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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.



Tanzania

## Our Author



# FATUMA NAYOPA

Original story by Fatuma Nayopa, a 14 years old girl from Nangwanda school, Newala in Tanzania, who wants to work at Bank of Tanzania when grows up.



1001 Stories Presents

# FATUMA STORY

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Our fathers have a saying: "where there is determination there is a way." This is a story about two young girls, Farida and Rehema who were determined to find their



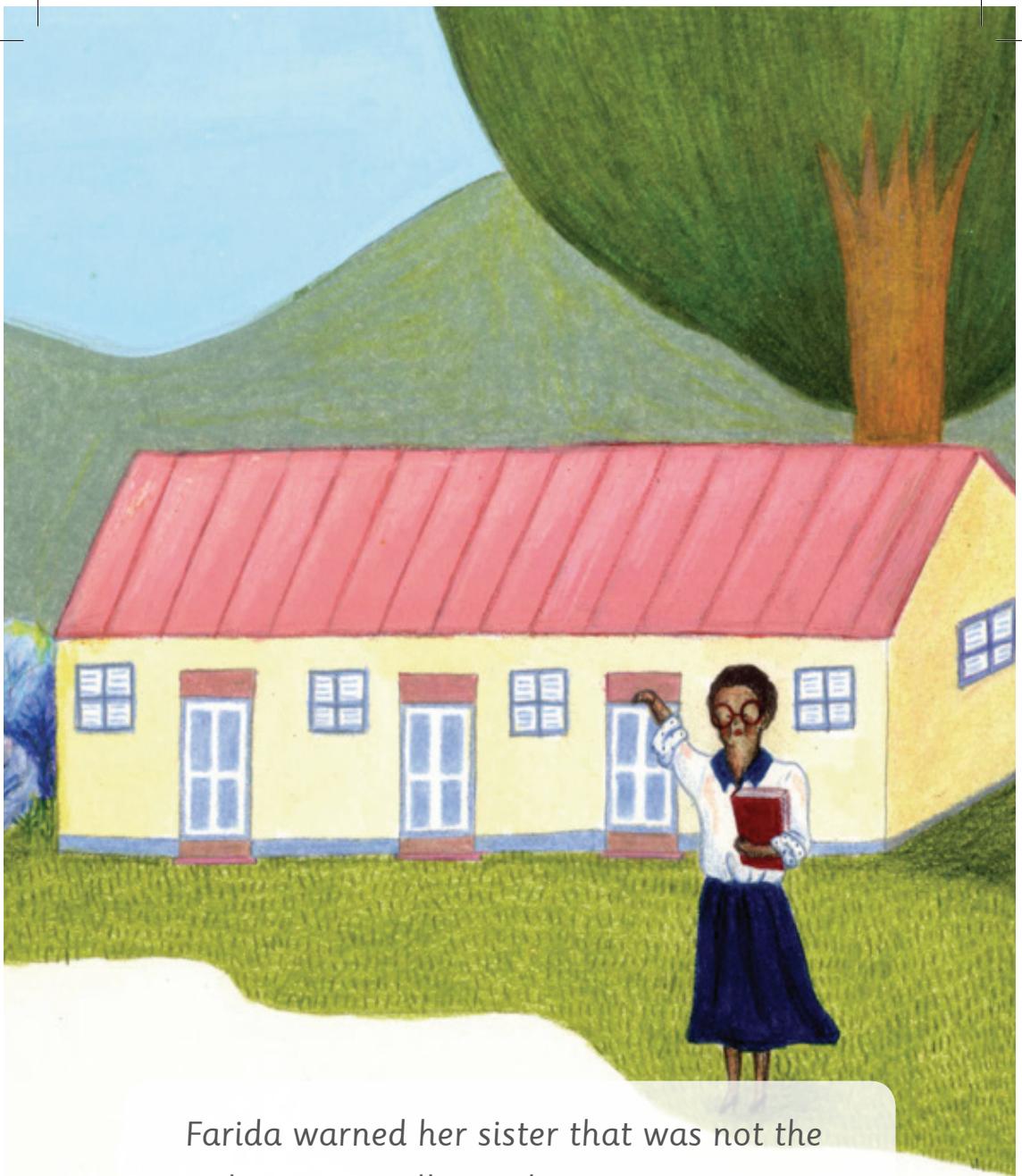
way, no matter how hard their lives were. Farida and Rehema are orphans. Rehema is not well-behaved, while Farida is the complete opposite.



One day they went to school and the teacher asked them, "Why do you guys come to school only once or twice a week? Who takes care of you at home?"

Rehema replied, "What will you do about it after I tell you?"





Farida warned her sister that was not the right way to talk to others.

Farida explained to the teacher that they used to live on the street until their Grandma adopted them.

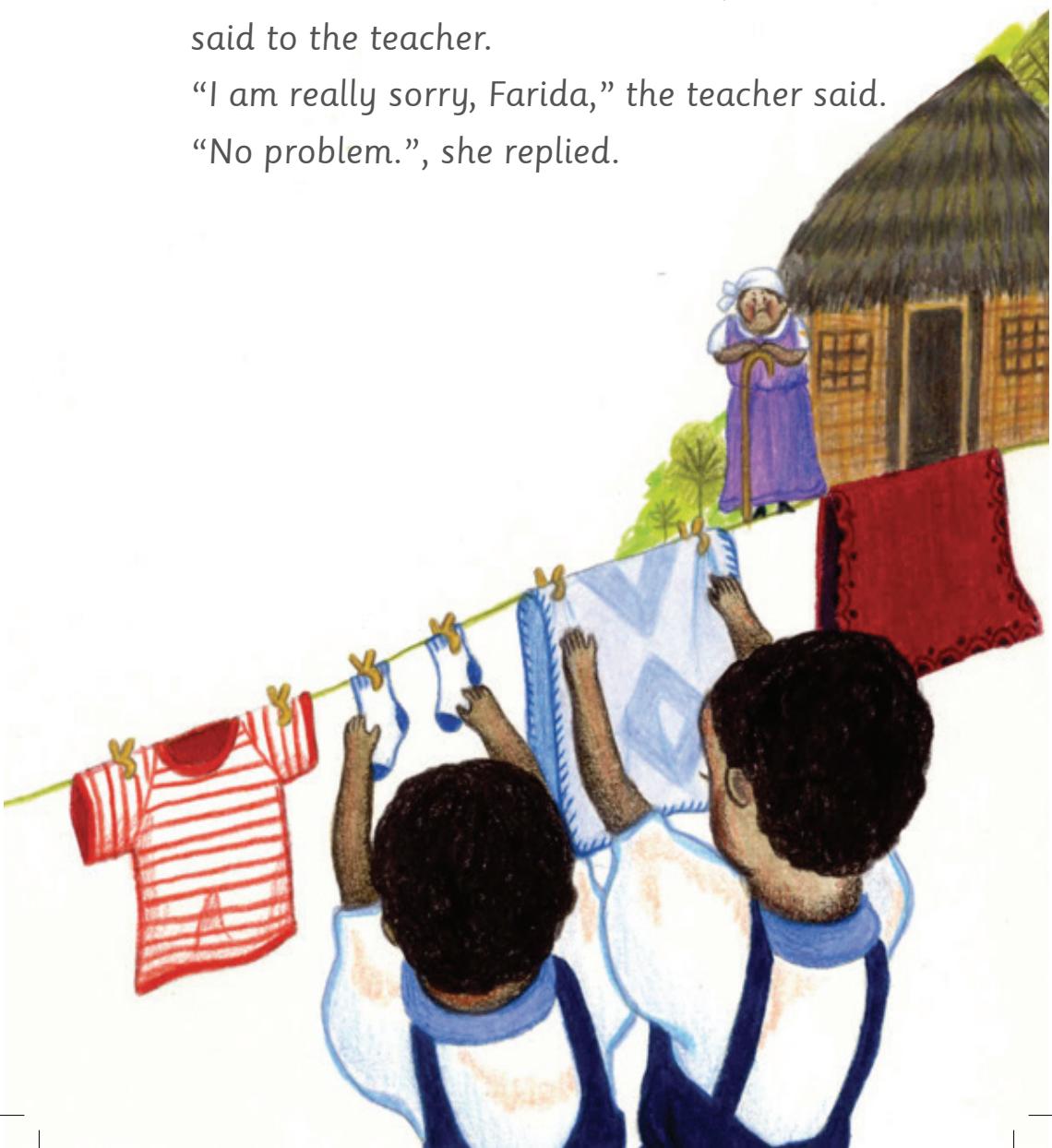


**T**hey live a hard life because Grandma doesn't take good care of them and makes them cook, do all the chores, and clean the house. Grandma made money by cleaning other people's houses in the town, but now she makes Rehema and Farida clean the houses. They

don't have time to study when they return home. They are always hungry because Grandma doesn't give them much to eat.

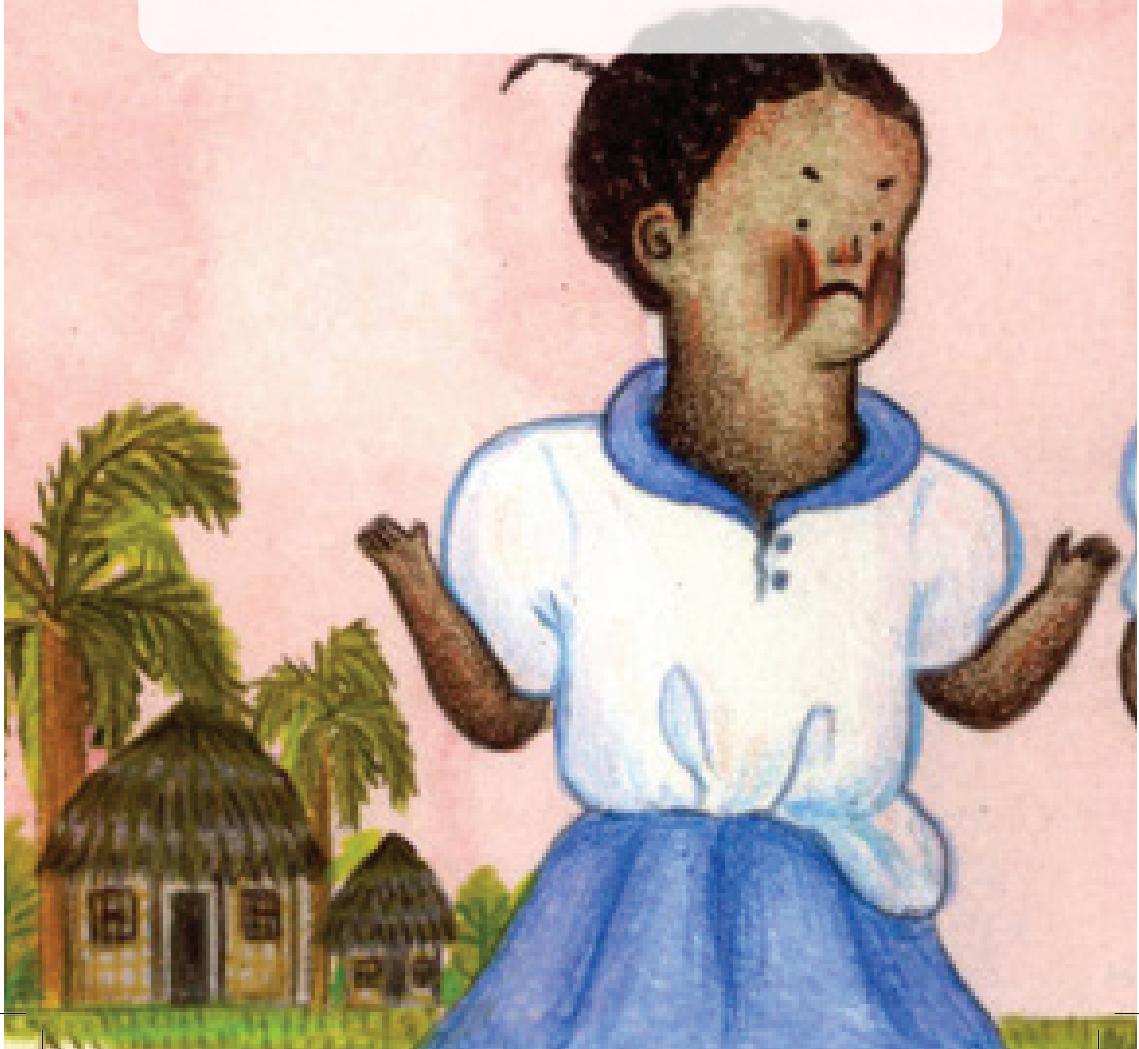
"Both our mom and our dad died," Farida said to the teacher.

"I am really sorry, Farida," the teacher said.  
"No problem.", she replied.



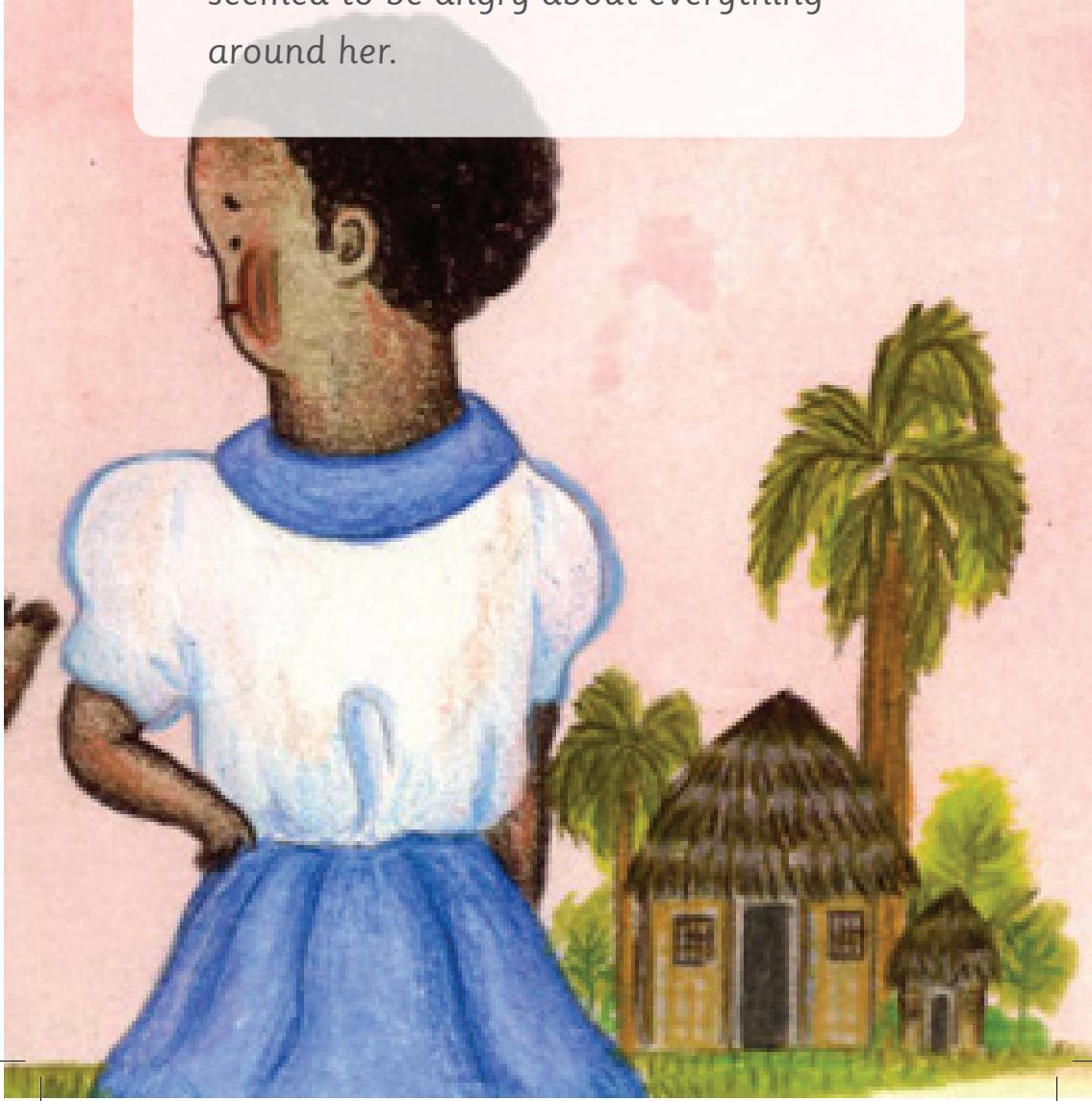
R ehema was not very happy with her sister for telling the teacher about what was going on in their family.

“Do you think she is going to help you?”  
she yelled at Farida



“She is just curious. That’s all. Is that bad? What else can be worse?” Farida asked.

“But do you honestly think she will help you?” Rehema replied, her face wrinkled with anger. Rehema was almost 14 and seemed to be angry about everything around her.



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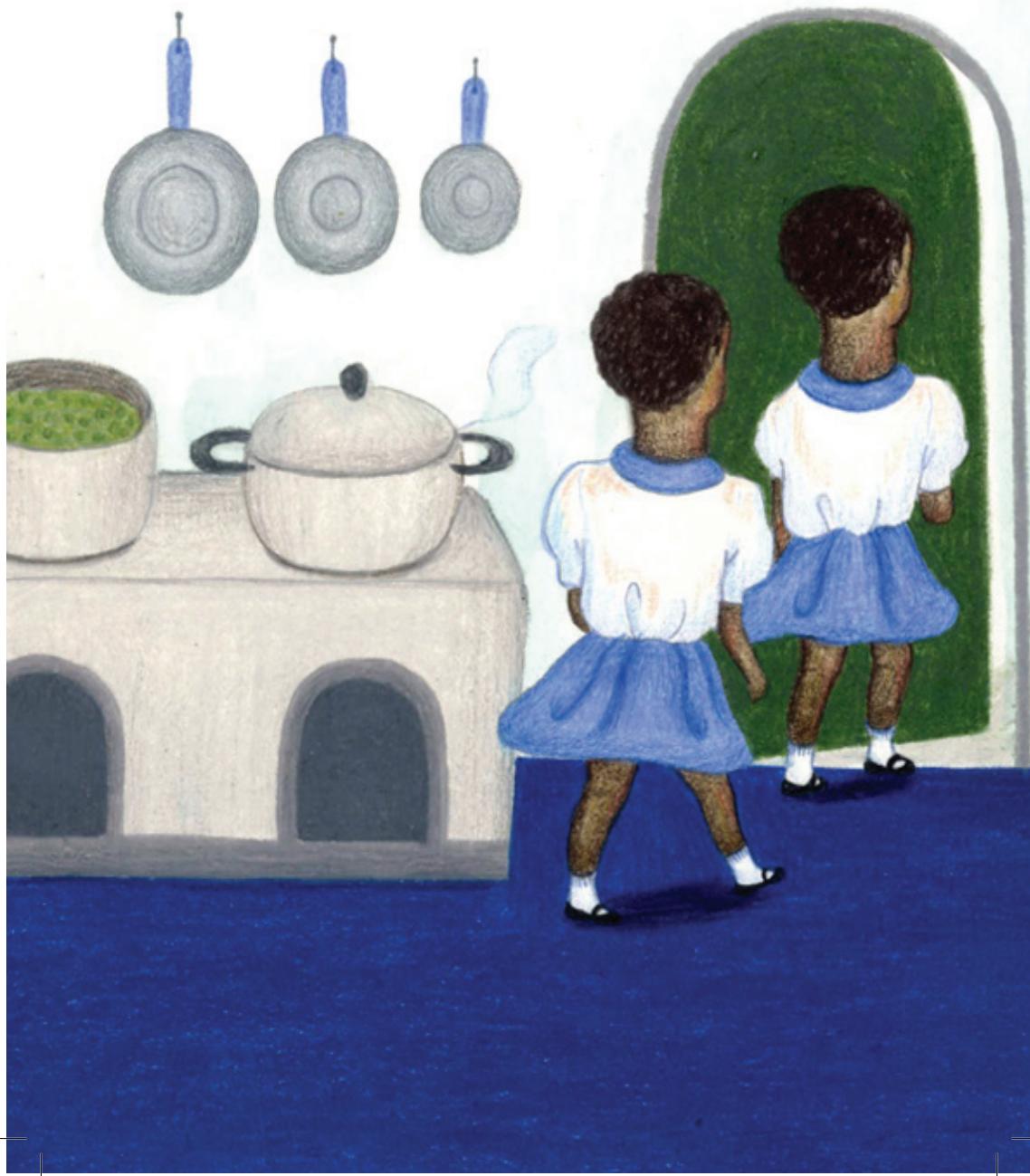




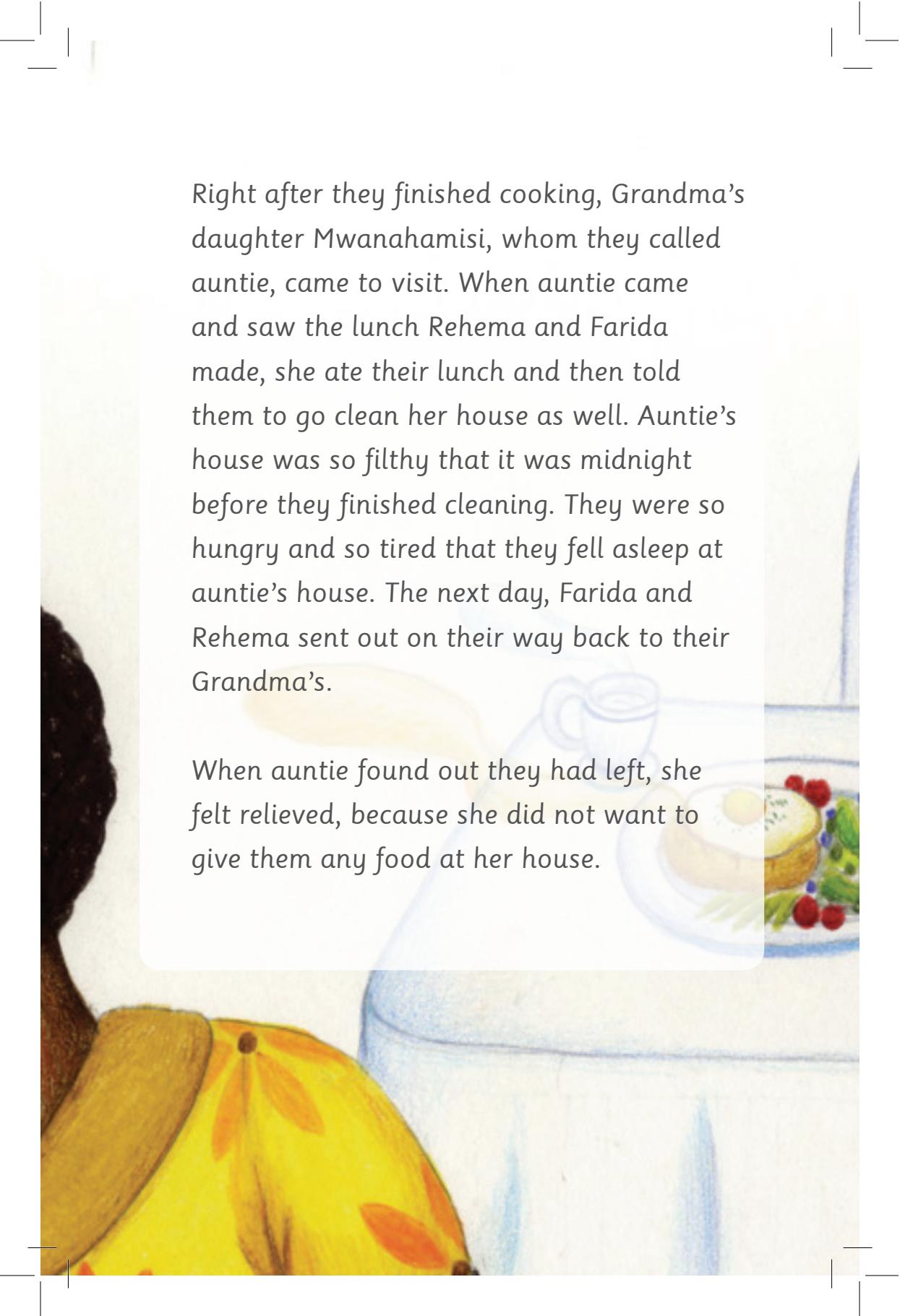
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Right after they finished cooking, Grandma's daughter Mwanahamisi, whom they called auntie, came to visit. When auntie came and saw the lunch Rehema and Farida made, she ate their lunch and then told them to go clean her house as well. Auntie's house was so filthy that it was midnight before they finished cleaning. They were so hungry and so tired that they fell asleep at auntie's house. The next day, Farida and Rehema sent out on their way back to their Grandma's.

When auntie found out they had left, she felt relieved, because she did not want to give them any food at her house.

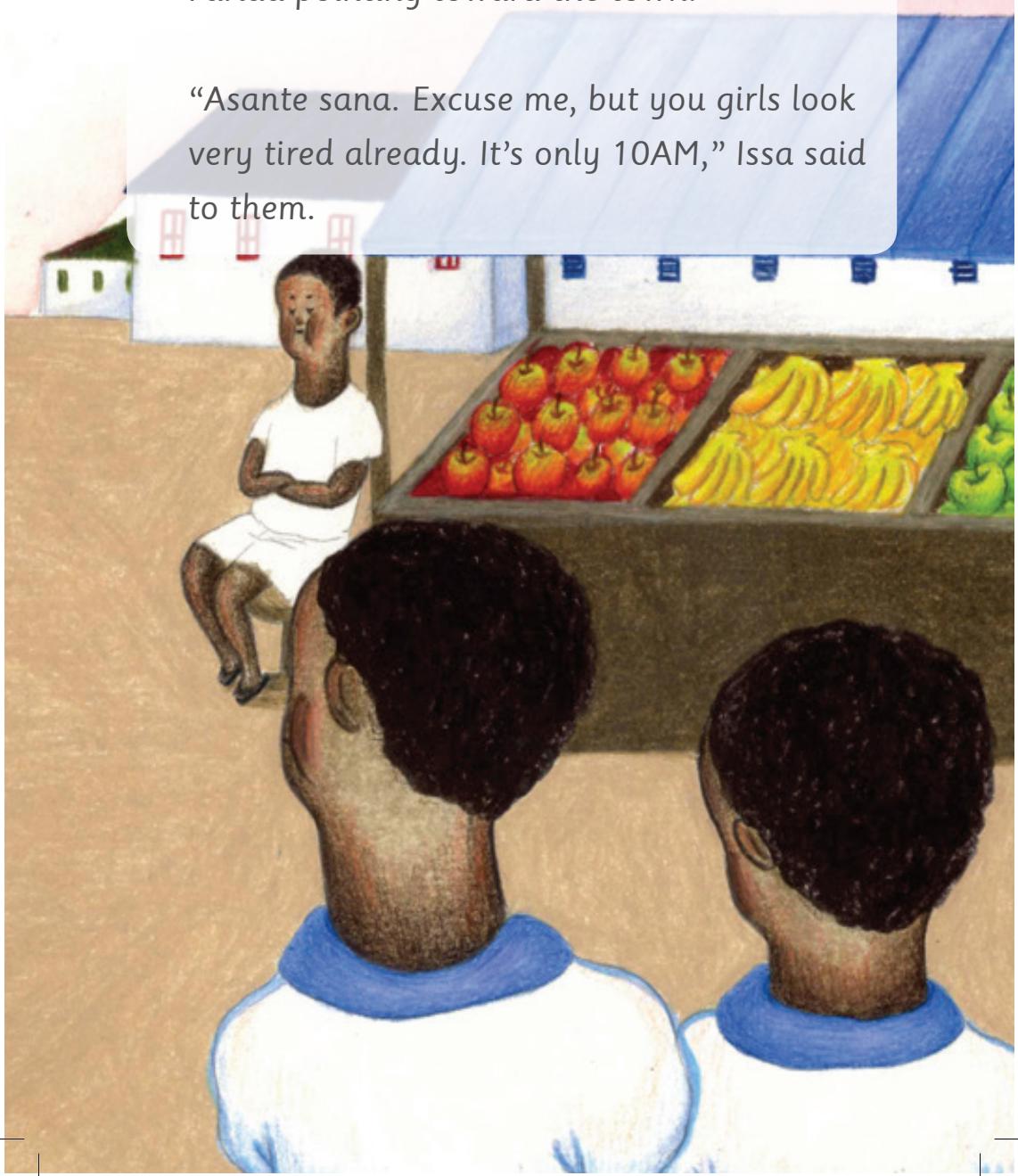


**I**n the way back to Grandma's house, Rehema and Farida met a young man named Issa. He seemed to be lost and looking for directions.

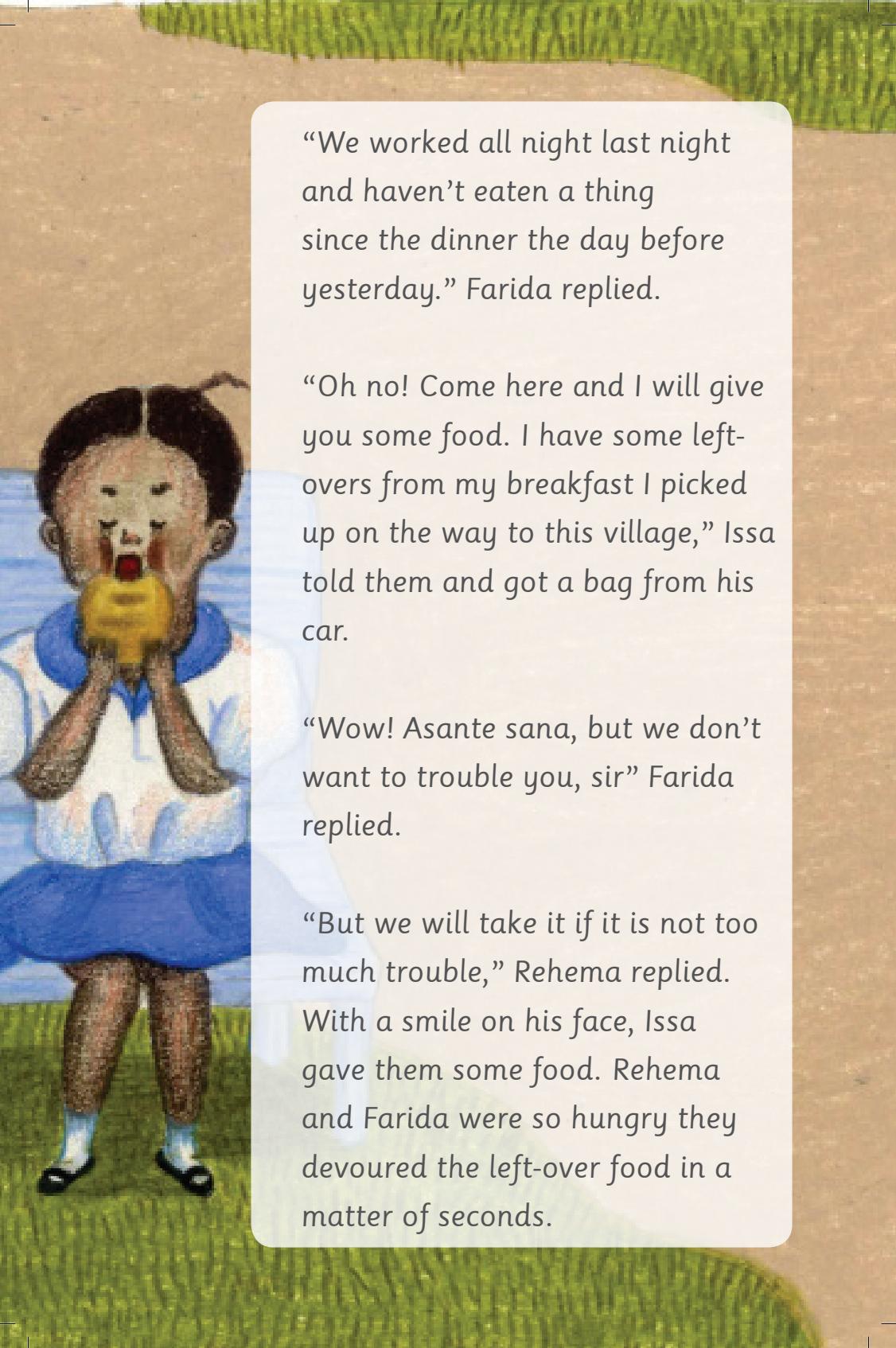
"Jambo! Ladies. Which way to Newalla town?" Issa asked.

“Oh. We just came from there. We came from our auntie’s and we are going to our Grandma’s. Newalla is that way,” said Farida pointing toward the town.

“Asante sana. Excuse me, but you girls look very tired already. It’s only 10AM,” Issa said to them.







“We worked all night last night and haven’t eaten a thing since the dinner the day before yesterday.” Farida replied.

“Oh no! Come here and I will give you some food. I have some left-overs from my breakfast I picked up on the way to this village,” Issa told them and got a bag from his car.

“Wow! Asante sana, but we don’t want to trouble you, sir” Farida replied.

“But we will take it if it is not too much trouble,” Rehema replied. With a smile on his face, Issa gave them some food. Rehema and Farida were so hungry they devoured the left-over food in a matter of seconds.





“How many schools are there in this area?”  
Issa asked them.

“Here? There is only one small primary school which we attend,” Farida replied.

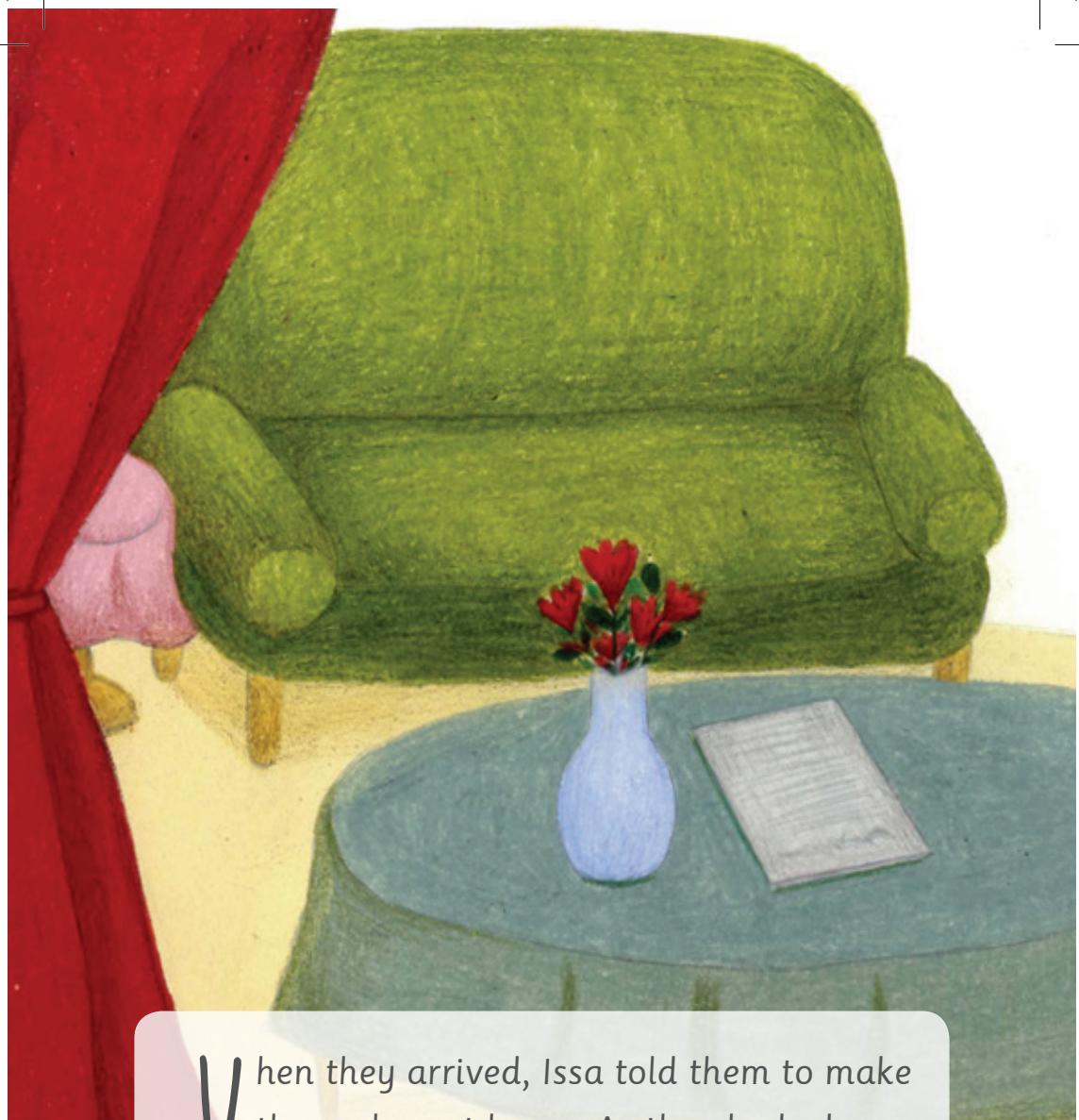
Issa asked them all to sit down, because he wanted to talk to them. They found out that Issa is from Dar es Salaam, and he was visiting the region because he was going to become the director of a new woodcraft manufacturing factory.



**A**fter hearing the life stories of Rehema and Farida, Issa suggested that they live with him starting next month. Issa was also an orphan and he studied hard to change his life. Issa knew that education is the only thing that can change one's life. Because of all his personal experiences as an orphan, Issa saw Rehema and Farida as his sisters, because he knew how hard it is to live as orphans and live with other families, and do other people's chores for them.

"I would like you to become part of my family" he said.

The girls were thrilled to hear it, and happily followed Issa to his new home in Newalla.



When they arrived, Issa told them to make themselves at home. As they looked around the house, they saw things they had not seen before things like electricity, a television, and a computer with internet access. Issa was a very young man, but became quickly successful by studying



hard and getting a college education. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from a university in Dar es Salaam and also a full scholarship to a university overseas where he earned a master's degree in business administration.

Issa was single, so he enjoyed having sisters around so they could live as a family. Issa had a maid and a cook, so Rehema and Farida didn't have to cook or do any chores.



The girls were happy to have time to study. They attended school every day and worked really hard. . They read as many books as they could find and learned to speak English as well.



Thanks to Issa's kindness, the girls grew up and went to college. They studied even harder in college and received scholarships which waived their tuition and fees for books.



After graduating college, they got jobs; Farida worked at the Bank of Tanzania and Rehema became the head of a secondary school. They lived happy lives and became great role models for all the orphans in the rion.







