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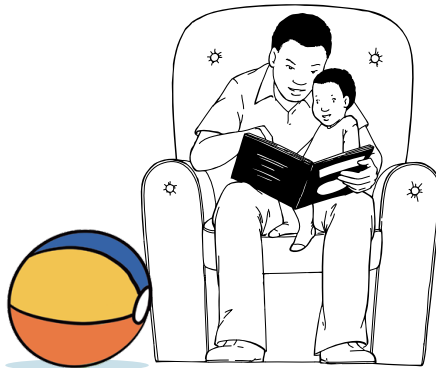
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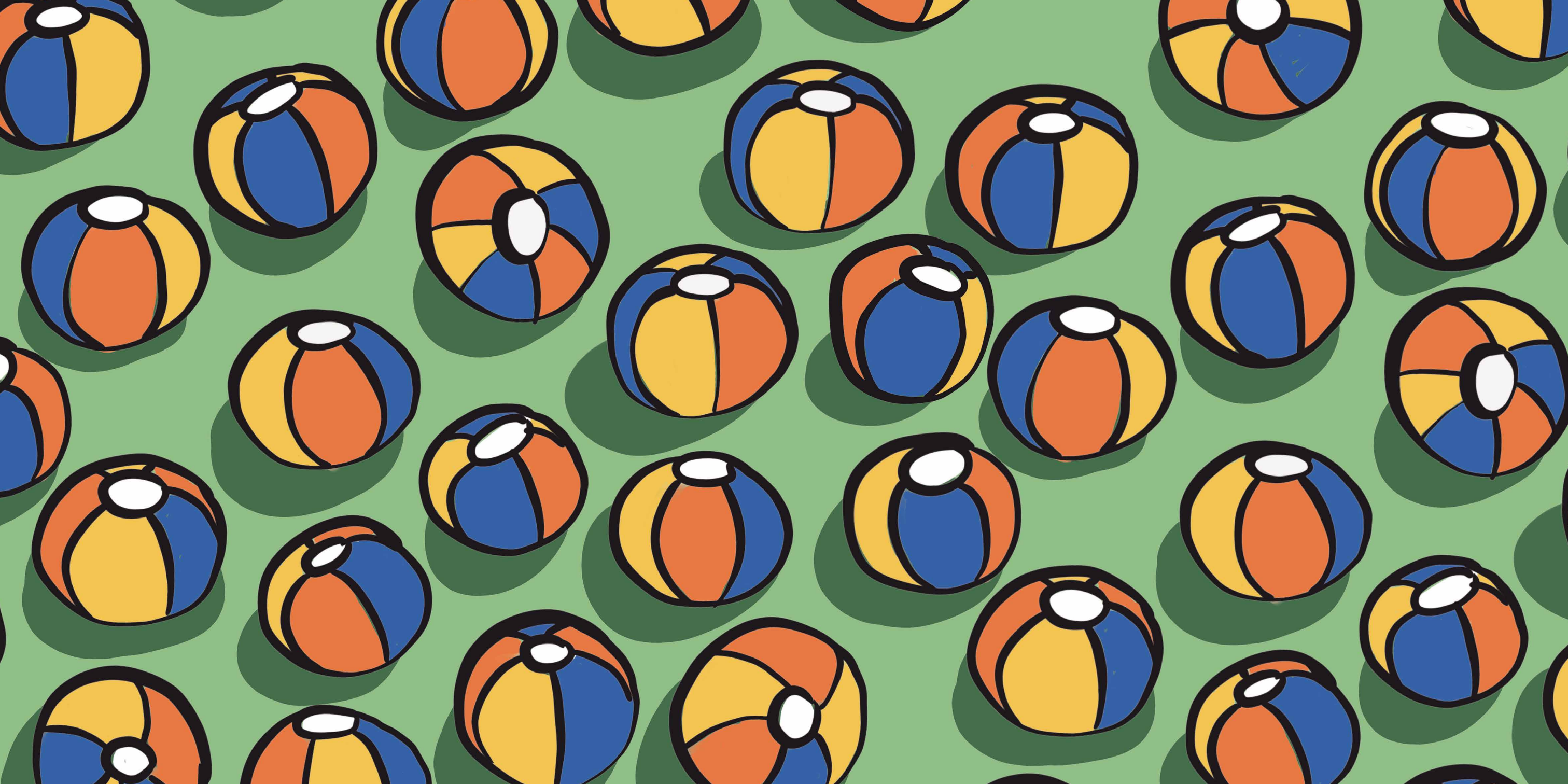


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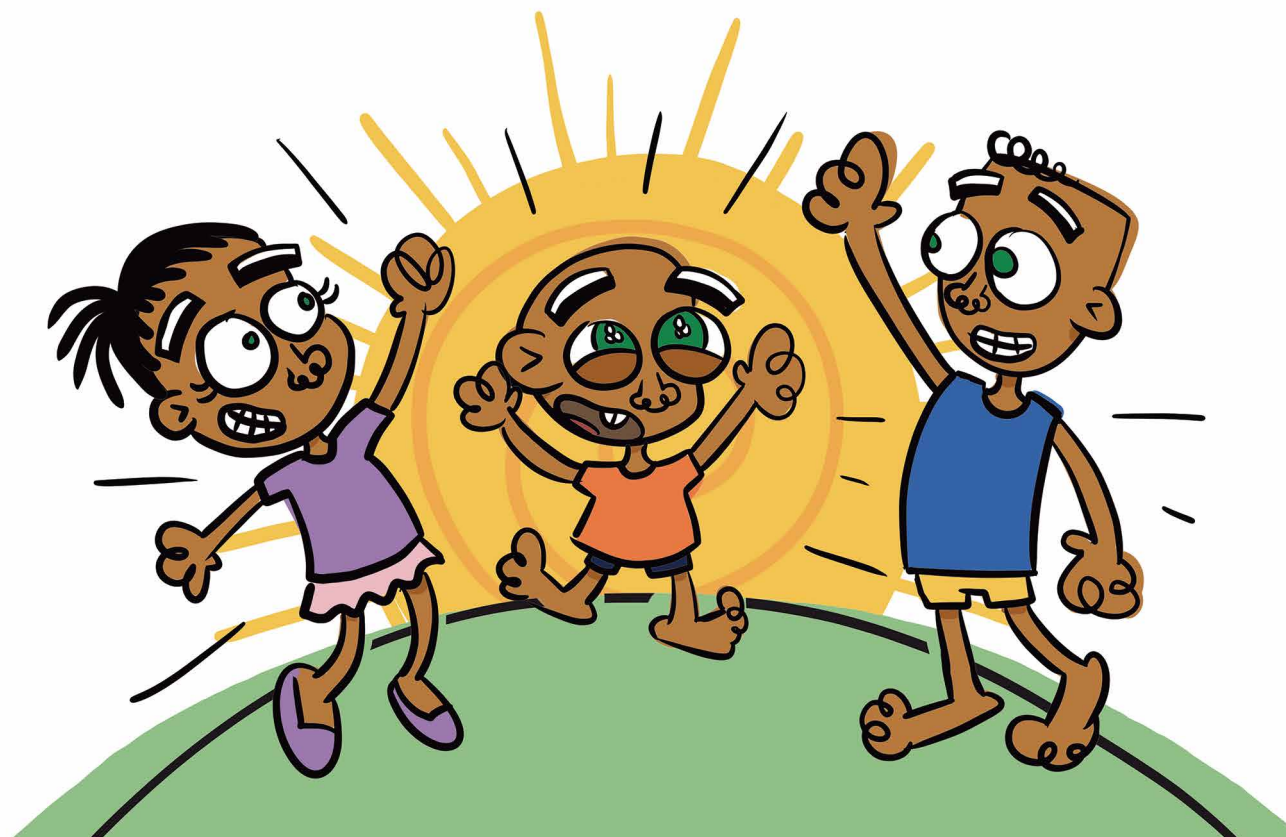
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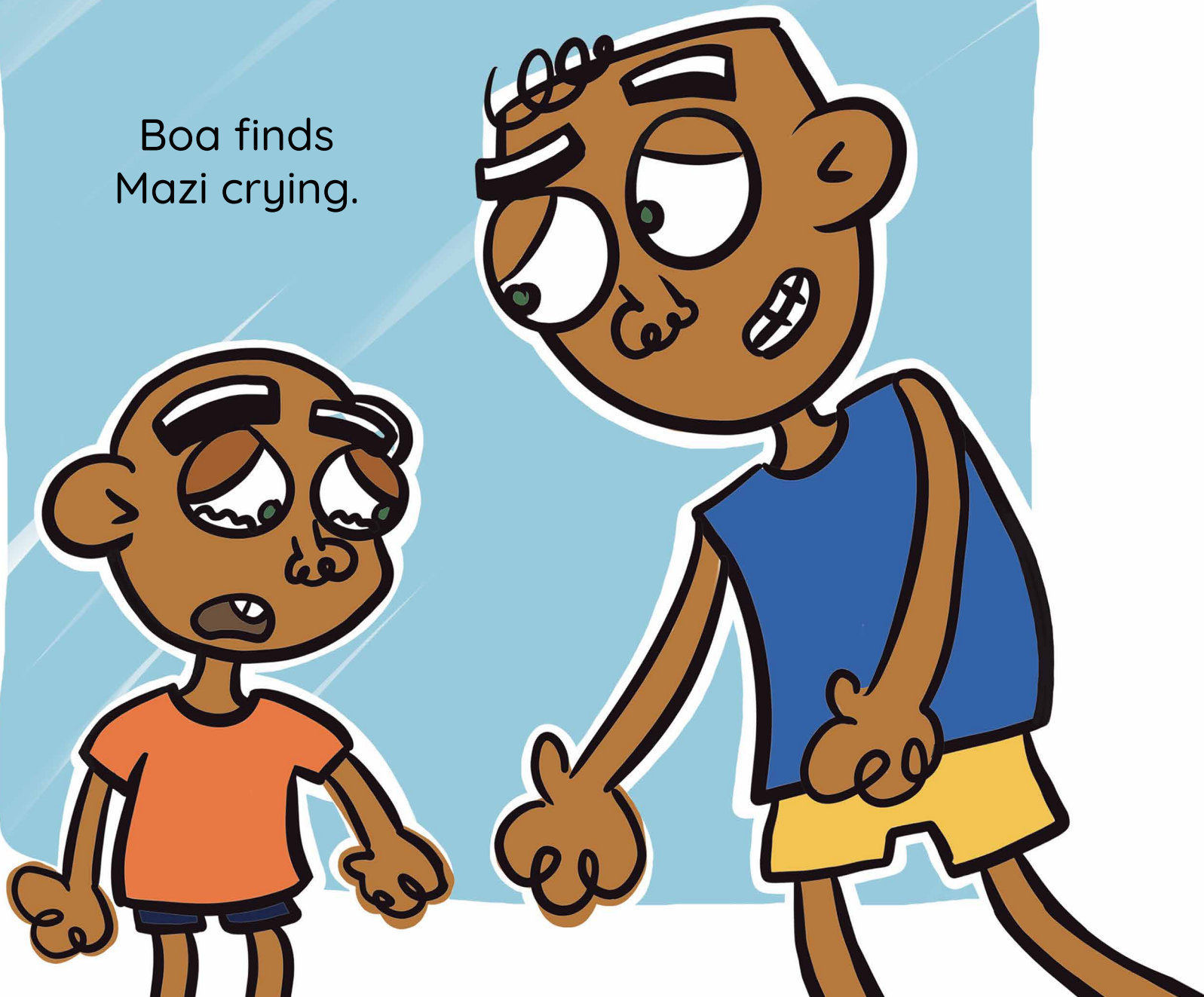




Mazi is sad.

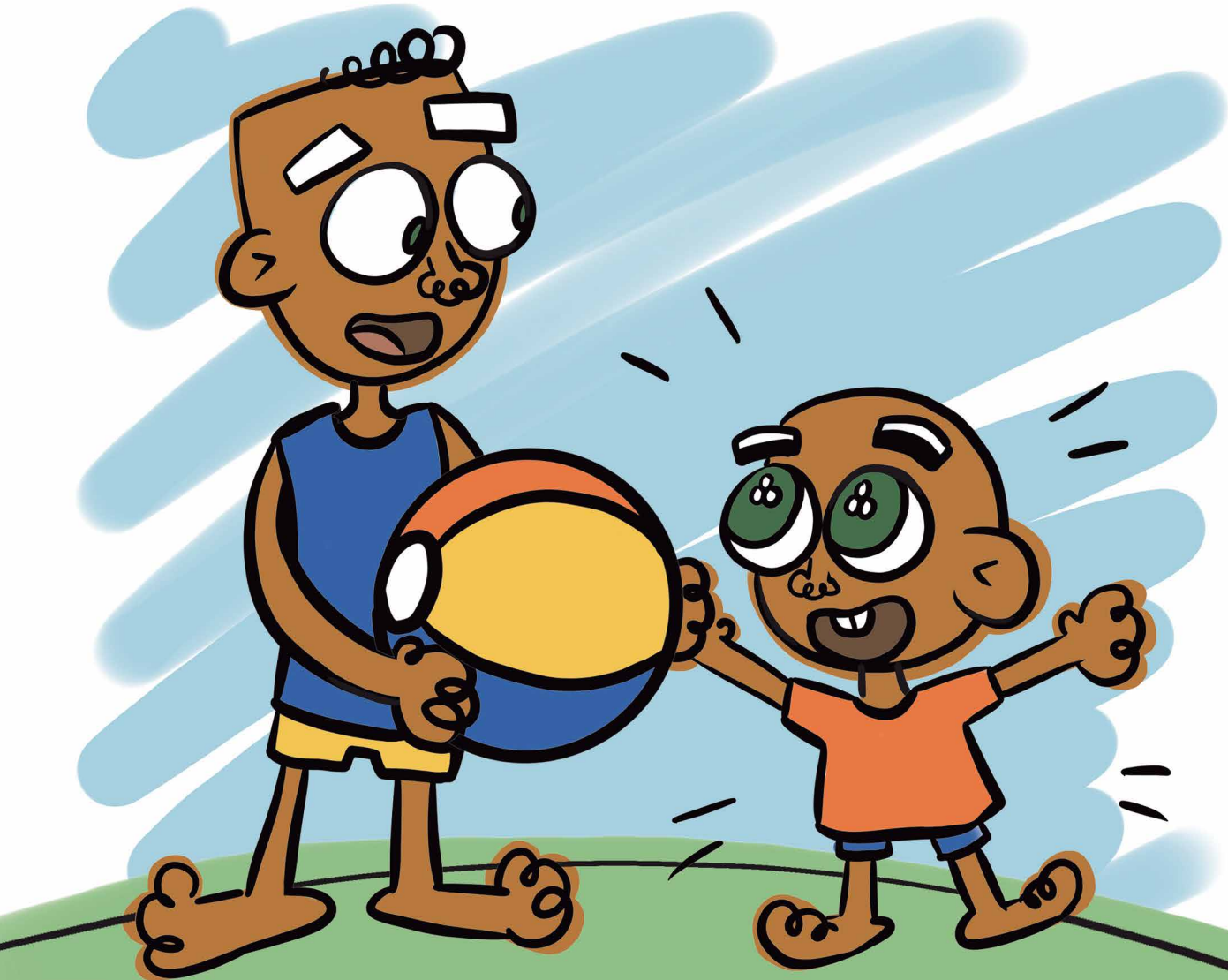
His older brother Boa, and big sister
Rona, don't want to play with him.

Boa finds
Mazi crying.



“What’s wrong Mazi?”
Boa asks.

“I want to play with you, but you
don’t want to play with me,”
cries Mazi.



Boa feels bad and allows Mazi to play dodgeball with them.

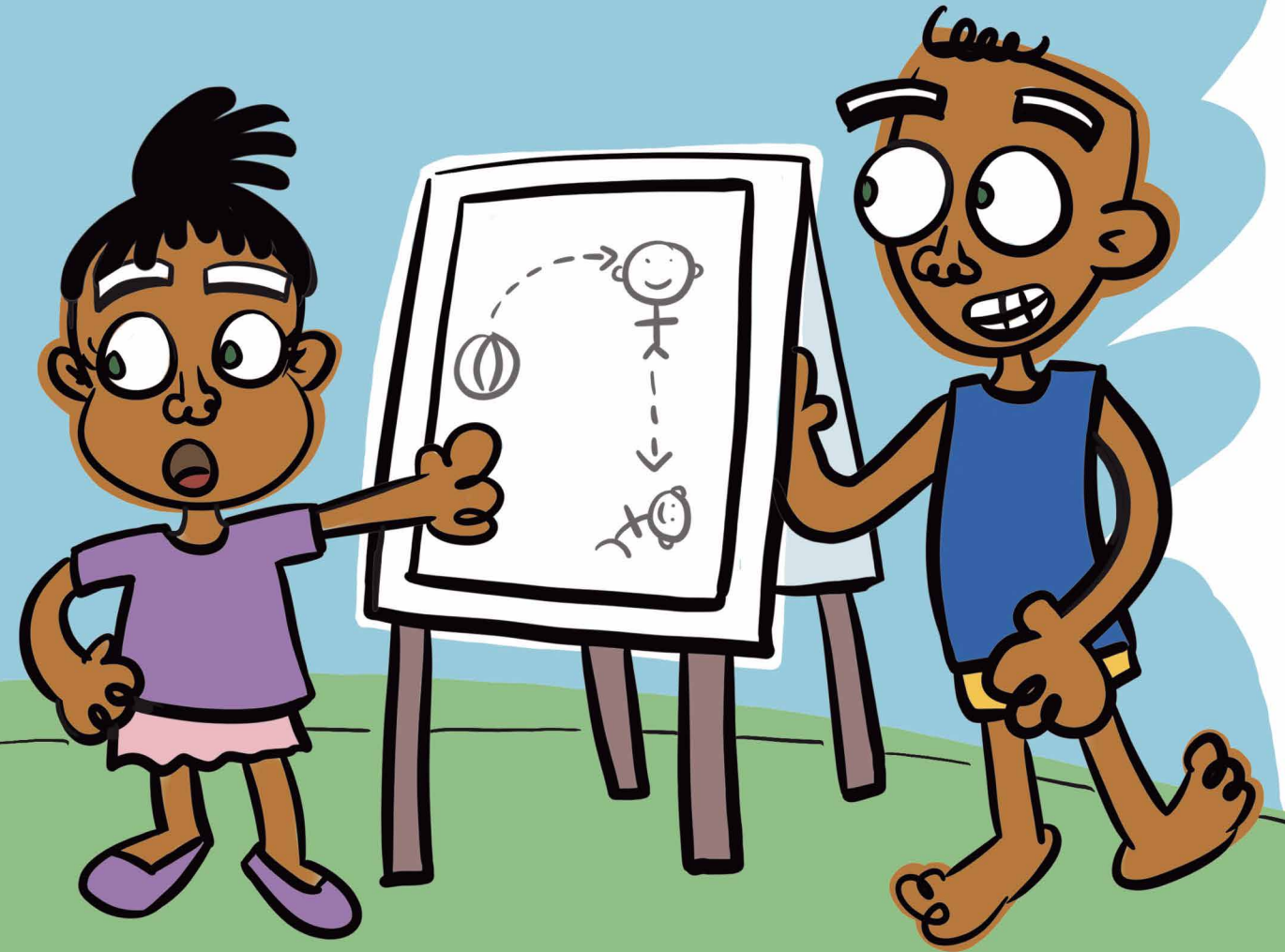
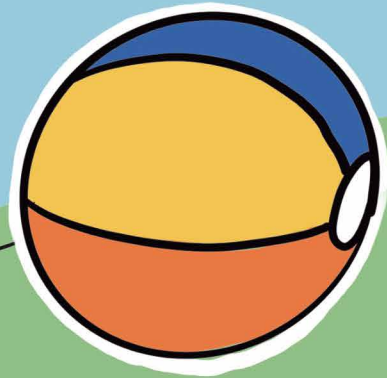
“But **no crying**, okay?”
Boa tells Mazi.



“Okay,”
Mazi says, excited.

Boa and Rona explain the
dodgeball game to Mazi.

He must stand in the middle
and dodge the beachball
while Boa and Rona try
to hit him with it.

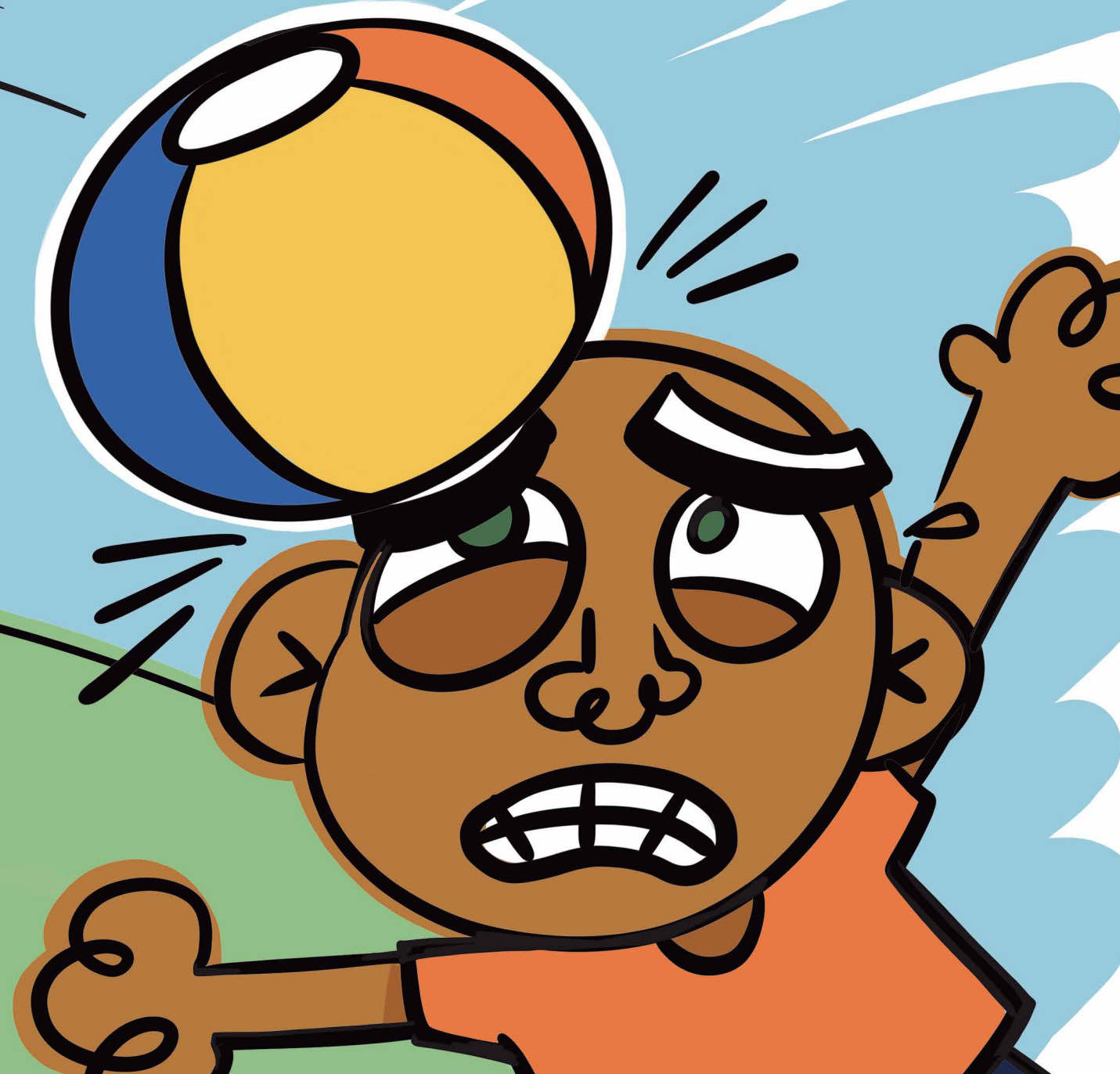




After they explain the
game to Mazi, Rona
throws the ball at him.

“Dodge Mazi!”
she shouts.

The ball hits him on the head.



“Ouchiee!”

“You hit me with the ball!”
cries Mazi, as he throws himself onto the ground.

“But that’s the game,” says Rona, laughing.
“Okay. I will try again,” smiles Mazi.





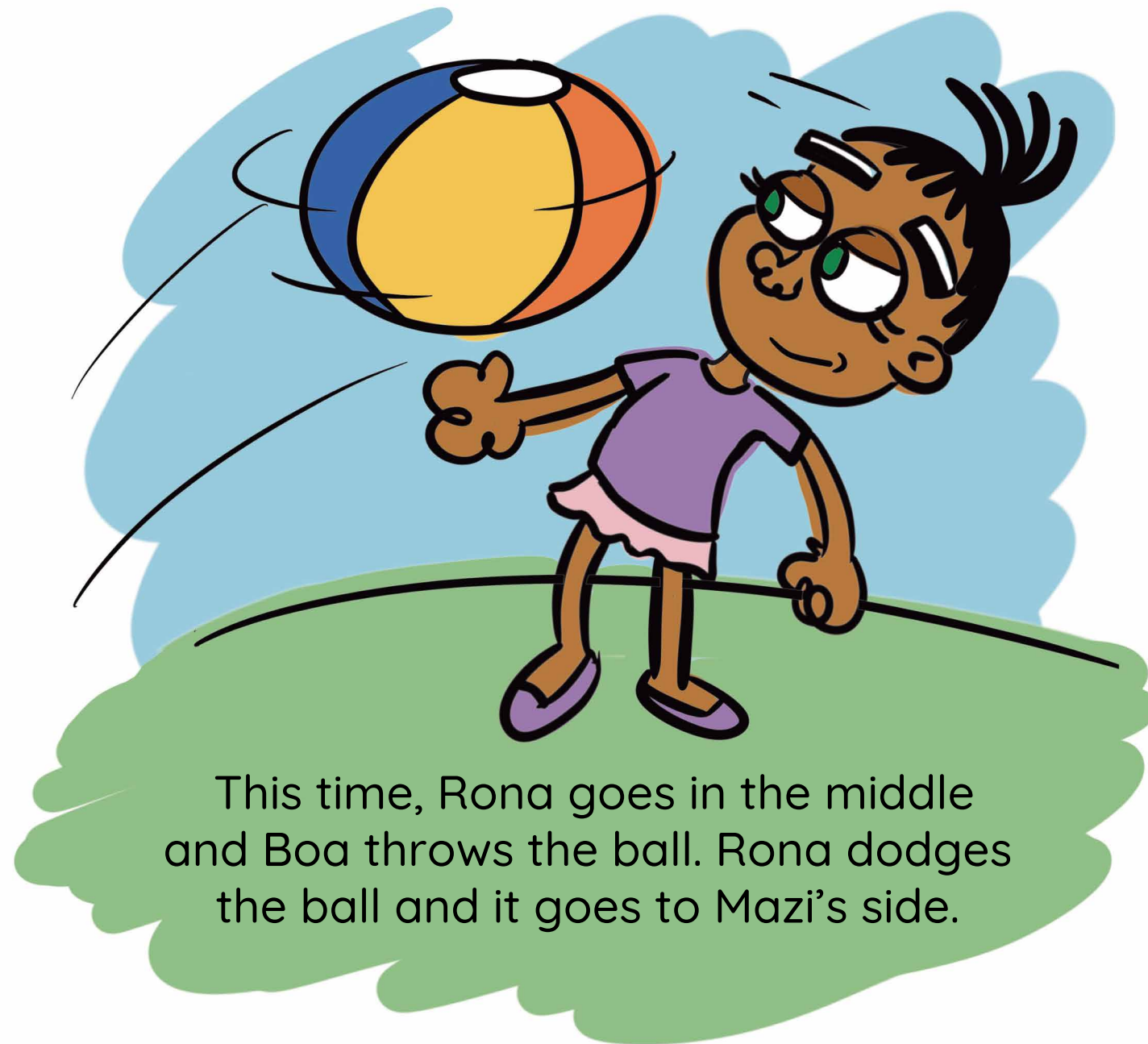
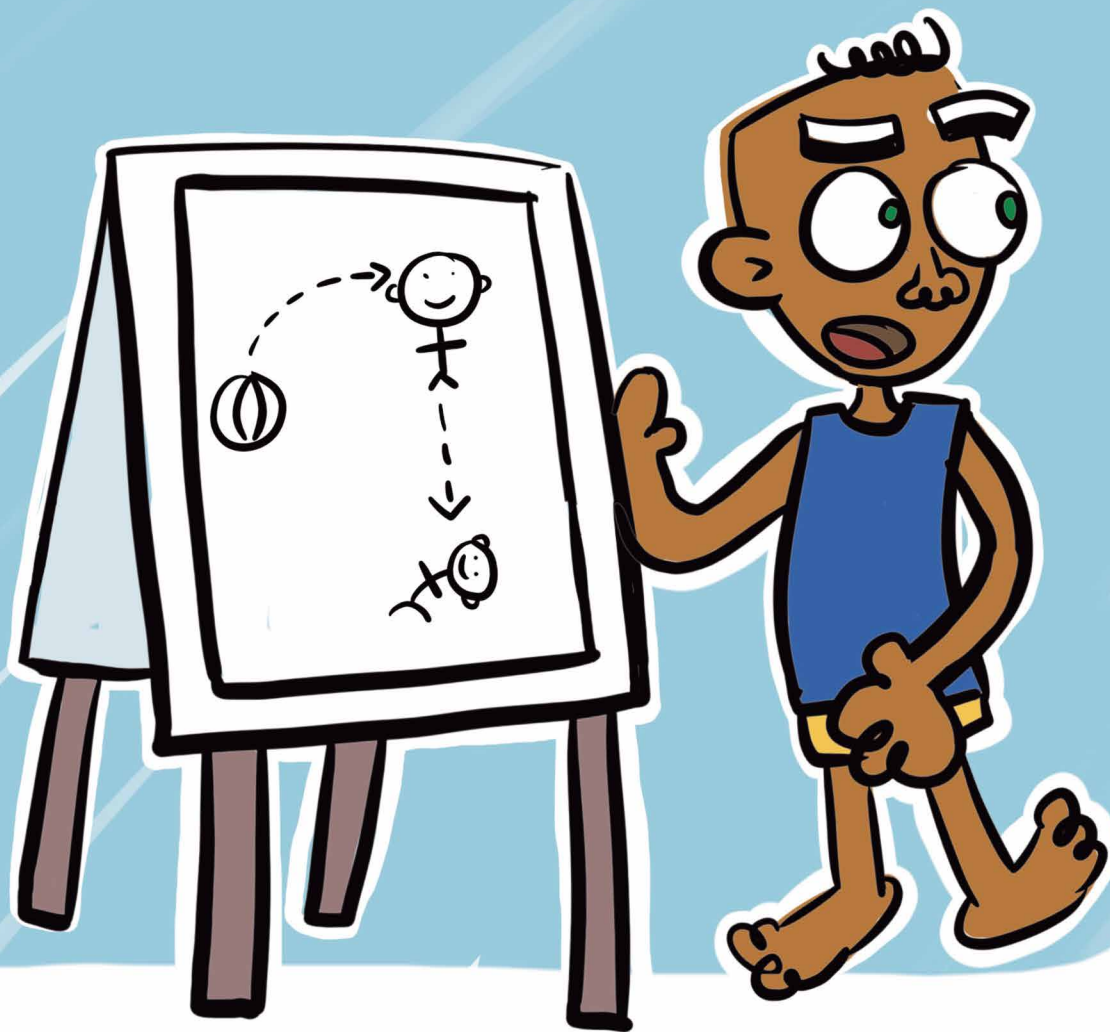
“Mazi stop!”
Boa and Rona shout
at the same time.

Boa throws the ball at Mazi, who's
standing in the middle.

Mazi catches the ball and runs with
it around the tree.

“You can't catch me!”
he shouts.

Boa explains the rules to Mazi once more. Then they try again.

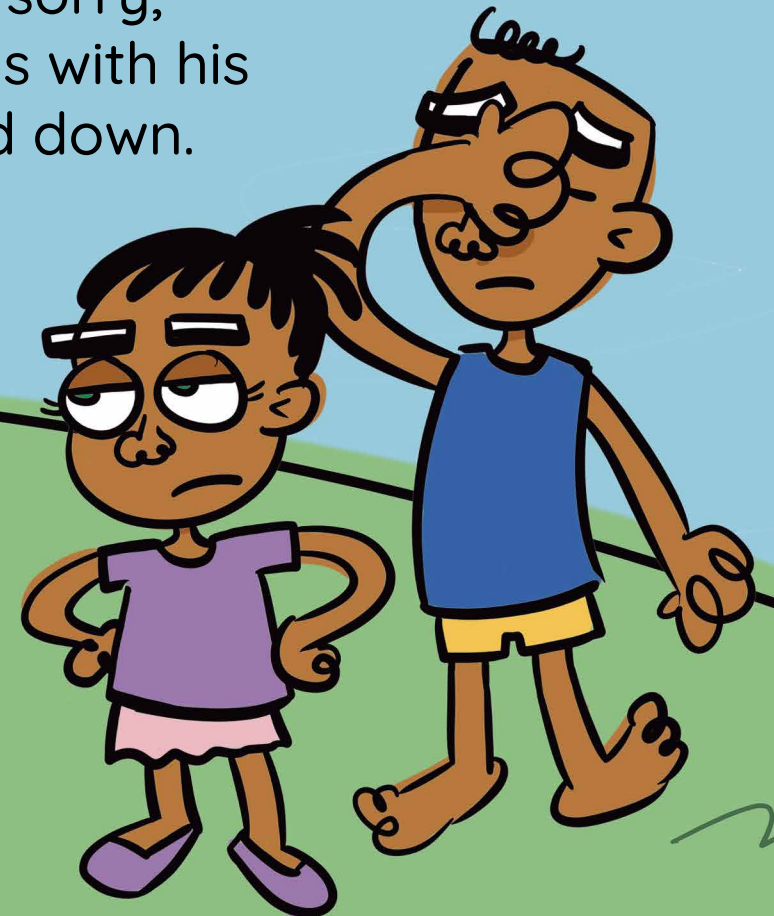


This time, Rona goes in the middle and Boa throws the ball. Rona dodges the ball and it goes to Mazi's side.

Mazi kicks the ball
so high
it gets stuck in
the tree.

“Maaziii!”
they shout in frustration.

“I’m sorry,”
he says with his
head down.



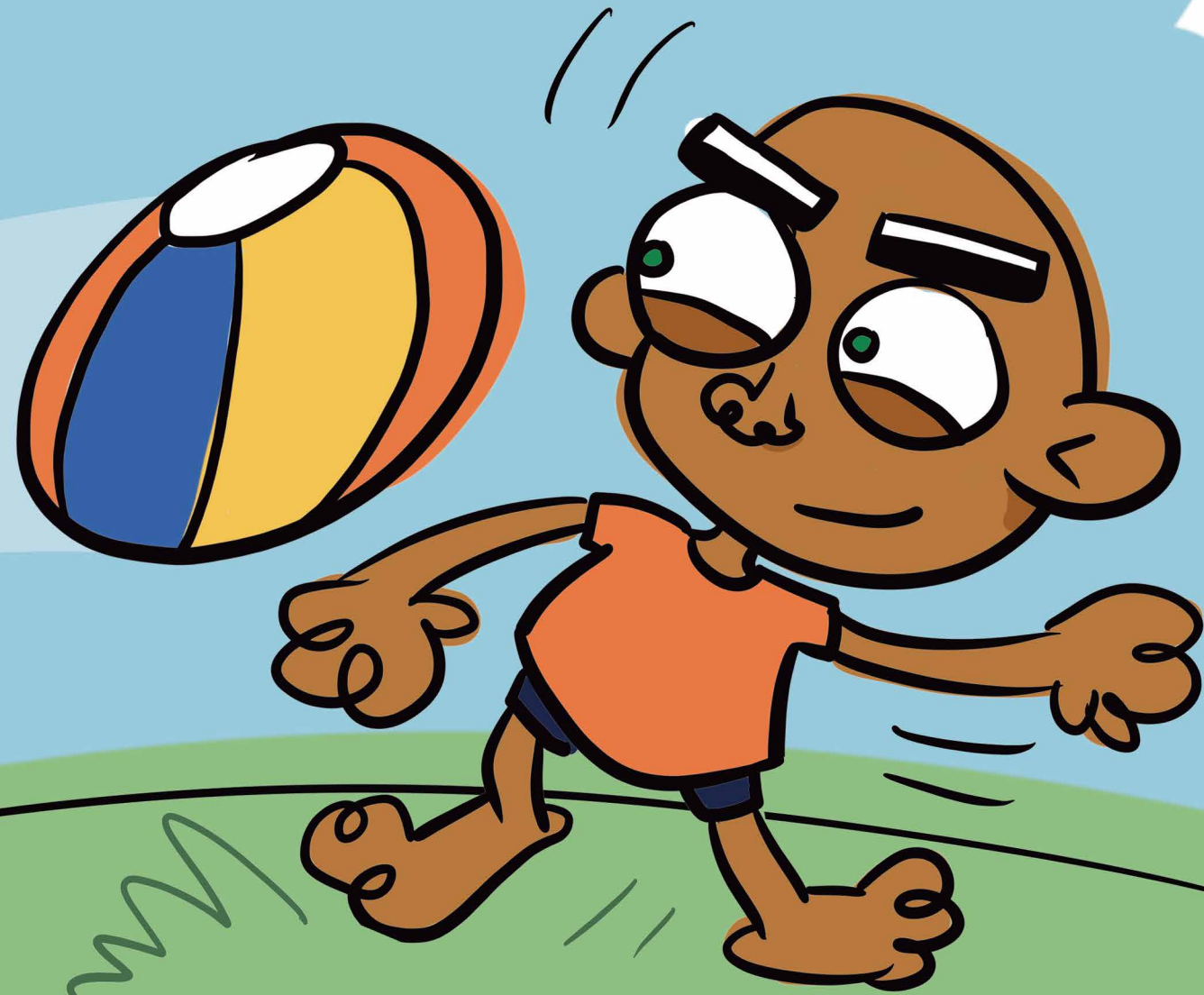


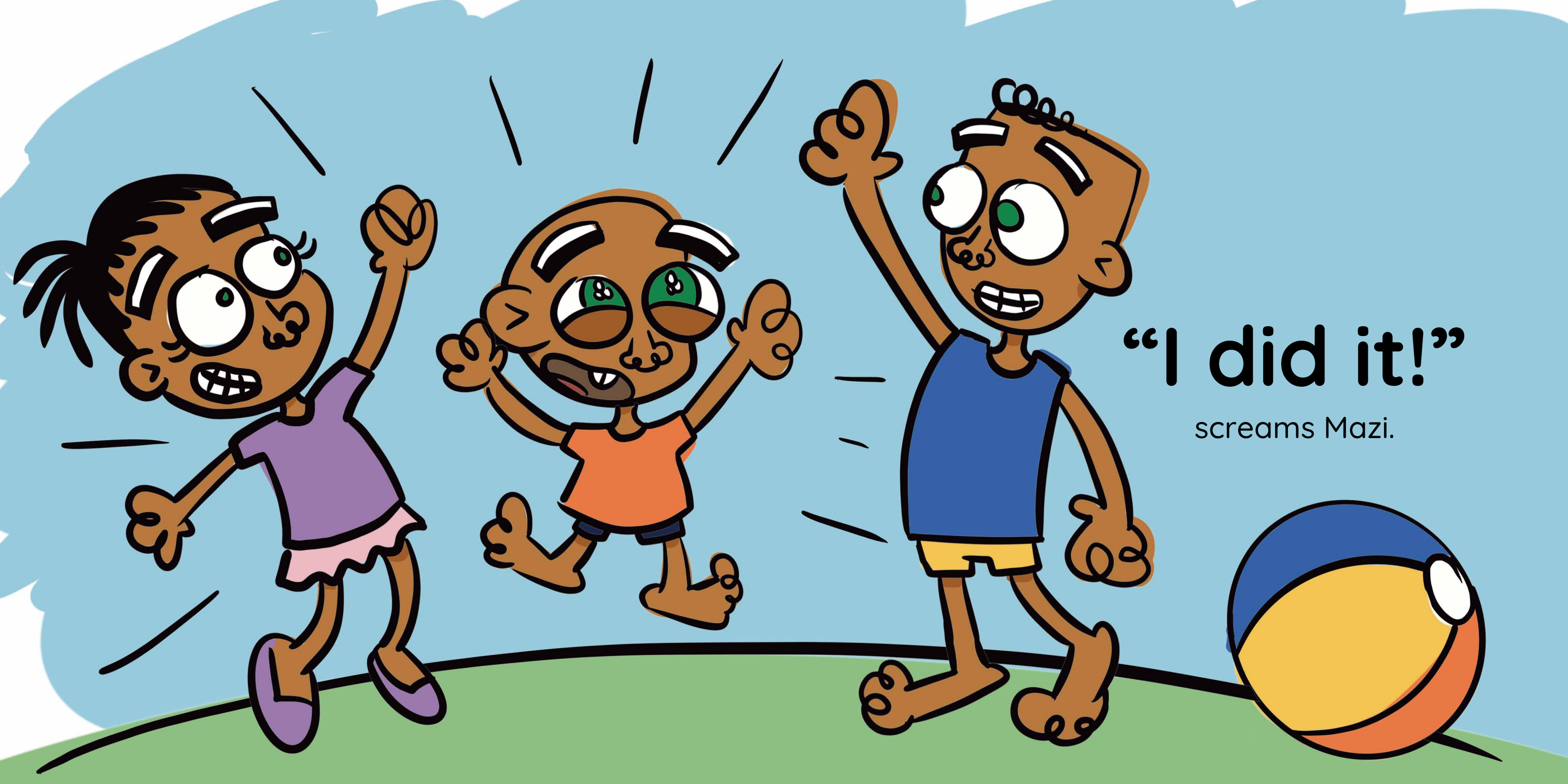
“You have to follow the rules
of the game, Mazi, or else we
won’t play with you,”
Boa says.

“Stand in the middle
and let’s try again.”

Rona throws the ball, and this
time Mazi dodges it.

FINALLY!





“I did it!”

screams Mazi.

