

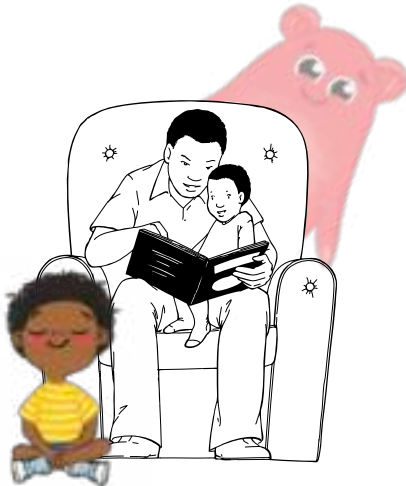
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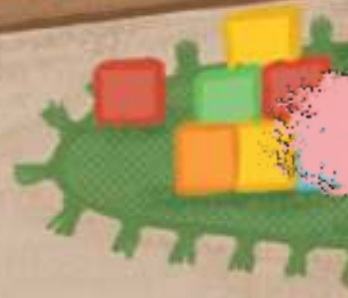
Shaka has a new friend
that only **he** can see.



"His name is **Mazi**" he tells Mama.



...but whenever Mama comes to Shaka's room, Mazi **runs** and **hides**.



Mazi likes to **laugh**.
He makes Shaka laugh too!

They **roll** in the grass
and build castles in the sand.



“Can **Mazi** eat with us?”
Shaka asks Papa at dinner.

But when Papa looks up,
Mazi **hides** behind the curtains.



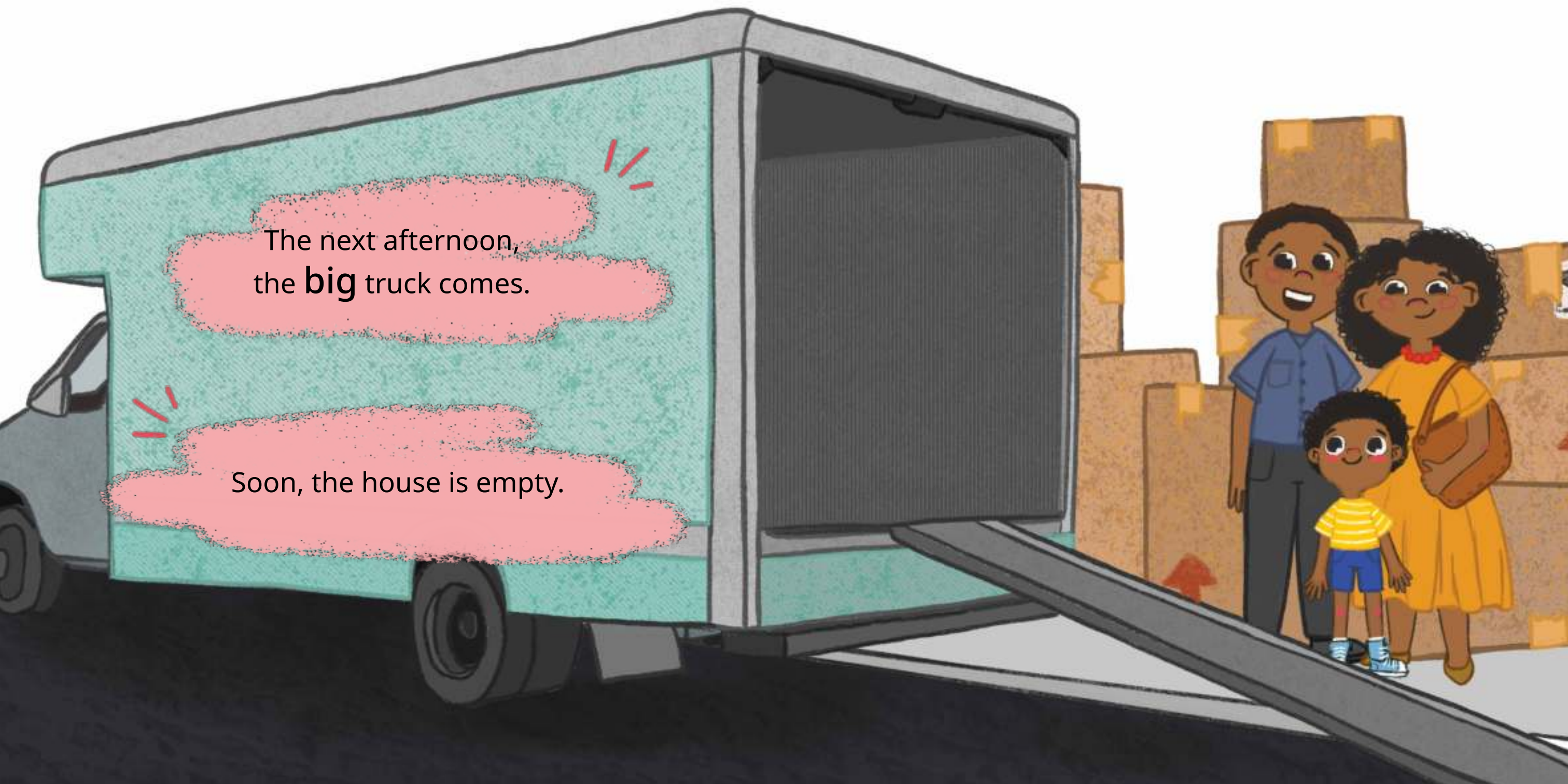
One day, Mama tells Shaka,
“Papa has a new job.
We are **moving** to another town.”



"Can **Mazi** come?"
Shaka asks Mama.



"Ask him." Mama says.
But Shaka can't see Mazi **anywhere**.

A green moving truck with its back open, with a ramp extended. A family of three (father, mother, and child) are standing next to the truck, surrounded by cardboard boxes. The father is wearing a blue shirt and dark pants, the mother is wearing a yellow dress and a red necklace, and the child is wearing a yellow and white striped shirt and blue shorts. The truck has two large pinkish-red scribbled-out areas on its side, each with three red lines indicating a scratch or impact. The text "The next afternoon, the big truck comes." is written in the top scribble, and "Soon, the house is empty." is written in the bottom scribble.

The next afternoon,
the **big** truck comes.

Soon, the house is empty.

But Shaka **can't** leave.




Where has Mazi **gone**?

Is Mazi in the **garden**?

Has he **jumped** over the fence?



An illustration of a family in a car. A young boy with dark skin and curly hair is in the driver's seat, wearing a blue shirt and a seatbelt. He has a slight smile and rosy cheeks. In the back seat, a woman with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow dress and a red beaded necklace, is looking towards the boy. Next to her, a young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow and white striped shirt, is also looking towards the boy. The car's interior is grey.


"Maybe Mazi's **Papa** got a new job too,"
Mama says.

"He might **also** have moved away."

When Shaka gets to the new house,
there is a **boy** next door.

"My name is **Matty**,"
says the boy with a smile.





"Sometimes we **miss** old friends,"
Mama says.

"But there is **always** room in our hearts
for new ones!"



