

More Key Words

build



You can **build** things with blocks.

invent



People **invent** things like the telephone.

machine



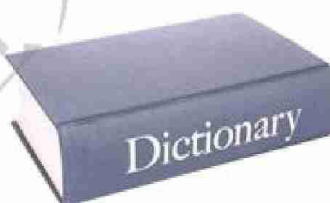
This **machine** washes dishes.

modern



This cell phone is more **modern** than the old phone.

tool



A dictionary is a **tool** you can use to look up words.

Talk Together

Draw a picture of a **Key Word** for a partner to label.



Read a Story

Realistic fiction has events that are not real but could happen in real life.

Characters' Feelings

Look for words that tell you how characters feel. Then think about why the characters have these feelings



"I love music just like you do."

Reading Strategy

As you read, use the words and pictures to **visualize** how the characters feel and why.



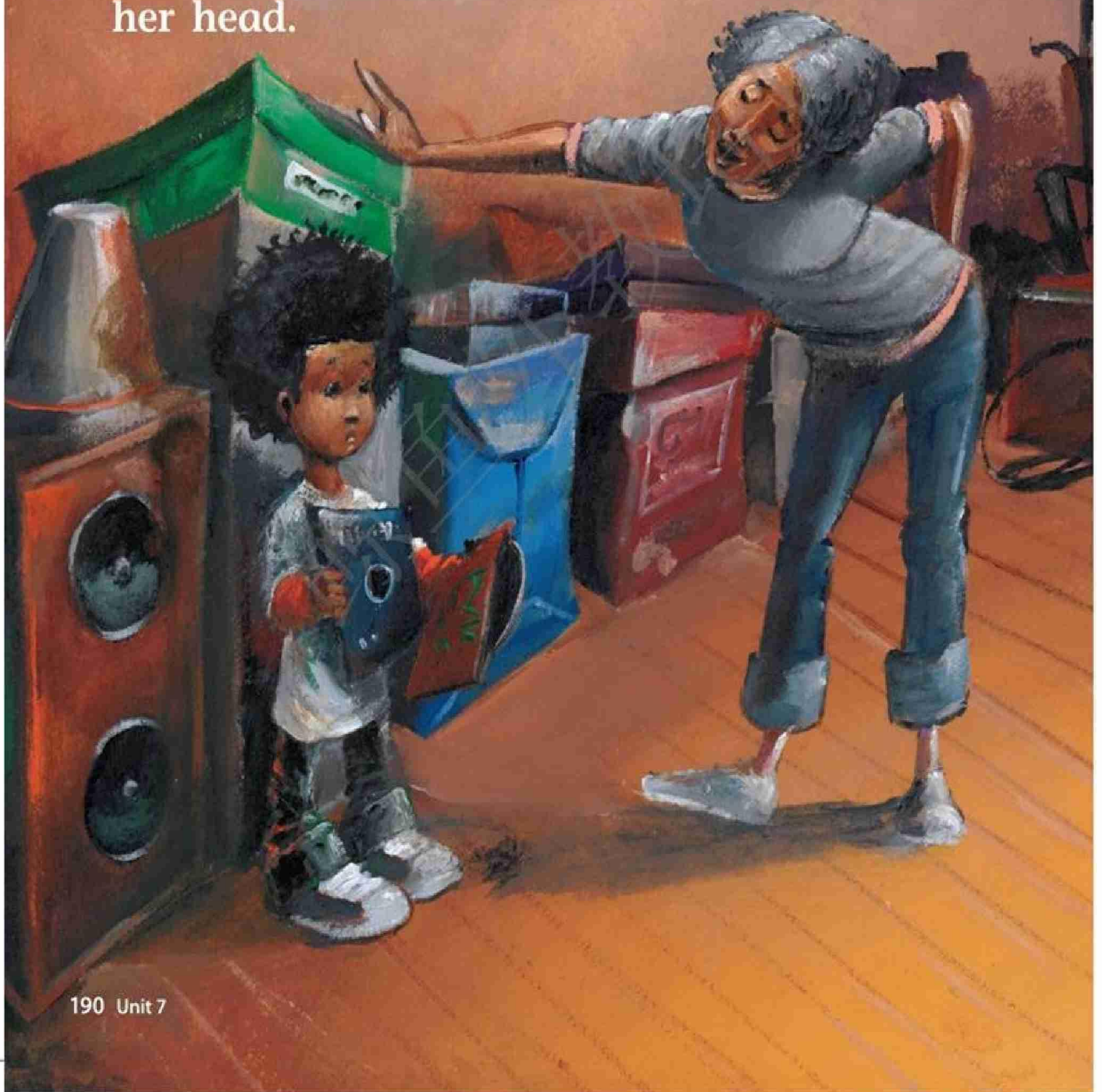
A New Old Tune

by **Pat Cummings**

illustrated by
Frank Morrison

“What is this, Aunt Nell?” asked Max.
He was helping his aunt choose things
to sell at her yard sale.

“This disk must go into a giant
computer!” Max said. Aunt Nell shook
her head.

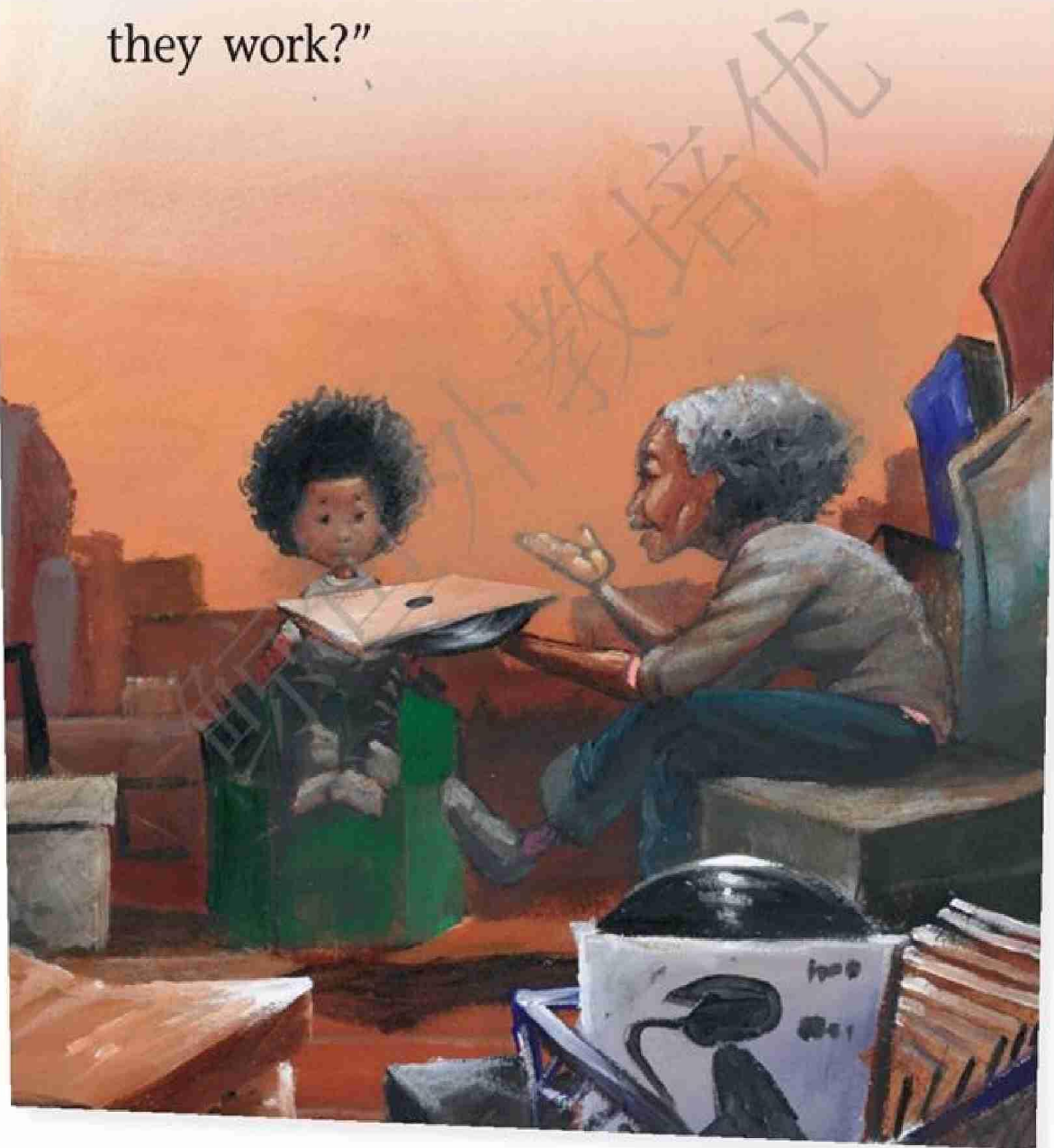


“That is a **record**,” Aunt Nell said.

“I love **music** just like you do.”

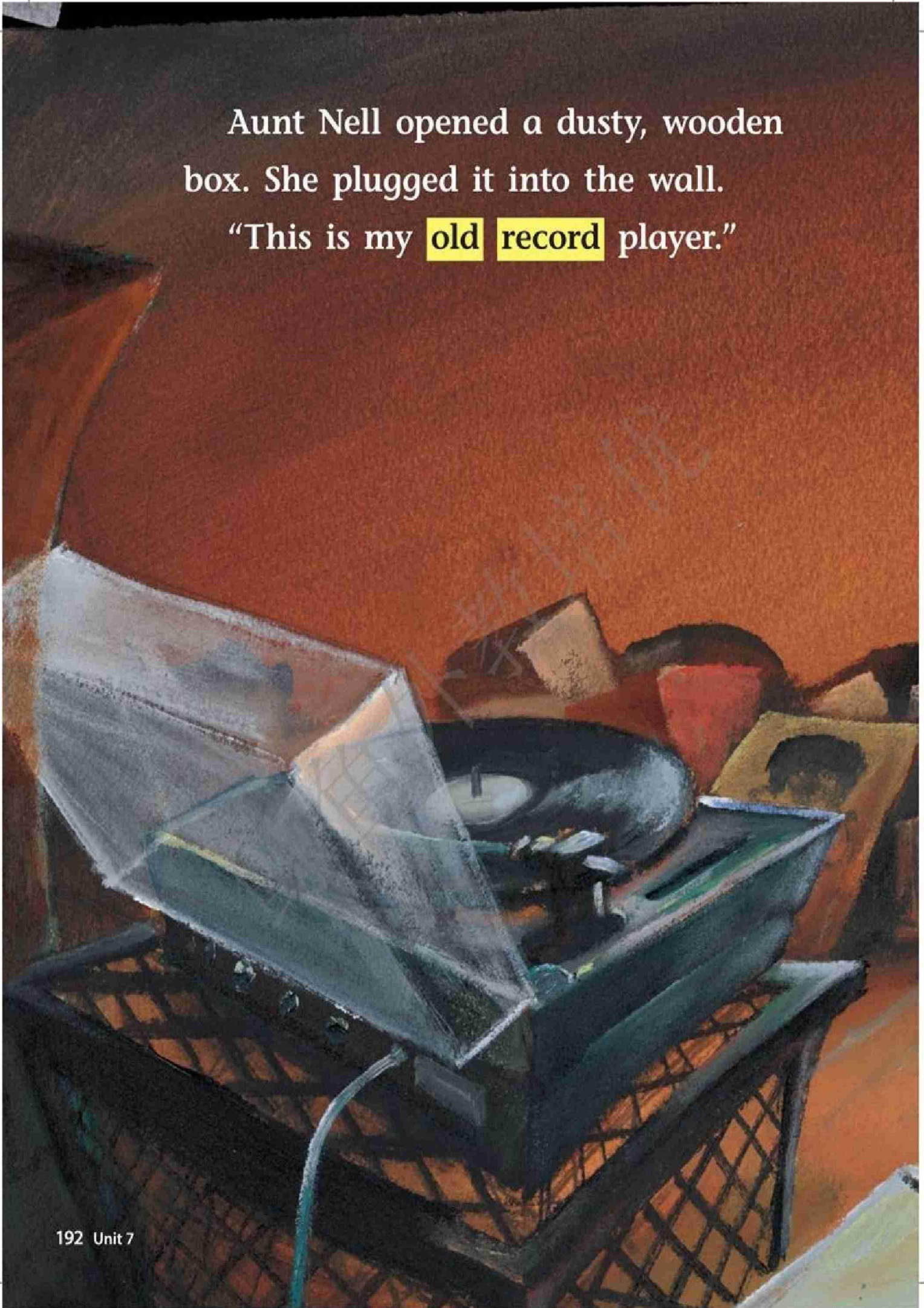
Aunt Nell pulled out a stack of black disks.

“Wow,” said Max. “How do they work?”



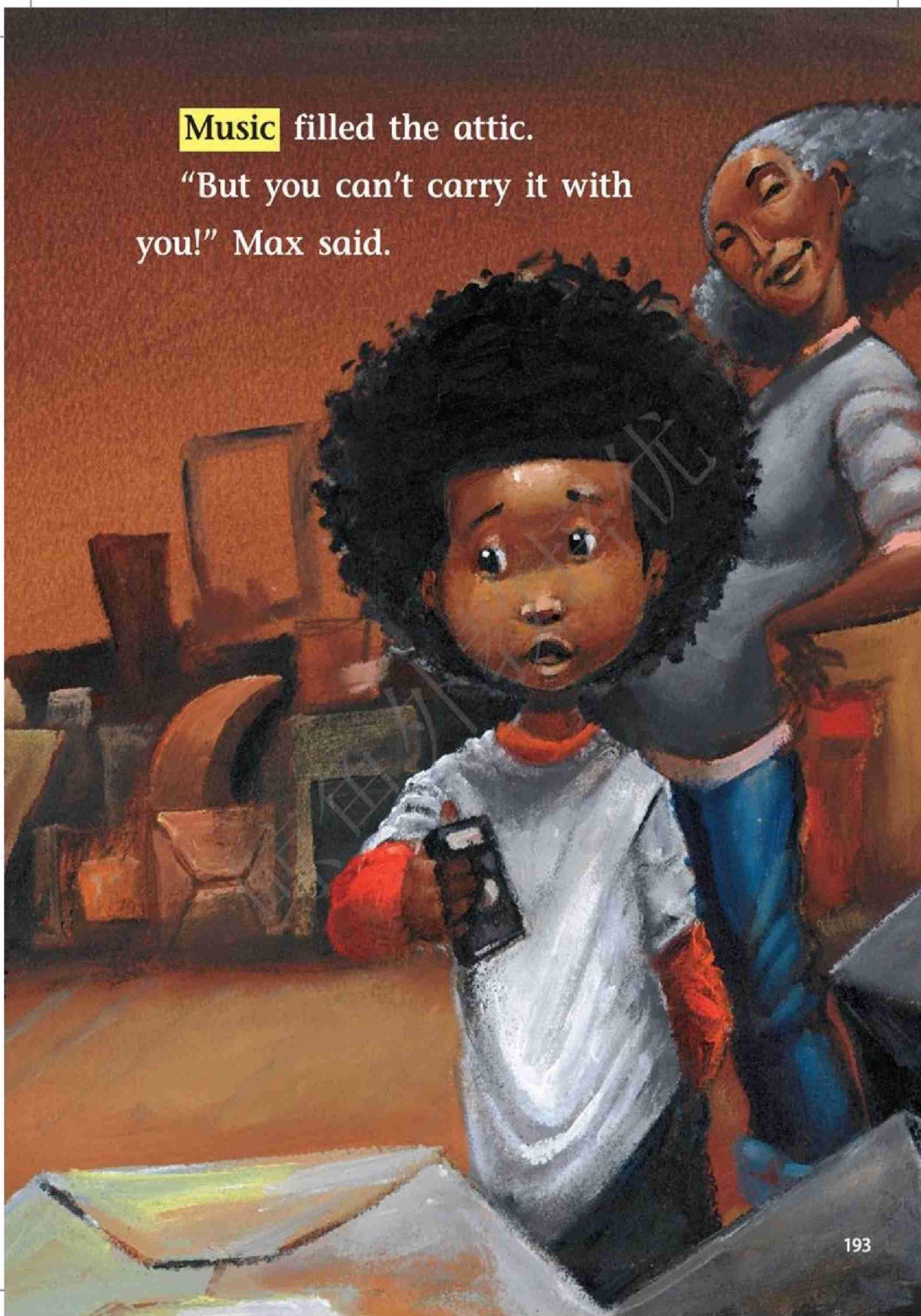
Aunt Nell opened a dusty, wooden
box. She plugged it into the wall.

“This is my old record player.”

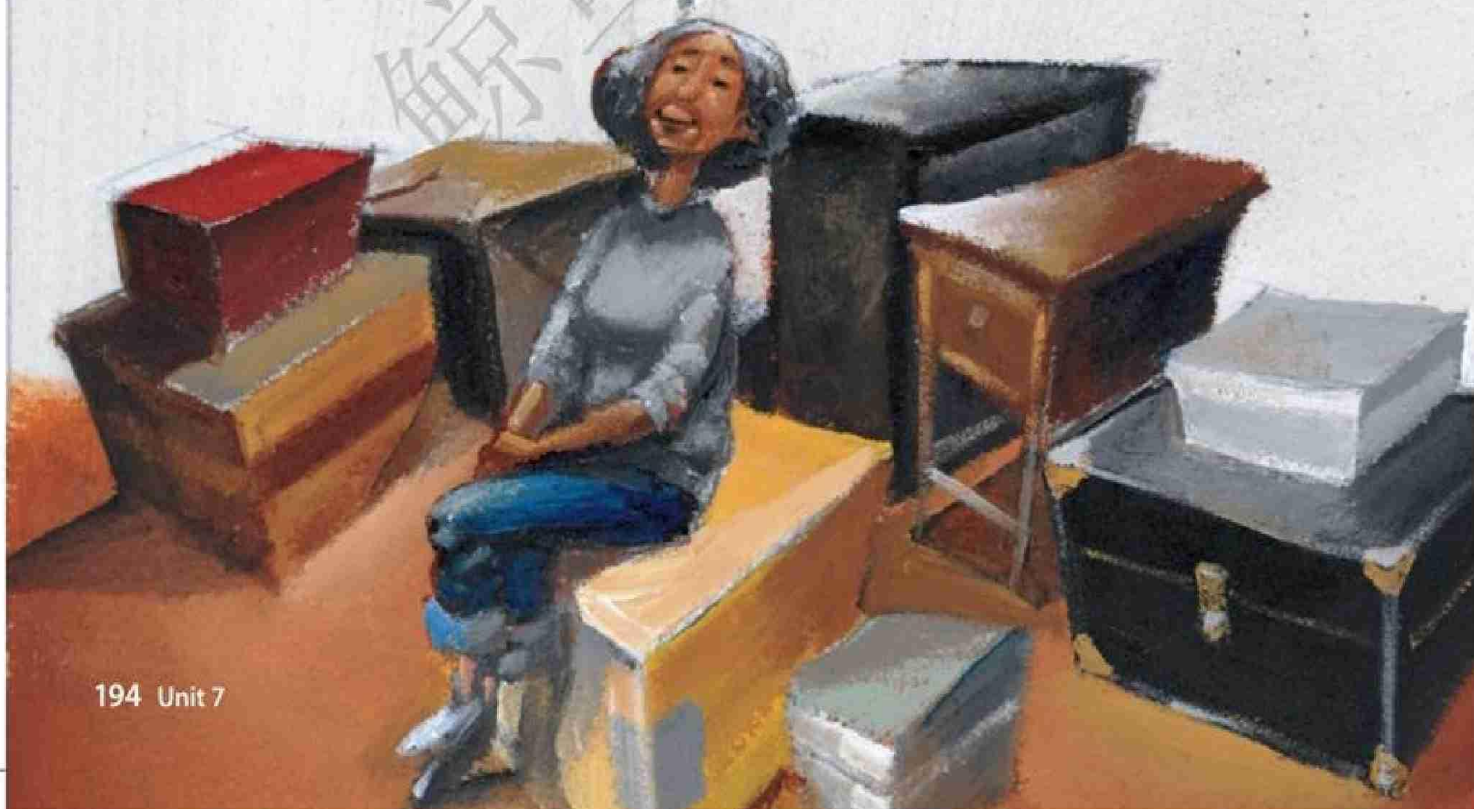


Music filled the attic.

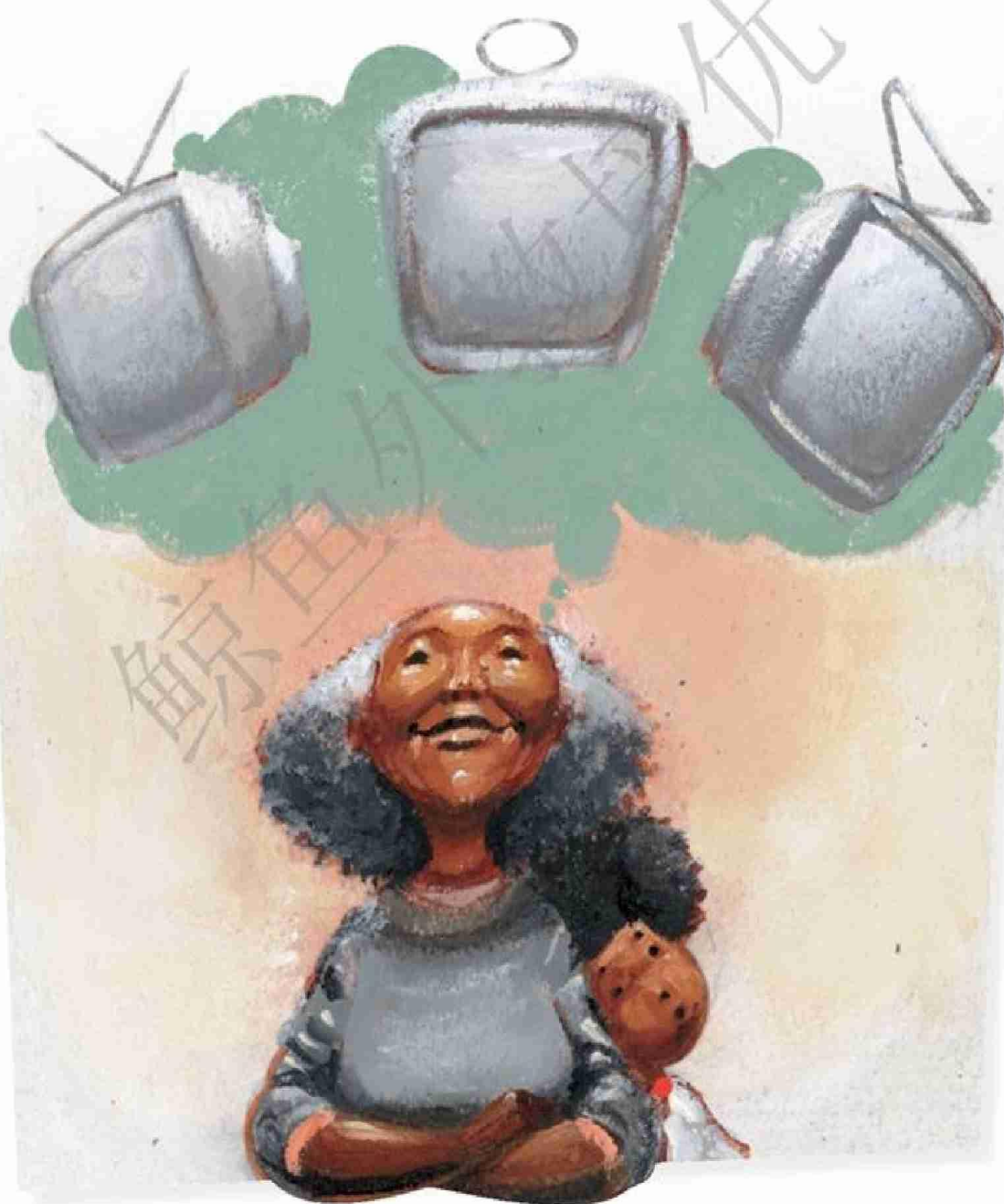
“But you can’t carry it with you!” Max said.



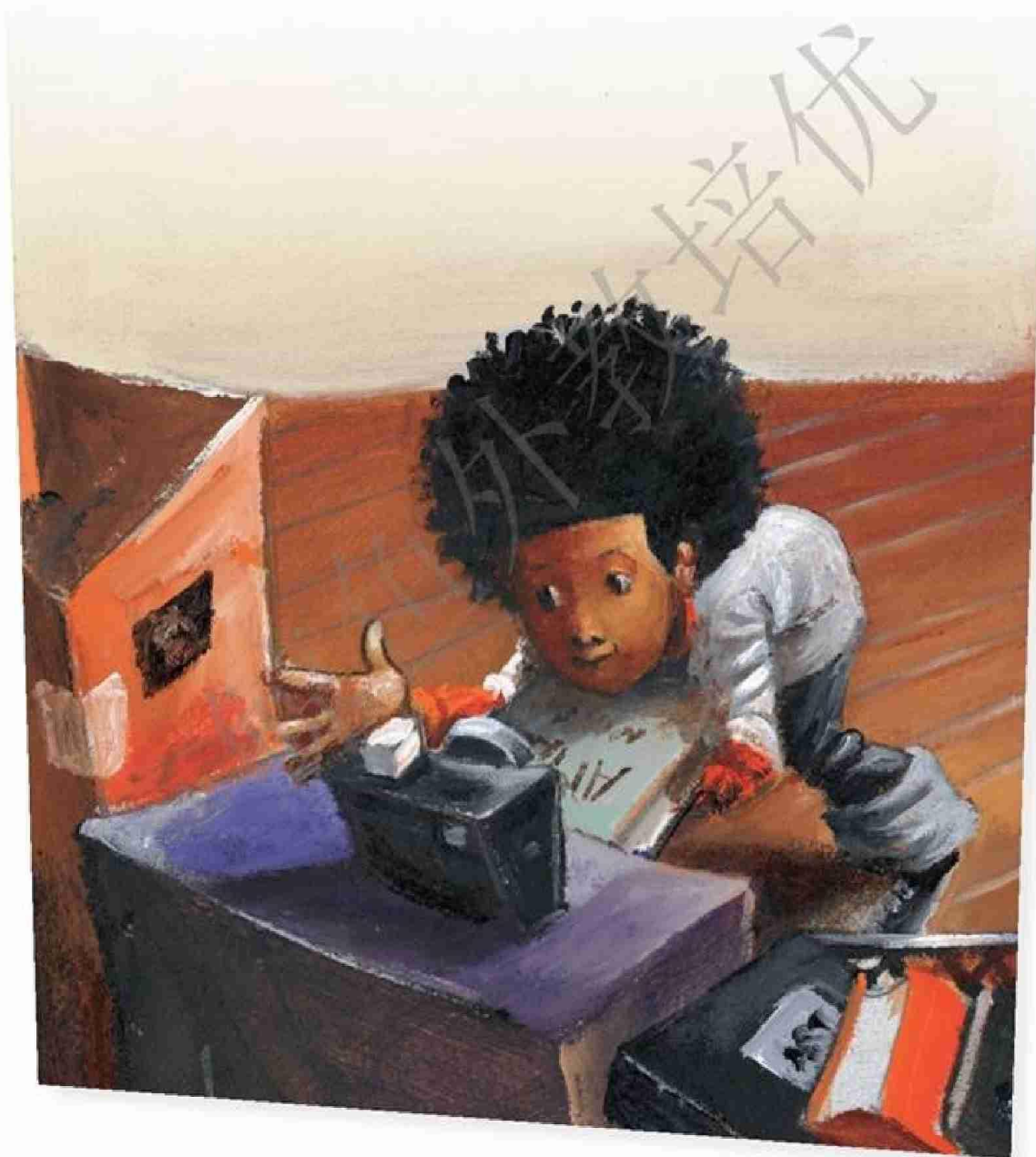
“No one carried **music** players back then,” Aunt Nell said. “I played music on this **record** player at home. My friends would listen, too. Then we would dance together.”



“Things change,” Aunt Nell said.
“Television used to be just black and white.”
“You had TV way back then?”
Max asked.
“Hey, I’m not that **old!**” Aunt Nell said.



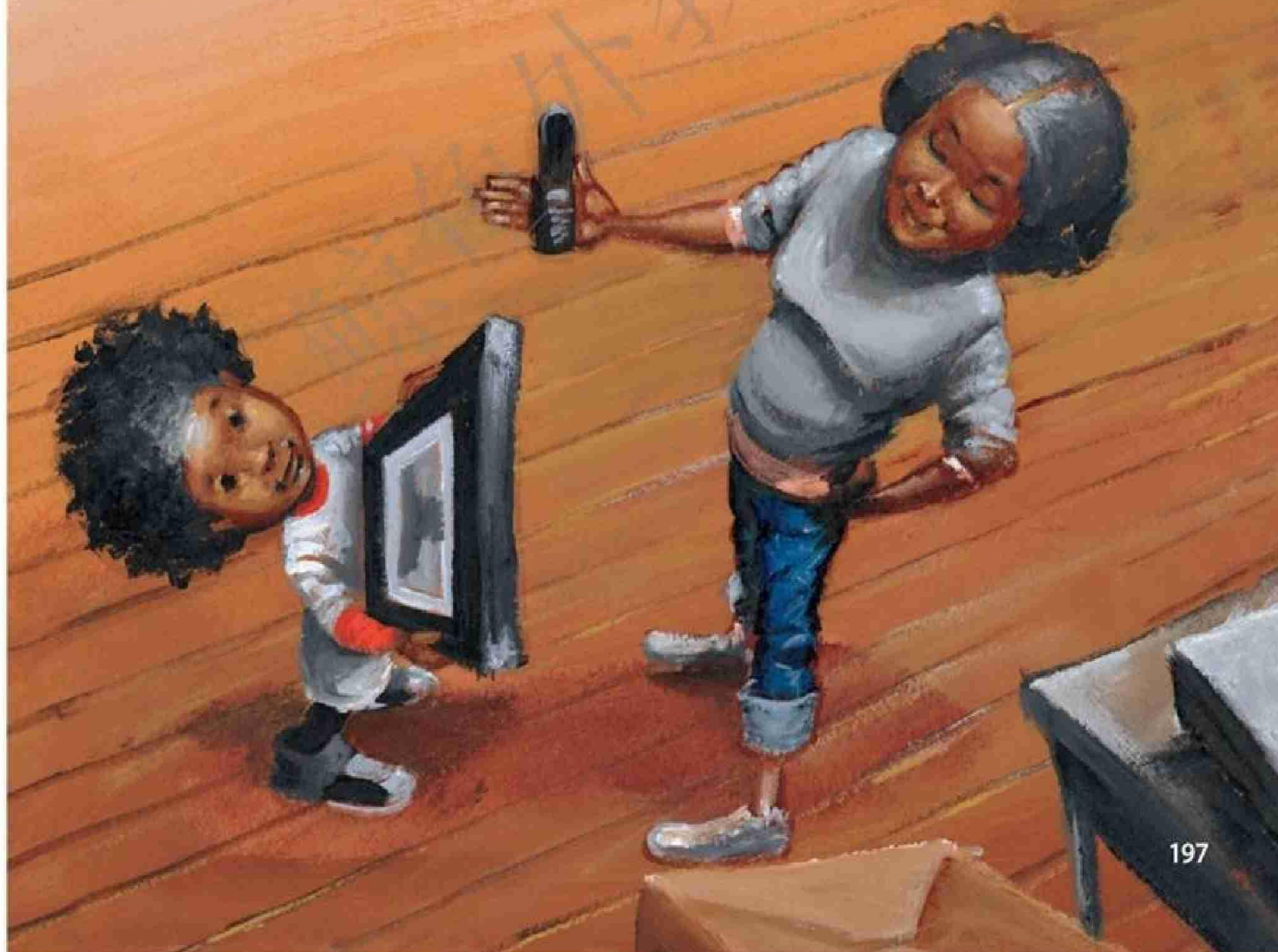
Max and Aunt Nell got back to work. There was an **old** camera she wanted to sell. There were photo albums she wanted to keep.



Max saw a picture of a young Aunt Nell talking on a phone. It had a long, curly cord.

“Did you like those **old** phones **better**?” Max asked.

“No,” Aunt Nell smiled. “Some **new** things are much **easier** to use.”



A painting of a woman and a child playing in a room filled with cardboard boxes. The woman is jumping or dancing, and the child is crawling on the floor. The scene is warm and colorful, with a focus on movement and play.

“Has anything stayed the same?”
asked Max.

“Yes,” said Aunt Nell. “People still
love to talk on the telephone. And
watch television. And listen to **music**.”

“And dance!” added Max.

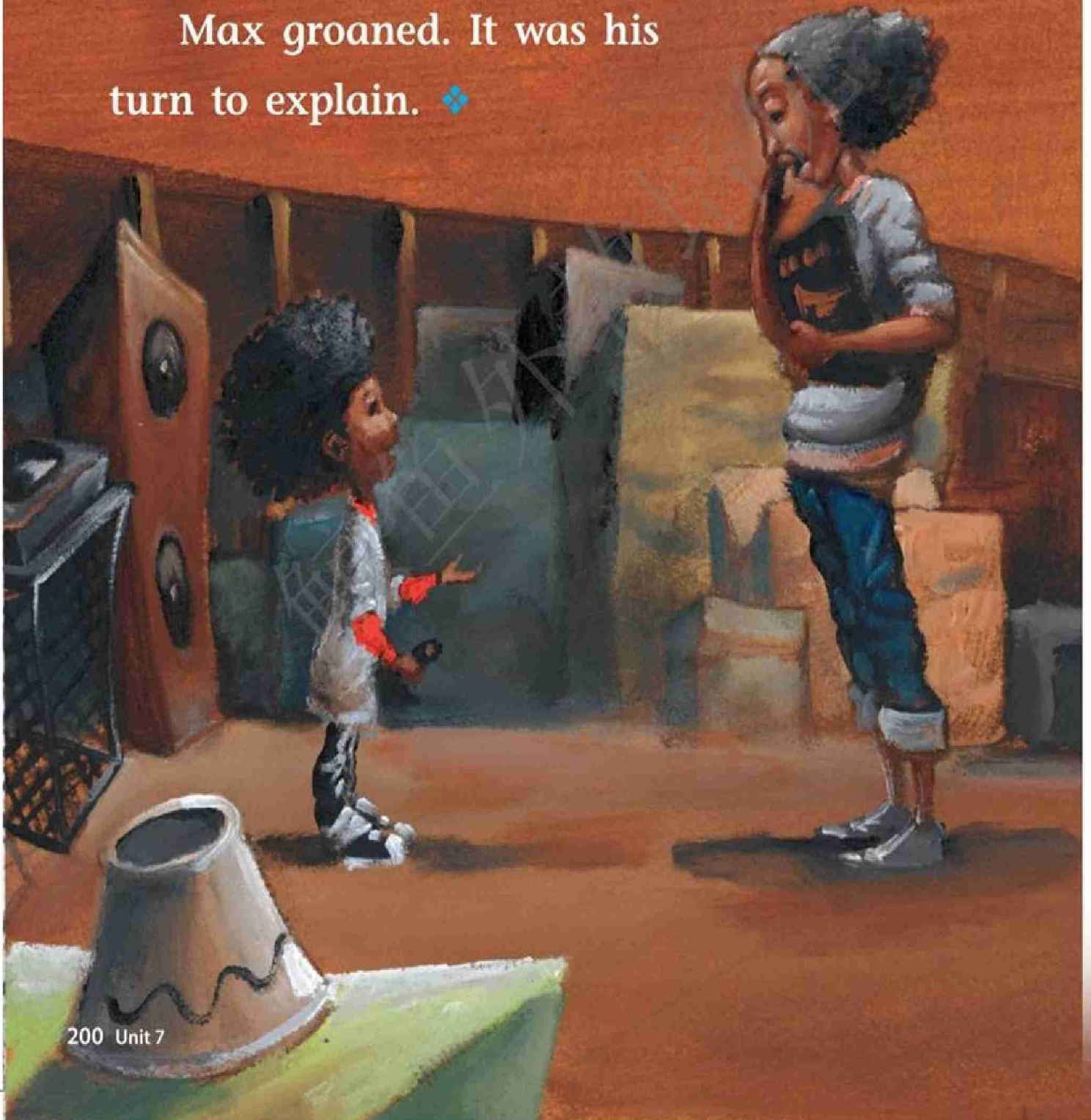


"Maybe I'll keep these **old records**,"
Aunt Nell sighed.

"Or you could burn them onto a
music player," Max said.

"BURN them?" Aunt Nell gasped.

Max groaned. It was his
turn to explain. ❖



Meet the Author

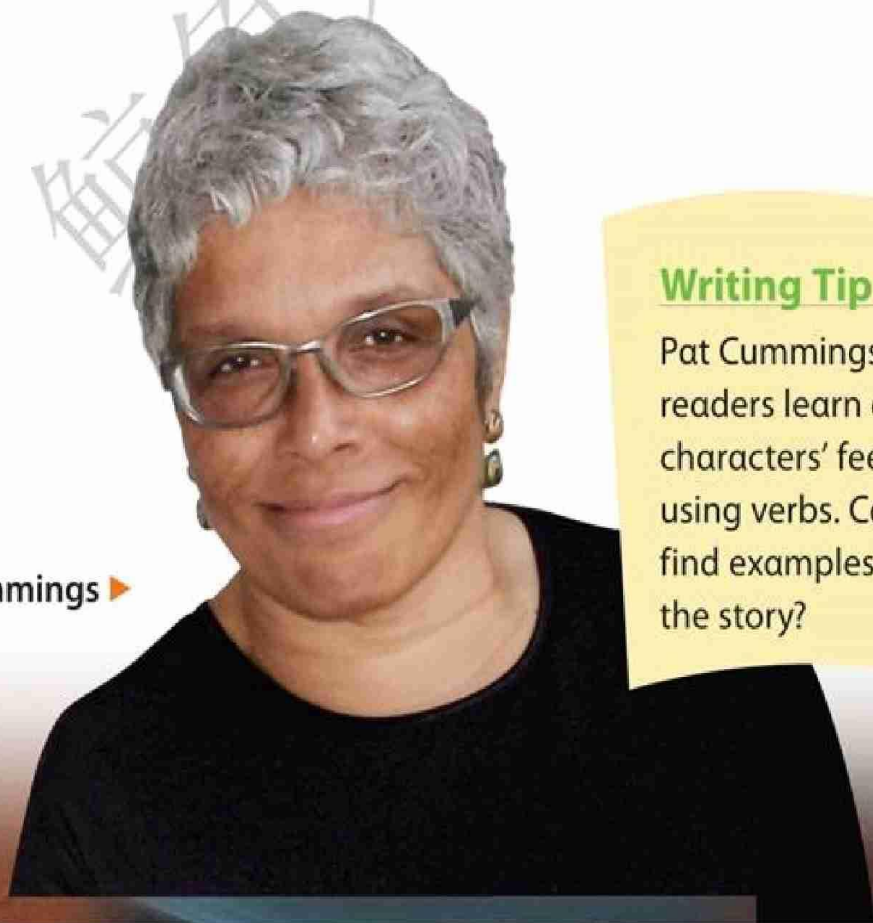
Pat Cummings

AWARD
WINNER

Pat Cummings moved often when she was young. Her father was in the army. She used to draw pictures all the time. She joined art clubs to meet new friends.

Ms. Cummings writes about things she knows. She is always thinking about her next story!

Pat Cummings ▶

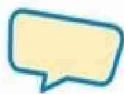


Writing Tip



Pat Cummings helps readers learn about her characters' feelings by using verbs. Can you find examples of this in the story?

Talk About It



1. What was Max helping Aunt Nell do?

Max was helping Aunt Nell ____.

2. How are Max and Aunt Nell the same?

What do they both like?

Max and Aunt Nell both like ____.

3. Think about your own photos. Why does Aunt Nell want to keep her photo albums?



Aunt Nell wants to keep them because ____.

Write About It



What does your family own that is **old**?

What do you think about it?

We have an old ____ . I think it is ____ .



Describe Characters' Feelings

What do Max and Nell say or do? What does this show about how they feel?

Character Description Chart

Character	What the Character Says or Does	What This Shows About How the Character Feels
Max	• Wow •	• He feels surprised. •
Nell	• •	• •

Use your chart to talk about Max and Nell. Why do they feel like they do?