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Simamkele loves dolls. Mama buys him lots. They keep his loneliness away. Sima's favourite doll is Siza. Sima wants to be a nurse when he grows up.



He loves to put on Mama's skirt, and twirl. Like magic, he suddenly becomes Sima the nurse. He plays hospital and makes sickly Siza and all his dolls better.



Wherever Sima is, Siza is there too.



But Sima's friends do not like Siza. One day, they take him away and stick his head in the toilet.



When Papa comes home, Sima is nursing Siza. ‘What are you doing?’ asks Papa. ‘I’m being a nurse,’ says Sima. ‘Will you play with me?’ ‘Yes.

But we will go to the park and play soccer,' says Papa.



His friends see Sima and Papa playing soccer. They join in. Sima and Papa often play soccer now. But they still haven't played with dolls.



One day, Sima is playing hospital with his dolls. He hears Mama shout. 'Sima! Run! Papa is waiting to play with you in the park.'



‘Why on earth are you wearing a dress?’ says Papa in an angry voice. Just then a ball fly out of nowhere and ...



... knocks Papa down. Everyone panics. Except Sima. He knels and ties his blanket around Papa's bleeding head. 'Call an ambulance!' he shouts.



‘He needs stitches in his head. You did just the right thing,’ says the nurse. Sima is proud.



‘You’re a hero. You’ll make a great doctor one day.’ ‘But I want to be a nurse, just like you,’ says Sima.



‘Thank you, Nurse Sima,’ says Papa.
Now Sima and Papa play hospital and
soccer – and his friends do too.



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