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Kankindi was an old woman living near Mucyo's school. She had no one to help her fetch water or firewood or sweep her compound. She ate only what her neighbours provided. From sunrise to sunset, she sat in front of her house.

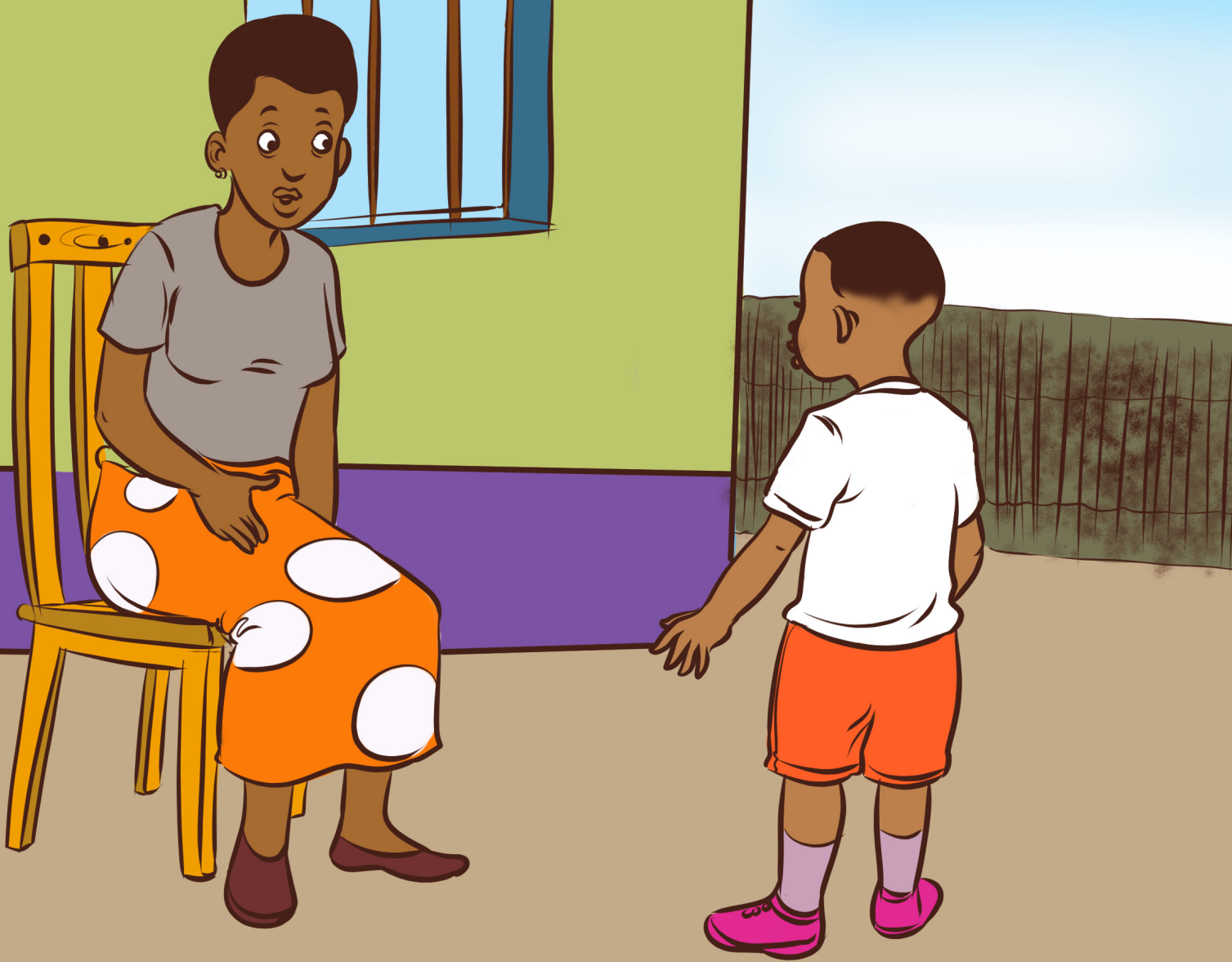




Every morning, school children greeted her, “Good morning, Grandmother.”  
“Good morning, my children,” she replied.  
Children loved her.



Mucyo and his classmates planned to help her. Some agreed to help fetch firewood. Others agreed to fetch water. Others agreed to sweep her compound. The children agreed to talk to their parents to help her with food.



“Can you give me some rice and beans to take to our Grandmother?” Mucyo asked his mother.

“Your Grandmother? Which Grandmother?” His mother asked.

“It is the grandmother for all my classmates. The old woman living near our school,” Mucyo replied.

“You mean Kankindi?” His mother asked.  
“Yes, Mother,” Mucyo confirmed.



His mother thanked Mucyo for his good initiative.

They went to the market. They bought many things like rice, beans, oil, salt, soap and clothes.





One day, all the children headed to Kankindi's house.



They helped her. They boiled water for her to bathe. She bathed and put on her new clothes.

Kankindi thanked them. She told them a story and solved riddles with them.

All the children were very happy. They did not want to leave her home.



On the way home, Mucyo's friends agreed to help Kankindi every week. They shared tasks. Some agreed to fetch water for her everyday.



At home, children gave reports to their parents. They also asked for permission to continue helping Kankindi. All parents agreed. The children started working in shifts to help Kankindi.





One day, Kankindi walked slowly to the Sector Office. She named Mucyo and his classmates the heirs to her property.



Once they were grown up, Mucyo and his classmates started a project to help old people.

They turned Kankindi's house into a modern office for their project.

They had volunteers who helped old people house-by-house.



People from around the world came to visit their project.

Some joined as volunteers and others helped in anyway they could.

Mucyo explained to them as the leader. All visitors agreed to help the old people in their communities.





This is the story of Mucyo and his classmates. They helped Kankindi, an old woman in retirement. What was their childhood project, became a lifetime effort to help senior citizens.

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