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Keep safe, kids

Pre-reading questions

Which places are safe for children to play?

New words

Bored – I am so bored I feel like I have nothing to do.

Carpark – Mom parks her car in the car park.

High – It is hard to climb over a high wall.

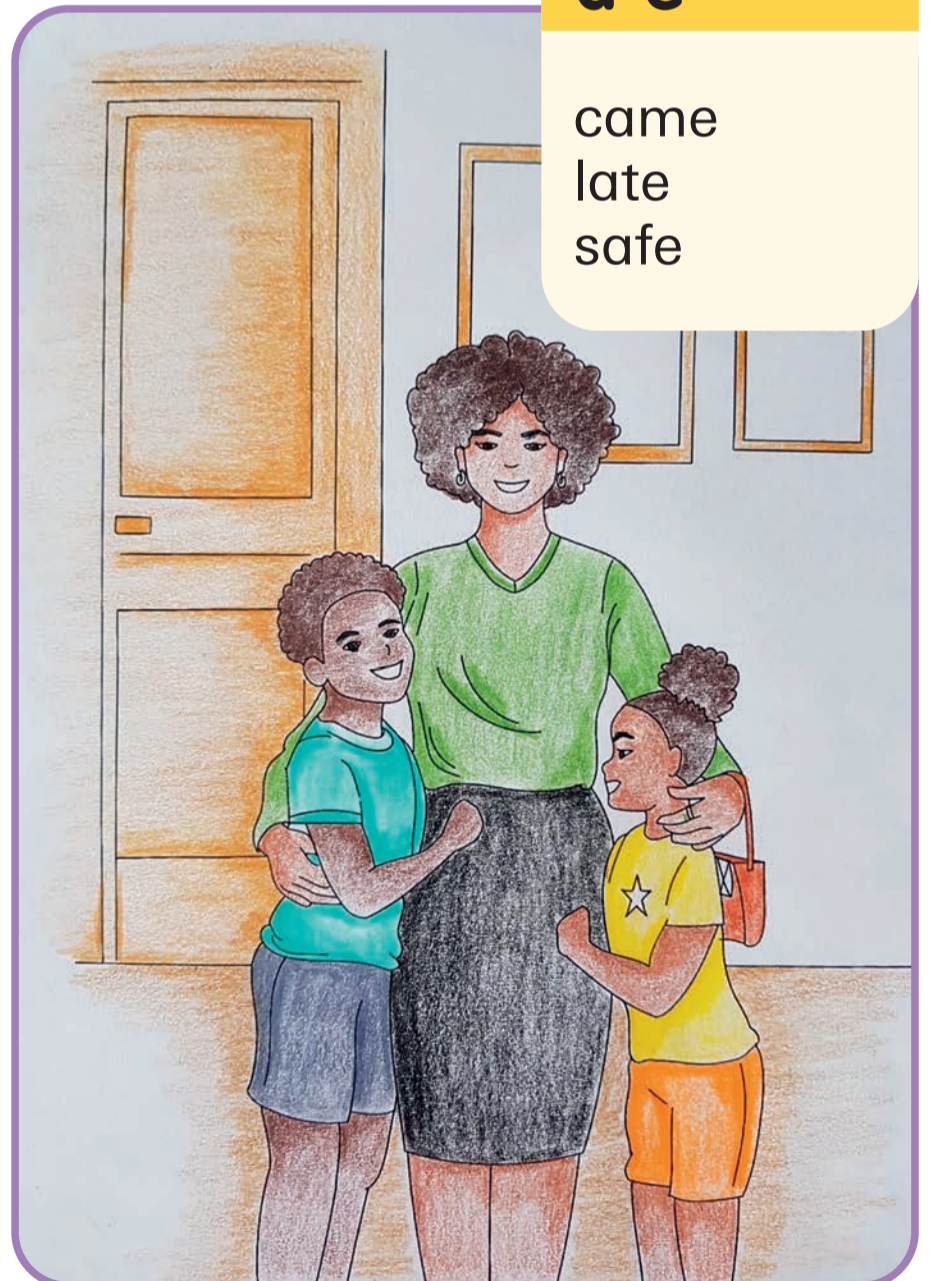
Ambulance – The ambulance took Sandi to the hospital when she broke her arm.

Injured – I injured myself during netball training.

Njabulo and her brother, Themba, were bored at home. It was the summer holidays and they were missing their friends. Every day their mom went very early to work and came home late.

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Mom closed the gate and said, “Goodbye! And keep safe, dear kids.”

Njabulo hung up all the washing and Themba did the dishes.

“It’s loadshedding again. No television and wi-fi today. I’m bored!” said Njabulo.

“Don’t go to the shops!

I will tell Mom,” said Themba.

“Then let’s play soccer with Fred in the car park,” said Njabulo.

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Fred was alone at home because his grandmother had gone to the clinic.

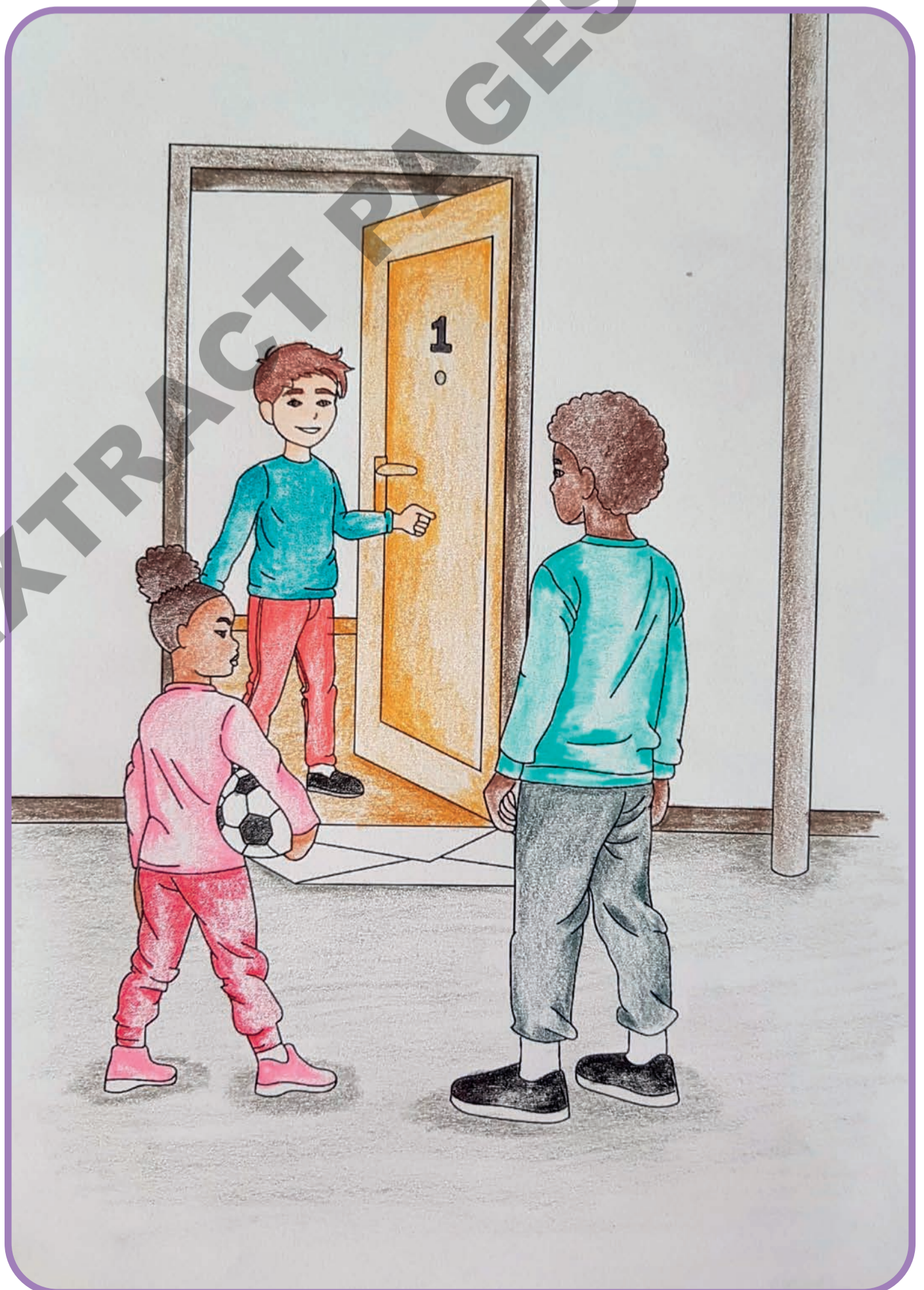
So, they both went to Fred's house and knocked on the door.

"Hi, Fred, come play with us!" they both screamed.

"Okay! I'm coming to play soccer in the car park," said Fred.

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They used big bins for goalposts and Themba had the ball.

They had such fun, dribbling and kicking goals.

“Hey, Njabulo! Look, now you kicked the ball over the high wall. You know it’s my birthday present from Dad,” shouted Themba.

“Ok, let’s look for Uncle Siphos ladder,” said Fred.

They looked for ladders everywhere and found one in the shed.

Together, Fred and Njabulo carried the big, long ladder.

“Yippee, you and Fred can get my special ball now!” Themba shouted.

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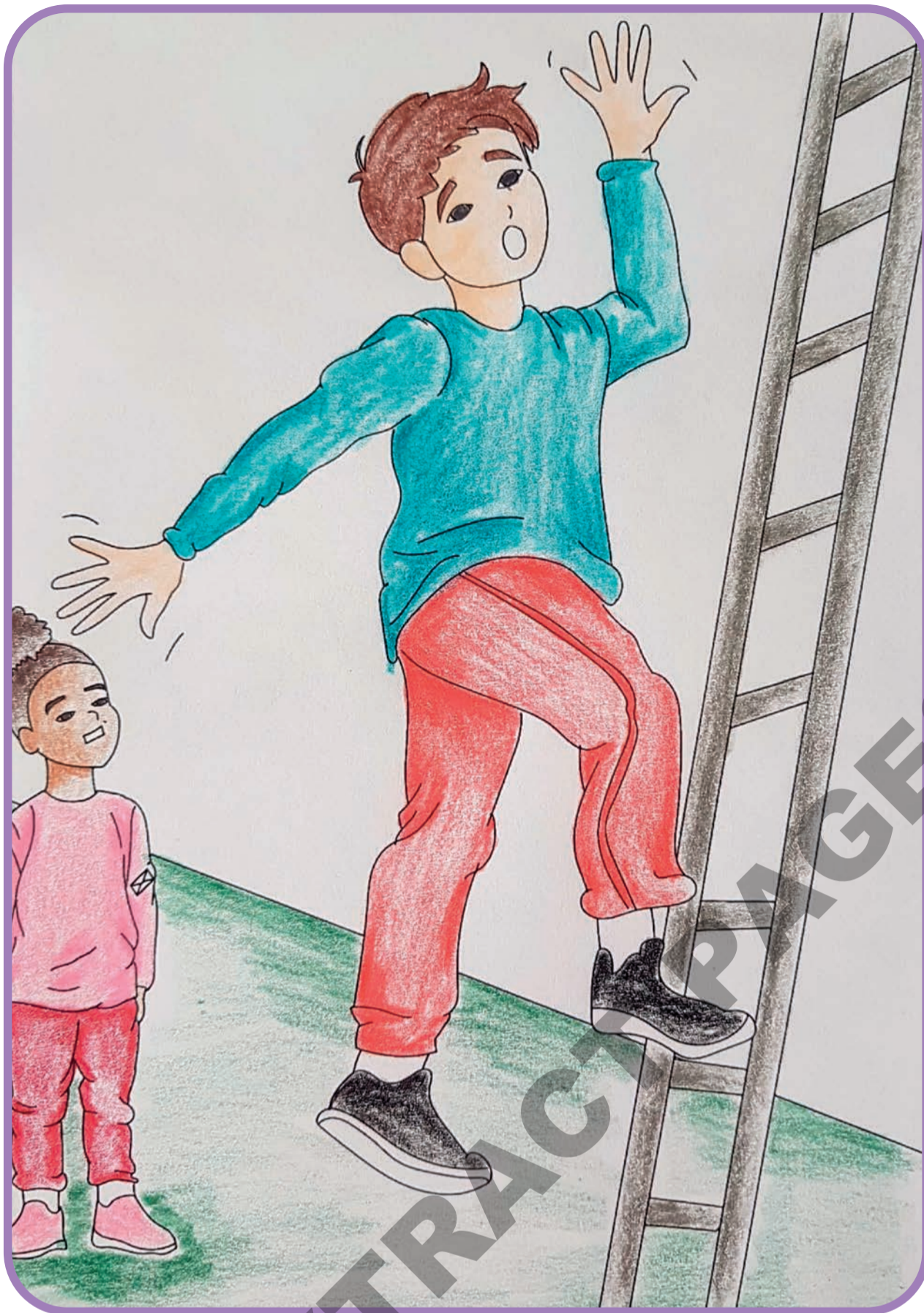


“Who will climb up the ladder?
My foot hurts. Please go up Fred,
you are the eldest,” said Themba.
Fred stared at his friends. He did
not want to climb up the ladder
but he was worried that Njabulo and
Themba might stop playing with him if he
refused.

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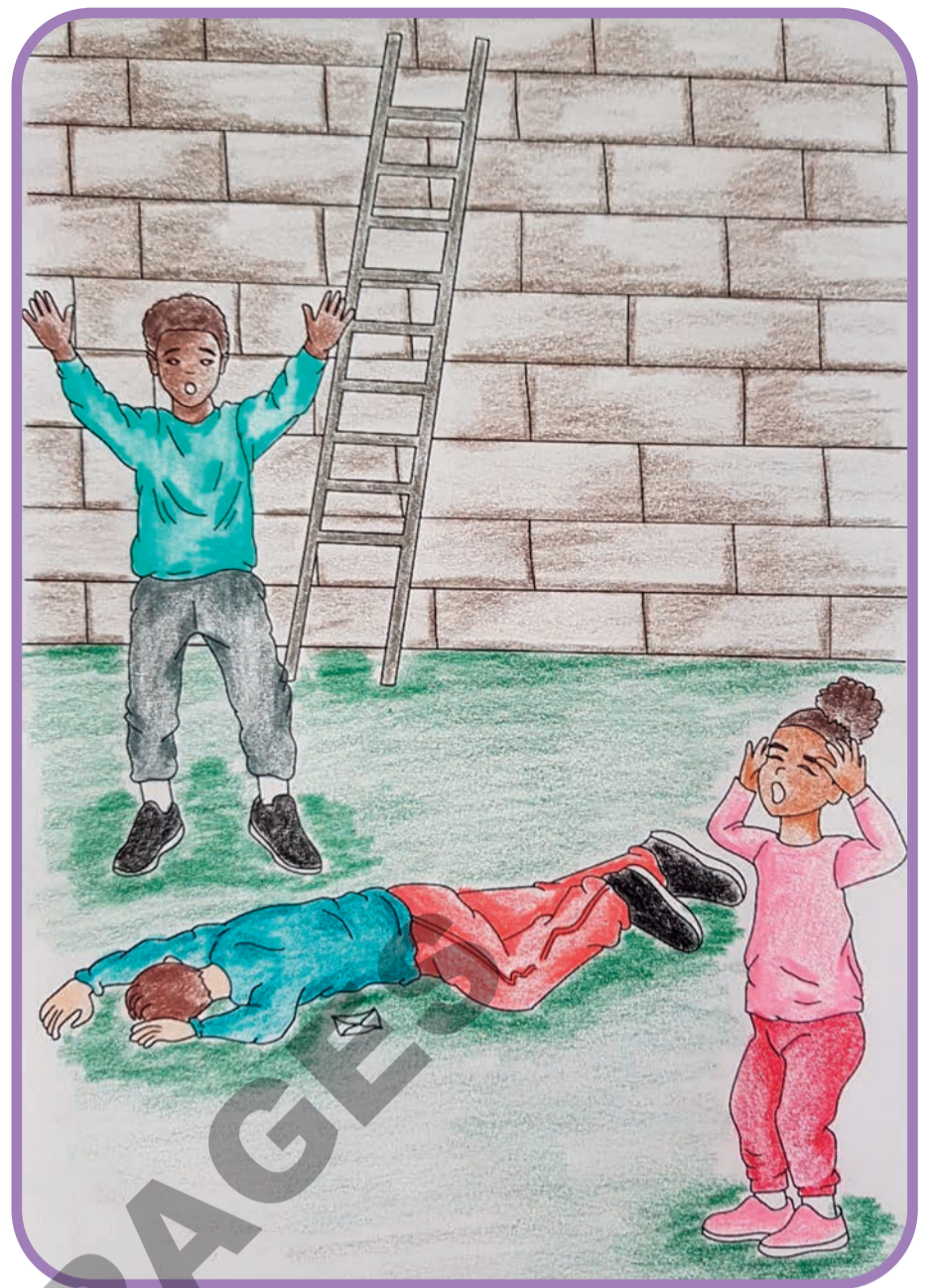
Slowly he climbed up, step by step. Then, suddenly, there was a thud! Fred fell from the ladder and lay on the ground. He lay very still and was bleeding. “Help! Help! Help! Can anybody help us, please!” Njabulo screamed. “Fred is bleeding! Please, someone, call an ambulance!” shouted Themba.

“Help, Uncle Siphho!
Save Fred, please!
Call the ambulance!”
shouted Njabulo.
Uncle Siphho and Mrs
Adam came running
to the car park.

“Fred! Are you
alright?” asked Uncle
Siphho.

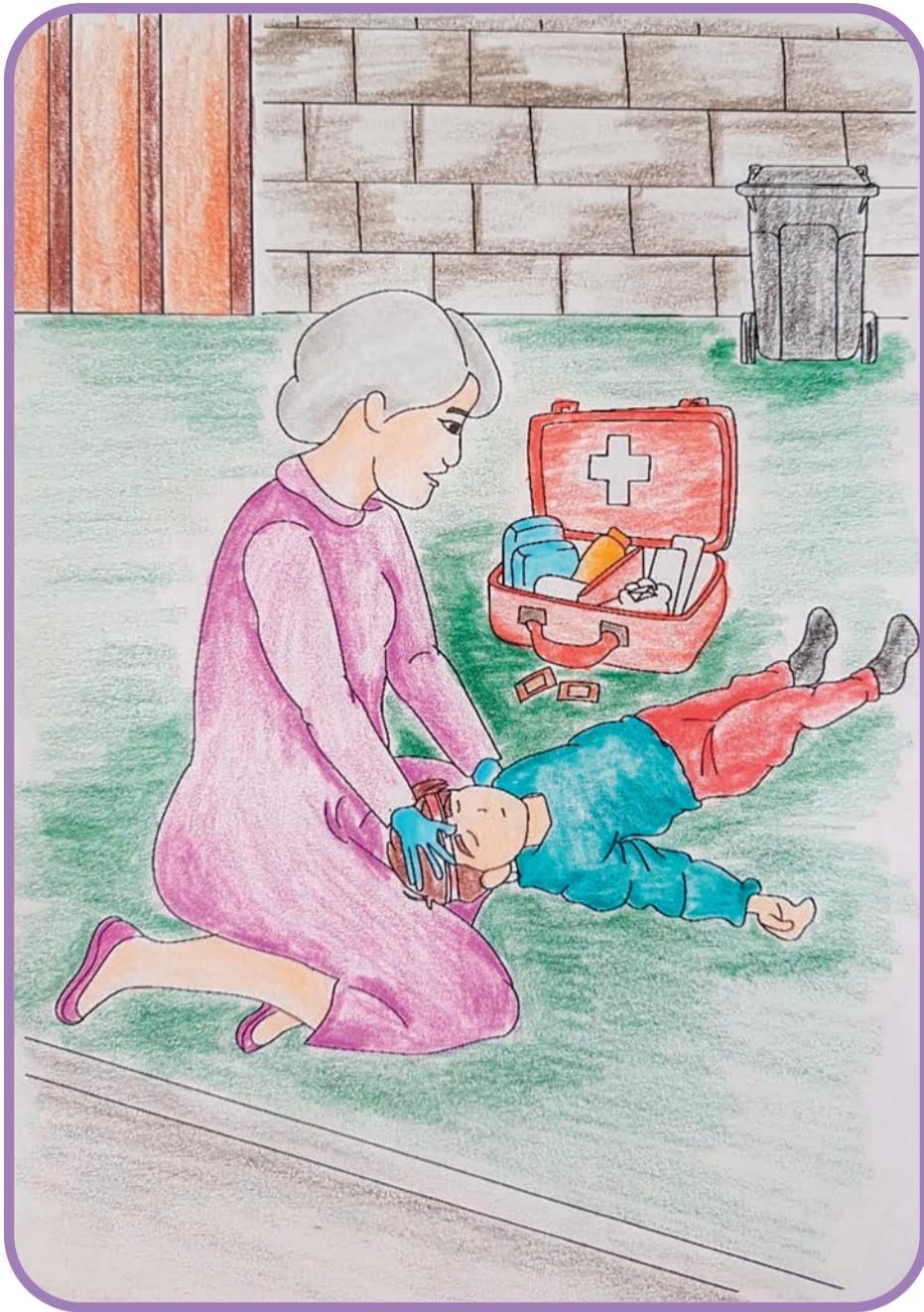
Then he looked at the
children. “What were you doing with my
ladder?” he

demanded angrily.
“And why were you
playing in the car
park?” shouted Mrs
Adam. “It’s
dangerous!”



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Mrs Adam
wiped the
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from Fred's
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his head.

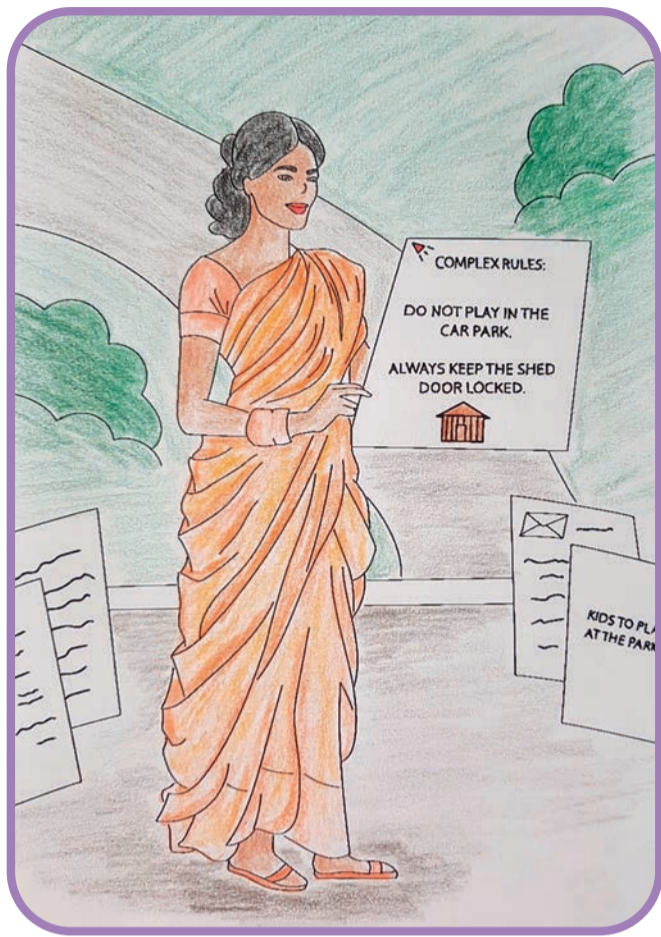
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“That’s the
ambulance sound,
Wee-woo, Wee-woo!”
shouted Themba and
Njabulo.

The medics put the
injured Fred on a
stretcher and into
the ambulance.
Then they drove him
to the hospital.





“Don’t be cross with the children. Let’s make safety signs,” said Mrs May.

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The parents needed to make sure that where they lived was safe for the children. They made the signs and stuck them to

the building. The signs said: “Children are not allowed to play in the car park.” Njabulo and Themba’s parents visited Fred in hospital. They even took him a teddy bear!



Post-reading questions

1. What did Njabulo and Themba decide to go and do because they were bored?
2. Was their plan to get the soccer ball successful?
3. What would you have done to get the soccer ball without anyone getting hurt?