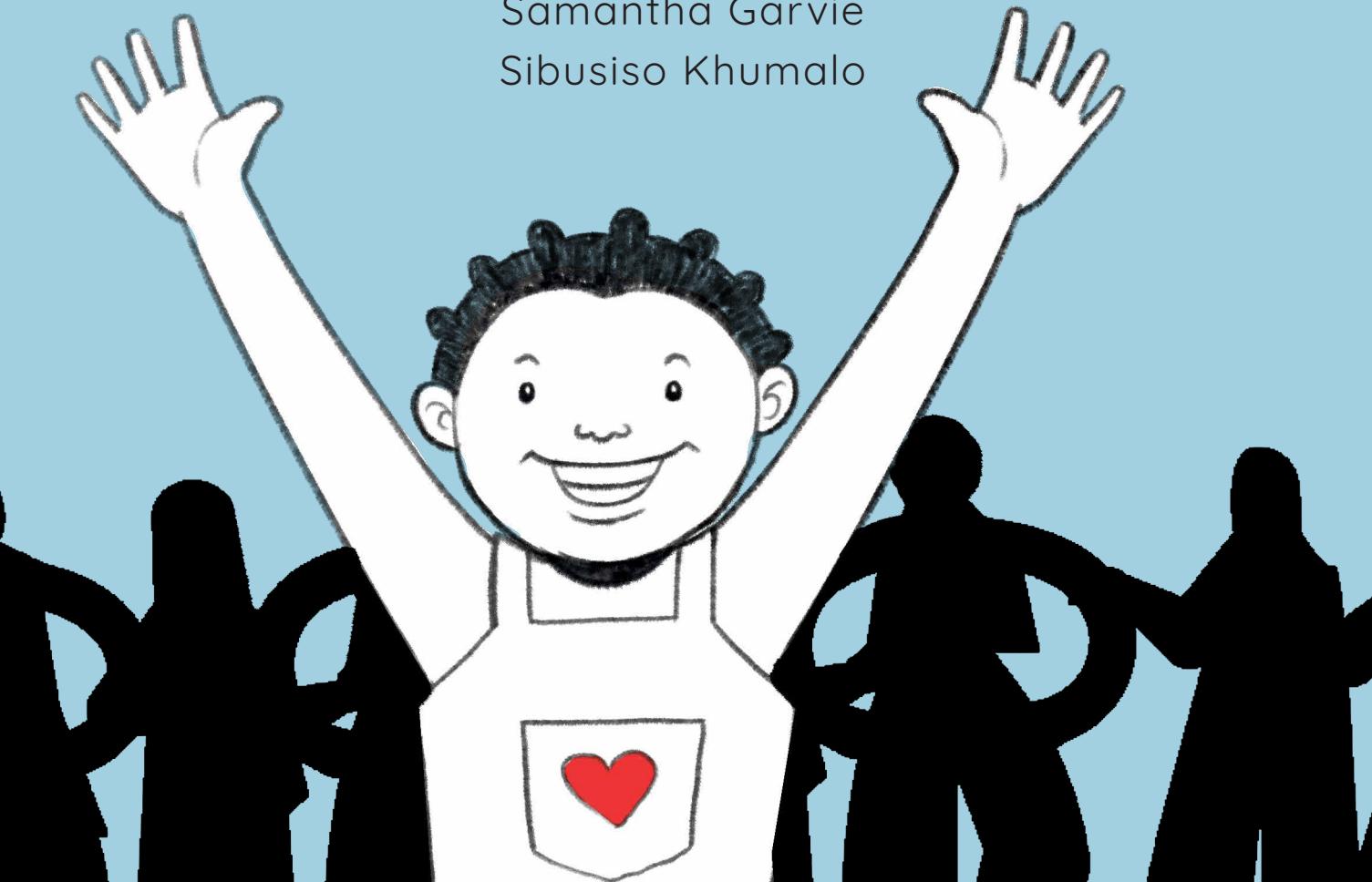


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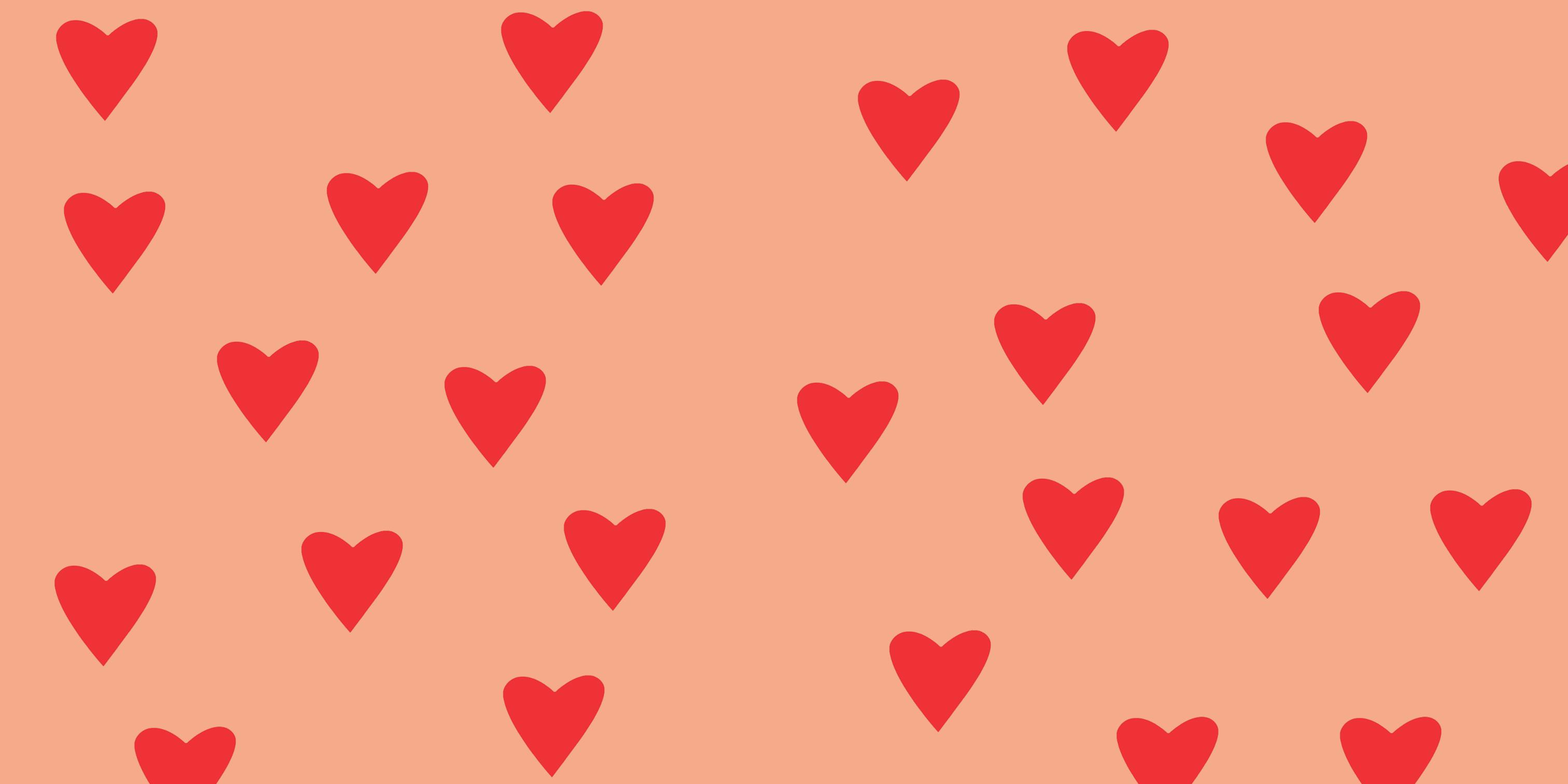
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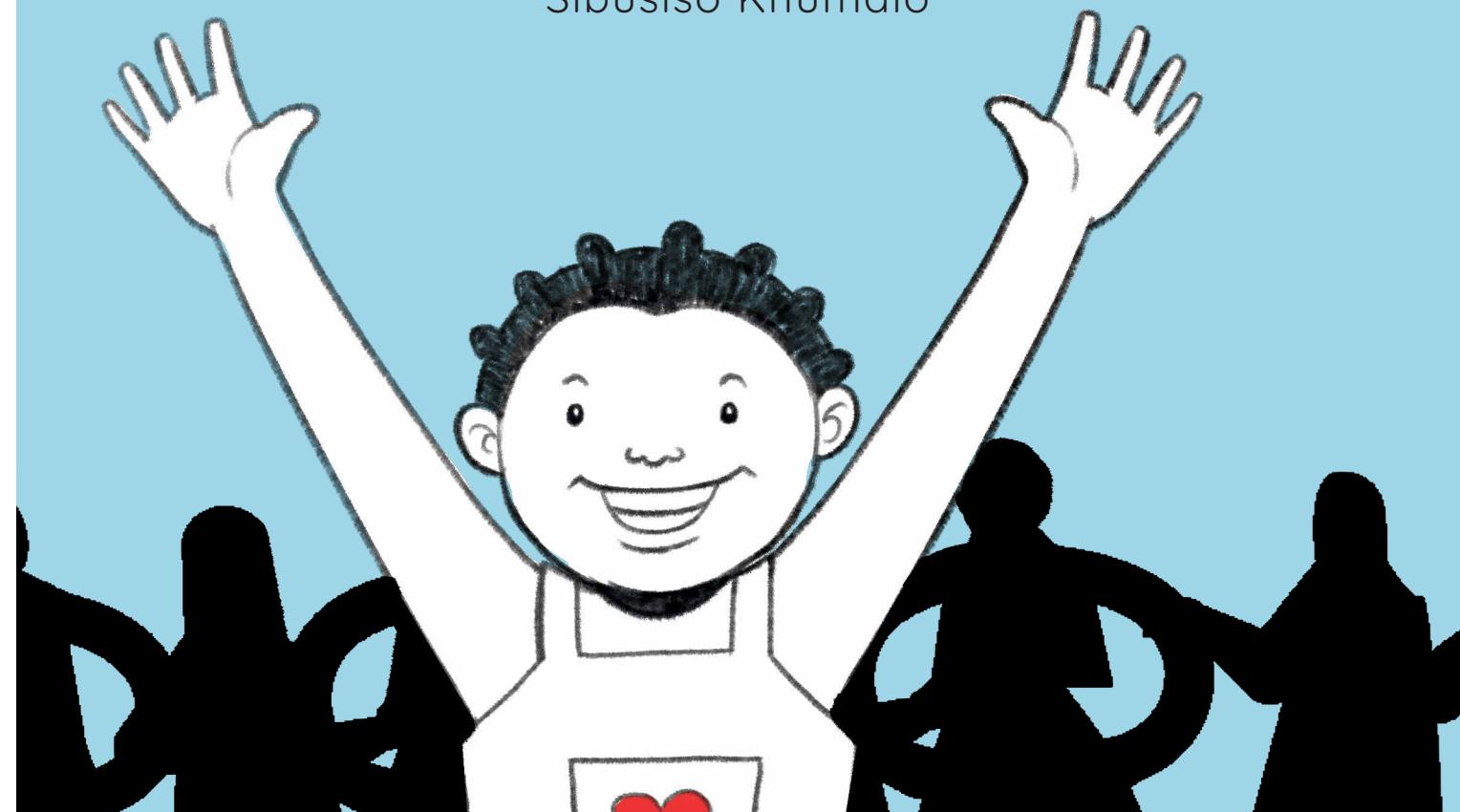
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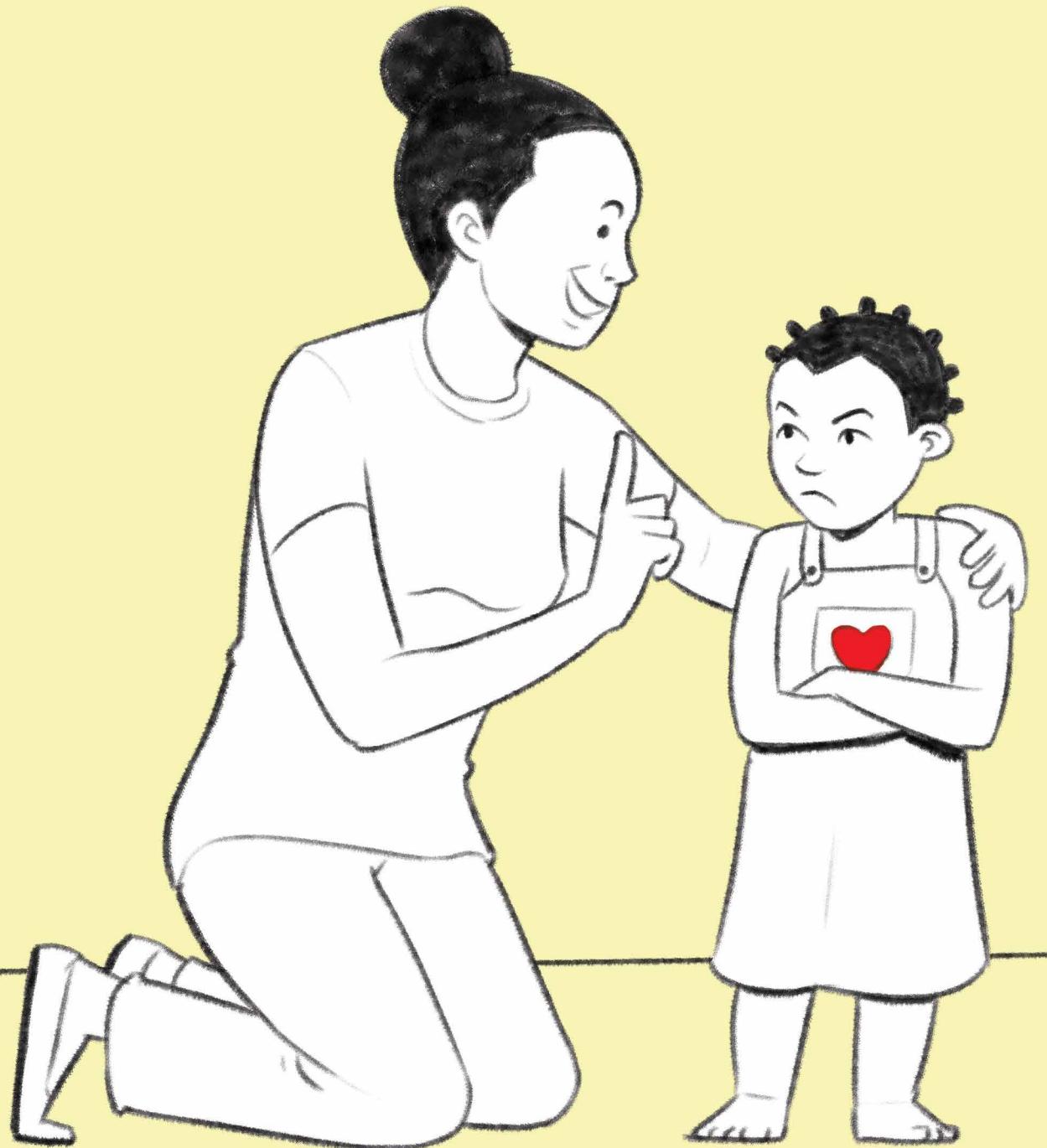
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UZenande uhlala nomama wakhe
kunye nomntakwabo KwaMashu.

Uyakuthanda ukudlala ngeethoyi
zakhe pha phandle.

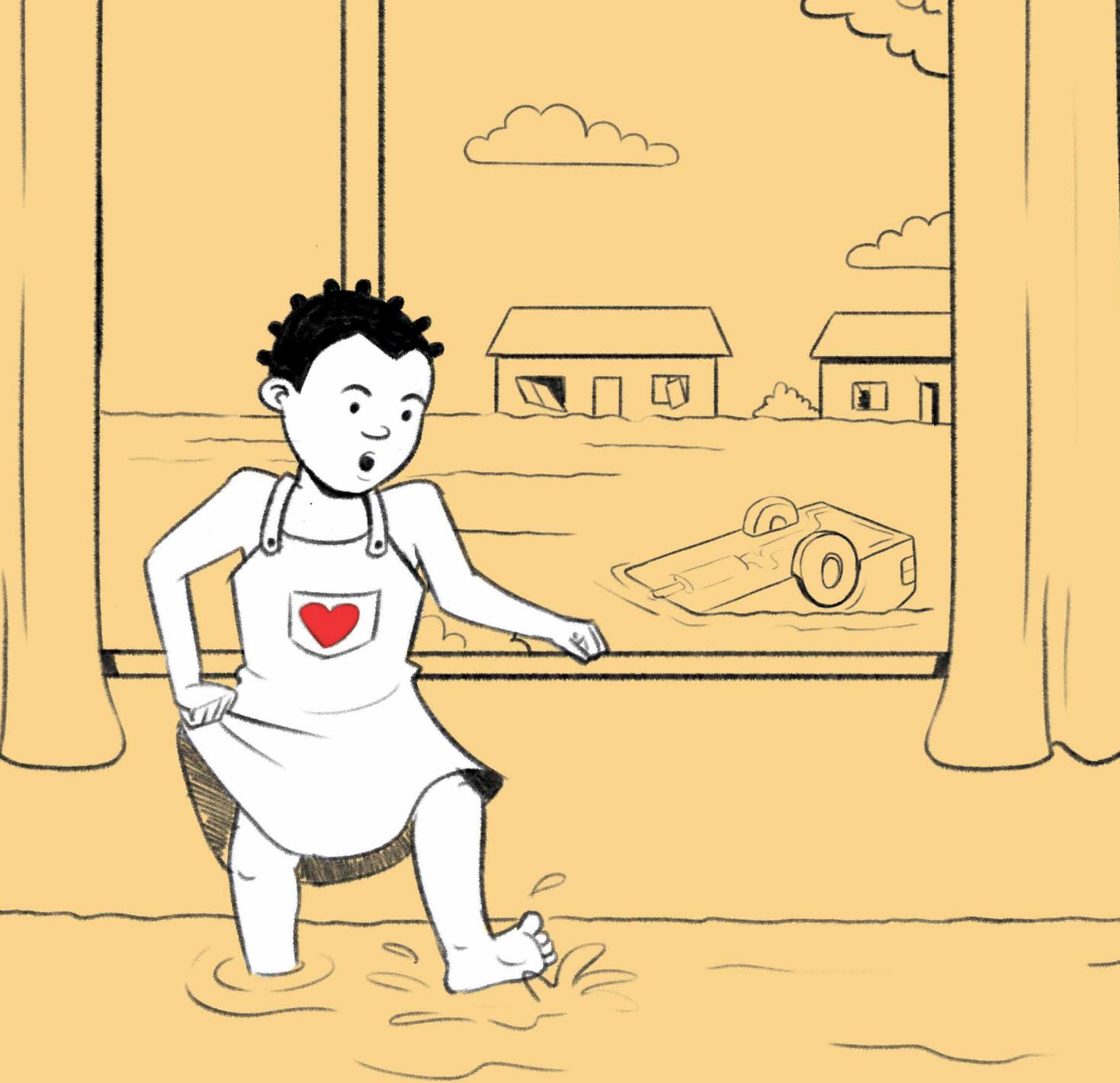


Ngenye intsasa, uMama uxelela
uZenande ukuba akazukwazi
ukudlala phandle.

UZenande ukhathazekile.

Ujonga phandle ze abone
imithi ewileyo, amanzi amaninzi
asendleleni, izindlu ezidilikileyo
neemoto ezimileyo.





Indlu yakowabo izele ngamanzi,
ezinye ifesitile zophukile kwaye
umthi awuthandayo wemengo
awukho.



“Mama, kwenzeke ntoni?”



“Bekukho isikhukula ebusuku,
umoya omkhulu kanye
neendudumo,” uyamcacisela
uMama.

“Yhoo!”
UZenande udidekile.
“Ingaba asisoze siphinde siphume
phandle ke ngoku?”



“Owu, hayi mntanam,” utsho
ehleka uMama.

“Ungaya phandle ngoku,
kukhuselekile. Masihambe siye
kunceda uGogo uZondi!”



UMama noZenande bawela indlela
baya kubona uGogo uZondi.

Kubonakala uvuyo ebusweni bakhe.



Abamelwane sele bekorobha
phantsi, bonekela uGogo uZondi,
iimpahla neengubo, phandle.



“Ndikuphathele iiswiti, Gogo,”
utsho uZenande.

“Uyintombazana ekhethekileyo.”
UGogo uZondi uncumile.



“Uncedo lwenu lundenze
ndaziva ngcono kakhulu,”
utshilo uGogo Zondi.

“Nam ndiziva ngcono
ndikwazile ukukunceda, Gogo!”
utsho encumile uZenande.



