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Kadogoo Changed His Life

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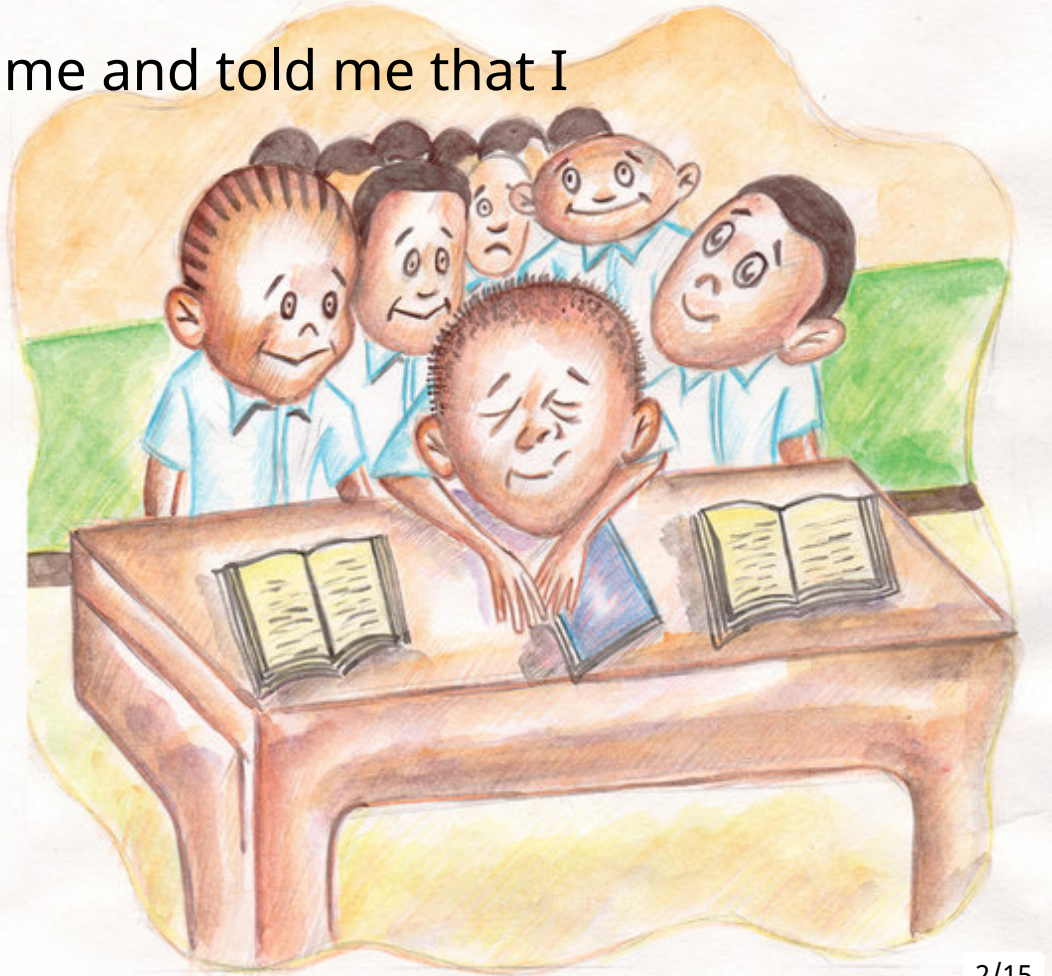
My name is Kadogoo. Last year, I ranked last in my class.

My classmates laughed at me and told me that I will always be behind.



Our teacher said, “Kadogoo, why don’t you think about why you came last in the class.”

I thought hard. Why did I come in last?

I decided to observe the other students and see what they did.

Aha!

They read books. They take notes. They study!

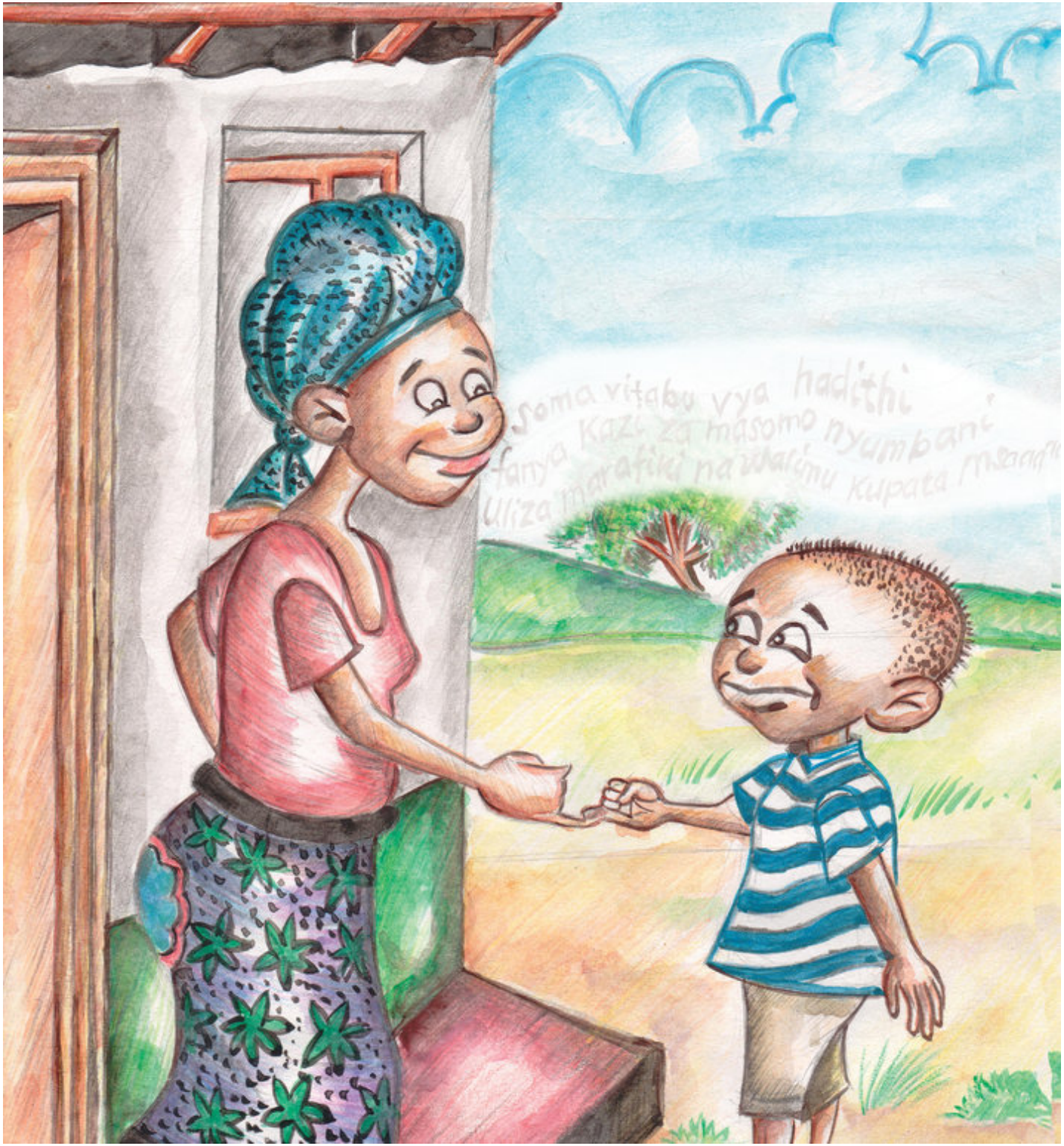
I told my mother
“Mom, I would like to
do better in class.”

“You *can* do better,
Kadogoo," she said.

"You just need to
balance your time.
There is time for study,
for play, and for
helping out with
chores.”

That evening, I grabbed my books and studied.

My sister also helped me with my work.



Mother said, “Read books, do your homework, and ask your teachers questions so that they can help you,”

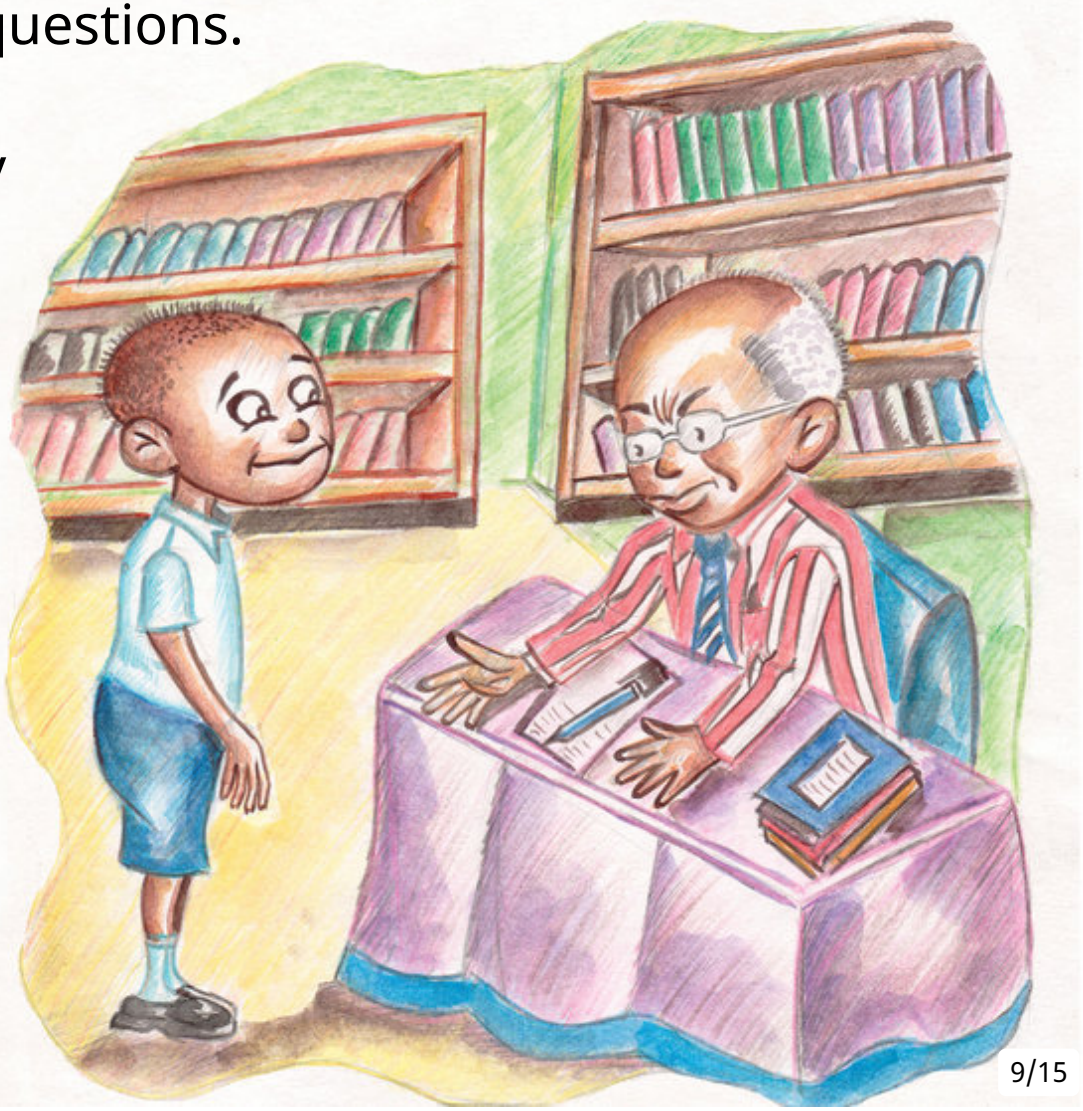
The more I studied, the more my reading skills improved.

I continued working hard with my friends, Matata and Jeni.

I became courageous enough to approach our teacher when I had questions.

The teachers were happy with my progress.

“Well done, Kadogoo!” they said.



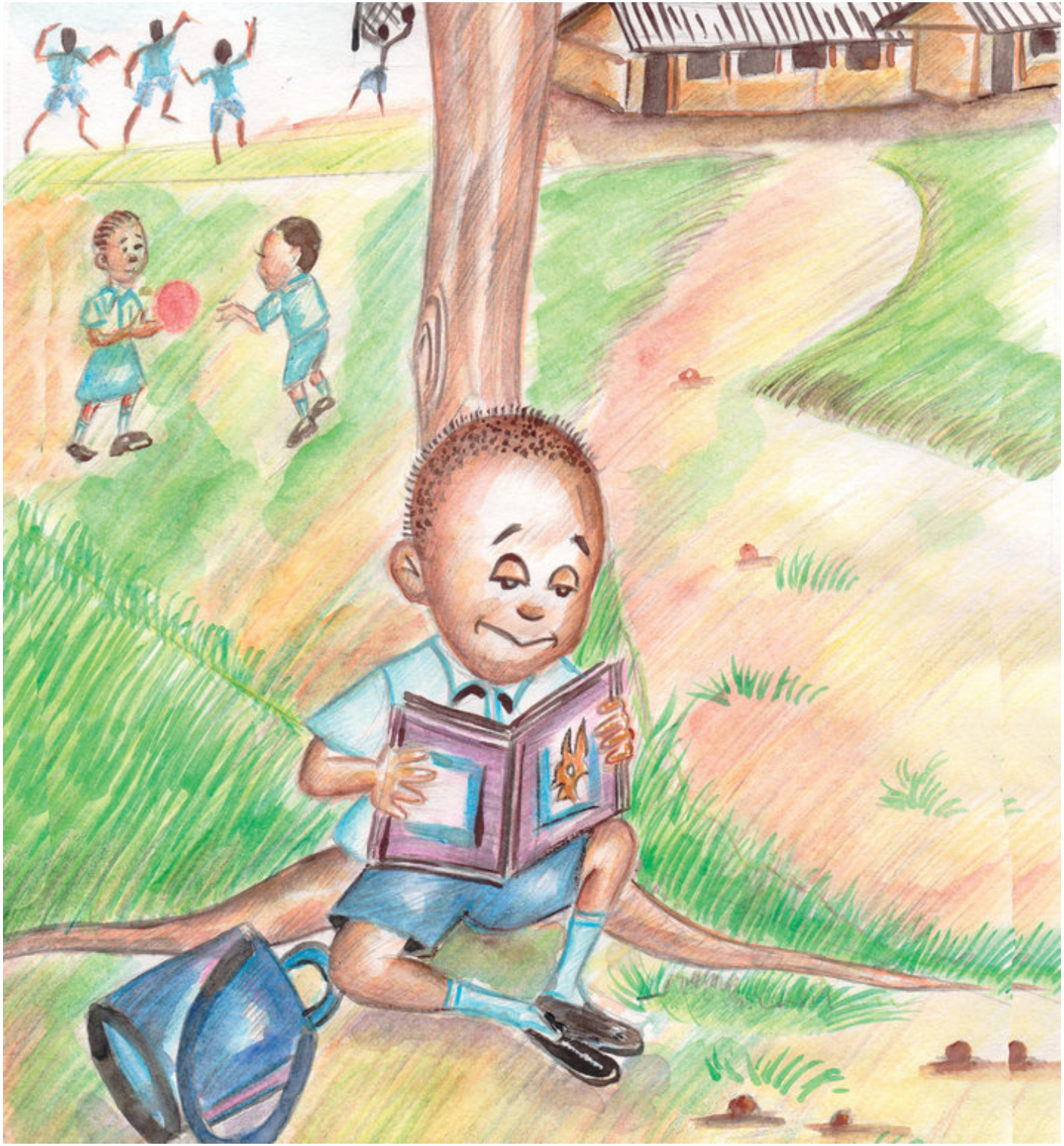
One day, we had a test in the class. When the results were out, I was no longer the last.

“Hurrrayyy!”

I was the happiest boy
in the class.

“So... I can do it,”
I told myself.

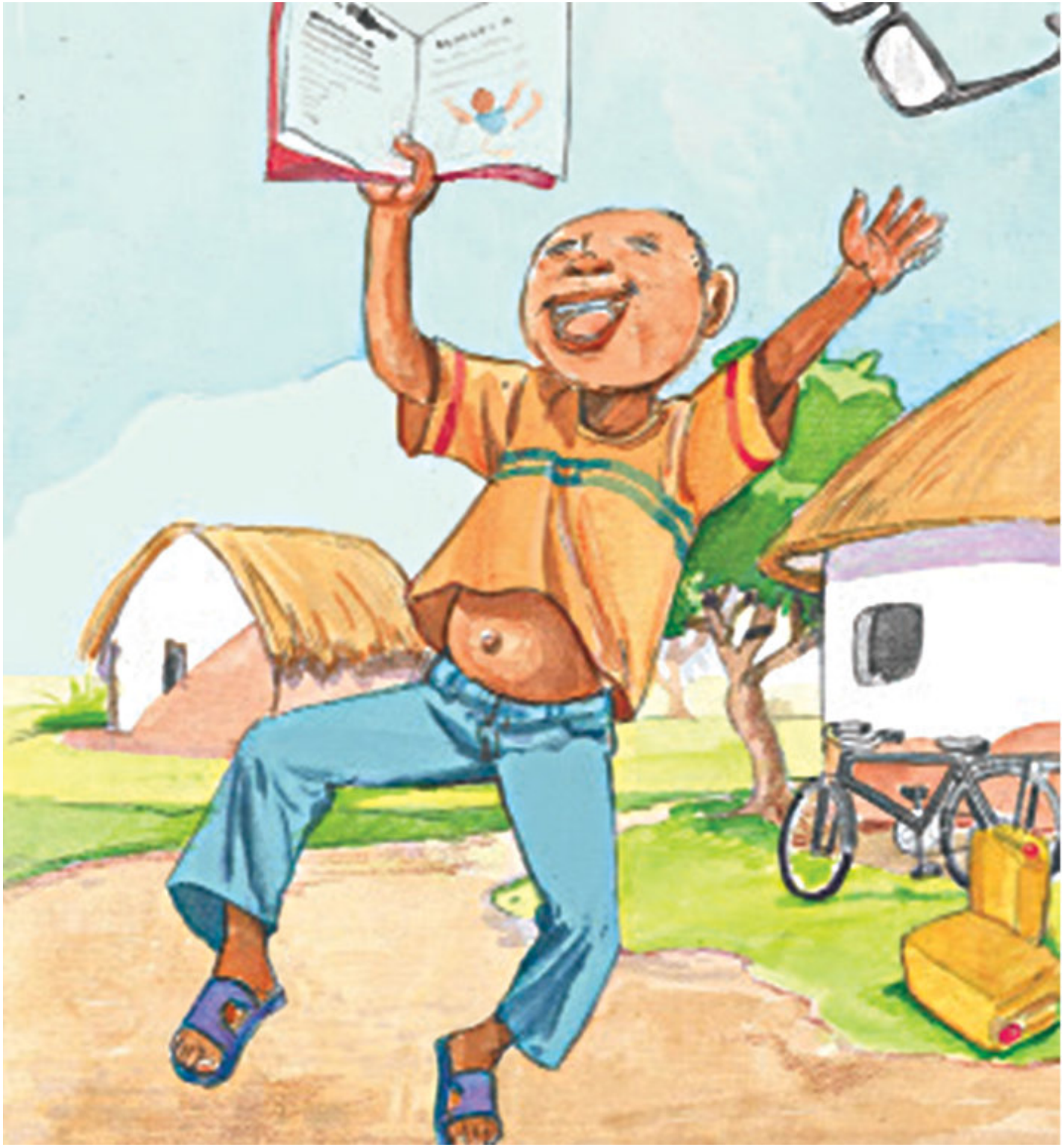
I decided to work
harder than ever
before!



At the end of the term, the teacher read out the results.

The third in rank was Matata. The second was Jeni.

Guess who was first?

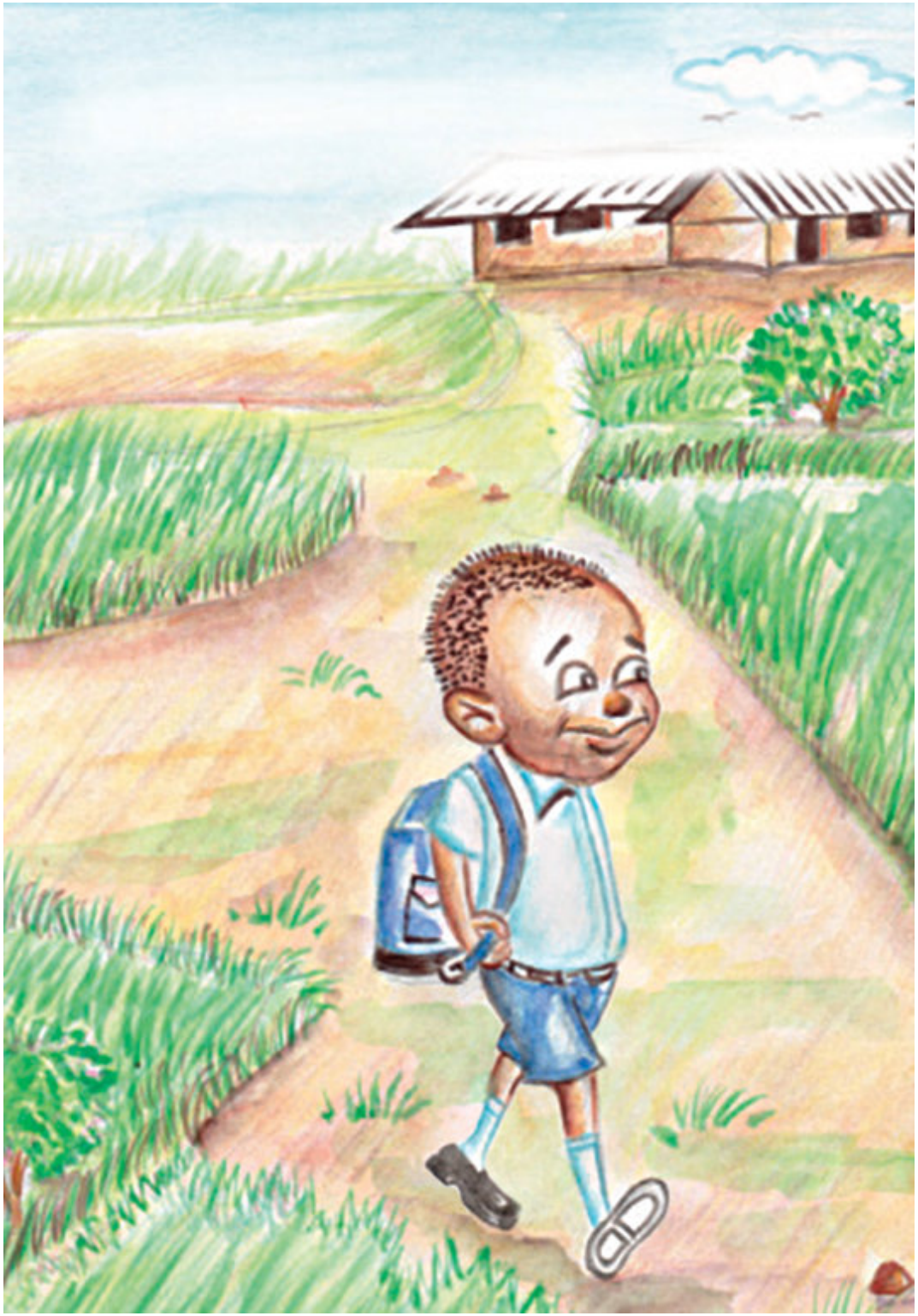


“The first is …
Kadogooooo!”

The teacher gave me books and a bag as a prize.

“Kadogoo, do you have anything to tell your friends?” she asked.

“Yes!” I said. “You can do better too if you want. I was the last. Now, I’m the first. It’s all because I worked hard and had help from my friends.”



When I went home, my mother saw my happy face and immediately knew I had good news.

“Kadogoo, you are all smiles,” she said. “Do you have something to tell me?"

“Yes, I am first in my class! Look at my nice new bag. Look at the books! From now on, I’ll always work hard.”

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(English)

Kadogoo is not the best student in his class, but he knows that he can do better. What will Kadogoo do to become the student he knows he can be?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.

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