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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.



Rwanda

## Our Author



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“My name is Habimana Nahayo. I live in Butare, Rwanda. I pray every morning to God for my mother.



1001 Stories Presents

# WHO IS REAL HERO

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**O**nce upon a time, there was a shoemaker named Kakama who made colorful shoes for children.



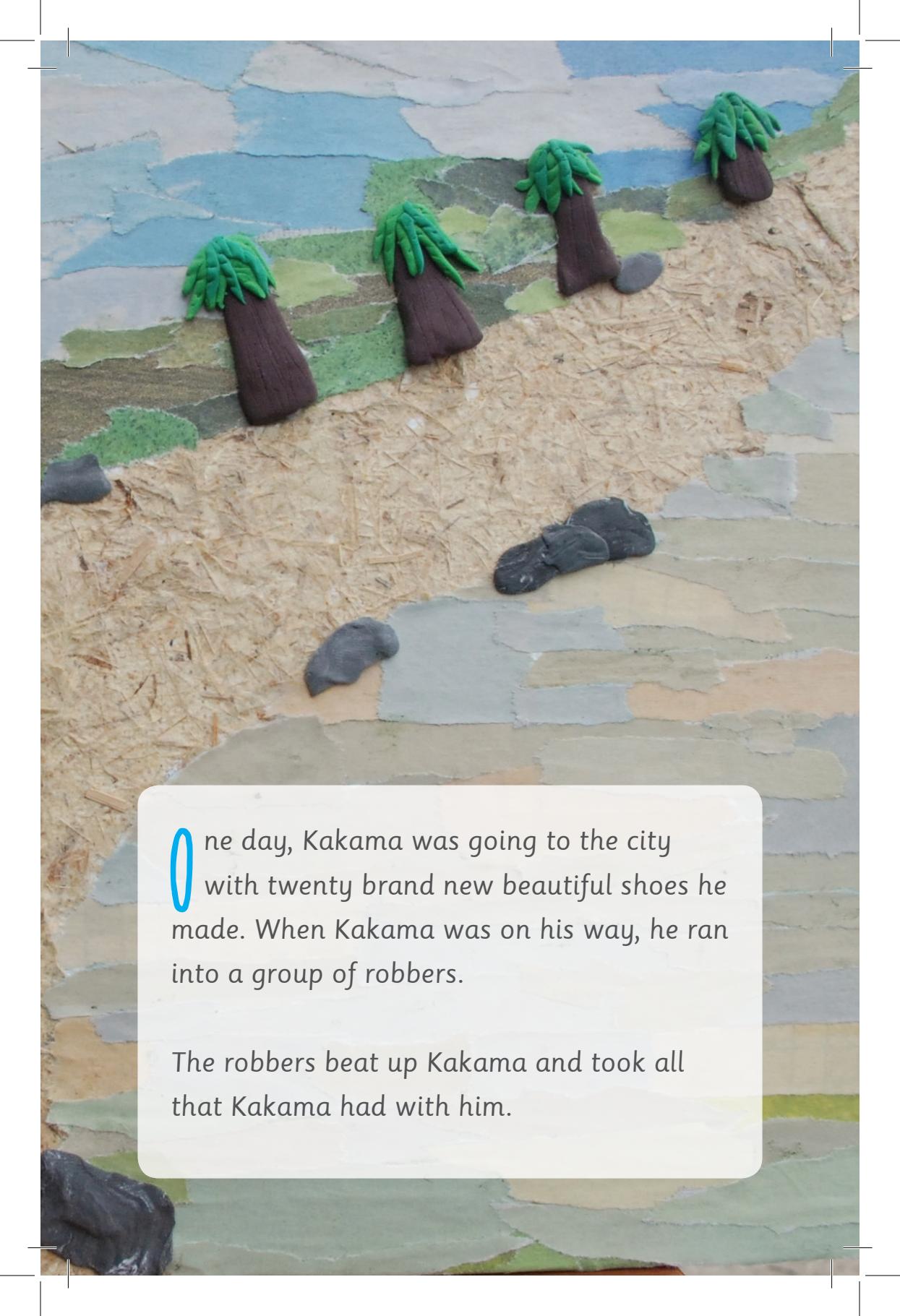




Kakama loved children and it filled him with great happiness when children loved his shoes.



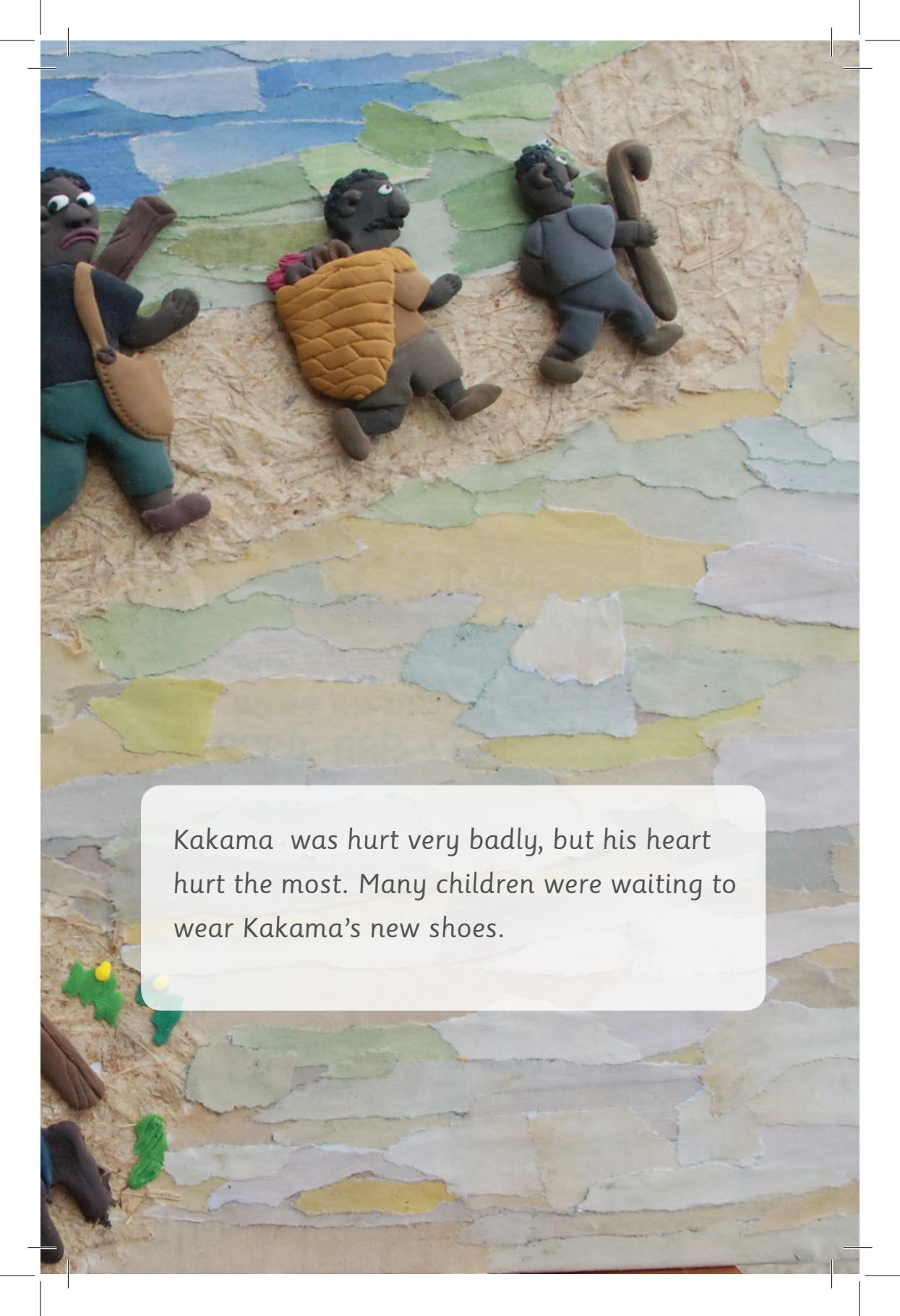




**O**ne day, Kakama was going to the city with twenty brand new beautiful shoes he made. When Kakama was on his way, he ran into a group of robbers.

The robbers beat up Kakama and took all that Kakama had with him.





Kakama was hurt very badly, but his heart hurt the most. Many children were waiting to wear Kakama's new shoes.

Tadaho, a rich and powerful man, was passing by Kakama and saw him lying on the ground. Tadaho asked Kakama, "Goodness gracious! Are you alright?"

Kakama said painfully, "I was robbed and beat up."

"You need to go to the hospital right away!"  
Tadaho replied.

"Can you please take me?" Kakama cried out in pain.





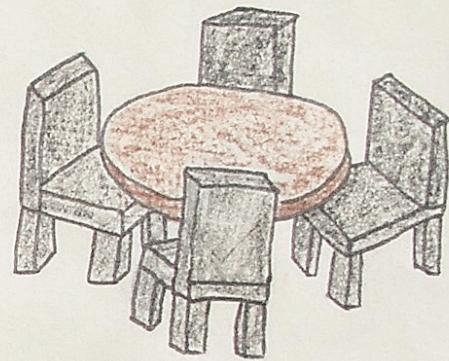
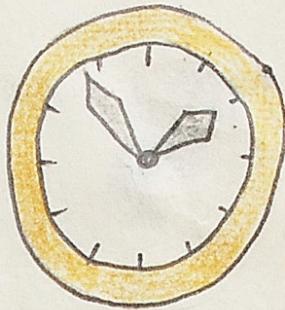
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“If I carry you, the fancy suit that I’m wearing will be ruined. I also have an important meeting to go to. Here is ten dollars. Many people pass by this road. Someone else will come to help you.”

Tadaho felt bad, but he did not want to be late.

“I will take you to the hospital if you are still here when I come back,” said Tadaho as he left for his meeting.



Five minutes later, Pakeo walked by and saw Kakama on the ground.

Pakeo was well known in the city because he was very smart.

Kakama cried to Pakeo,

“Please! Help me!”





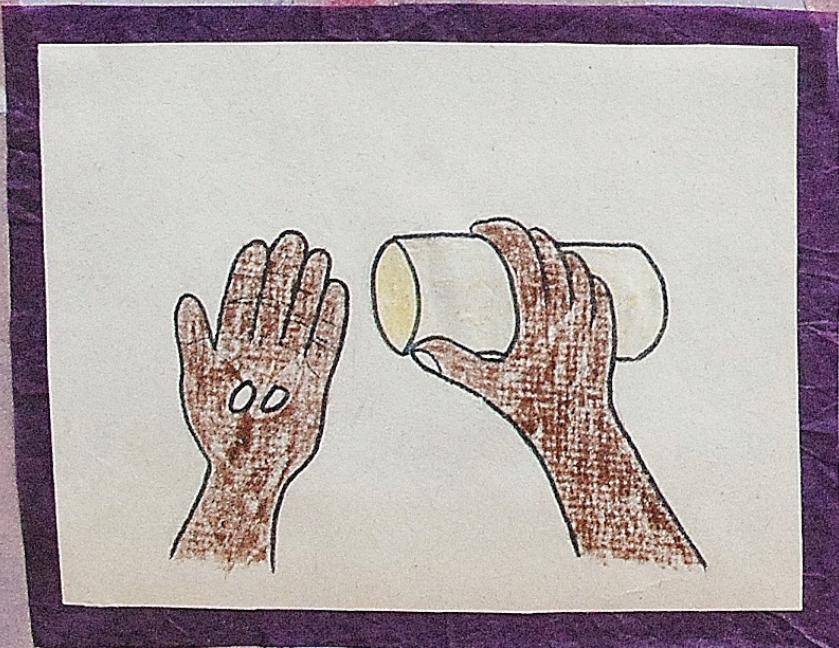
"What happened?" Pakeo asked.

"I am bleeding and in pain. Thank goodness you are here, Pakeo. Please take me to the hospital."

"I am not strong enough to carry you, and I have to give a speech," said Pakeo, "I will go find someone else who can help you, Kakama."

Pakeo left. He wanted to help, but he did not want to wait all day long in the hospital with Kakama and miss his speech.





Kakama was very close to dying from losing too much blood. At that moment, Sarama crossed Kakama's path.

Sarama was a poor woman with an only child who was very sick. Sarama was on her way to the city to pick up medicine for her ill daughter.







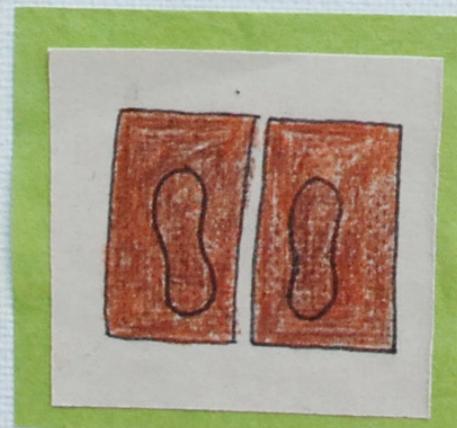
Sarama saw Kakama and ran to him. She asked him,  
“Are you OK? You are hurt and bleeding!”

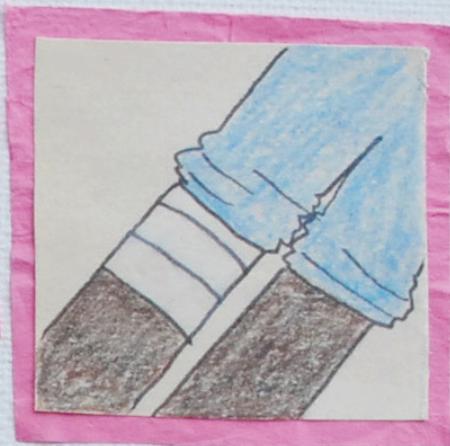
Kakama looked up Sarama.

“Please help me. If you don’t help me now, I will die here.”

Sarama took off her scarf and tied Kakama’s leg above his cut to stop the bleeding.







“Can you lean on me? I am going to try to lift you and walk with you.”

Sarama did all she could to lift Kakama and carry him. Sarama had trouble holding Kakama, but she prayed to God for help.

With the help of Sarama, Kakama would get to the hospital safely.





Seven days later, Sarama and her daughter visited Kakama to see how he was doing. Kakama was much better and he was waiting to see Sarama and her daughter, Jomopira.

Kakama gave Jomopira a gift of colorful shoes. Jomopira was so happy, and Kakama and Sarama's hearts were full of joy.

