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Zenande and her helping hands

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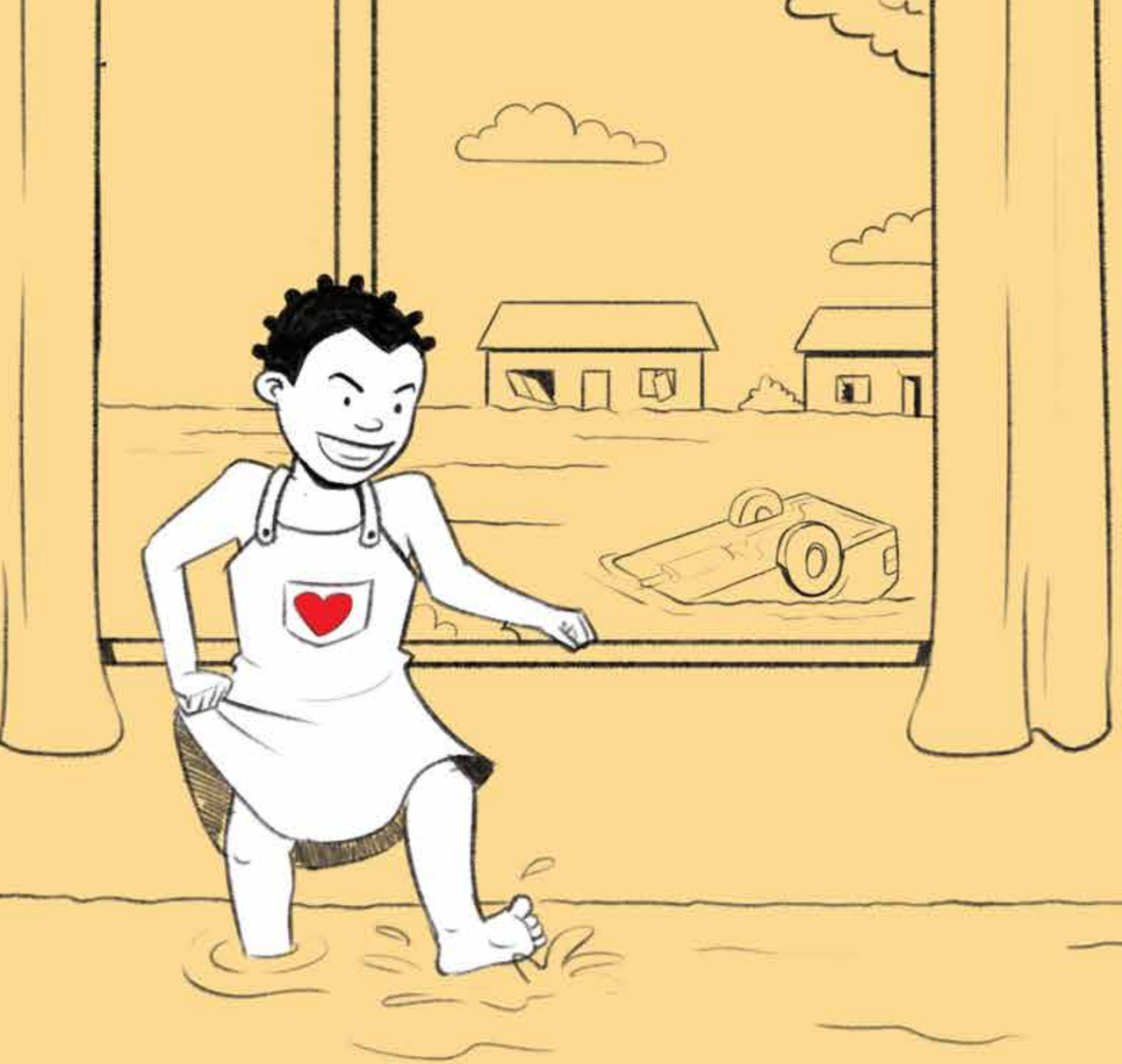
Zenande lives with her mama and brother in Kwamashu.

She loves playing outside with her toys.

One gloomy morning, mama told Zenande that she won't be able to play outside.

Zenande was sad.

She looked outside and saw trees had fallen down, a lot of water on the roads, some houses washed away and cars couldn’t move.



Her house had water inside, some windows broken and her favourite mango tree was gone.

“Mama, what happened?”
asks Zenande.

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

“Wow,” said a confused Zenande,
“does this mean we are never
ever getting out of the house?”

“Oh no, mntanami,” laughed mama.

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

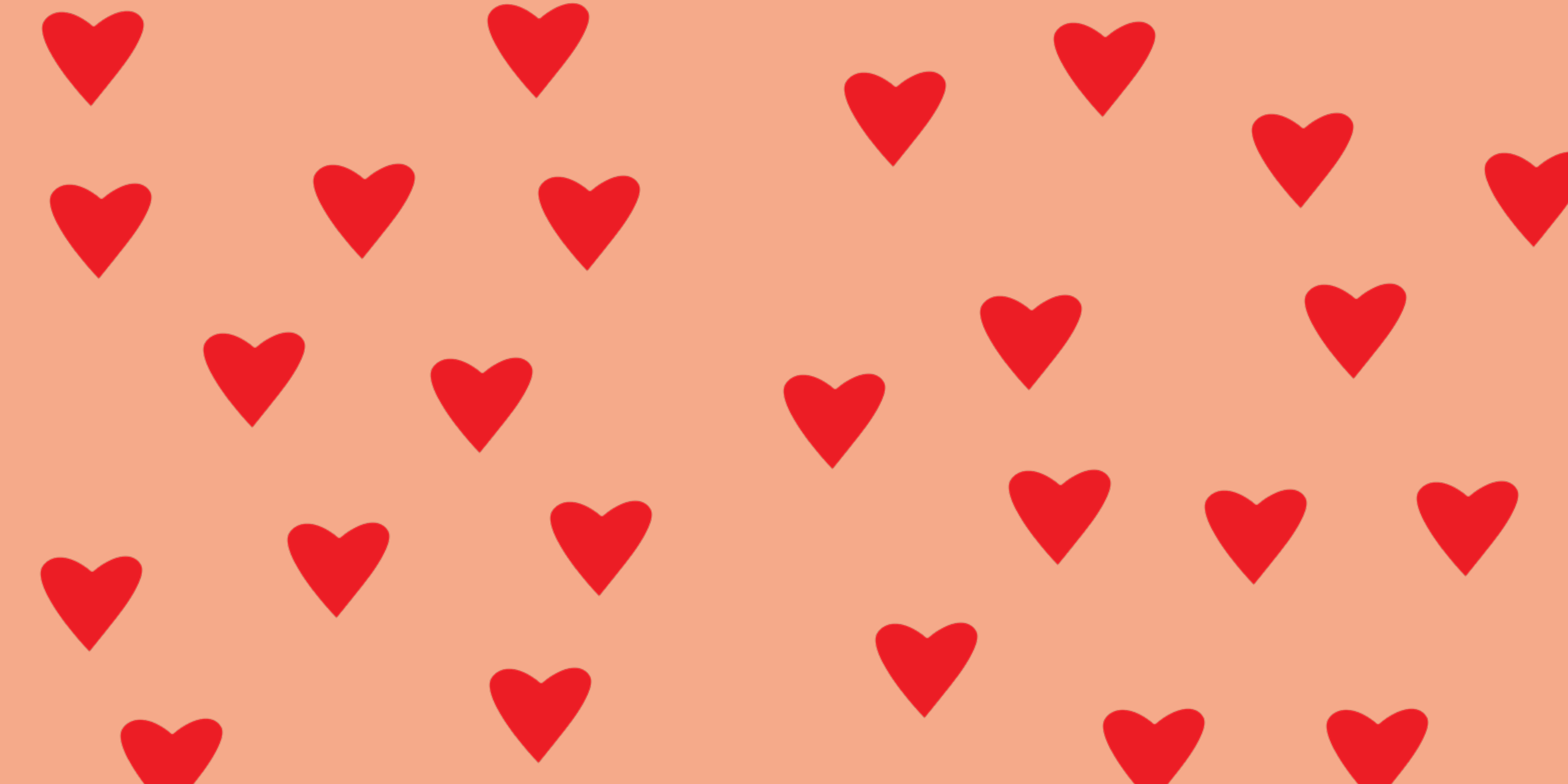
Mama and Zenande went across the road to see Gogo Zondi.

Her face cheered up when she saw them coming.

Most of the neighbours were already mopping the floors, and drying clothes and blankets outside for Gogo Zondi.

“I bought you some sweets, Gogo,” said Zenande

“You are such a special young girl,” smiles Gogo Zondi.

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

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