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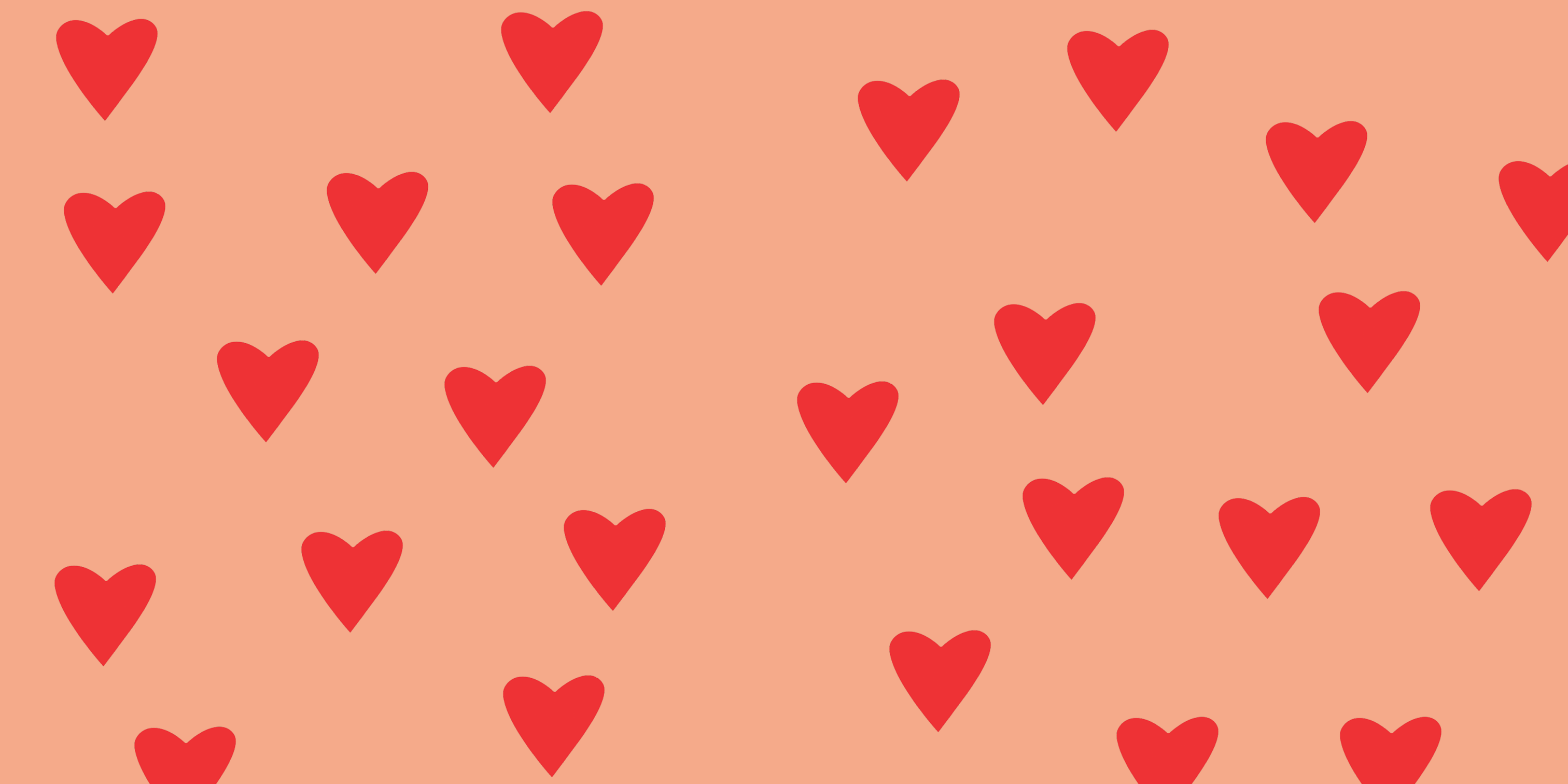
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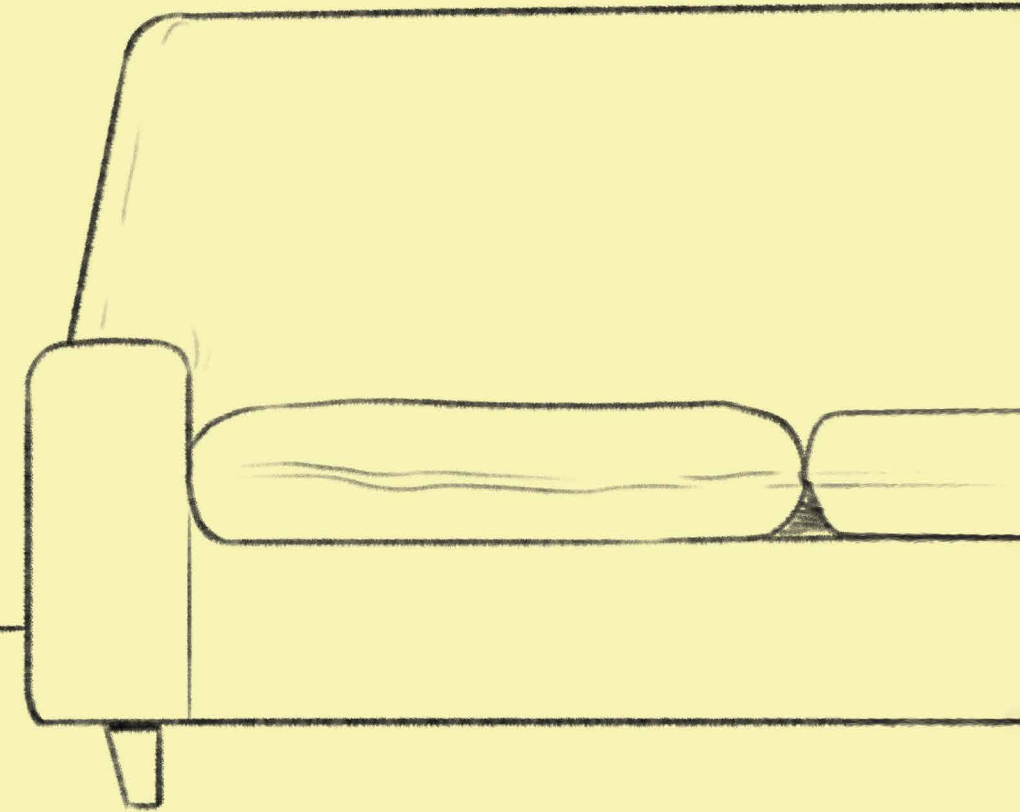
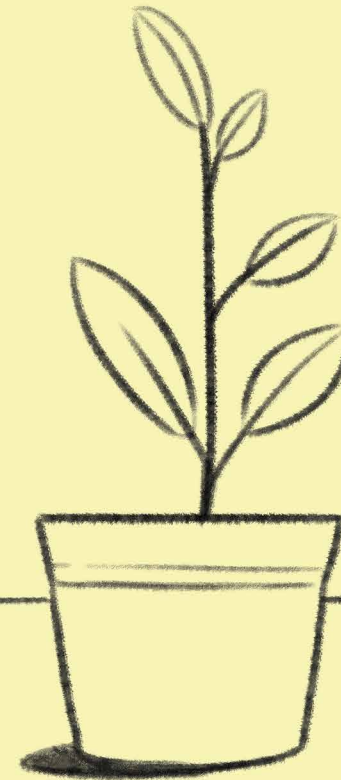
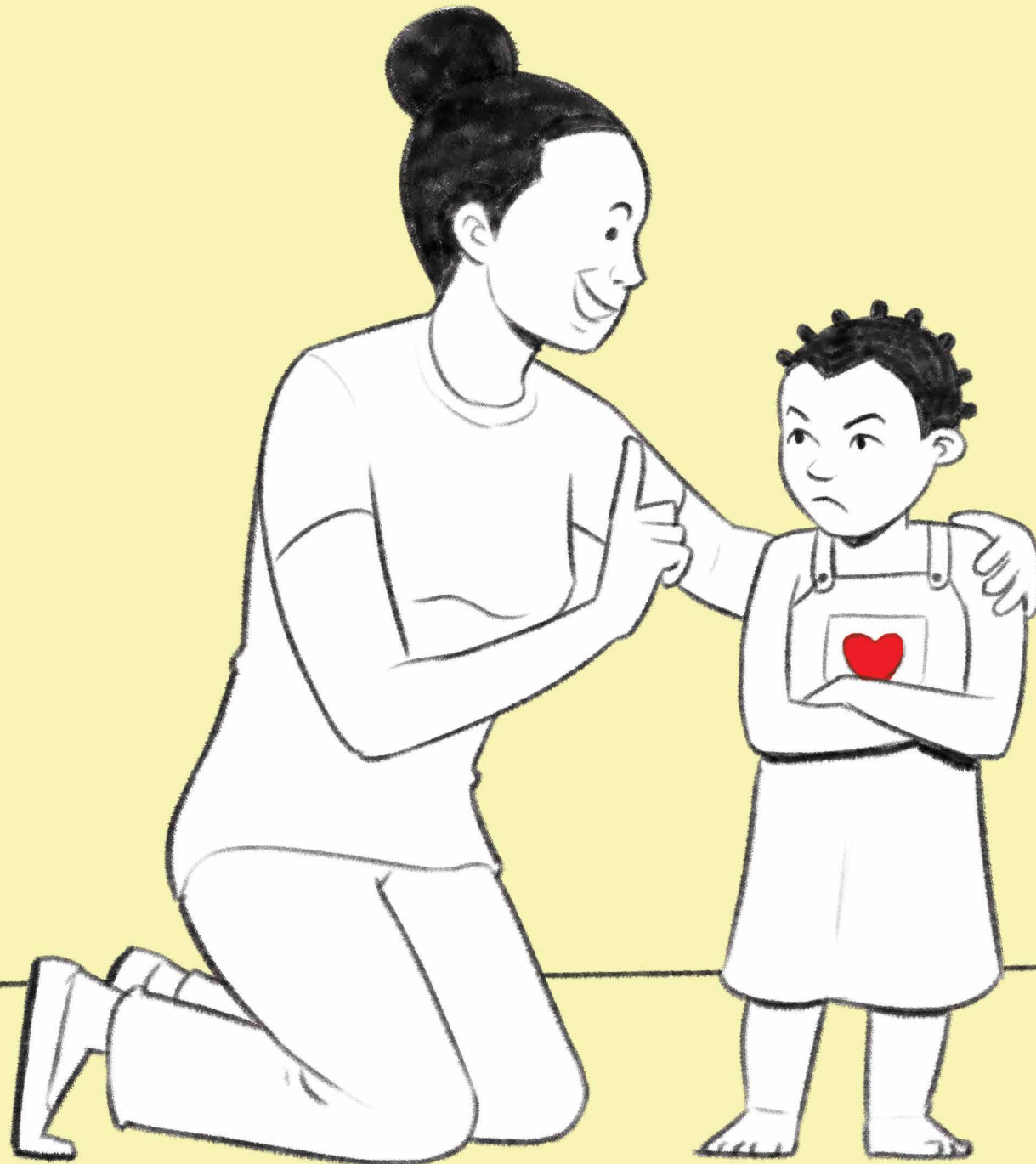


Zenande lives with her mama
and brother in KwaMashu.

She loves playing outside
with her toys.

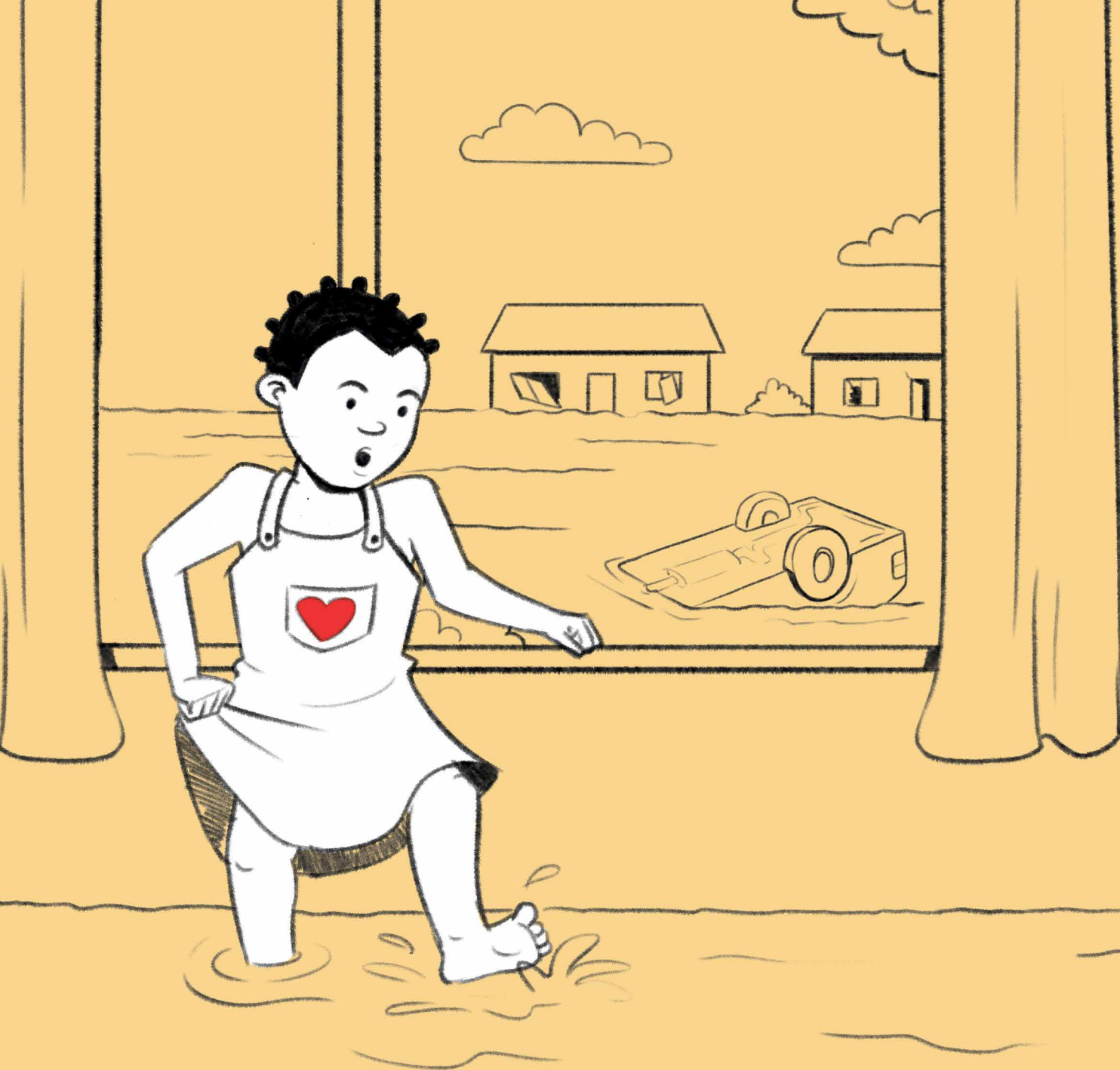
One morning, Mama tells
Zenande that she won't
be able to play outside.

Zenande is sad.



She looks outside and sees
fallen trees, a lot of water
on the roads, houses washed
away and cars standing still.





Her house is flooded,
some windows are broken,
and her favourite mango
tree is gone.



“Mama, what happened?”



“We had heavy rains last night, so much wind and a lot of thunder,” Mama explains.

“Wow!”
Zenande is confused.
“Does this mean we are never
ever getting out of the house?”



“Oh no, mntanami,” laughs Mama.

“It is safe to go outside now.
Let’s go and help Gogo Zondi!”



Mama and Zenande go across
the road to see Gogo Zondi.

Her face cheers up.



The neighbours are already mopping the floors and drying clothes and blankets outside for Gogo Zondi.



“I bought you some sweets,
Gogo,” Zenande says.

“You are such a special young
girl.” Gogo Zondi is smiling.



“I feel so much better with
all of you helping me,” says
Gogo Zondi.

“Helping you has helped me feel
better, Gogo!” Zenande smiles.





