





Just Right!

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Priya has butterflies in her tummy.
Today is her first day at her new
school. Luckily, Wheely will be
going with her too.



Priya's mom drops her off to school.
“I am not sure how I feel about the
new school, mom,” says Priya. “You
will be fine, Priya. Wheely is here

with you,” says her mom, waving her goodbye.



Miss Ali greets Priya as she wheels into the school building. “Welcome, Priya. Let us go to your class and meet your new friends,” she says.



They enter the classroom. “Good morning, everyone. Meet Priya. She will be in your class from today,” Miss Ali says.



The students look at Priya and smile.
They seem curious about her
wheelchair. Mere calls out from the

back of the classroom, “Miss Ali,
Priya can sit with me.”



Priya wheels over to the empty desk beside Mere. “You have nice wheels, Priya,” says Mere. “Thank you, Mere.

This is Wheely. It helps me move around,” replies Priya.



Soon, it is playtime. Mere runs out as soon as the bell rings. “Come with me, Priya,” she calls out.



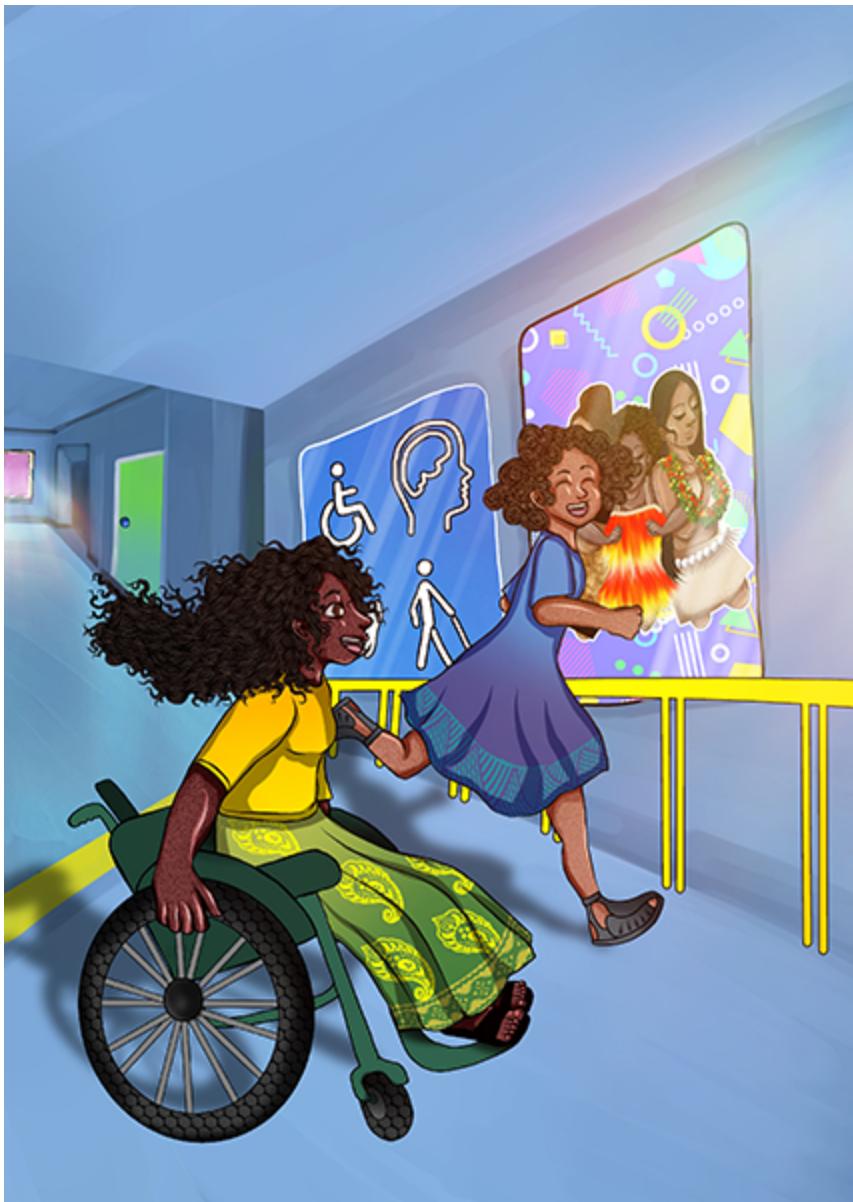
“Where are we going?” Priya asks, looking puzzled. Mere has run to the girls’ restroom. “Look, Priya. This

toilet stall is perfect for you,” she says.

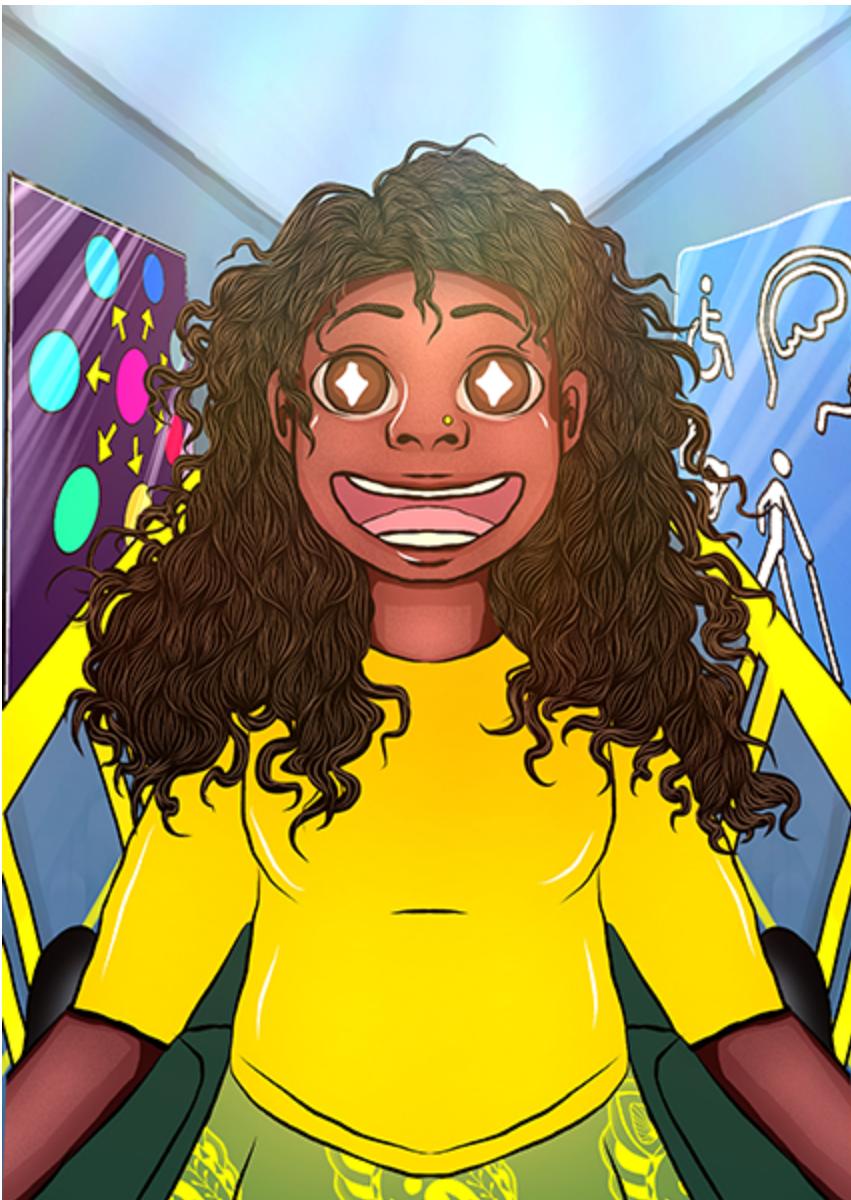


Priya wheels into the toilet stall.
“Wow, I have not seen one of these before,” she says. “Look, Mere! It even has Wheely’s picture on it.” It is

not too narrow or too wide. It is just right!



Mere runs outside again. “Come, I will show you the ramps,” she calls out. Priya follows, zooming out of the door. The path is wide and smooth.



Priya wheels up the ramp. “These ramps are all over the school, Priya. You and Wheely can go anywhere,”

says Mere. It is not too steep or too gentle. It is just right!



“Let me show you the playground, Priya,” says Mere. She runs to the court and tosses a ball to Priya.

“Catch, Priya! Let us shoot some hoops,” she says.



Priya wheels over to the hoop and scores a basket. She whoops with delight. It is not too high or too low. It is just right!



Soon, it is time to go back to class. “I had so much fun, Mere. I did not think Wheely and I could do so much,” says Priya. “That is because

this school and you are just right!”
replies Mere.



About this Project

Prejudicial stereotypes, discriminatory attitudes, and low expectations for children with disabilities create barriers to education and other opportunities for advancement. To address this challenge, The Asia Foundation in Indonesia and in the Pacific Islands collaborated to write ten stories that normalize the representation of children of varying abilities and emphasize their capabilities. Enjoy reading these stories with text, audio, or Sign Language.

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