

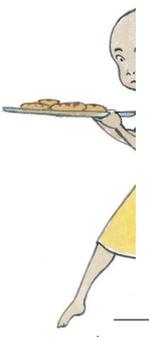
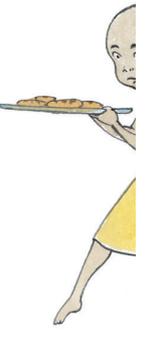


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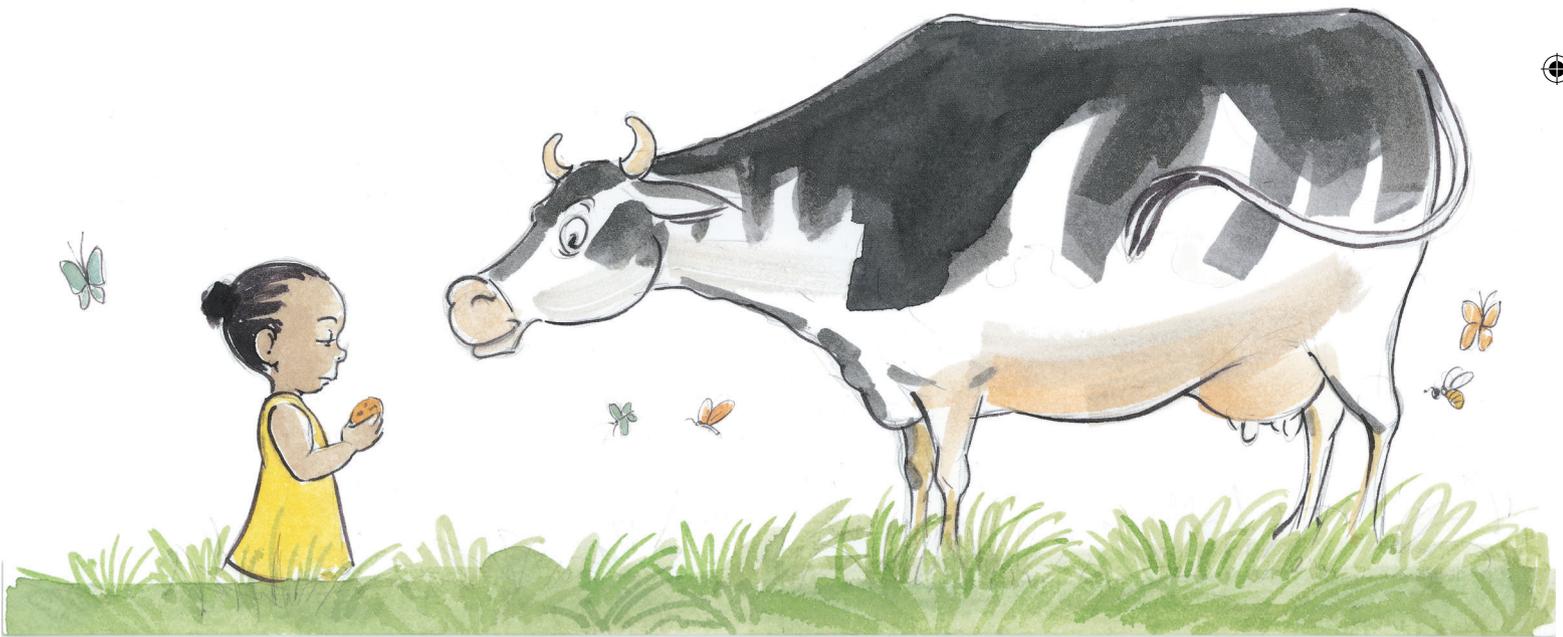
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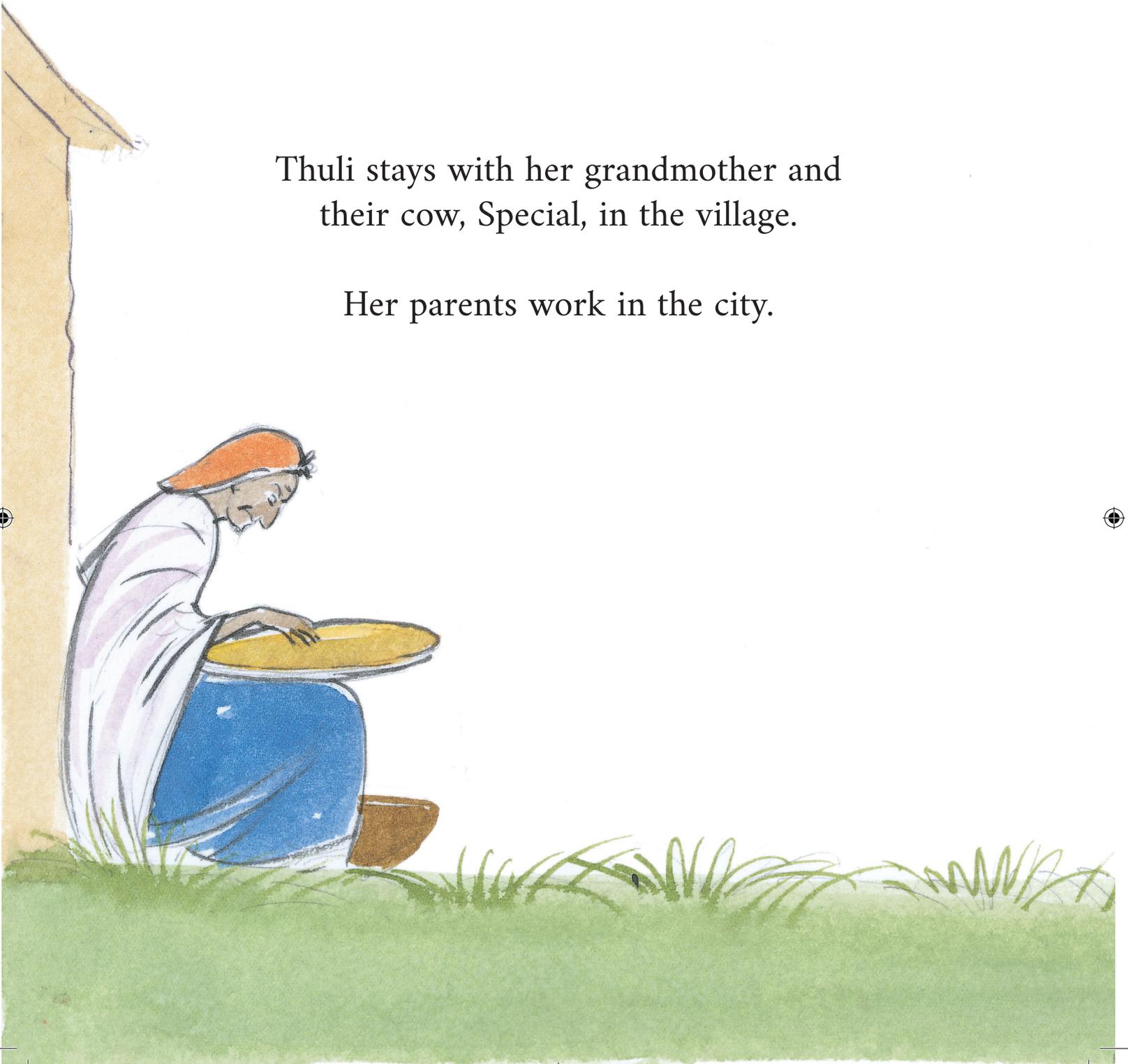
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Thuli stays with her grandmother and  
their cow, Special, in the village.

Her parents work in the city.







Every morning her grandmother wakes  
Thuli up early to go to watch the sunrise.

When the sun is up in the sky,  
Grandmother bathes Thuli. She brushes  
Thuli's teeth, washes her face, and brushes  
her hair.







When Thuli is nice and clean,  
Grandmother gives Thuli some porridge.  
Thuli loves the porridge. But she loves the  
milk more, because it comes from their  
cow, Special.

The milk is fresh and creamy.







After eating, Thuli and Grandmother sit  
under the tree, and Grandmother tells  
Thuli stories.



When the stories are finished,  
Grandmother gives Thuli some cookies  
and a glass of milk, fresh and creamy.

Thuli's parents bring the cookies with  
them when they visit. Chocolate chip  
cookies. Thuli's favourite.





Special always looks at Thuli as she eats her cookies. Thuli wants to share her cookies with Special, but Grandmother gives her only enough for herself.







That day, after listening to the stories,  
Thuli follows Grandmother into the  
house, tiptoeing so that  
Grandmother doesn't hear.

Thuli sees Grandmother take the cookies  
out of a cake tin inside the oven.





Thuli runs back outside and tells  
Special that soon she will share her  
cookies with her.







Later in the afternoon, Grandmother and Thuli take a nap, then wake up to watch the sunset.





When the sun sets, Thuli sneaks off into  
the kitchen.



She opens the oven, and takes out cookies  
for Special.





Special licks Thuli when she gives her the  
cookies.

Special smiles. Thuli smiles.

“It’s our little secret,”  
she says.



