

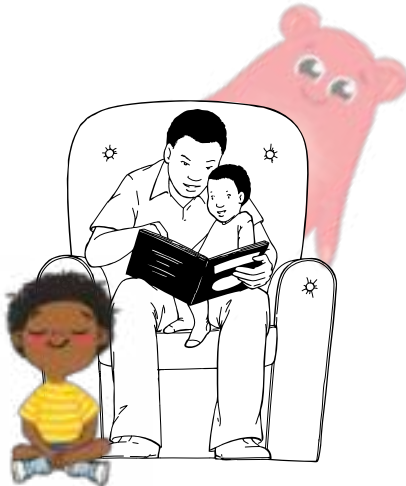
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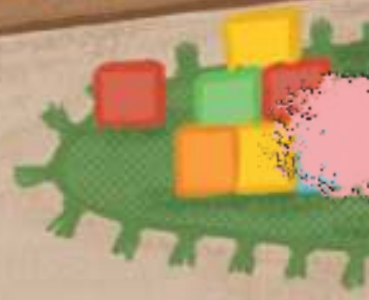
Shaka has a new friend
that only **he** can see.



"His name is **Mazi**" he tells Mama.



...but whenever Mama comes to Shaka's room, Mazi **runs** and **hides**.



Mazi likes to **laugh**.
He makes Shaka laugh too!

They **roll** in the grass
and build castles in the sand.



“Can **Mazi** eat with us?”
Shaka asks Papa at dinner.

But when Papa looks up,
Mazi **hides** behind the curtains.



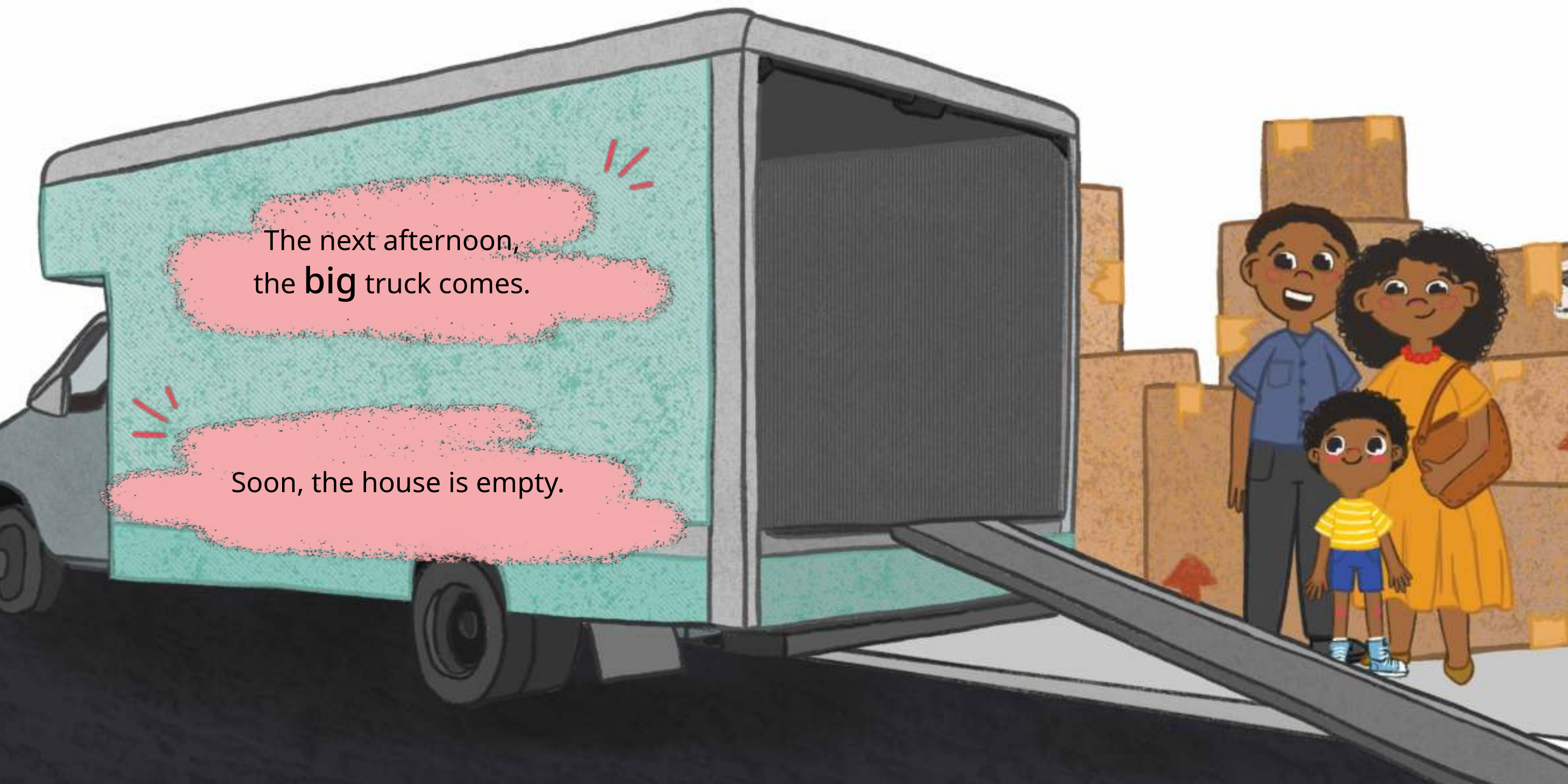
One day, Mama tells Shaka,
“Papa has a new job.
We are **moving** to another town.”



"Can **Mazi** come?"
Shaka asks Mama.



"Ask him." Mama says.
But Shaka can't see Mazi **anywhere**.

A cartoon illustration of a moving truck with its back open and ramp down. A family of three (father, mother, and child) stands next to the truck, surrounded by stacks of cardboard boxes. The truck's side has two large pink scribbled-out areas with red motion lines. The text is placed within these areas.

The next afternoon,
the **big** truck comes.

Soon, the house is empty.

But Shaka **can't** leave.




Where has Mazi **gone**?

Is Mazi in the **garden**?

Has he **jumped** over the fence?



An illustration of a family in a car. A young boy with dark skin and curly hair is in the driver's seat, wearing a blue shirt and a seatbelt. He has a slight smile and rosy cheeks. In the back seat, a woman with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow dress and a red beaded necklace, is looking towards the boy. Next to her, a young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow and white striped shirt, is also looking towards the boy. The car's interior is grey.


"Maybe Mazi's **Papa** got a new job too,"
Mama says.

"He might **also** have moved away."

When Shaka gets to the new house,
there is a **boy** next door.

"My name is **Matty**,"
says the boy with a smile.





"Sometimes we **miss** old friends,"
Mama says.

"But there is **always** room in our hearts
for new ones!"



