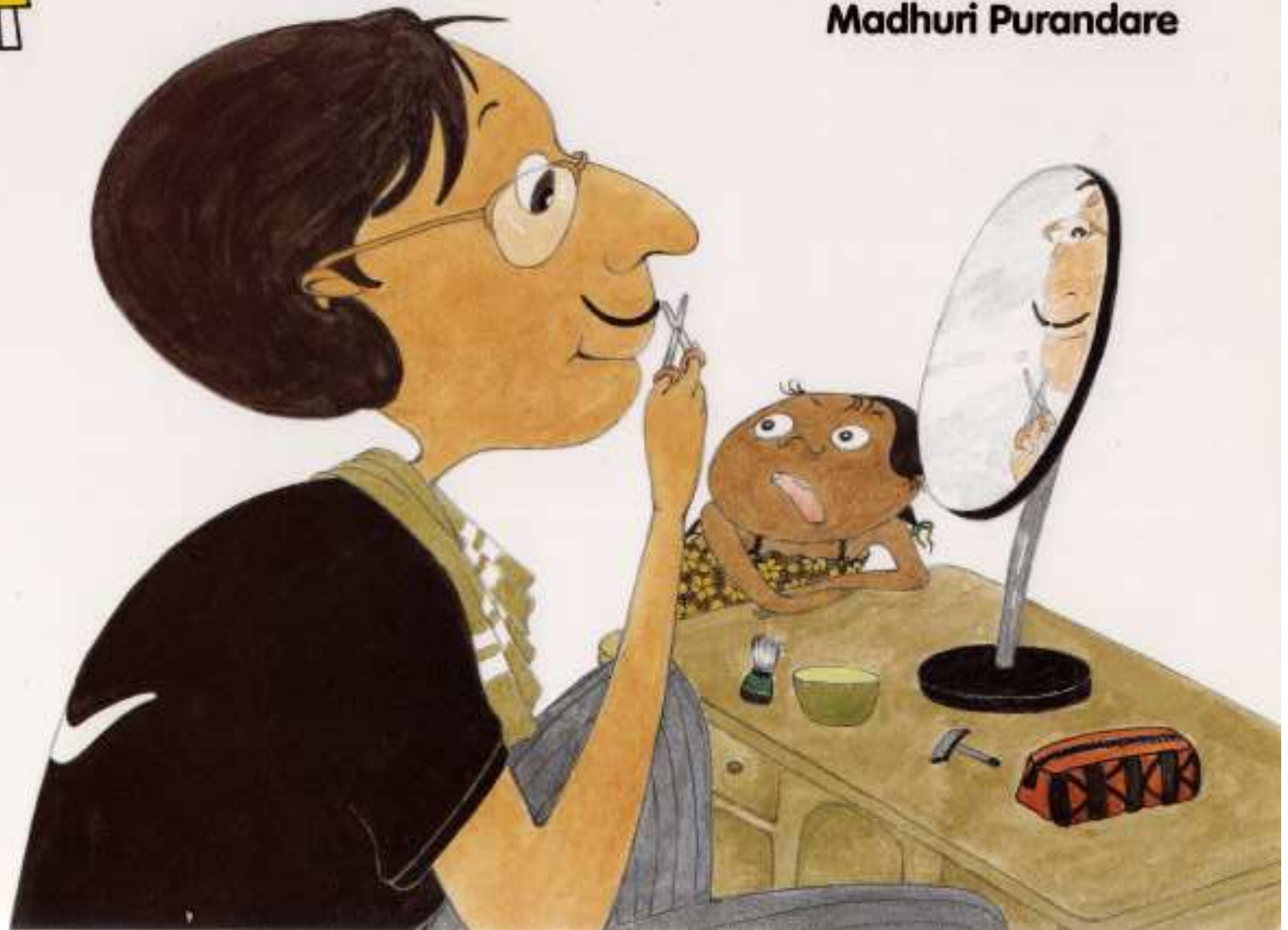




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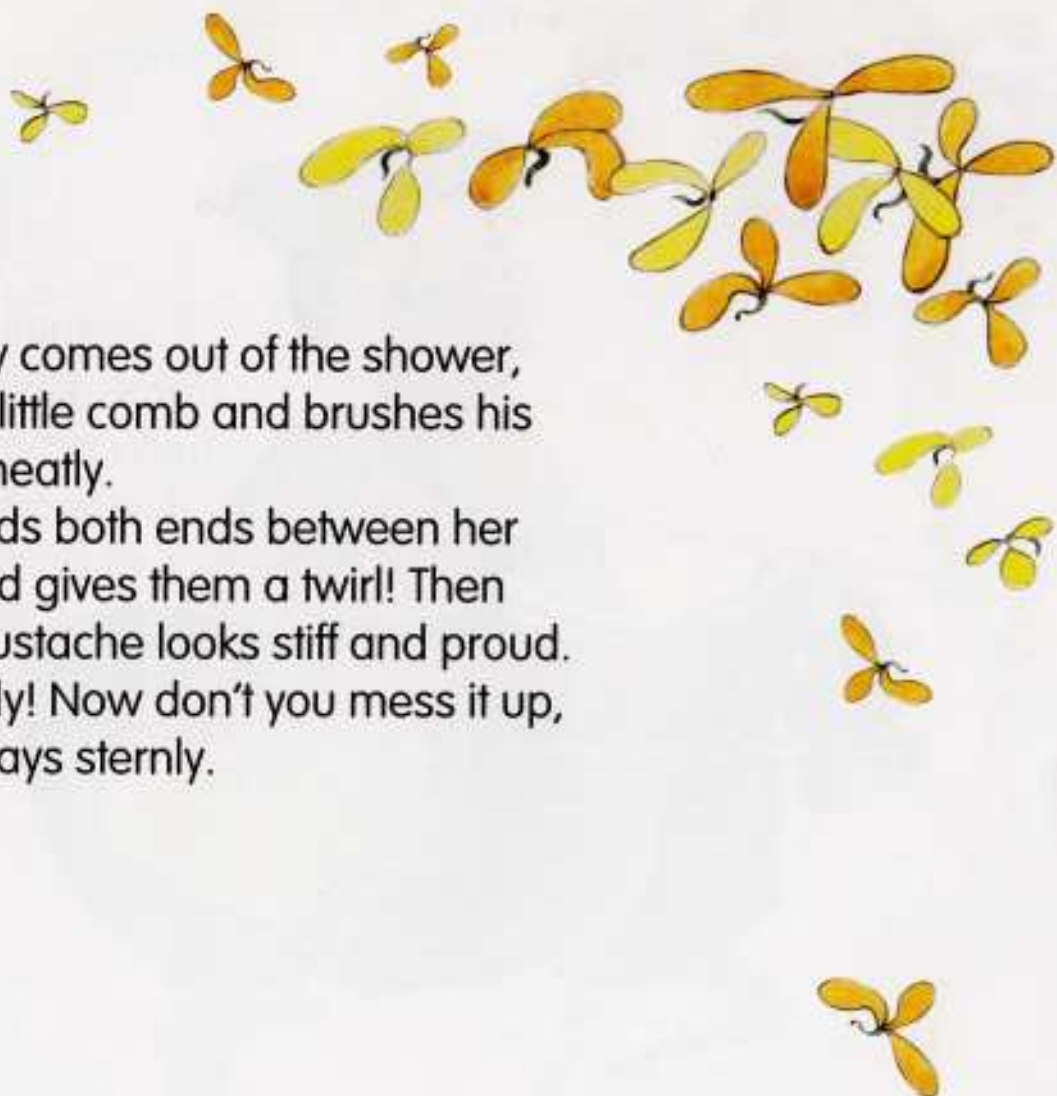
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A series of yellow butterflies of various sizes and orientations, scattered across the upper right portion of the page. They appear to be flying or fluttering, with some larger and more detailed than others.

When Daddy comes out of the shower,
Anu takes a little comb and brushes his
moustache neatly.
She then holds both ends between her
fingertips and gives them a twirl! Then
Daddy's moustache looks stiff and proud.
"Done, Daddy! Now don't you mess it up,
okay?" she says sternly.



Anu always thinks,
if Daddy wears a smart
tunic and a turban and
rides a tall horse, with a
sword across his belt,
how grand he'll look!
Just like a soldier wearing
glasses!



Daddy riding a horse going to war



Actually, Anu likes anyone with a moustache.

Like the dad of her friend Tuti, whose real name is Smruti.

He has such a fat moustache!

He must need a big fat comb to brush it.

Tuti's dad plays very good tennis.

But really, he should be a wrestler.

If he wears a pleated turban and carries a giant club on his shoulder, he'll look just great!



Anu has named Tuti's dad's drawing "Gabroo, the wrestler"



Sahil's dad has a pencil-thin moustache. Anu wonders how he manages to trim it so fine. If he wears a tall black hat, a long black overcoat and dark glasses, he'll look just like the detective on TV, who catches all the thieves!



Sahil's dad ready to nab thieves in the dark





But Grandpa who lives next door has
the best moustache of all!
It looks as if a big white cloud has
come down from the sky to live under
his nose! His mouth is hidden behind
the cloud.
Anu is anxious about Grandpa...
how can he eat with that cloud in
the way?



Mr. Grandpa's Mo-cloud

Anu wonders why a moustache doesn't grow under her nose.

Every morning she wets her soap, makes a lot of lather and gives herself many different kinds of moustaches.

"My moustache is the best," she says. "It's pure white, and so soft! Isn't it nice?" she asks, happily.





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What does Anu like the most about her dad? His Mo!
Do you know what a Mo is? Actually, Anu likes everyone with a Mo. So much so that when she sees a Mo, she gets funny ideas!

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