

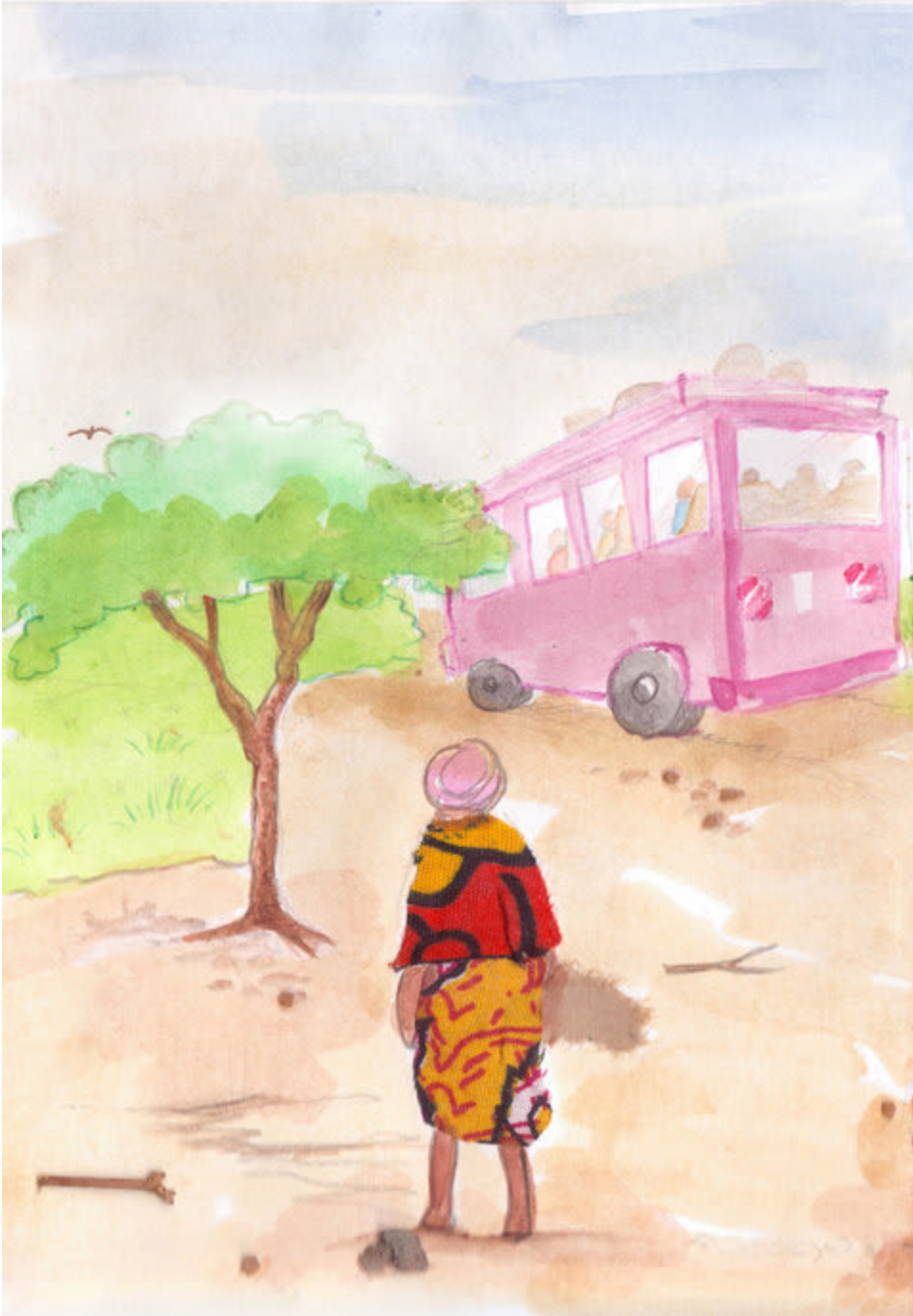




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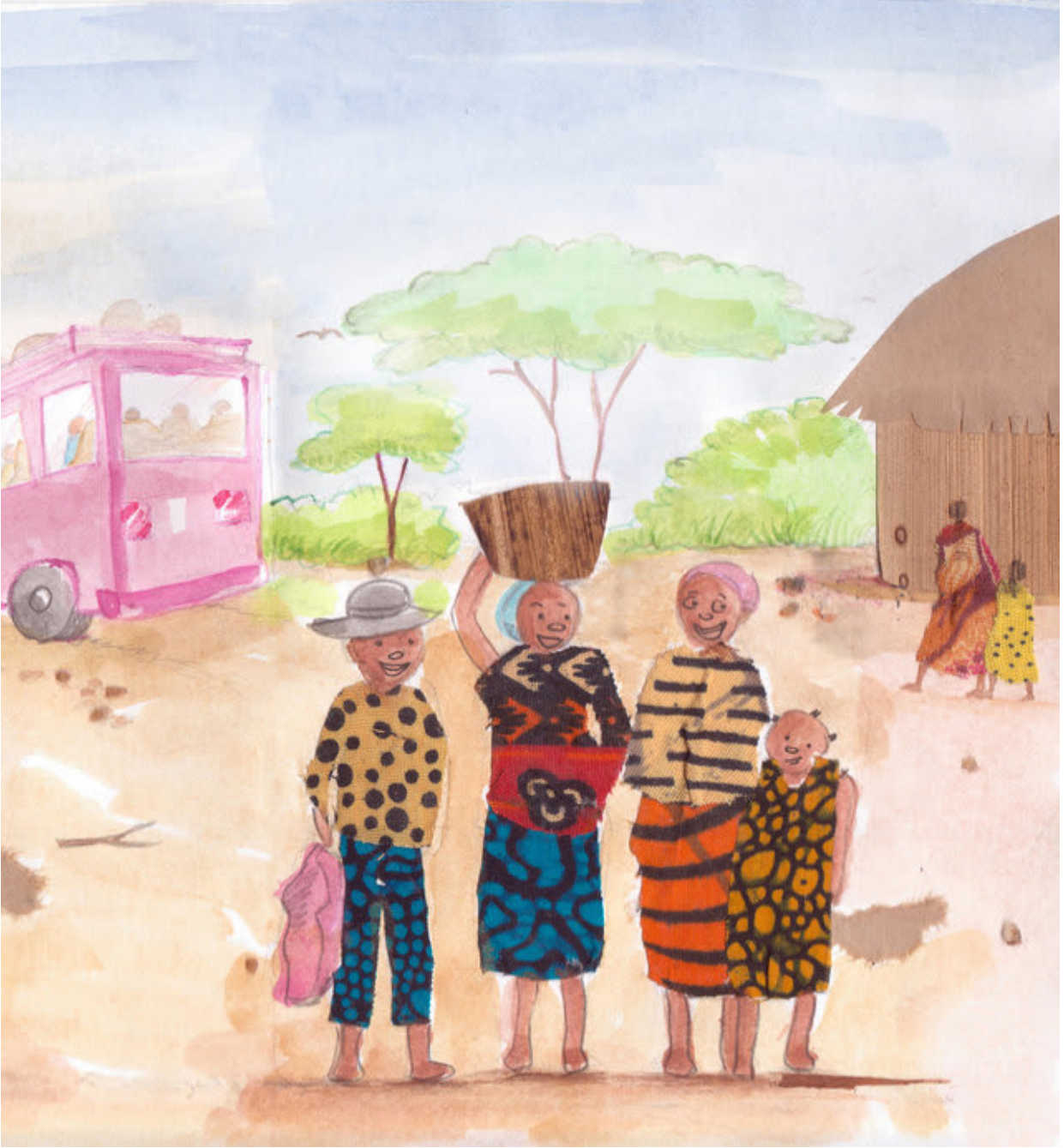
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The Adventures of Mboza and her
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Mboza's school holidays had begun.
She traveled with her family to her

grandma's village. Mboza was quite excited about the trip. During each visit, her grandma would give her a special gift. She wondered what gift her grandma would give her this time!



Mboza's grandma was at the bus station to receive them. She welcomed them warmly. "Grandma, what gift

are you giving me this time?” Mboza asked eagerly. Her grandma chuckled and said, “Be patient, Mboza. Wait until we get home.”



When they got home her grandma smiled and said, “This time, I’ve not prepared a gift for you myself. You’ll

have to get it on your own. See that rooster?” She pointed to a large, colourful rooster.



“Mboza, if you catch it, it’s yours!”
Grandma said.



So, Mboza started to chase the rooster. She dived this way and that

way, but the rooster kept outsmarting her. Mboza fell down with a CRASH!

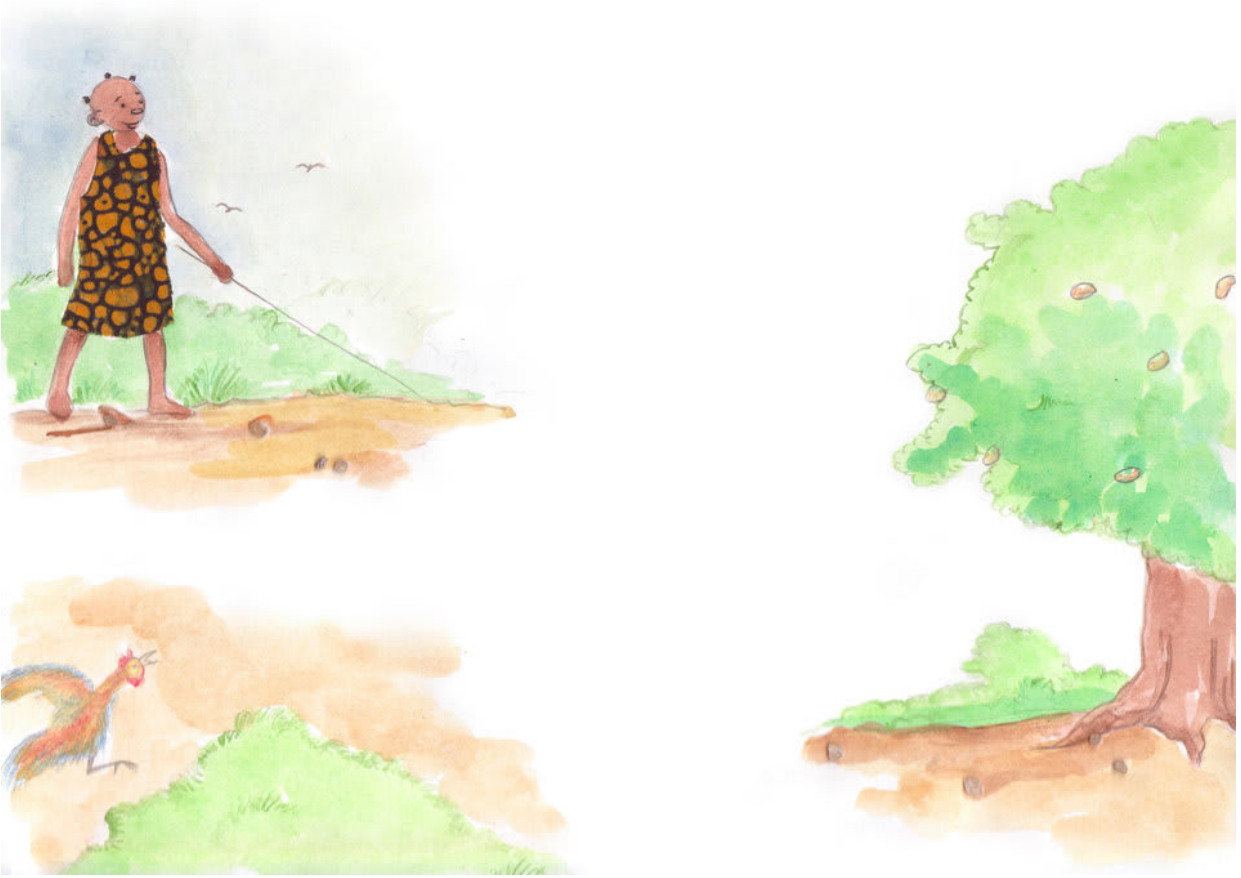


Everyone laughed at Mboza. Now, the rooster ran around even faster!



Mboza got up. She wouldn't give up the chase! Next, the rooster ran straight into a thorny bush. Mboza

found a long stick. “Kho! Kho! Kho!” cried the rooster as it buried into the bush. “Shiiih! Shiih! Shiiih!” called Mboza. "Here, little rooster! Come out!



"Clever rooster, come out. I'll get you!" The rooster saw that Mboza had a stick. It came out of the bush and flew up a mango tree!



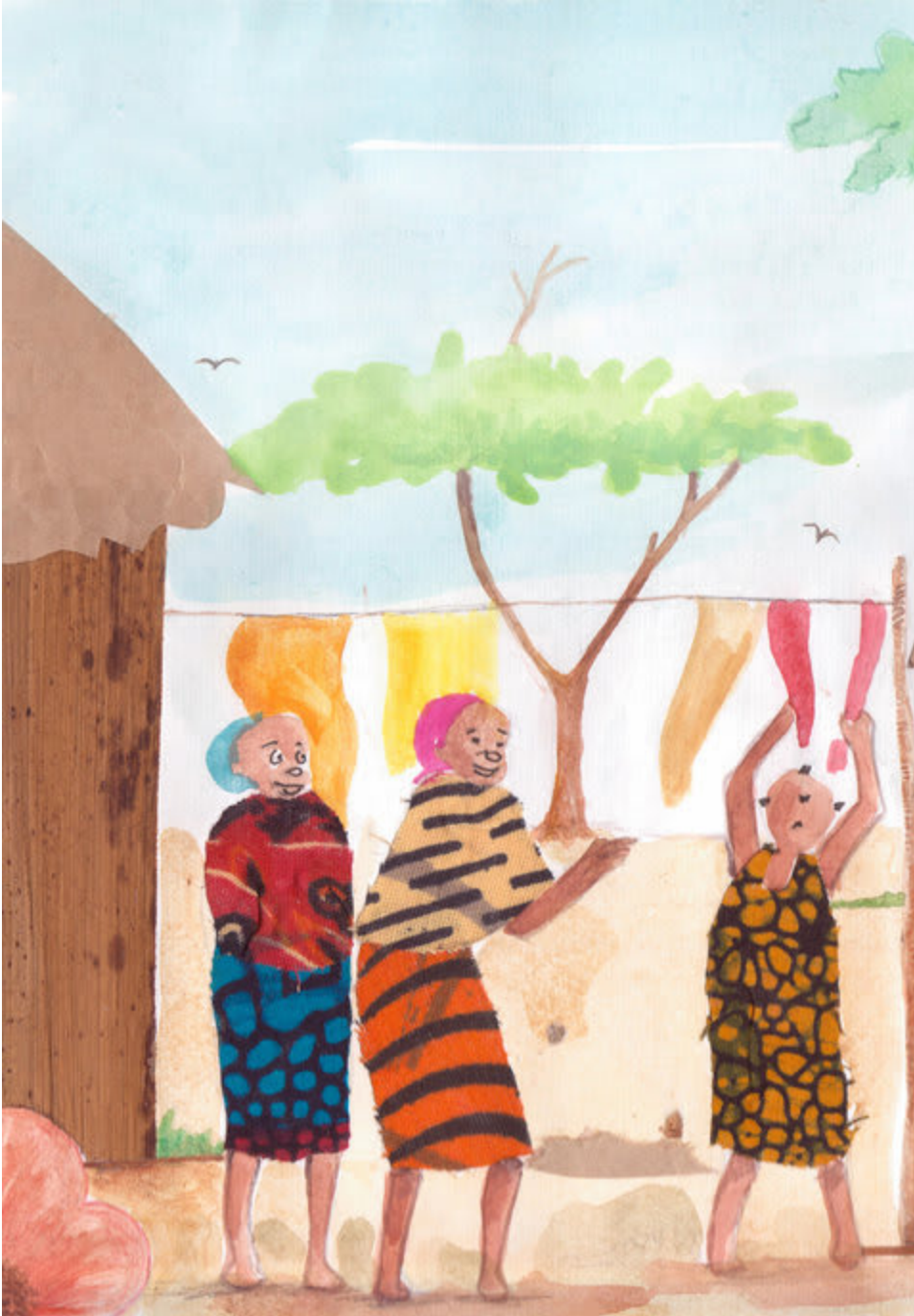
Mboza decided to climb up the mango tree. “Kho! Kho! Kho!” cried

the rooster. Tiing Tiing! Mangoes fell on Mboza's head, as the rooster shook the branches. "Aaagh! My head! OUCH!"



The tree was too high for Mboza to climb. And she was afraid of the

mangoes hitting her on the head!
“Kho! Kho! Kho!” called the rooster
happily. It knew it was safe now.
Mboza looked up and wondered,
How am I going to get that crafty
rooster?



She thought of another plan. I'll get two headscarves and then climb the

tree, she told herself. Mboza grabbed two of grandma's scarves.



Mboza tied the two scarves together and used them to climb the mango

tree.



“Kho! Kho! Kho!” cried the rooster.
Mboza threw the scarf-rope towards

the rooster. Now, the rooster was
frightened.



“Kho! Kho! Kho!” cried the rooster.
It leapt off the branch, down towards

the ground. But, Mboza wouldn't lose him now! She jumped and caught the rooster.



“Grandma!” called Mboza happily.
“I’ve caught the rooster at last! What
should I do with it now?”



“How wonderful! We could slaughter and eat it,” suggested Grandma.

Mboza considered. “Let’s not slaughter it today,” she said.



“I want to give the rooster another chance to run away," Mboza explained. "That way, I can chase him again tomorrow!"



The family laughed. "Whatever you say, my dear," Grandma said. "After all, the rooster is your special gift!"



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The Adventures of Mboza and her Rooster (English) During her school holidays, Mboza and her parents go to visit her Grandma. When they arrive, Grandma offers Mboza a rooster as a gift, but she must chase and catch it first. Do you think Mboza will catch the rooster? This is a Level 3 book for children who are ready to read on their own.



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