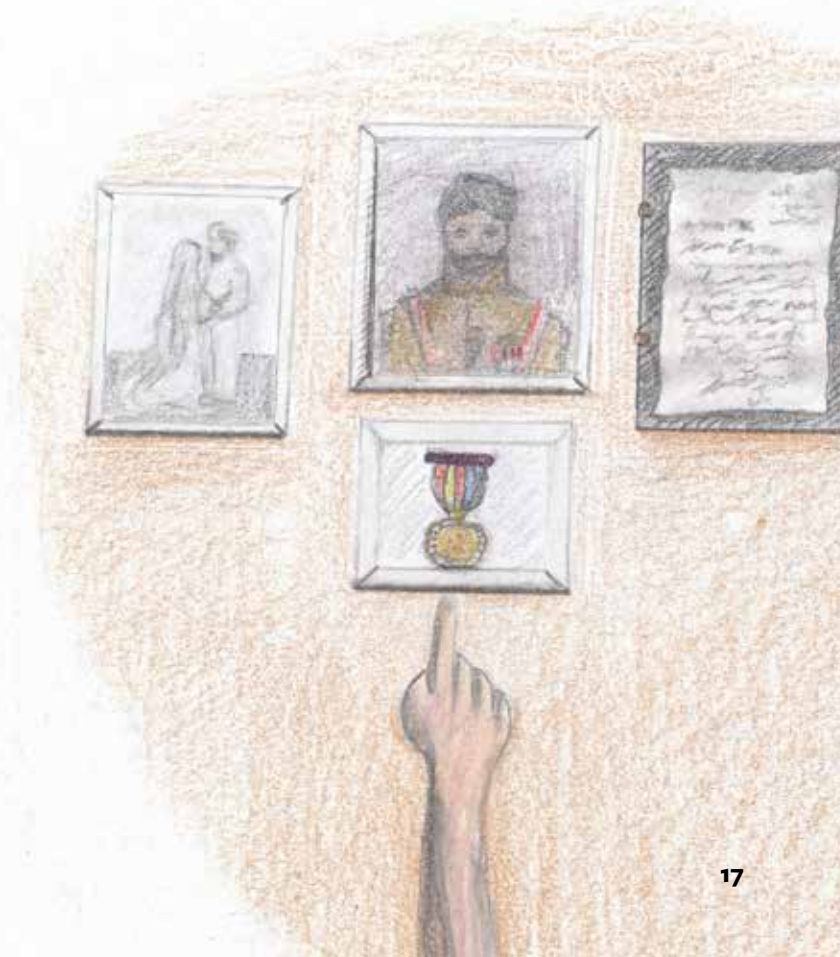
In Chinatown, Emily runs with excitement,
and holds her dragon up high.
On Chinese New Year there is much entertainment,
As firecrackers explode in the sky.



Ella's great-grandfather fought in the War,
Her great-grandmother served as a nurse.



She learns about the British and Australian corps,
and the brave ones who put others first.



As the sun rises, on an early autumn day,
they go to the Shrine of Remembrance.
The crowd pays respect to the women and men,
whose lives were devoted to service.

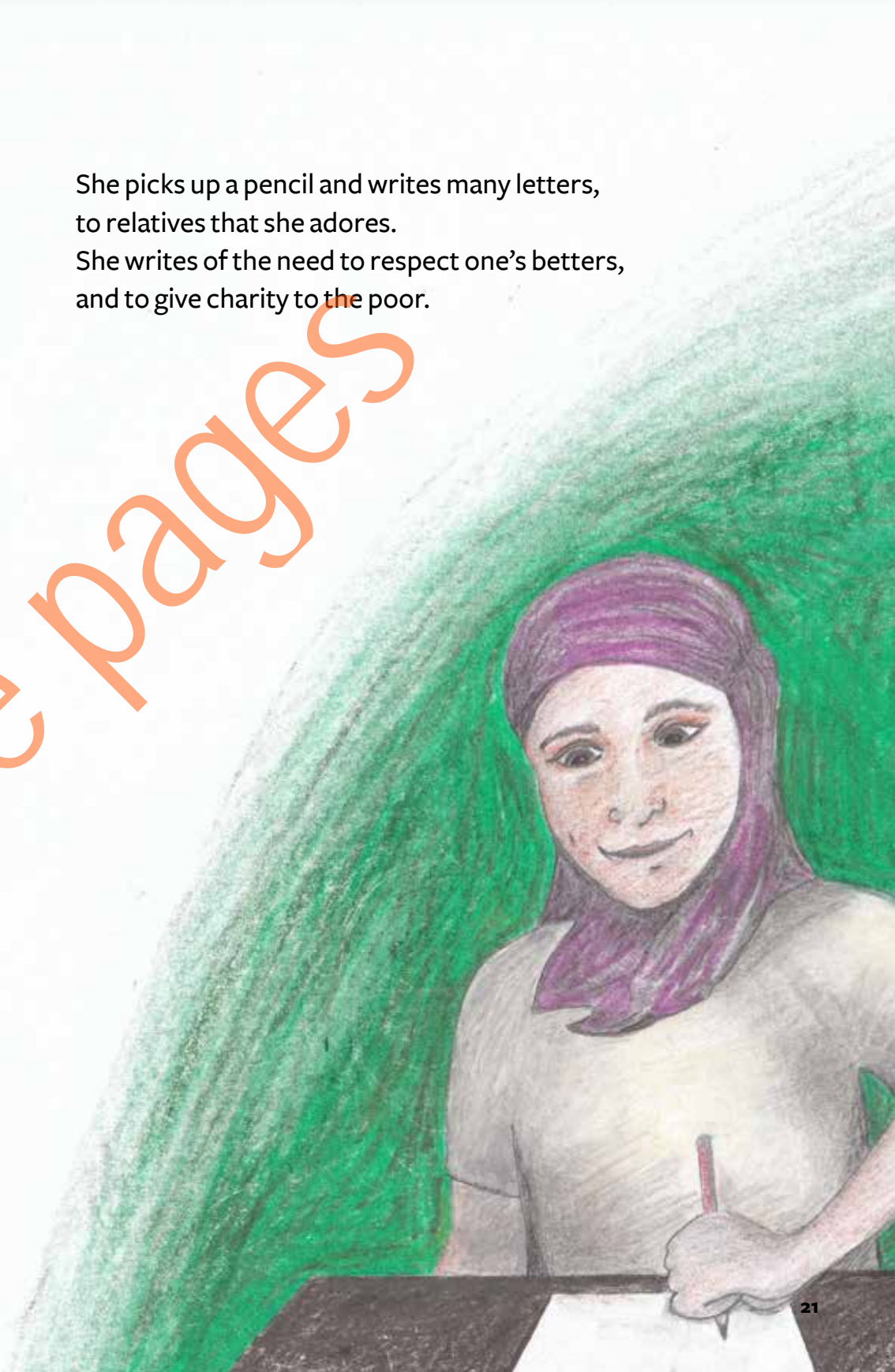


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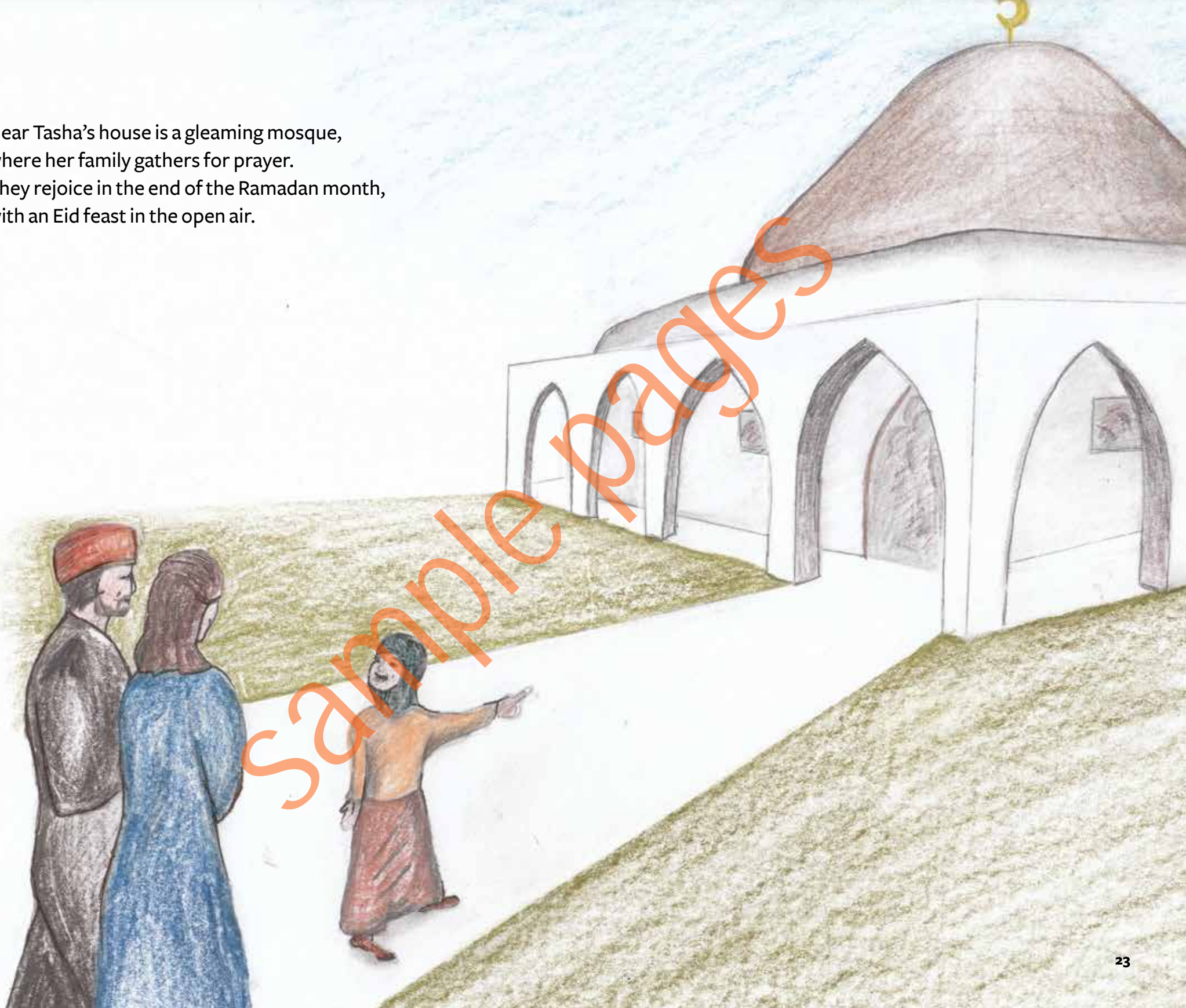


Tasha crouches on her rug, woven with skill,
and calmly prepares to pray.
It is Ramadan month, so she begins her Salah,
And quietly thinks of God's way.

She picks up a pencil and writes many letters,
to relatives that she adores.
She writes of the need to respect one's betters,
and to give charity to the poor.



Near Tasha's house is a gleaming mosque,
where her family gathers for prayer.
They rejoice in the end of the Ramadan month,
with an Eid feast in the open air.



During another festival of lights,
for eight days, Jewish people light a candle.
Seth learns of Menorah, and all children alike,
play a fun game called Spin the Dreidel.





On the final evening of Hanukkah,
Seth's family gathers to eat.
They enjoy all foods that are Kosher,
especially Mum's brisket of beef!



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