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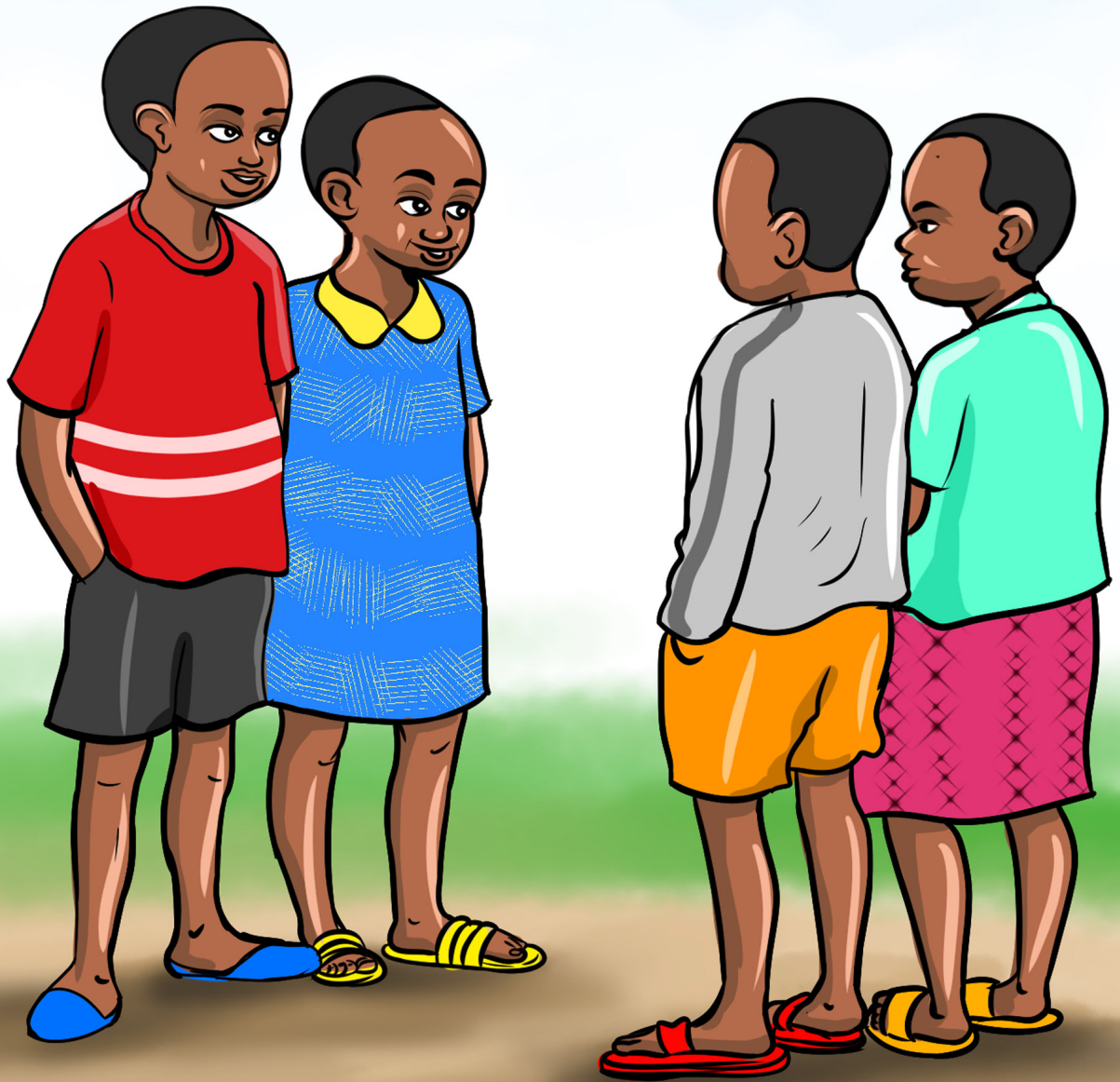
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Ngango is a young boy who has both parents. He also has a twin sister called Uwera. Ngango and Ngoga are classmates. Ngoga also has a younger sister and they live together with their parents. The families of those young boys are neighbors.



One day, Ngango and Ngoga were talking about their families while walking from their school. The lifestyle of both families is different. Ngango's family lives in conflict because of his father who is a drunkard, whereas Ngoga's family lives in happiness, harmony and cooperation.

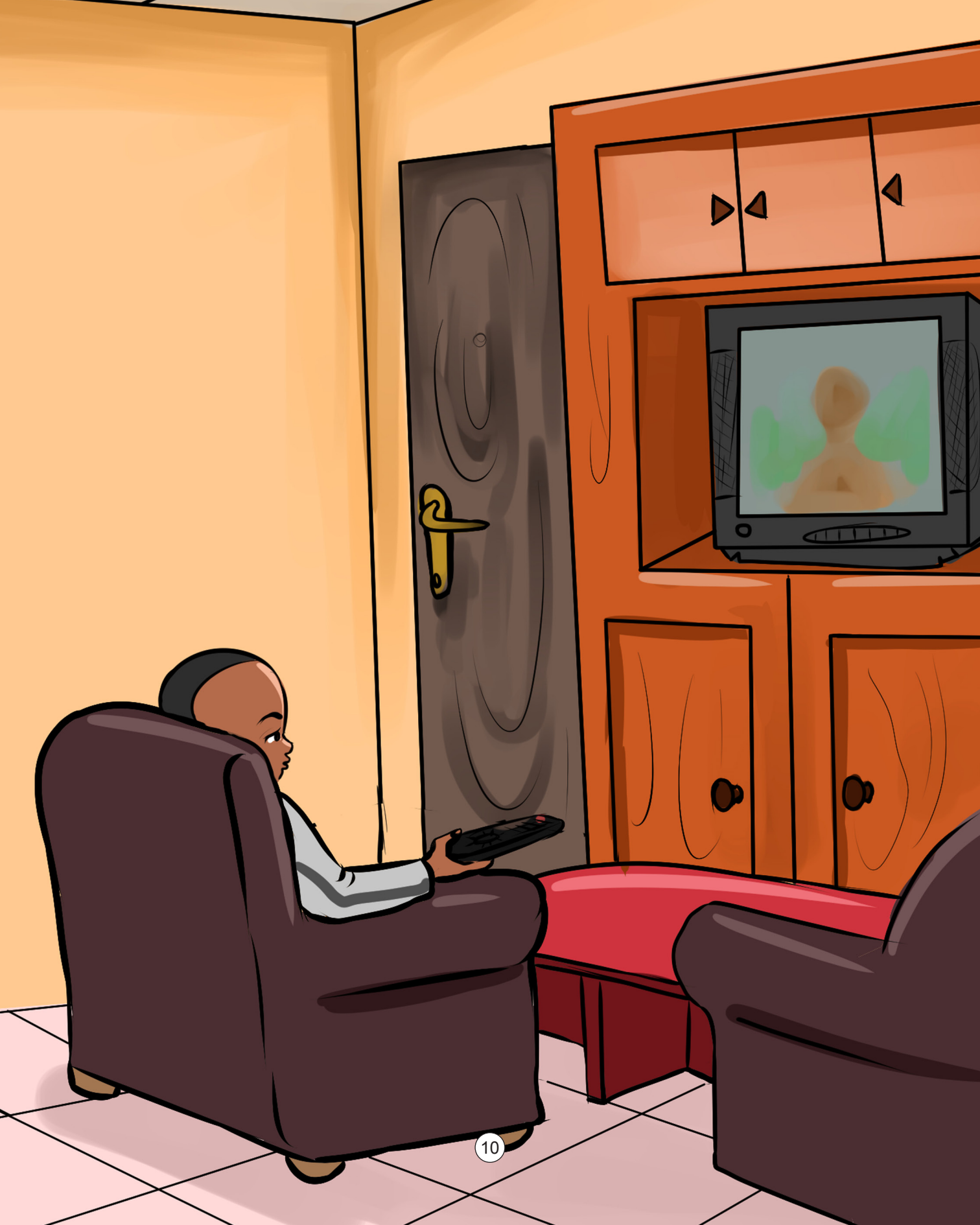


During their discussion, Ngango tells his friend how respected he is in his family. He said, “My father told me that I will be the chief of the family because I will replace him as the family leader. He does not want me to do anything at home. All household chores are only done by my mother and Uwera. My only duty is eating, watching television and sleeping.”





Ngango says again, “Daddy told me that if I want to be a respected man, I should not do any hard work. Whenever my daddy comes home, my mother and Uwera run very fast to the kitchen and then he tells me to come to him so that we can talk as leaders of the family.”



Ngoga was surprised and asked, “When does Uwera get time to relax?” Ngango replied, “She relaxes only when all the chores are completely done or when it is time to sleep. She is not allowed to be in the sitting room unless she finishes all her duties. Daddy told her that she will suffer if she comes in the sitting room before finishing her chores.”





Ngoga was shocked and told his friend about his family. In his narration, he shared how all his family members live in congeniality and solidarity. He also tells him that he has the same rights as his sister, Ikirezi.



“As you know our family is composed of four people. Those are my sister, Ikirezi, our parents, and myself. It is hard to differentiate me from my sister at home. Our parents trained us to share responsibilities at home,” Ngoga says.



“When Ikirezi helps my father to clean the house, I myself spend time with my mother in the kitchen and help her with cooking. You can’t imagine how I get happy when I am with my mummy or my sister in the kitchen busy with household chores!” Ngoga says again.





Ngango was surprised and asked, “If I am not mistaken, everyone in your family can do any work? Then, Ikirezi cannot undermine you? You can even go to the kitchen? Impossible! My father told me that if I try domestic chores, I will no longer be a man of vision. However, from what you shared I learnt that it is good to support each other though it is somehow tiresome.”



Ngoga told him, “I will invite you one day to visit our family; you will find it’s not hard to cooperate with your family members. When we support one another with household duties, it increases affection. As an example, each weekend we do sports together and get time to entertain ourselves and talk.”







Ngango got excited and said, “What amazing things! You are an exemplary family. I was thinking that since I am the boss in my family, I cannot do anything at home, but I have learnt a lot from you. Sometimes, I feel guilty to see my sister working tirelessly while I am watching the television. How can I change the way things are done in my family?”



Ngoga encouraged him and said, “Don’t worry it is very simple. It is you to step forward and agree that you are the same as your sister. Both you and your sister were born after nine months, none of you decided to be a boy or a girl. You must be on the side of your sister and work together. Right?”



As they kept on talking, Ngango managed to understand what he must do in order to change his mindset and his father's as well. Since then, he decided to work closely with his sister in any household activities. To achieve it, the first step was to discuss the issue with parents. Their discussion became fruitful and his parents realized that both girls and boys have the same rights.







One evening, Ngango's father arrived home and found his son washing utensils with his sister Uwera and blamed him for doing someone else's work.

Immediately Ngango said, "Listen carefully my beloved father, I realized that all children are the same. From now on, I will be helping my sister with all household work. I don't want her to work tirelessly alone, when I am idle. Daddy, remember that united we stand, divided we fall."



Ngango's father got excited about his son's interventions. He reflected on the message and said, "Thank you my son, the actions speak louder than words. I really apologize. I also realize that as parents, it is not good to promote favoritism in the family. Keep on collaborating in everything. I am also supportive. I will also cooperate and work hand in hand with your mother to develop our family. Keep it up!"









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