

See the World

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It's early evening,
and Kibena, Kiduchu, Koba,
and Baraka are playing
hide and seek outside
Mzee Kigo's house.



Koba closes his eyes and starts counting while the others scramble to find a good hiding place.



When Koba reaches ten, he shouts,
“Ready or not, here I come!”

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a light blue tank top. He is shown from the waist up, facing right, with his mouth open and hands cupped around it as if shouting. He is standing in a field of green corn plants with yellow tassels. The background is a light blue sky with faint white lines radiating from the top left.

...8, 9, 10!

Kiduchu has hidden behind a tree,
he spots her quickly.





He creeps closer
and touches
Kiduchu's shoulder.
Kiduchu gets a fright!

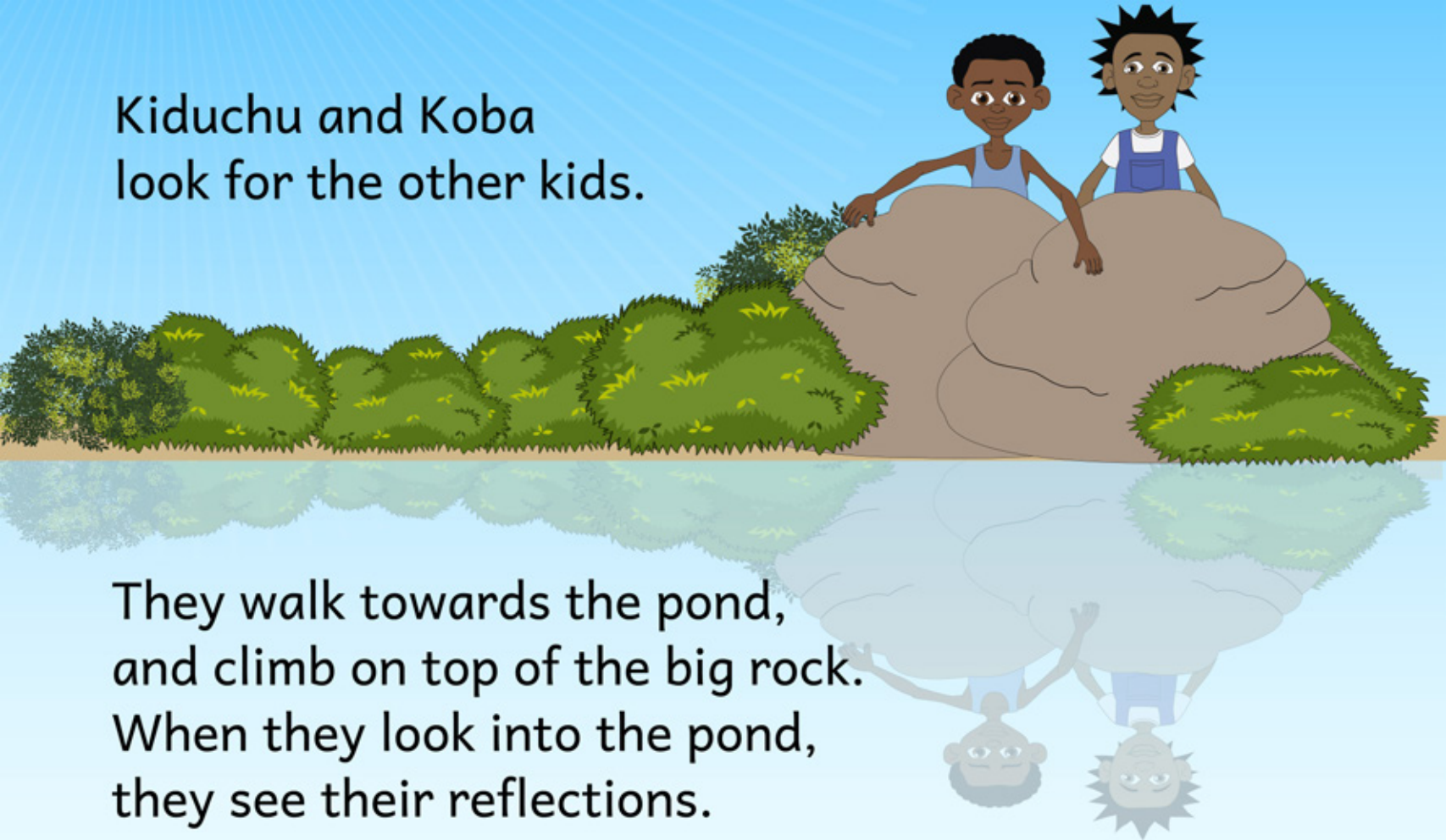
Kiduchu is surprised that Koba was able to find her so quickly. “You didn’t close your eyes properly!” she tells him.





But Koba shows her
how he saw her shadow.
“You’re lucky,” she says,
“If you hadn’t seen
my shadow, you would
have searched and searched
and never found me!”

Kiduchu and Koba
look for the other kids.



They walk towards the pond,
and climb on top of the big rock.
When they look into the pond,
they see their reflections.



They look to the right
and see another reflection,
it is Kibena's reflection!
She is crouching behind a tree.

At first, Koba thinks Kibena is hiding in the water. “How can she breathe?” he wonders.



Kiduchu explains that Kibena is not in the water.
It is her reflection that they see.

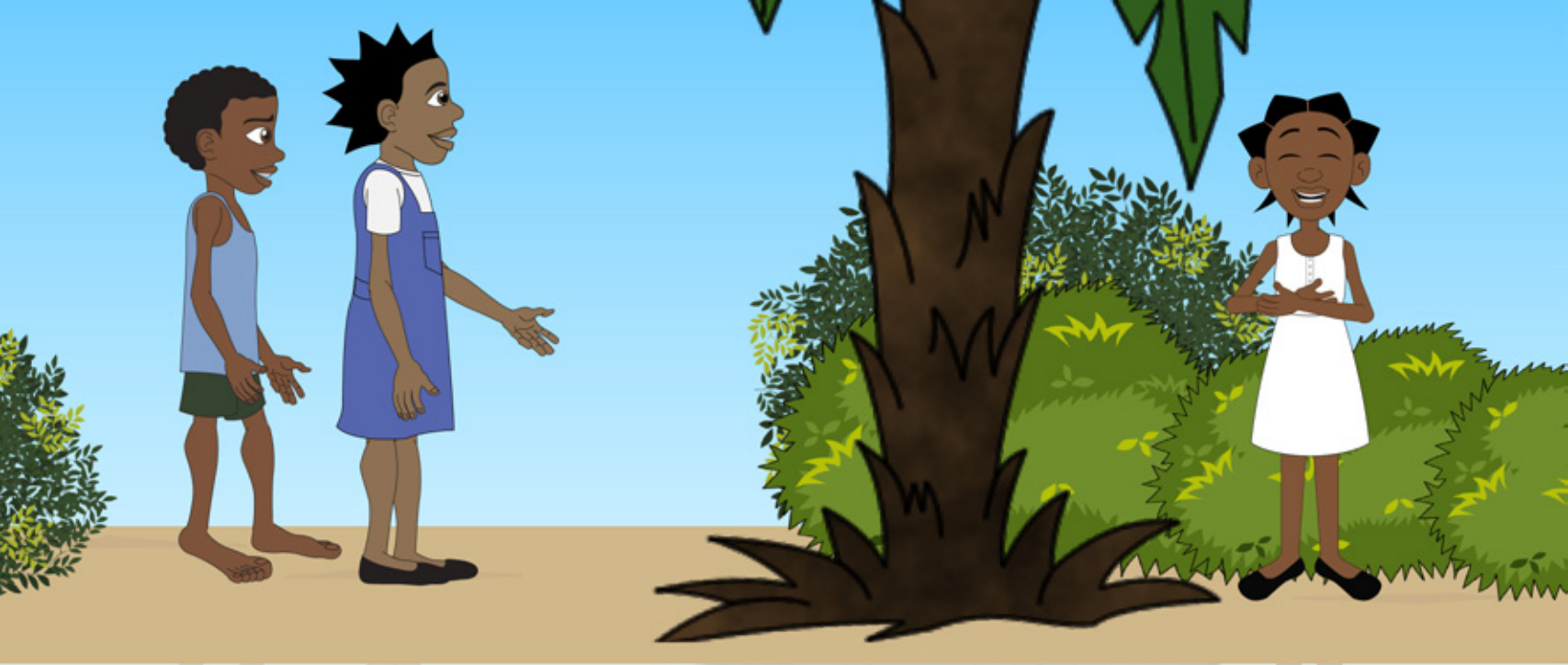




Koba and Kiduchu
call out to Kibena.
When she hears them,
she turns around
and looks at the pond.



She sees her own reflection, along with the reflections of Koba and Kiduchu.



She laughs and says, “I thought I had found a clever hiding spot, behind the tree. But the pool is like a mirror, it gave me away!”

Now, only Baraka is still hiding.



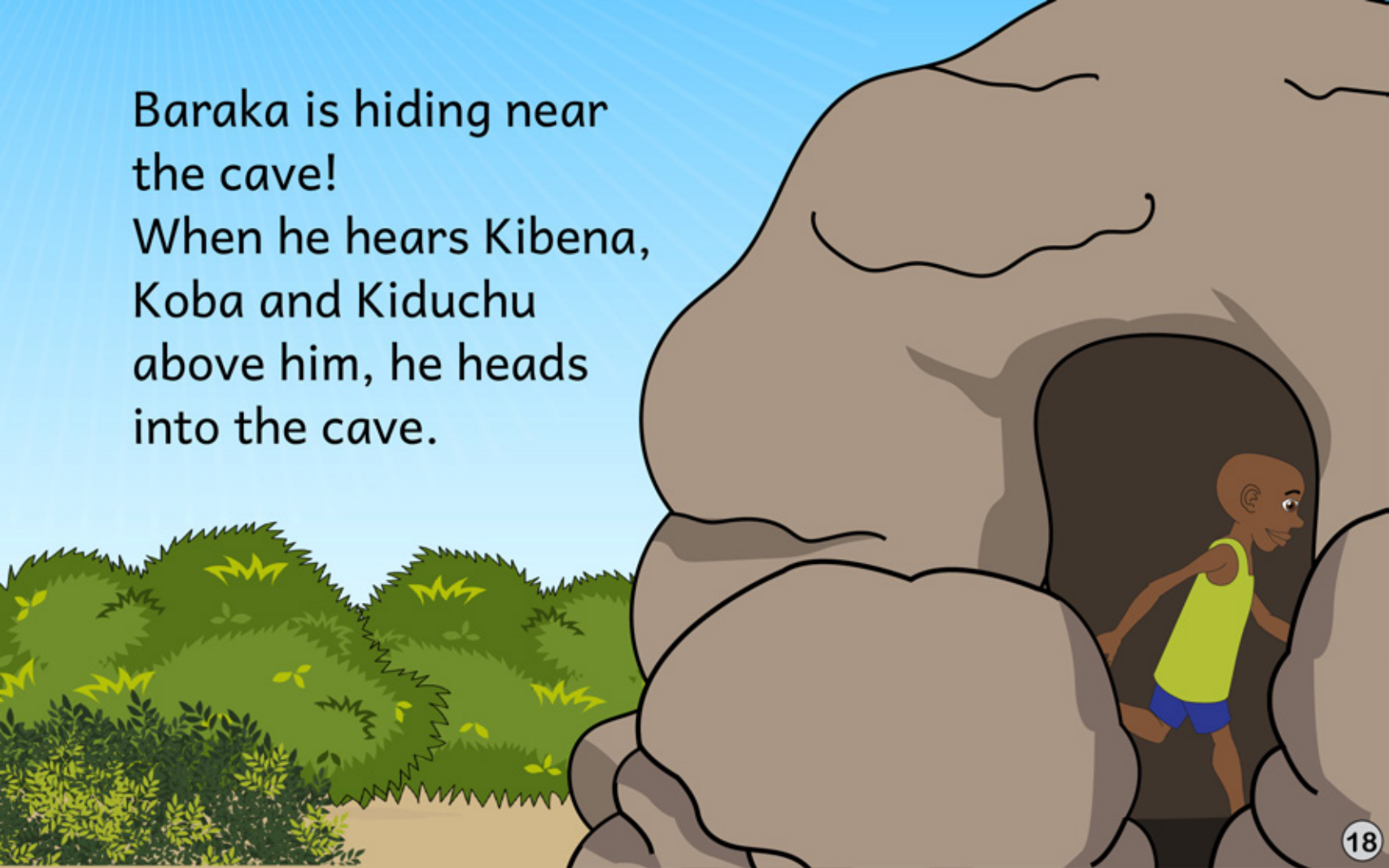
Kibena, Kiduchu and Koba continue searching.



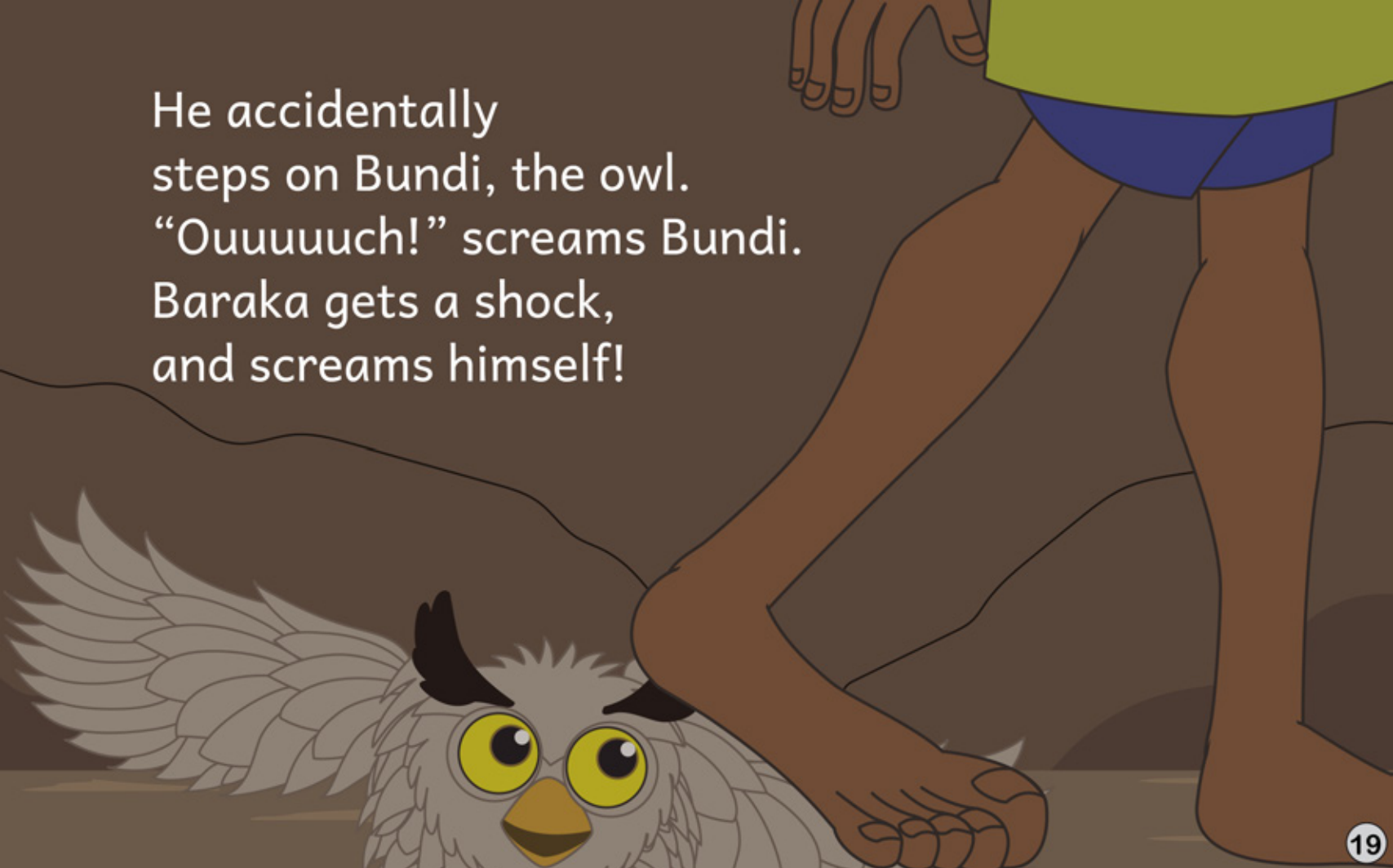
“Baraka sure knows how to hide,” says Kiduchu.
“All this time, and we still haven’t found him!”



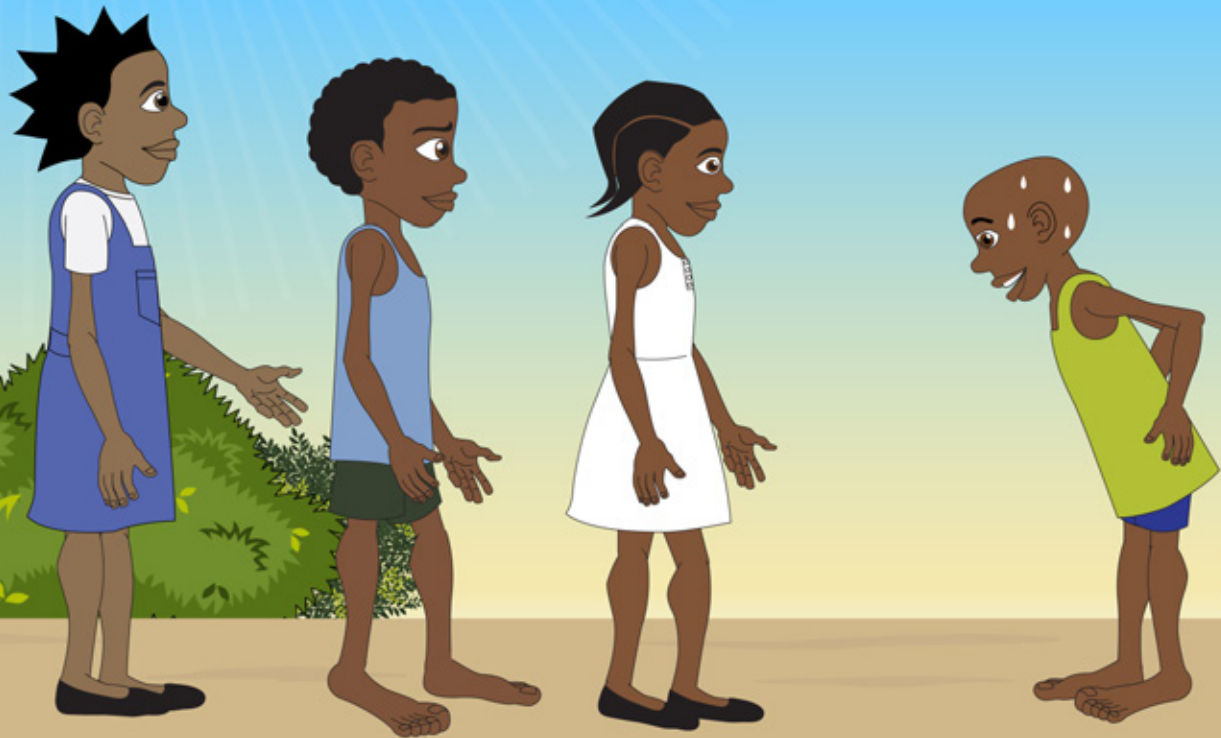
Baraka is hiding near
the cave!
When he hears Kibena,
Koba and Kiduchu
above him, he heads
into the cave.



He accidentally
steps on Bundi, the owl.
“Ouuuuuch!” screams Bundi.
Baraka gets a shock,
and screams himself!



Baraka runs out of the cave, scared and shaking.
He calls out to the others, saying,
“Wait for meeee!”



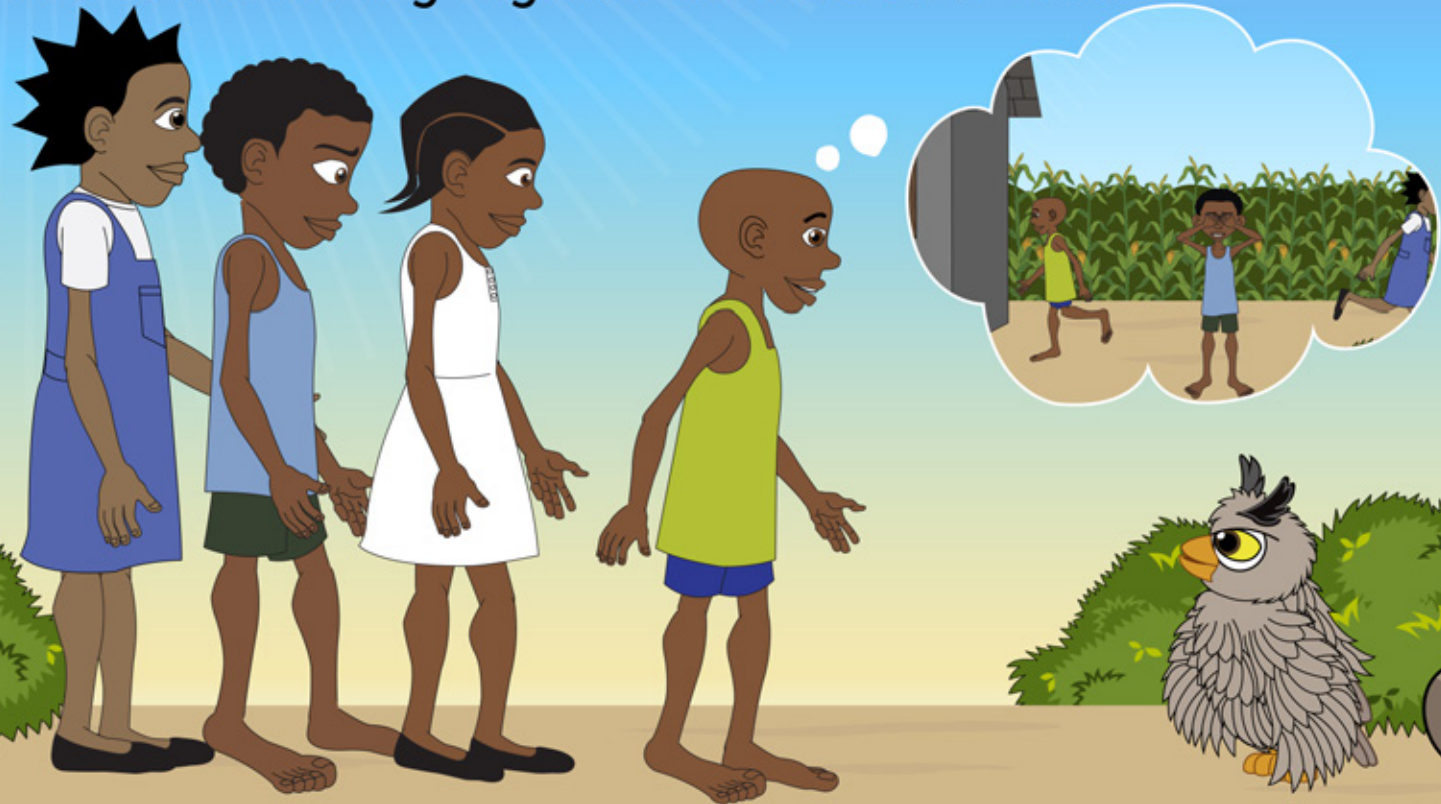
He explains that he stepped on something in the cave, and they all decide to go back into the cave and check it out.



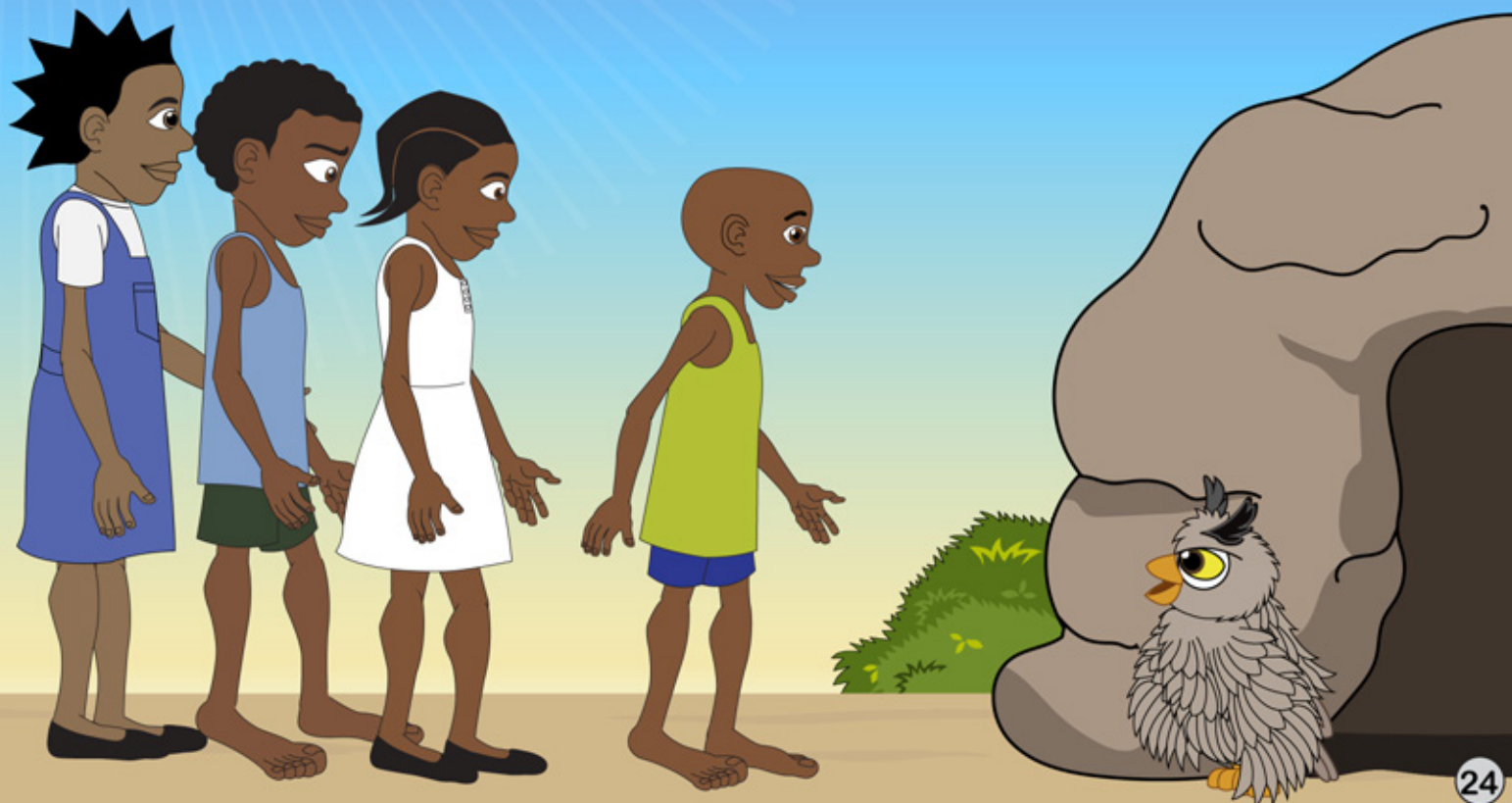
They meet Bundi coming out of the cave! They are about to run off when Bundi says, “Don’t be scared.”



Baraka explains to Bundi that he was hiding in the cave during a game of Hide and Seek.



Bundi looks at the four of them, from one to the other.
“I want to play, too,” Bundi says.



Kiduchu points to the setting sun and says
it is getting too dark to continue playing.



But Bundi offers to be “it”, and says he will find the children when they hide.



Bundi closes his eyes
as the children had done,
and starts to count.
When he reaches “ten” he says,
“Ready or not, here I come!”

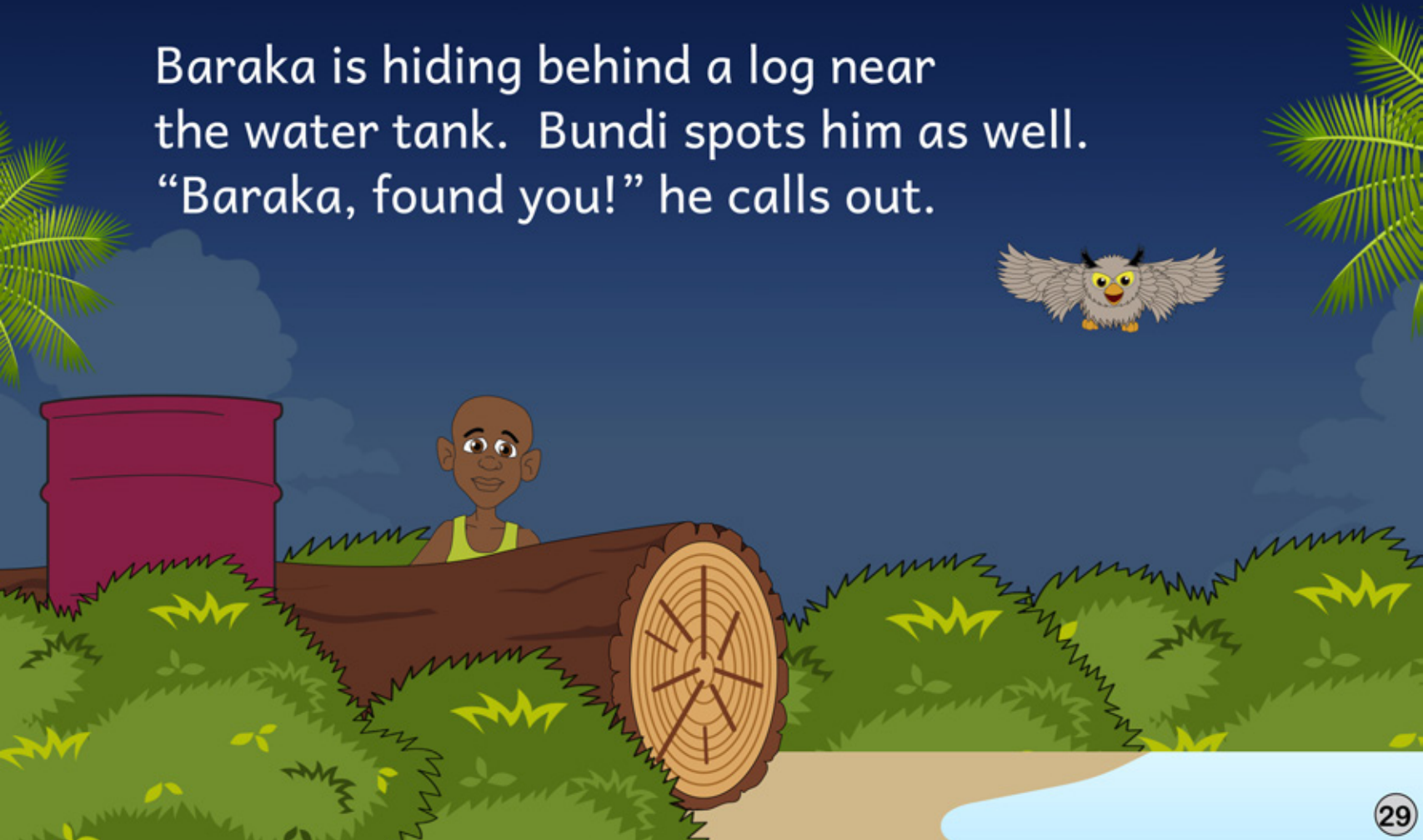
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Bundi flies overhead, and spots Koba, who is hiding in a bush. “Found you, Koba,” he says.



Baraka is hiding behind a log near the water tank. Bundi spots him as well.
“Baraka, found you!” he calls out.



Kibena has hidden in a bush, among the leaves.
Bundi flies right to her. “Found you!” he says.



Kibena, Baraka and Koba gather together,
and Bundi flies over, laughing because
he had found them so fast.





“Only Kiduchu is left,” says Kibena.
“She’s probably hiding inside.”
They all go off to find Kiduchu.



Bundi flies around and around, but there is no sign of Kiduchu. “She’s not anywhere outside,” Bundi says.



The three children go into
Mzee Kigo's house
to look for her...



but come running
out quickly.
“It’s too dark to see
anything!” says Baraka.



When Bundi goes inside, with his owl vision,
he sees Kiduchu straight away!
“Seen you, Kiduchu!” he shouts.



When Bundi comes out,
followed by Kiduchu,
the others are surprised.
“How did you find Kiduchu
so quickly in the dark?” Koba asks.



But Bundi flies off without answering them.



The children look at each other
and try to figure out the answer.

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It's not because Bundi can fly,
because he found Kiduchu inside.



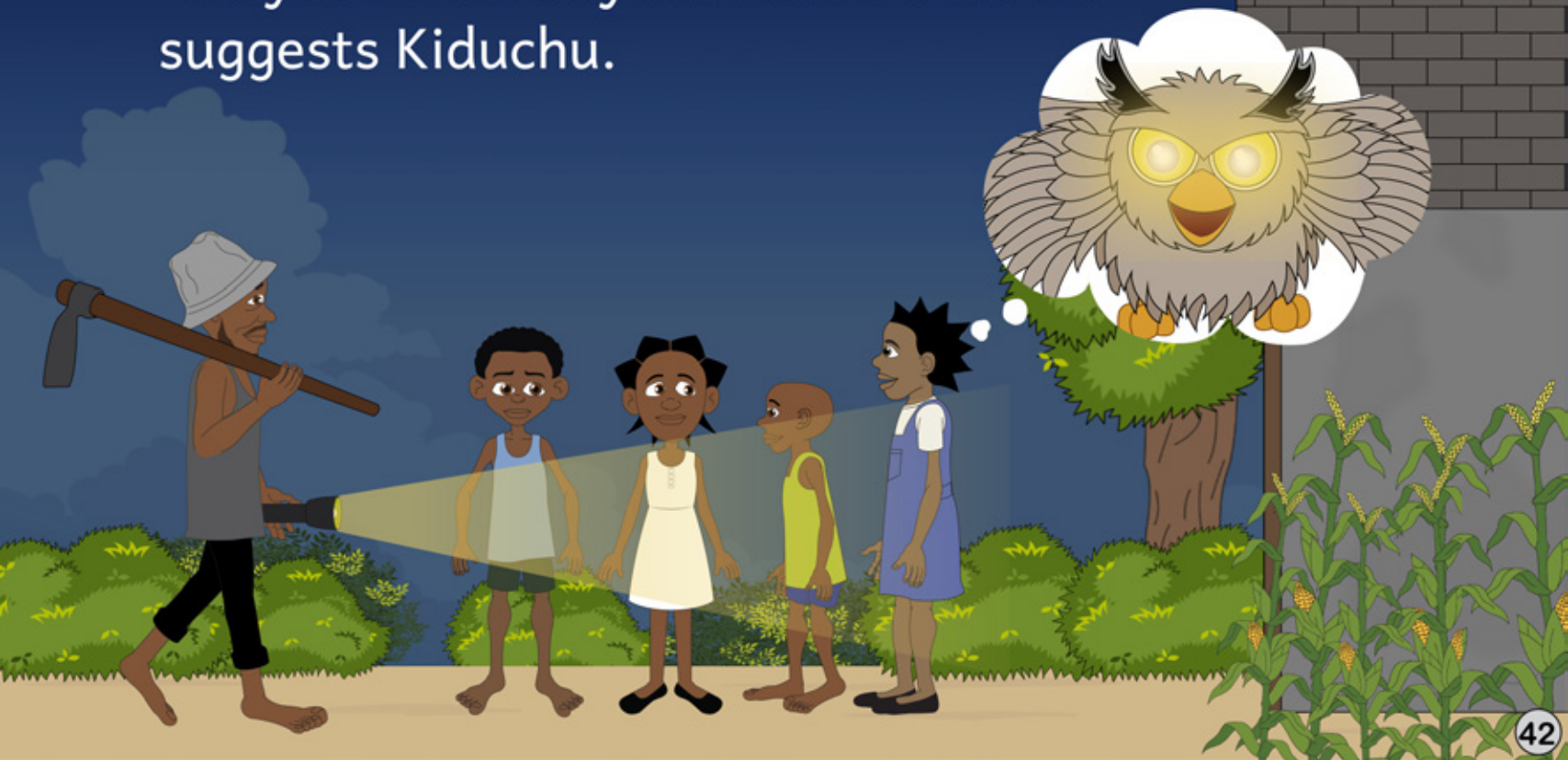
It's not because he can hear well,
because Baraka was very quiet.



It's not because their shadows gave them away,
because there are no shadows in the dark.



Just then, Mzee Kigo walks up, carrying his torch.
“Maybe Bundi’s eyes are like a torch!”
suggests Kiduchu.



“Maybe he can see in the dark!”
Mzee Kigo gives them his torch so they can
search for Bundi.



Kibena holds the torch as they walk along the path.
In the middle of the path they see Komba
the bushbaby, whose giant eyes are looking
straight into the torch.



“Turn that thing off!” he shouts.
“It’s too bright...You’ll blind me!”



Komba explains
that he can see just fine,
with little bits of light
from the moon
and his giant eyes.



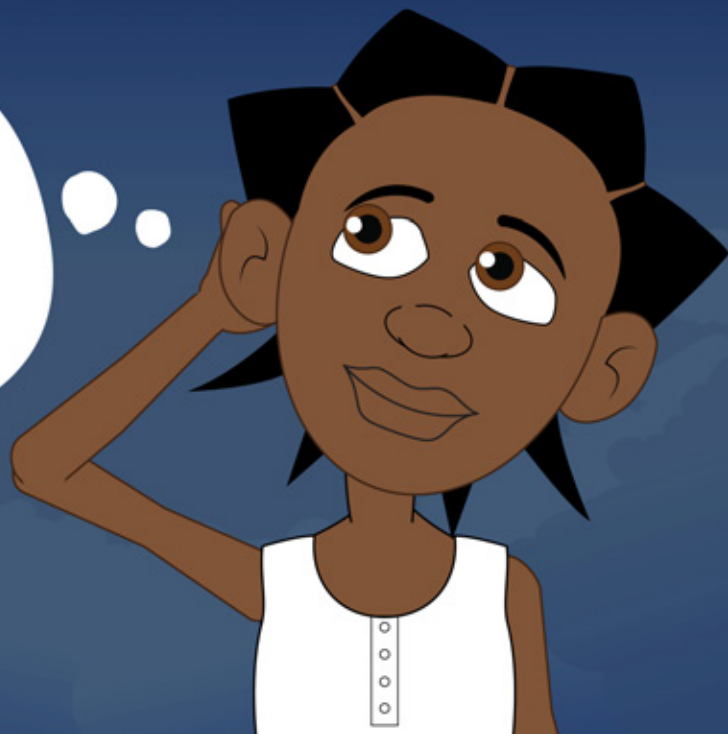
His giant eyes can pick up the tiniest bits of light.
Kibena remembers that Bundi also has big eyes.



They decide on a test to see
if Bundi really can see in the dark.



Kibena remembers that owls
love to eat grasshoppers.



Komba scampers off to collect some.
He can see in the dark,
so he has no trouble
finding them!



They tie the grasshoppers onto a rock so that
they can't fly away,
and wait to see what happens next...



They hear noises:
a whooshing of wings
and then a munching noise!



“Turn on the light!” says Komba.
Koba turns on the torch
and spotlights Bundi,
who looks up in surprise.
“Gotcha!” the kids cry out.



Bundi tells them that they have discovered his secret: he can see in the dark.



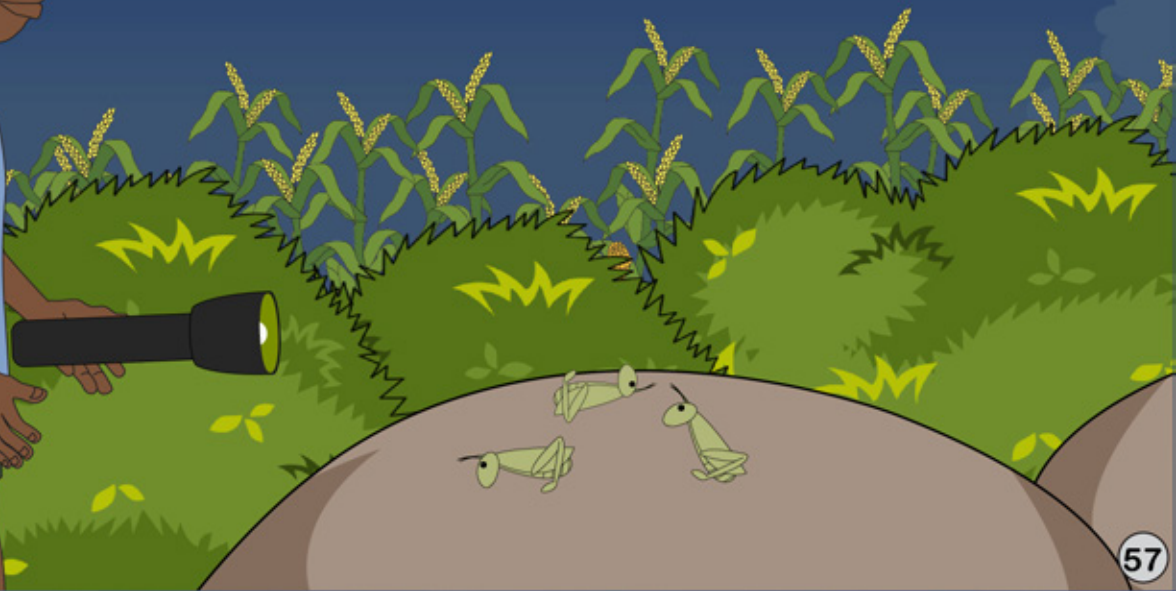
Bundi asks them how they figured out his secret.
“We used our UBONGOS!” Kibena says.



“We thought of all the things that could have given you an advantage in our game of hide-and-seek.”



Bundi congratulates the kids
on using their UBONGOS and flies off.



The kids decide to try to move in the dark like Komba and Bundi. They give the torch to Komba, who switches it off.



Everything is black. The kids start to run,
but soon Komba hears them crying out,
“Ouch!” and “Oww!” and “Mama!”



Oww!



Ouch!

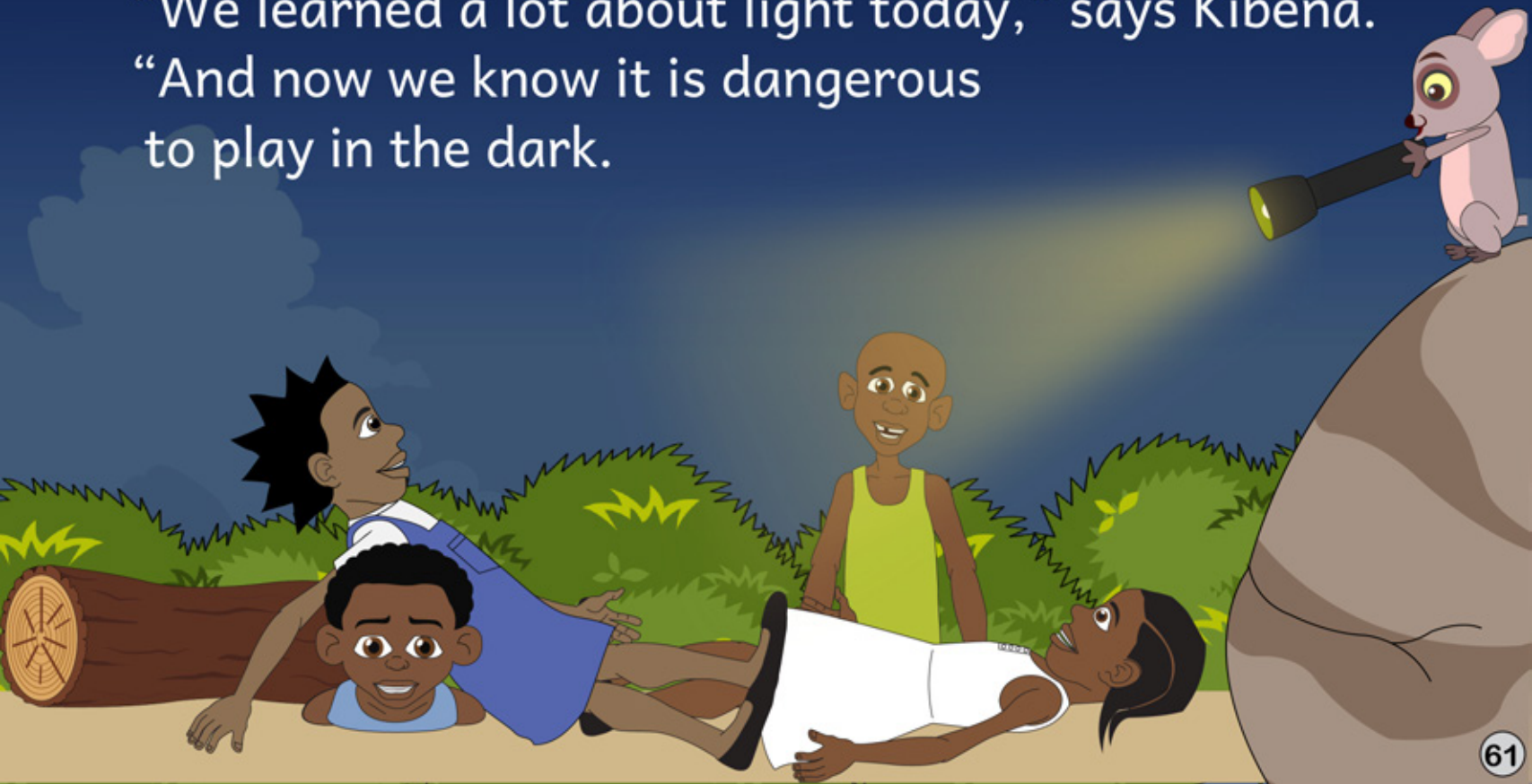


Mama!

Komba turns on the torch and the kids
all see each other, one on top of the other,
in a pile by a log.



They lie on the ground and laugh.
“We learned a lot about light today,” says Kibena.
“And now we know it is dangerous
to play in the dark.



Let's use Mzee Kigo's torch to get back home."
And they head off home.





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