

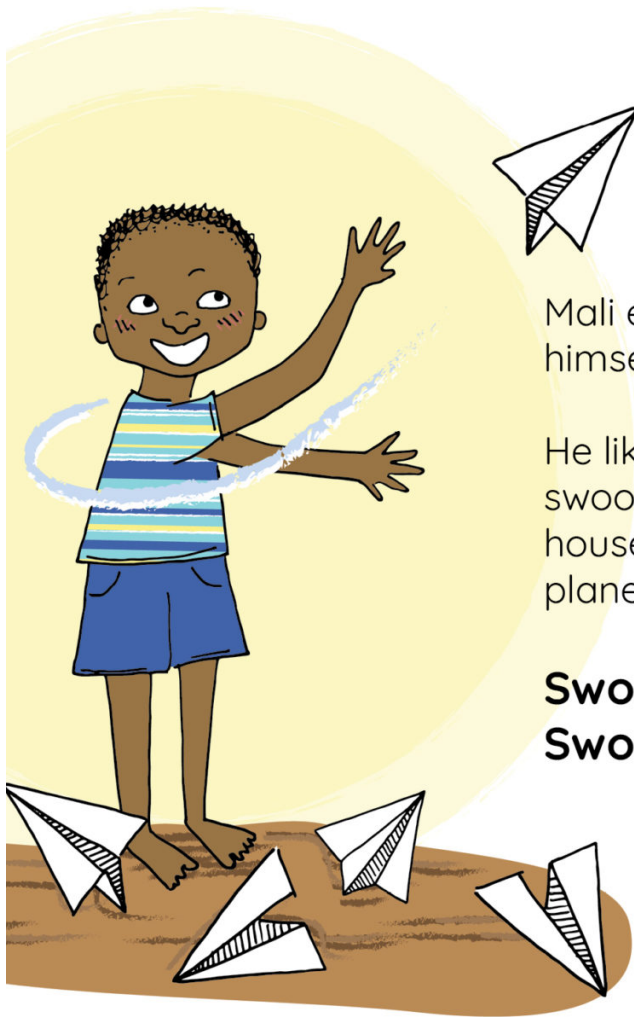
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Mali's Friend





Mali enjoys playing by himself.

He likes to be a pilot, swooshing around the house with his paper plane.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then a taxi driver, hooting around the yard with his wire car.

Beep! Beep! Beeeeeeeeeeeep!

Mali never goes out to play with others.





Gogo says,

“Mali go out and play
ibhola with the others.”

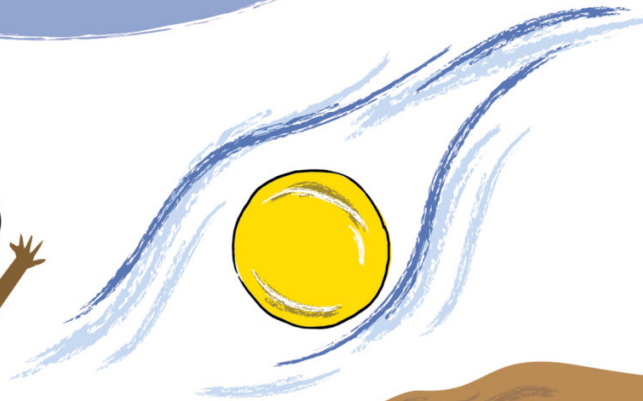


But Mali does not
enjoy himself.



Gogo says,

“Mali, look, the children
are playing **ibhathi**.
Go out and play.”



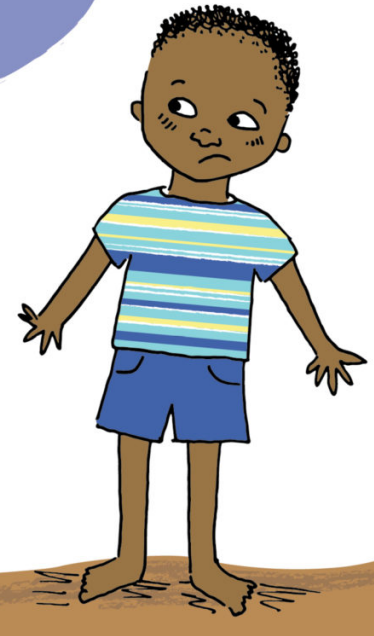
Mali tries again. But he
does not enjoy himself.



Gogo tries one more time.

“Mali, go out and
play **maphonselana**
with the others.”

Once again, Mali tries.
He does not enjoy himself.



There is a knock on the door.

Ko! Ko! Ko!



It's Lesedi from next door.
She has come to play.

Mali is shy. He does not
know how to play with
Lesedi.

Lesedi asks him if he
would like to make mud
pies and cakes.

They make mud pies
and cakes and even
pancakes and biscuits.

Mali enjoys
himself very
much.



An illustration showing a top-down view of a game of ingedo. A large, shallow, light-brown bowl sits on a brown surface. Inside the bowl, several dark brown, irregularly shaped stones are arranged in two vertical columns. Four hands, belonging to two different people, are visible around the bowl. One hand on the left is holding a stone, while another hand on the right is reaching towards the stones. A third hand is visible at the bottom left, also holding a stone. A fourth hand is on the right side of the bowl, with fingers spread. A stone is shown in mid-air above the bowl, with blue motion lines indicating it is being thrown. The background features a yellow surface with white circular patterns on the left and a blue and yellow striped surface on the right.

Lesedi comes back again. She shows Mali how to play **ingedo**.

Mali has trouble throwing, moving and catching the stones. But he gets better at the game.

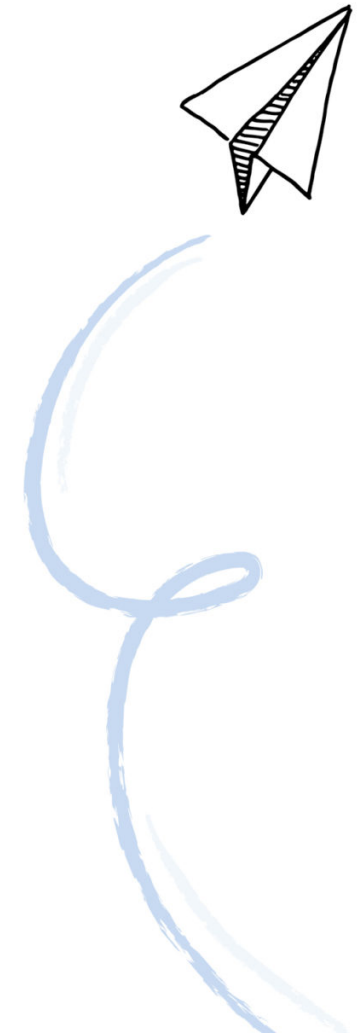
Mali enjoys himself very much.



Mali then shows Lesedi how to make a paper plane.

They go all around the house swooshing their planes.

Oh! They laugh a lot!



Mali asks Lesedi,



“Can I
come to
your house
to play
tomorrow?”



“Of course
you can!”

she laughs.



The next morning, after gobbling down his porridge, Mali takes out his wire car.



“Where are you
going, Mali?”

asks Gogo.

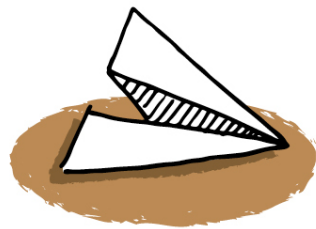




"I am going out to
play with Lesedi!"

he laughs.





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