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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.



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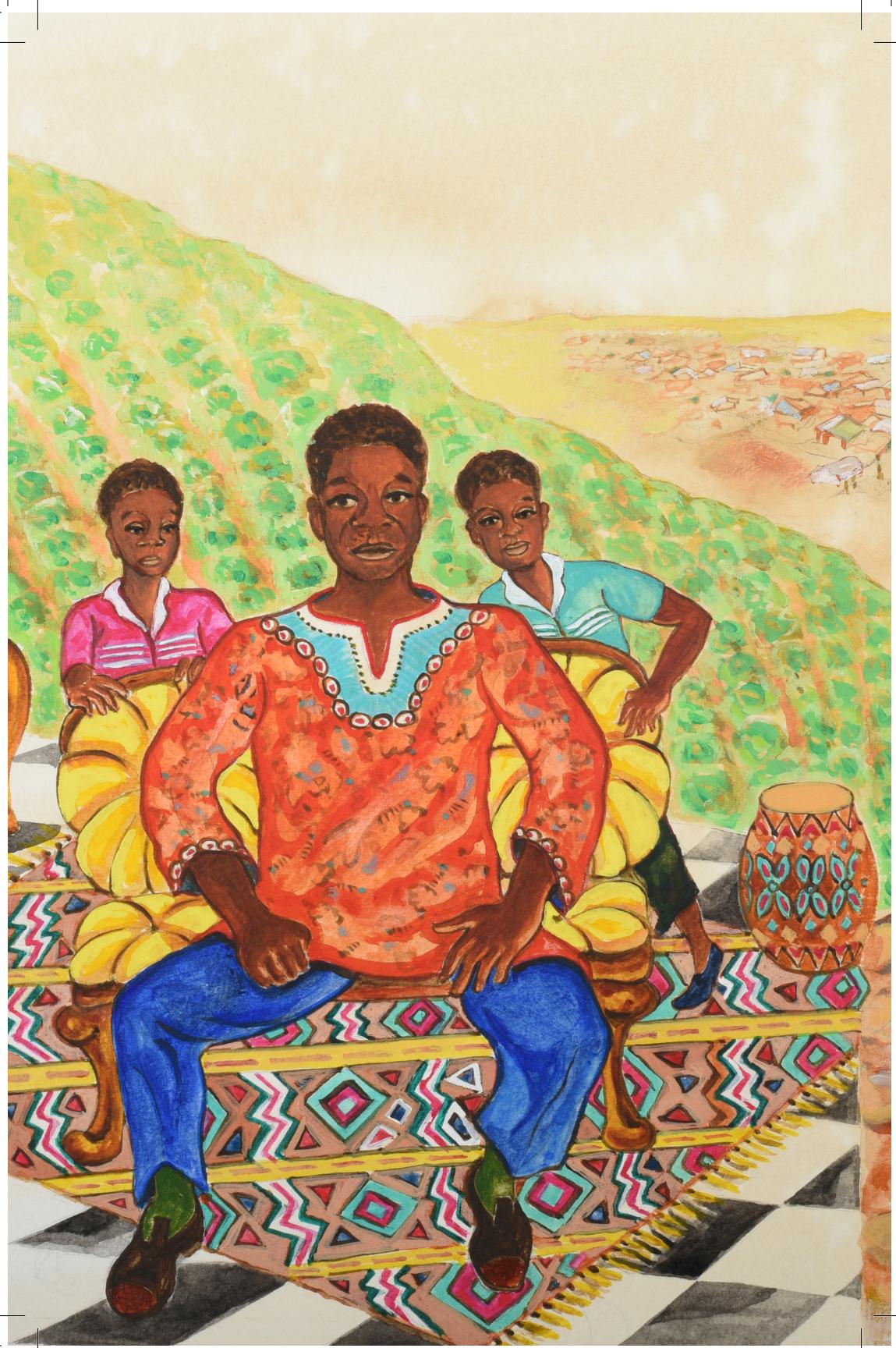
THE MIRROR STORY

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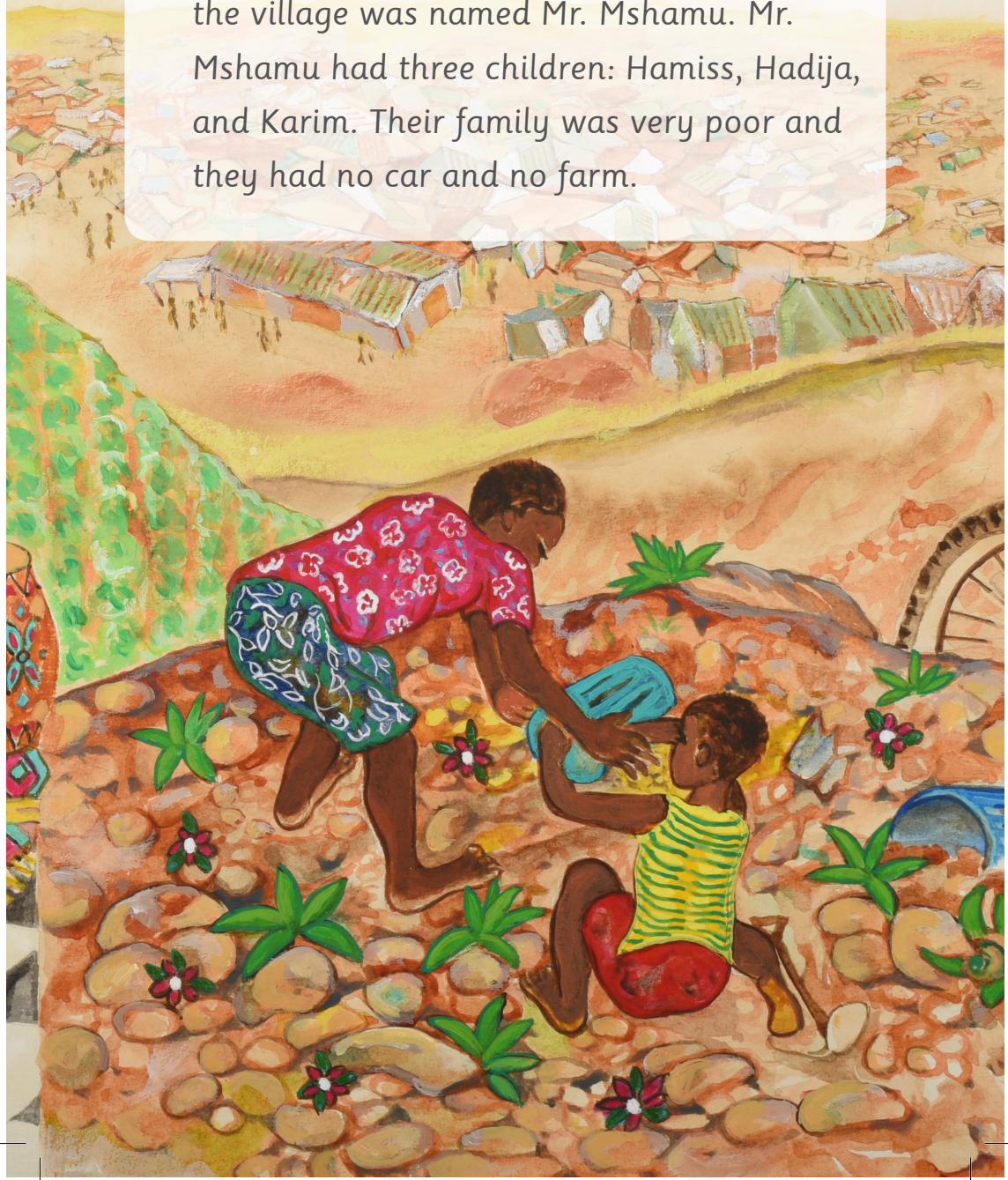
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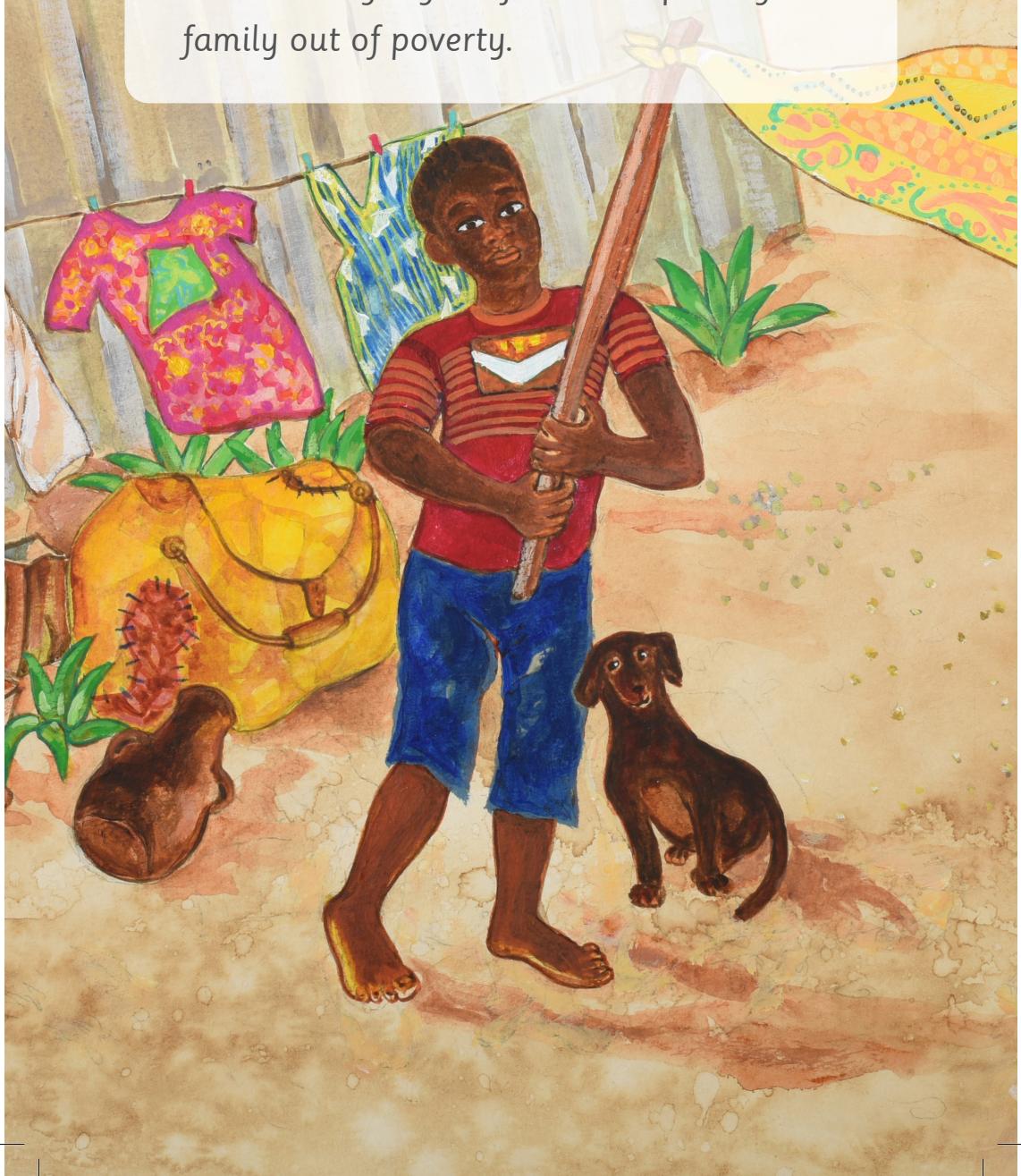




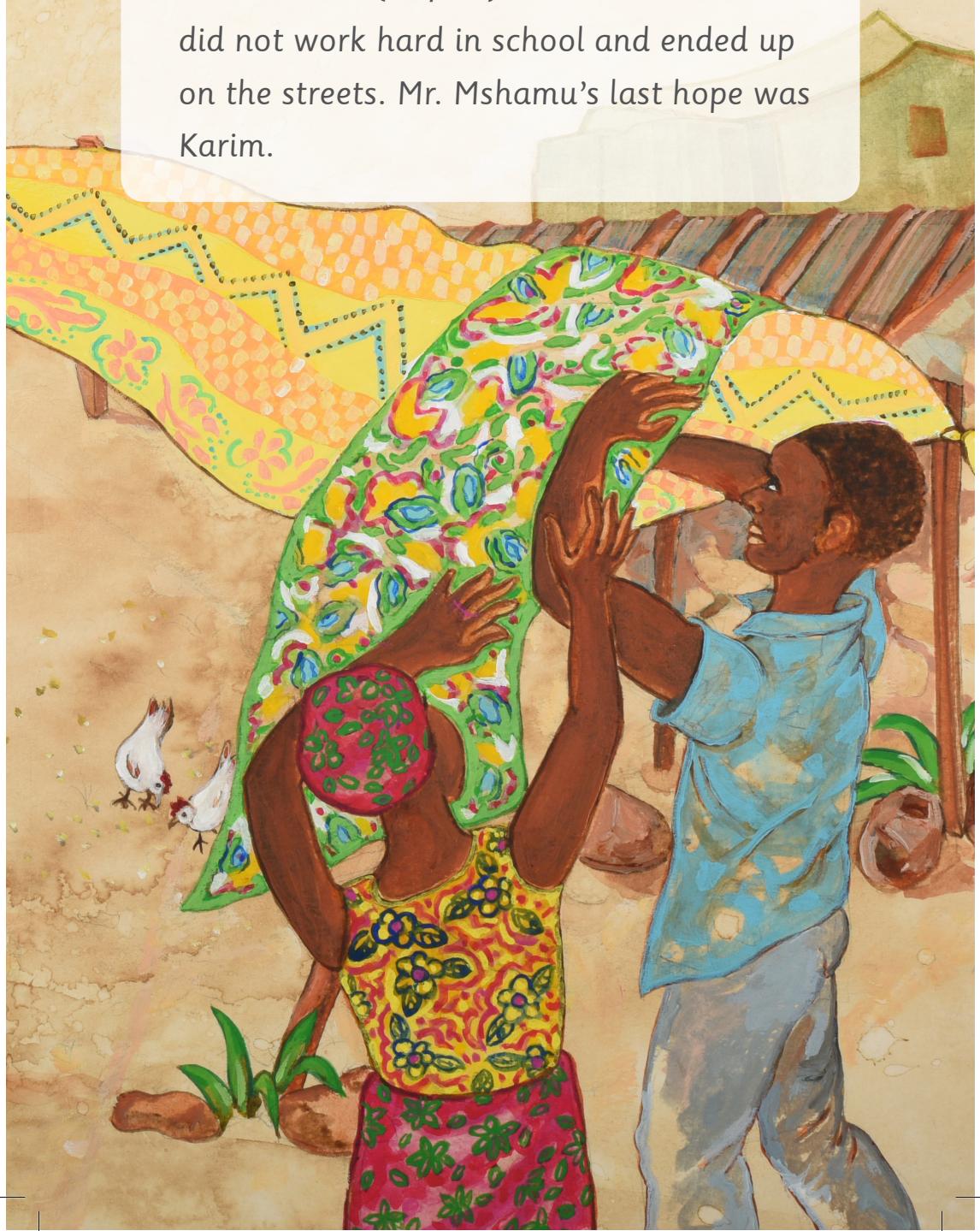
Once upon a time, there was a small village. Many of the people in the village were very poor. One of the men in the village was named Mr. Mshamu. Mr. Mshamu had three children: Hamiss, Hadija, and Karim. Their family was very poor and they had no car and no farm.



Mr. Mshamu knew that education was very important, so he worked hard to send his kids to school. He hoped that one day, his kids would get good jobs to help bring their family out of poverty.



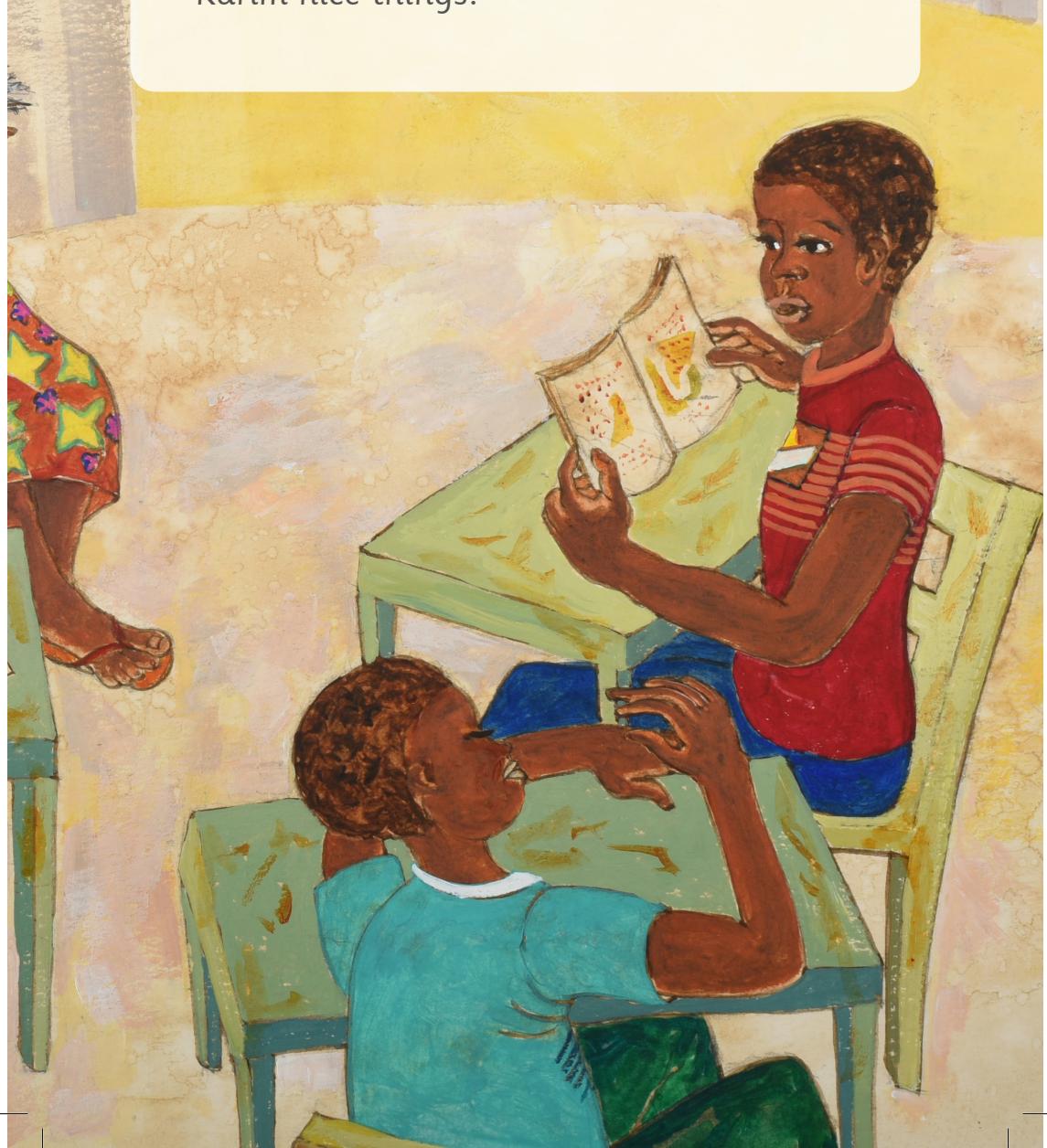
But Hadija got married young and could not continue (his/her) education. Hamiss did not work hard in school and ended up on the streets. Mr. Mshamu's last hope was Karim.



M r. Mshamu gave Karim lots of support and made sure that he worked hard in school so that he could go to college one day and help his family. Karim was a very kind and intelligent child and his teachers loved him.



As time went on, Karim made two new friends: Hassan and Yasa. Hassan and Yasa were the sons of the village leader and were very rich and spoiled, but they bought Karim nice things.



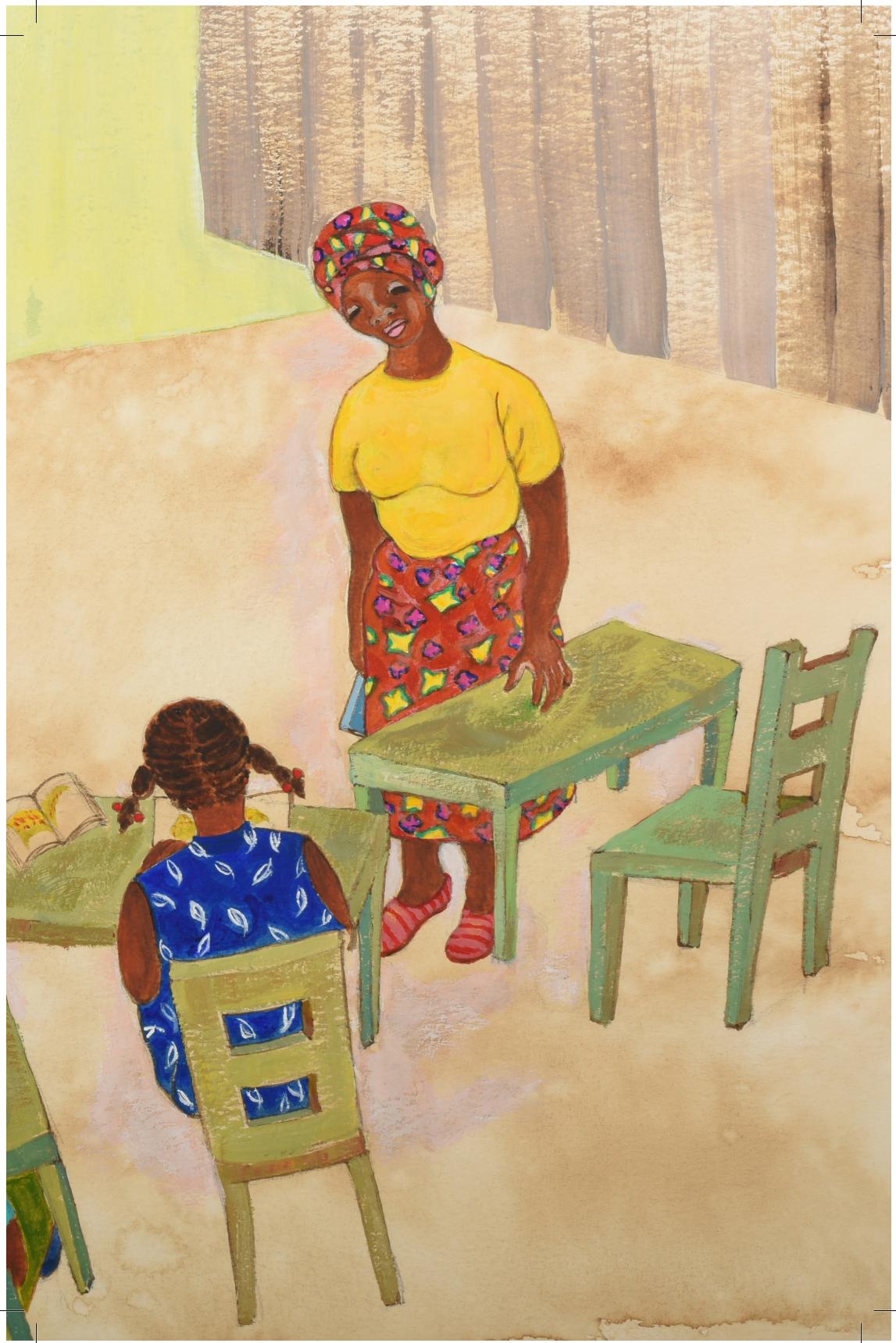
Hassan and Yasa were a bad influence on Karim. He started to skip classes and lie to his parents. Mr. Mshamu and Karim's teachers were very disappointed in him. They tried to help him become a good boy



again, but Karim kept getting into trouble.
Karim became so much trouble that he was
expelled from school.

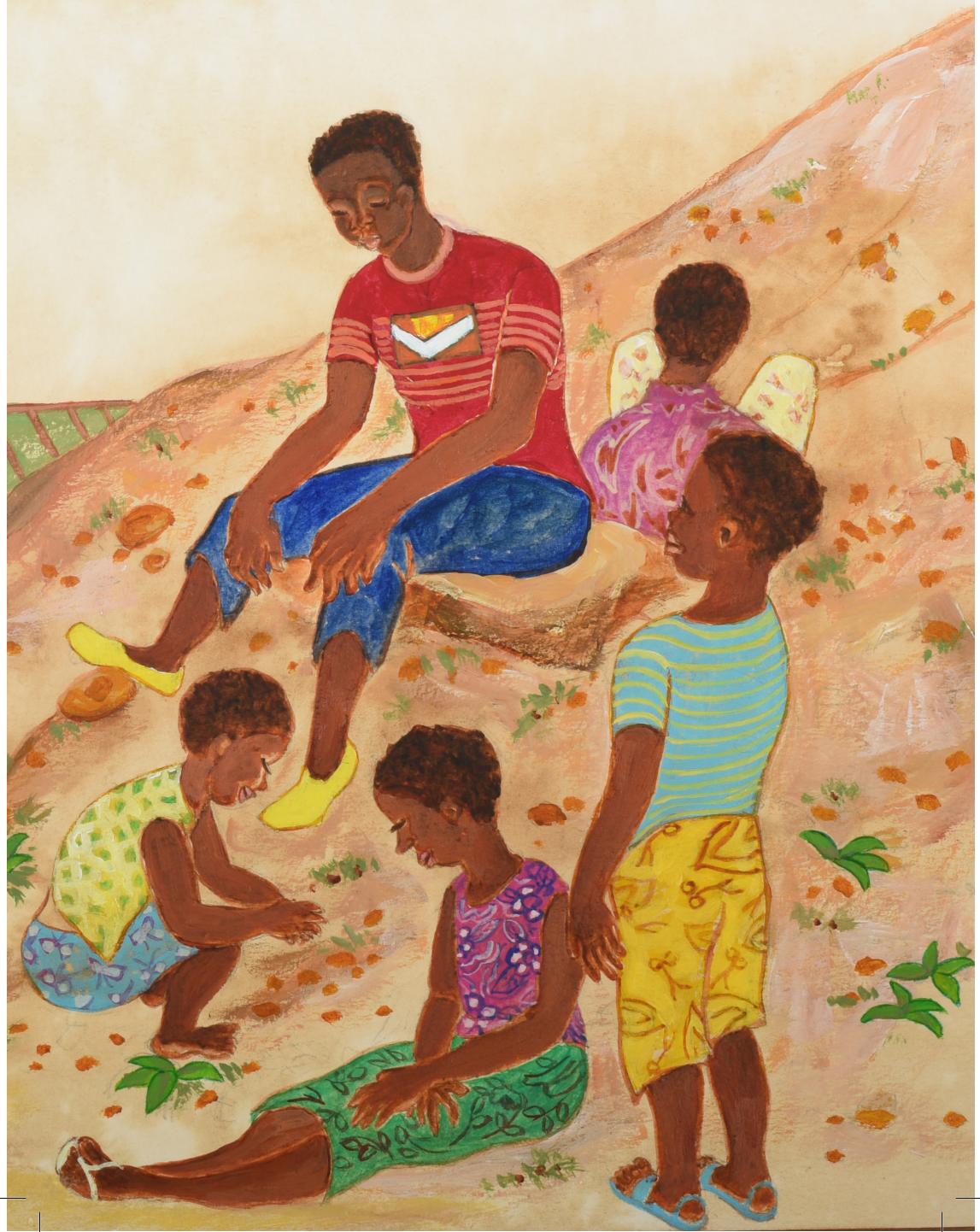
Mr. Mshamu was heartbroken over the failure of his last child. Life became harder for the Mshamu family and they had less money. They could not take care of Karim anymore, so he ended up on the street like his brother, Hamiss.

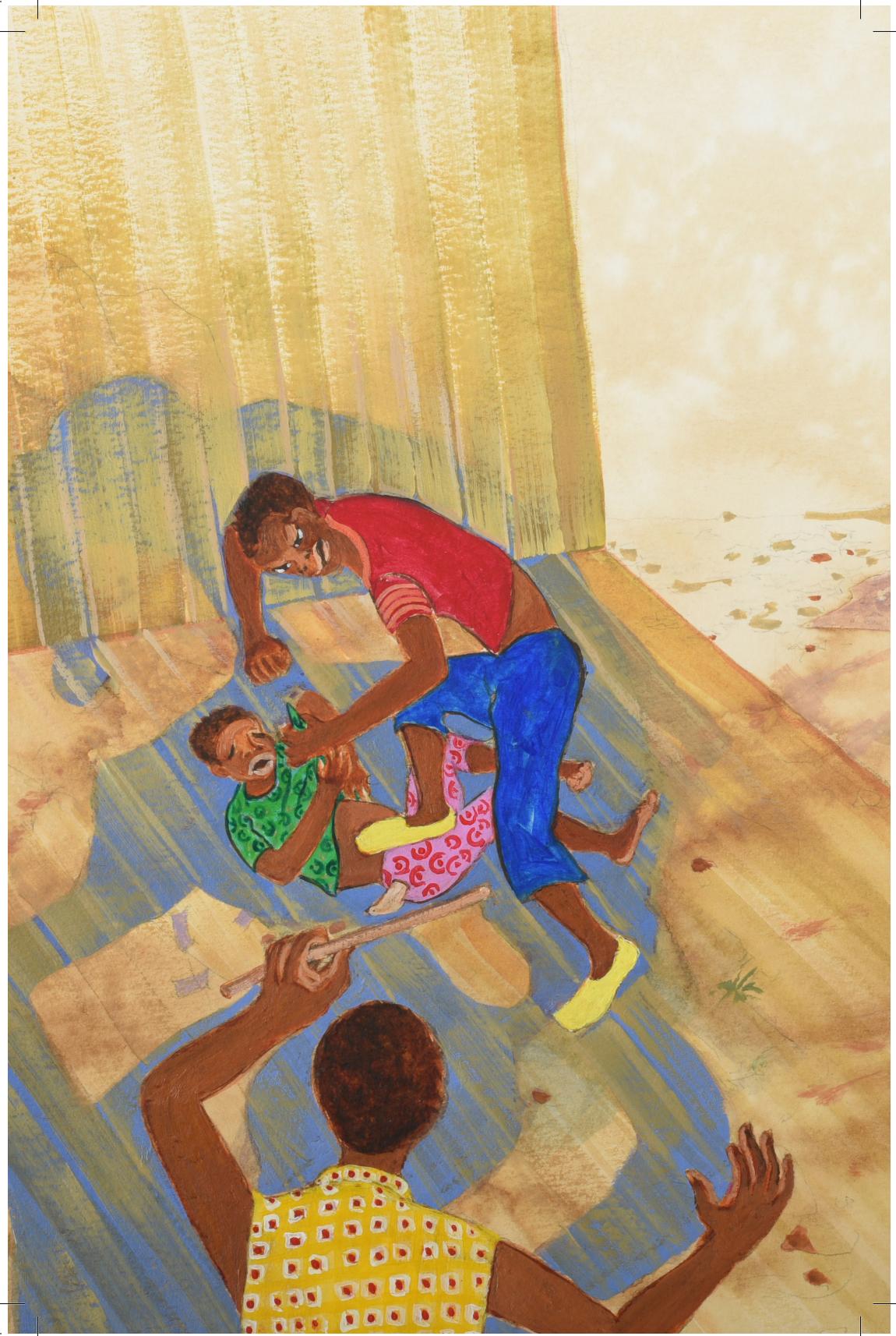


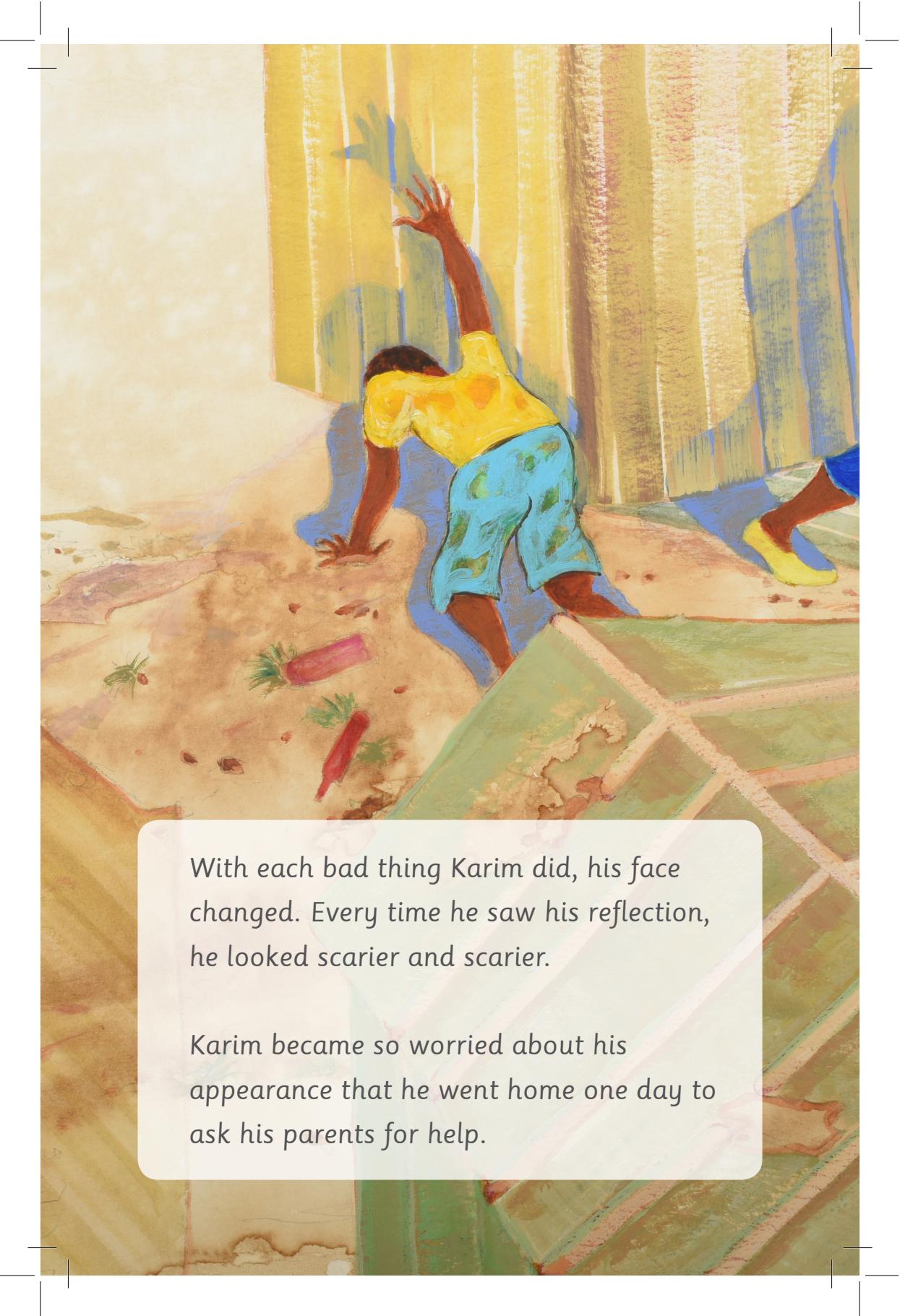


Karim had turned into a monster. He caused so much trouble that even Hassan and Yasa did not want to be near him. Karim bullied kids and took their money.







A boy in a yellow shirt and blue pants sits on a tiled roof, looking down at his reflection in a broken mirror. He has a worried expression on his face. The background shows a yellow wall and some greenery.

With each bad thing Karim did, his face changed. Every time he saw his reflection, he looked scarier and scarier.

Karim became so worried about his appearance that he went home one day to ask his parents for help.

"Did I do something wrong?" he asked his parents.

"Think about your actions, Karim. Do you think you did something wrong?" they replied.



K arim sat down and thought about all of the bad things he had done. He felt guilty and sad about all of the pain he had caused people.



When he looked in the mirror in his house, he was shocked by what he saw. In the mirror was the scariest and ugliest monster he had ever seen. He began to cry and immediately regretted all of the bad things he had done. He had let down his parents, his teachers, and his friends. He began to pray to God for mercy.

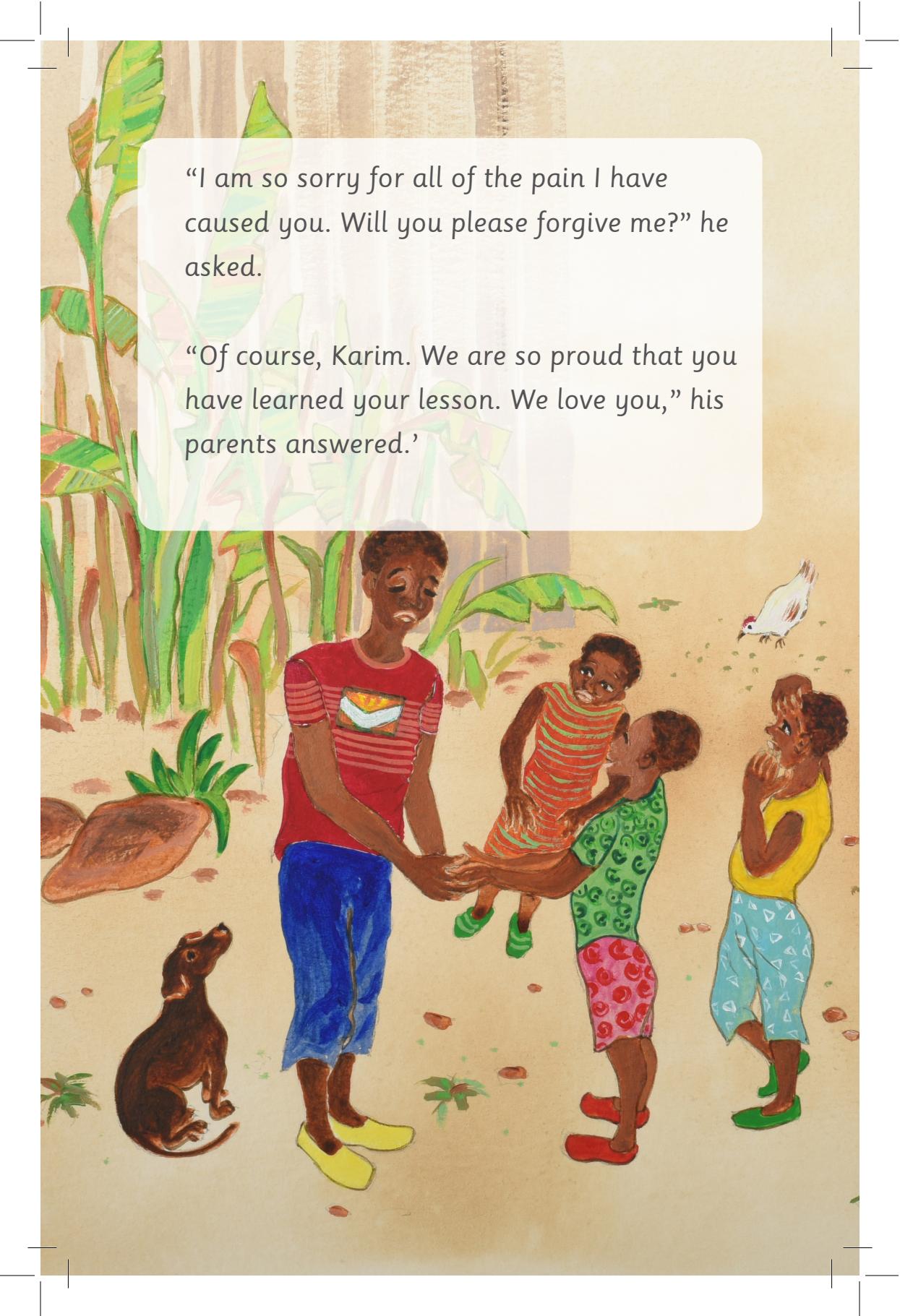




Karim decided that he needed to apologize to everyone he had hurt. He apologized to the kids he had bullied and they gladly accepted his apology. Then something strange happened. His appearance started to go back to normal. He apologized to his teachers and his appearance changed even more. And finally, he apologized to his parents.







“I am so sorry for all of the pain I have caused you. Will you please forgive me?” he asked.

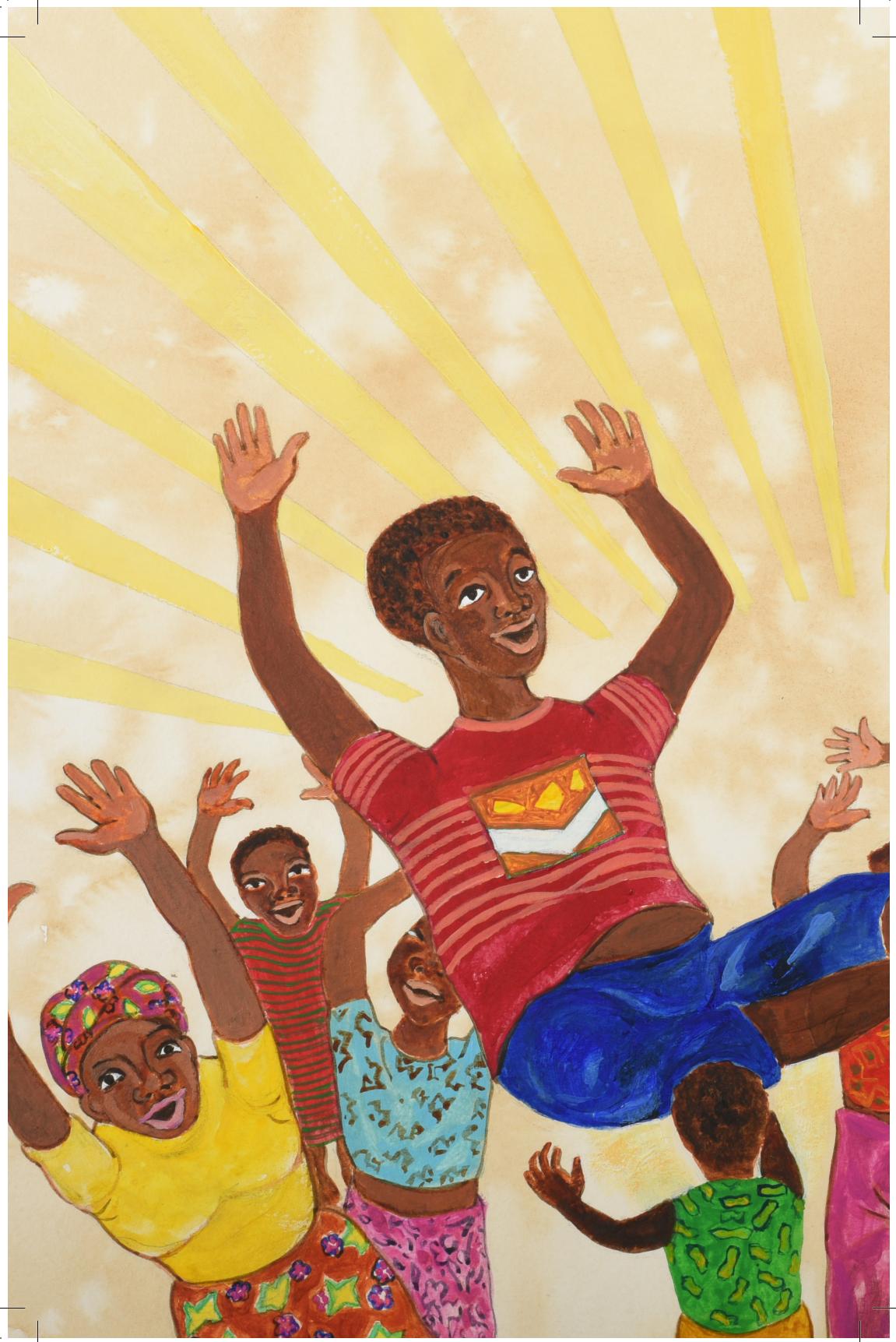
“Of course, Karim. We are so proud that you have learned your lesson. We love you,” his parents answered.

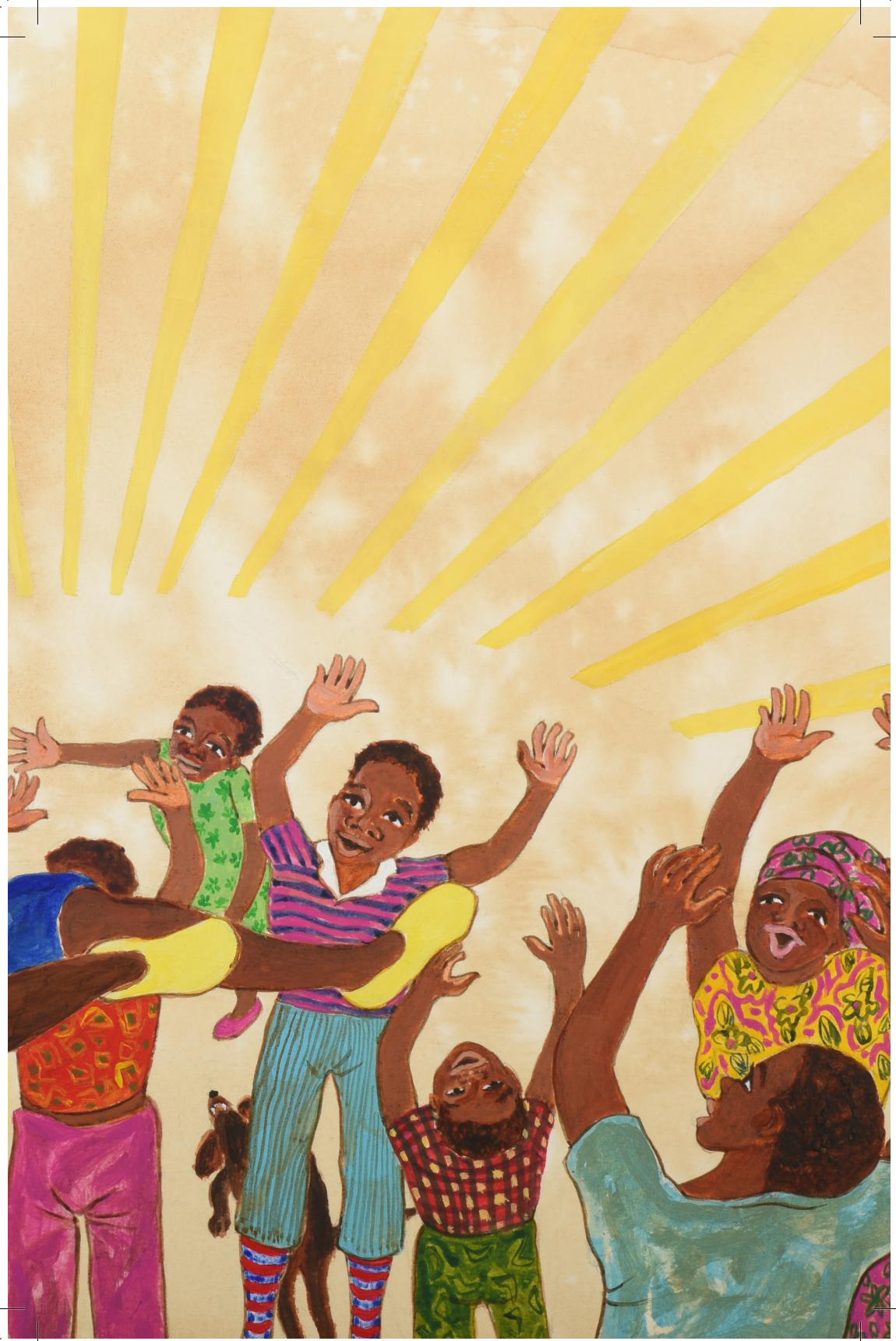


"Thank you for your love," said Karim, smiling.

Karim's face went completely back to normal. In fact, it shined as bright as the sun. Ever since, Karim has been kind and giving. He now has a very bright future ahead of him.









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