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Story 1: Going camping

Jannie and Themba were best friends who loved the bush.

One day, their dads decided to take them on a camping trip. They packed everything they needed: torches, snacks, books, food, sleeping bags, pillows, warm jackets. They didn't take a tent because they planned to sleep in a cave that Themba's dad knew about.

They couldn't wait to have fun in the great outdoors!



Look at what Jannie and Themba are packing for their camping trip. What will they use the items for?



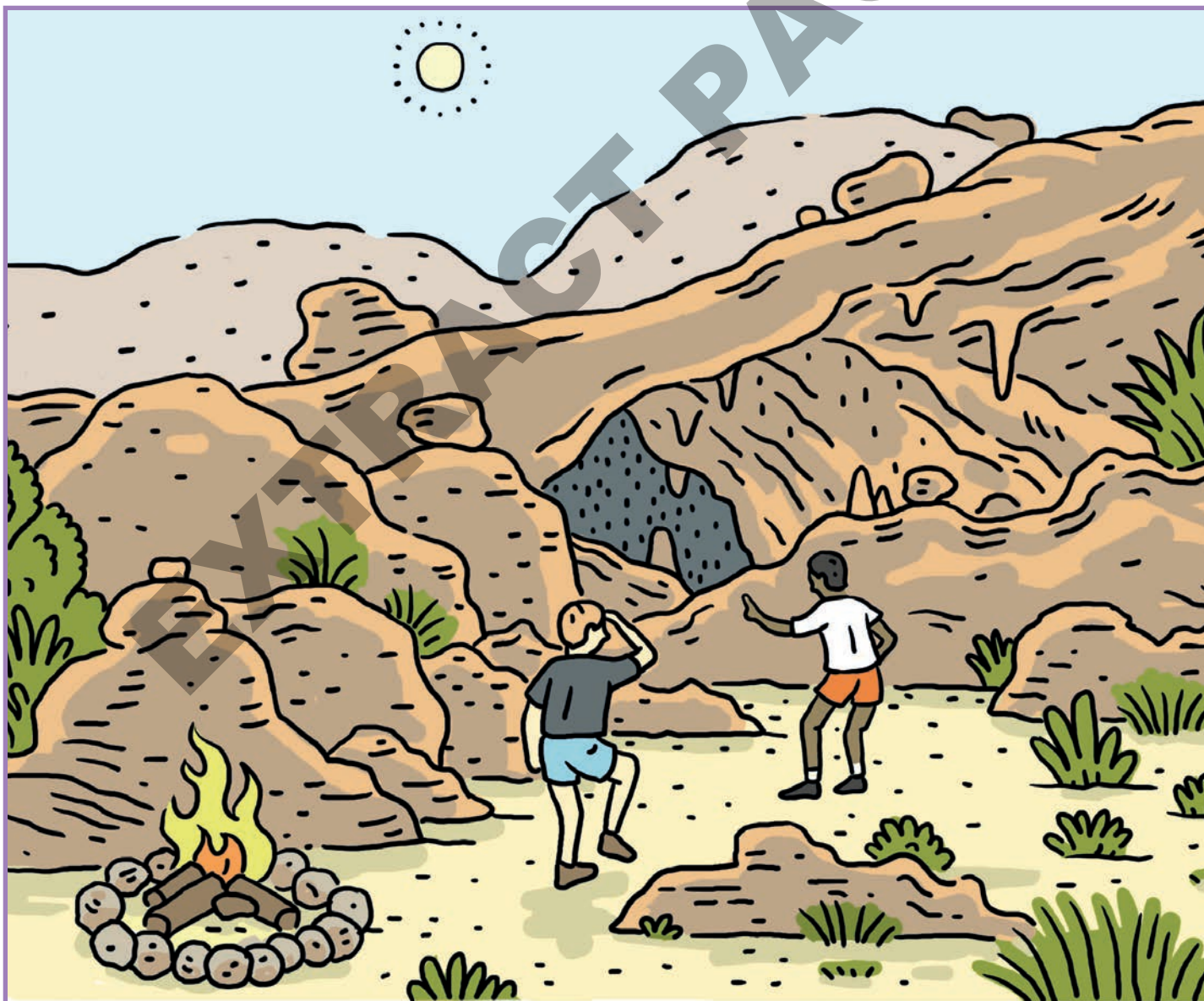
They soon arrived at the camping place. Jannie's dad started a fire. Themba's dad made lunch.

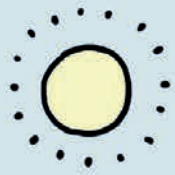
Jannie and Themba were keen to explore the cave.

"Okay boys, off you go," said their dads. "But stay on the path."

As they walked, they saw a lot of interesting things. After a while, they came across the small, hidden cave. "Wow, it's wonderful!" said Jannie, his voice full of curiosity.

They went inside. It was warm, clean and cosy. "Okay," said Themba. "Let's see what is further on."

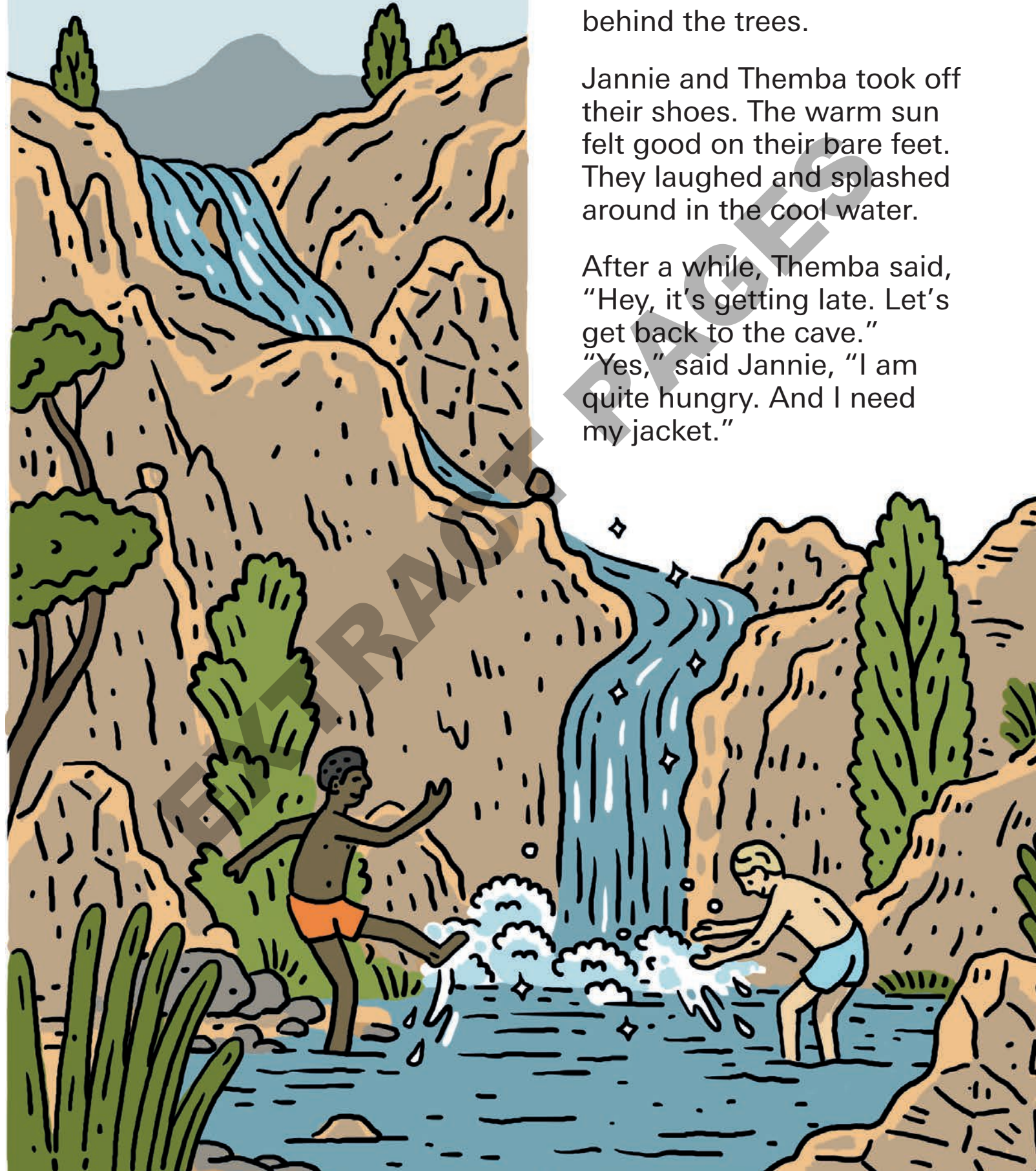




They walked on and found a beautiful waterfall hidden behind the trees.

Jannie and Themba took off their shoes. The warm sun felt good on their bare feet. They laughed and splashed around in the cool water.

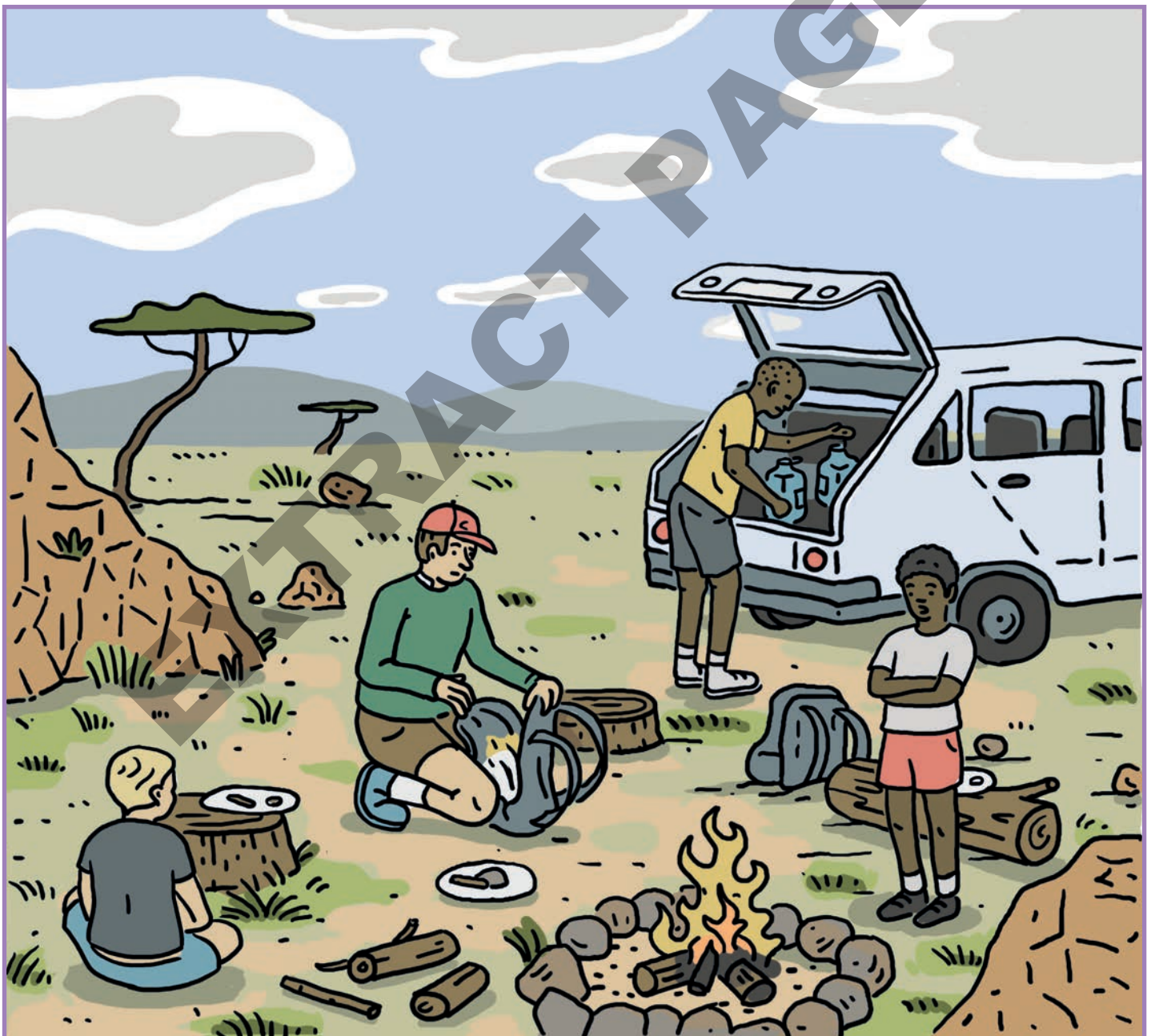
After a while, Themba said, "Hey, it's getting late. Let's get back to the cave."
"Yes," said Jannie, "I am quite hungry. And I need my jacket."



When they got back to the cave, their dads had made up beds with their sleeping bags and pillows.

There was a big roaring fire. Their food was dished on plates, Jannie's dad was searching in the backpacks. Themba's dad was searching in the car. They both looked worried.

"What's wrong, Dad?" asked Themba. "Did we forget something?" asked Jannie.



“Hi boys,” Jannie’s dad said. “It seems that we forgot to bring water.”

“Yes,” said Themba’s dad. “All I could find were these two empty 5 litre bottles. Without water, we can’t stay here. We might have to go back home.”

“No Dad,” said Themba and Jannie together. “We don’t need to do that. We will show you where we can find water!”

And they proudly led their dads to the waterfall!

Post-reading questions

1. Where did the two boys and their dads plan to sleep on the trip?
2. Why do you think Jannie and Temba’s dads were worried?
3. What would you do if you found a lovely waterfall like the boys found?



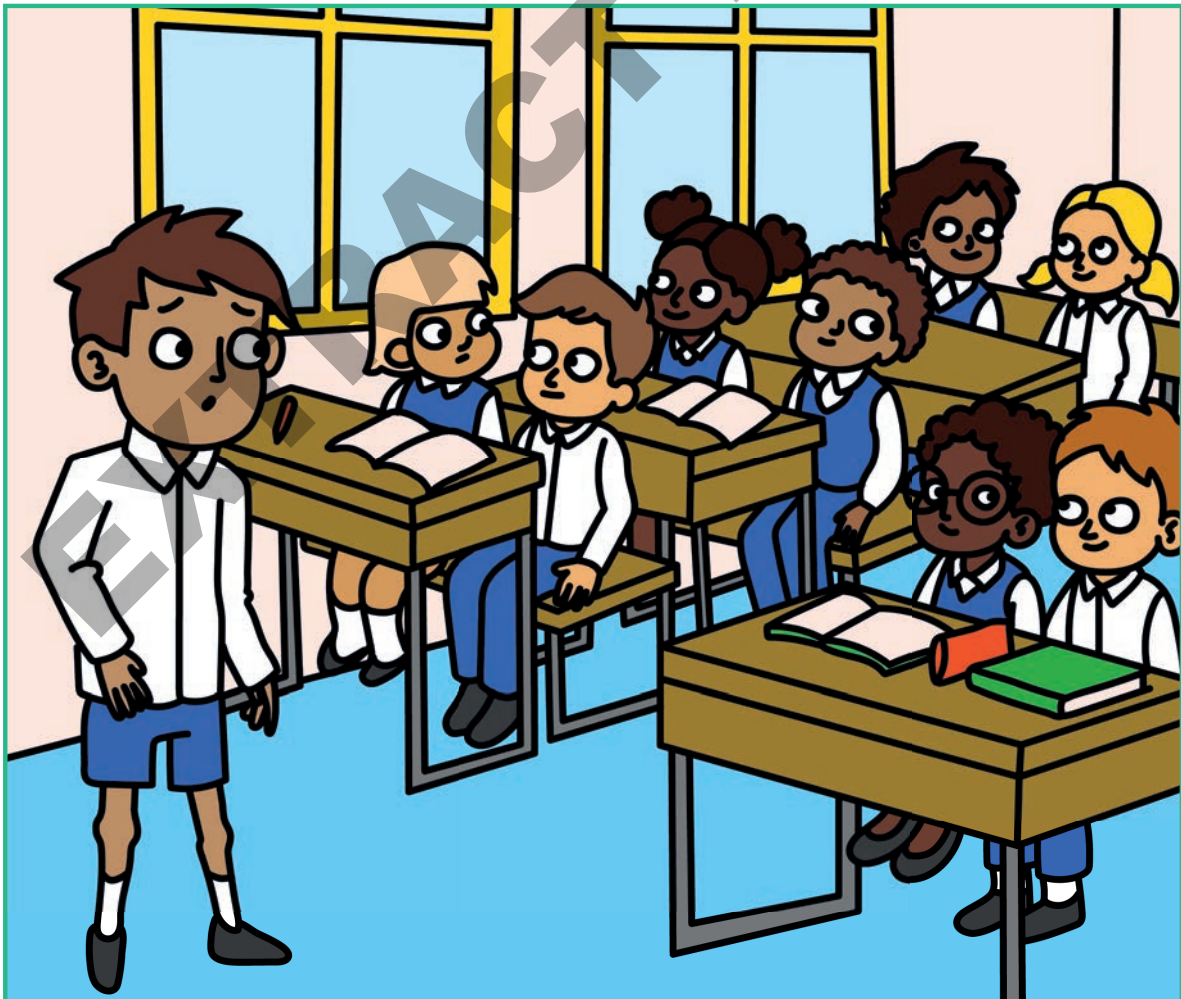
Story 2: A kind boy

Ahmed was a shy boy who had just moved to a new town. He was scared about starting a new school. His parents said, "You'll make new friends soon, Ahmed. Just be yourself."

On the first day of school, Ahmed felt butterflies in his stomach. He walked into the classroom, looking for a friendly face. When he introduced himself, he could hear some kids whispering and giggling. He felt his cheeks turn red.

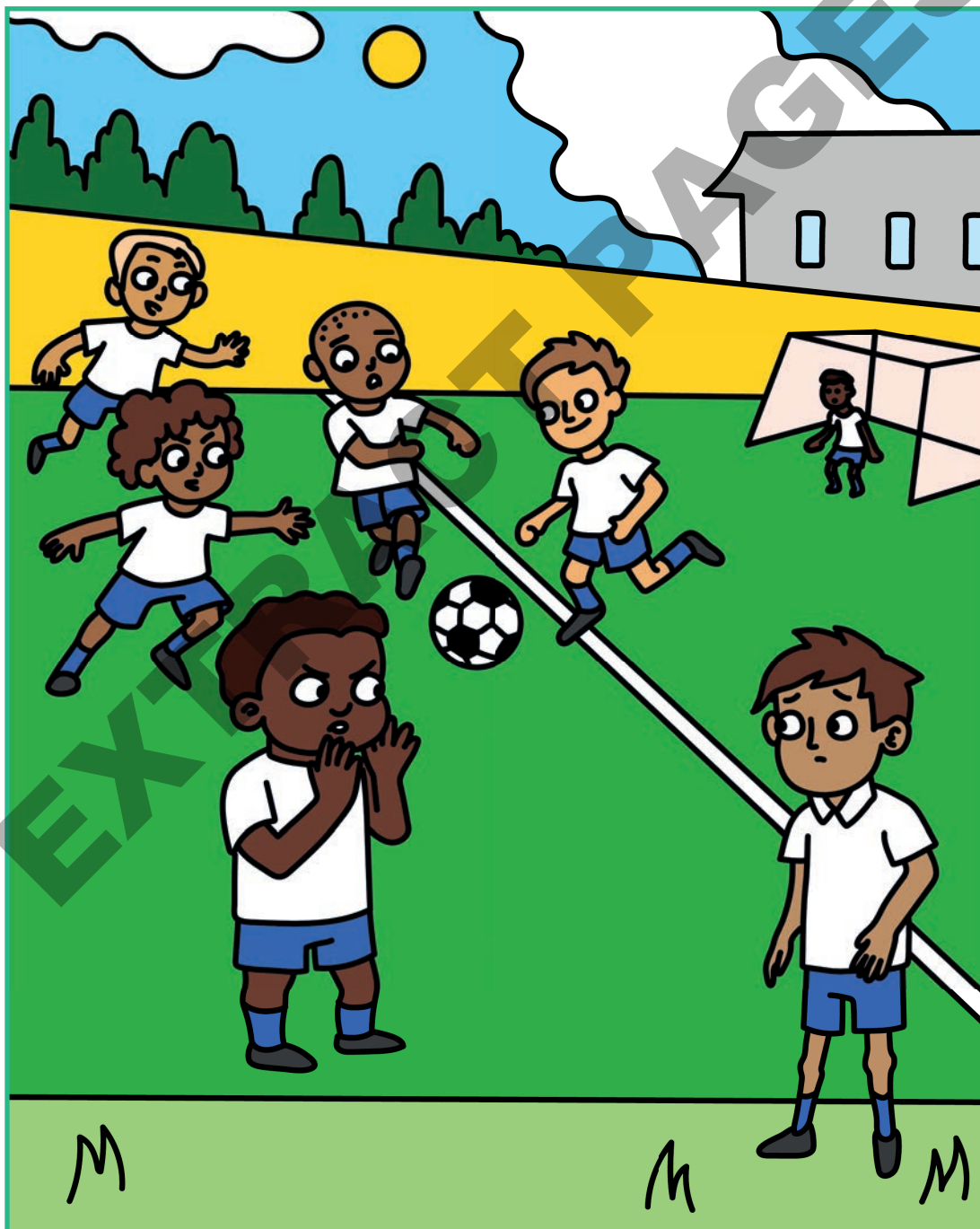


Look at Ahmed in his new classroom. How do you think Ahmed is feeling on his first day of school?



At lunch break, Ahmed watched a group of boys play football. "Can I play too?" he asked shyly. One of the boys, Mark, looked him up and down. He said, "Do you even know how to play? You're too skinny to be any good."

Ahmed felt hurt. He stood nearby hoping they would let him join. The boys just ignored him. Ahmed spent lunch break all alone. He missed his old school friends very much.



One day, Ahmed saw some children making fun of a girl named Sarah. They were teasing her about her glasses. Ahmed knew how it felt to be bullied. He had to do something.

Ahmed walked over to the children. "Leave her alone," he said. "It's not nice to tease people."

The bullies laughed at him. "So what, new kid?" asked Tom, the biggest bully.

Ahmed was scared but he said. "I may be new, but I'm old enough to know right from wrong."



Sarah smiled at Ahmed. "Thank you," she said softly. "They bully everyone." "You're welcome," Ahmed replied. "Let's eat our lunch together."

Sarah nodded and they walked to sit under a tree. They laughed as they ate their sandwiches. At last, Ahmed felt like he had made a friend.

From that day on, the big bullies did not bother Ahmed or Sarah. In fact, they stopped their bullying.

"Perhaps this new school is not so bad after all," thought Ahmed.

Post-reading questions

1. Why were the children teasing Sarah?
2. Why do you think the bullies stopped bullying Ahmed and Sarah after Ahmed defended Sarah?
3. How do you think Ahmed feels when the boys playing football don't talk to him at his new school?

