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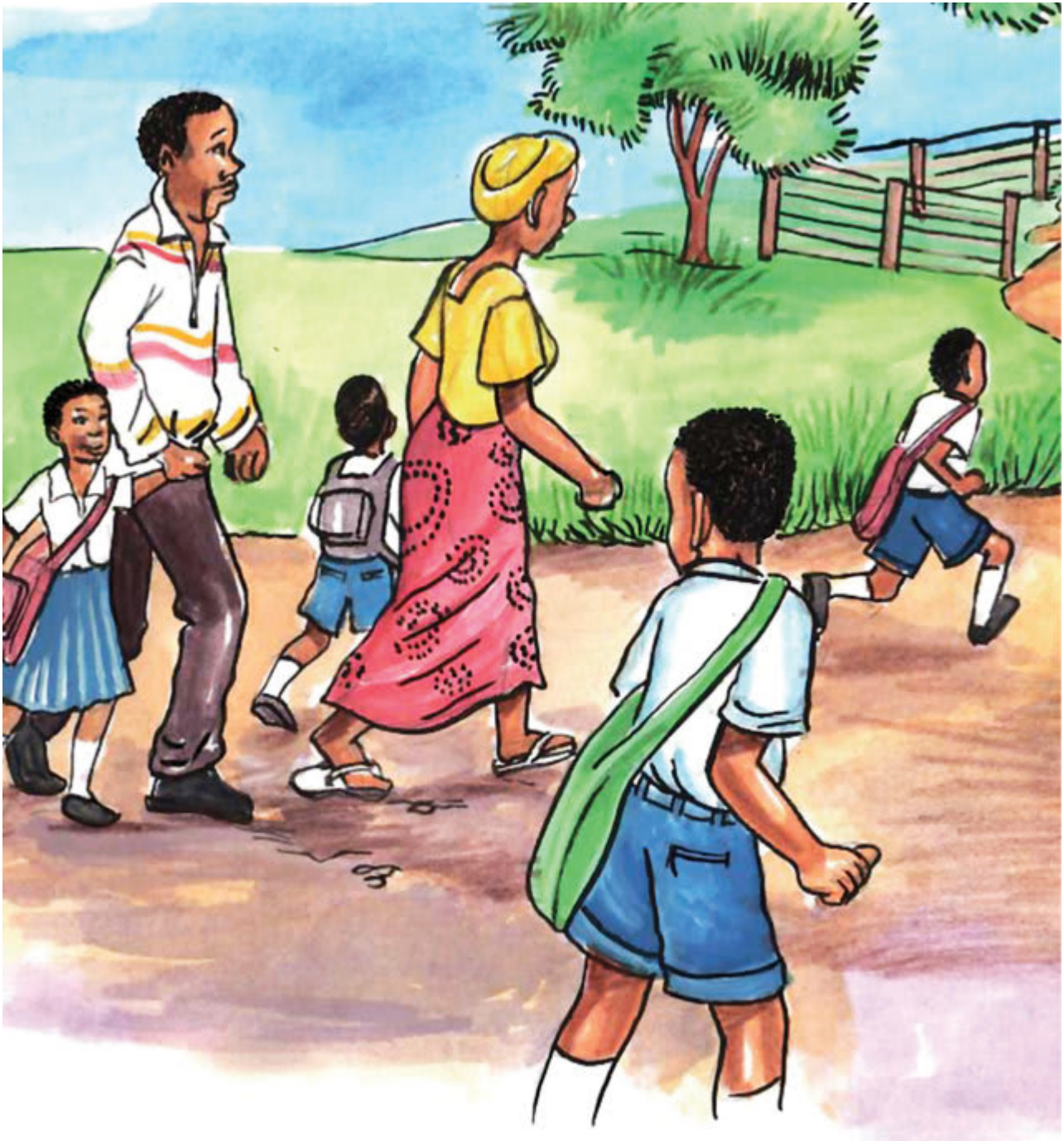
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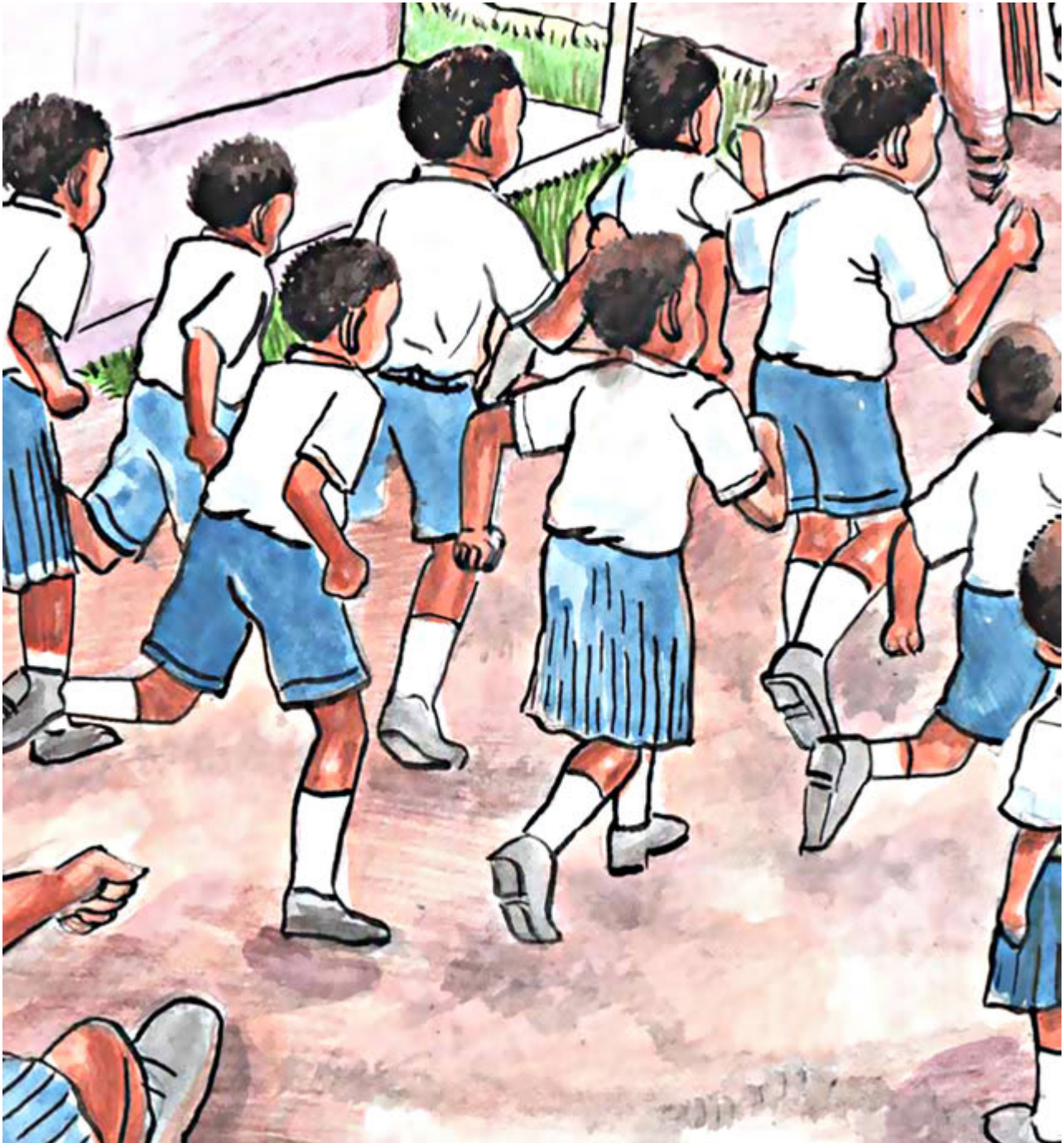
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My name is Sesi. I am six years old. I am a new student at Manyinga Primary School.



My first day at school was exciting. I got up early in the morning. My father took me to school. On the way there were many other students. Some were with their parents.



I heard the bell ringing, “Gong! Gong! Gong!” Other students started running.



Each student took his or her place in a line. I ran and joined the others. When I looked at the other students, I felt very small. They seemed much older than me.



An older girl took me by the hand to where students of my age were gathered. I was with the wrong class!



As I stood in line with the students my age, I heard someone yell, "Madam, this boy has wet his shorts!" We all turned back. I saw a little boy holding his shorts, looking sad.



Both his legs were wet. His eyes were wet with tears. An older boy came and took him by the hand to get help.



Then a teacher showed us our classroom. It was large and clean.



One student came in late. He was holding his shoes. The teacher asked why. He said that his mother had taught him to always take off his shoes before stepping into a room. We all laughed.



The bell rang again, “Gong! Gong! Gong!”
We rushed outside and stood in lines. A teacher came to us and told us that it was break time. There was no need to stand in lines. It was time to play!



After a short while, the bell rang again. All other students were rushing into their classrooms. I was confused, I did not know where to go. I had forgotten my classroom!



I saw a classroom in front of me and stepped inside. Two other students followed me. None of us knew where to go.



One of the students who was with me started crying. An older girl asked him what was wrong. He replied that he wanted to see his mother. Some of the other students laughed, but some wanted to help.



One of the older girls took us to our classroom. Our teacher told us that soon it would be time to go home, and we should wait for our parents to pick us up from the classroom.



The bell rang again, “Gong! Gong! Gong!” We were happy to see our parents waiting for us outside.



After dinner, my father and mother asked me what my day at school had been like. I told them about how we lost our classroom. They laughed and said I should listen carefully to the teachers.



That night, I couldn't sleep. The night was long and I was eager to start my second day of school.



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