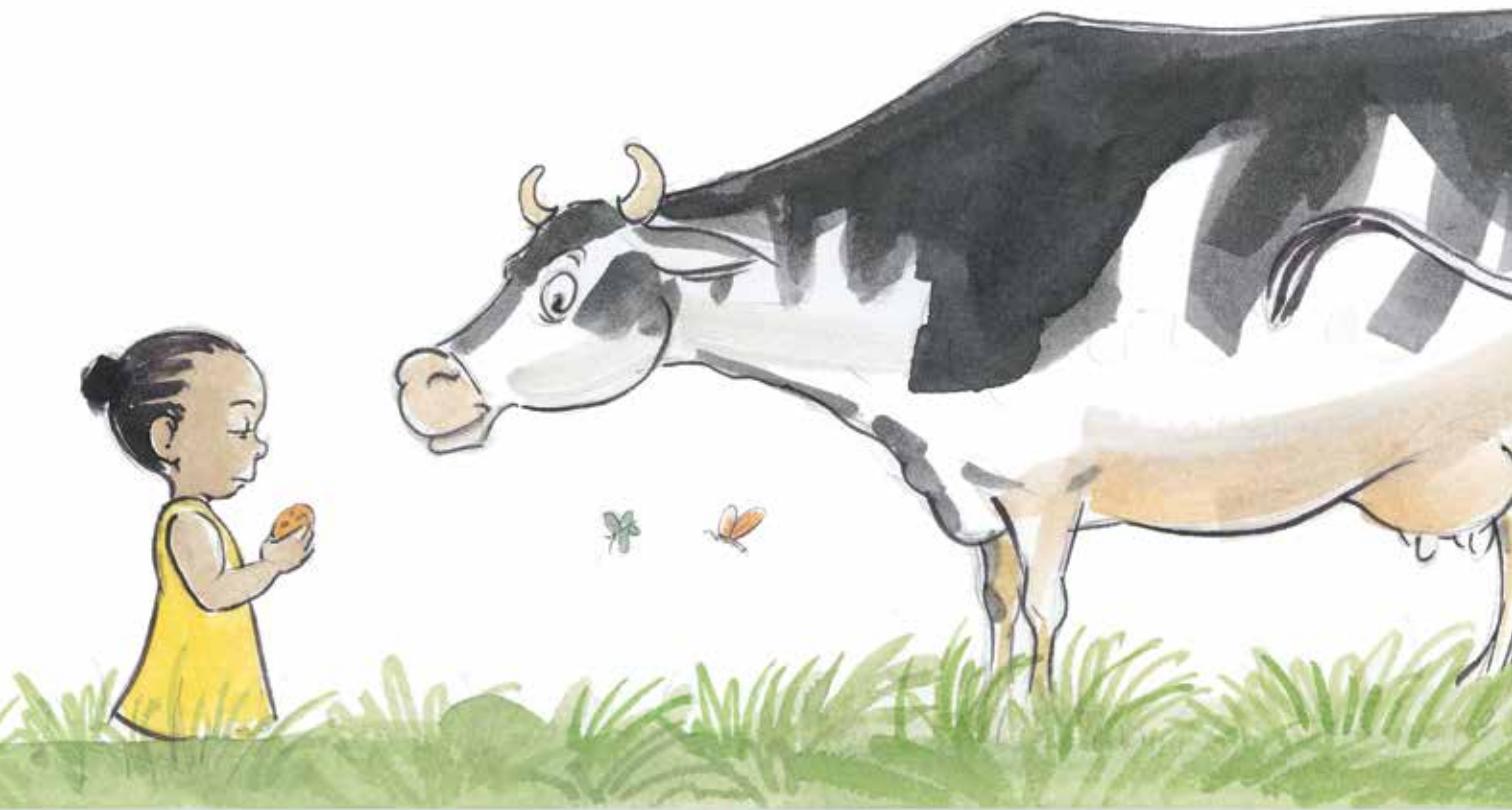


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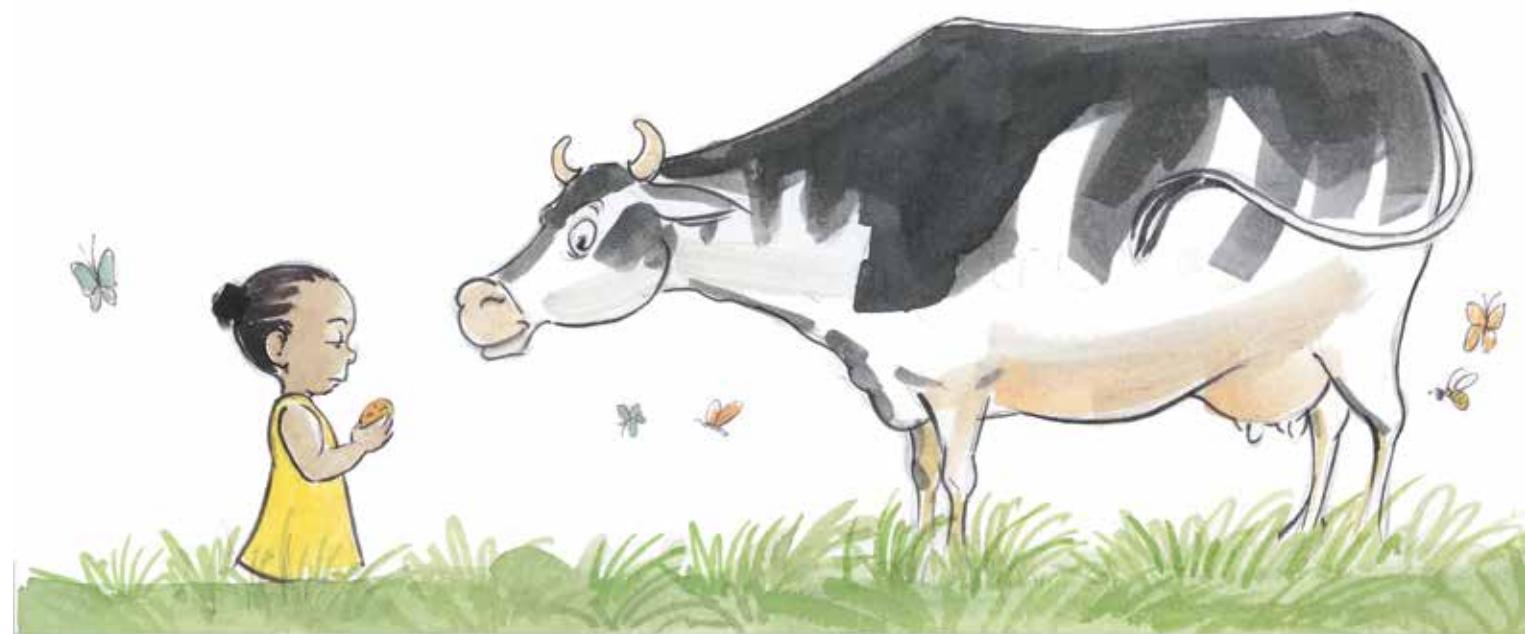
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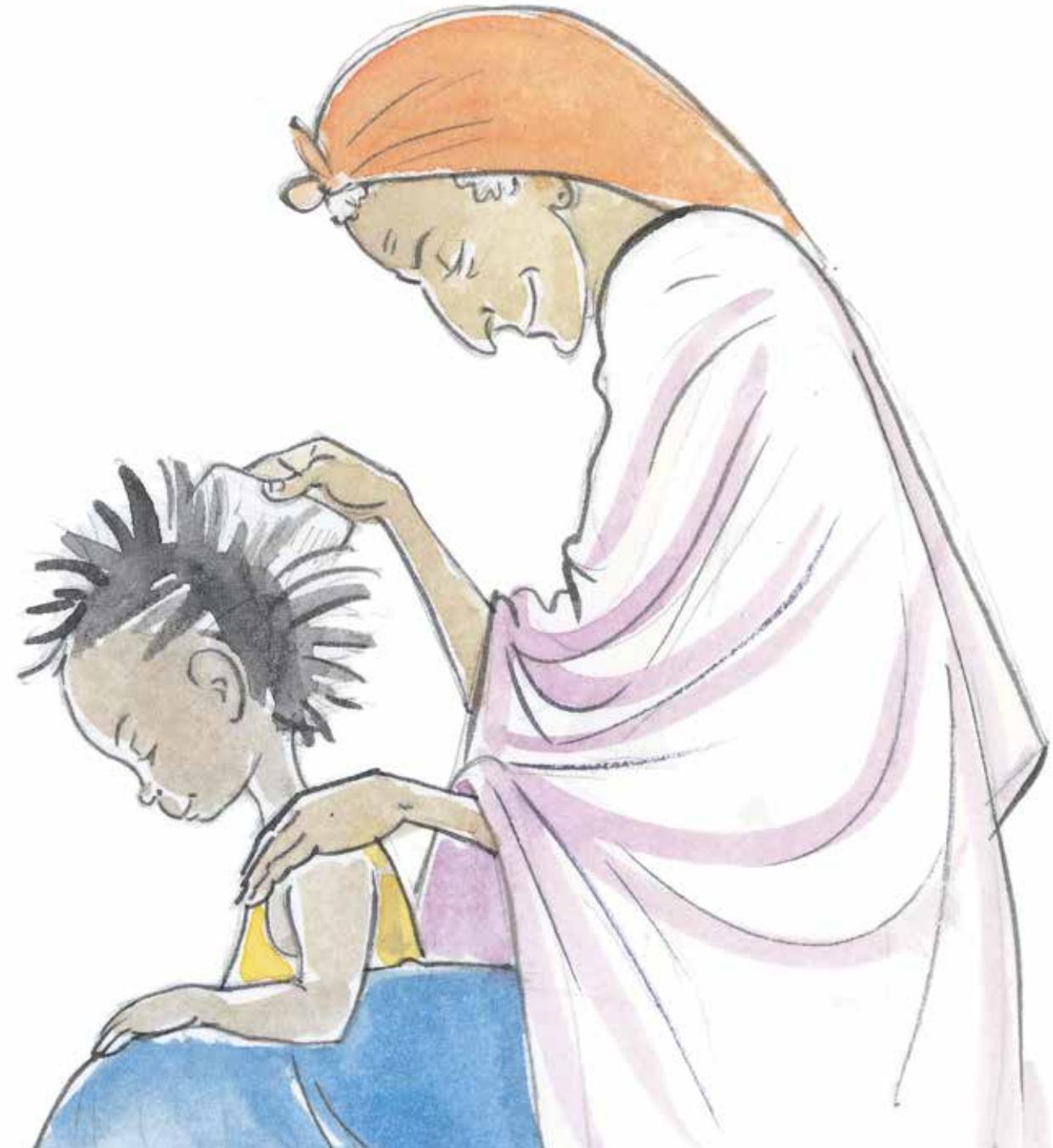
Thuli stays with her grandmother and
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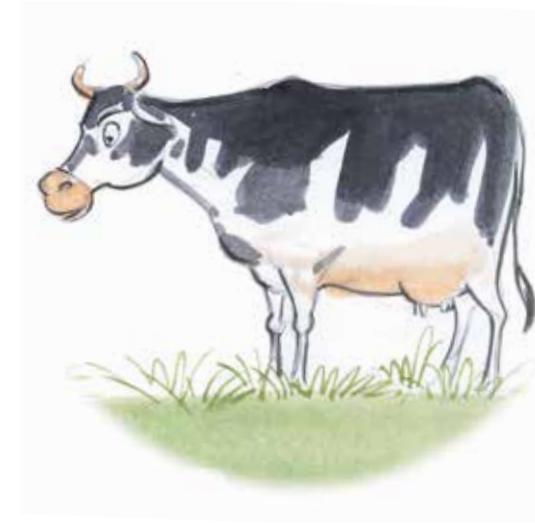
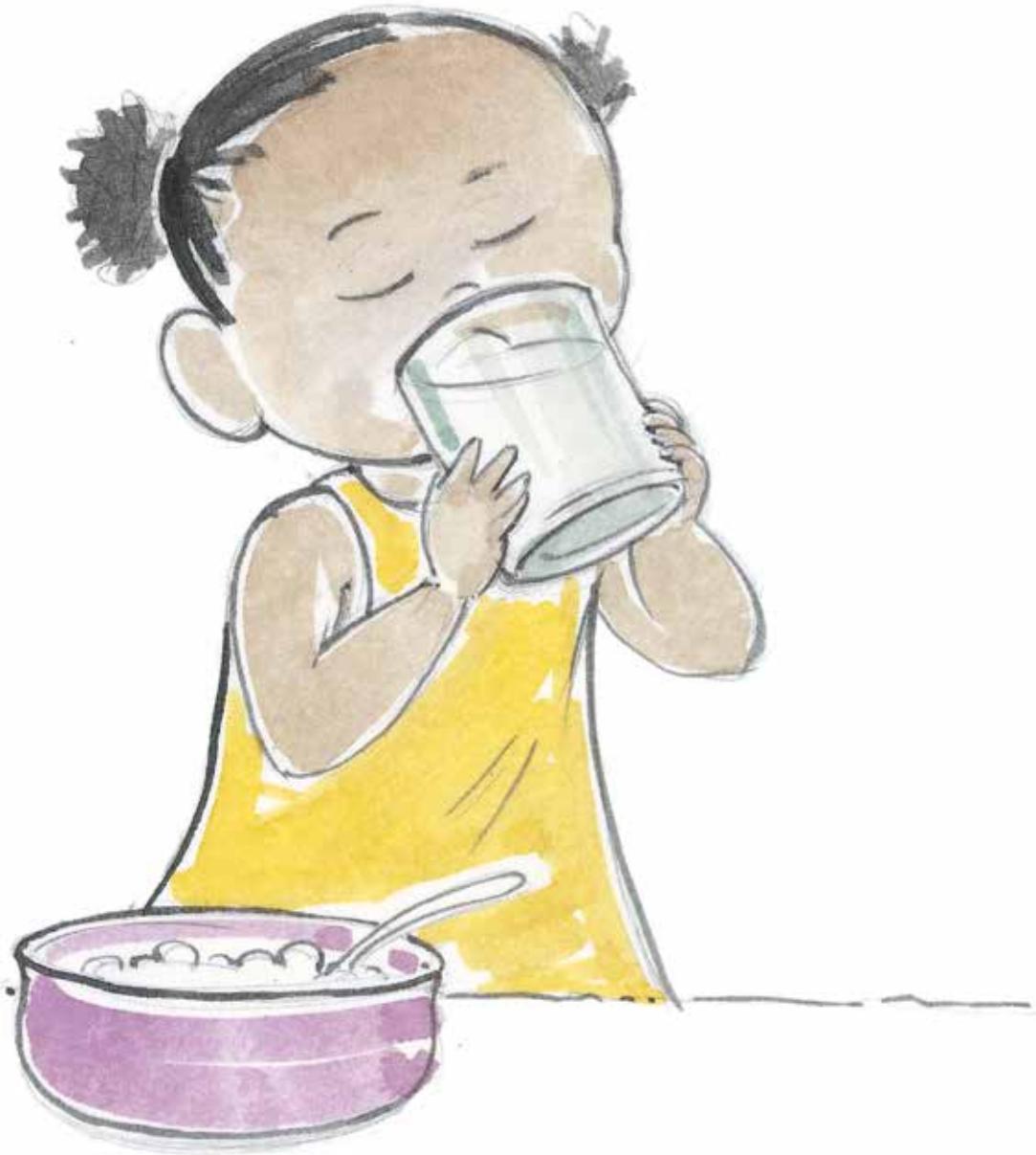
Her parents work in the city.



Every morning her grandmother wakes
Thuli up early to go to watch the sunrise.

When the sun is up in the sky,
Grandmother bathes Thuli. She brushes
Thuli's teeth, washes her face, and brushes
her hair.





When Thuli is nice and clean,
Grandmother gives Thuli some porridge.
Thuli loves the porridge. But she loves the
milk more, because it comes from their
cow, Special.

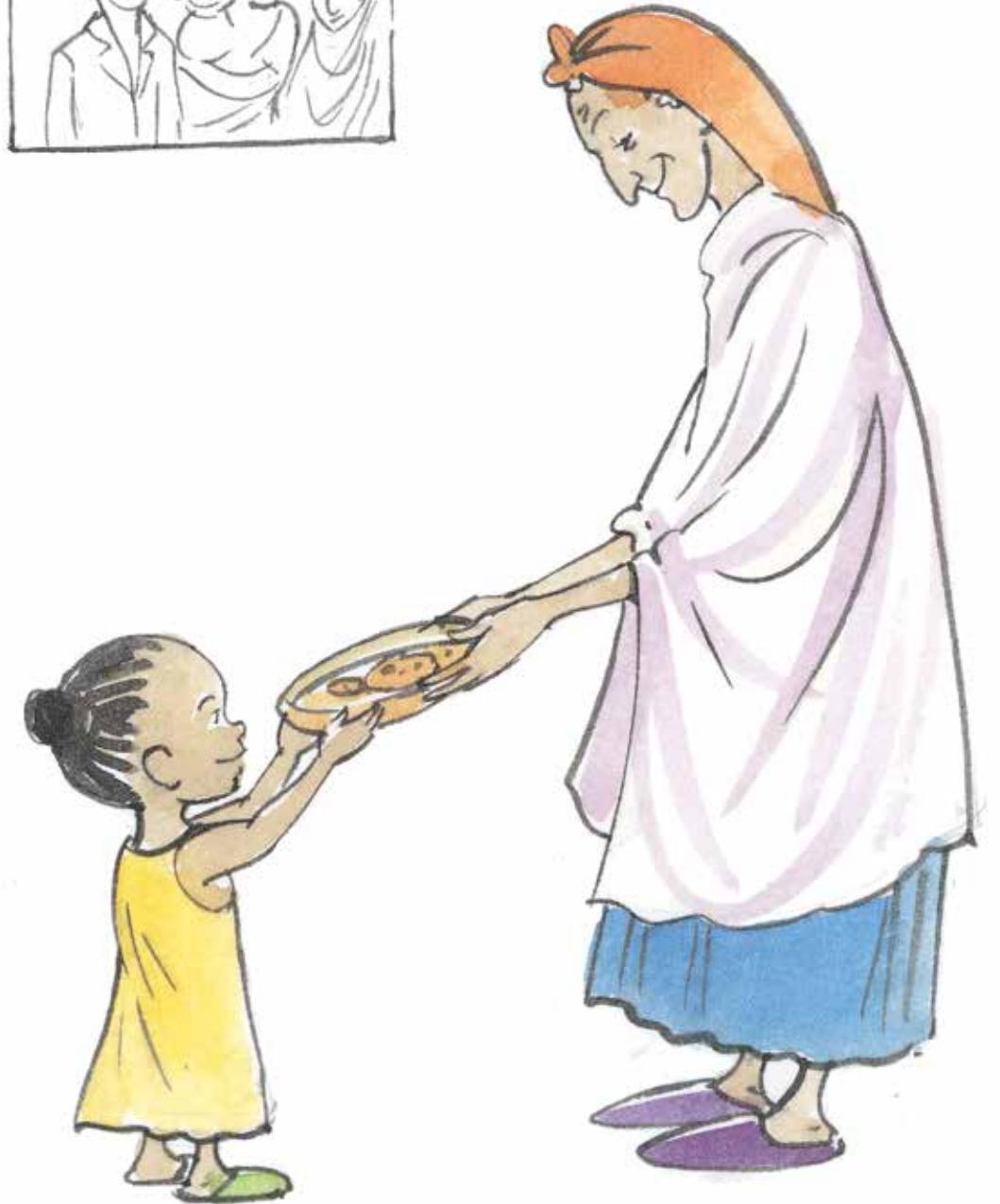
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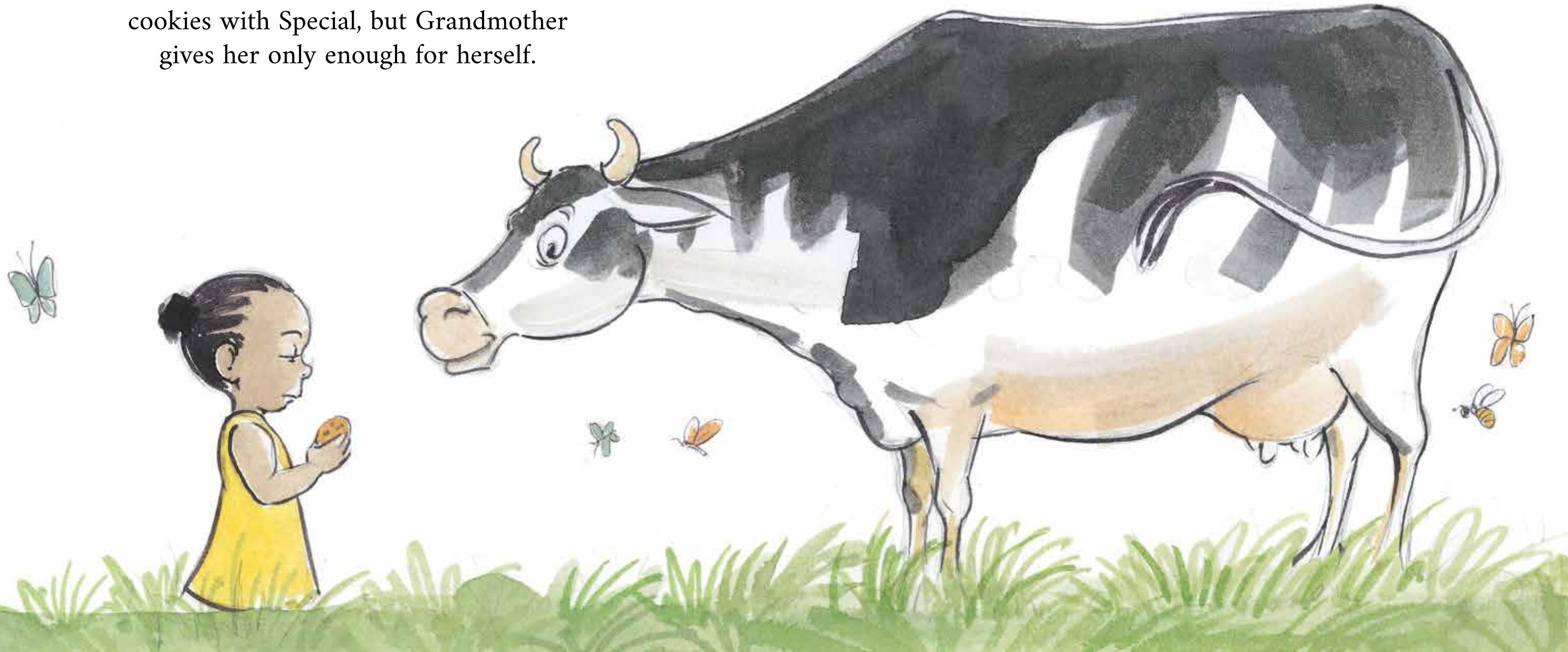
After eating, Thuli and Grandmother sit under the tree, and Grandmother tells Thuli stories.

When the stories are finished,
Grandmother gives Thuli some cookies
and a glass of milk, fresh and creamy.

Thuli's parents bring the cookies with
them when they visit. Chocolate chip
cookies. Thuli's favourite.



Special always looks at Thuli as she eats her cookies. Thuli wants to share her cookies with Special, but Grandmother gives her only enough for herself.

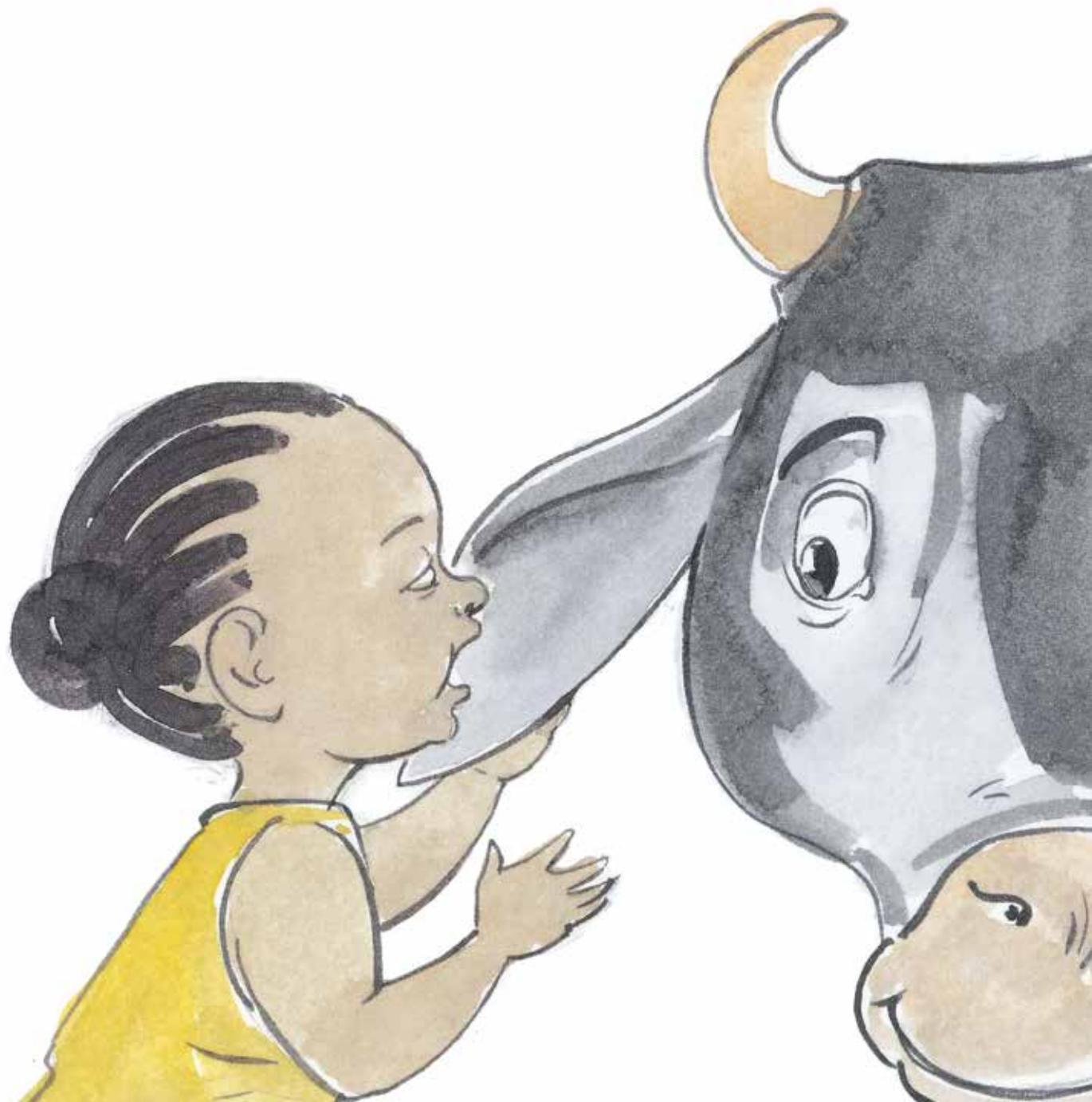


That day, after listening to the stories,
Thuli follows Grandmother into the
house, tiptoeing so that
Grandmother doesn't hear.

Thuli sees Grandmother take the cookies
out of a cake tin inside the oven.



Thuli runs back outside and tells
Special that soon she will share her
cookies with her.





Later in the afternoon, Grandmother and Thuli take a nap, then wake up to watch the sunset.



When the sun sets, Thuli sneaks off into
the kitchen.

She opens the oven, and takes out cookies
for Special.



Special licks Thuli when she gives her the cookies.

Special smiles. Thuli smiles.

“It’s our little secret,”
she says.



