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“Let’s play hide-and-seek,” said Ike. “I’ll seek first, and you two can hide.”
“One, two, three,” shouted Ike.
“Ready or not, here I come!”
“New rule!” said Abdul. “You have to count to thirty so we have time to hide. Okay?” “Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”
“...Twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty. Ready or not, here I come!” Ike shouted.
“New rule!” said Eliza. “You can’t tell where anyone else is hiding. Okay?”
“Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”
“Did you see where Eliza went?” Ike asked Abdul.
“I did, but I can’t tell you,” said Abdul. “Let’s just say you won’t find her out here.”
“New rule!” said Ike. “No one can hide in the house. Okay?”
“Okay,” said the others. “Let’s start again.”
“Now, this is fun!” said Abdul.
“I’m starving,” said Ike. “Me, too!” said Abdul. “Can we make a new rule?”
“New rule!” said Eliza. “When starving, you have to stop and eat.”
“We like that rule,” said the others.