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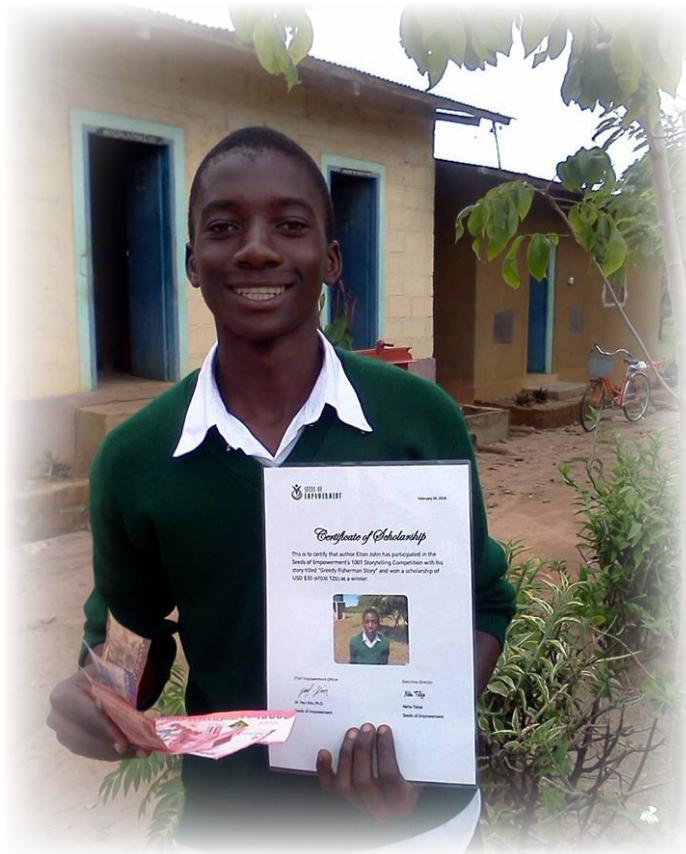
Our storytelling program, 1001 Stories, brings meaningful learning to some of the hardest to reach populations around the world. We aim to facilitate the creation, development, and gathering of 1001 empowering stories from every participating local community.

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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1001 Stories Presents

GREEDY FISHERMAN

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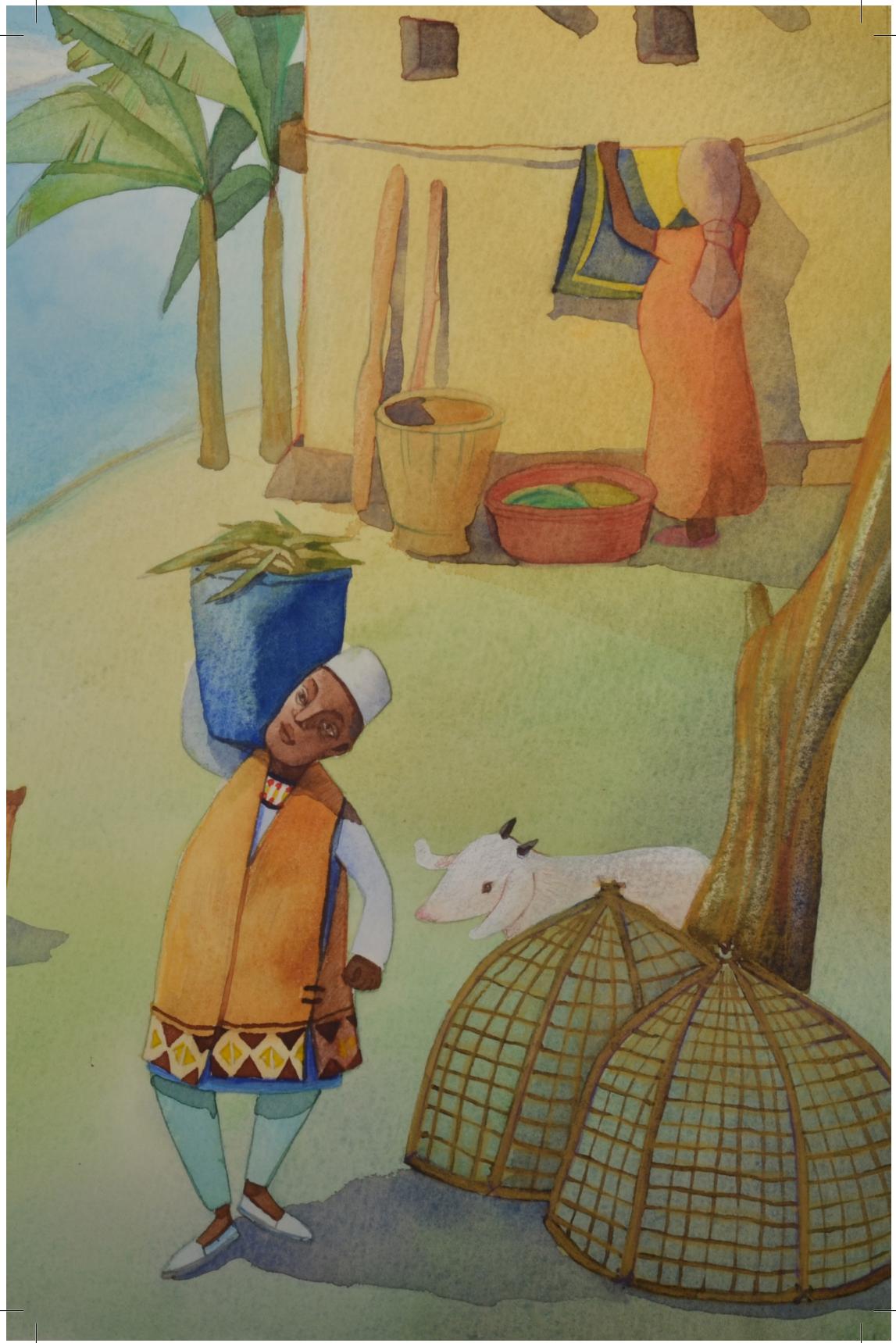
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K iokote lived with his family in Mangaka village near River Ruvuma, where he liked to fish. He had a small boat and a very good fishing net. He also had more than goats and plenty of food. There was no one in the village that was better at fishing than he was.







Also, nobody made goatskin leather clothes and accessories better than him. Because he always wore a goatskin jacket he proudly made, he was also known as a goat jacket man. However, no one in Mangaka village liked Kiokote, because he was very selfish.



One day Likoti, who was another fisherman in the village, went to Kiokote's home for help. Likoti was sick and could not fish, so he and his family didn't have any food.

"How is your afternoon, Kiokote?" Likoti asked.

"Good Likoti, and you?" he responded.

"I have not been doing very well. I have been ill and my family doesn't have any food because I haven't been to the river for the past three days."

“So how do you want me to help you?” Kiokote asked.

“I could use two small fish, some goat milk, and some money for my medication,” said Likoti.

“I cannot give you any of my food or money because your illness and your problems do not concern me,” said Kiokote.

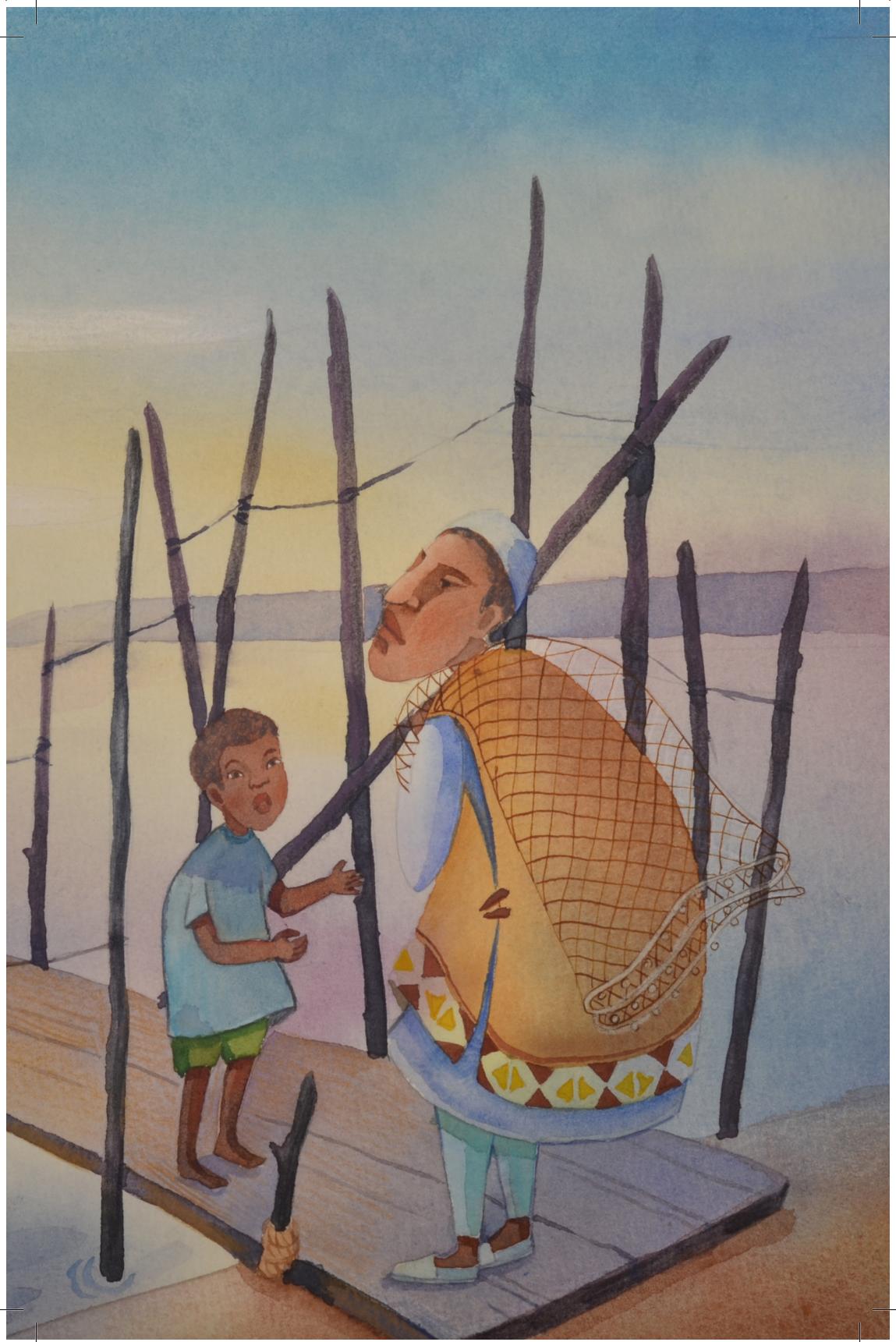
Likoti headed back to his home, saddened by his failure to get the help he needed.



The next day at dawn, Kiokote took his fishing net and his boat and headed to the river for another fishing day. When he got to the river bank, there was a boy named Elimu sitting there, looking out at the river. Elimu's father was Darweshi, and they lived very close to where Kiokote lived. As soon as Elimu saw Kiokote coming, Elimu asked him, "Are you going out to fish? If so, could you look for my father? He hasn't come home for two days."

Hearing this, Kiokote replied, "Really? I will see if I can find your dad. Can you go to my home and feed my goats some weeds? Be sure to feed the little ones first."

"Yes sir. I will be sure to do it, but please, please find my dad and come home with him," replied Elimu with wet eyes and a sob in his voice.





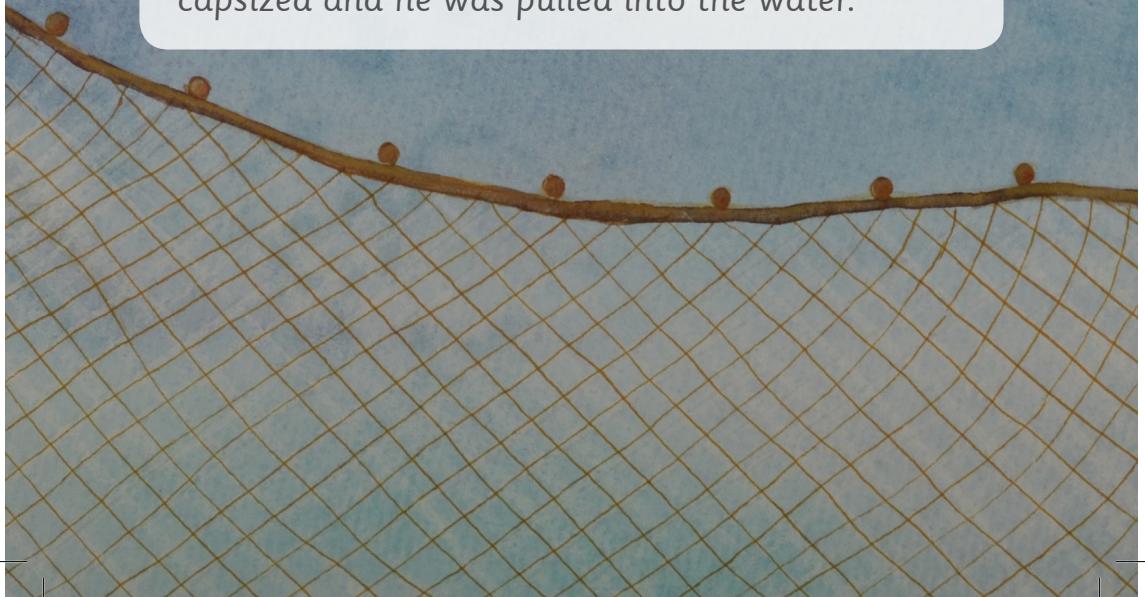


When Kiokote got in his boat and went downstream, he was surprised to find other fishermen fishing there. They seemed to be doing quite well. He then rowed to the deeper part of the river. He lowered his net into the deep water and trapped some fish, but they were too small so Kiokote threw them back. He lowered his net at another spot where he thought large fish were swimming and soon there were plenty of fish trapped in the net. When the other fishermen saw that he had caught a lot of fish, they offered to help, but as expected Kiokote didn't think he needed anyone's help. He could do it all by himself, and he certainly didn't want to share any of the big fish he was catching.





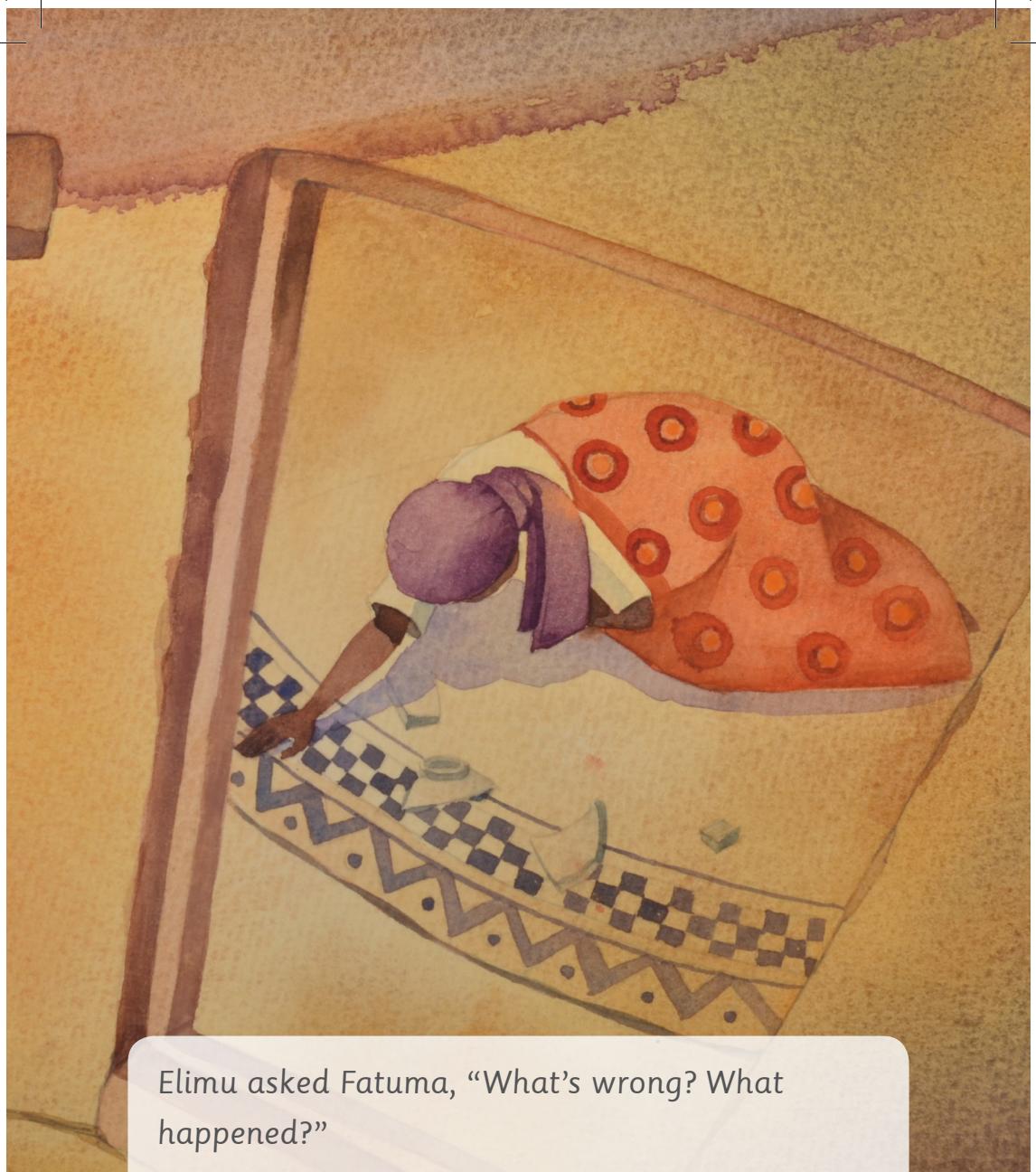
After the other fishermen had gone, Kiokote was left all alone to try to pull up the net. The net was very heavy, but he kept pulling on it with all his might. Still, he wasn't strong enough to pull the net up. Instead, the big fish were pulling the net further into the water. Kiokote fought hard with the fish in his net, but suddenly, his boat capsized and he was pulled into the water.



While all this was happening, Elimu went to Kiokote's home to feed weeds to his goats. When he arrived at Kiokote's home, he heard screaming from the house.

Elimu rushed into Kiokote's house and found Kiokote's wife Fatuma lying on the ground in agony.





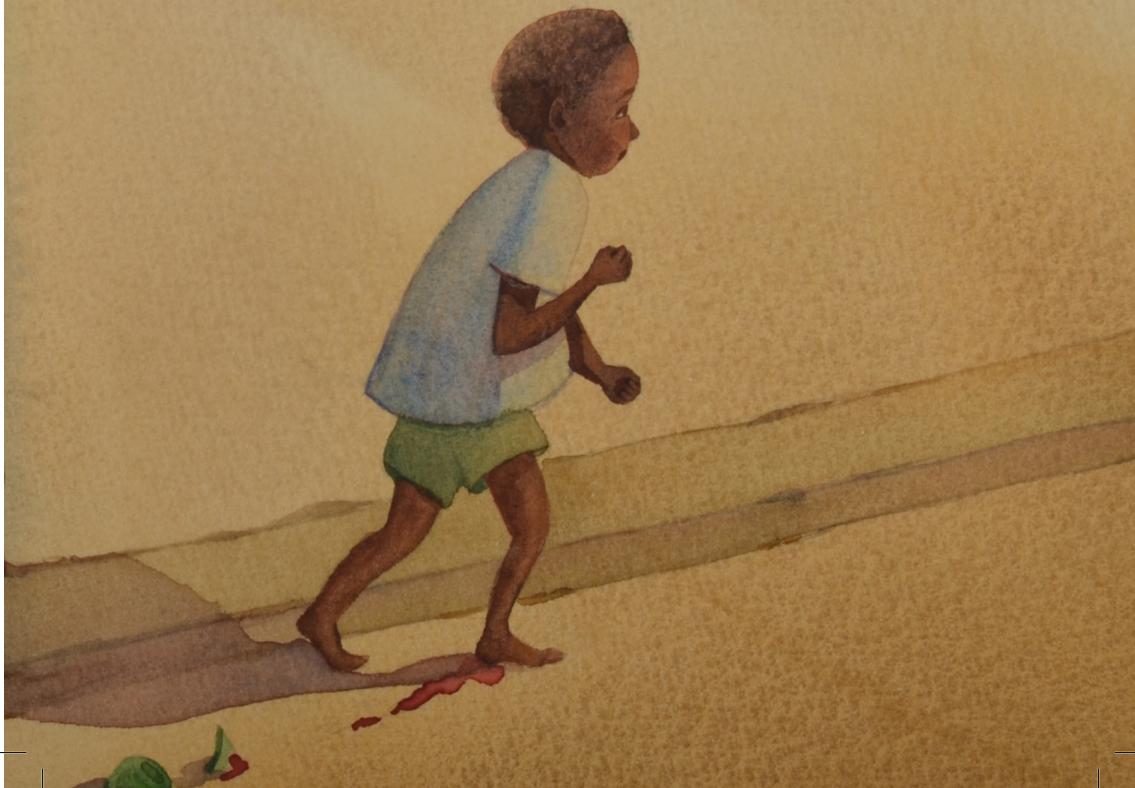
Elimu asked Fatuma, "What's wrong? What happened?"

"Go find Gaudiosa. Tell her to come to me now. Something is wrong. My baby is not due to come out this month. It's too early. Go get Gaudiosa!" Fatuma screamed.

Elimu ran out to look for Gaudiosa, an elderly lady who serves as a midwife in the village. Elimu ran to Gaudiosa's house, but she was not there. Elimu ran around the whole village, but he couldn't find Gaudiosa. After searching for her for 20 minutes door to door, he decided to run to a clinic in the town nearby. It's about 20 minutes by motorcycle, but Elimu thought that he had no



other choice. He had to go find a doctor in the town. Elimu ran like a rabbit on a muddy, narrow road. He jumped over little ponds along the way. He sweated, and his clothes were all muddy, but he ran and ran as fast as he could. By the time he got close to the town, he realized that his right foot was bleeding. A broken bottle piece had pierced his bare foot, but that didn't stop him. He kept running to the clinic.



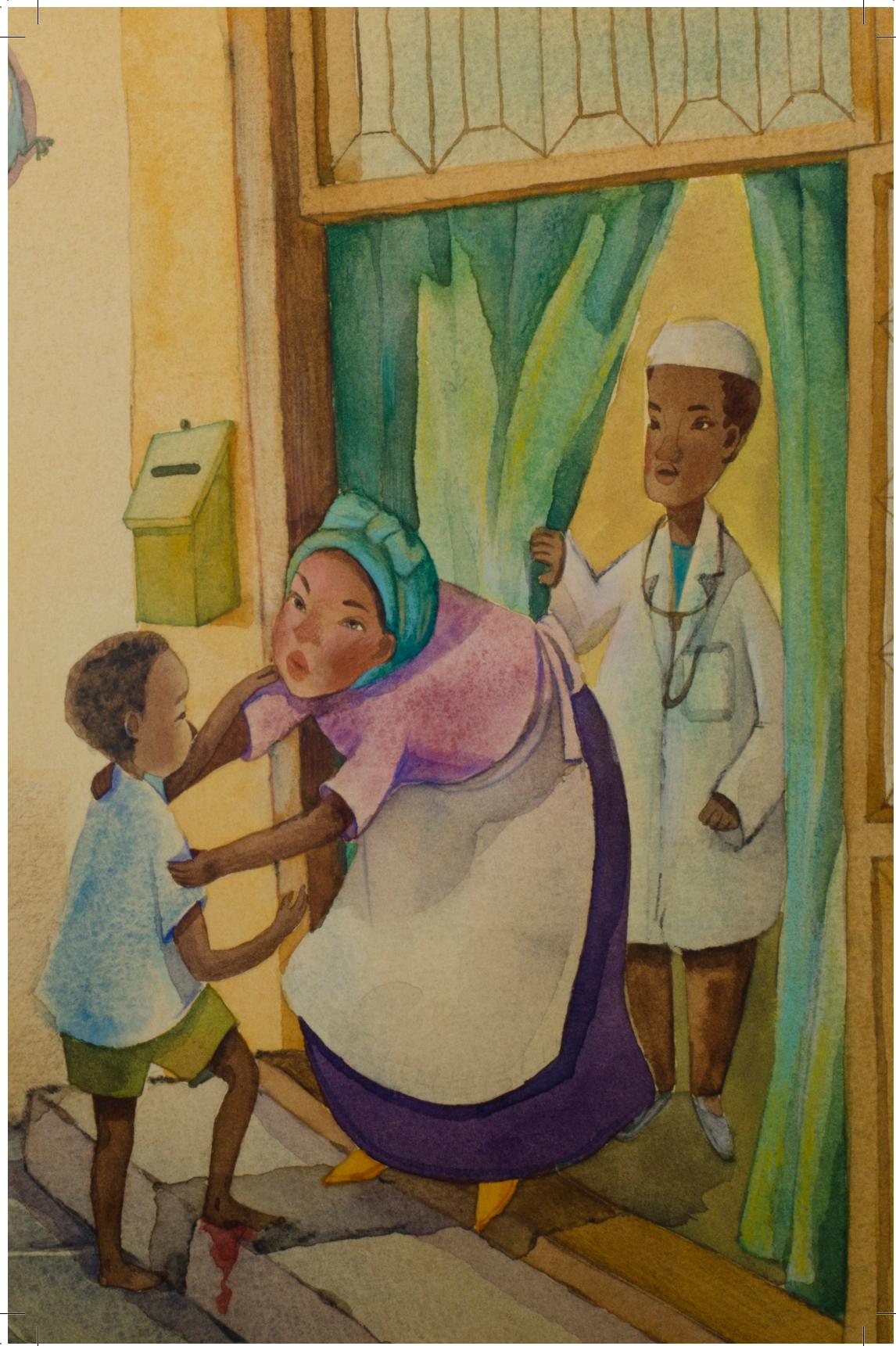
When Elimu got to the clinic, he almost fell down from the pain.

“Oh my gosh, are you alright? What happened?” a nurse at the clinic asked Elimu. The nurse was looking at Elimu’s bleeding foot. A doctor who was diagnosing a patient inside a partitioned area looked out and saw Elimu catching his breath.

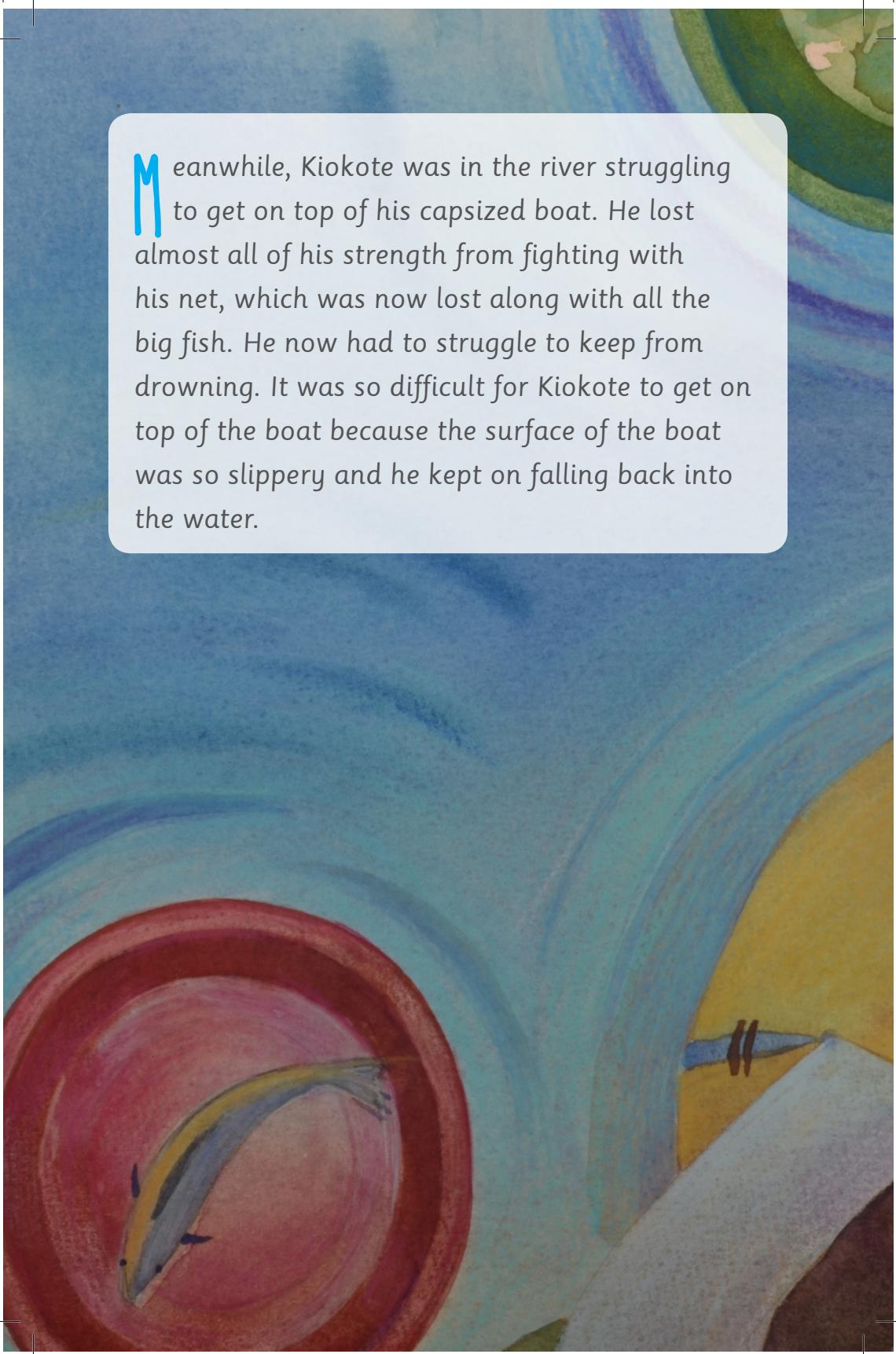
“Was there an accident, boy?” doctor asked.
“What happened to your leg?”

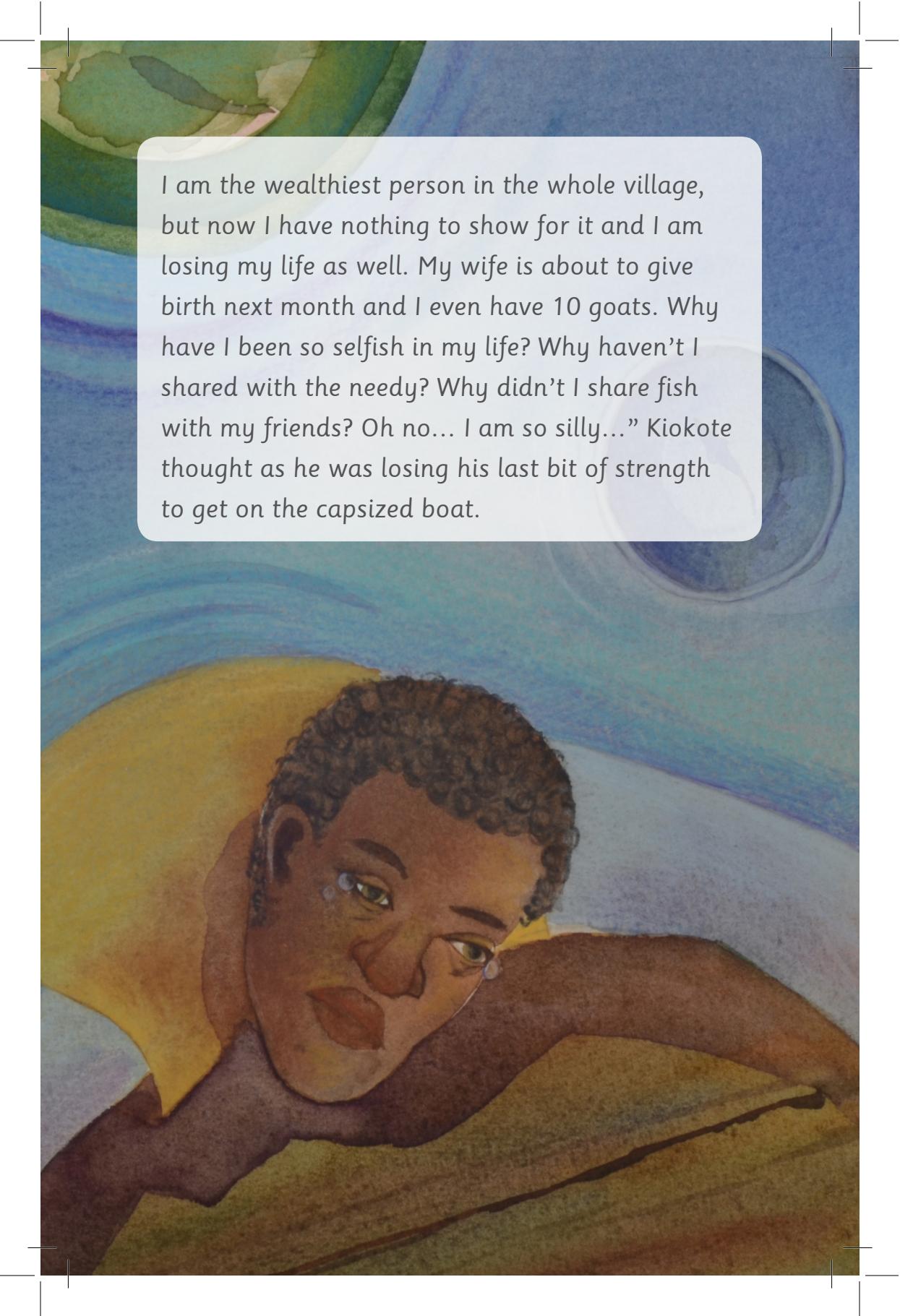
“No, no. I am fine, doctor, but please come with me quickly. A mother in Mangaka village is about to give birth and she is all alone and she is in trouble. Please come!”

“We need to take a look at your leg first. You are bleeding. You will be in big trouble if we don’t stop your bleeding,” the doctor said while he examined Elimu’s foot.



Meanwhile, Kiokote was in the river struggling to get on top of his capsized boat. He lost almost all of his strength from fighting with his net, which was now lost along with all the big fish. He now had to struggle to keep from drowning. It was so difficult for Kiokote to get on top of the boat because the surface of the boat was so slippery and he kept on falling back into the water.





I am the wealthiest person in the whole village, but now I have nothing to show for it and I am losing my life as well. My wife is about to give birth next month and I even have 10 goats. Why have I been so selfish in my life? Why haven't I shared with the needy? Why didn't I share fish with my friends? Oh no... I am so silly..." Kiokote thought as he was losing his last bit of strength to get on the capsized boat.



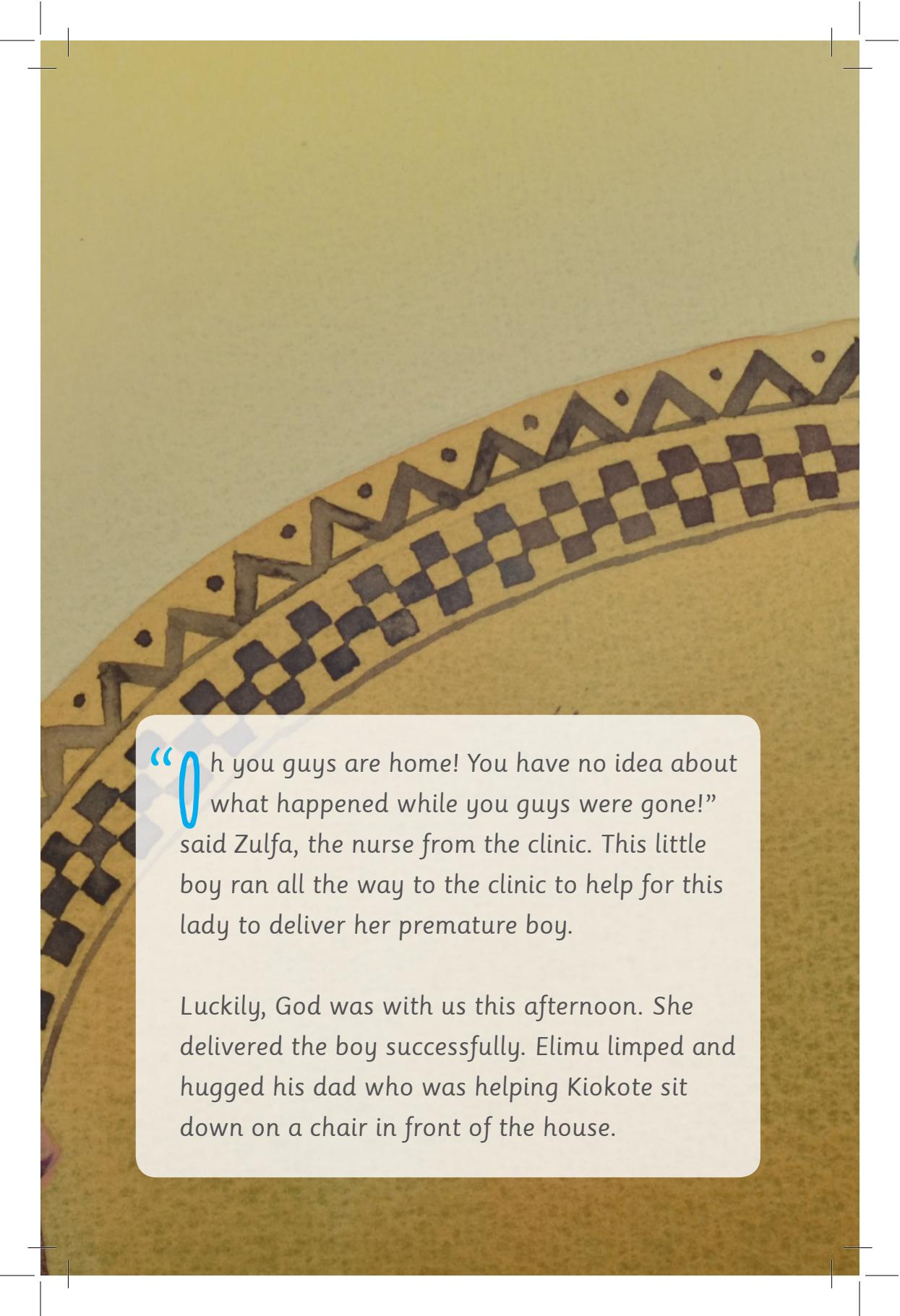
“Hey! What happened? Do you need help over there?” a man shouted to Kiokote from a distance. It was Elimu’s father Darweshi. He discovered Kiokote as he was returning home from fishing a long way downstream.

Kiokote couldn’t even say a word because he was so thankful to see Darweshi approaching him to help. He shed tears from his eyes and thanked God for sending a lifesaver. He decided to be a good man from that moment on.

Darweshi pulled Kiokote out of the water and returned home with a lot of fish he had caught from downstream.







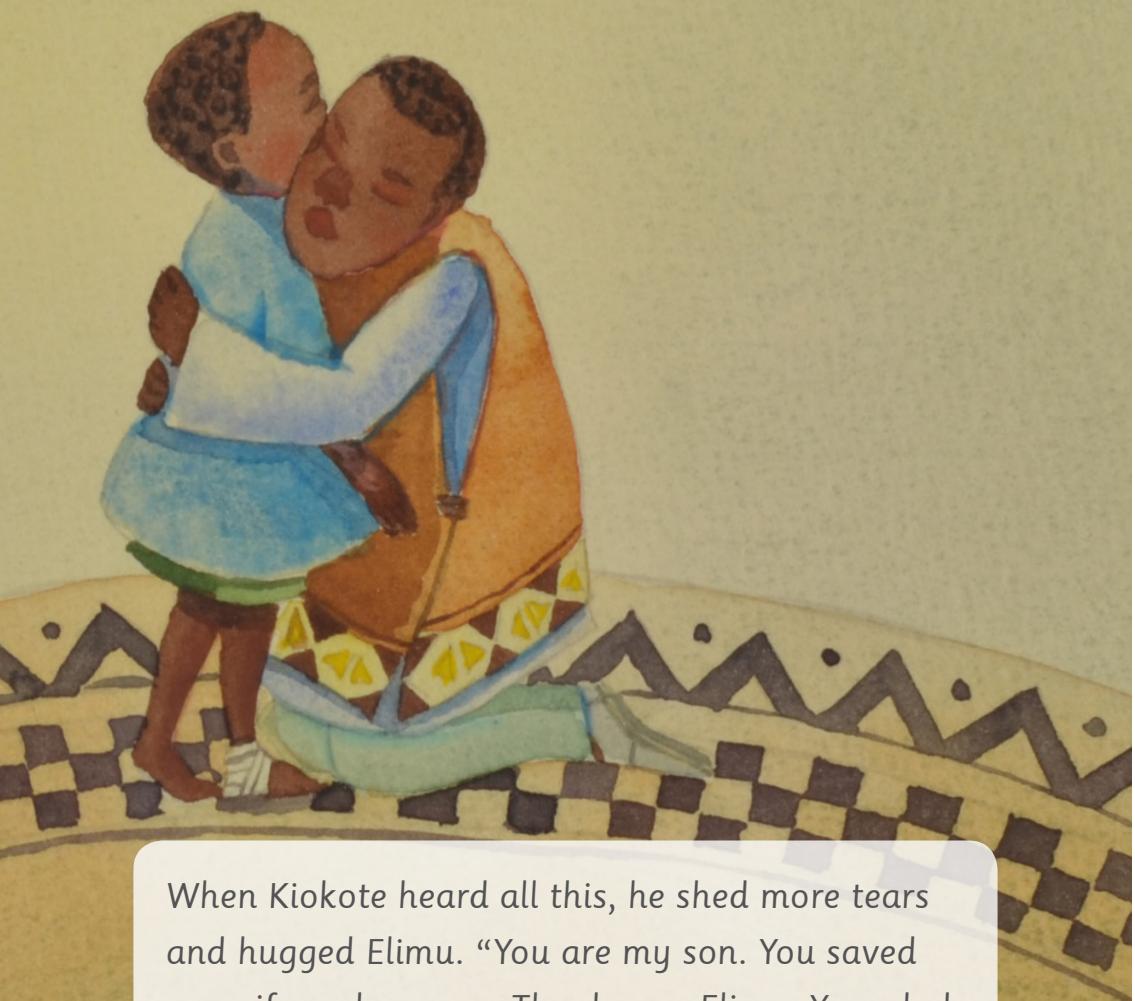
“O h you guys are home! You have no idea about what happened while you guys were gone!” said Zulfa, the nurse from the clinic. This little boy ran all the way to the clinic to help for this lady to deliver her premature boy.

Luckily, God was with us this afternoon. She delivered the boy successfully. Elimu limped and hugged his dad who was helping Kiokote sit down on a chair in front of the house.

“What happened to your leg, my son?” Darweshi asked Elimu.

“Oh that. You wouldn’t believe what he did today. He is a hero today!” said Zulfa. Zulfa explained to Kiokote and Darweshi how Elimu injured his foot running to the clinic. “He refused to get his leg treated until we came to the village to help Kiokote’s wife.”





When Kiokote heard all this, he shed more tears and hugged Elimu. "You are my son. You saved my wife and my son. Thank you, Elimu. Your dad saved me today, Thank you Darweshi. Thank you everyone. Thank you, God," said Kiokote still shedding tears

K iokote told everyone, "Self-centeredness is really foolishness. I was self-centeredness at times when I should have worked with others".

Next day, Kiokote took two goats in his hands and gave them to Derweshi. "Thank you very much for your help, my friend," Kiokote said.

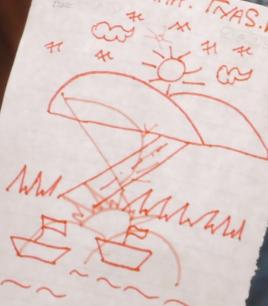
Kiokote also went to Likoti's house to give him a big wheel of goat cheese he made and also two fresh buckets of goat milk and said, "I promise to change my selfish ways and start working with you as a team in everything."



His friends forgave him and they went on being good friends, helping each other through good times and hard times. Everyone shared and everyone helped each other. The whole village was full of sharing and helping minds and abundant happiness.



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