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Mike goes to the same kindergarten as me. His father came to pick him up a few times this week.



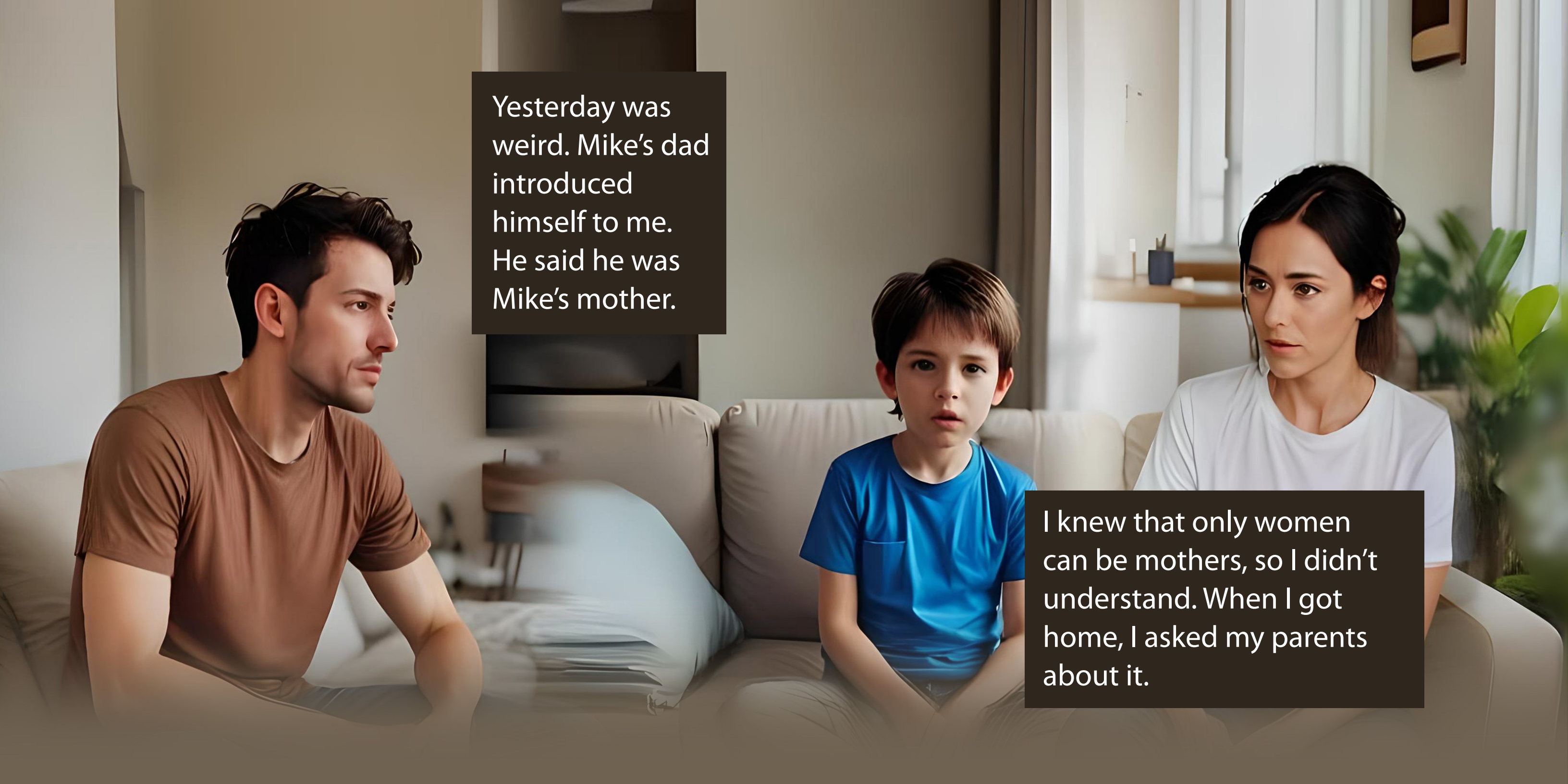
Mike's father looks strange. He dresses like a woman, with lipstick and long hair. I wasn't confused, though. I knew he was still a man.






My parents already told me that it doesn't matter if you're a girl or a boy, a man or a woman. Anyone can have long hair or wear make up. Anyone can wear any clothes.

A boy remains a boy, no matter what he wears or how he has his hair. Same goes for girls, and for grown up people, too. A man will always be a man, and a woman a woman, whether they wear make up or not, and whatever length their hair is.




Yesterday was weird. Mike's dad introduced himself to me. He said he was Mike's mother.

I knew that only women can be mothers, so I didn't understand. When I got home, I asked my parents about it.



Why does
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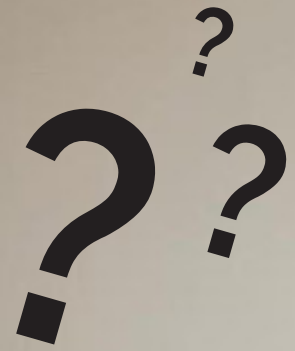


My parents explained that some adults are really confused. They have a lot of problems. They are unhappy.

This makes them want to be someone else, but they can't, because that's impossible. So, they pretend. Some men pretend to be women. Some women pretend to be men.

My parents said that some of these people are not as confused as others. They know they are only pretending, and they don't try to confuse children.





However, others become so confused that they forget the truth, even though other people can see it. I could see that Mike's dad was not his mother, even though he said otherwise.



My parents said it's best that children not be around these confused adults.

Sometimes, they can become angry that they have not fooled children with their disguise. They don't like it when kids – or even other adults – don't play along with the pretense.

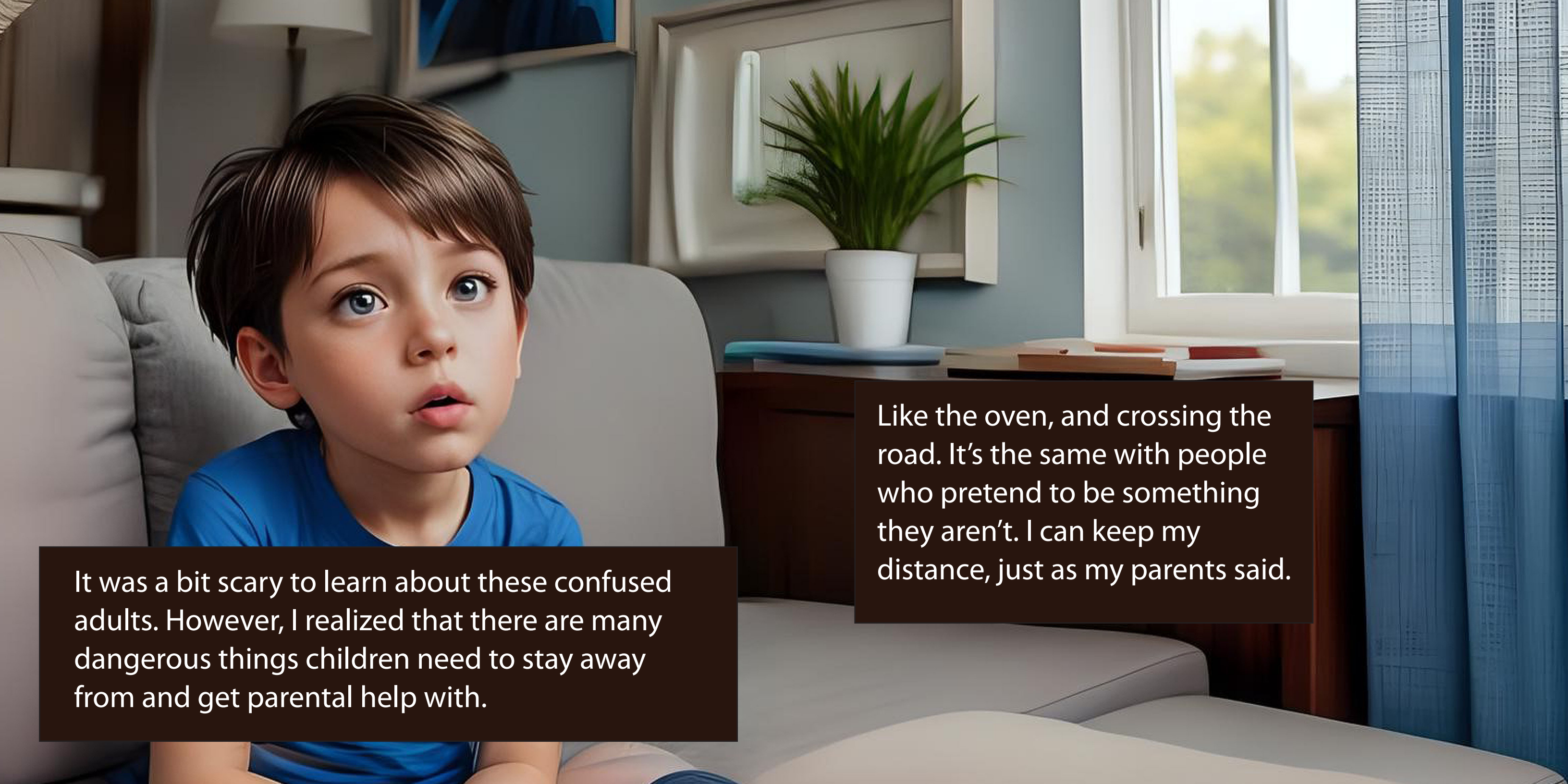


My parents also told me that some of these adults are trying to confuse children.



If any try to talk to me, I should remove myself from the situation and tell them about it.

My mom and dad said to stay away from these confused adults, and leave if they approach me.



It was a bit scary to learn about these confused adults. However, I realized that there are many dangerous things children need to stay away from and get parental help with.

Like the oven, and crossing the road. It's the same with people who pretend to be something they aren't. I can keep my distance, just as my parents said.



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I felt a little sad, and sorry for Mike. It must be so hard for him, having a confused dad. I was glad my parents aren't like that.

I can always trust them to tell me the truth, and not pretend. I can always come to them with my questions and get an honest answer.

Gender Ideology creates new challenges for parents trying to protect their children.

In ideal circumstances, it is better to avoid exposure to gender ideology messages until an older age. That will allow for more complex and detailed explanations.

But what does one do if there is a person the child already knows that claims to be the other sex? How do we protect the children without exposing them to confusing and toxic messages?

The aim of this book is to reduce the potential for harm to the children, buying them more time for innocence and growth, when there is no way to avoid exposure.

