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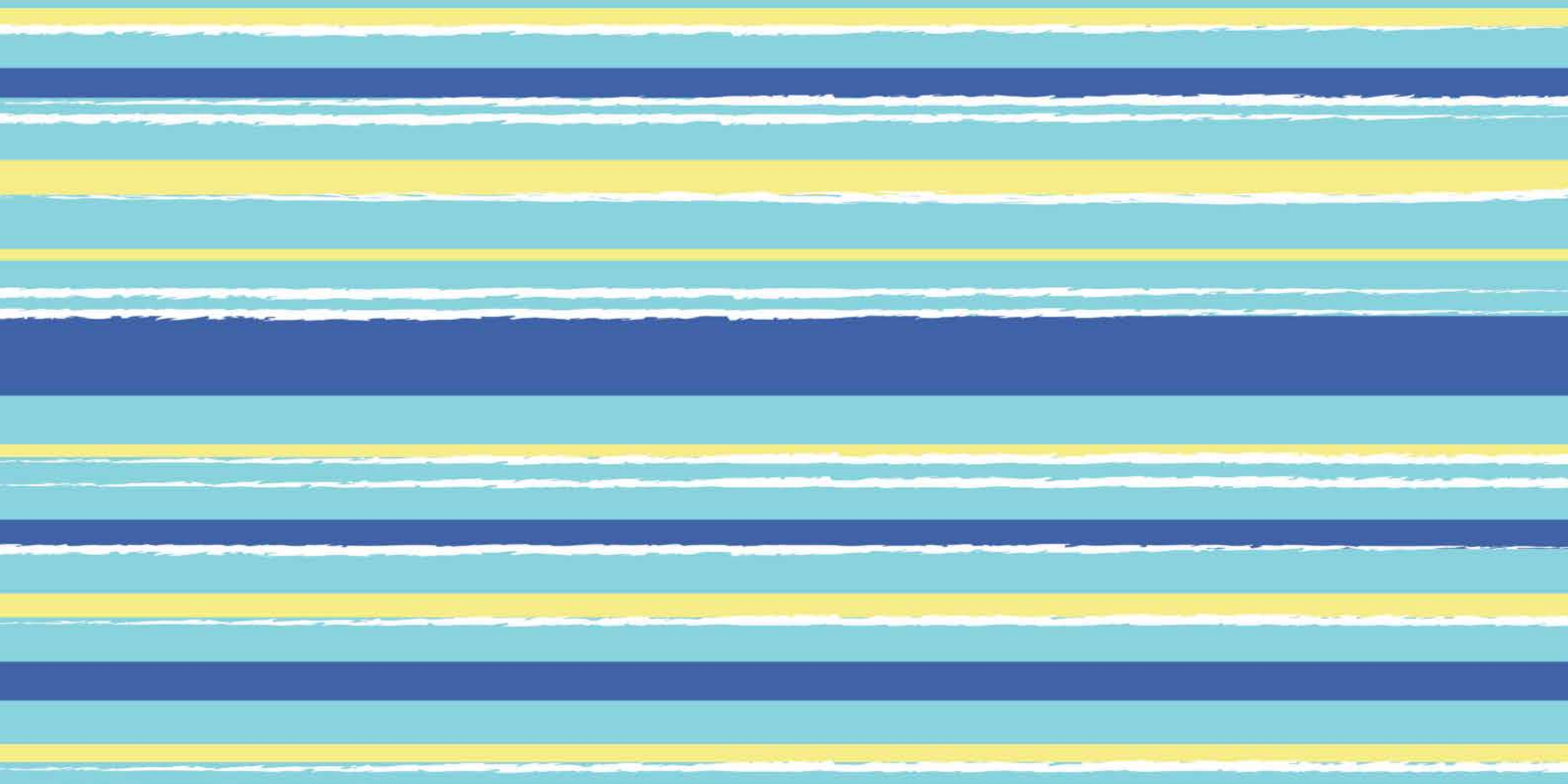

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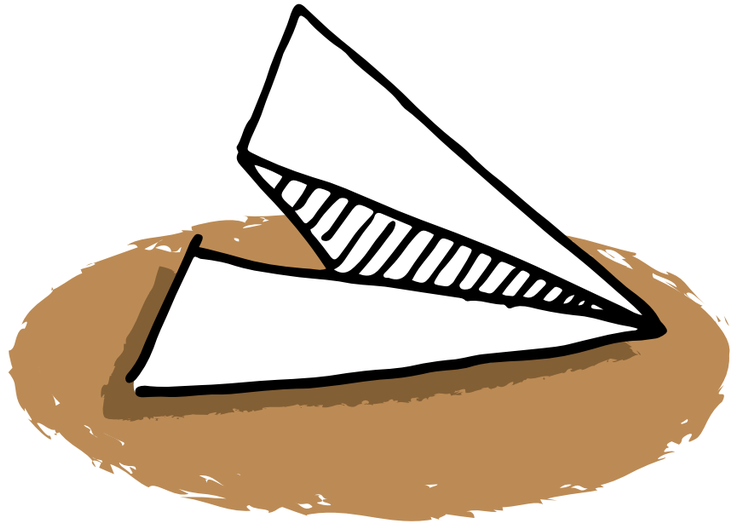


Mali enjoys playing by himself.

He likes to be a pilot, swooshing around the house with his paper plane.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a taxi driver, hooting around the yard with his wire car.

Beep! Beep! Beeeeeeeeeeep!

Mali never goes out to play with others.

Gogo says,

"Mali go out and play **ibhola** with the others."

But Mali does not enjoy himself.

Gogo says,

“Mali, look, the children are playing **ibhathi**. Go out and play.”

Mali tries again. But he does not enjoy himself.

Gogo tries one more time.

"Mali, go out and
play **maphonselana**
with the others."

Once again, Mali tries.
He does not enjoy himself.

There is a knock on the door.

Ko! Ko! Ko!

It’s Lesedi from next door. She has come to play.

Mali is shy. He does not know how to play with Lesedi.

Lesedi asks him if he would like to make mud pies and cakes.

They make mud pies and cakes and even pancakes and biscuits.

Mali enjoys himself very much.

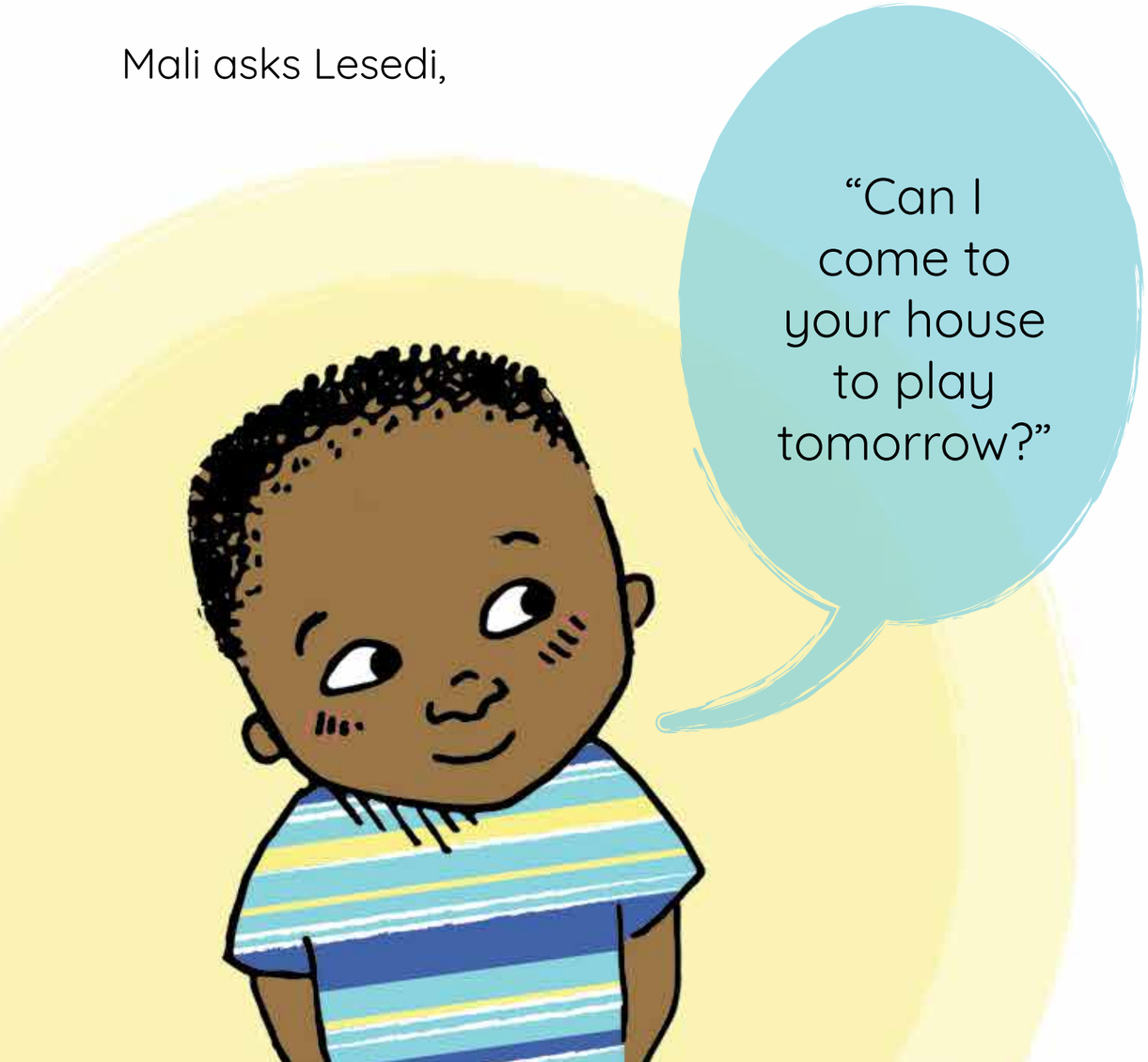
Lesedi comes back again. She shows Mali how to play **ingedo**.
Mali has trouble throwing, moving and catching the stones. But he gets better at the game.
Mali enjoys himself very much.

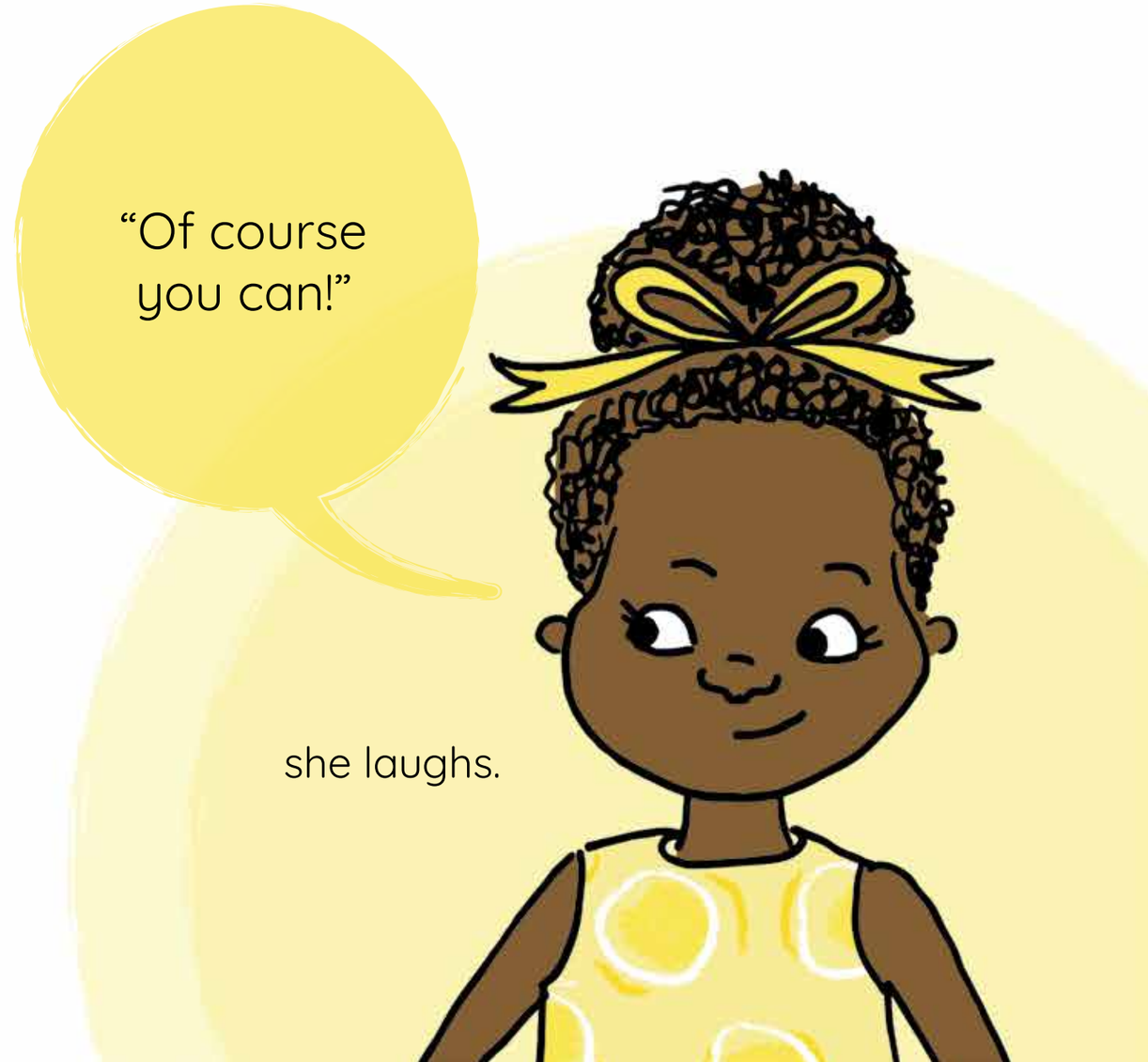
Mali shows Lesedi how to make a paper plane.

They go all around the house swooshing their planes.

Oh! They laugh a lot!

Mali asks Lesedi,

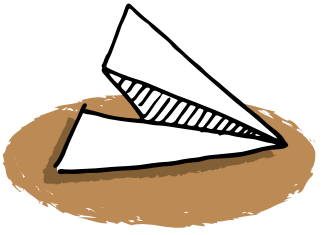




she laughs.

After gobbling down his porridge,
Mali takes out his wire car.

asks Gogo.

"I am going out to play with Lesedi!"

he laughs.