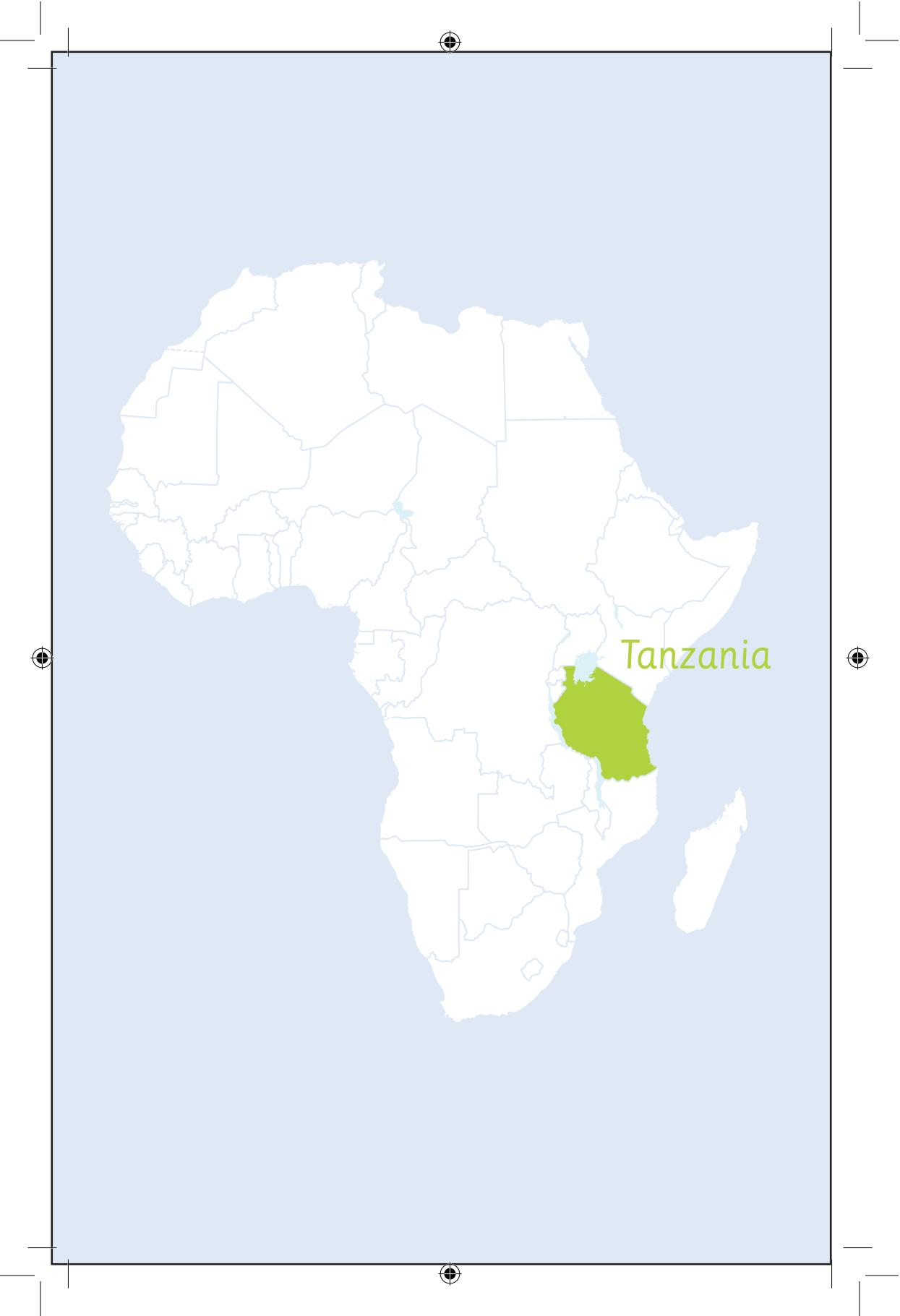


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Our storytelling program, 1001 Stories, brings meaningful learning to some of the hardest to reach populations around the world. We aim to facilitate the creation, development, and gathering of 1001 empowering stories from every participating local community.

Children love to tell stories. However, in many places in the world, their creative voices are rarely heard or cultivated. The 1001 Stories Program conducts storytelling workshops that build on children's natural potential to become original storytellers. Through the 1001 Stories Program, children are empowered while their literacy skills are developed.

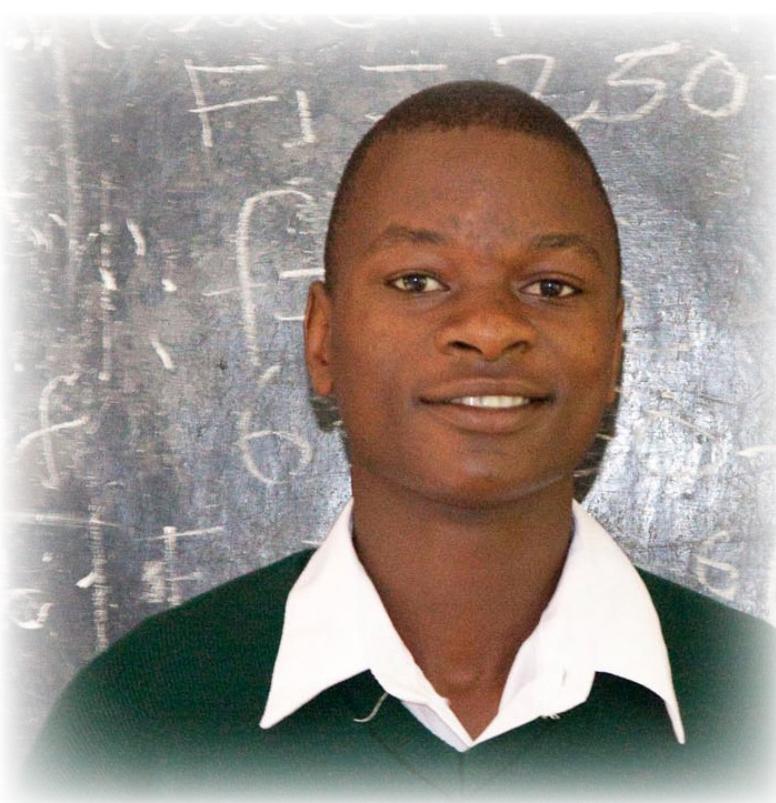
When integrated with technologies, these stories become an effective tool for literacy by growing reading and writing skills grounded in local languages and local themes in underserved areas worldwide.



A map of Africa showing country boundaries. Tanzania is highlighted with a green fill. The map is centered on the continent, with a light blue background representing the ocean. Four small black crosshair icons are positioned at the corners of the map frame.

Tanzania

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“My name is Shaban Mnadume Majali and I
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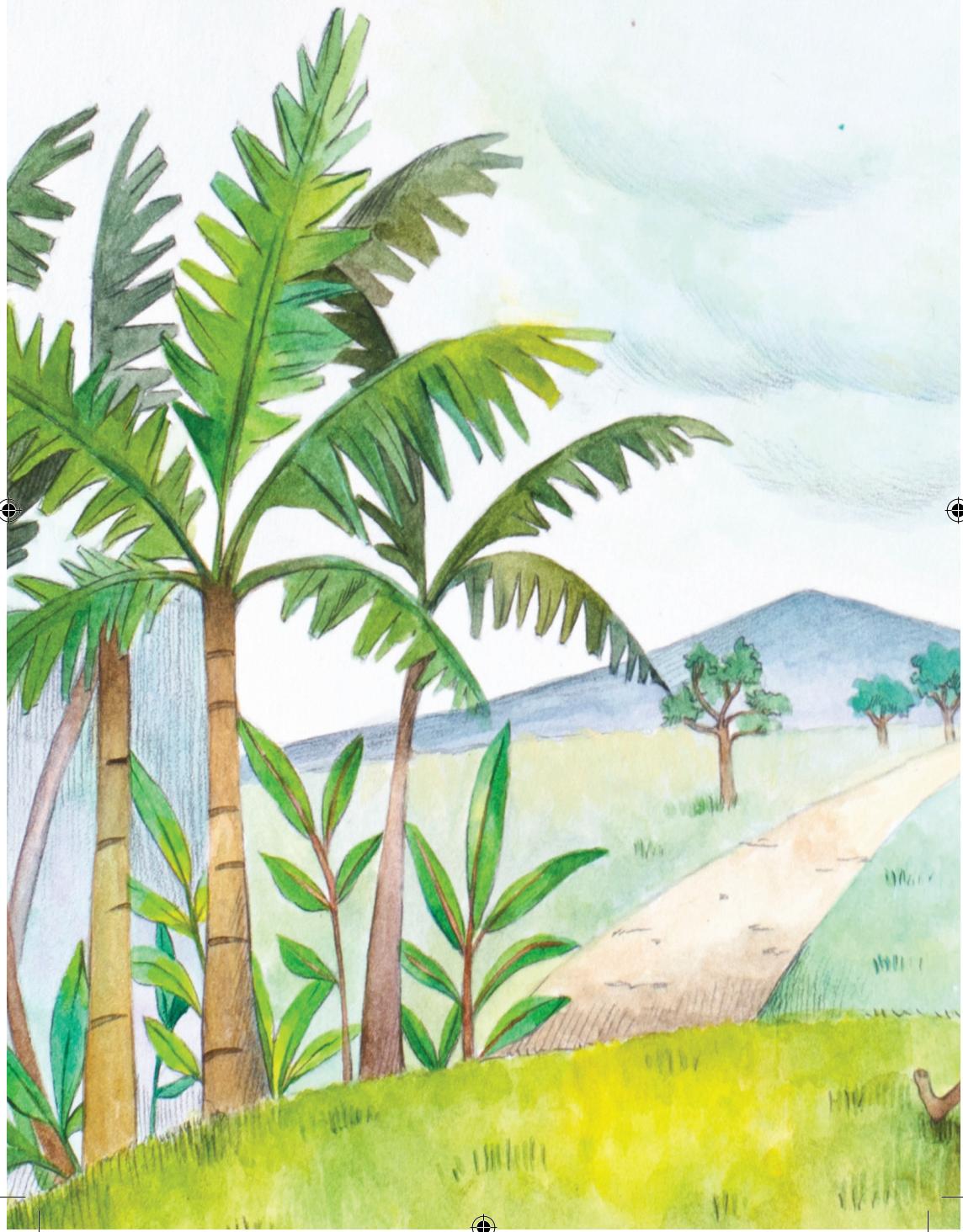
THE THREE BOYS

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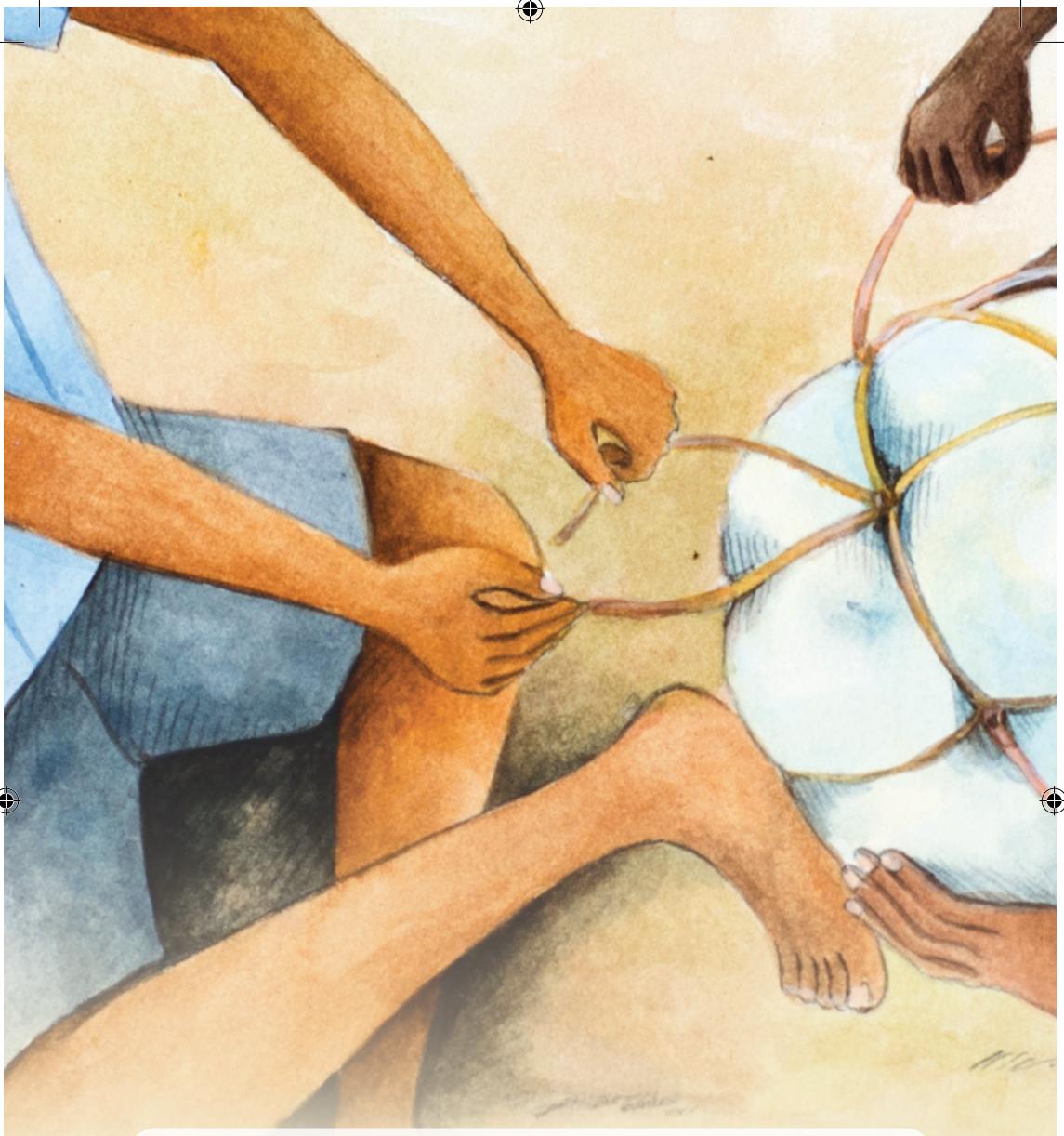




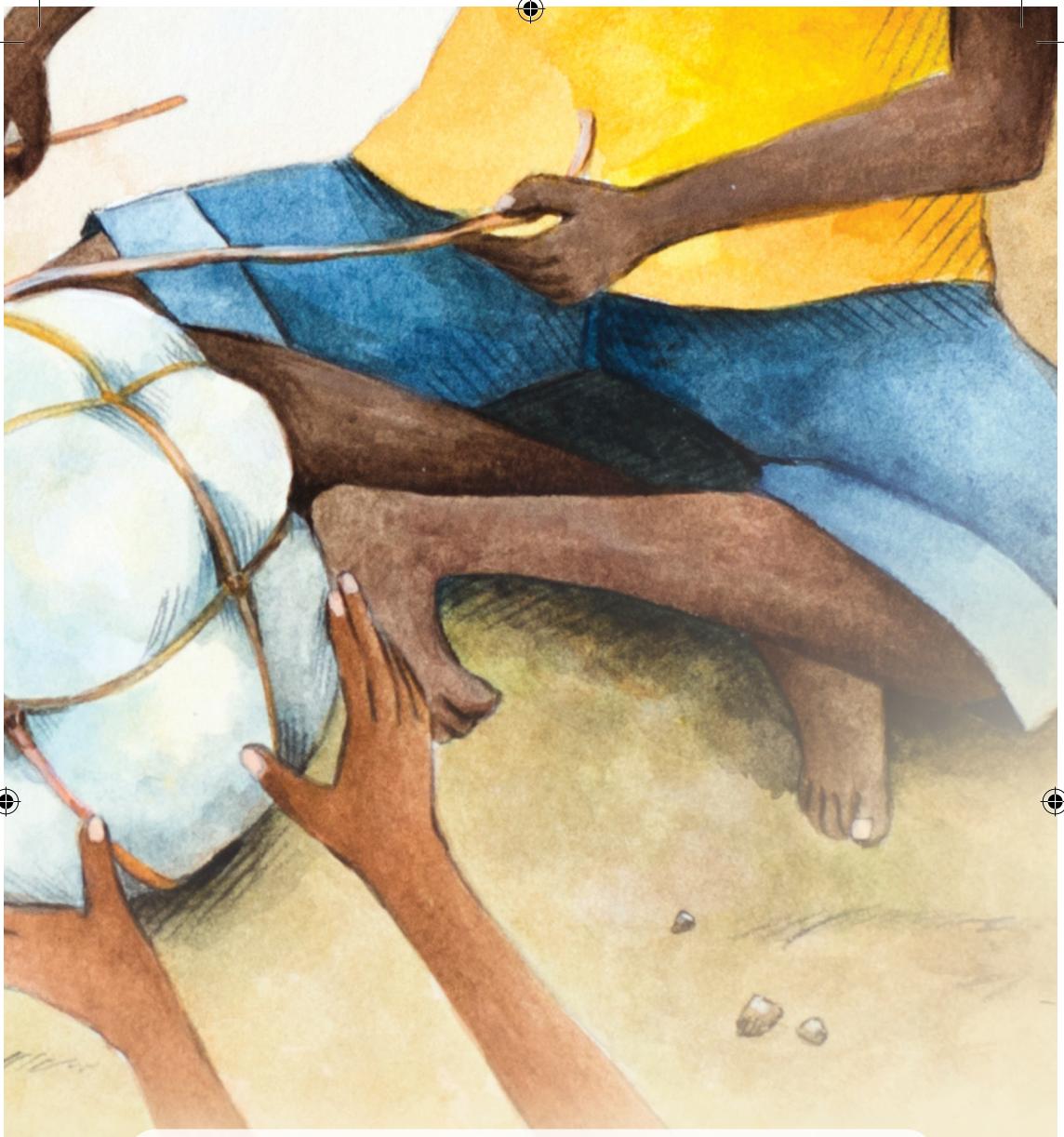
The three boys live in a small village in Mwane. The village is named Abushiru and it does not have a post office, a hospital, or even a small store.

However, it is a peaceful village where all people live like one large family.





Thoughtful Musa, energetic Juma, and smart Amed cannot afford to go to college. Juma cannot tolerate their sadness and says, "Phew, this problem gives me a headache. I really don't know how to solve it. So, let's



stop worrying and play soccer!" They really like soccer, but they cannot afford a soccer ball. So they collect 100 plastic bags from the village dumpster and use them to make their own ball. "Yay! We did it!" the boys exclaim.



After they finish making their soccer ball, they get very excited and forget about their problem. Musa first kicks the ball to Juma. "This is great here we go!" Juma passes the ball to Amed. Then, Amed kicks it to Musa and



shouts “Pass! Pass!”

They are really excited. Whoops! The ball that Musa kicks flies into an old man’s backyard. “The ball went into the old man’s house. Let’s go there and get it!” Musa says.

Juma says, "Sir! Sir! It's Juma," and runs to his house. The old man does not answer. When Amed knocks on the door, the door slowly opens.

Suddenly, they see the old man lying on the ground. The old man has very poor health. Unfortunately, he has no family who can take care of him, so he lives alone.





T hey are surprised and run to him. Juma looks at him and asks, "Sir, sir, are you okay?"

"I am okay. I just fell down by mistake. Don't be so alarmed." He kindly smiles and assures the boys that he is fine. However, the old man looks very ill. He coughs a lot and looks pale. The boys help him to his room. Musa starts really worrying about him and whispers to Juma and Amed, "I am sure the old man is really ill. My mother told me he often gets sick these days." Juma says, "We should help him somehow! We should help."





Amed also agrees to help the old man. “He is kind to children in our village and gives candy to us when we meet. Now it is time for us to help him,” Amed says. The old man holds their hands and says, “I very much appreciate your kindness. However, I really am fine. I have already lived long enough. I am just running out of time in my life. I do not want to bother others.”



The three boys are about to cry upon hearing the words of the old man. He does not have any children of his own, but loves all children in the village.

Some people say that he has children, but they left once they grew up. Some people say that he has never married and does not have children. No one knows exactly, but that does not matter because everyone knows that he is a very kind and nice person.







After the three boys leave his house, they sit and talk seriously about how to help him.

“Let’s go search for some medicine! There must be a medicine that can cure him!”

The three boys decide to leave in order to find the best medication for the old man. A day later, they are preparing for their trip. They pack nuts and cassava roots and ponder about how to find his medicine quickly.

Wise Amed says, “Let’s scatter and search for medicine. Then, we will be able to find three types of good medicine!” They all agree and leave in different directions.



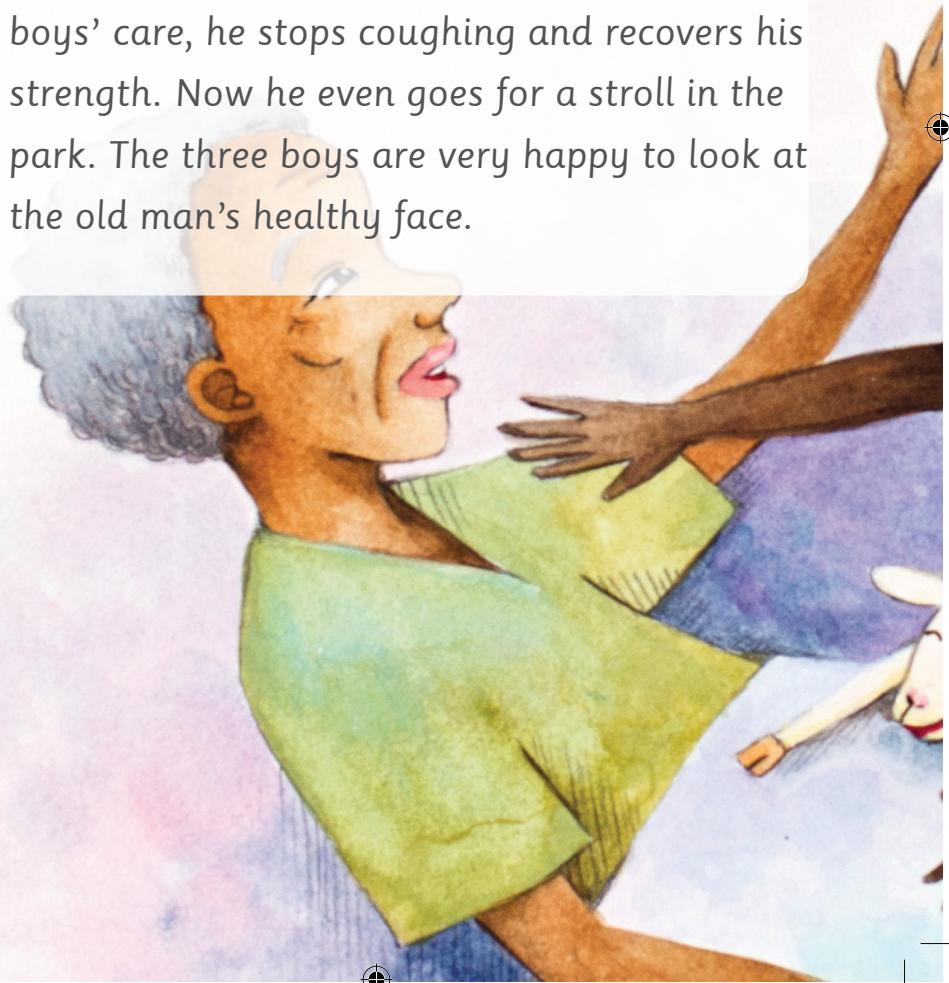


Musa goes to a tribe that makes medicine from snakes. Juma travels to a tribe that makes medicine from roots. Amed goes to a tribe that makes medicine from fruits and flowers.

A couple of days later, the three boys return to their village with medicine for the old man.

First, Juma gives the old man medicine that was made from roots. He takes the medicine for a week and starts to recover. Next, Amed gives the medicine that was made from fruit and flowers. Lastly, Musa gives the medicine that was made from snakes.

They also clean his home, cook, and prepare his medicine for him. Because of the three boys' care, he stops coughing and recovers his strength. Now he even goes for a stroll in the park. The three boys are very happy to look at the old man's healthy face.







“Hey, aren’t you so happy to see that he is getting better?” asks Juma excitedly. Amed, his face full of happiness, says “Yes, when I grow up, I want to be a doctor who can take care of sick and weak people. I will help many people! Then I will become a very happy person.”

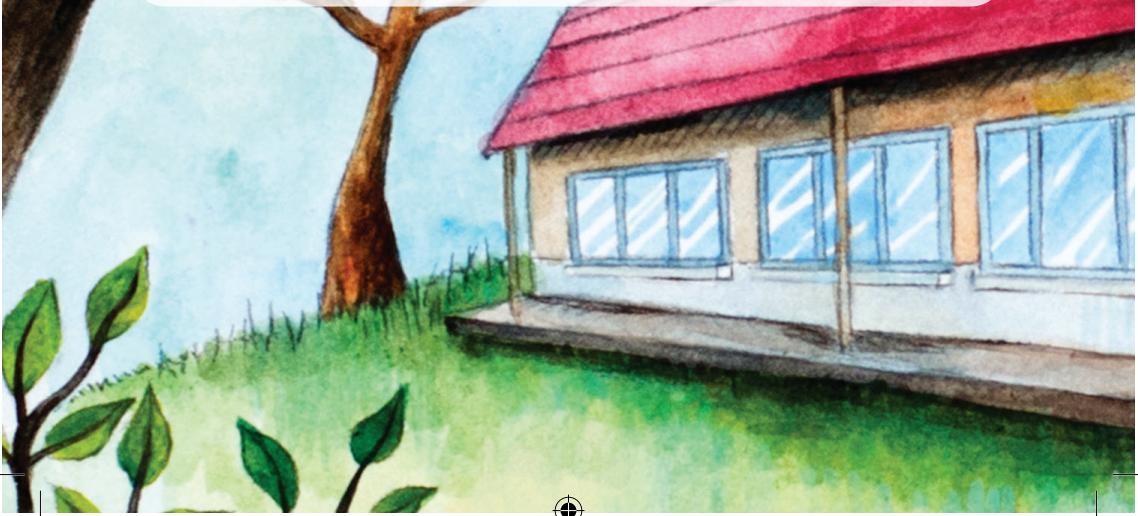
“Sure! Sure! Amed, you are a smart person. I know you can be a doctor.” Juma is excited and chimes in, “I want to be a businessman, so that I can help people who cannot pay for their medical expenses!” However, Musa does not say anything. Juma asks, “Musa, aren’t you happy that he has become healthier?”

“Yes, I am extremely happy too! If I can, I want to be a school teacher, but we don’t have money to go to college.” Musa cannot say anything more and starts to cry.



Amed and Juma also burst into tears. They cannot afford their school fees after they graduate from their school. Then, the old man walks to them and says, "Hello, how are you?" "Hello! You look great!" They wipe their tears and smile at him. "I feel great! And it is all because of you boys. I do not cough anymore and can walk very far. Thank you very much for all your help. Could you please go with me somewhere?" asks the old man.

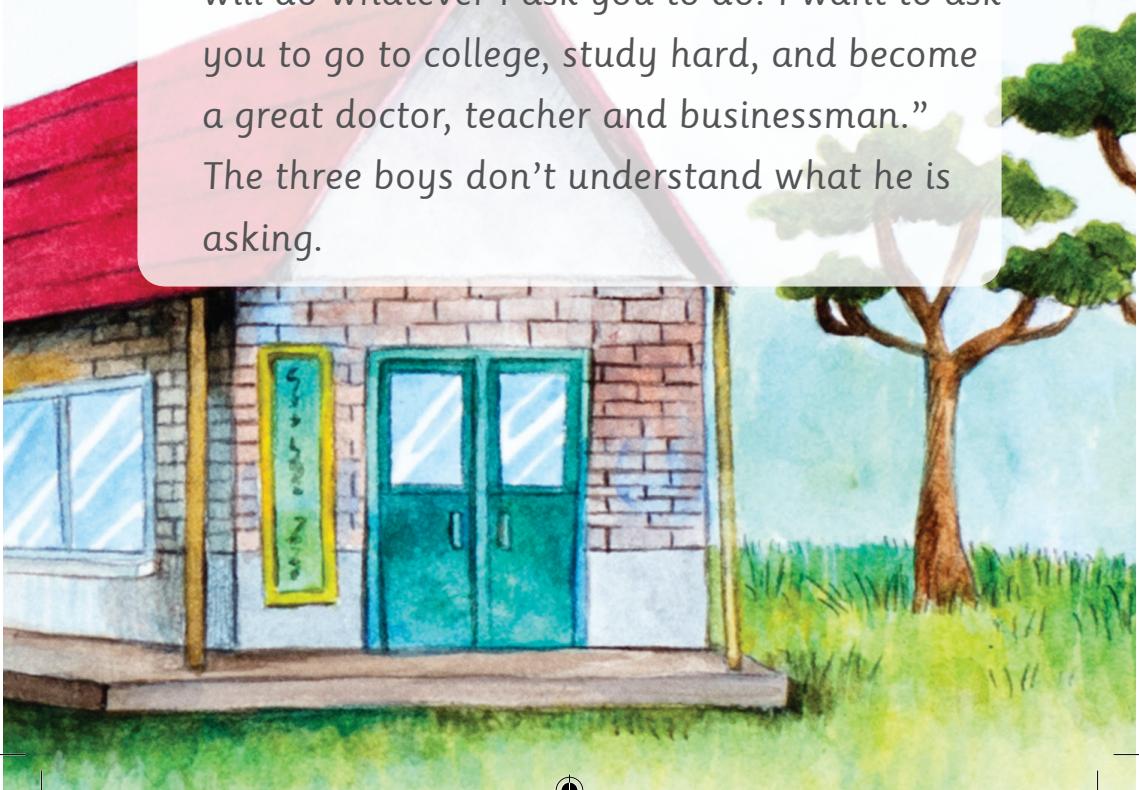
Juma answers, "Sure! Please let us know whatever you need! We can do anything you want." The old man smiles kindly and walks towards the road. The three boys follow after

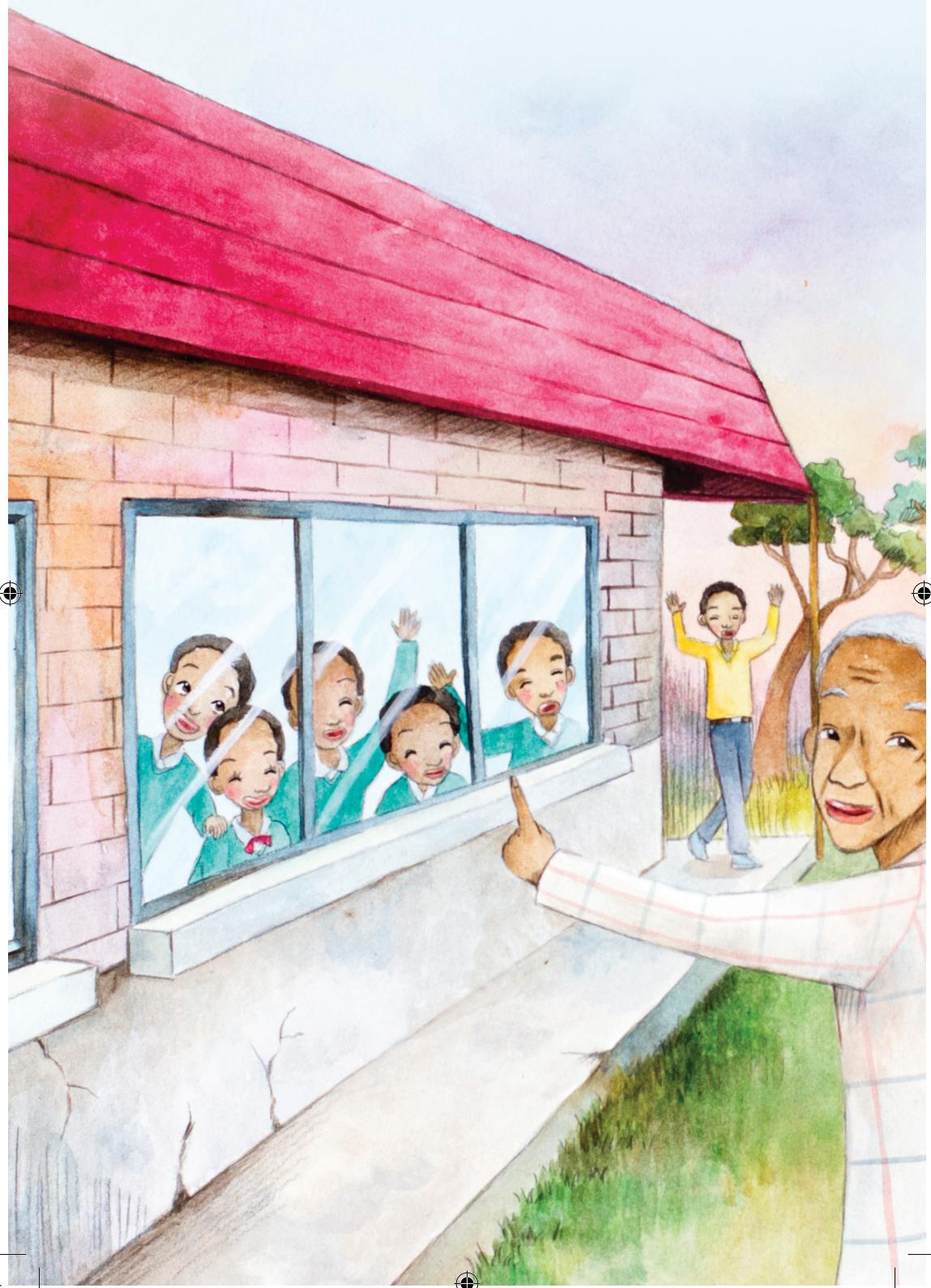


him. They walk for a long time and even have to take a few bus trips. Finally, after the long journey, they arrive at a city and the old man takes them to a college with a dormitory.

The three boys are full of wonder as they stand in front of a big, new school building. “Why does he come here?” they ask themselves, “Does he also want to go to school?”

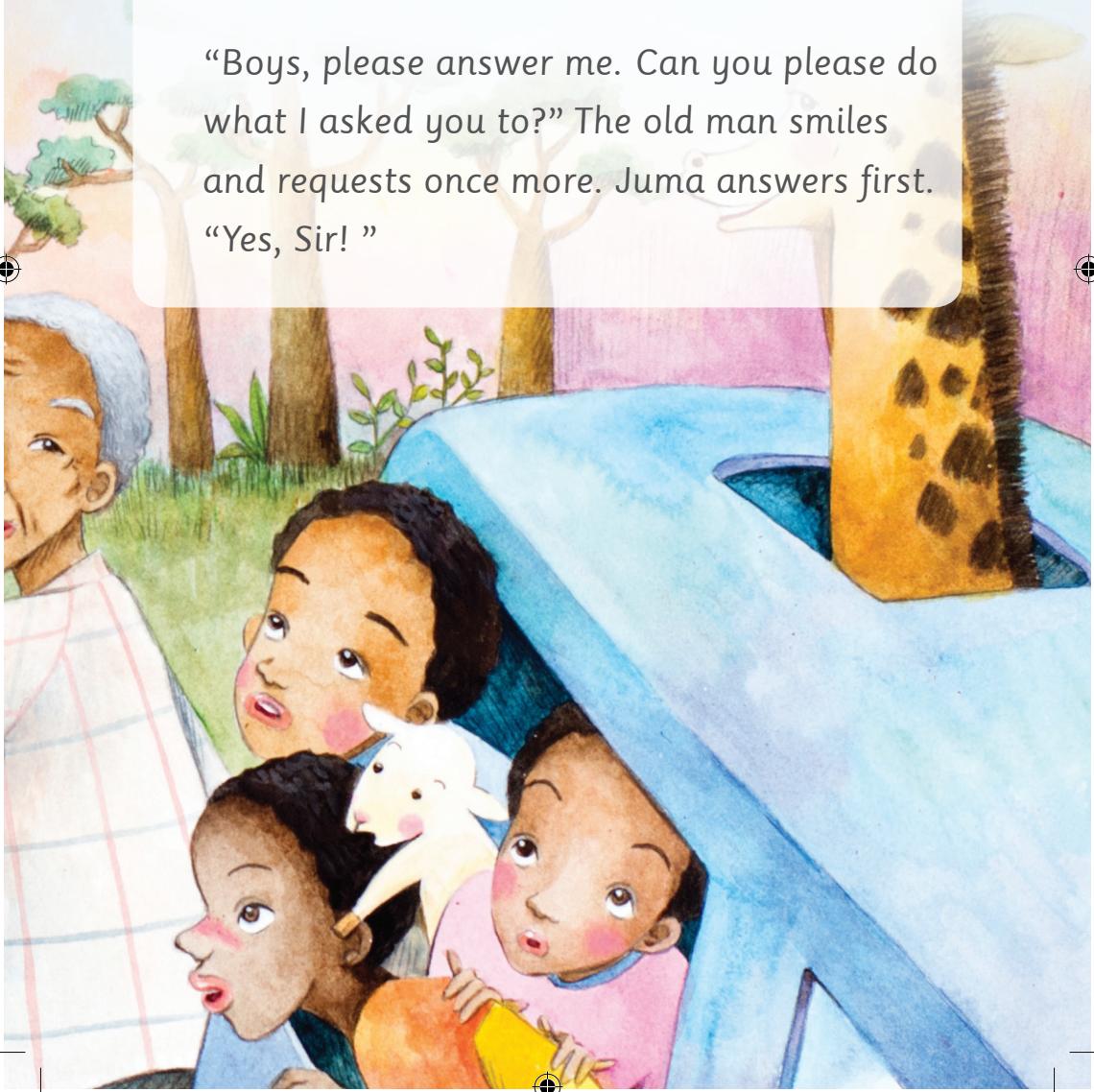
The old man says, “You guys promised me you will do whatever I ask you to do. I want to ask you to go to college, study hard, and become a great doctor, teacher and businessman.” The three boys don’t understand what he is asking.





Then people from the school rush out to the old man and say, "Welcome, Chairman!" The three boys are shocked. Chairman?! He is the chairman of this big school! They feel like they are dreaming and cannot believe what they are hearing.

"Boys, please answer me. Can you please do what I asked you to?" The old man smiles and requests once more. Juma answers first.
"Yes, Sir!"





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Amed and Musa also answer loudly, "Thank you very much, sir! We will study very hard and become good people who you will be proud of!" Since that day, the three boys studied hard to become a great doctor, teacher, and businessman. The entire village was very proud of them.



