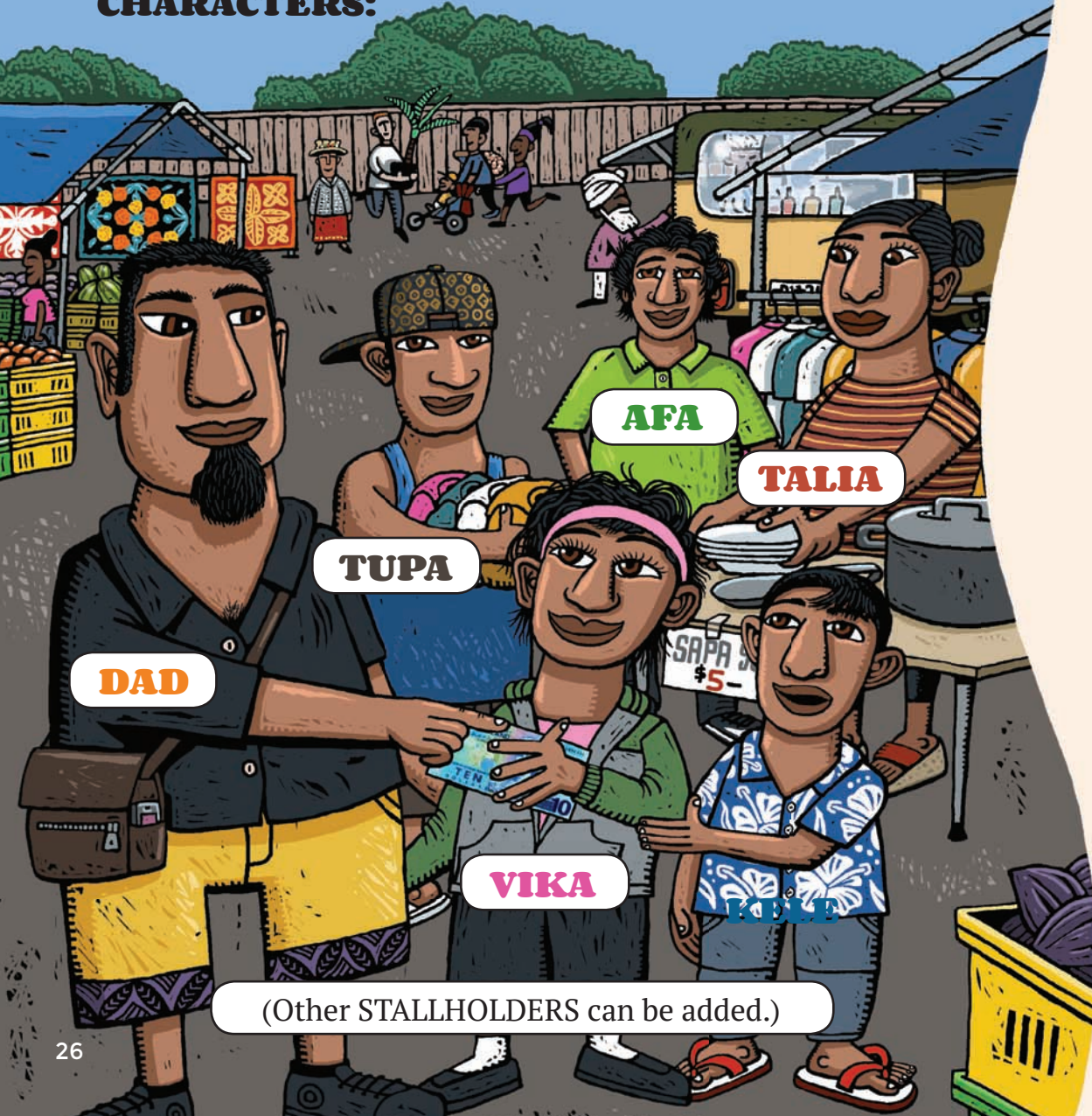


# Kele's Car

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## CHARACTERS:



**DAD**

**TUPA**

**AFA**

**TALIA**

**VIKA**

(Other STALLHOLDERS can be added.)

**Scene:** A weekend market. **STALLHOLDERS** have tables set up around the stage. **TALIA** is standing at her stall. **AFA** and **TUPA** start setting up their stall. **KELE**, **VIKA**, and **DAD** arrive.

**KELE.** Look at the stalls. There's so much to buy!  
Can we have our money please, Dad?

**DAD.** Here's ten dollars each for all the jobs you've done. Are you sure you want it now?

**KELE** and **VIKA** (together). Yes please, Dad!

**DAD** gives **KELE** and **VIKA** ten dollars each.  
They go to **AFA**.

**DAD.** What are you selling today?

**AFA.** Everything you need. But I'm still setting up.  
(Looks at **TUPA**.) Can you look after the stall while I go and get the rest of the stuff from the van?

**TUPA** nods. **AFA** leaves.

**DAD.** Let's get something to eat while we wait.  
I'm starving.

**TUPA.** Don't forget to come back. We have the best bargains.

**DAD** (grinning). We'll be back.

**TALIA** (*shouting*). Sapa sui! I make the best sapa sui – great big hunks of meat and heaps of noodles! Come and buy your sapa sui from me!

**KELE, VIKA, and DAD** go to her stall.

**DAD**. Sapa sui, please. It looks delicious.

**TALIA**. It is delicious. And it's only five dollars – what a bargain!

**KELE**. I'll buy some, too. I love sapa sui.

**VIKA**. Not for me, thanks. I'm saving my money.

**KELE and DAD** each give ten dollars to **TALIA** for their sapa sui. **TALIA** gives them their change and then their food.



**KELE** (*eating*). Yum. Hey! Look at that remote-control car!

*They go back to watch TUPA, who is using a remote-control car.*

**TUPA**. This car is awesome. I can make it go wherever I want.

**KELE**. It's so mean! How much is it?

**TUPA** (*looking around*). Oh ... er ... ten dollars?

**KELE**. Ten dollars! What a bargain!

**KELE** gets out his money.

**KELE**. Oh no! I only have five dollars left.

**DAD**. Never mind. You can save up and buy it next time you come.

**TUPA**. The car won't be here next time.

**KELE** looks disappointed.

**VIKA**. I know. I'll buy it, and you can pay me back.

**KELE**. Great! Thanks, Vika.



**DAD** (*grinning*). Hang on, Kele. You should always ask a few questions before you agree to a deal.

**KELE**. What do you mean?

**DAD**. For instance – where will the car be kept while you save up for it? Is Vika planning to use it?

**KELE**. Oh, I didn't think of that.

**DAD**. And if she does use it, will she give you a discount?

**VIKA**. A discount! What for?

**DAD**. The car will be second-hand if you use it.

**VIKA**. What! I'm not going to use it. I'm just trying to help Kele.

**KELE**. OK, I ...

**DAD**. One more question. Is she planning to charge interest?

*VIKA looks guilty. KELE looks confused.*

**KELE**. Interest? What's that?

**DAD**. Interest is a charge you pay when you borrow money.

**VIKA**. It's only fair. It's my money. I deserve to get five dollars for lending it to you.

**KELE**. Five dollars? As well as the ten dollars for the car. That means the car would cost me fifteen dollars. What a rip-off!

**DAD** (*grinning*). See? You should always ask questions. And only deal with people you trust.

*KELE thinks for a moment.*

**KELE**. I trust you, Dad. Could you buy it for me?

**DAD**. OK. But you can't have the car until you've done enough jobs to pay for it.

**KELE**. Deal! Hang on. What kinds of jobs?

**DAD**. Now you're thinking! Really horrible jobs.

*KELE thinks about it.  
Then he shakes hands  
with DAD.*



**KELE.** I'll do any jobs, even horrible ones. It's worth it.

*VIKA folds her arms and looks cross.*

*DAD gets out ten dollars. TUPA picks up the car.*

*AFA comes back with his arms full of stuff.*

**AFA.** Sorry I was so long. I couldn't find my keys. Hey!  
What are you doing with my car?

**DAD.** Your car?

**AFA.** Yes. My car. I bring it so I've got something to do  
if the stall is quiet.

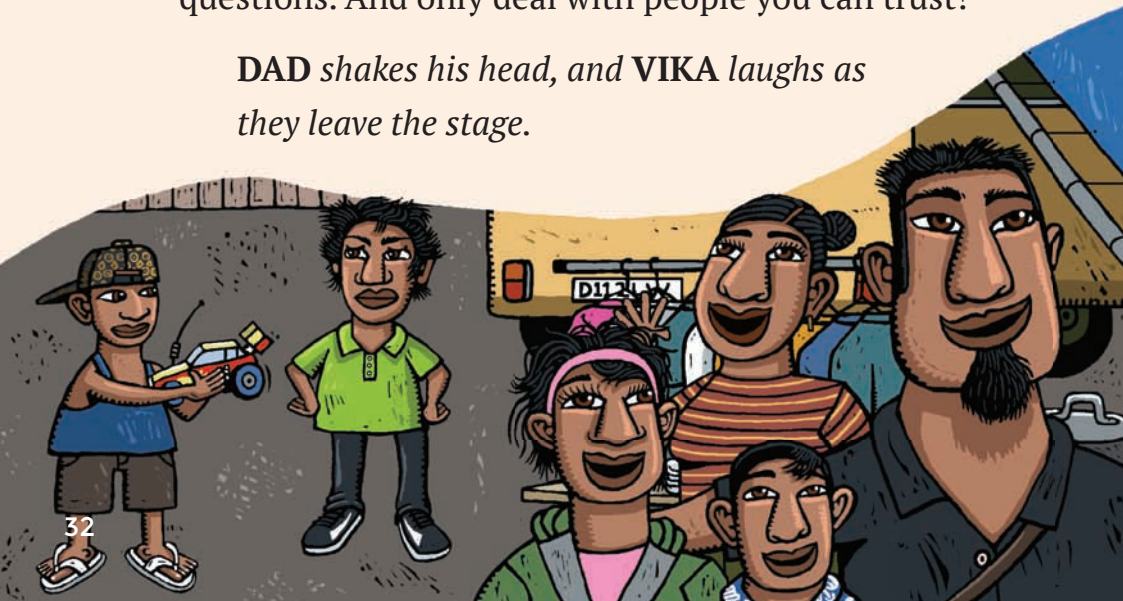
**TUPA** (*guilty*). I wasn't really going to sell it. It was  
just a joke.

*AFA puts his hands on his hips and glares at  
TUPA. VIKA grins.*

**VIKA.** Dad's right, Kele. You should always ask  
questions. And only deal with people you can trust!

*DAD shakes his head, and VIKA laughs as  
they leave the stage.*

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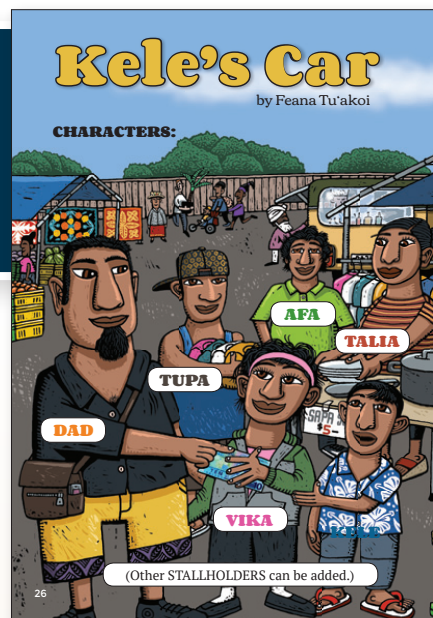
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