

An illustration of an elderly man with glasses and a purple checkered shirt, and a young boy with dark hair in a blue and white striped shirt, both looking at each other in a garden. The garden is filled with various flowers, including red tomatoes, pink and orange roses, and purple flowers. There are also ladybugs, bees, and butterflies. In the background, there is a building with many windows and a large green tree with yellow pears and a bee.

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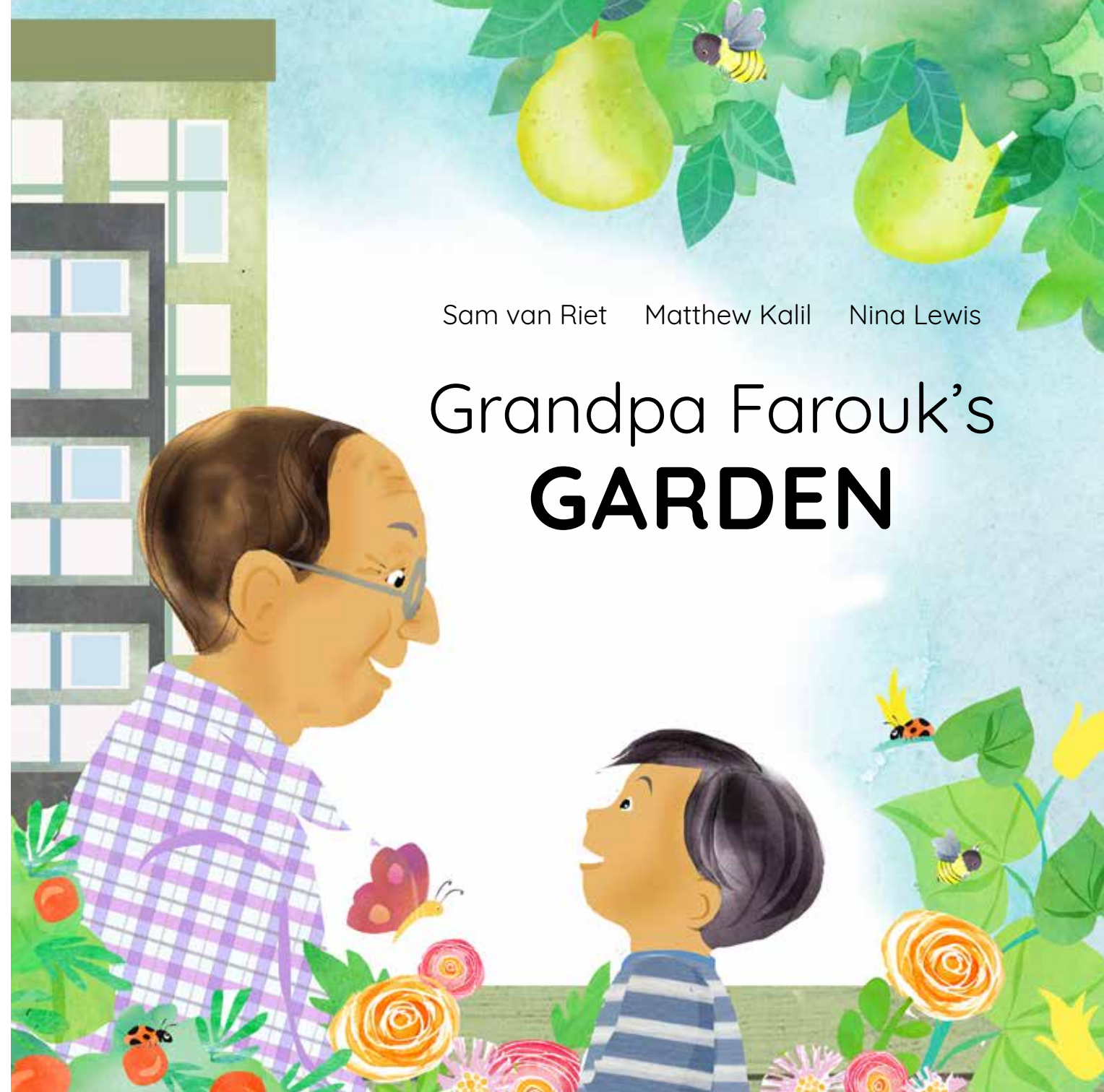
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Deep in the city, surrounded by  
houses and bricks and tar, you'll find  
Grandpa Farouk's garden.





Amir visits Grandpa once a week.  
He loves the leaves and flowers and trees.







Amir helps to water the plants.

He helps with the compost, and works with his Grandpa all day.





When they finish,  
they feast on a harvest  
of fruit.



One day, Grandpa didn't eat his pear.  
"What's wrong?" asked Amir.



“My garden is dying,” replied Grandpa.

“Why?” asked Amir.

“Look closely,” said Grandpa. “Some  
pests are eating the plants.”



“We need ladybirds!” said Grandpa. “They are the bugs that eat the pests that kill the plants. Without ladybirds, the garden will die.”



“I’ll bring you a bug or two,” said Amir.



For a whole week, Amir looked and searched  
and collected.



He found one ladybird on the sports field.

Two more at the shop.



Three at the park.



And four behind the TV.



Next week, Amir went to visit Grandpa Farouk, and showed him his jar of ten bugs.


“You’ve done well, oh my boy, you’ve done well,” Grandpa said, with a tear in his eye.

Grandpa was very happy.

The ladybirds were very hungry!







The ladybirds ate the pests, and the  
garden blossomed.





From that day on, Grandpa Farouk's garden did what gardens should do.

It grew and grew and grew.





