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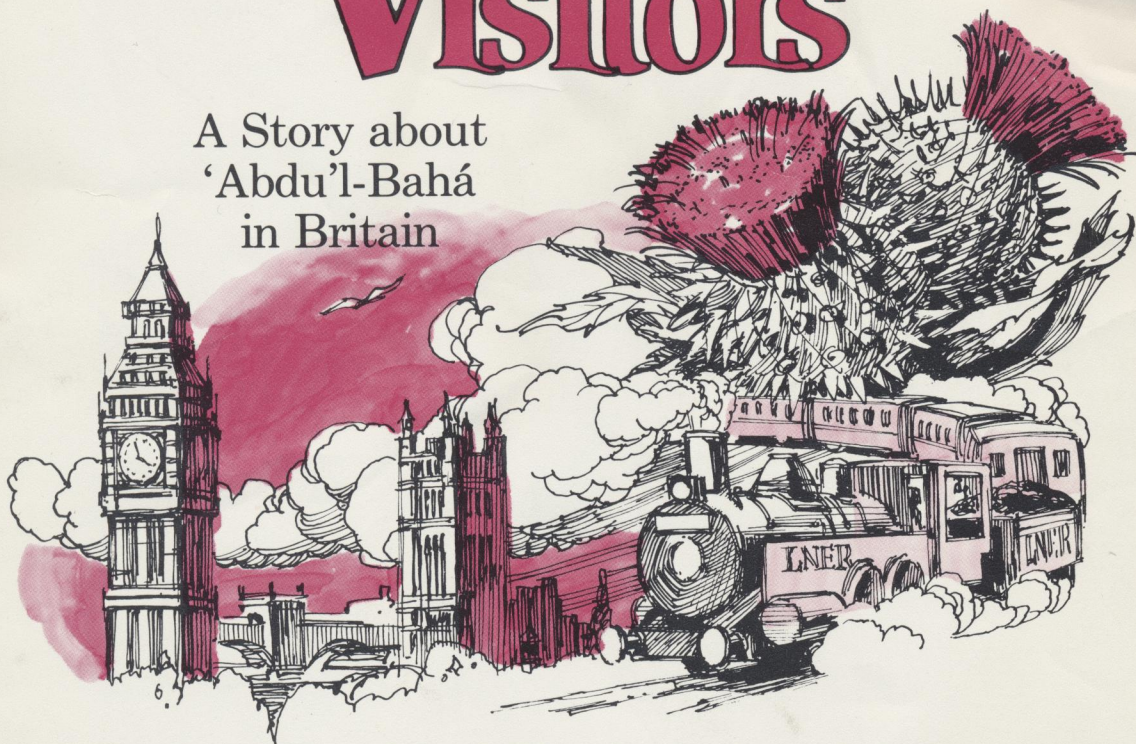
CHILDREN'S PRAYER

*O God, guide me, protect me, illumine the  
lamp of my heart and make me a brilliant  
star. Thou art the Mighty and Powerful.*

—'Abdu'l-Bahá

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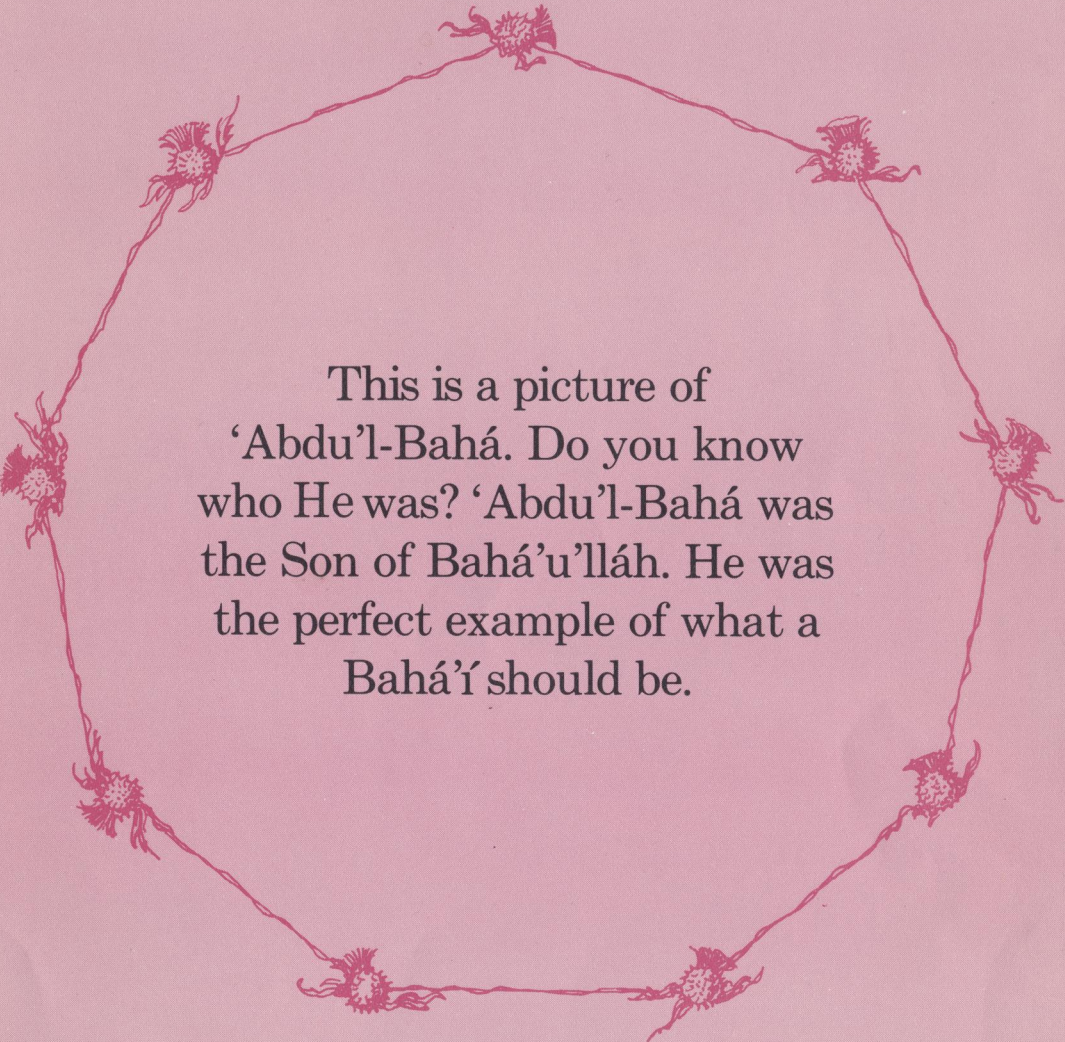
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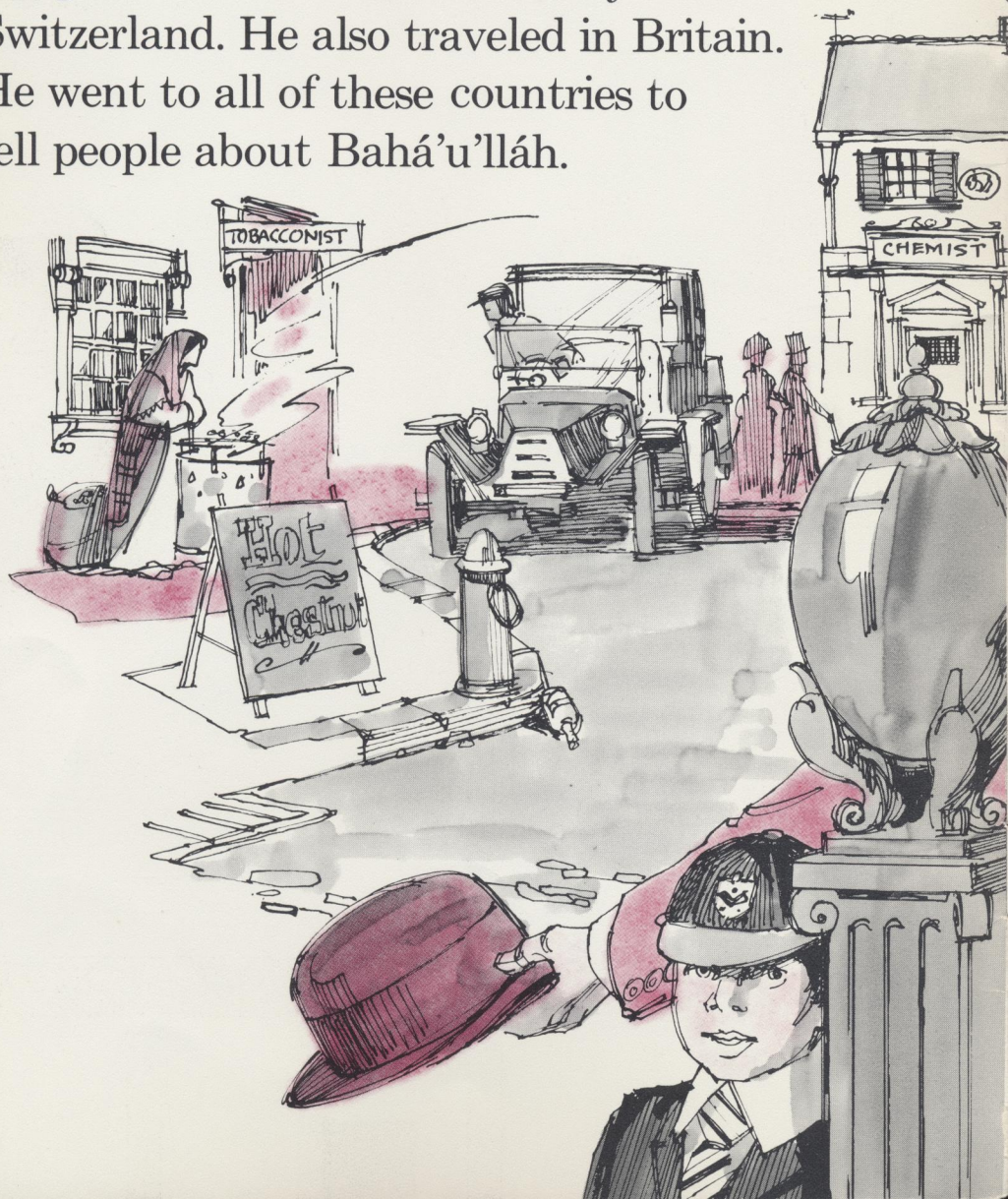




This is a picture of  
'Abdu'l-Bahá. Do you know  
who He was? 'Abdu'l-Bahá was  
the Son of Bahá'u'lláh. He was  
the perfect example of what a  
Bahá'í should be.



Did you know that 'Abdu'l-Bahá traveled to many different countries? He visited America, and He traveled through Egypt and France and Germany and Switzerland. He also traveled in Britain. He went to all of these countries to tell people about Bahá'u'lláh.











*Lady Blomfield*





While ‘Abdu’l-Bahá was in London He stayed at the home of Lady Blomfield. She was a devoted Bahá’í, and she did everything she could to help ‘Abdu’l-Bahá while He was in her country.

Hundreds of people wanted to see ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. They came to Lady Blomfield’s house from all over the country. They knew that ‘Abdu’l-Bahá was a very holy man and that He was also very wise and kind. So they wanted to have a chance to meet Him.



Once two ladies from Scotland wrote to Lady Blomfield. They asked if they could visit 'Abdu'l-Bahá for one evening. Lady Blomfield invited them to dinner.

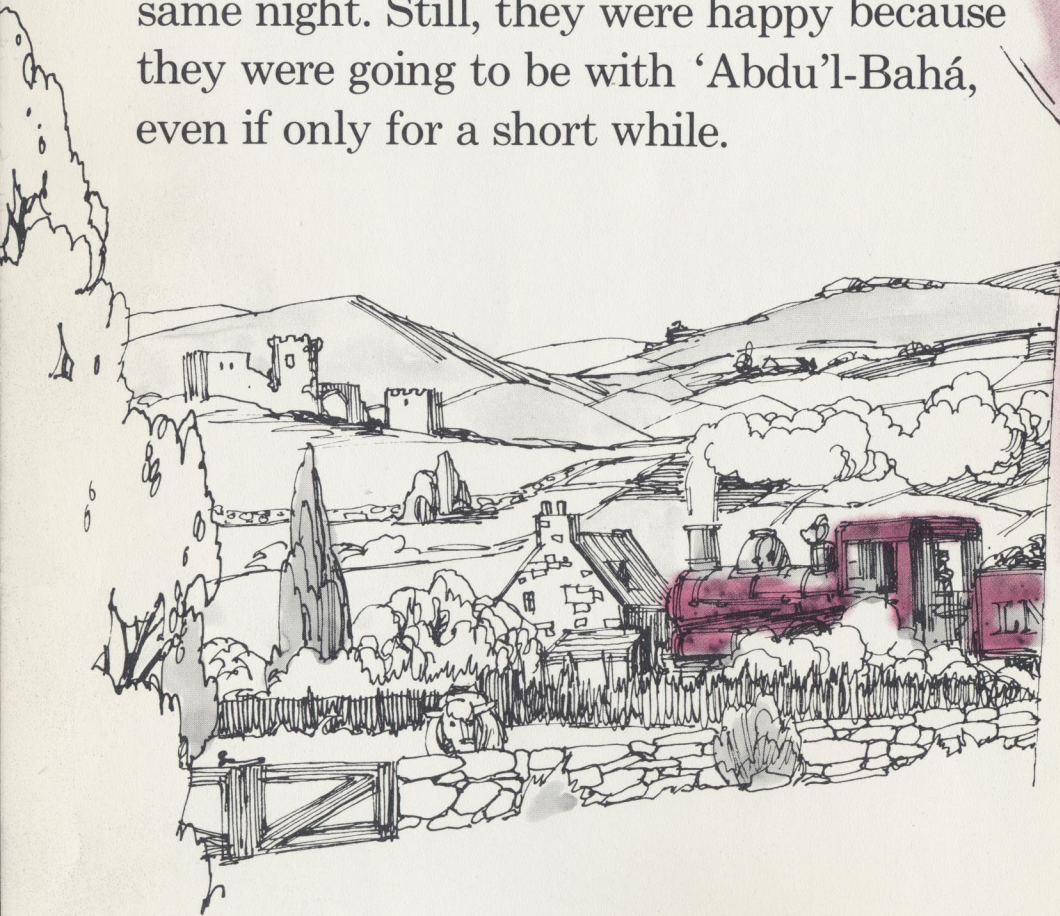








The two ladies had to take the train all the way from Scotland to come to Lady Blomfield's house. And they could only stay for a short time because they had to take another train back to Scotland the same night. Still, they were happy because they were going to be with 'Abdu'l-Bahá, even if only for a short while.















When the ladies arrived, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá welcomed them warmly. All the guests sat down in a large room. Everyone was looking forward to a wonderful time together.

“What a beautiful evening this will be!” Lady Blomfield thought to herself. “Just a few close friends together with ‘Abdu’l-Bahá.”





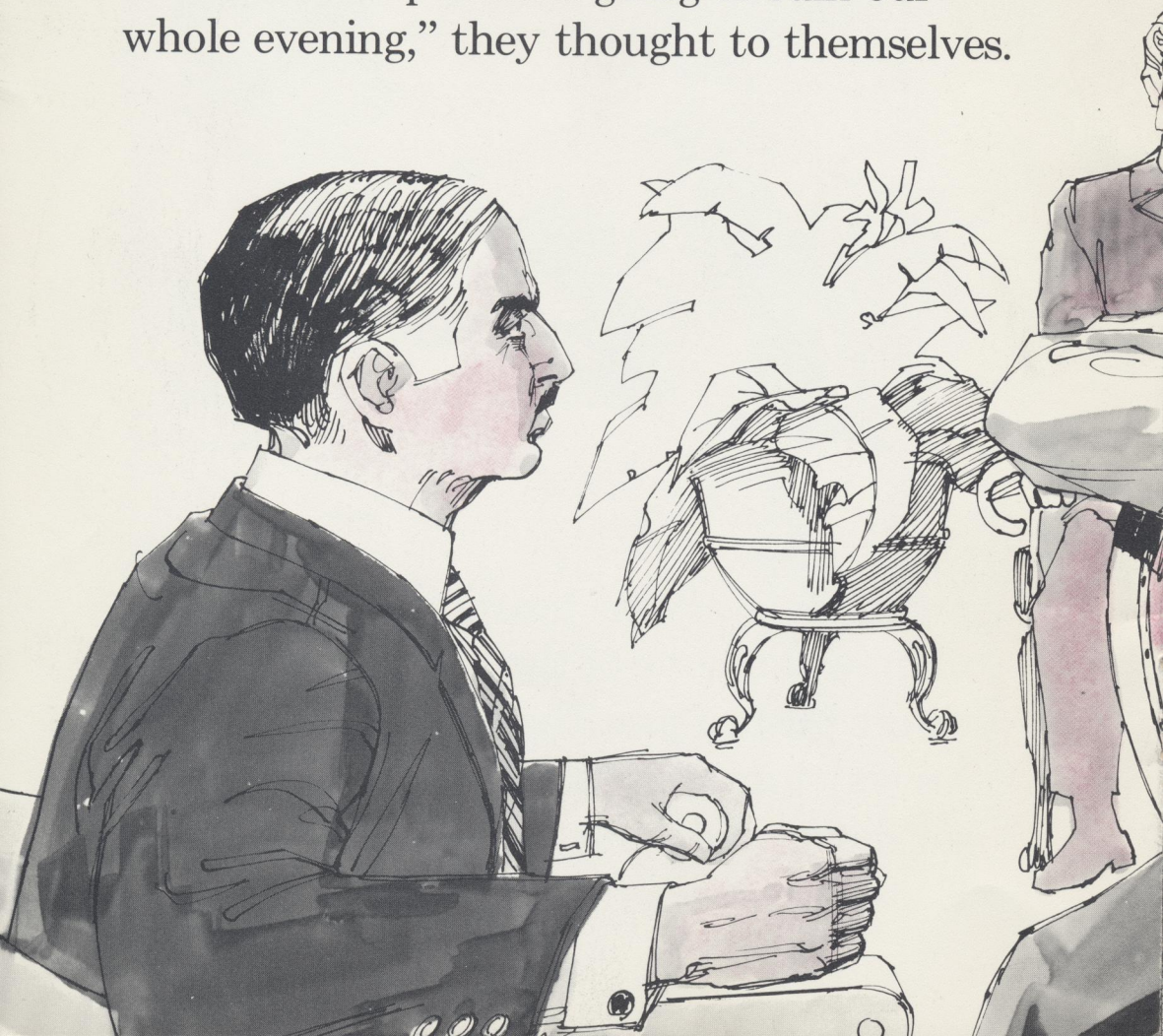




Suddenly everyone heard a lot of noise. A man whom none of them had ever seen before pushed past the servants and forced his way into the room. He found a chair, sat down, and lighted up a cigarette. Everyone was surprised and shocked.



The stranger said that he wanted to write a story about 'Abdu'l-Bahá for a newspaper. He talked on and on. Lady Blomfield and the others in the room became very angry, but they did not say anything. "This terrible person is going to ruin our whole evening," they thought to themselves.











After a short while, 'Abdu'l-Bahá stood up and motioned to the man to follow Him. They went together into another room.

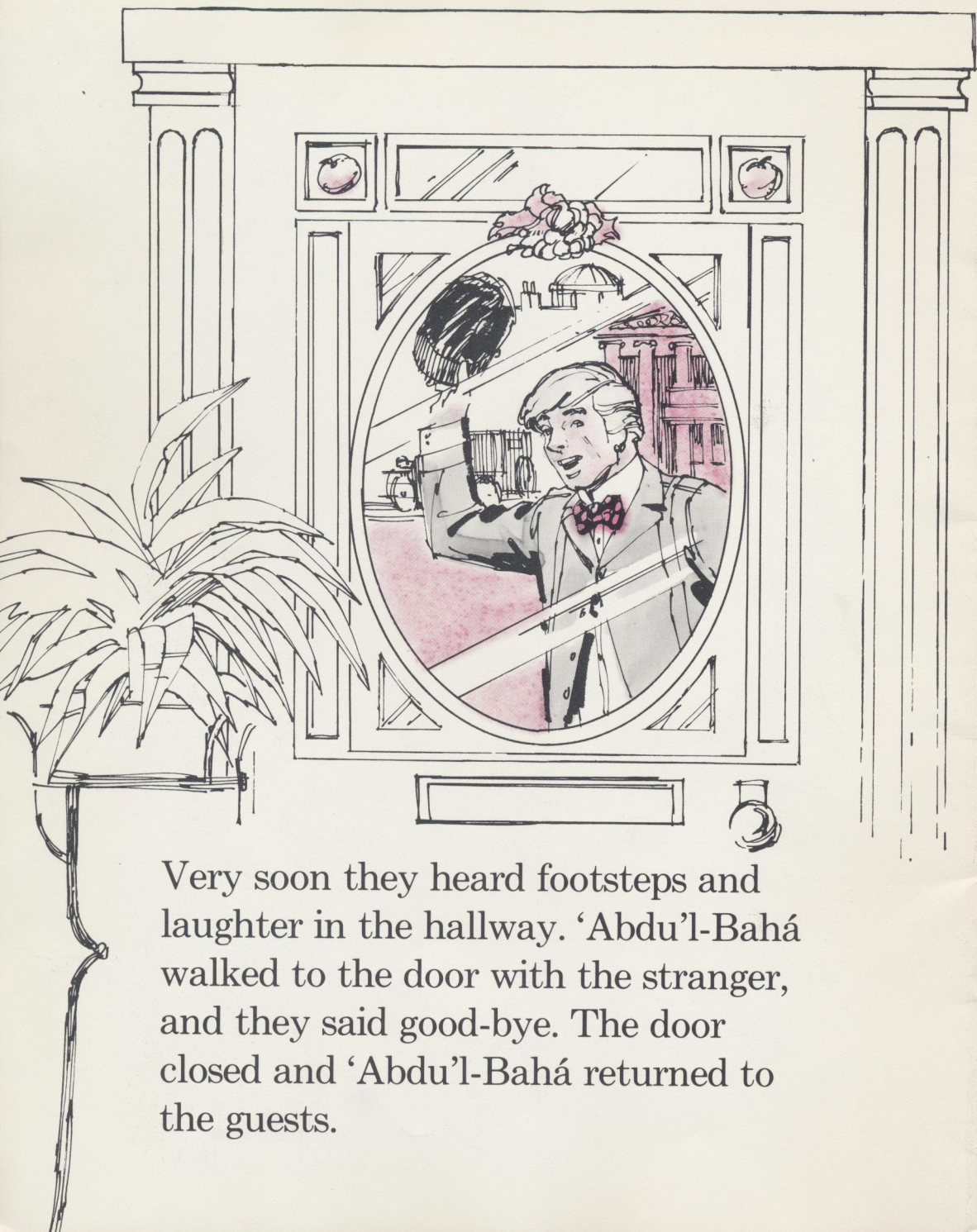
All the guests looked at one another. The rude man had gone, yes, but so had 'Abdu'l-Bahá!



Finally, Lady Blomfield decided that she had to do something. She went to the door of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's room and spoke to His secretary. "Will you kindly say to 'Abdu'l-Bahá that the ladies with whom the appointment has been made are awaiting His pleasure," she said. She returned to the guests, and everyone waited to see what 'Abdu'l-Bahá would do.







Very soon they heard footsteps and laughter in the hallway. 'Abdu'l-Bahá walked to the door with the stranger, and they said good-bye. The door closed and 'Abdu'l-Bahá returned to the guests.



“Oh, Master!” they cried.

‘Abdu’l-Bahá stood silently near the door. He was very serious. He looked at each of the friends—one by one. “You were making that poor man uncomfortable,” He said. “I took him away to make him feel happy.”









### IN THE CLASSROOM:

When this book is used in Bahá'í children's classes it should be associated with some creative activity. One idea might be to have the children act out a situation similar to the one related in the story. Each child may be assigned a particular role: the host, the hostess, the intruder, the guest, etc. (No one should play the role of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, of course.) The purpose would be to have everyone try to act as 'Abdu'l-Bahá would have wanted him to. The teacher should point out to the students that 'Abdu'l-Bahá did not allow the intruder to ruin the party, nor was He ever rude or discourteous.

Another activity may be to have each child write a newspaper article as though he were the newspaper reporter in the story who visited 'Abdu'l-Bahá. The children can then compare headlines and stories.





Stories about 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
in America:  
The Black Rose  
The Cornerstone

Stories about 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
in the Holy Land:  
The Proud Helper  
The Unfriendly Governor

Stories about 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
in Britain:  
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