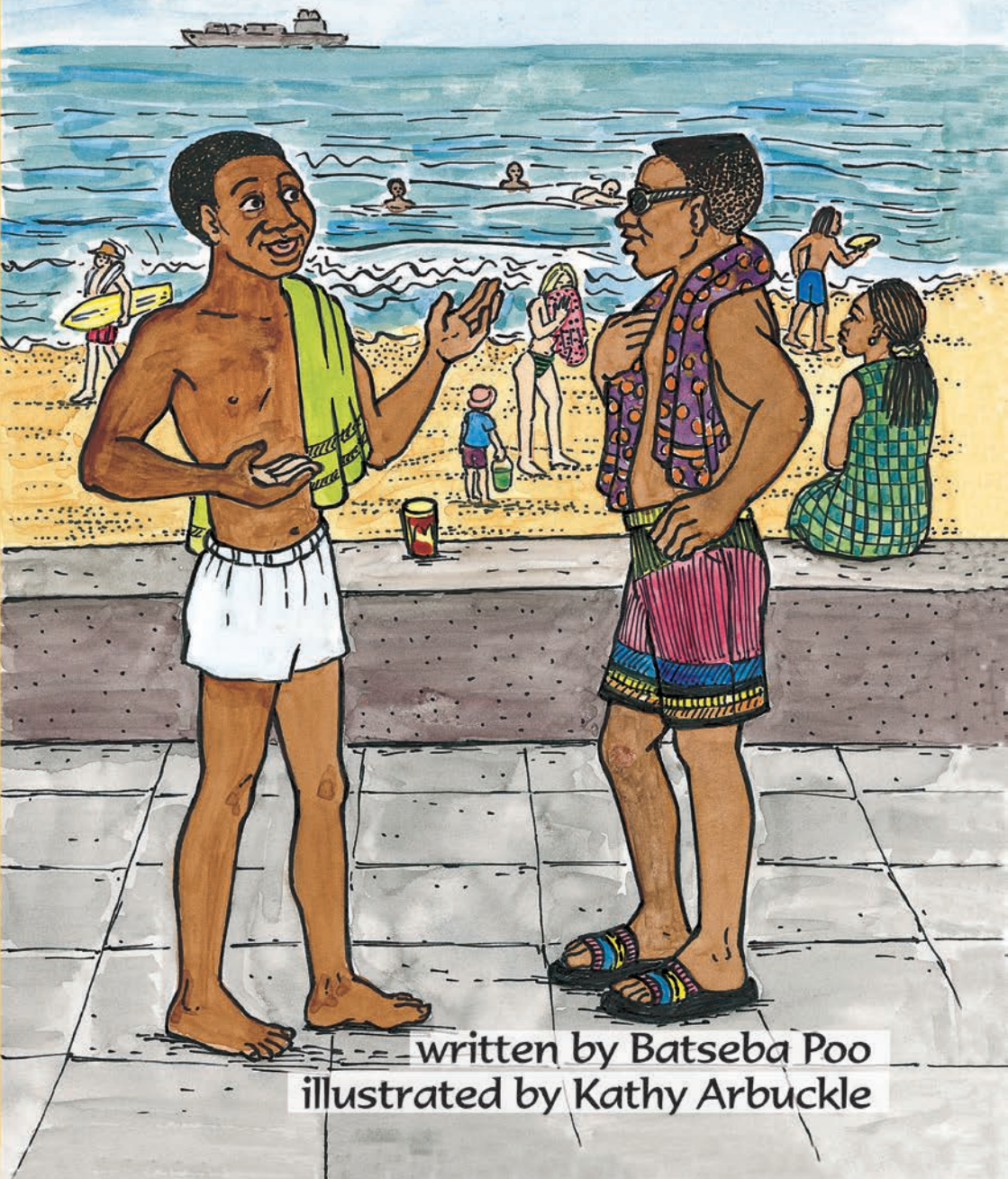


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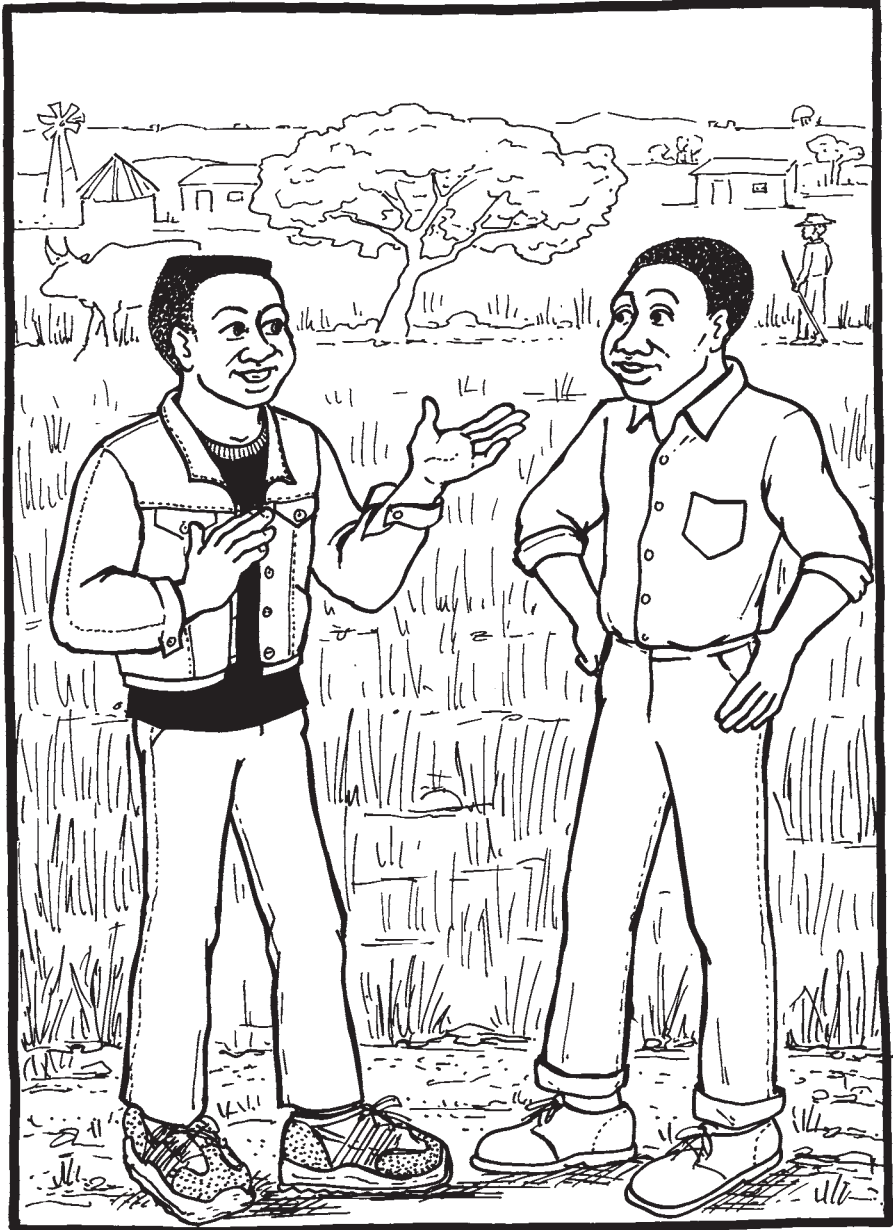
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**T**ladi lived in Bokwena. He was a village boy. He had never seen the sea. He wished he could go and see the sea.



His friend Pule said, "It glistens and dazzles one's eyes. Its waves jump like horses." Tladi and Pule longed to go to Durban.



Tladi's dreams came true. He asked his uncle for money. His uncle gave him R1 000 because he was a trustworthy herdboyc of his uncle's cows.



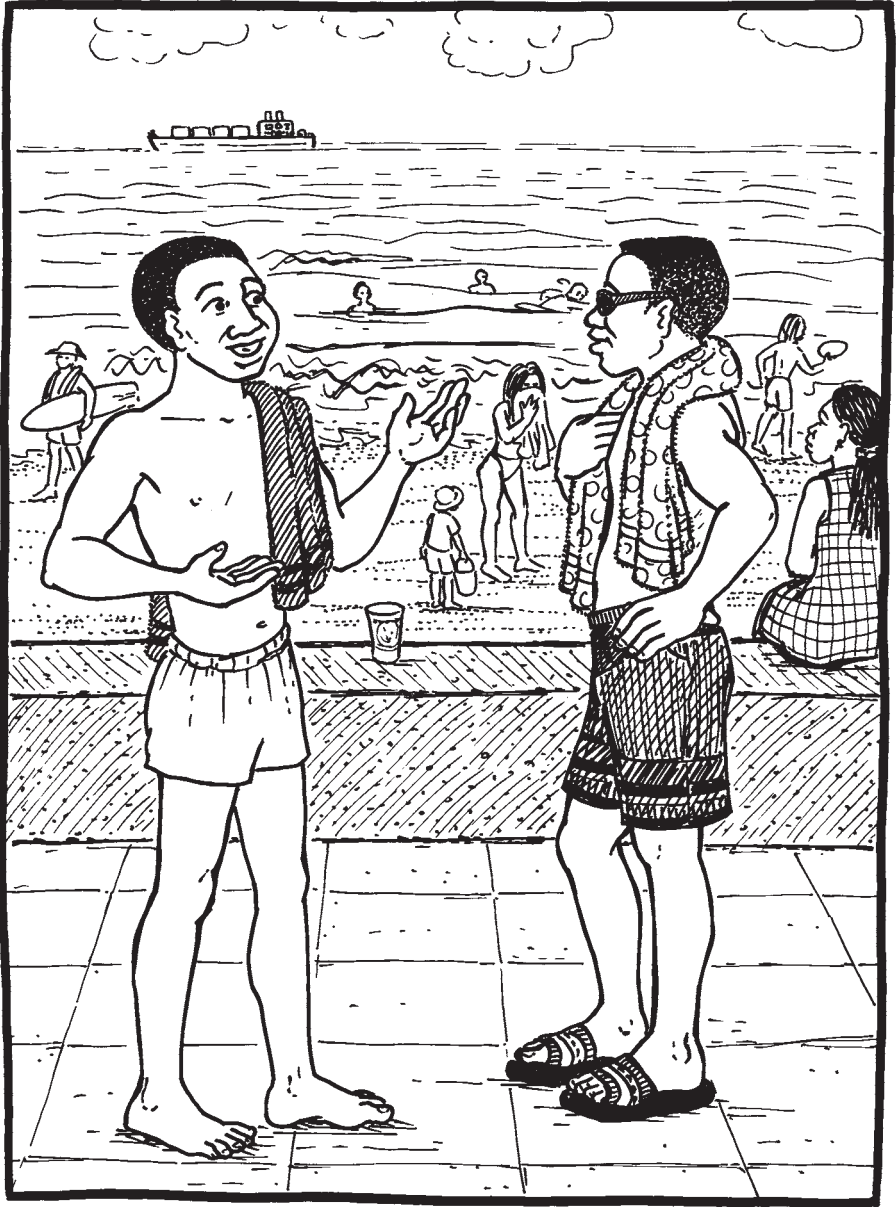




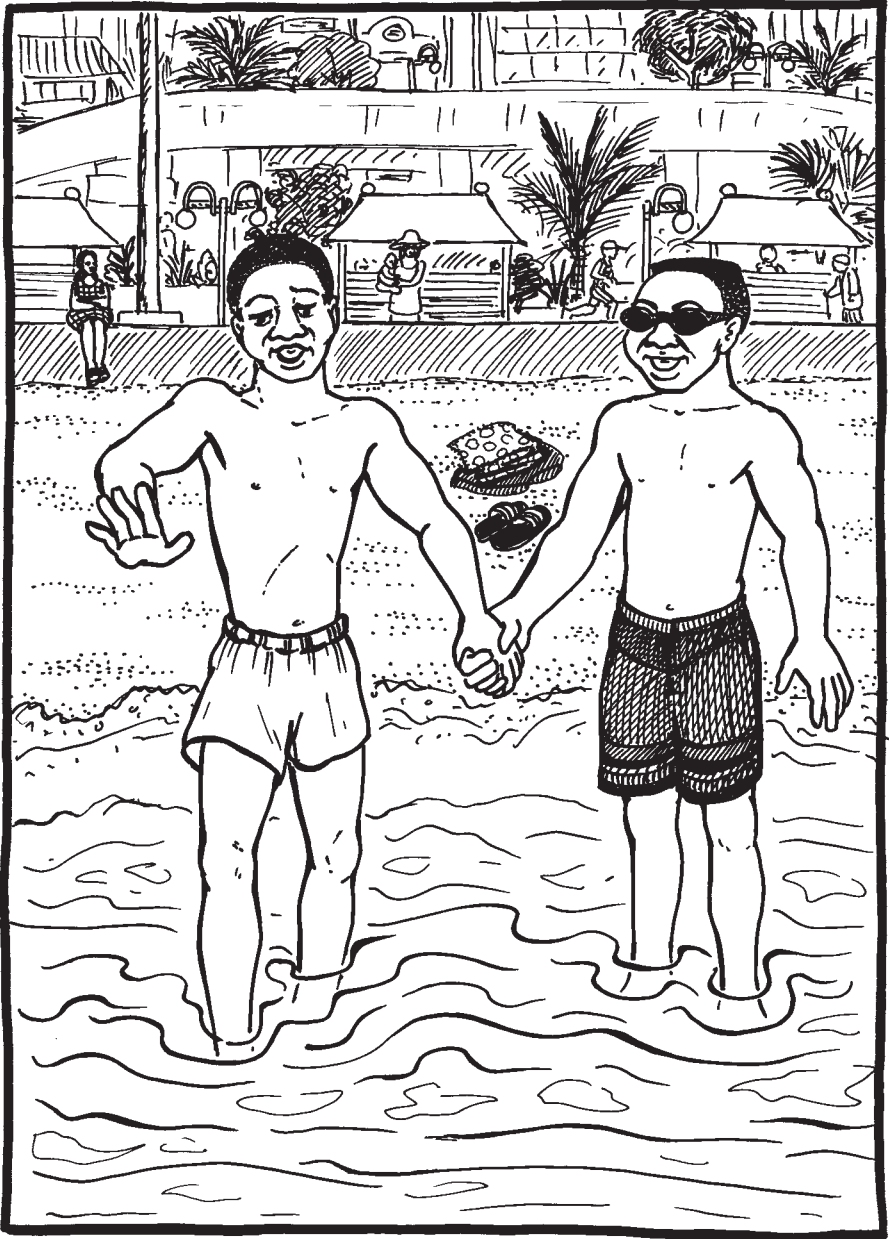
Tladi and Pule prepared for the journey. The day finally arrived. They took the bus, which arrived in Durban in the afternoon. They slept at a hotel near the sea.



After breakfast the next day, they put on their shorts and headed for the sea. Tladi was very happy to see the sea. "What an amazing sight. Look at the waves, the greatness of the Almighty's creation!"



Tladi was frightened when he went into the water. Pule held his hand. They started swimming. Tladi was used to swimming in the river that ran through his village.

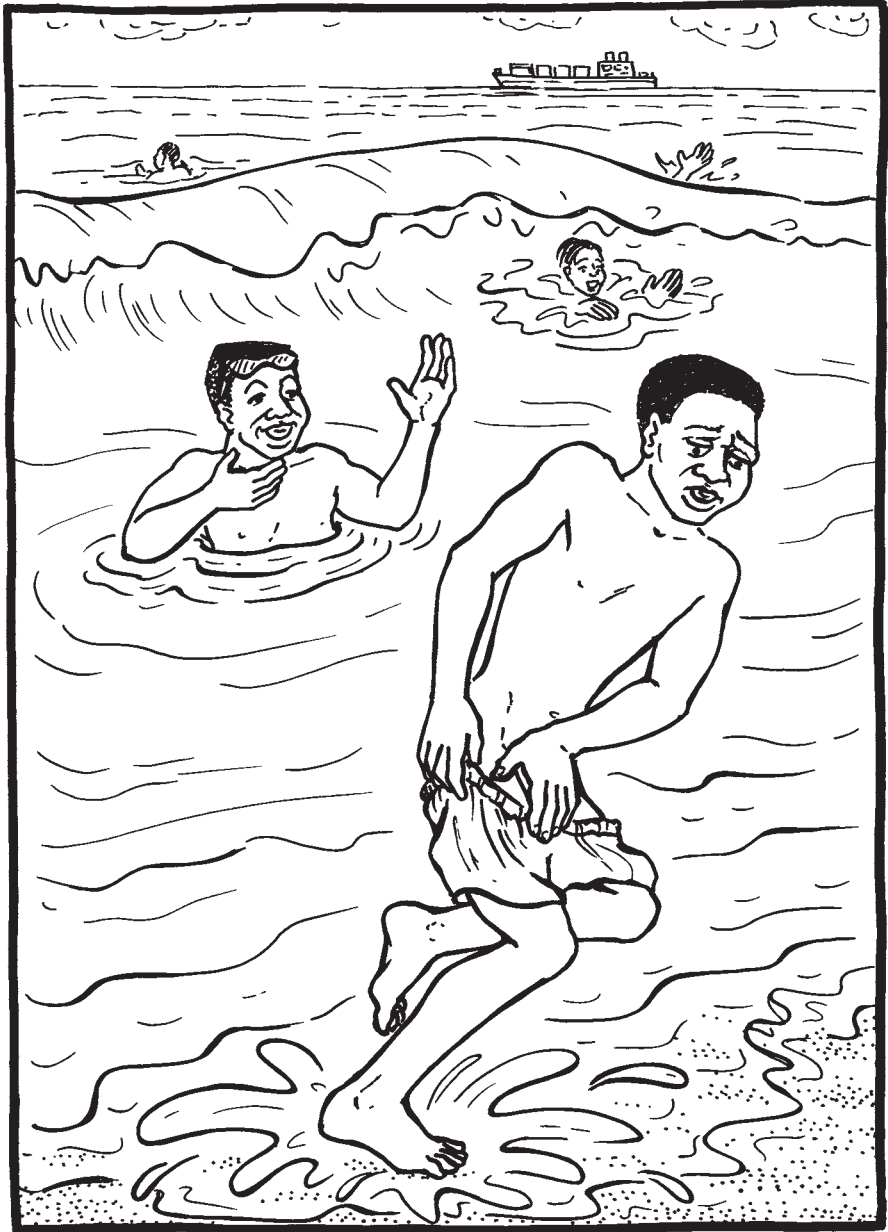


They swam and swam. Suddenly the waves covered them. As they surfaced, Tladi screamed, "Help! Help! Help! The sea is swallowing my shorts."





Pule laughed when he saw Tladi running towards the beach. Tladi screamed. He was trying to pull up his shorts with one hand and cover the *jewels of the Bakgatla* with the other hand.



Pule burst out laughing and said, "I told you! The sea is alive!"

THE END



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