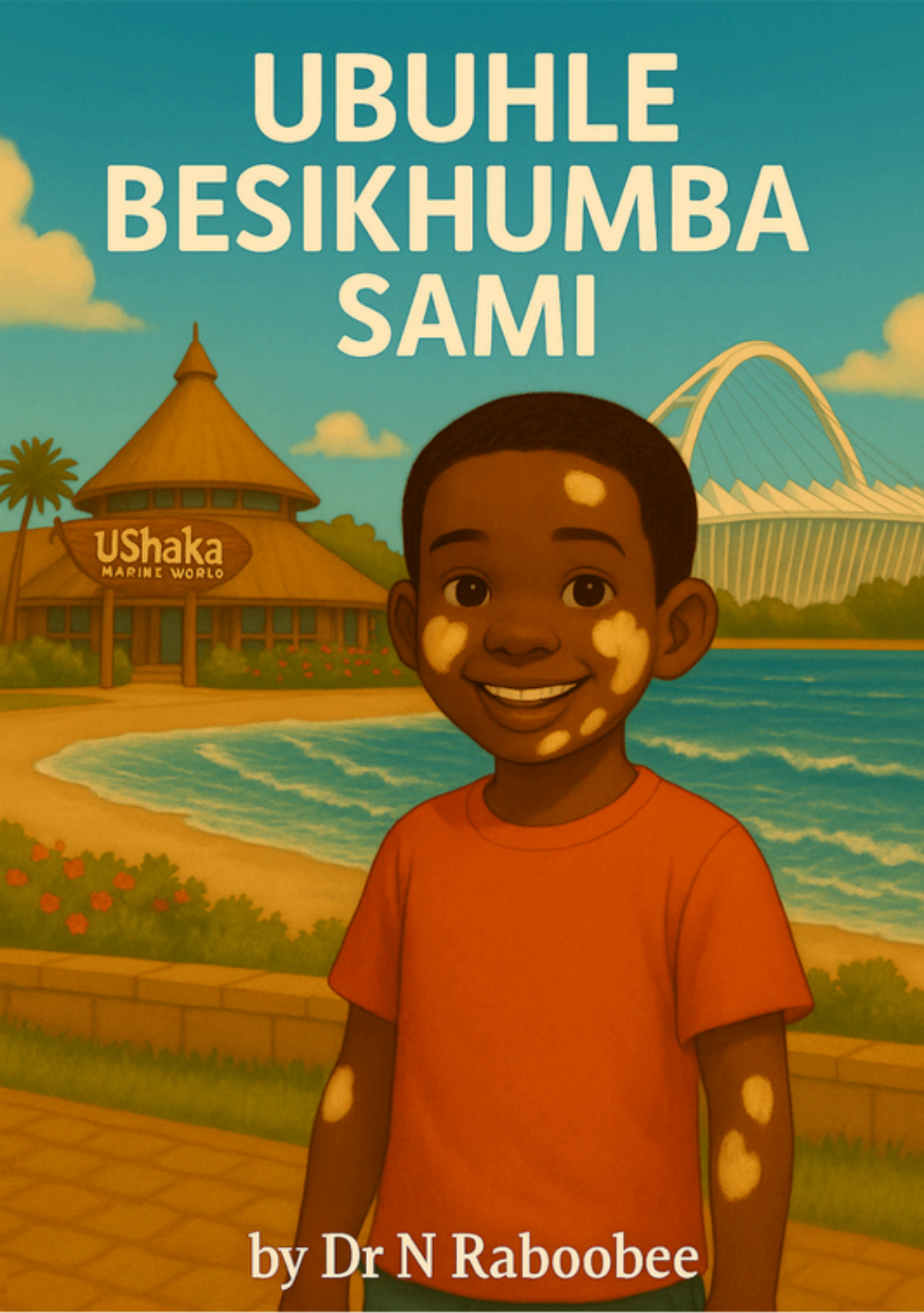
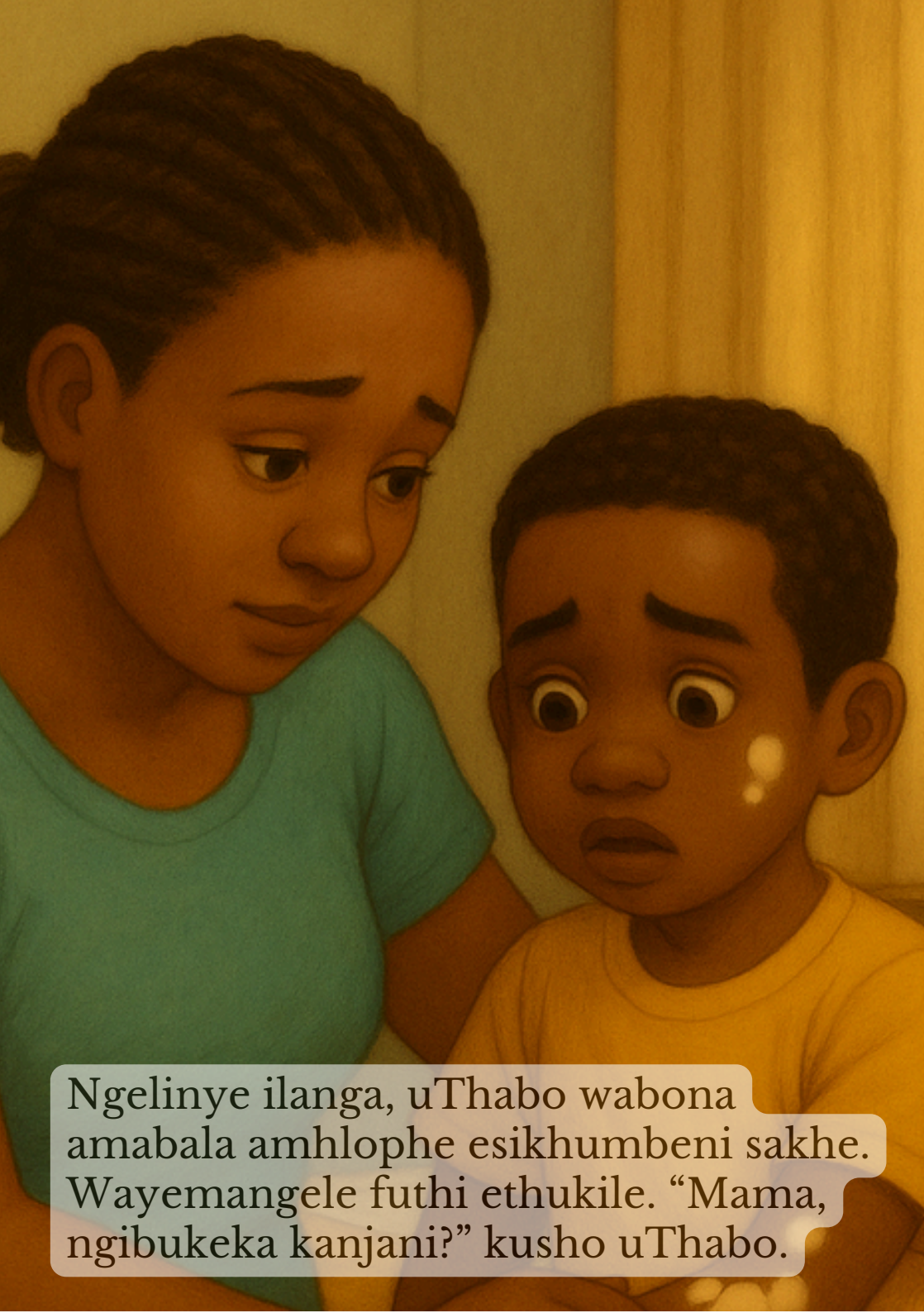
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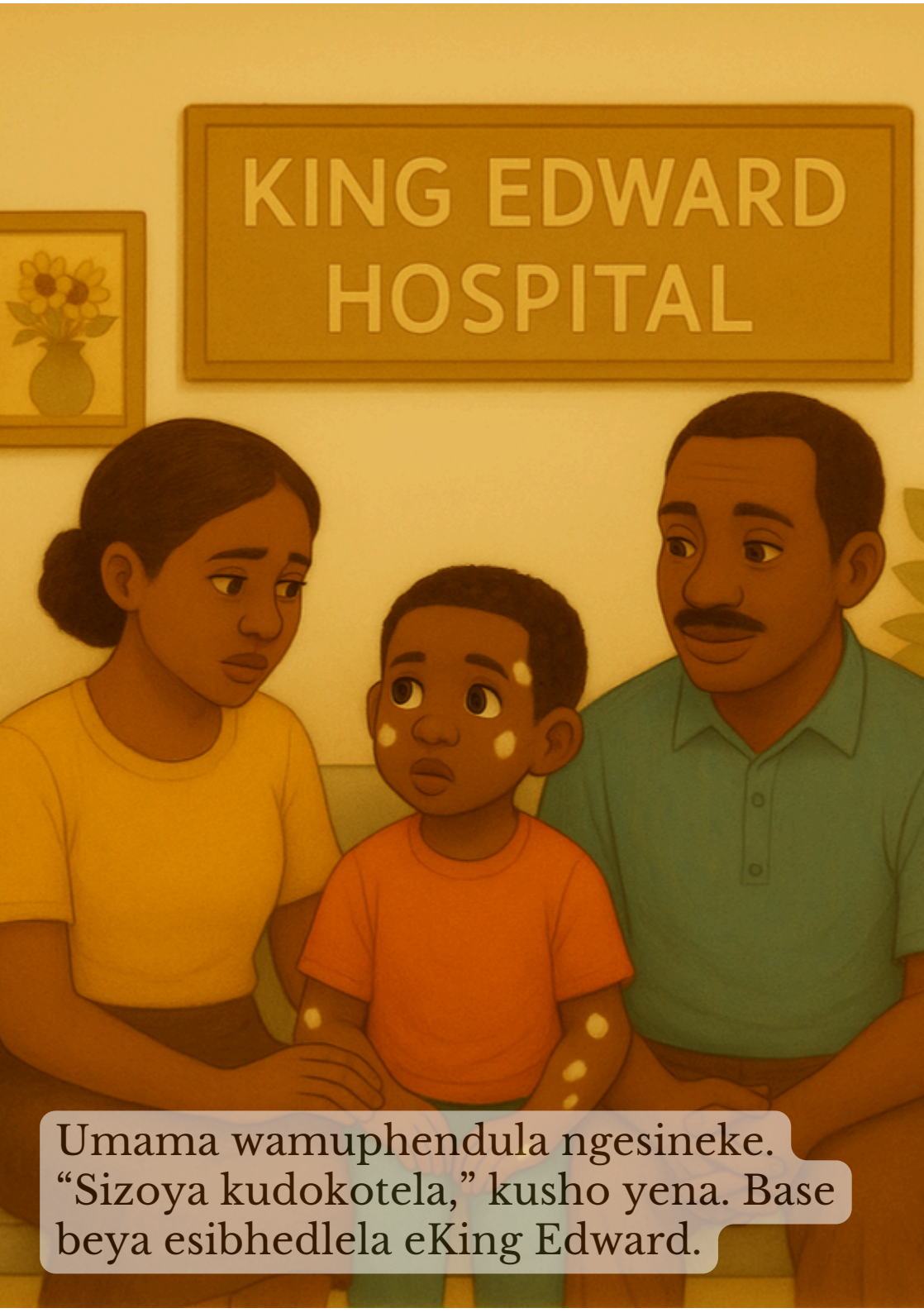


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UThabo wayeyingane ejabule kakhulu. Wayethanda ukudlala ibhola olwandle nabangane bakhe eThekwini.

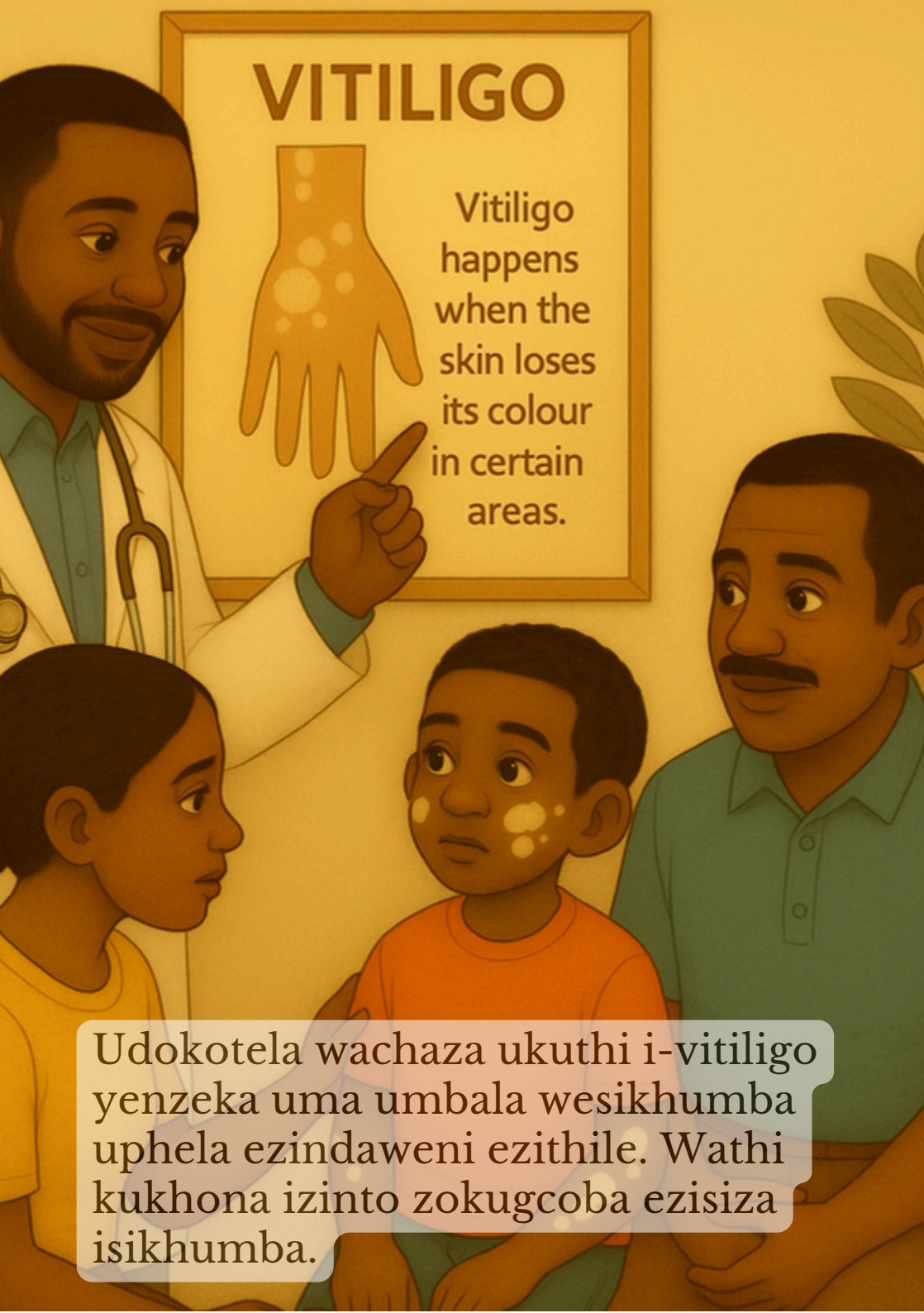

Ngelinye ilanga, uThabo wabona amabala amhlophe esikhumbeni sakhe. Wayemangele futhi ethukile. “Mama, ngibukeka kanjani?” kusho uThabo.



Umama wamuphendula ngesineke. “Sizoya kudokotela,” kusho yena. Base beya esibhedlela eKing Edward.



Udokotela wathi: “Lena yi-vitiligo. Ayilimazi futhi ayitheleli. Kodwa kufanele siyelaphe.”



Udokotela wachaza ukuthi i-vitiligo yenzeka uma umbala wesikhumba uphela ezindaweni ezithile. Wathi kukhona izinto zokugcoba ezisiza isikhumba.

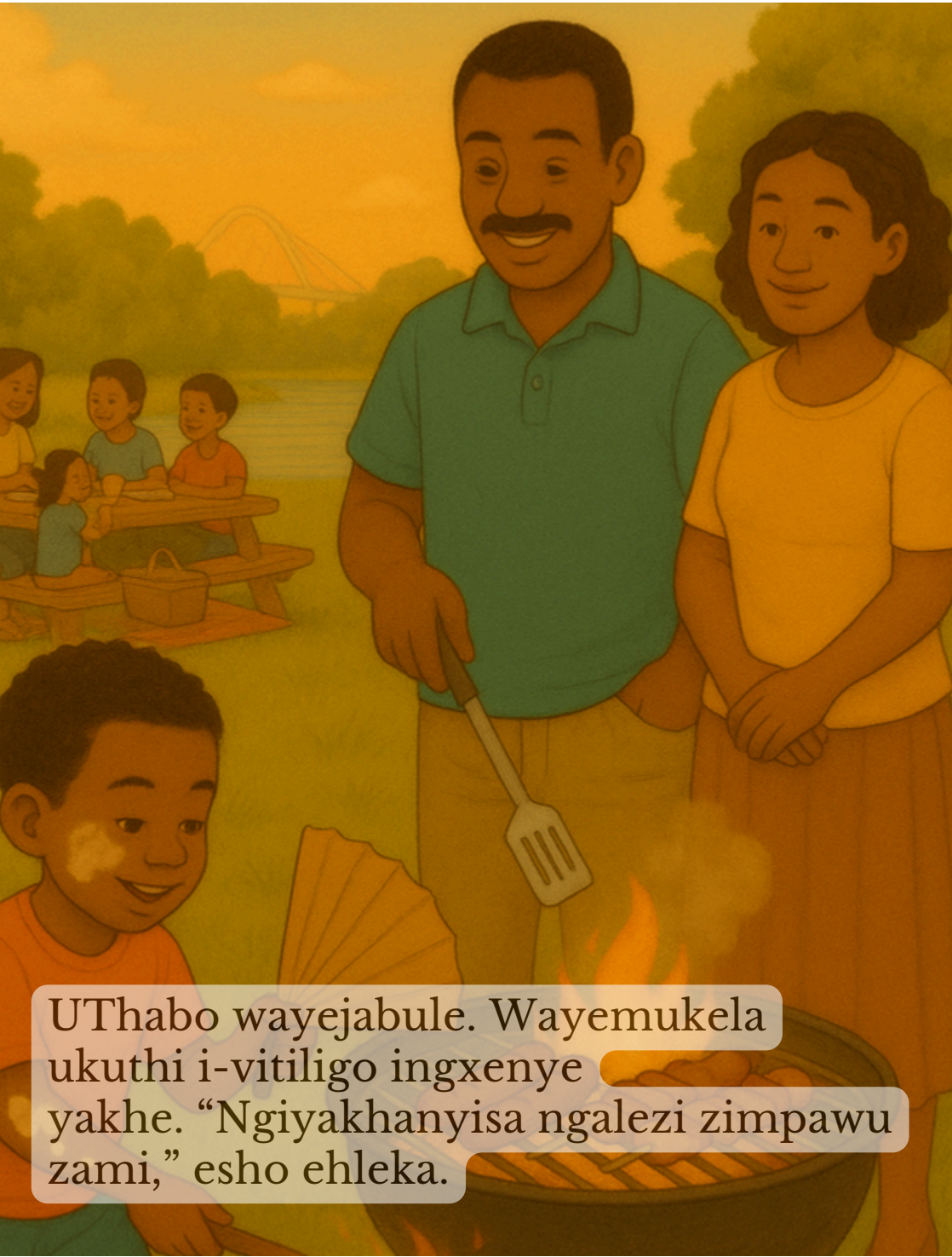


UThabo waqala ukwelashwa ngezibani ezikhethekile kanye namafutha ayekufanele. Wazizwa enethemba.


Ngenkathi ephola kancane, uThabo waqala ukuzizwa enesibindi. Waqonda ukuthi amabala akhe awamabi kuphela, kodwa amenza ahluke.


Esikoleni, wafundisa abafundi ngo-vitiligo. Bonke bamhalalisela. Uthisha wakhe wathi: “Uyingqwele, Thabo!”


Ekuhambeni kwesikhathi,
umsebenzi wakhe wobuciko
wawufakwe embukisweni eCity Hall.
Wabizwa “Ubuhle besikhumba
sami.”


UThabo wayejabule. Wayemukela ukuthi i-vitiligo ingxenye yakhe. “Ngiyakhanyisa ngalezi zimpawu zami,” esho ehleka.



I-vitiligo ayiyona isifo esingamisa impilo yakho.
Amabala akho akwenza ube omuhle ngdelala eyingqayizivele.
Yamukela, ukhanye, uthandane nawe.