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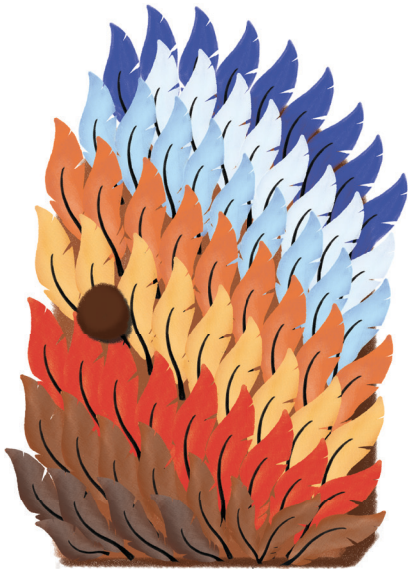
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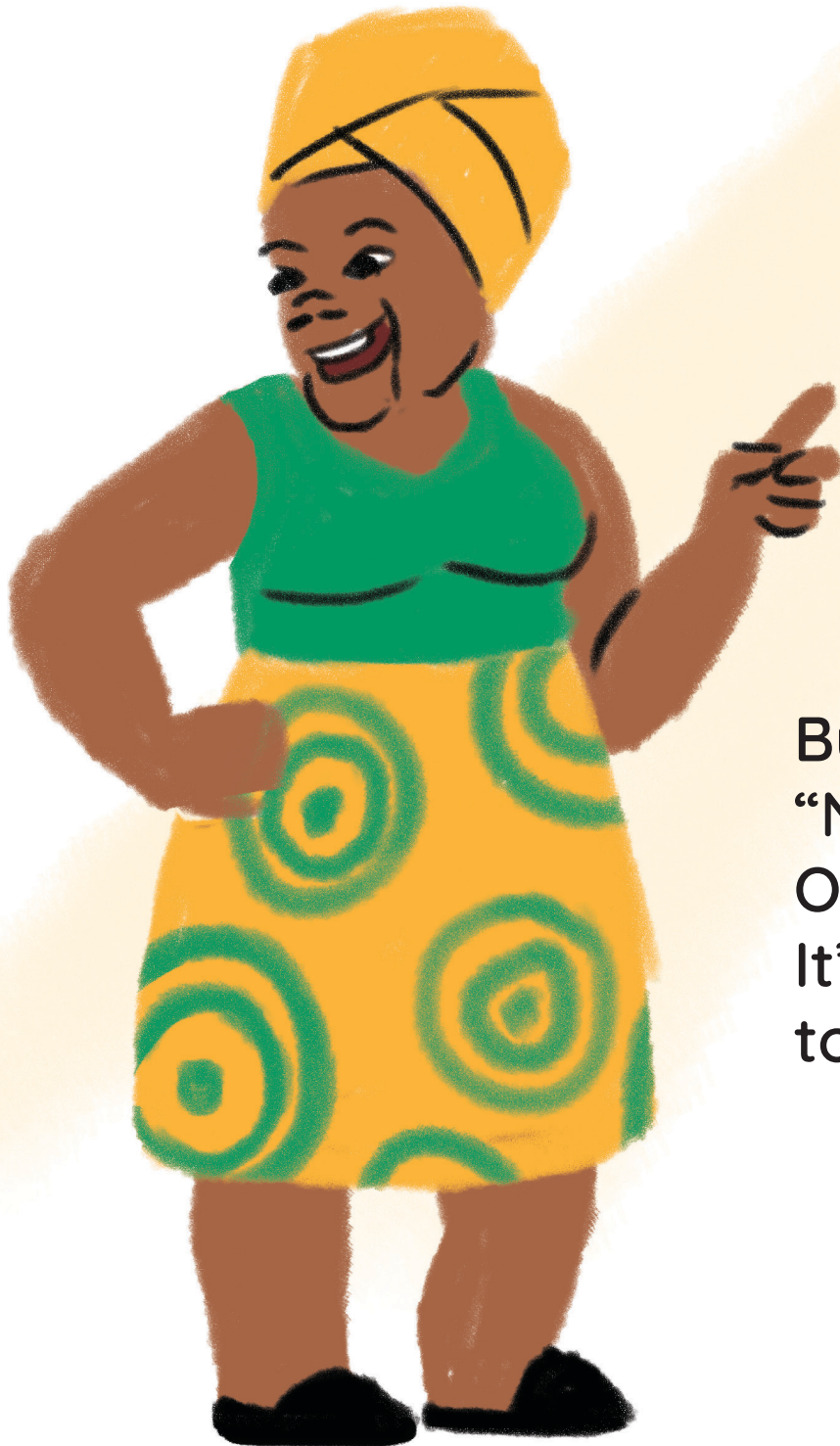




Olwethu wants to play pretend.

“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.



But  
what  
is *this*?

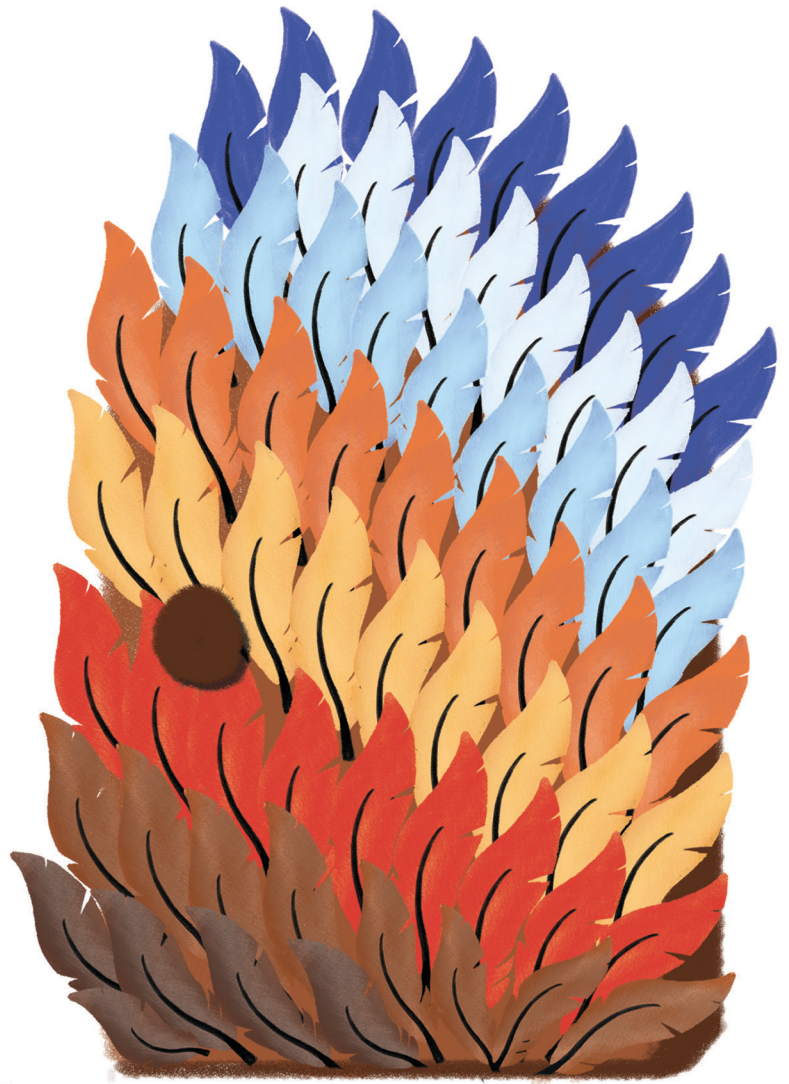






There's a door,  
covered in  
feathers.

Olwethu walks  
up to it and...





# WHOOSH!







Olwethu is a bird in the sky!





# ZOOOOM!

She's flying!





Birds wave at  
her as they fly by.





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...





# “ROOOAAARRRR!”

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!”





