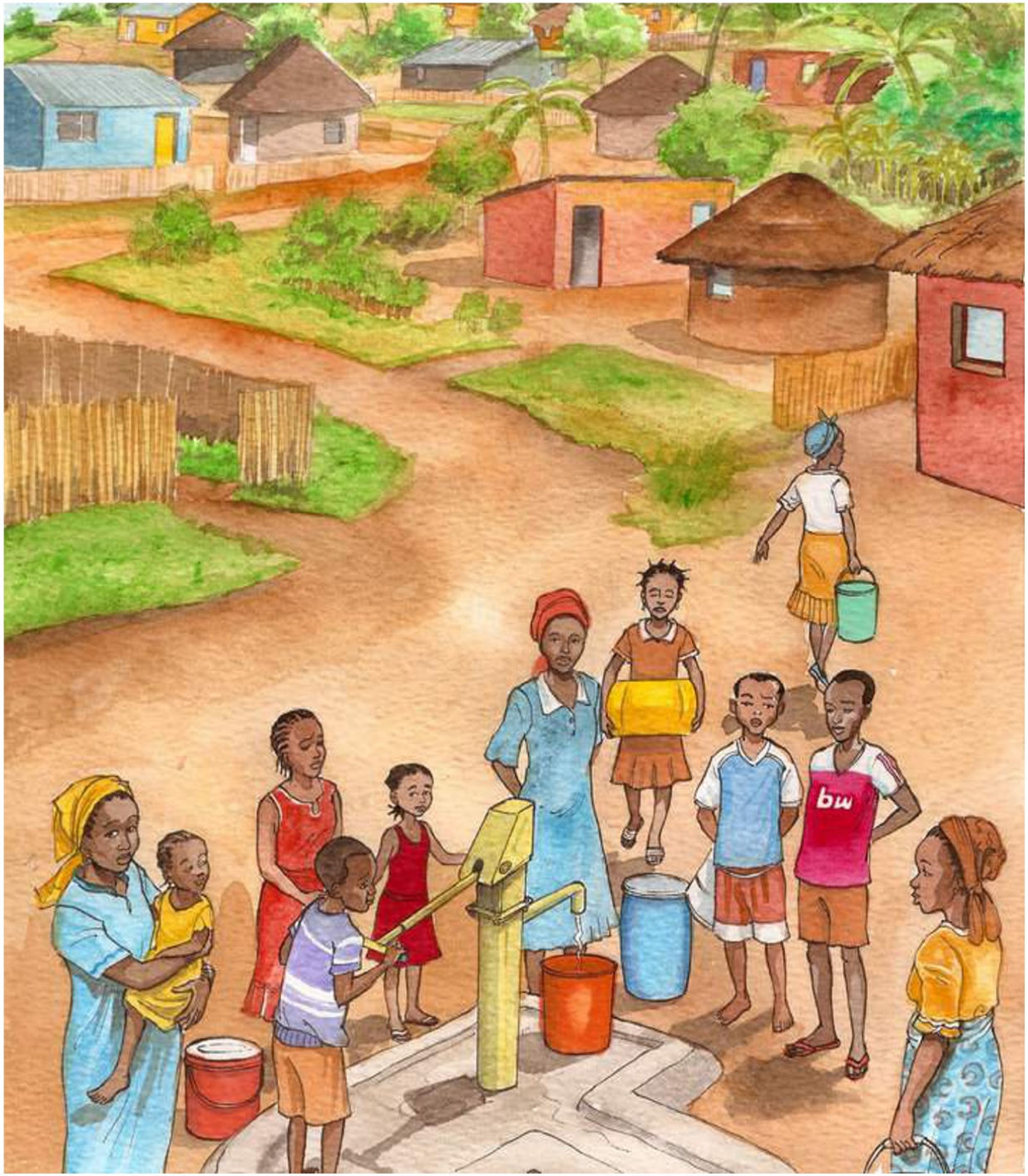
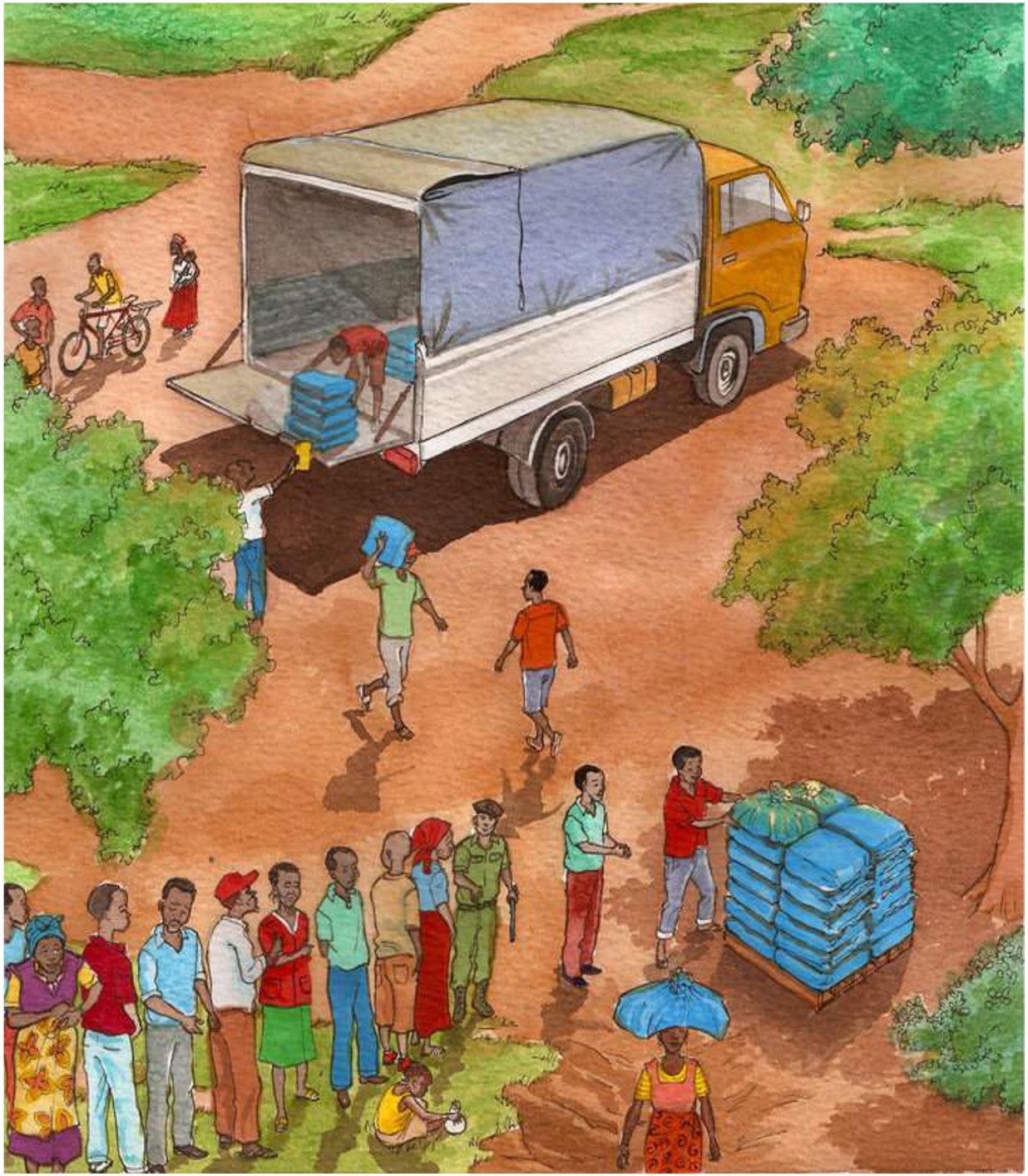


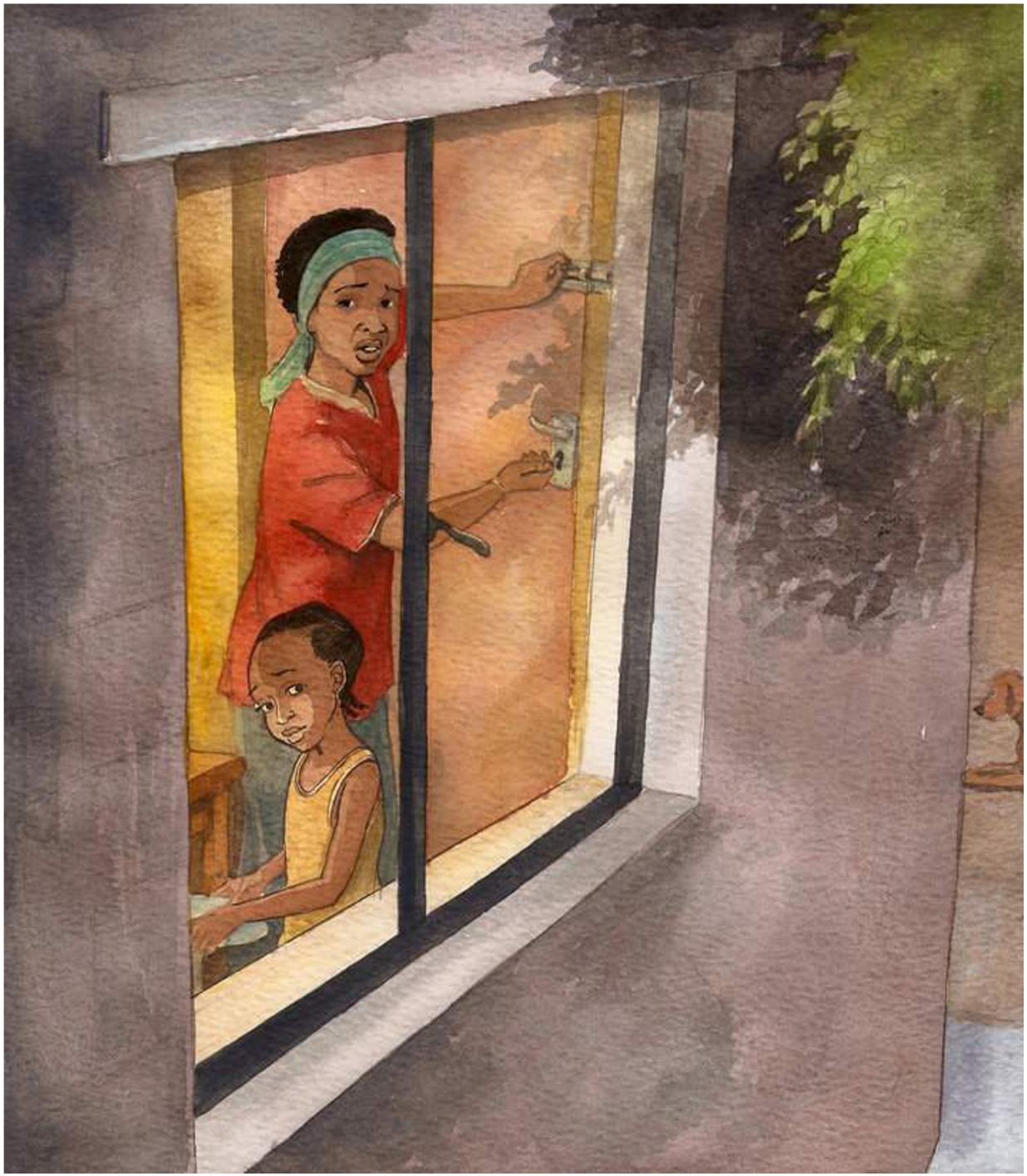
My village had many problems. We made a long line to fetch water from one tap.

Ilali yam yayineengxaki ezininzi. Senza umgca omde wokukha amanzi etephini enye.



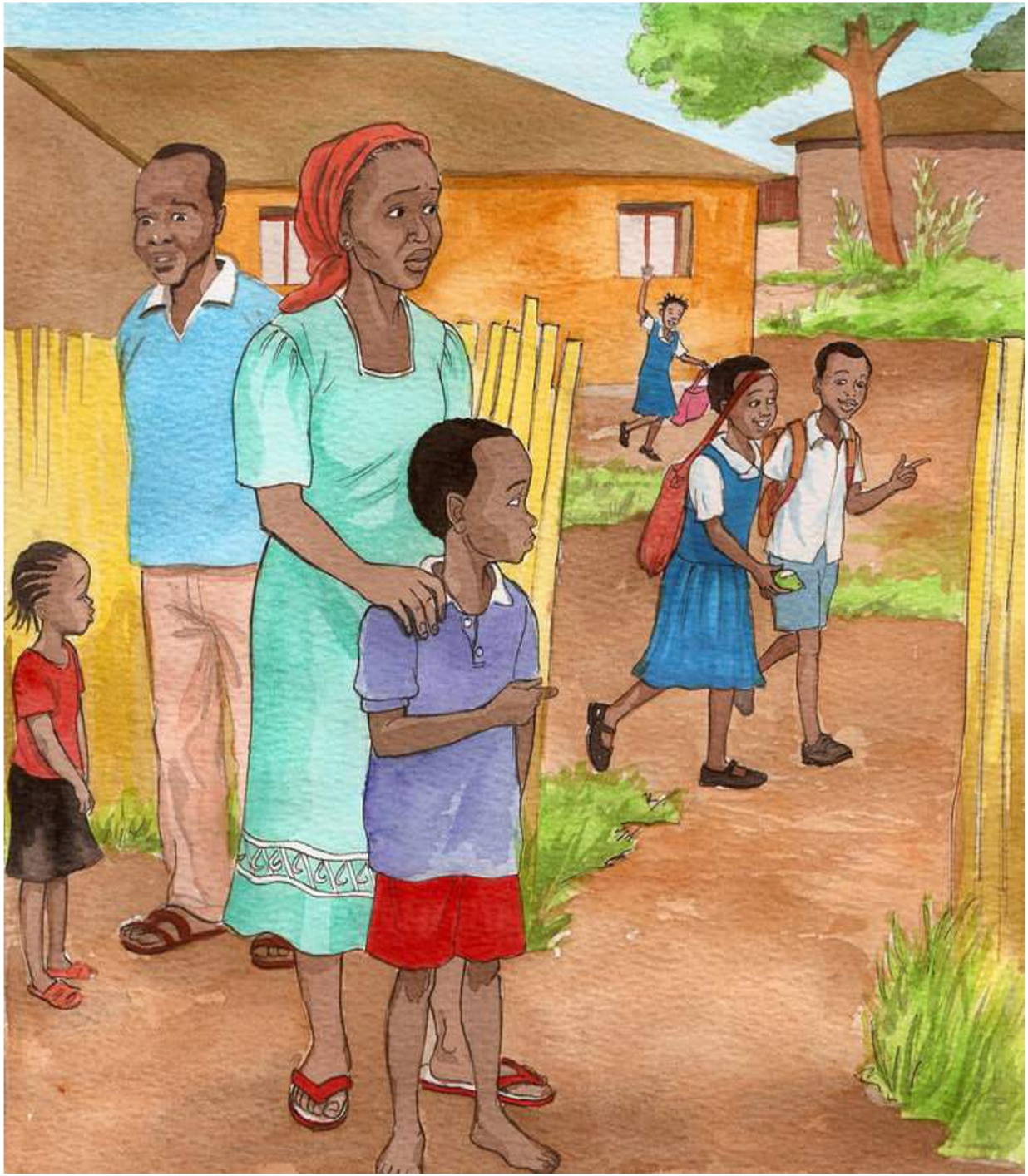
We waited for food donated by others.

Salinda ukutya okwanikelwa ngabanye.



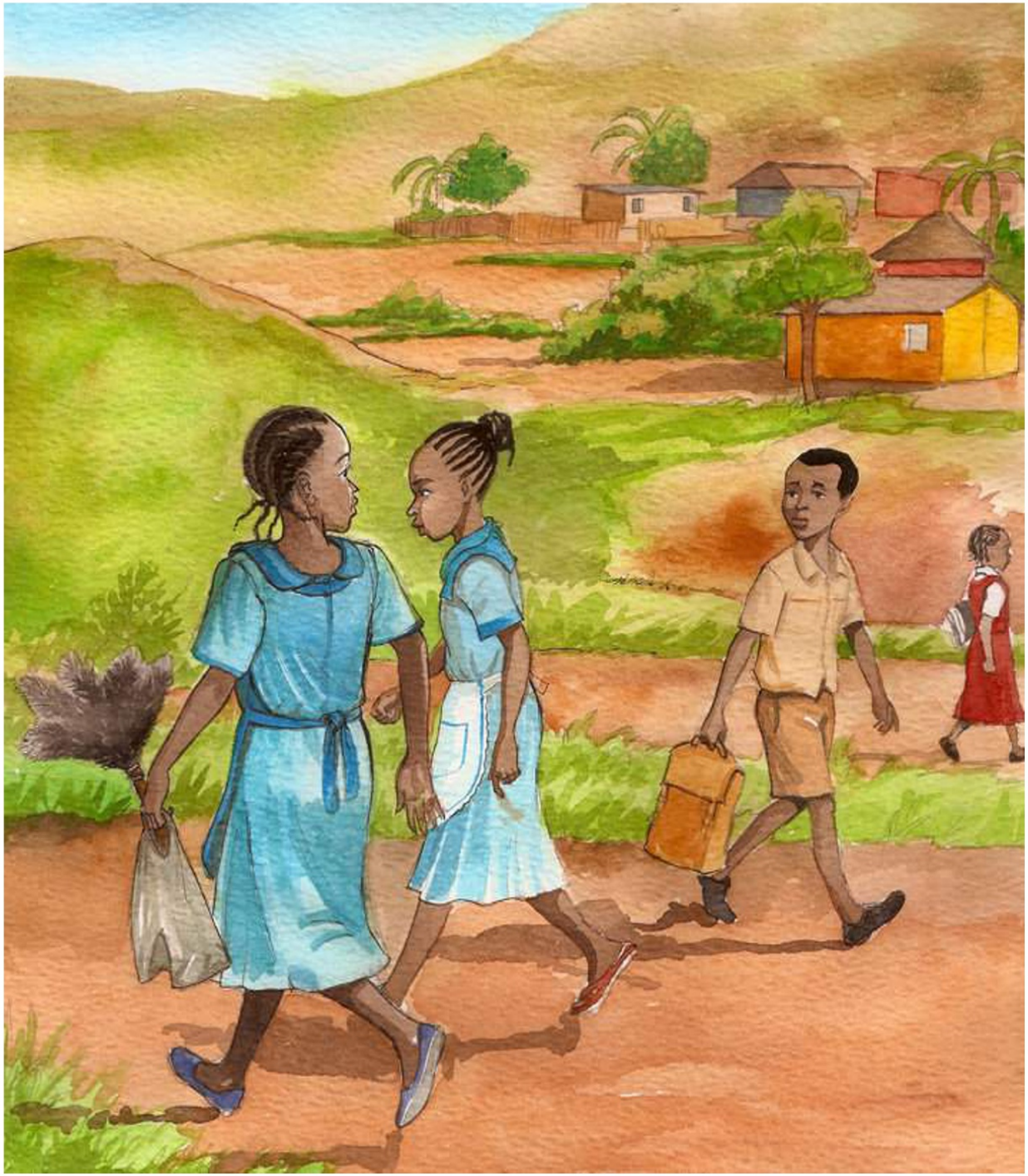
We locked our houses early because of thieves.

Satshixa izindlu zethu kwangethuba ngenxa yamasela.



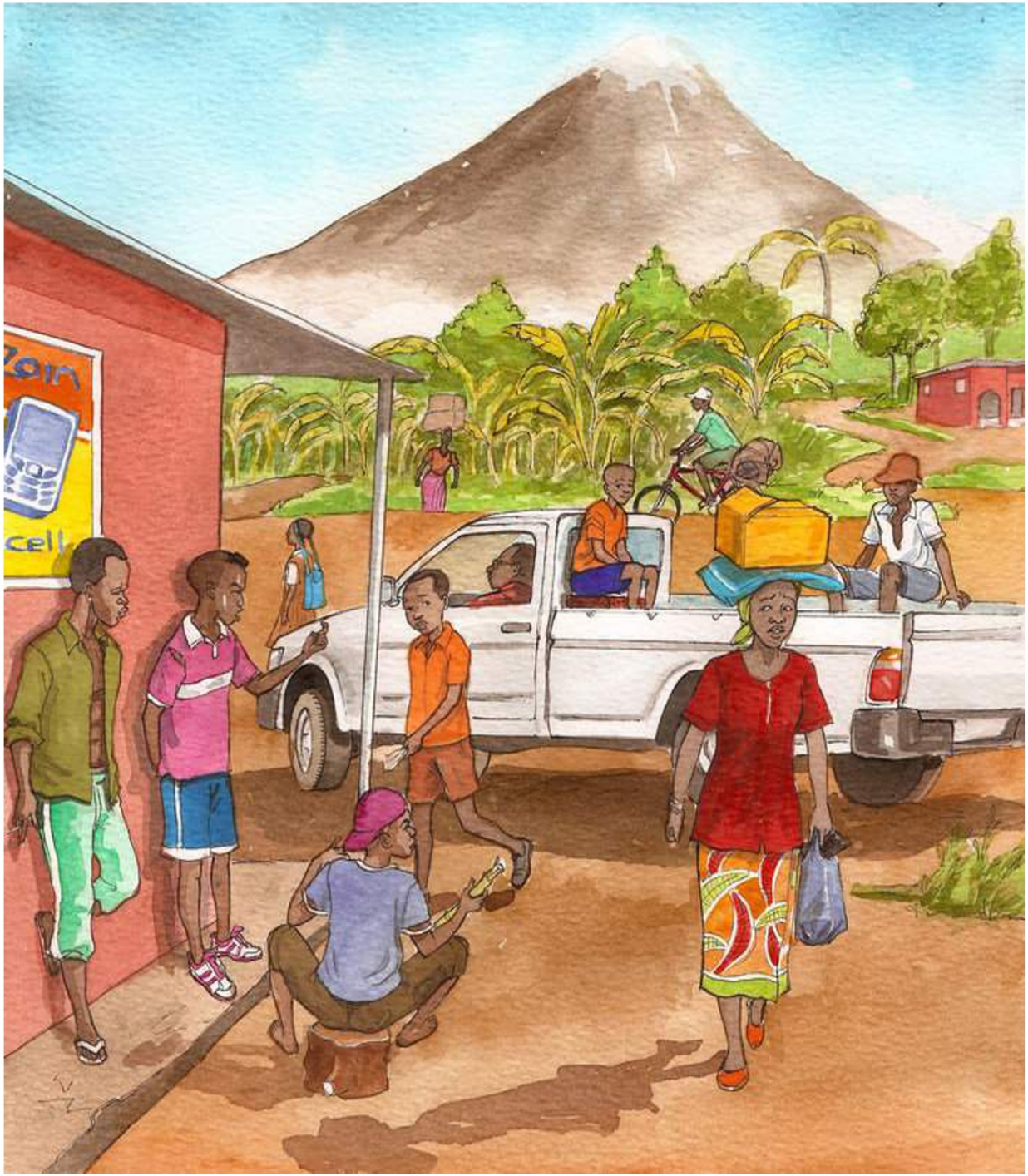
Many children dropped out of school.

Abantwana abaninzi baye basishiya isikolo.



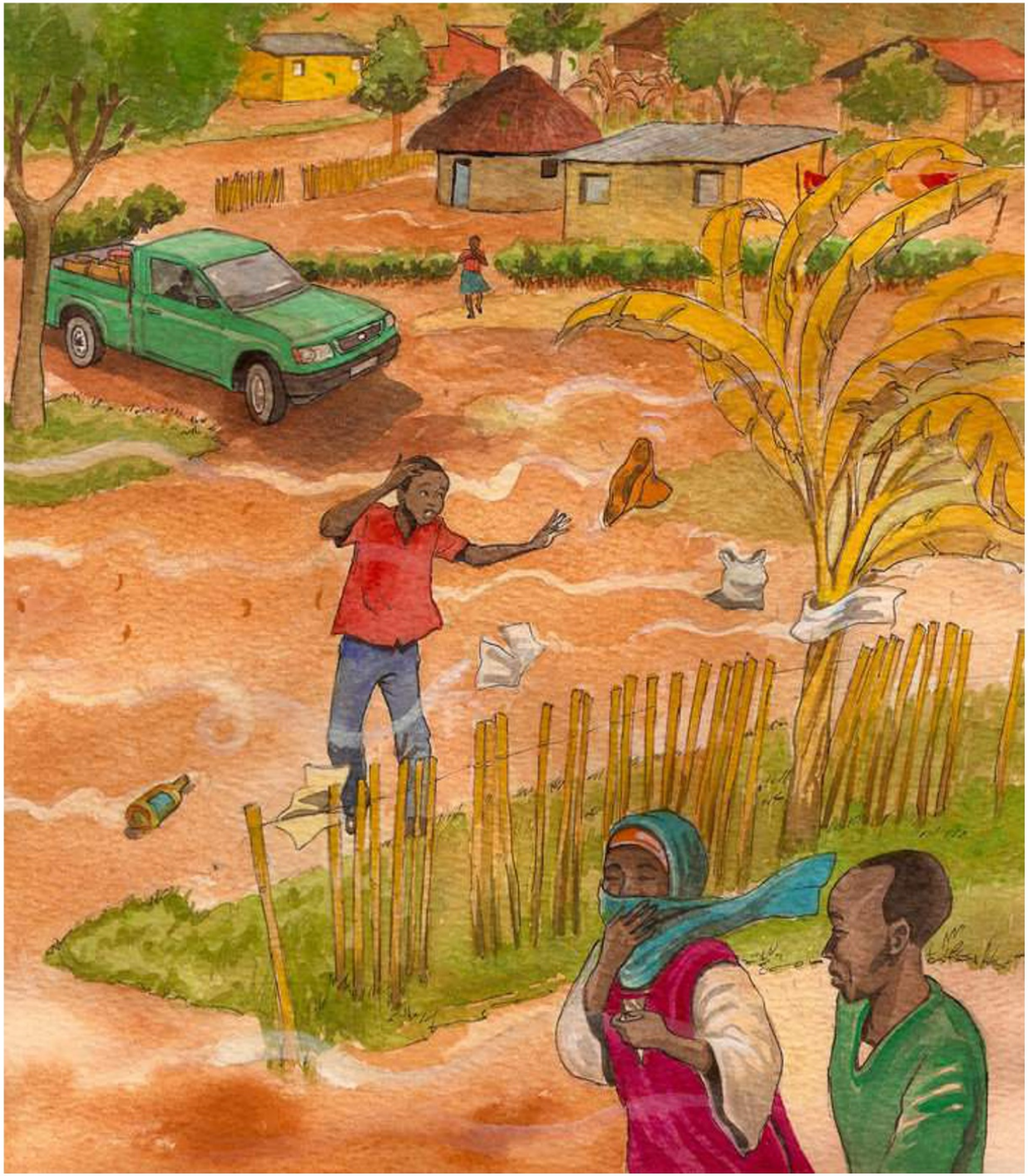
Young girls worked as maids in other villages.

Amantombazana aselula ayesebenza njengezicakakazi kwezinye iidolophana.



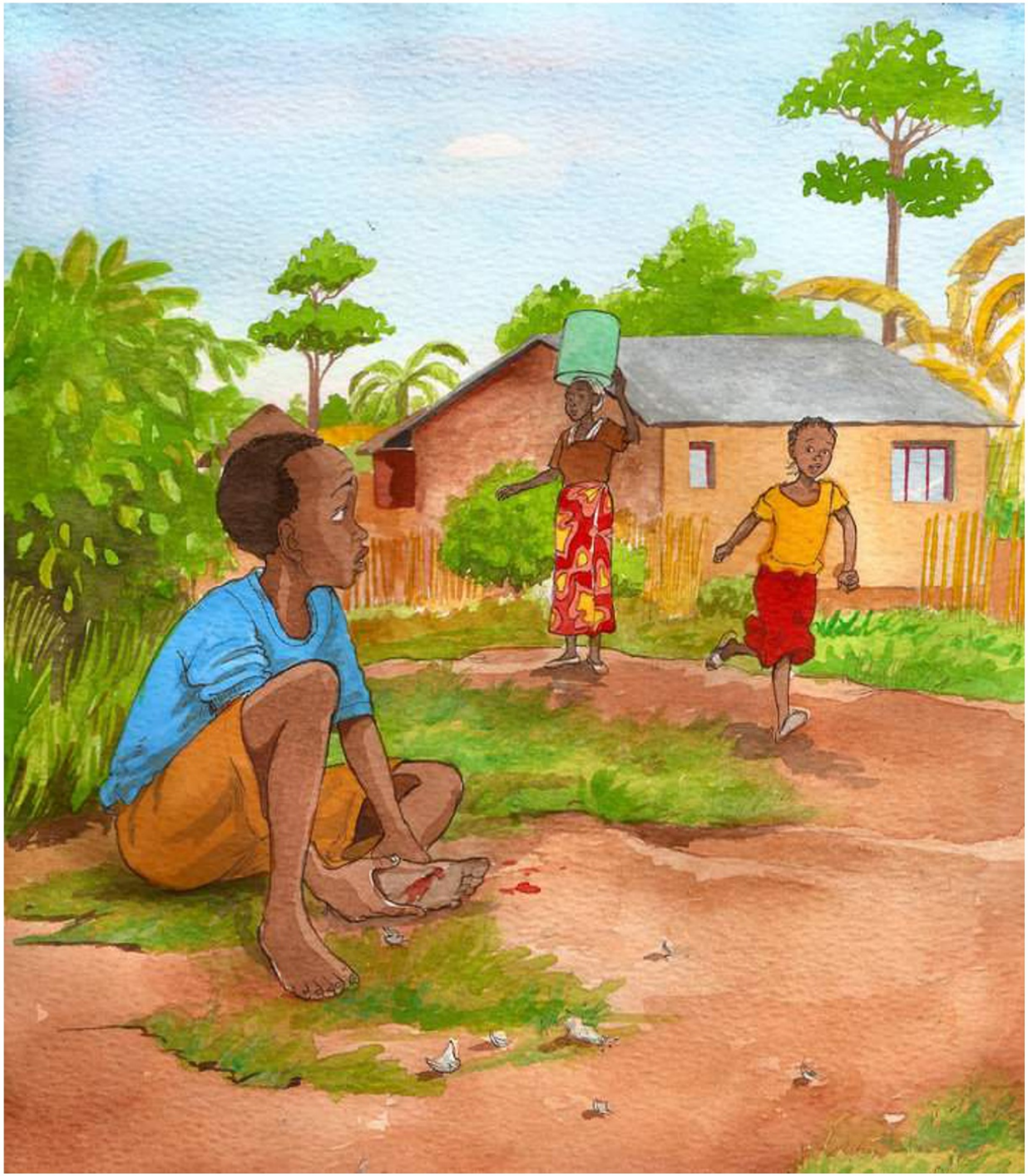
Young boys roamed around the village while others worked on peoples farms.

Amakhwenkwe aselula ayezula-zula elalini ngoxa amanye esebenza kwiifama zabantu.



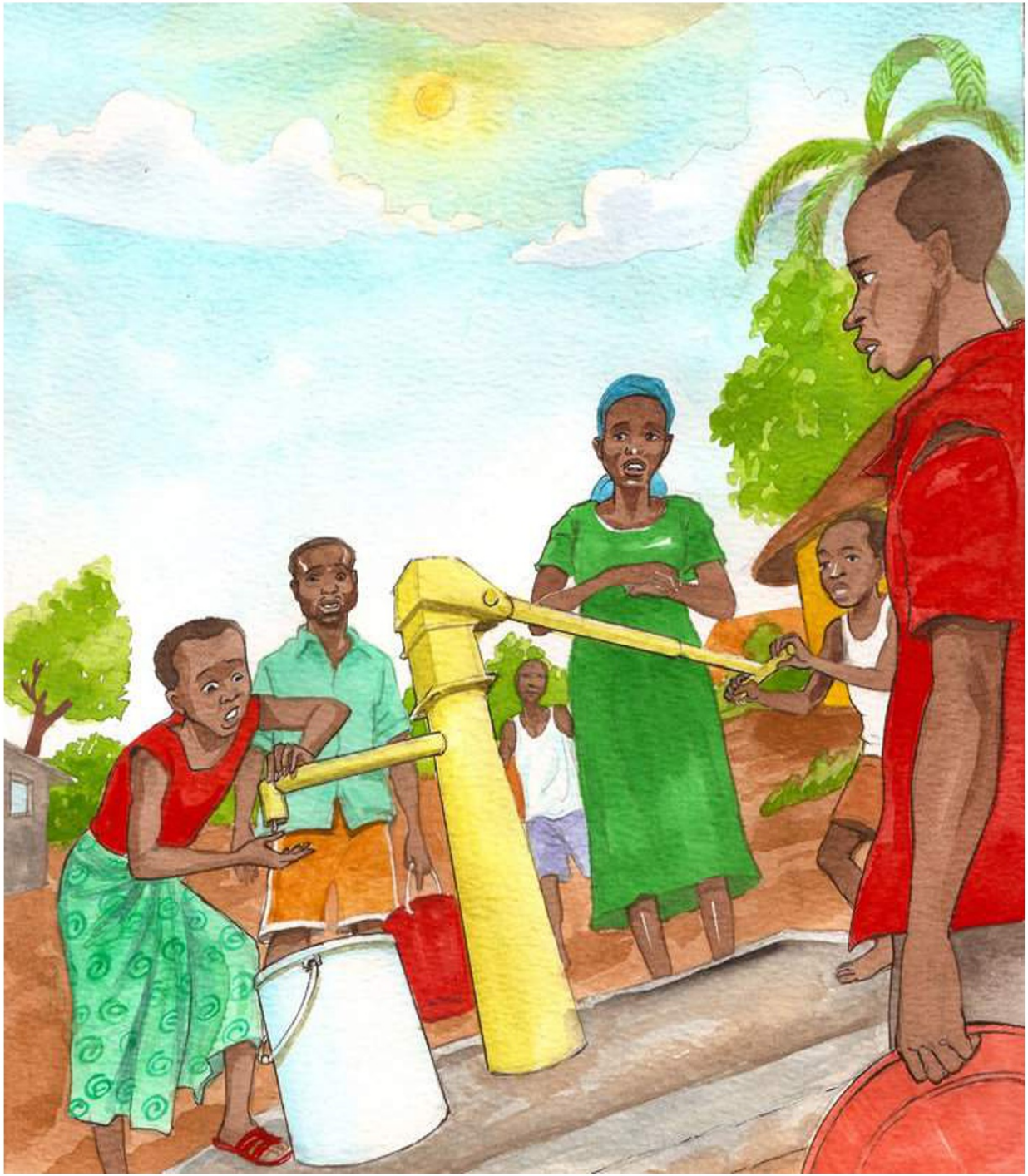
When the wind blew, waste paper hung on trees and fences.

Xa kwakuvuthuza umoya, amaphepha amdaka ajinga emithini nasezintangweni.



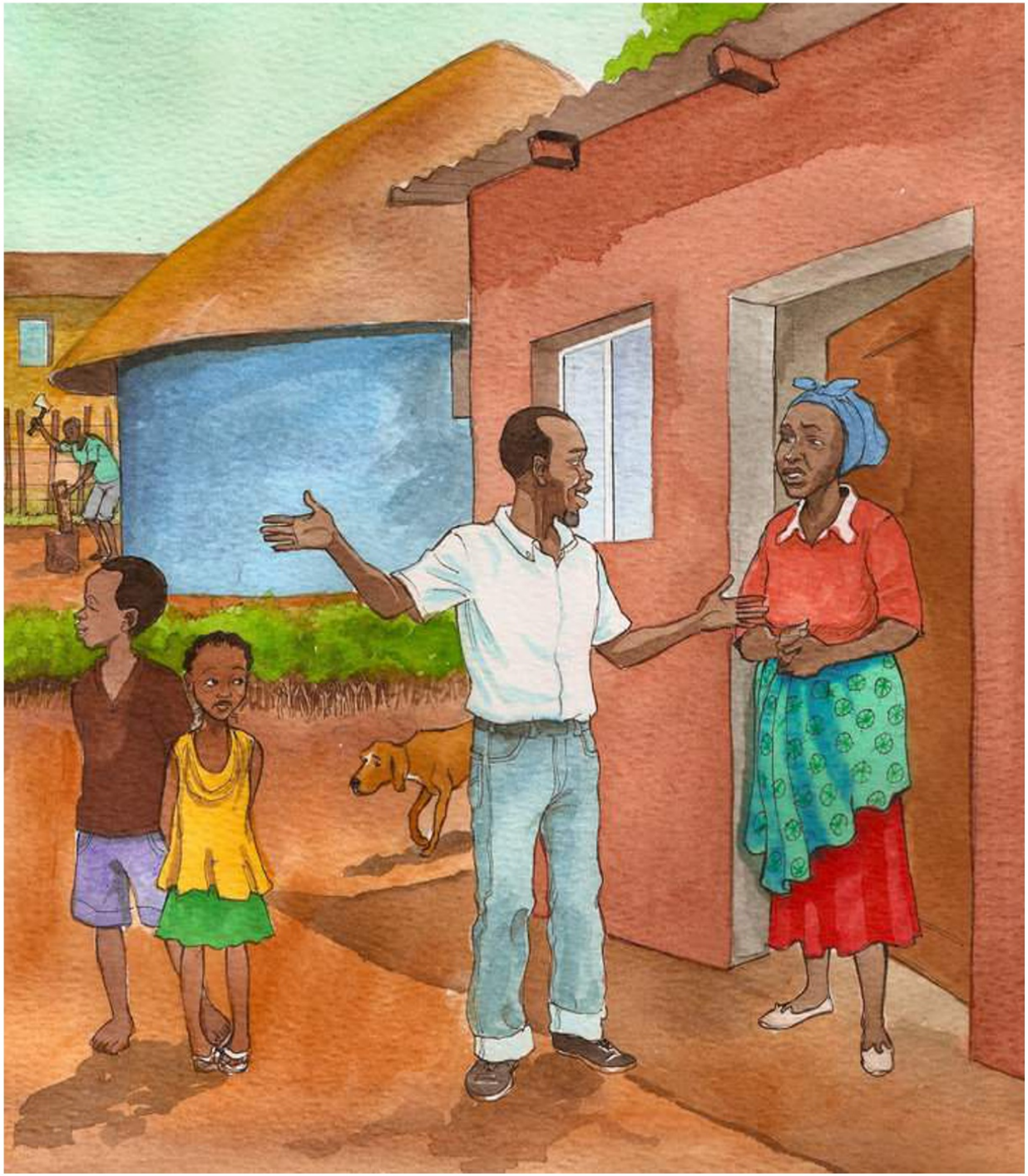
People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.

Abantu babesikwa yiglasi eyaphukileyo eyaphoswa ngokungakhathali.



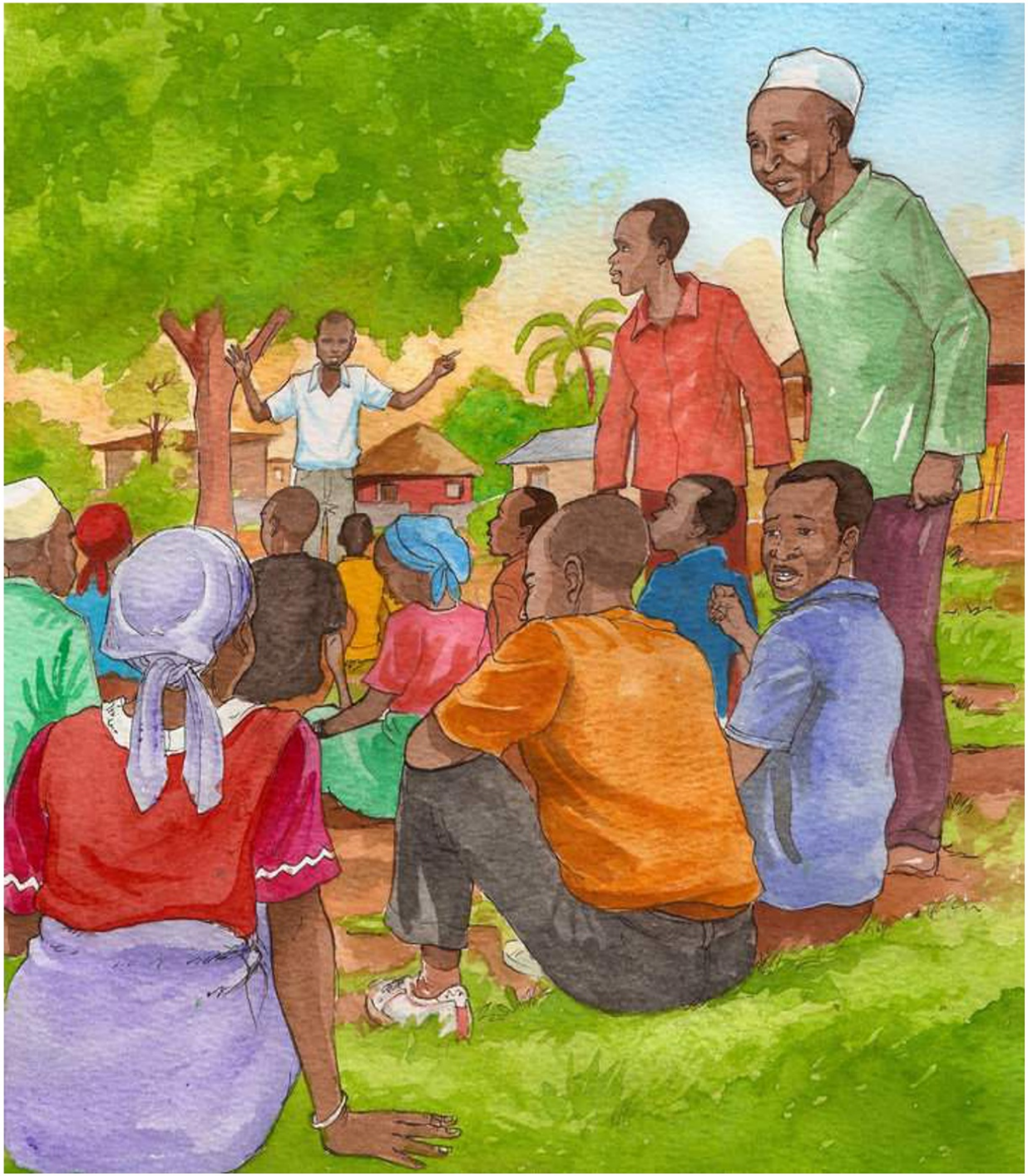
Then one day, the tap dried up and our containers were empty.

Kwathi ngenye imini, itephu yoma yaye nezikhongozelo zethu zazingenamntu.



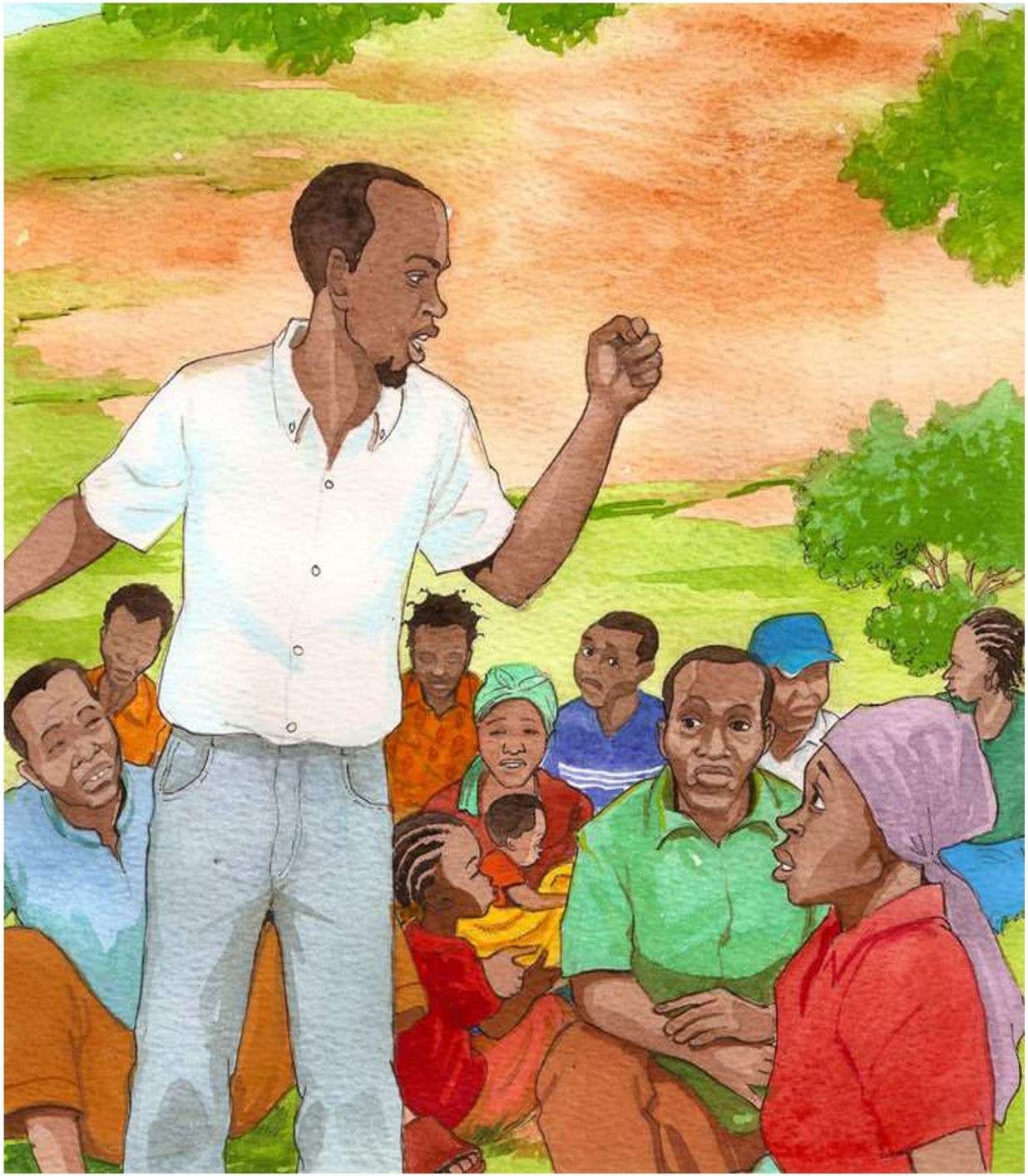
My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.

Utata wayesiya kwindlu ngendlu ecela abantu ukuba baye kwiintlanganiso zelali.



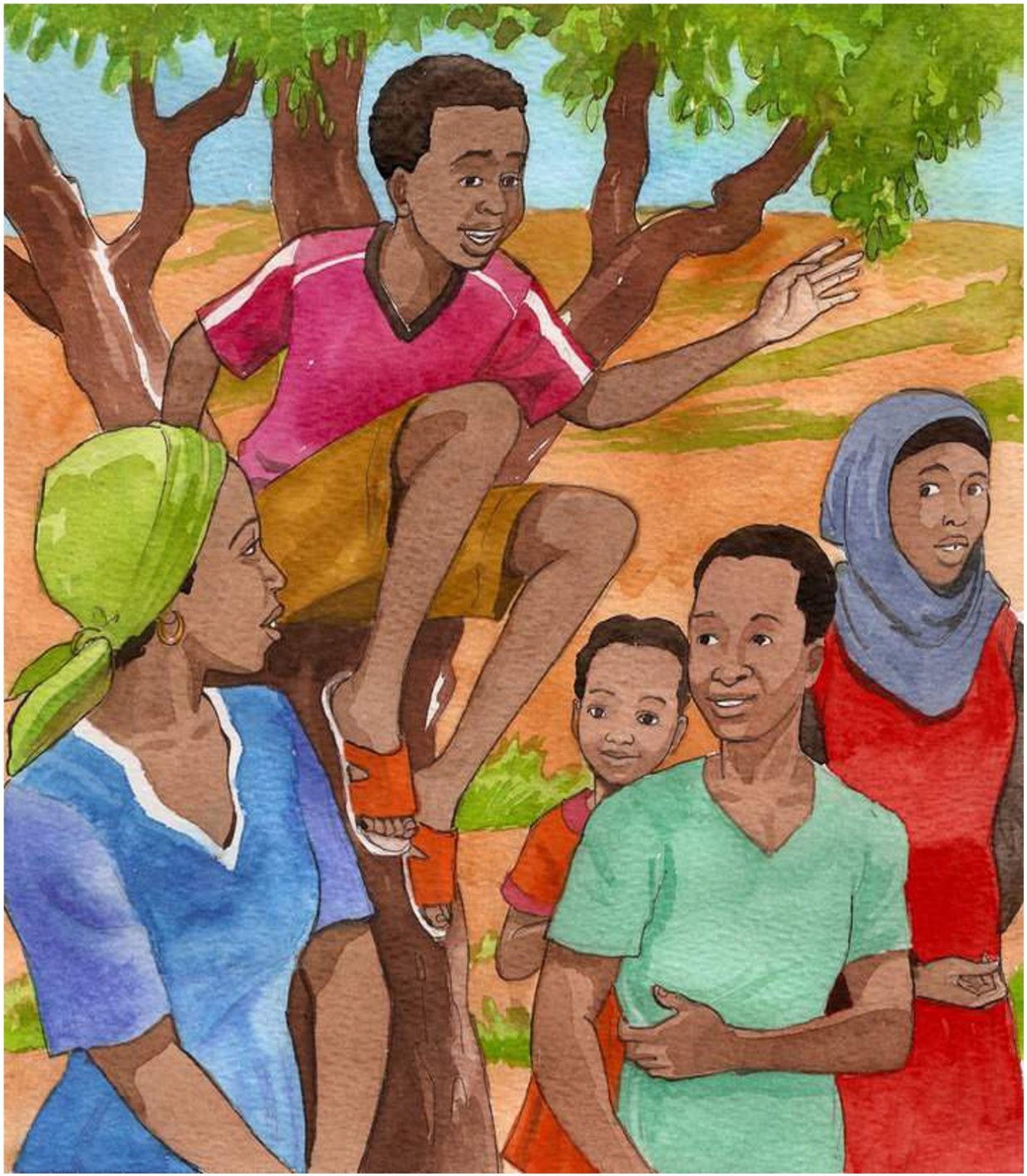
People gathered under a big tree and listened.

Abantu bahlanganisana phantsi komthi omkhulu baza baphulaphula.



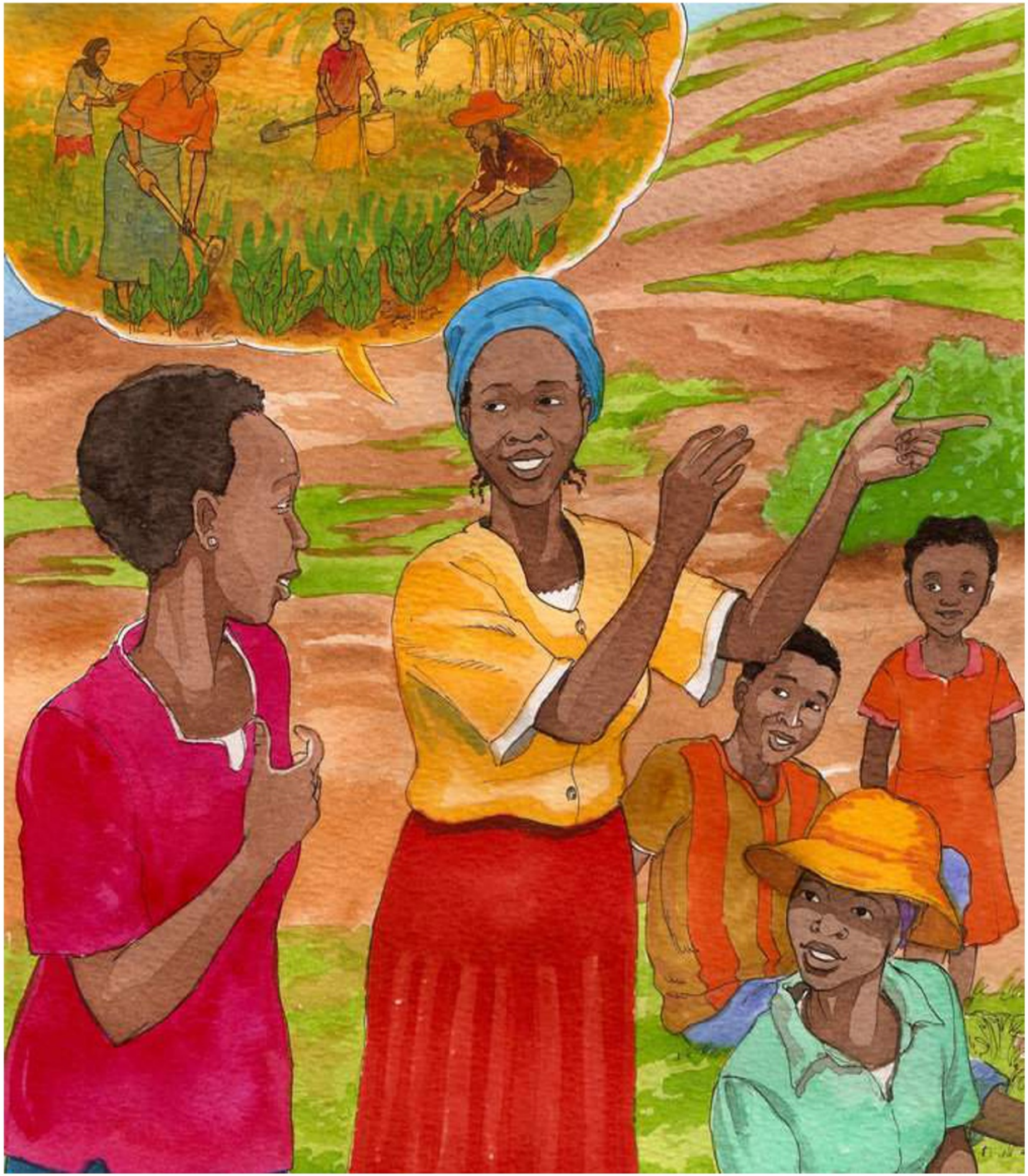
My father stood up and said, We need to work together to solve our problems.

Ubawo waphakama wathi, Kufuneka sisebenzisane ukucombulula iingxaki zethu.



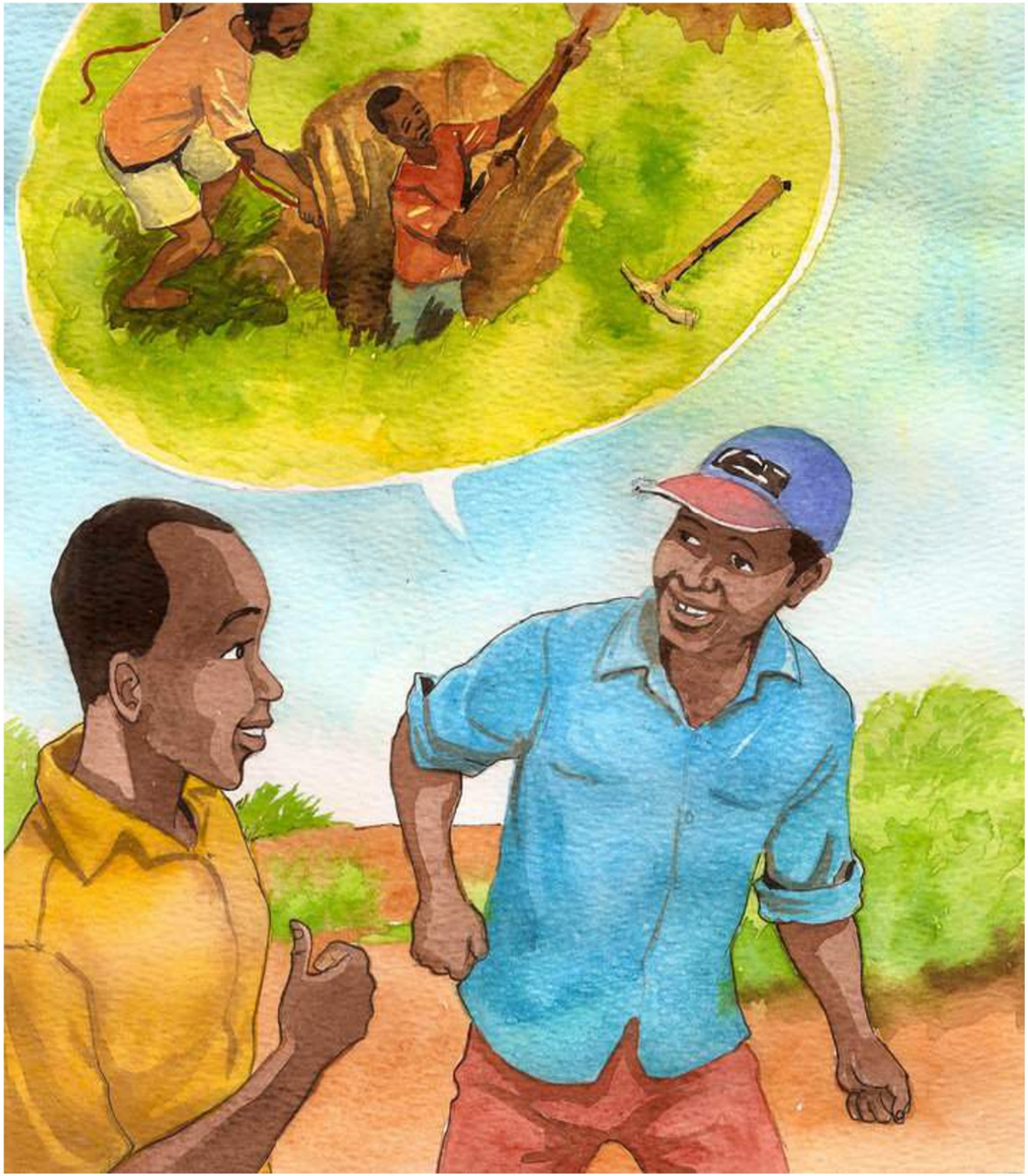
Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on atree trunk shouted, I can help with cleaning up.

UJuma oneminyaka esibhozo ubudala, ehleli phezu kwetranki wakhwaza esithi, ndingancedisa ekucoceni.



One woman said, The women can join me to grow food.

Omnye umfazi wathi, Abafazi banokundithelela ukulima ukutya.



Another man stood up and said, The men will dig a well.

Kwaphakama enye indoda yathi, Amadoda aya kwemba iqula.