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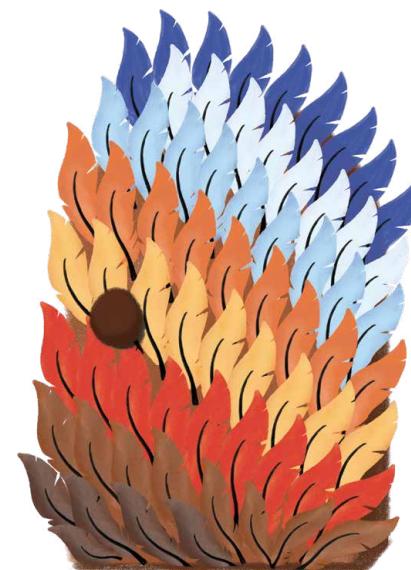
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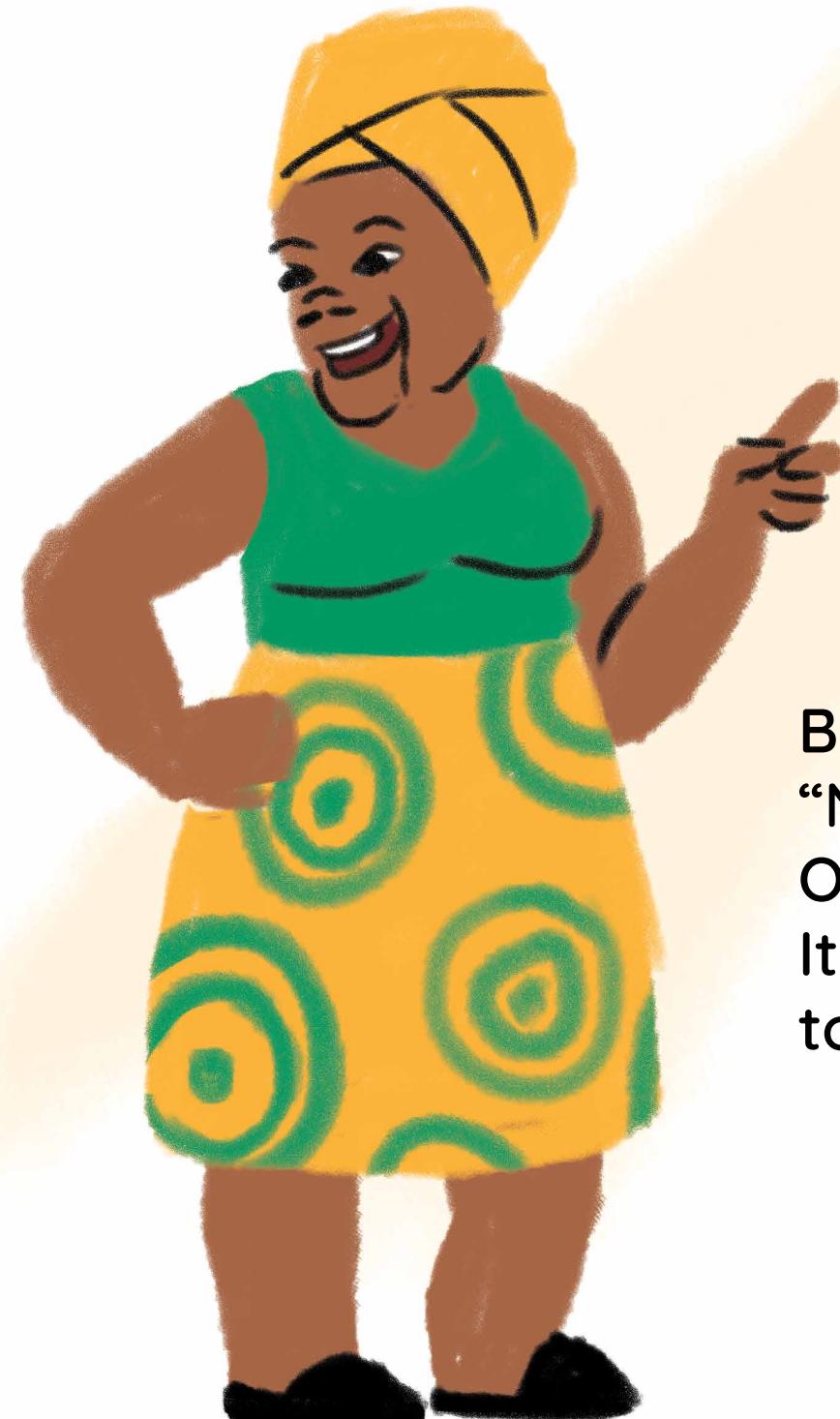
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Olwethu wants to play pretend.

“I want to fly like a bird, swim like a mermaid, roar like a lion,” she tells Gogo.



But Gogo says,
“Not now,
Olwethu.
It’s time to go
to school.”

STOMP! STOMP!

Olwethu's feet go as she walks slowly to school.

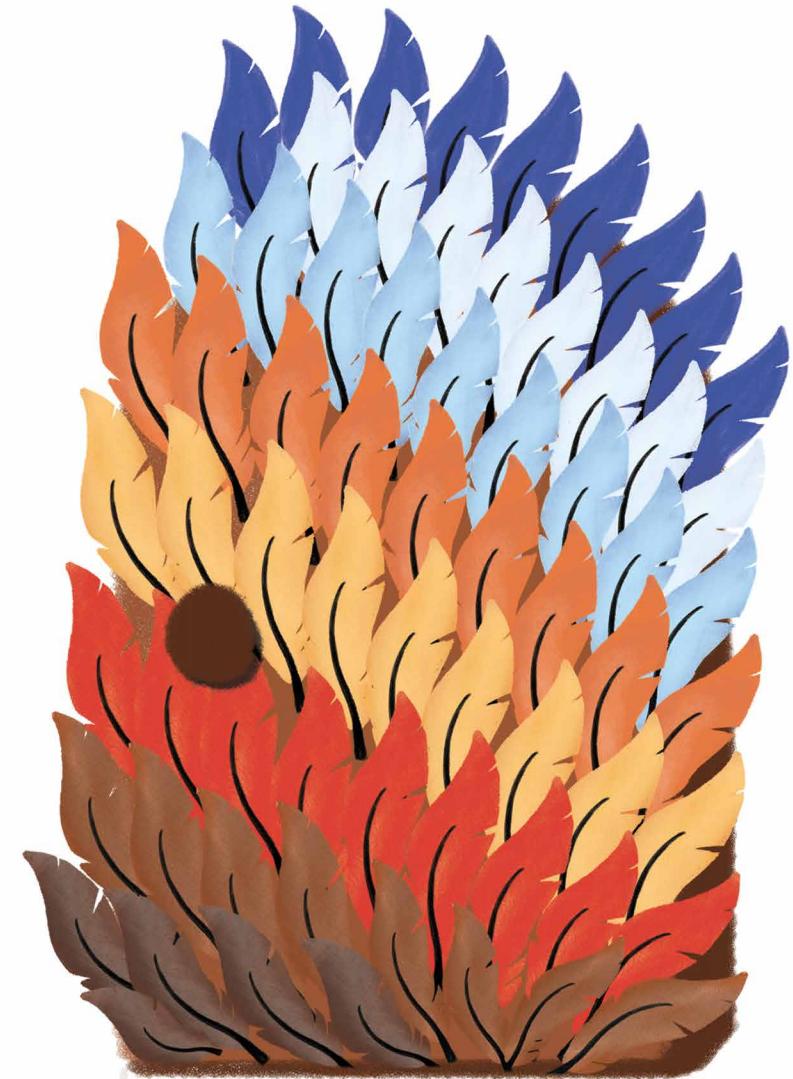


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what
is *this*?

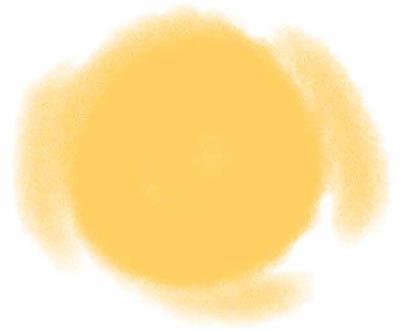


There's a door,
covered in
feathers.

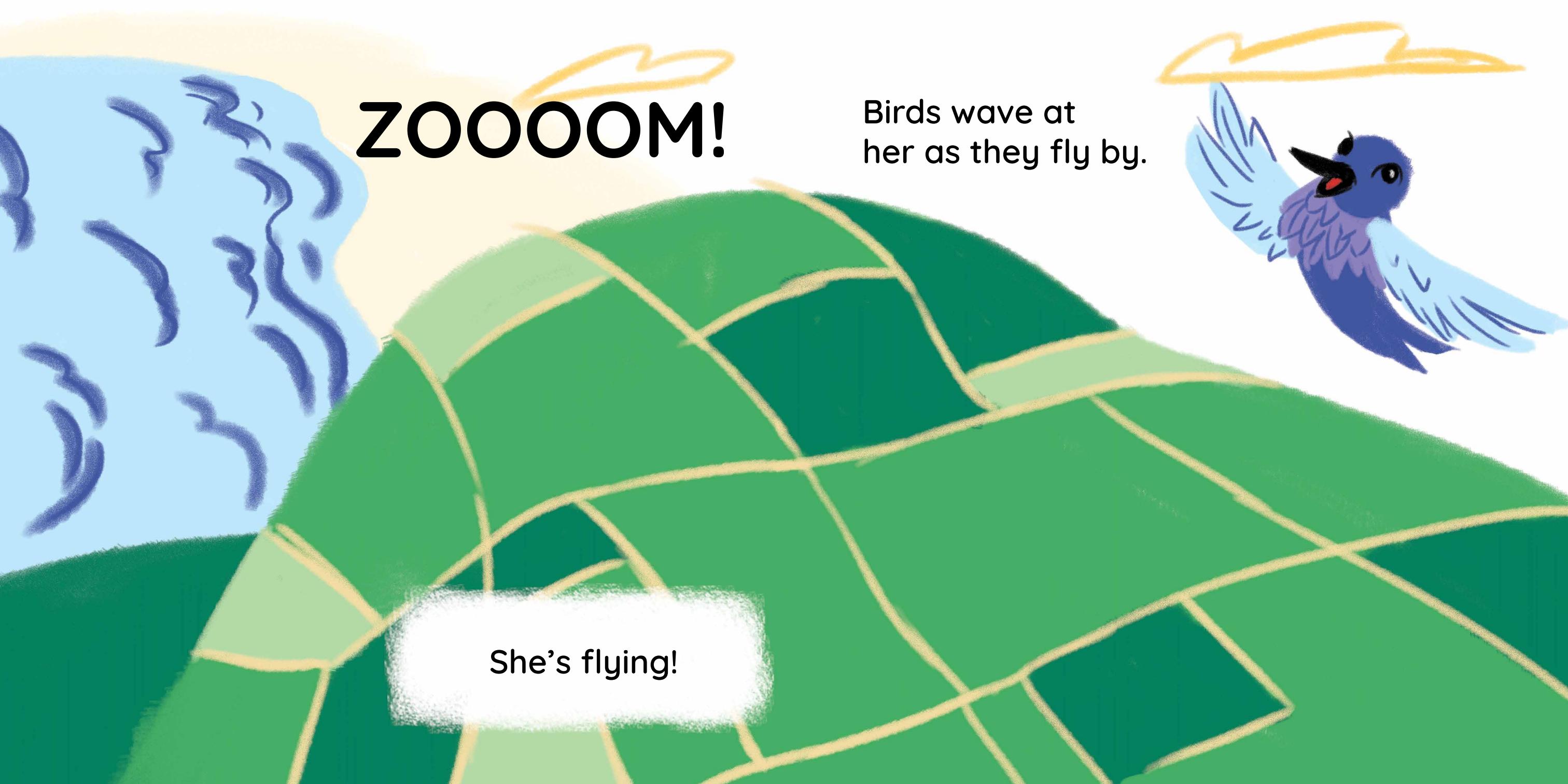
Olwethu walks
up to it and...



WHOOSH!



Olwethu is a bird in the sky!



ZOOOOM!

Birds wave at
her as they fly by.

She's flying!

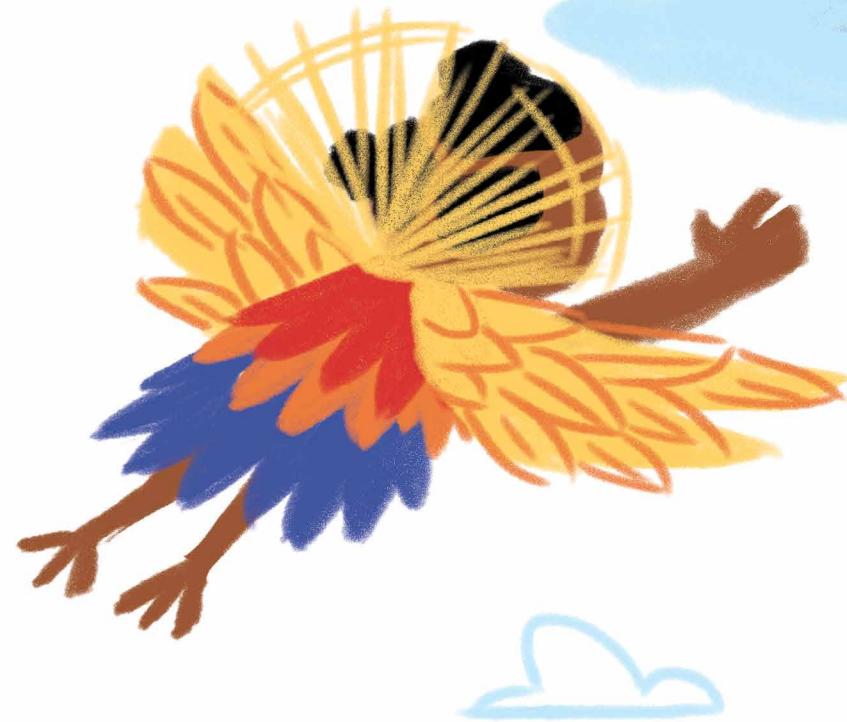


But what is *this*?

There's another door,
covered in scales.



FLAP!
FLAP!



She flies over,
touches the
door and...

SPLISH! SPLOSH!

Olwethu is
a mermaid in
the ocean!

The fish smile at her
as she swims by.



But what is *this*?

There's another door, shining bright
like the sun.



She swims over, and...



“GRRRRRRRRR!”



Olwethu is a lion in
the savannah.

She opens her
mouth and...



“ROOOAAARRR!”

Her voice is loud and powerful.
But what is *this*?

There’s another
door, covered
with photos of
her friends.

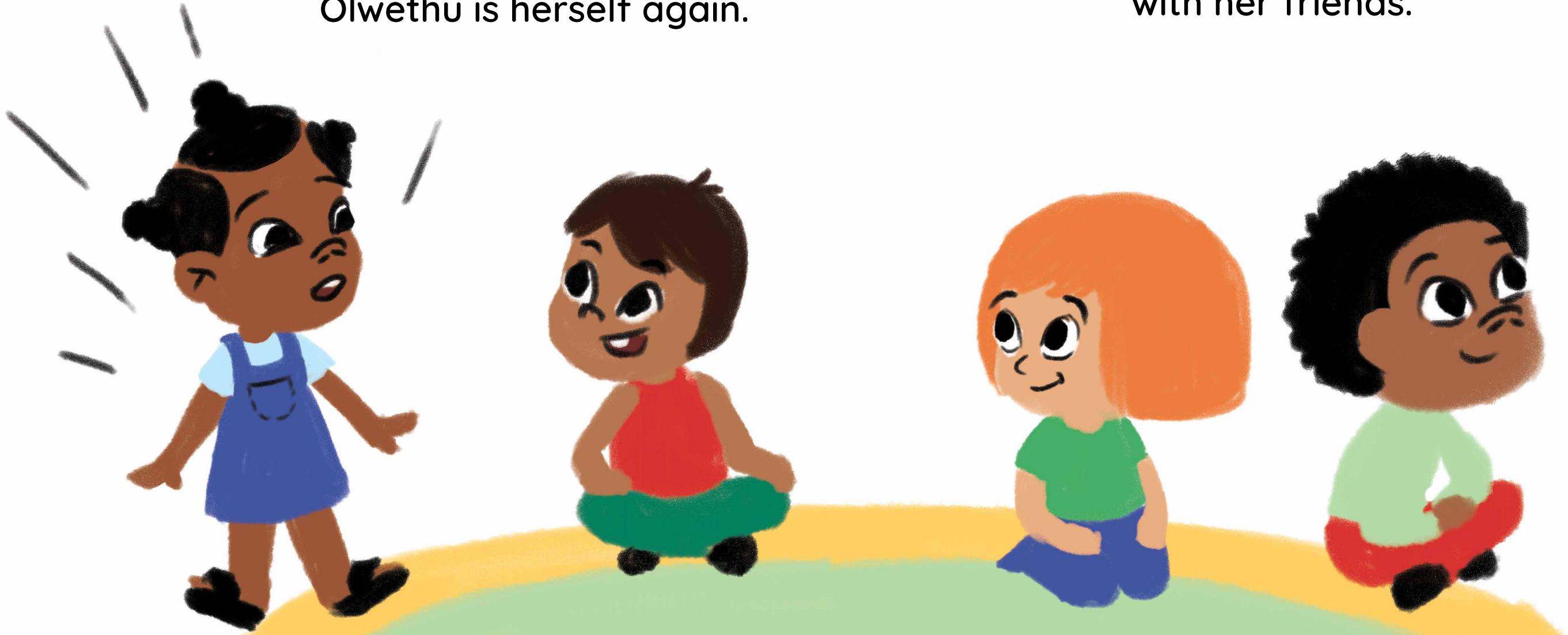
She prowls
over, holds
up her paw,
and...



WHIZZ!

Olwethu is herself again.

She's in her classroom
with her friends.



Teacher Songelwa says,

“HMMMMMM...”

...where have
you been,
Olwethu?”





“WOW!

Teacher, I’ve been everywhere!”



