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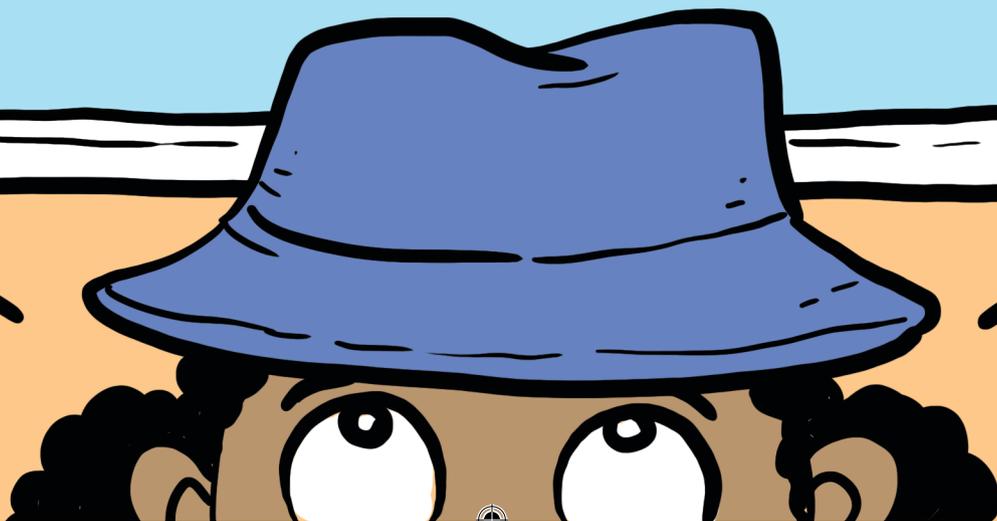
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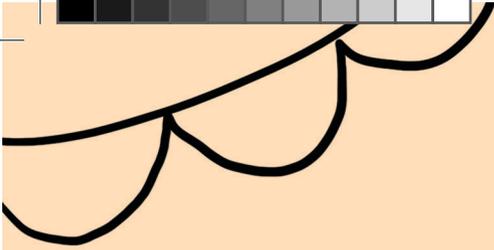


**"Hey, Dudu,"** Dumisani says.

**"I bet you can't throw  
your hat through  
that window."**



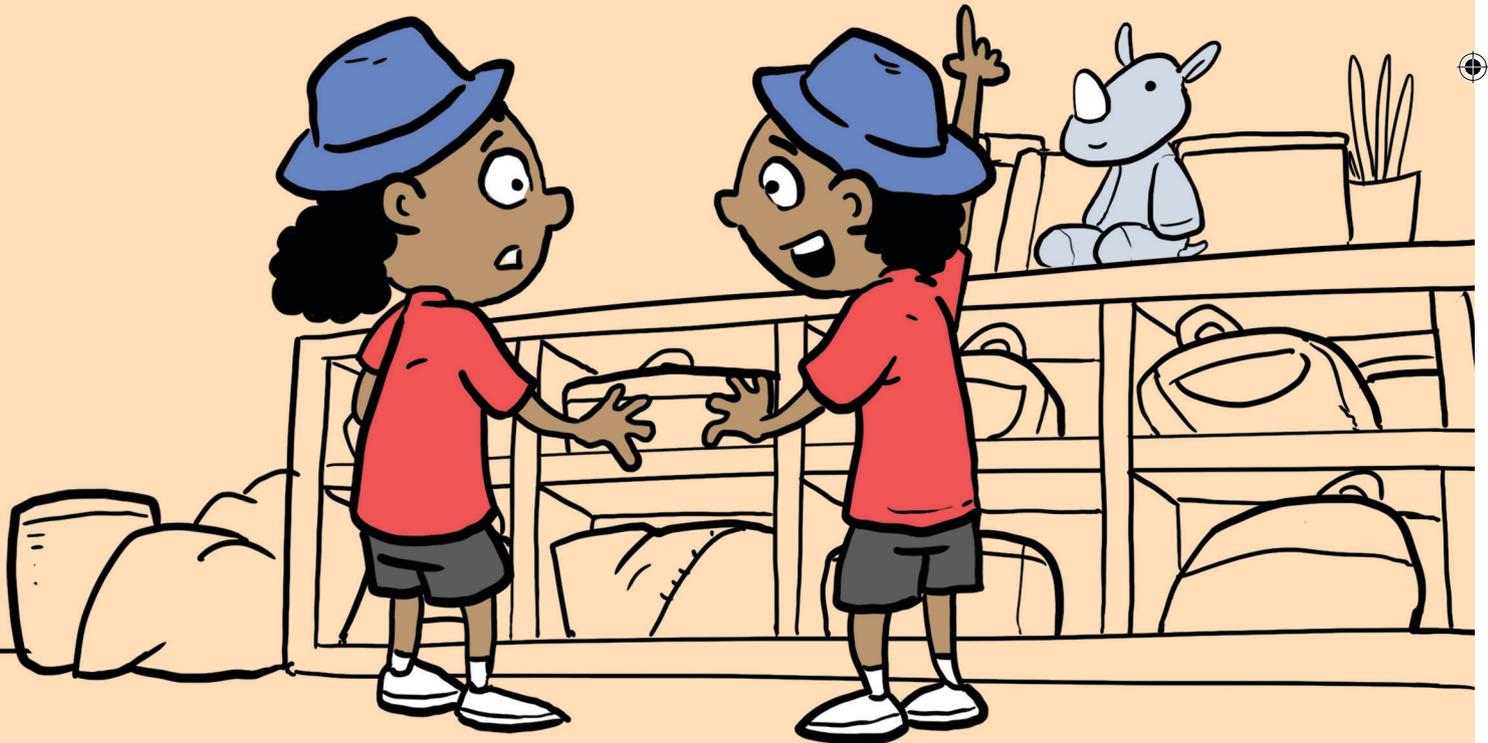
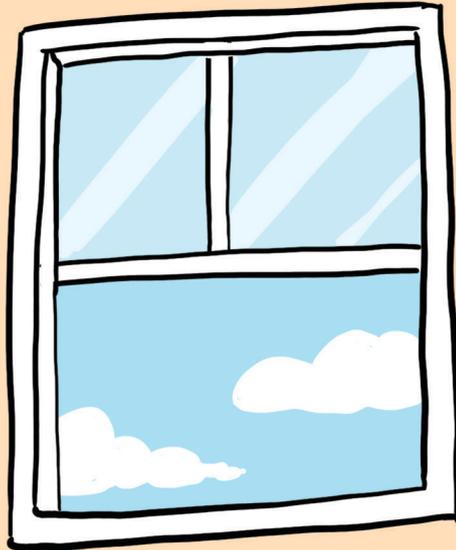
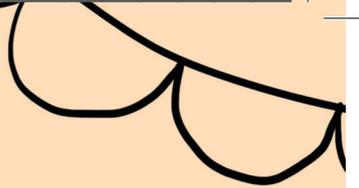




Dudu looks up at the open window.

It's so high up the classroom wall,  
she can't see what's on the other side.

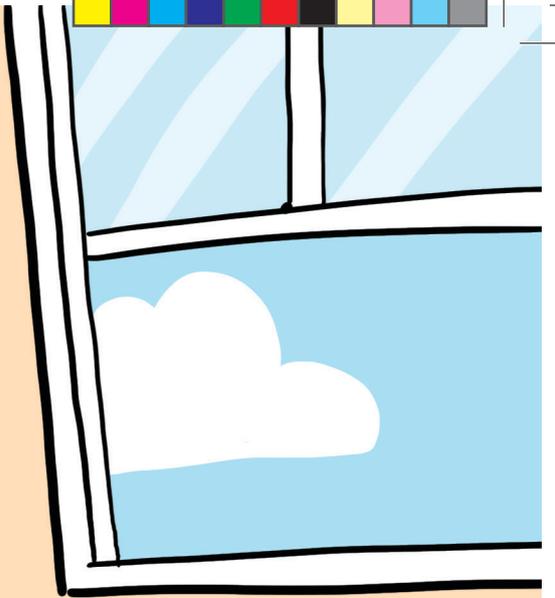




"OK," says Dudu.  
**"I'll count to three."**

They take their hats off  
and stand ready.





"One..." says Dudu slowly,

**"two"...**

**"THREE!"**



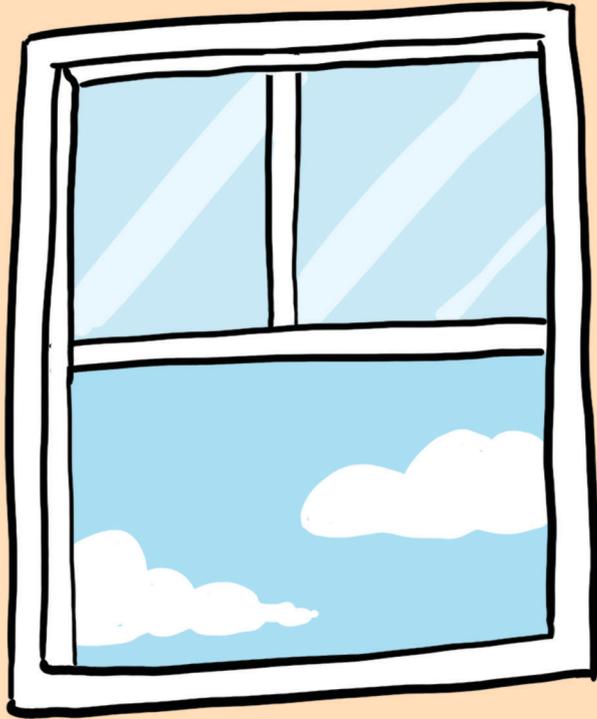


Dudu and Dumisani throw their hats  
towards the window.

Dudu's hat lands softly against the  
wall and slides down onto the shelf  
underneath.

But Dumisani's hat gets close.  
It hits the windowsill and rebounds,  
turning three times in the air before  
coming to rest on the head of  
the stuffed rhino below.





Dudu and Dumisani laugh so hard,  
Dudu has to hold her tummy.



**"Again!"**

she says.



The friends fetch their hats,  
and Dumisani counts,  
**"One, two, three!"**

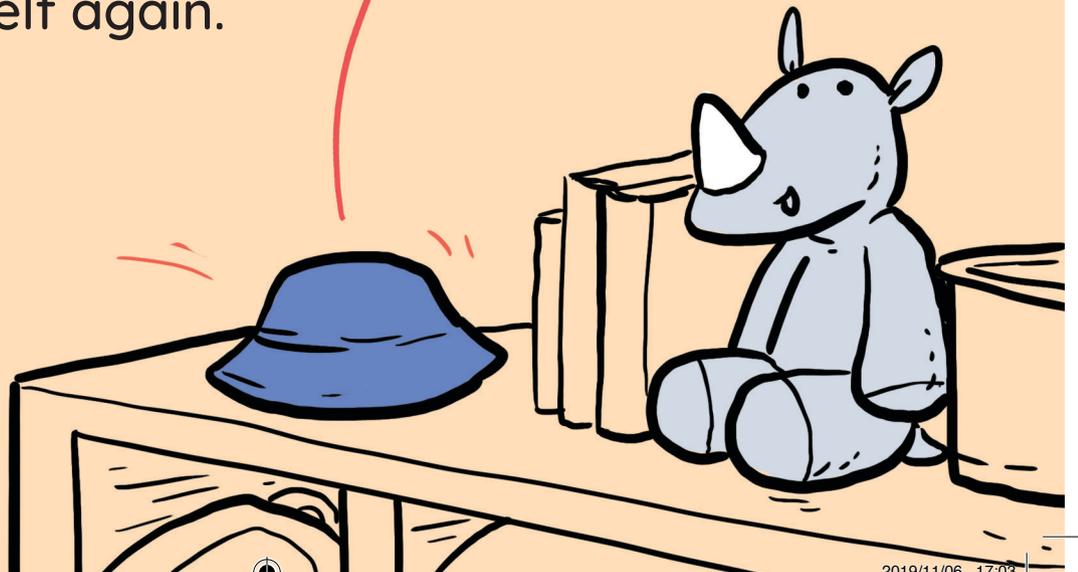
Dumisani's hat sails through the air,  
makes it past the windowsill,  
bumps against the frame  
and falls through the window.

**"YES!"** he shouts.





Dudu's hat is on the shelf again.





**"Do it again,"**

Dumisani says to Dudu.  
Dudu gets her hat, balls it up in her hand  
and squints at the window.

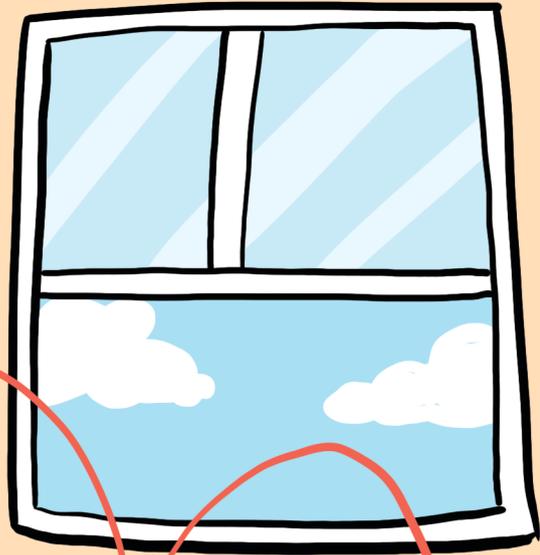
**"One, two, three,"**

says Dumisani, and Dudu throws.  
But her hat bounces off the windowsill  
and slides down the wall again.





**"Again"**  
says Dumisani.

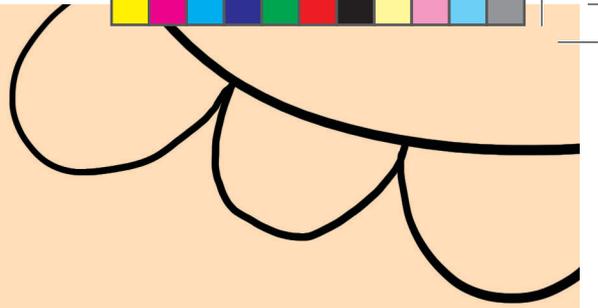


“Uh uh,” says Dudu.

**“Let’s go outside  
to the swings.”**

She fetches her hat  
and puts it firmly  
on her head.





**"Ah, please, Dudu?"**  
says Dumisani.

**"Here, I'll help you."**



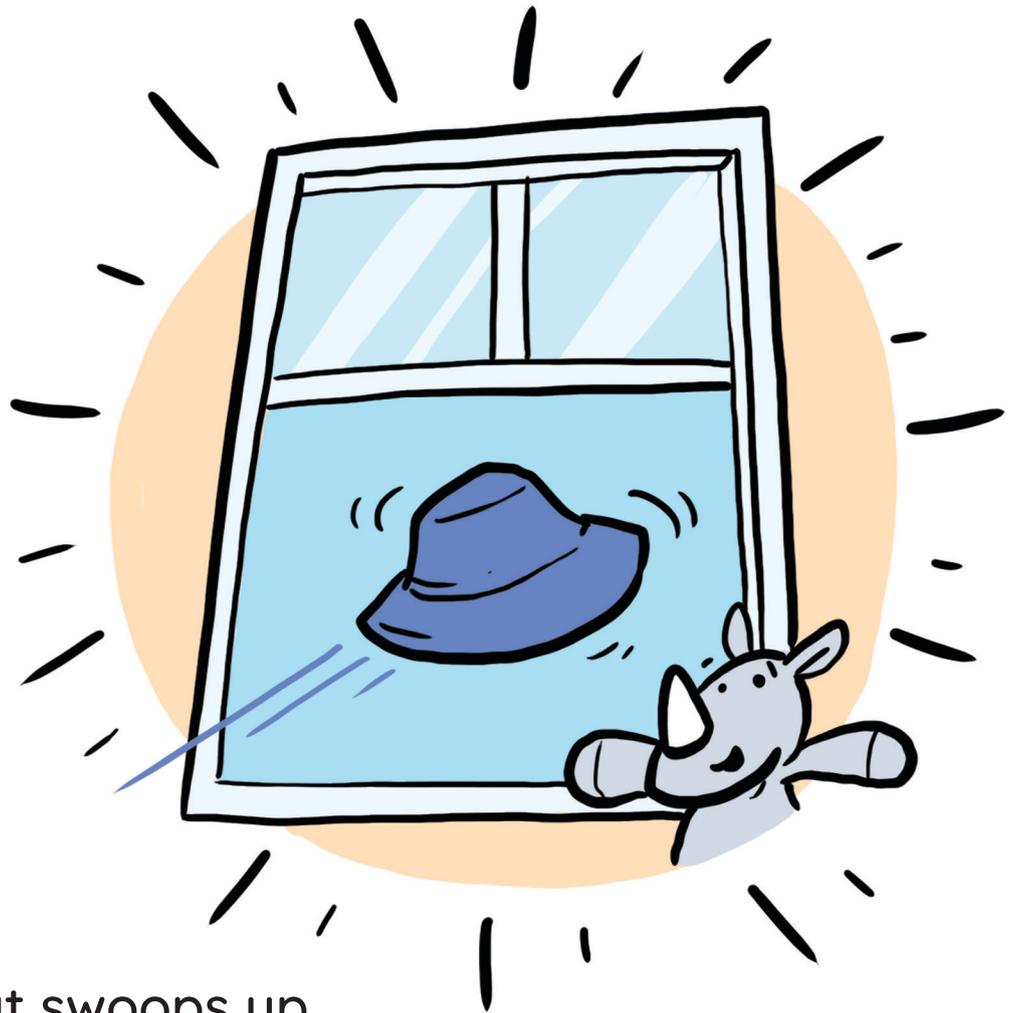


He takes Dudu's hat  
from her head,  
balls it up, and puts it  
in her hand.

**"Point your other  
hand at the window,"**  
he says.

**"Now throw from  
your shoulder."**  
Dudu takes a deep  
breath and throws.





Her hat swoops up,  
opens like a gliding bird,  
flies through the window,  
and disappears.



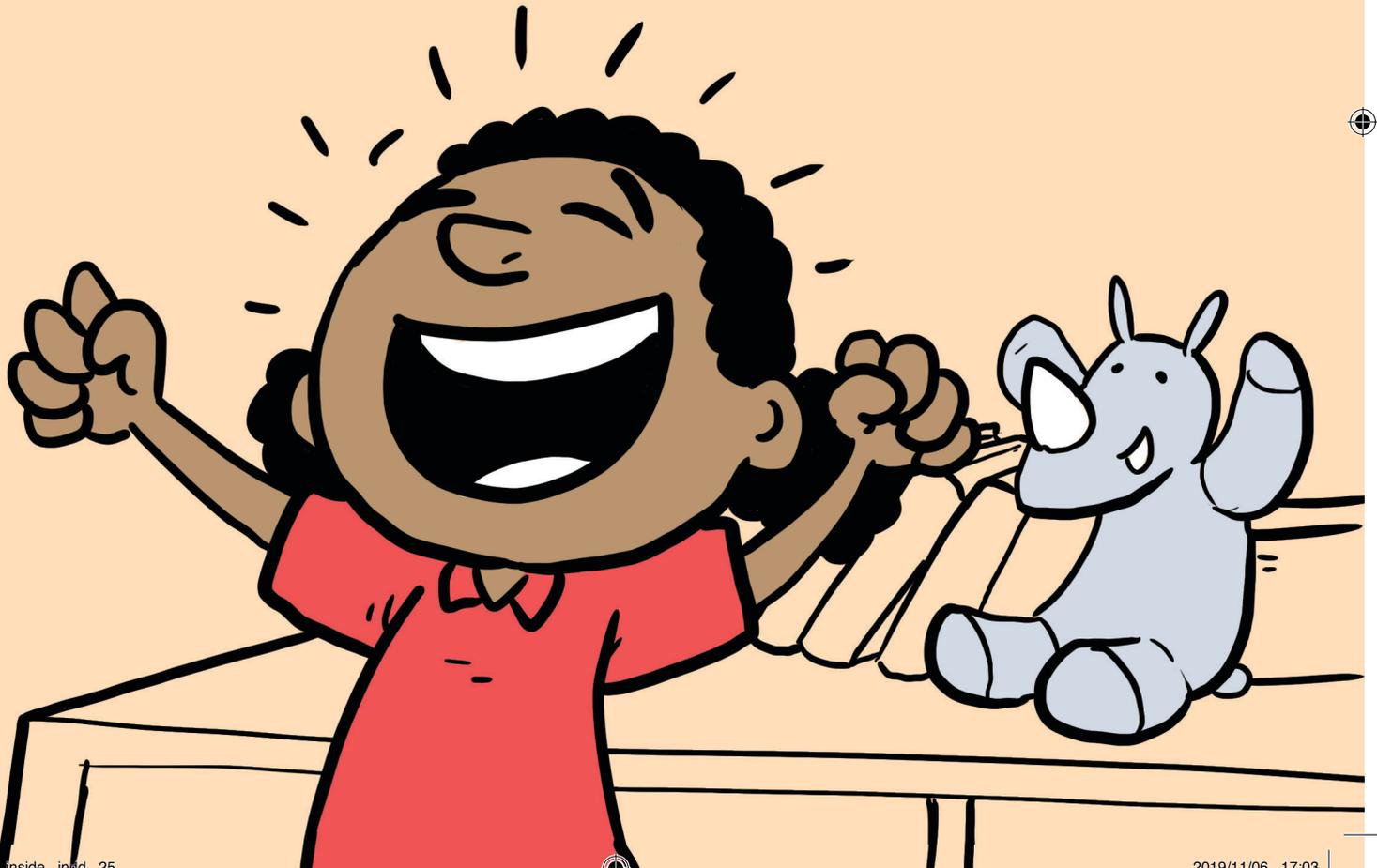


**"Yes!"**





Dudu and Dumisani shout,  
lifting their arms in victory.

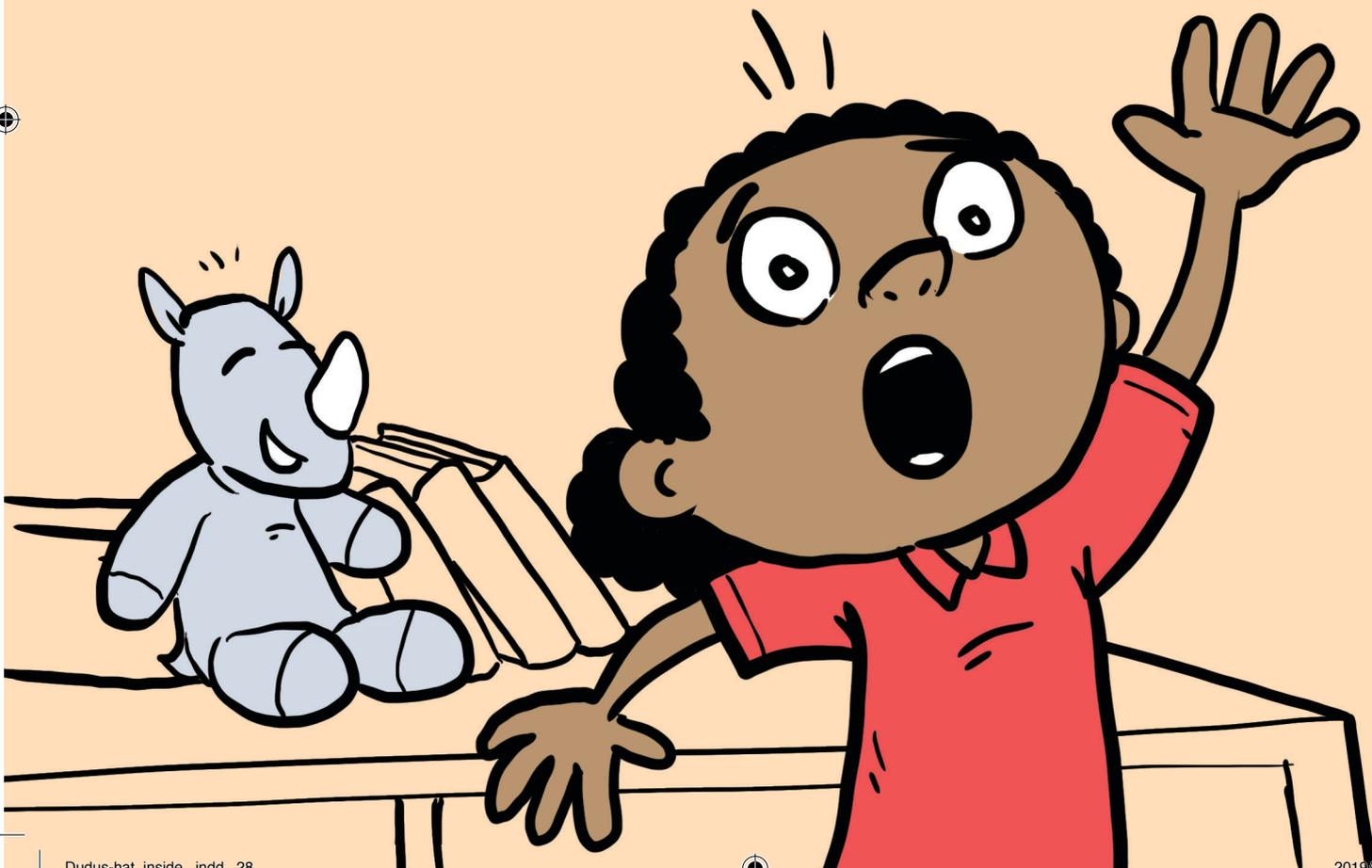


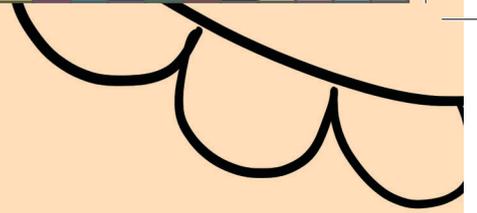




**"TEACHER!"**

Dudu shouts to Teacher Lethabo.





**"Our hats  
fell out  
the window!"**

