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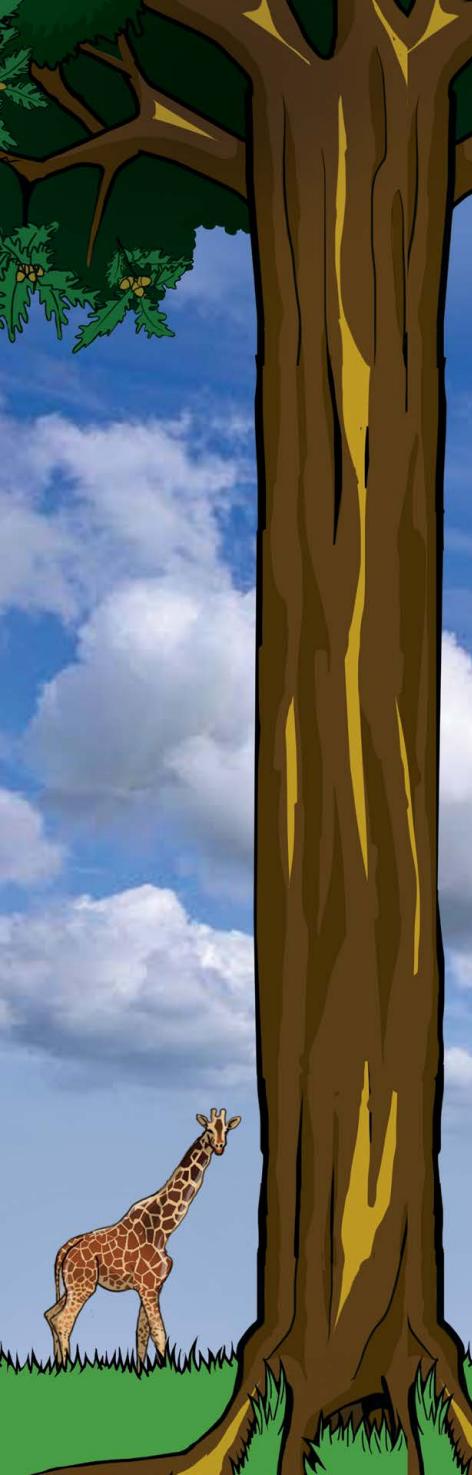
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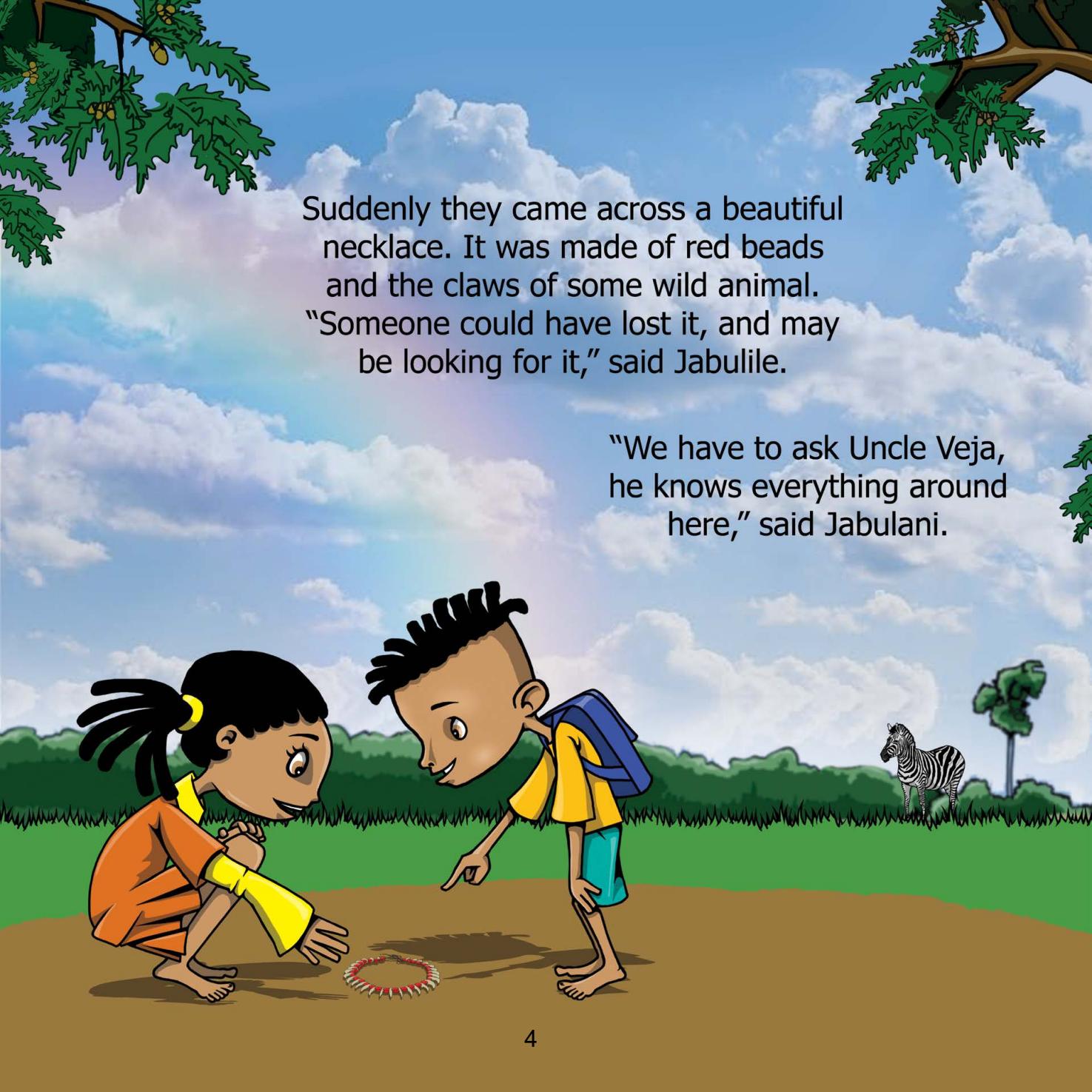
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It's a beautiful morning in South Africa.
The siblings, Jabulani and Jabulile,
are playing and running around
in the field.



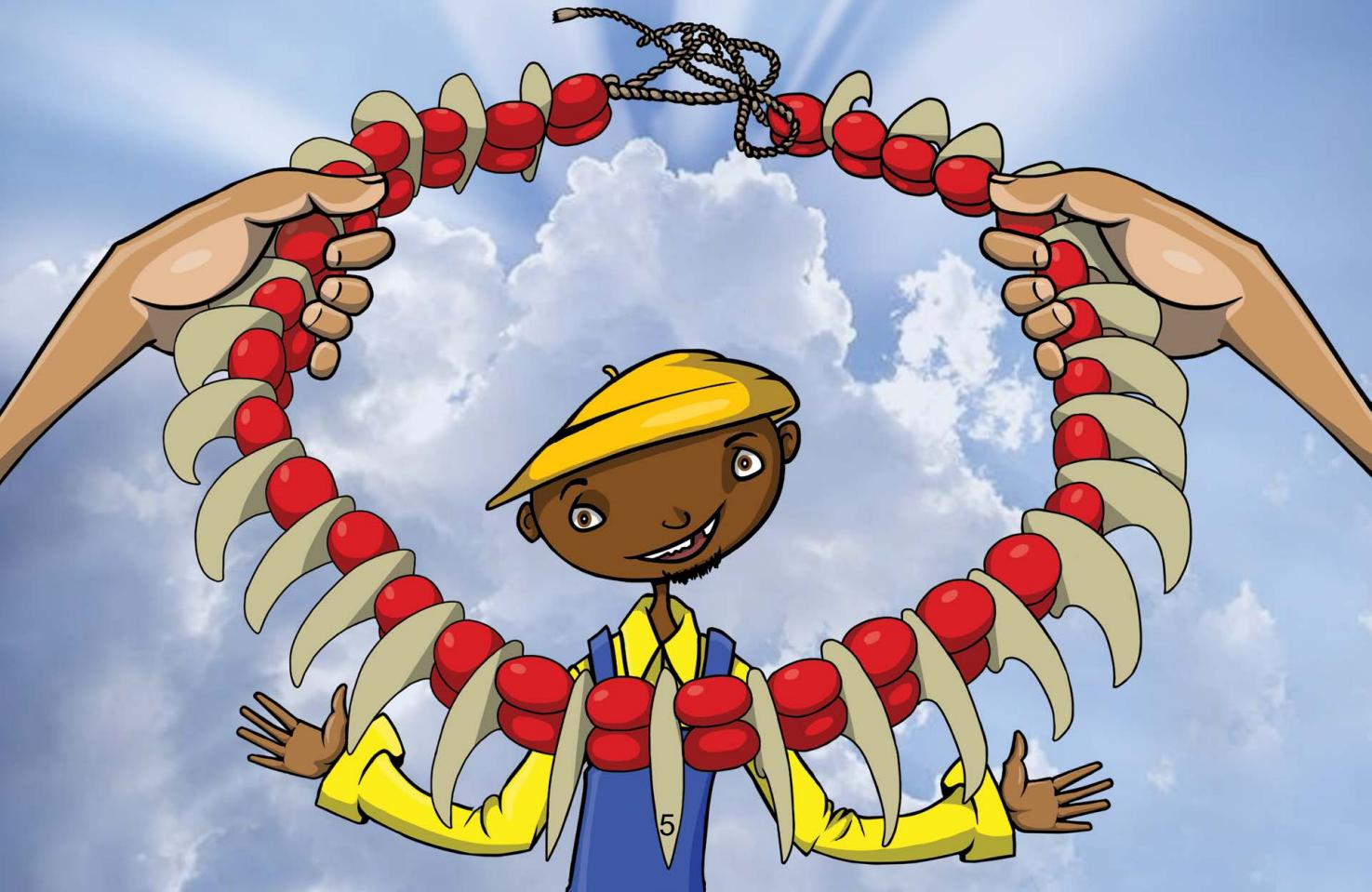


Suddenly they came across a beautiful necklace. It was made of red beads and the claws of some wild animal.
"Someone could have lost it, and may be looking for it," said Jabulile.

"We have to ask Uncle Veja, he knows everything around here," said Jabulani.

"That belongs to someone of a particular culture or tribe," said Uncle Veja.

"You have to go around and search for them," said Uncle Veja



They started on the tip of Africa, in the Eastern Cape. They met Vuyani. His name means 'be happy'. He was a Xhosa boy who spoke isiXhosa.

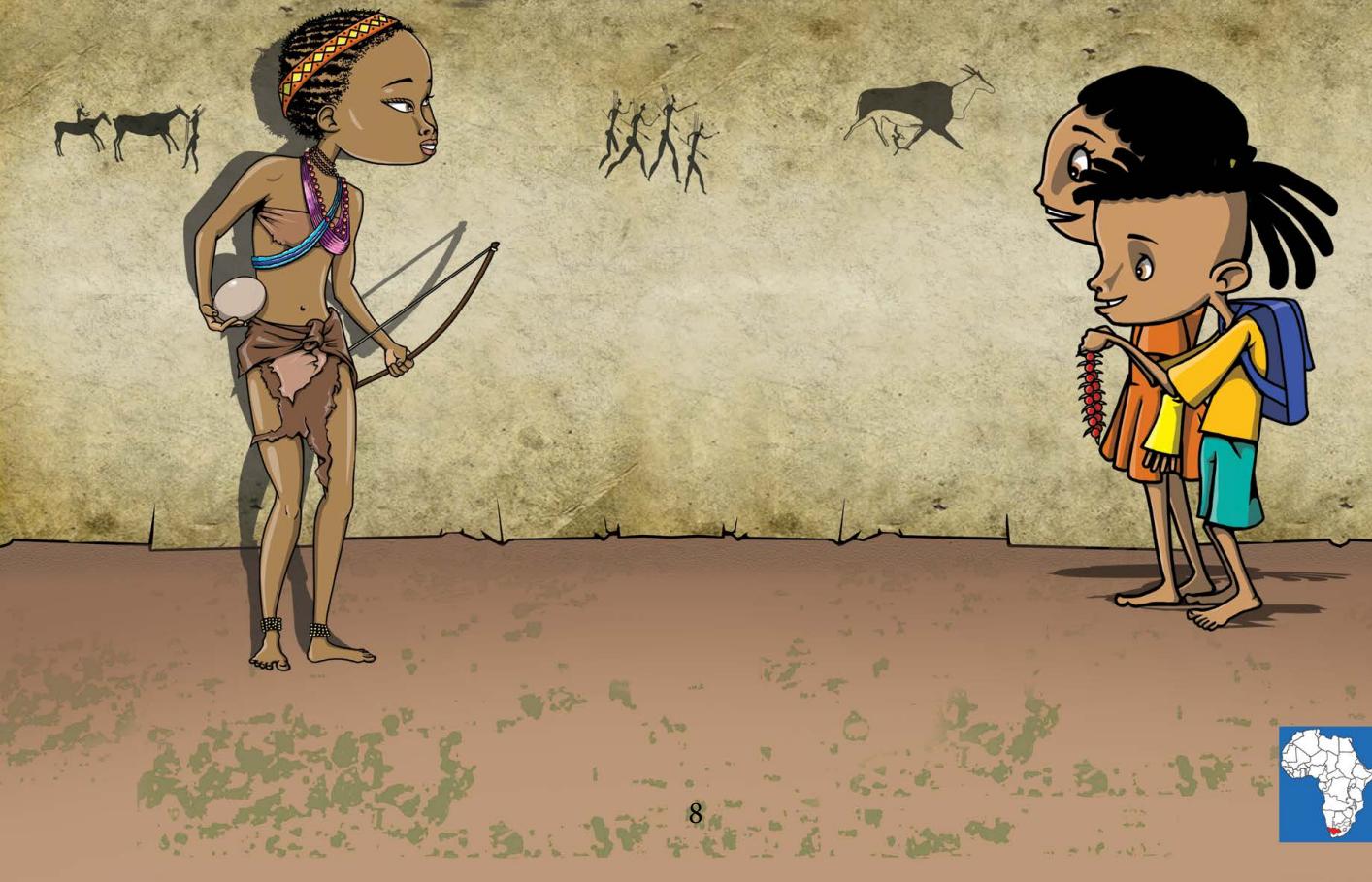
"Molweni, that's not my necklace. Keep asking around," said Vuyani.



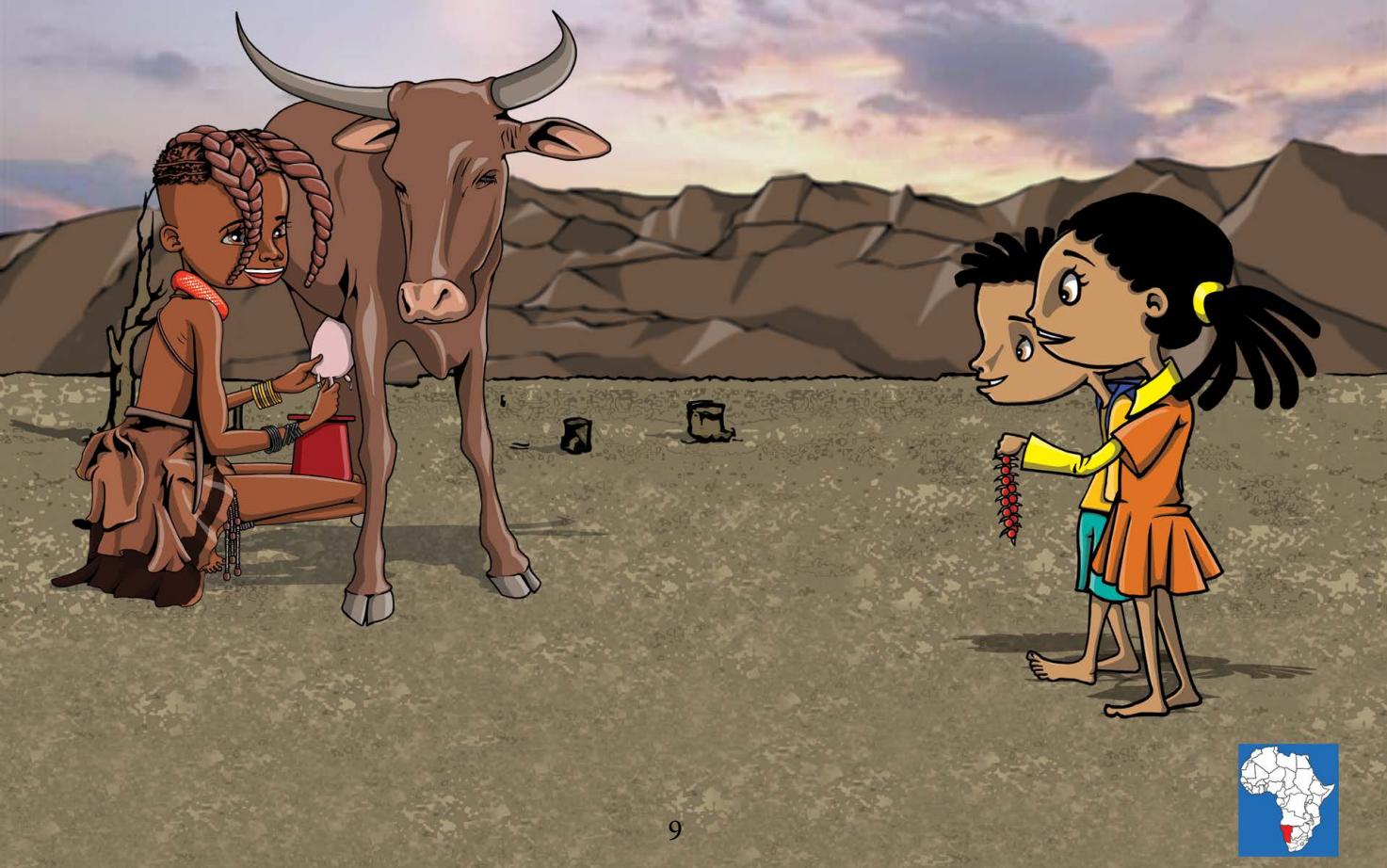
They went to the Western Cape. They met Seuntjie.
His name means 'small boy'.
He was an Afrikaner boy who spoke Afrikaans.
"Hello, that is not my necklace," he said.



They went to the Northern Cape and met Tlo.
Her name means 'pretty'.
She was a Khoisan girl who spoke Khoekhoe, also called Nama.
"Halau, that is not my necklace," said Tlo.



They went to Namibia. They met Vehaa.
Her name in Otjiherero translates as, 'they divide'.
She was a Himba girl who spoke OtjiHimba.
"Moro, that is not my necklace. Keep asking around," said Vehaa.



They went to Botswana and met Thusang. "Thusang" means 'help one another'. He was a Tswana boy, that spoke Setswana. "Dumelang, that lovely necklace is not mine," said Thusang, as he carried on dancing.

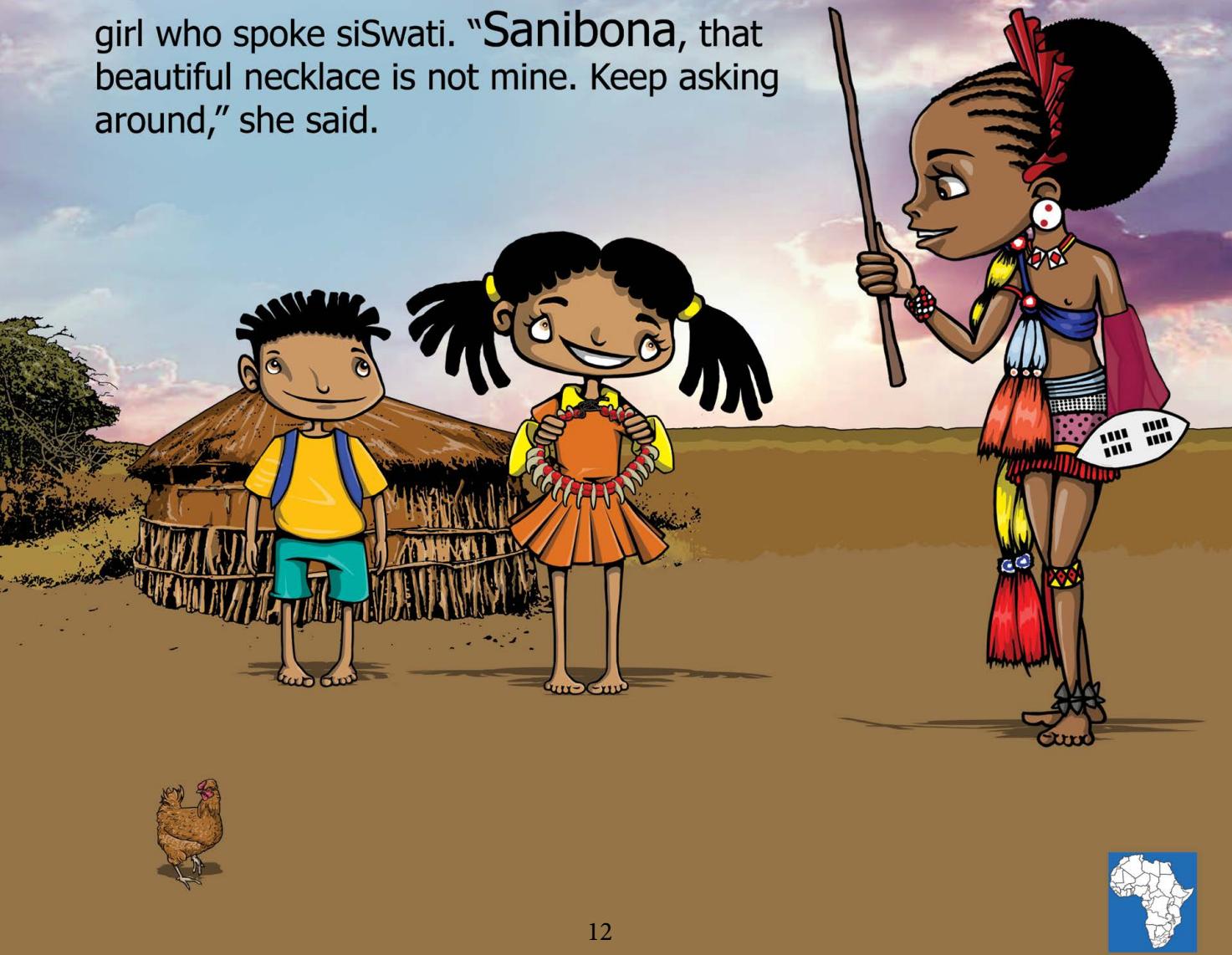


They went to Lesotho and met Mabatho.
Her name means 'people's person'.
She was a Sotho girl who spoke Sesotho.

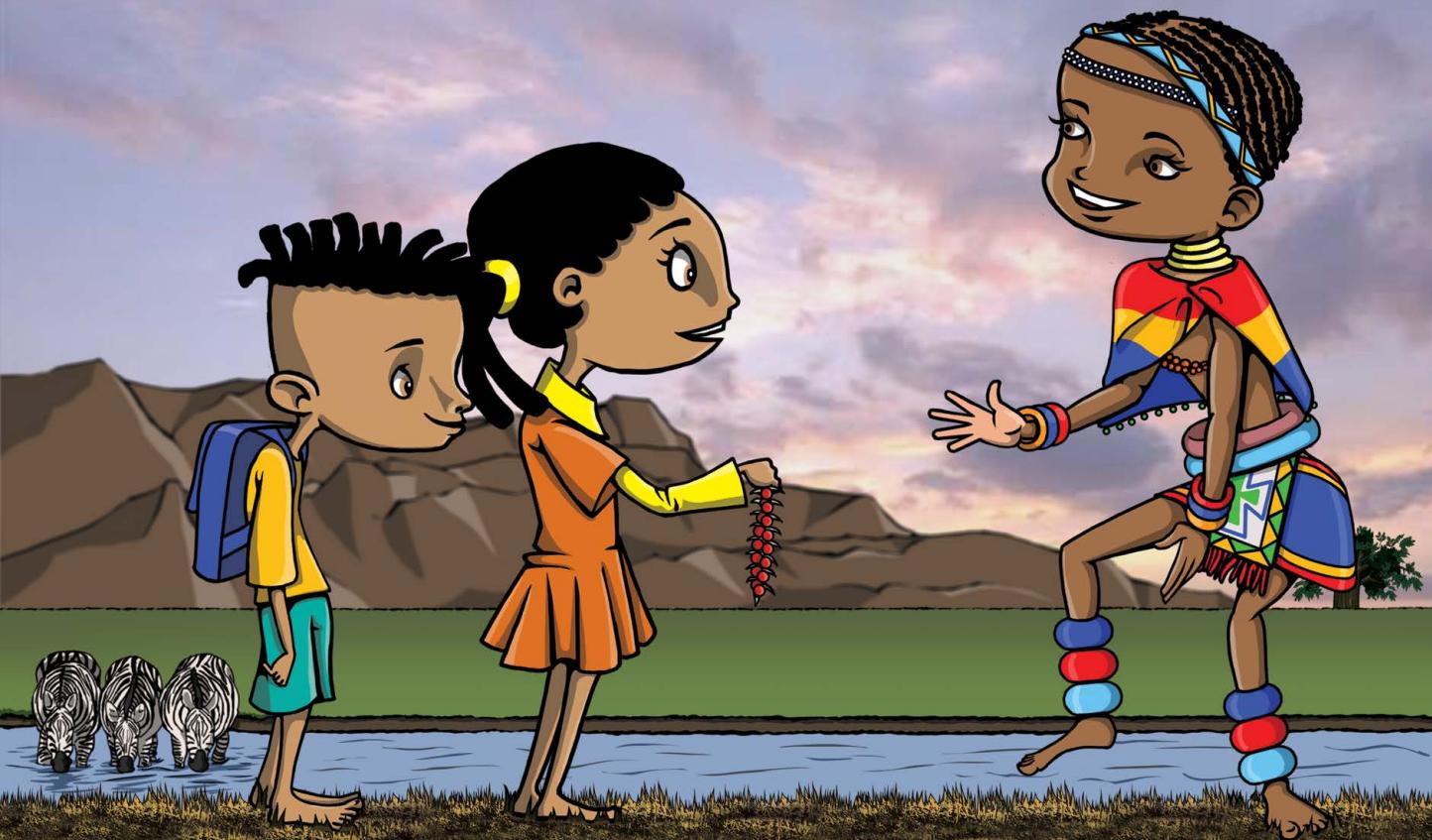
"Dumela, that beautiful
necklace is not mine," she said.



They went to Swaziland. They met Nolwati. Her name means 'knowledge'. She was a Swati girl who spoke siSwati. "**Sanibona**, that beautiful necklace is not mine. Keep asking around," she said.



They went to Mpumalanga, and met Zanele. Her name means 'there's enough'. She was a Ndebele girl who spoke isiNdebele. "Lotjhani, sorry, that is not my necklace, keep asking around," she said.





They went to Limpopo.
They met Khensani. Her name means
'grateful'. She was a Tsonga and spoke Xitsonga.

"Avuxeni, that is not my necklace," she said.



They went to Polokwane in Limpopo. They met Lesedi. Her name means 'sunshine'. She was a Pedi girl who spoke Sepedi. "Thobela, that is not my necklace," she said.



They went to Thohoyandou, a Venda town in Limpopo. There they met Mashudu. Her name means 'good luck'. She was a Venda girl who spoke Tshivenda. "Aa, that is not my necklace," said Mashudu.



They went to Zimbabwe. They met Tatenda. Her name means 'give thanks'. She was a Shona girl that spoke Shona.

"Zvirisei, that is not my necklace," she said.



They went to Kenya
and met 'Simba'.
His name means 'lion'.
He was a Maasai boy,
who spoke Swahili.



"Hujambo, that lovely
necklace is not mine," said
Simba, as he carried on
with his dance.



They went to South West Ethiopia, in the Omo Valley and met 'Ngakutul'.

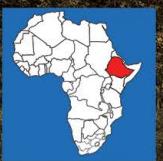
Her name means 'mountain woman'.

She was a Mursi girl who spoke the Mursi language.

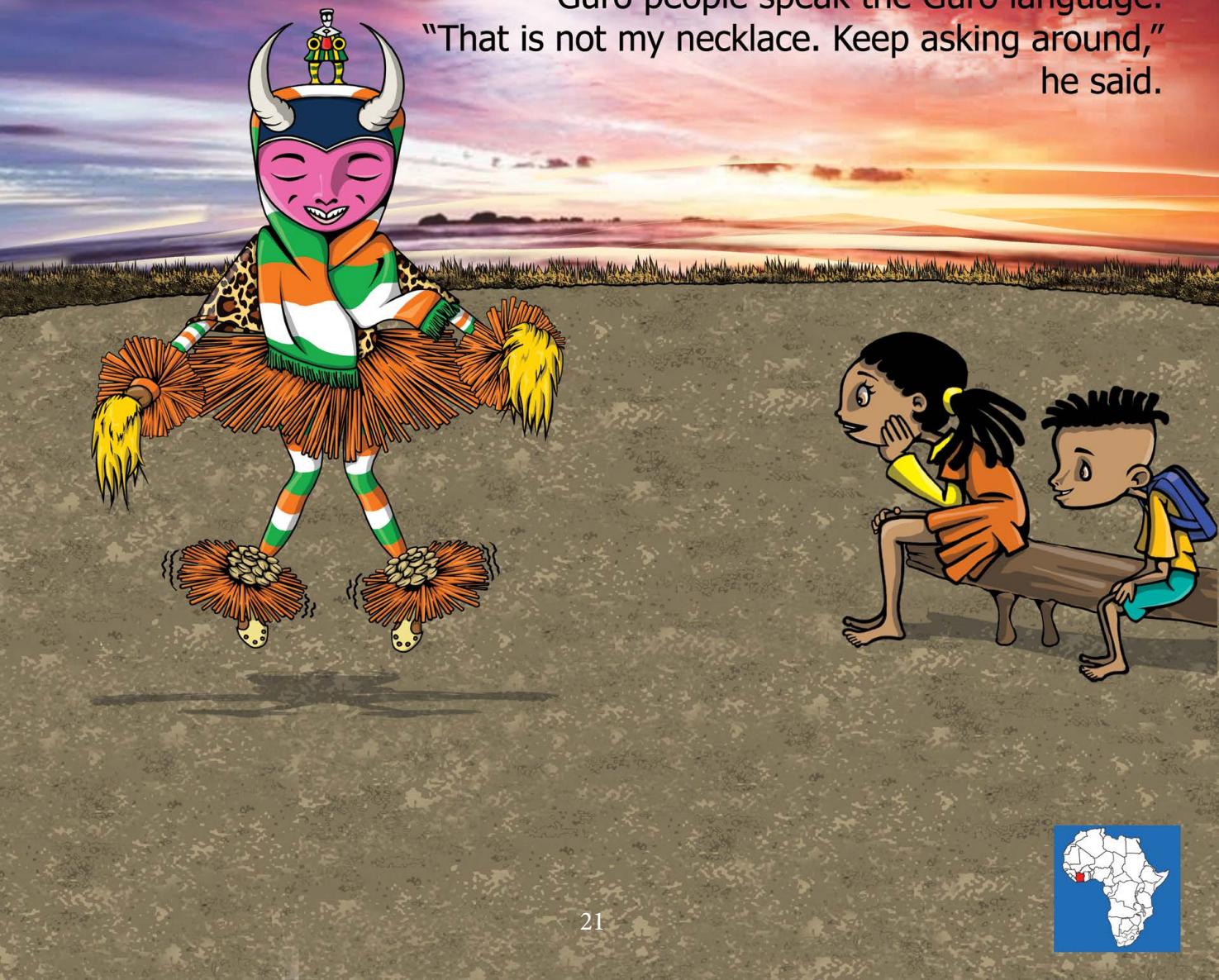
"Achali, that lovely necklace is not mine," said Ngakutul, as she carried on walking.



They went to the South of Ethiopia. They met Negasi. He was a Karo boy who spoke the Karo language. His name means, 'he will wear a crown'. "That is not my necklace. Keep asking around," he said.



They went to the Ivory Coast. They met a Zaouli dancing boy from the Guro Village. Guro people speak the Guro language. "That is not my necklace. Keep asking around," he said.



They went to Nigeria in West Africa. They met Abimbola.
Her name means 'born into wealth'.
She was a Yoruba girl who spoke Yoruba.

"Ore, ba wo ni?

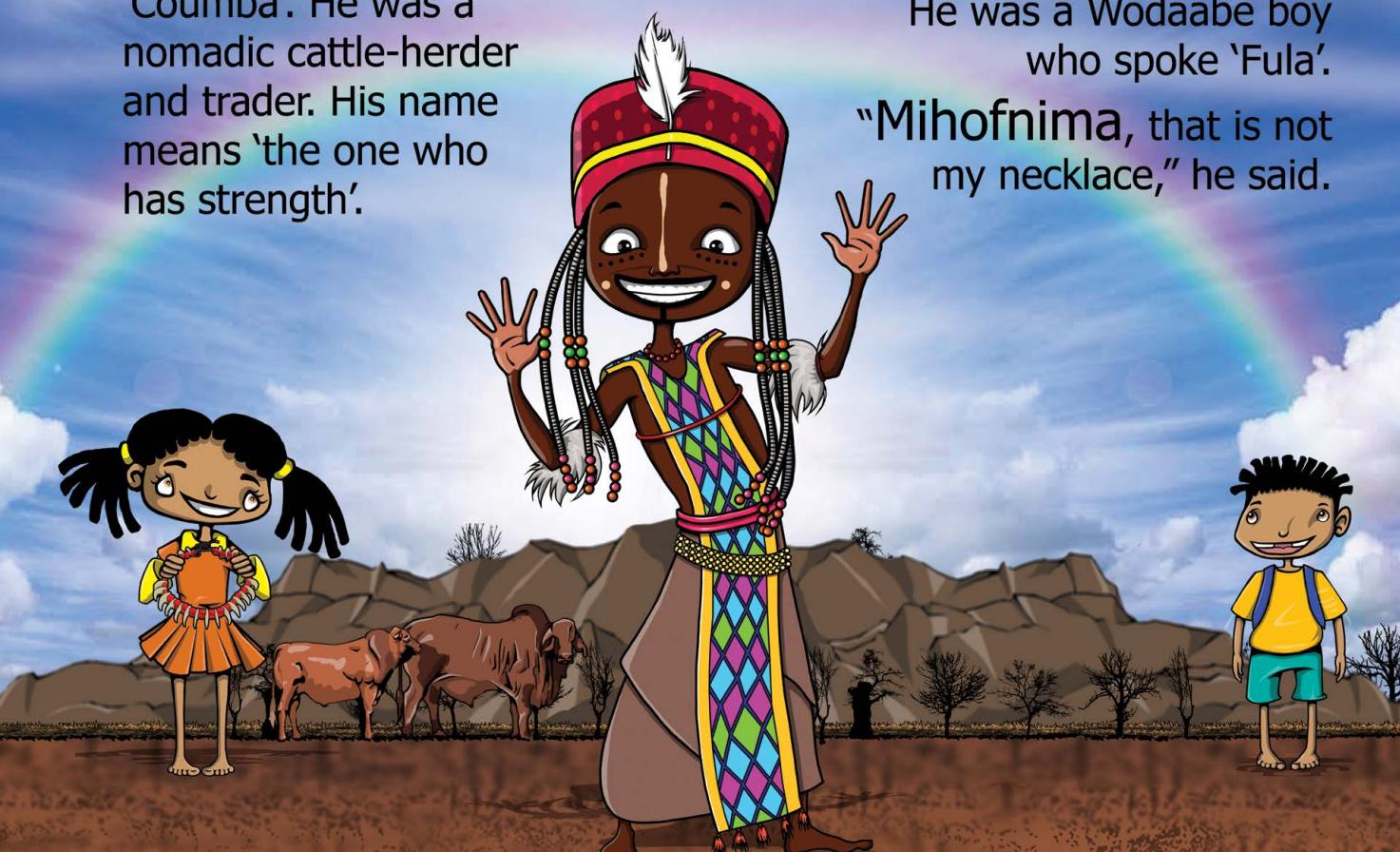
That is not my necklace,"
she said.



They went to Western Africa. There they met 'Coumba'. He was a nomadic cattle-herder and trader. His name means 'the one who has strength'.

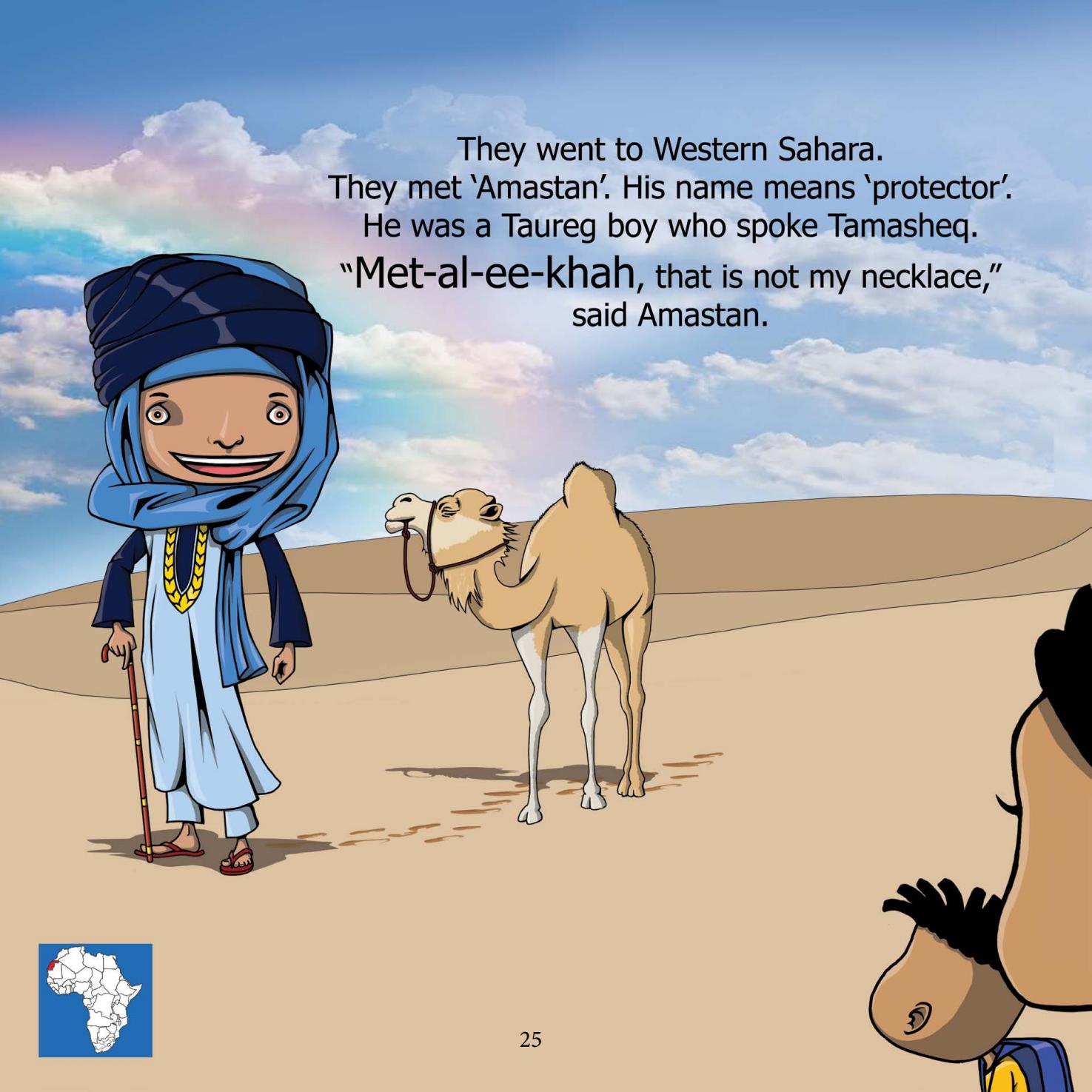
He was a Wodaabe boy who spoke 'Fula'.

"Mihofnima, that is not my necklace," he said.



They went to Mali, going further into Western Africa. They met 'Sewa'. The name 'Sewa' means 'everything is fine'. He was a Dogon boy who spoke Dogon. "Aga po, that is not my necklace," he said. Then he carried on with his dance ritual called the 'dama'.





They went to Western Sahara.
They met 'Amastan'. His name means 'protector'.
He was a Taureg boy who spoke Tamasheq.
"Met-al-ee-khah, that is not my necklace,"
said Amastan.



They went further north into Africa, to Egypt.

They met 'Amun'. The name 'Amun' means 'God of mystery'. He was a Pharaoh boy who spoke an Egyptian language.

"Em hotep, that is not my necklace,"
he said

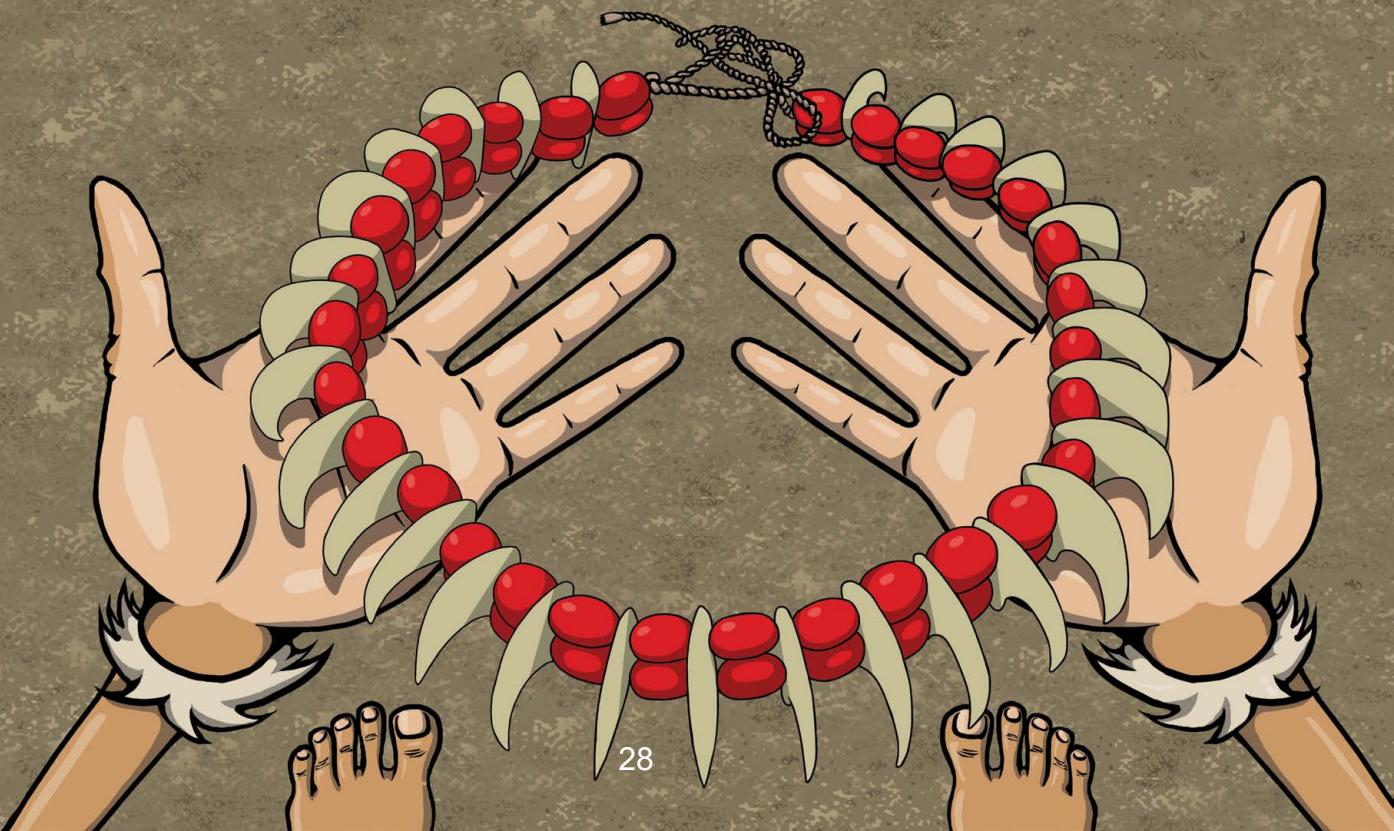


They went to the South of Africa, to KwaZulu-Natal.
They met 'Bongani'. The name 'Bongani'
means 'thank you'. He was a Zulu boy
who spoke isiZulu. "**Sanibonani**,
let me call the elders," he said.



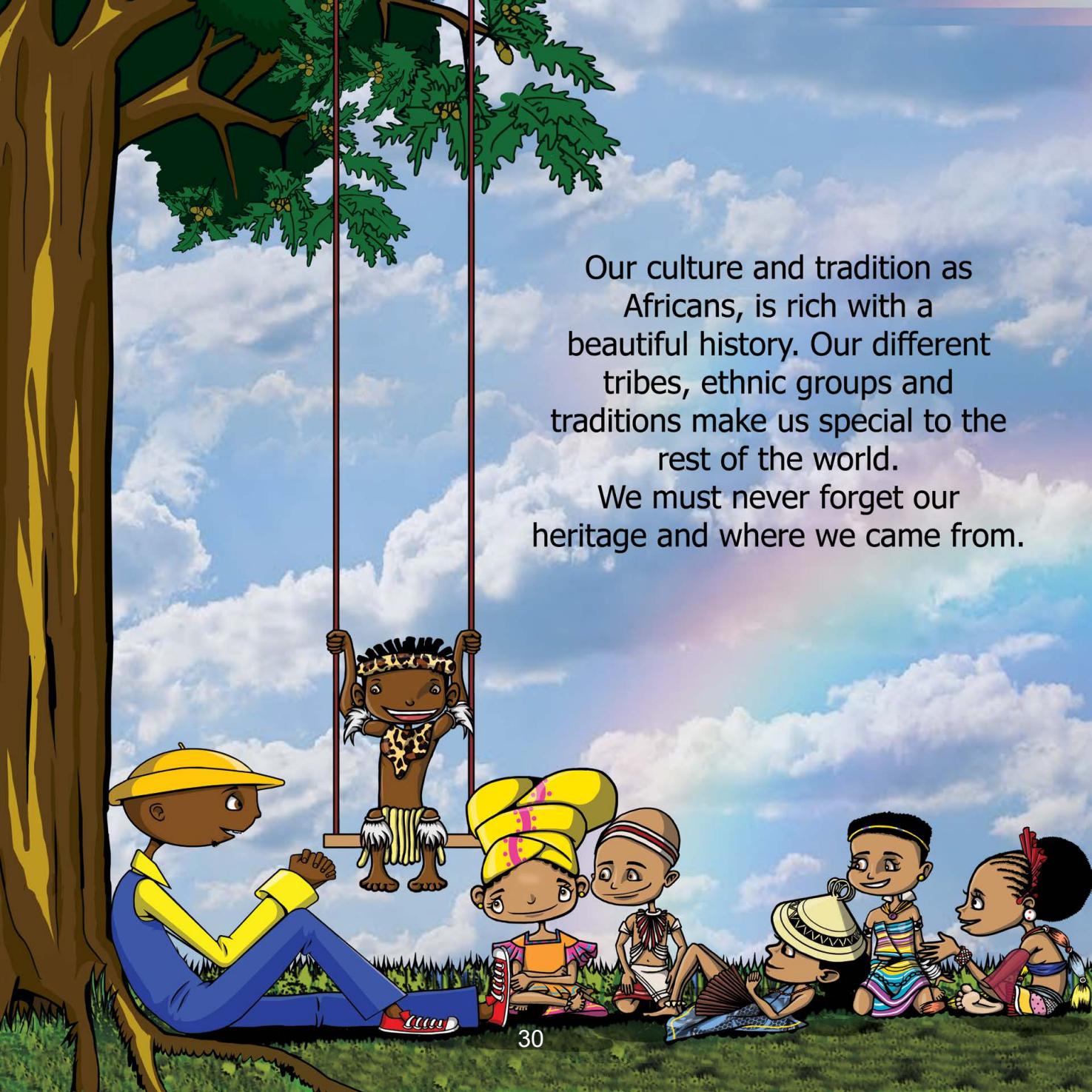
This necklace represented power and achievement,
as it was worn as a reward for showing courage and
bravery in the battle.

What you have found here is a rare treasure,
my children.





You have found an original necklace, lost for over a thousand years. It's made up of leopard claws and was reserved exclusively for the Zulu kings and Chiefs. It has a significant history and is part of our African culture.



Our culture and tradition as Africans, is rich with a beautiful history. Our different tribes, ethnic groups and traditions make us special to the rest of the world.

We must never forget our heritage and where we came from.

It takes a village to raise a child.

African Proverb

Do a good deed and throw it into the sea.

Egyptian Proverb

The death of an elderly man is like a burning library.

Ivorian Proverb

Where you sit when you are old shows where you stood in youth.

Yoruba Proverb

An orphaned calf licks its own back.

Kenyan Proverb

The words of the elders become sweet some day.

Malawian Proverb

Love doesn't rely on physical features.

Lesotho Proverb

One should punish a child the first time he comes home with a stolen egg.

Otherwise, the day he returns home with a stolen ox, it will be too late.

Ethiopian Proverb

If you do not travel, you will marry your own sister.

Mozambican Proverb

Knowledge without wisdom is like water in the sand.

Guinean Proverb

Be a mountain or lean on one.

Somali Proverb

Two ants do not fail to pull one grasshopper.

Tanzanian Proverb

A single bracelet does not jingle.

Congolese Proverb

Only the one who has walked the road knows the way.

Zulu Proverb

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This is a captivating story of two African children on their quest through Africa to find the owners of the mysterious necklace. They made friends with different tribes and indigenous people they came across, and they learnt their names and how they greet.

This African children's story will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.



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