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Amara is nine years old. She wants to be a lawyer when she grows up. She loves dogs very, very much. She has one for a pet.

Her mother, Mrs. Magare, is a hardworking farmer. Amara's father died in a road accident when she was five years old. Mrs Magare has managed to educate and give Amara her basic needs.



When Amara is not in school, she spends a lot of time with her dog. She named her dog Simba.



Most of the food she feeds Simba comes from the Mwalimu Hotel.

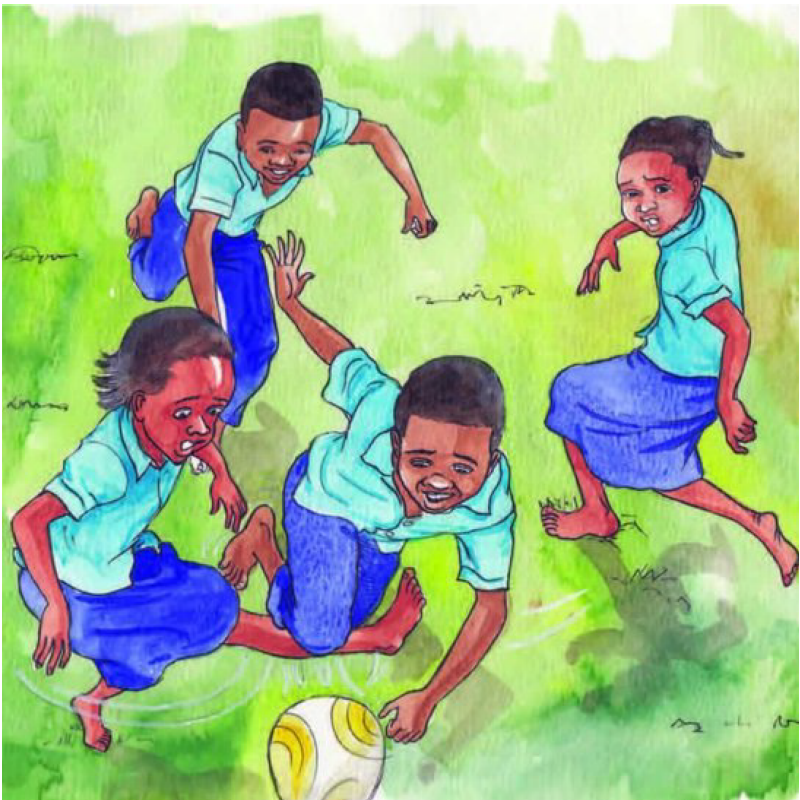
Amara's mother did not like dogs very much. Whenever Simba disturbed her, she would shout, "You dog, go away before I kick you!"



This made Amara feel sad.

One weekend Amara's mother had visitors. Her mother's friends came with their children who were Amara's friends at school.

The children enjoyed playing football together.





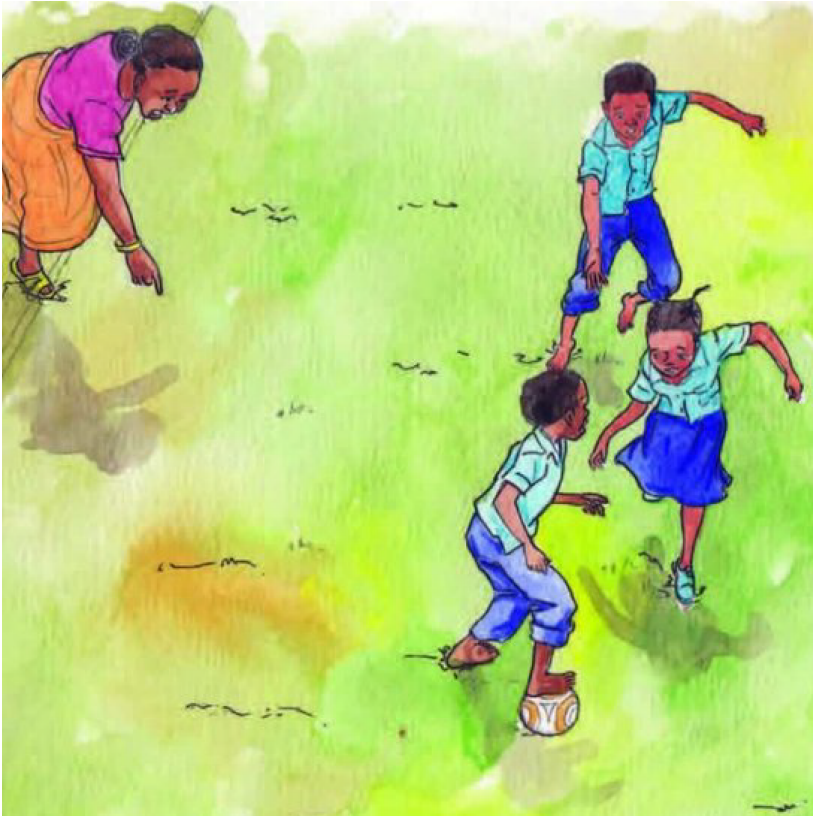
Mrs. Magare prepared a delicious meal of chapati, mandazi, and pilau. She told Amara to keep the dog locked up so that it would not bark and disturb the visitors.

Amara locked Simba up, but with some struggle, he was able to get out. He went straight to the kitchen to look for food.



After looking around, Simba went to the room where the visitors were enjoying their meal. They were surprised to see a dog in the house.

Mother called out for Amara to come take it out, but Amara did not hear her right away.



When Amara finally heard her mother, she went quickly to her. She was surprised to see Simba in the house. She knew she would be punished when the visitors left.

"Simba, please come here," she called.



To everyone's surprise, the dog quietly went to Amara. Amara took the dog back out and locked it up.

Everyone laughed. They liked the way Amara treated her dog. They all said they were going to treat their dogs better.

After the visitors left, Amara's mother apologized to her for being mean and cruel to her dog.



Amara was happy her mother accepted her dog. She even feeds Simba when Amara is at school. All mother's friends are treating their dogs better, as well.

