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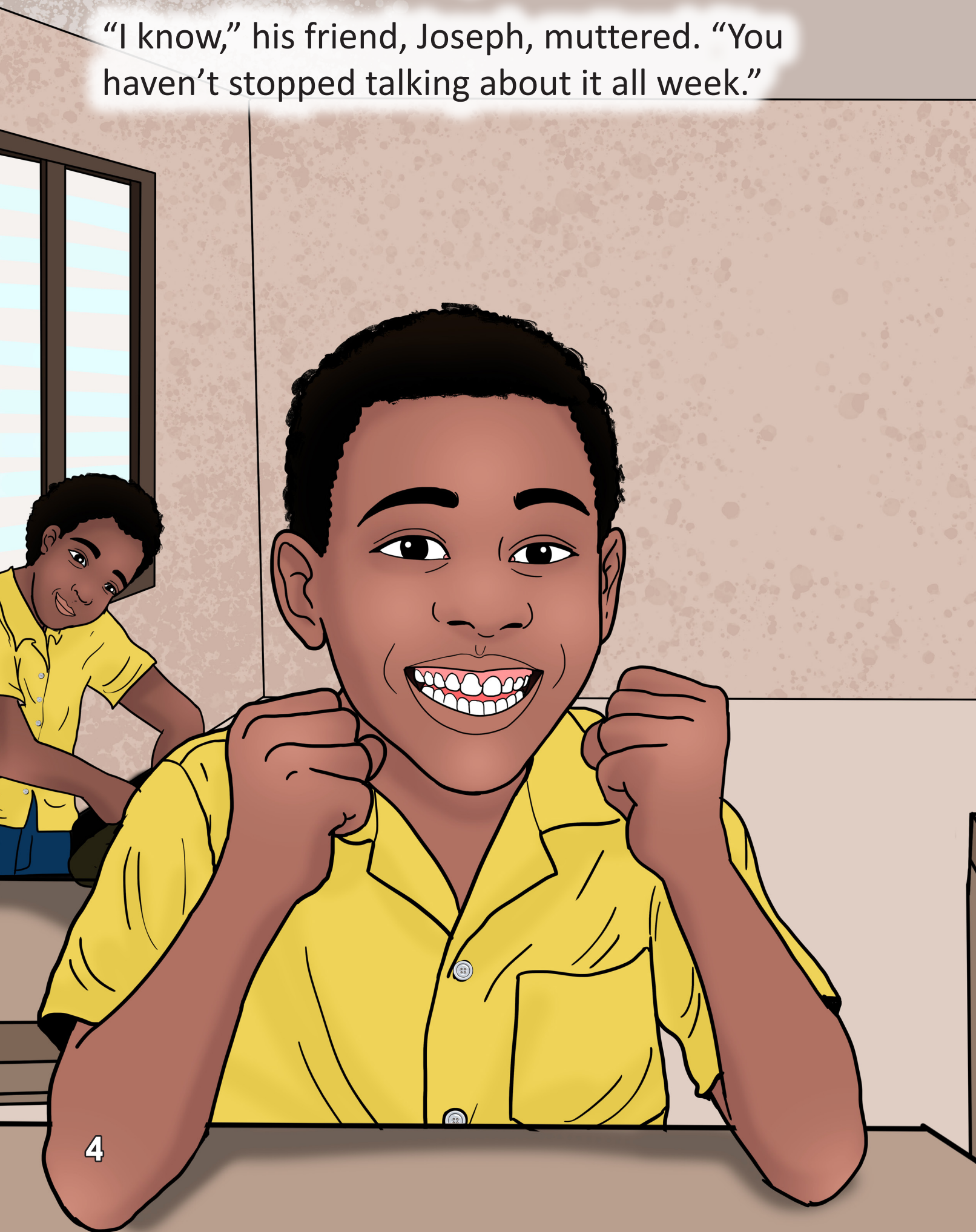


Johnny was having a great day. Once school was finished, Johnny, his brother Tommy, his sister Lia, and their parents were planning a trip to visit the volcano in Tanna.



“I’m so excited!” Johnny exclaimed.

“I know,” his friend, Joseph, muttered. “You haven’t stopped talking about it all week.”



Joseph thought Johnny was bragging to make him feel bad, because Joseph wasn't going. He felt jealous about Johnny's trip.

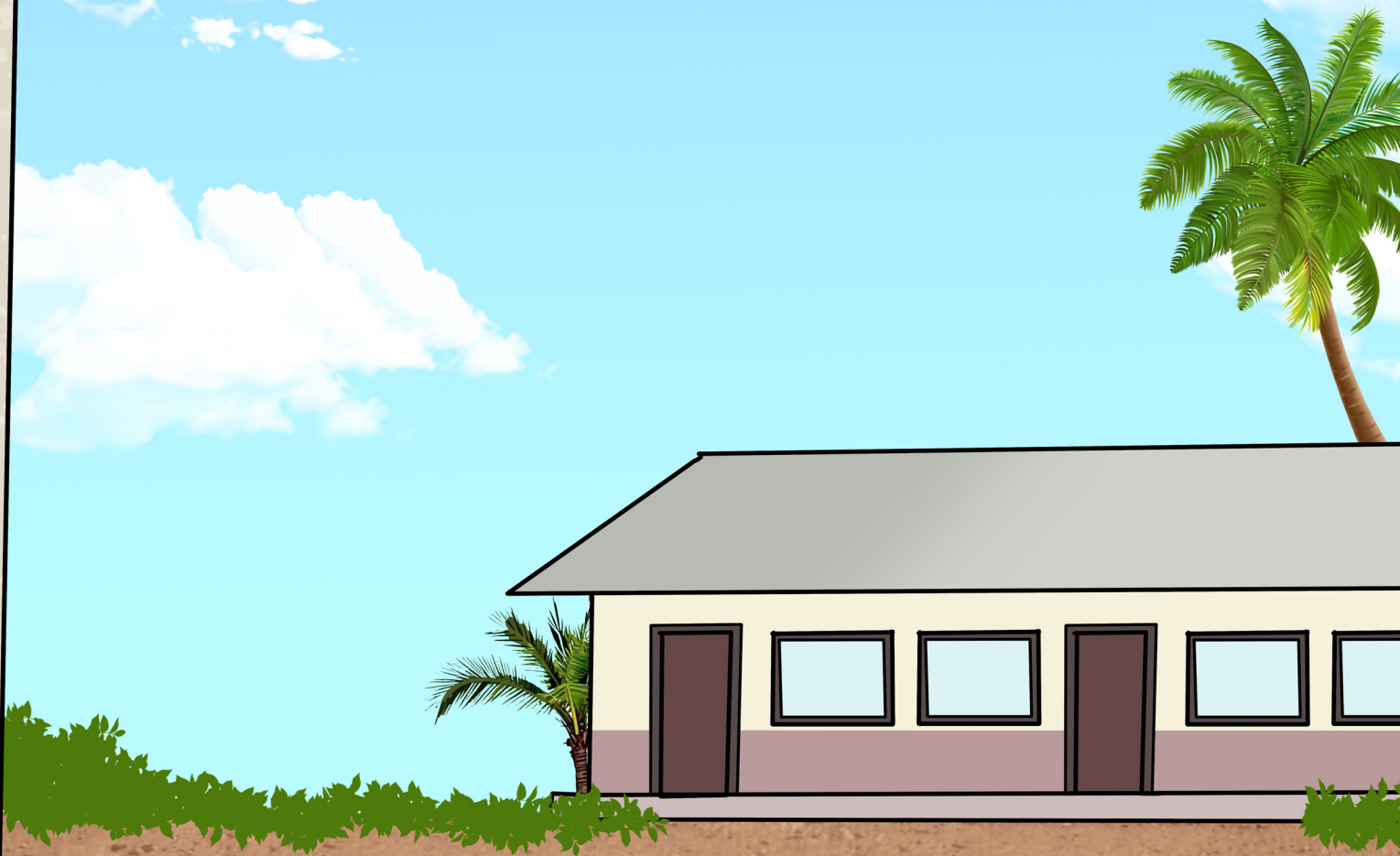


“I’m going to wash my hands before we eat,”
Johnny told Joseph at lunch time. “Then I can
tell everyone more about the volcano!”

Joseph did not want to hear one more word
about the volcano.



While Johnny happily washed his hands, Joseph sneaked up behind him and pushed him under the tap.



“Ah!” Johnny screamed. His clothes were all wet and water got in his eyes, making them sting. Joseph ran away. Johnny told the principal what had happened.





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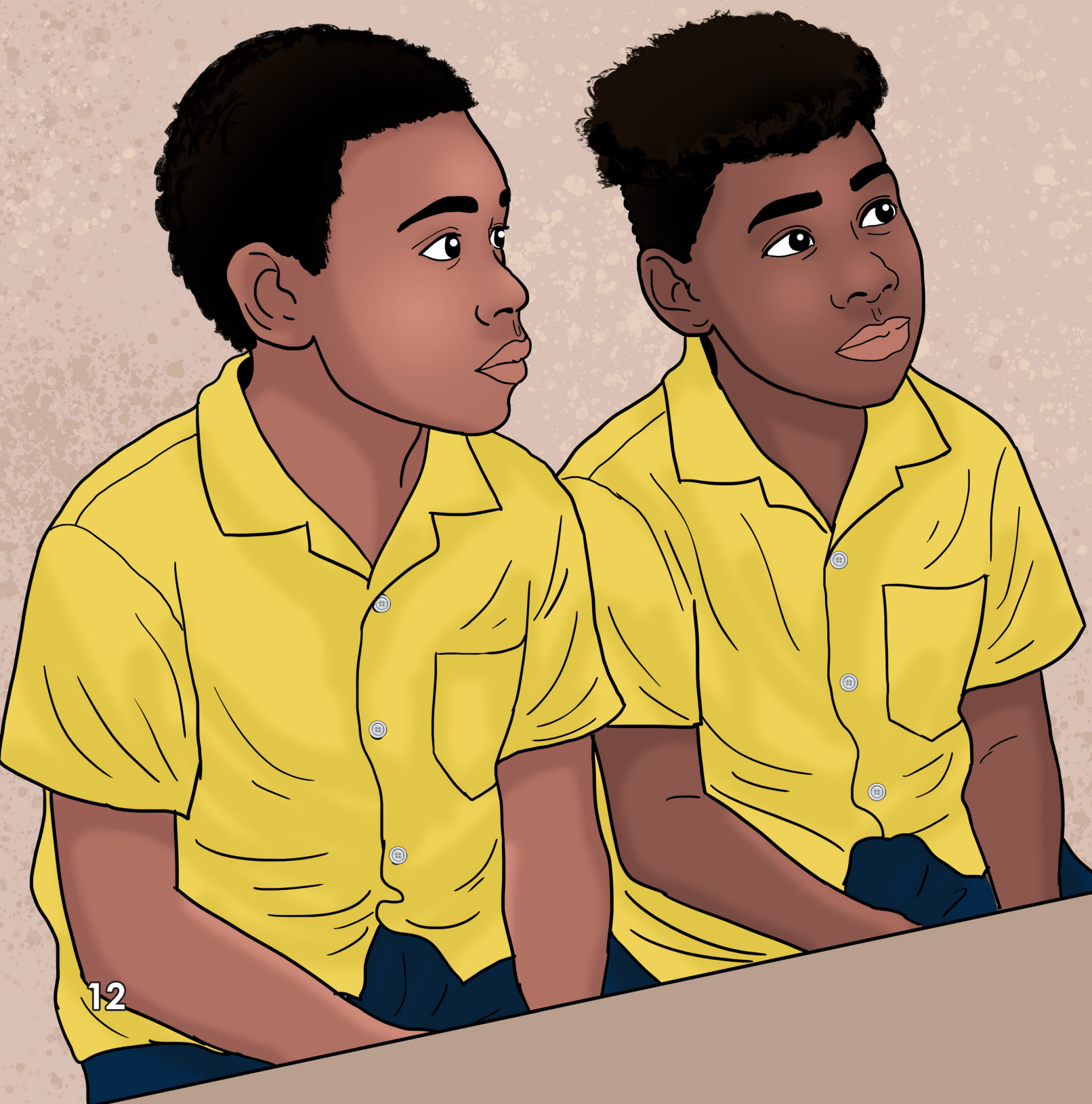
The principal was very concerned at what Joseph had done. Both boys were called into the office.

“I want you to apologise to Johnny,” he told Joseph. He pointed at the school rules on the wall. “Bullying is not acceptable at this school.”

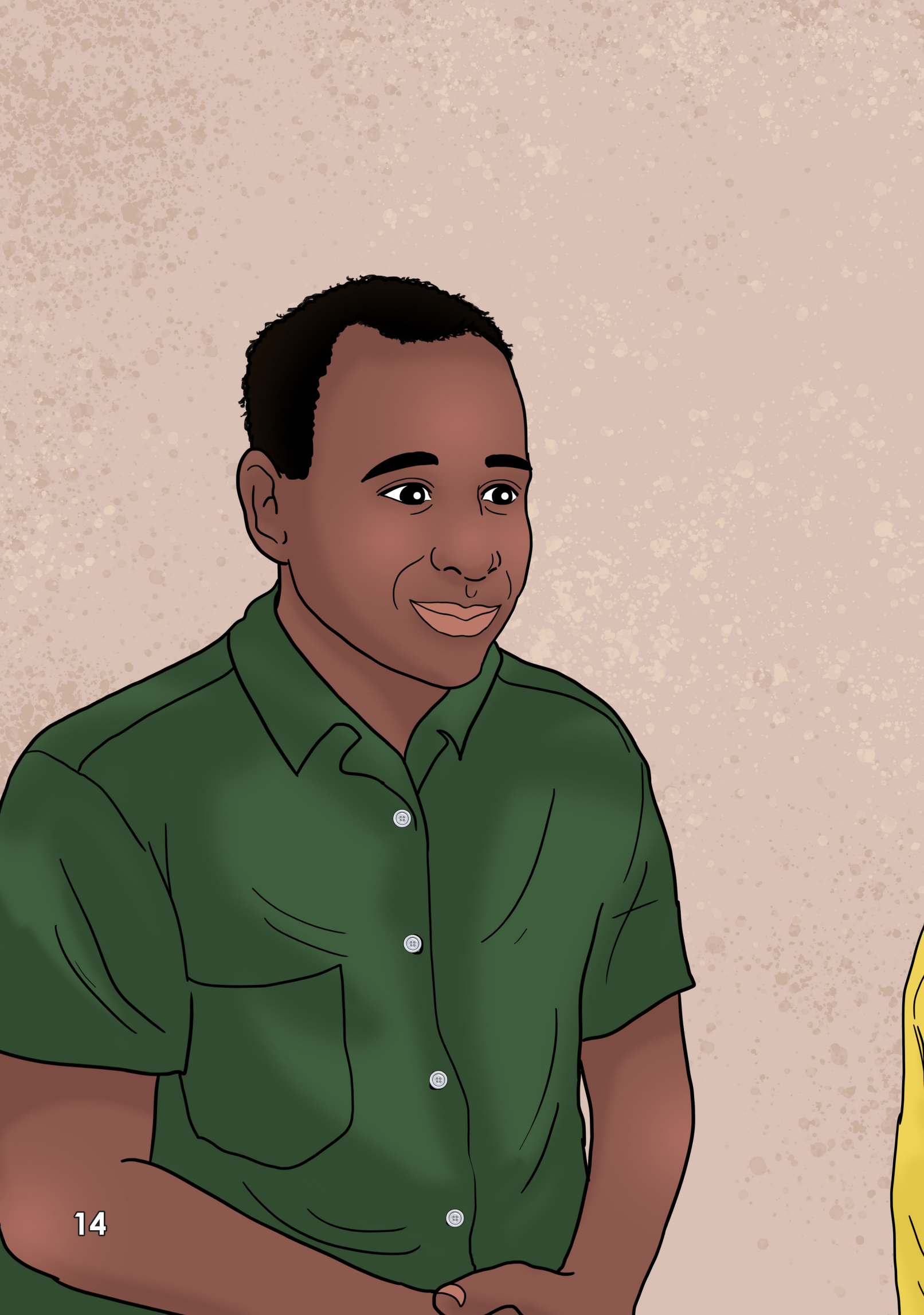


“Bullying?” Johnny and Joseph asked. The principal nodded.

“Pushing someone and hurting them is called bullying,” the principal explained.

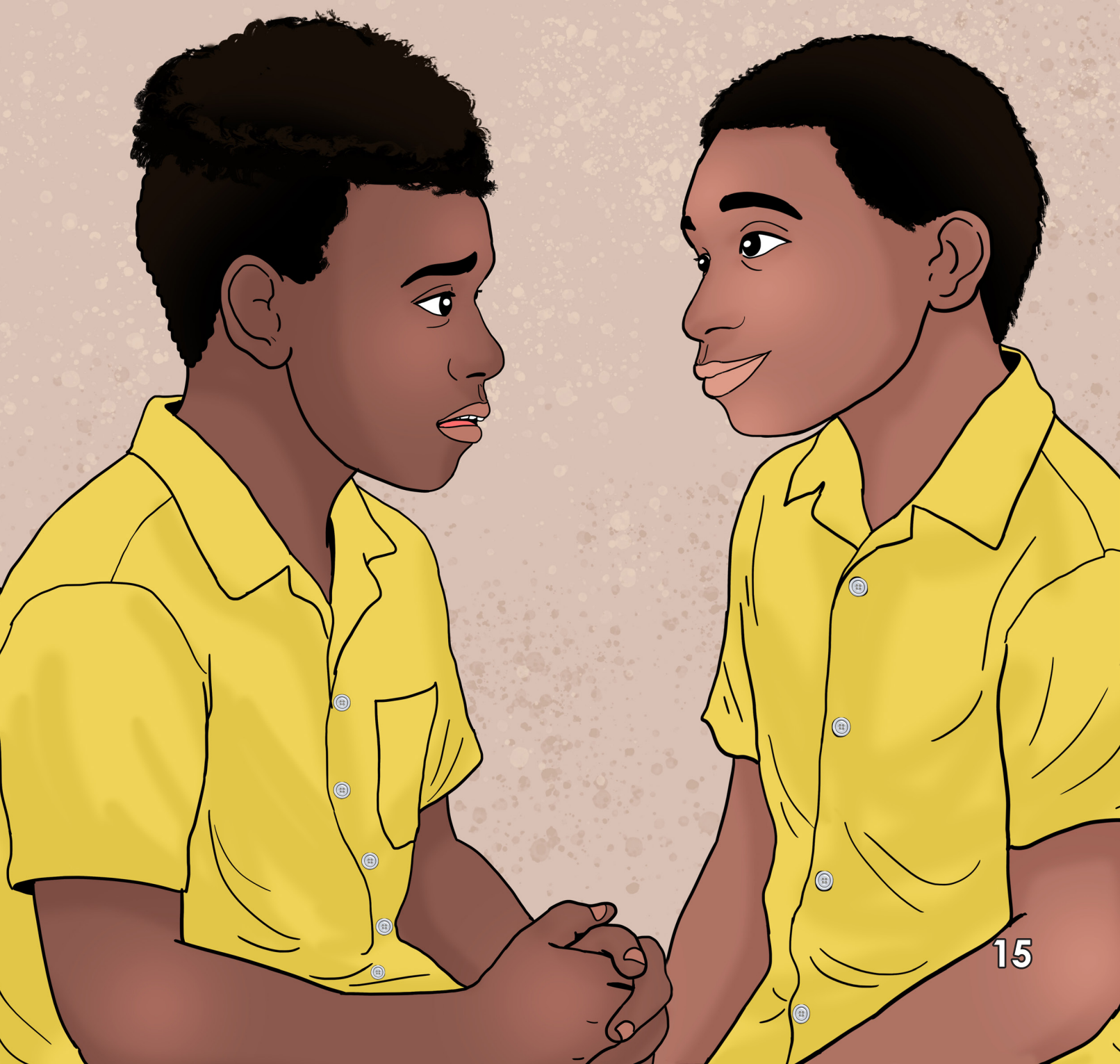


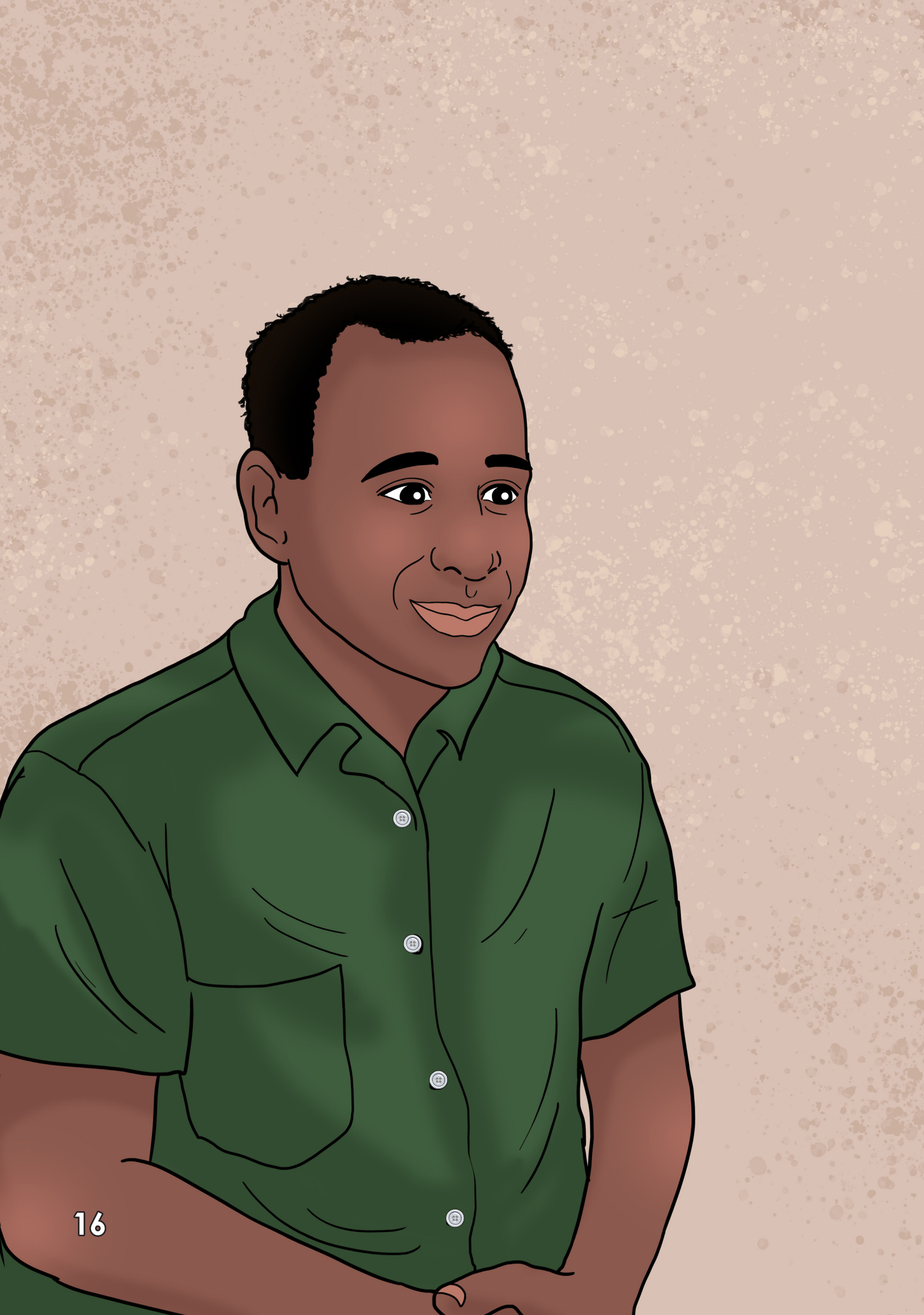




“Bullying is wrong,” the principal went on. “It’s not nice to make our friends feel hurt and sad. It also doesn’t really solve our problems. So, Joseph, please apologise to Johnny.”

“I’m sorry for what I did,” Joseph said. He was very upset with himself for pushing Johnny.

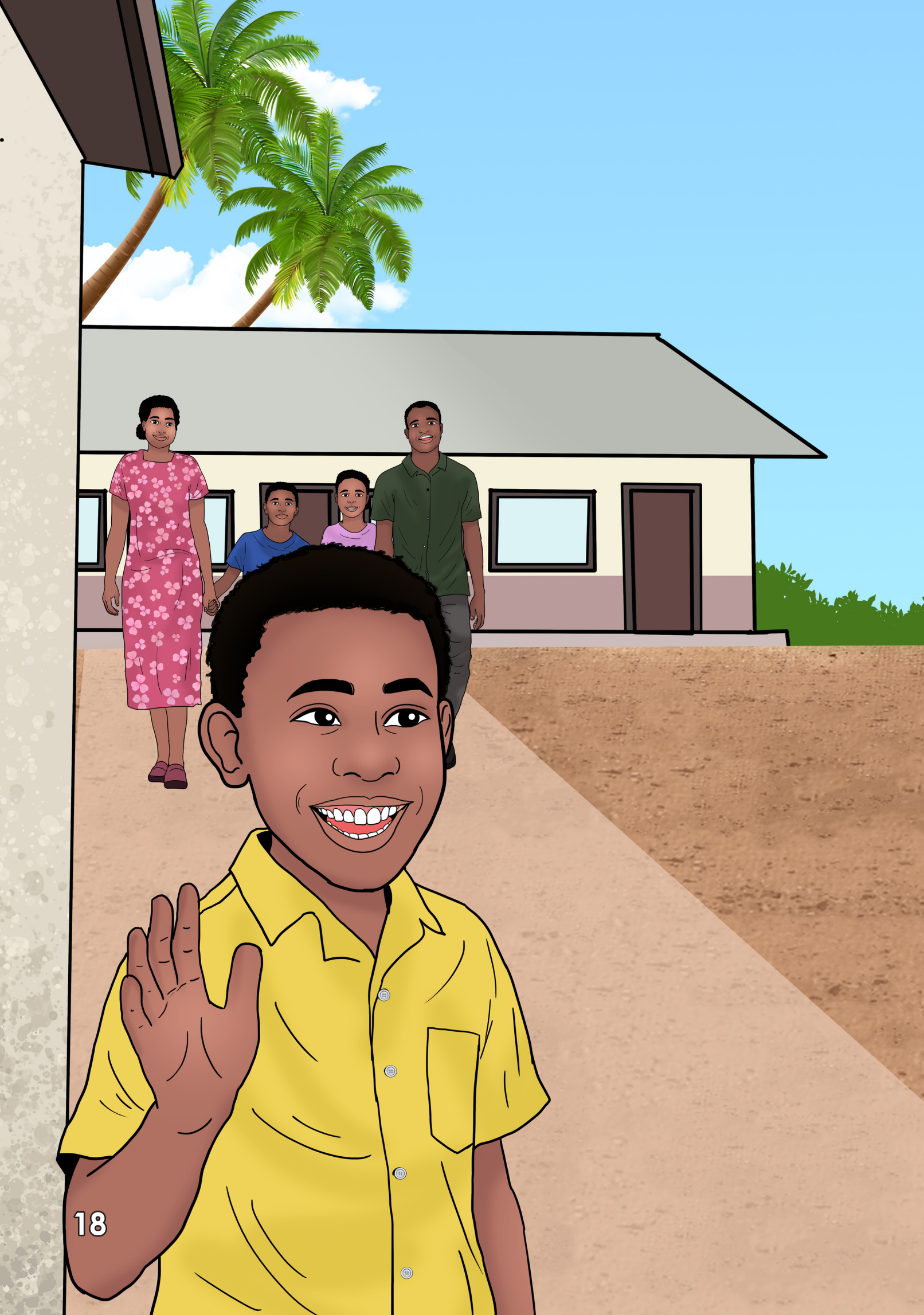




Johnny accepted Joseph's apology and smiled at him. He understood that his friend really was sorry for upsetting him. And Joseph understood that Johnny was only telling everyone about the volcano because he was excited.

"We'll talk about our problems from now on," Johnny decided. Joseph agreed.





Johnny and Joseph made up and became friends again.

There wasn't much lunchtime left, but they played together for the rest of it. After school, Joseph waved as Johnny and his family left for their trip.



**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



**Why was Johnny happy at the
beginning of the story?**



Why was Joseph upset with Johnny?



Do you think Johnny was bragging?

**Can you list other things that would
count as bullying?**



**Talk to someone about how Joseph
could have handled his jealousy better.**

About the author

Kalo was born in Shefa Province and now lives in Vila North. He wanted to write a story to help children understand themselves and those around them. As a child, his favourite story was David and Goliath. When spending time with friends and family, he likes to go on wildlife adventures.



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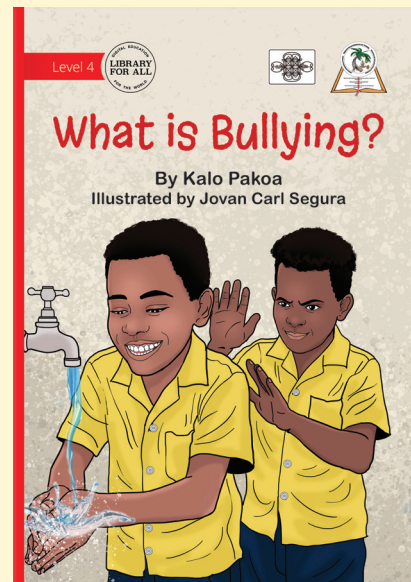
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Johnny's very excited about a family trip to the volcano in Tanna, but his friend Joseph thinks he's bragging about it. Joseph pushes Johnny in anger, and the principal teaches them about bullying.



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