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Wednesday morning brought bright sunshine that filled Vicky's classroom. She watched as her cousin, Lesly, entered and sat down beside her.

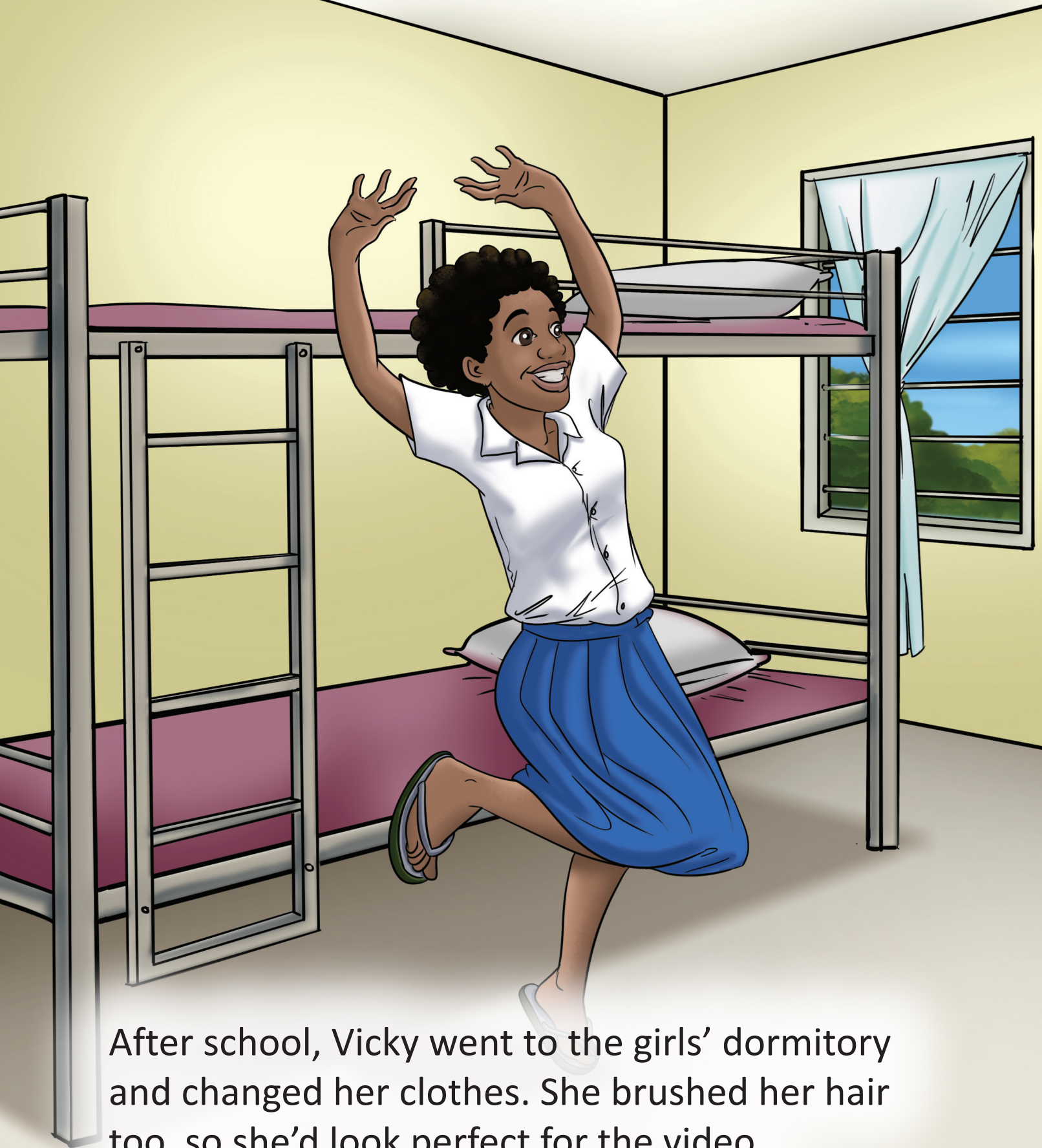
"Hey Vicky," Lesly said, "would you help us out with a music video? We're making one for a local band and need someone to act in it."



Vicky thought about it for a little while as school continued. She gave Lesly her answer that afternoon.

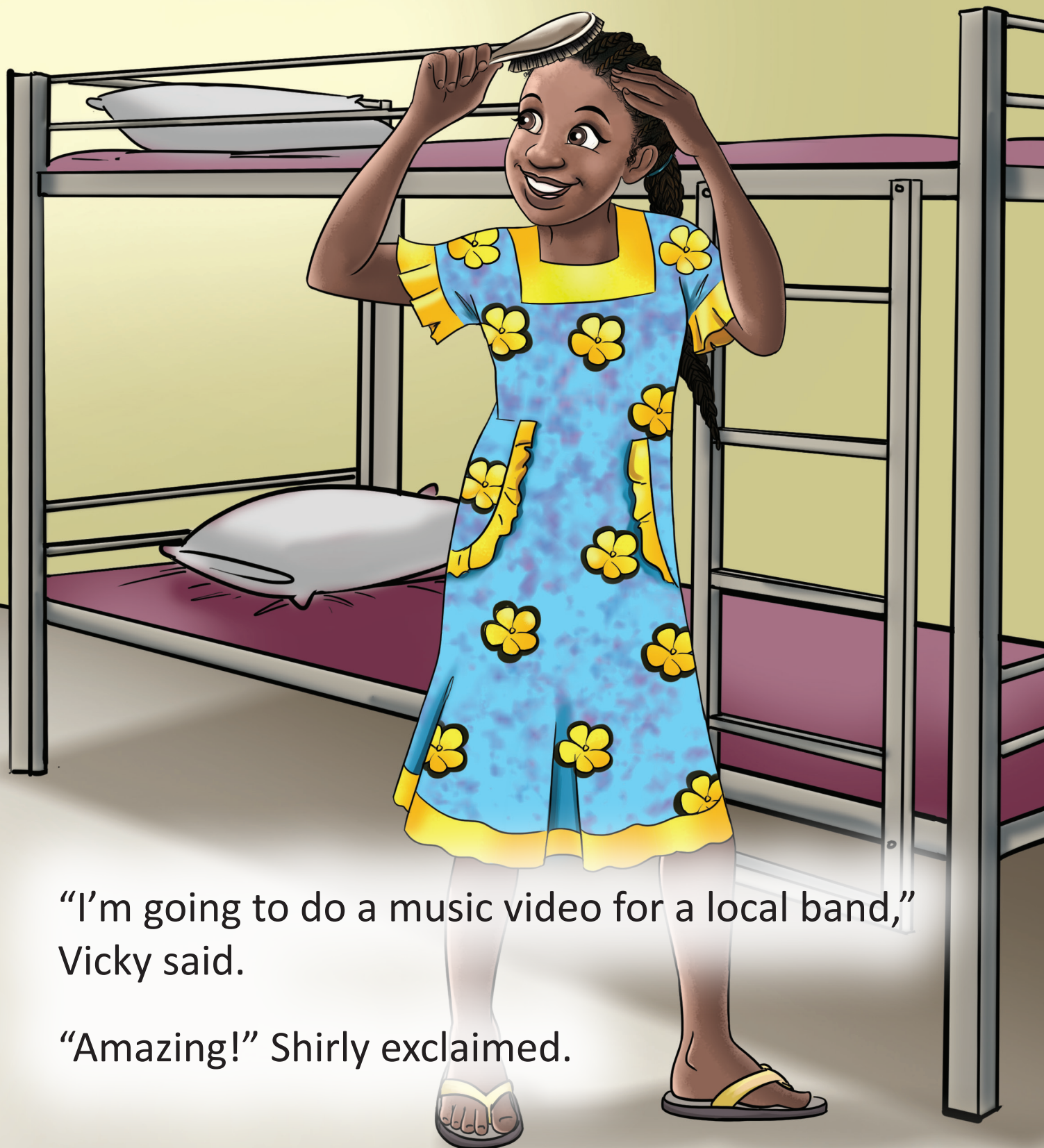
“Yes, I’ll help.”





After school, Vicky went to the girls' dormitory and changed her clothes. She brushed her hair too, so she'd look perfect for the video.

"Where are you going?" Vicky's roommate, Shirly, asked.



“I’m going to do a music video for a local band,”
Vicky said.

“Amazing!” Shirly exclaimed.



Vicky went down to the beach, which was inside the school's boundaries, to meet the other people doing the music video.

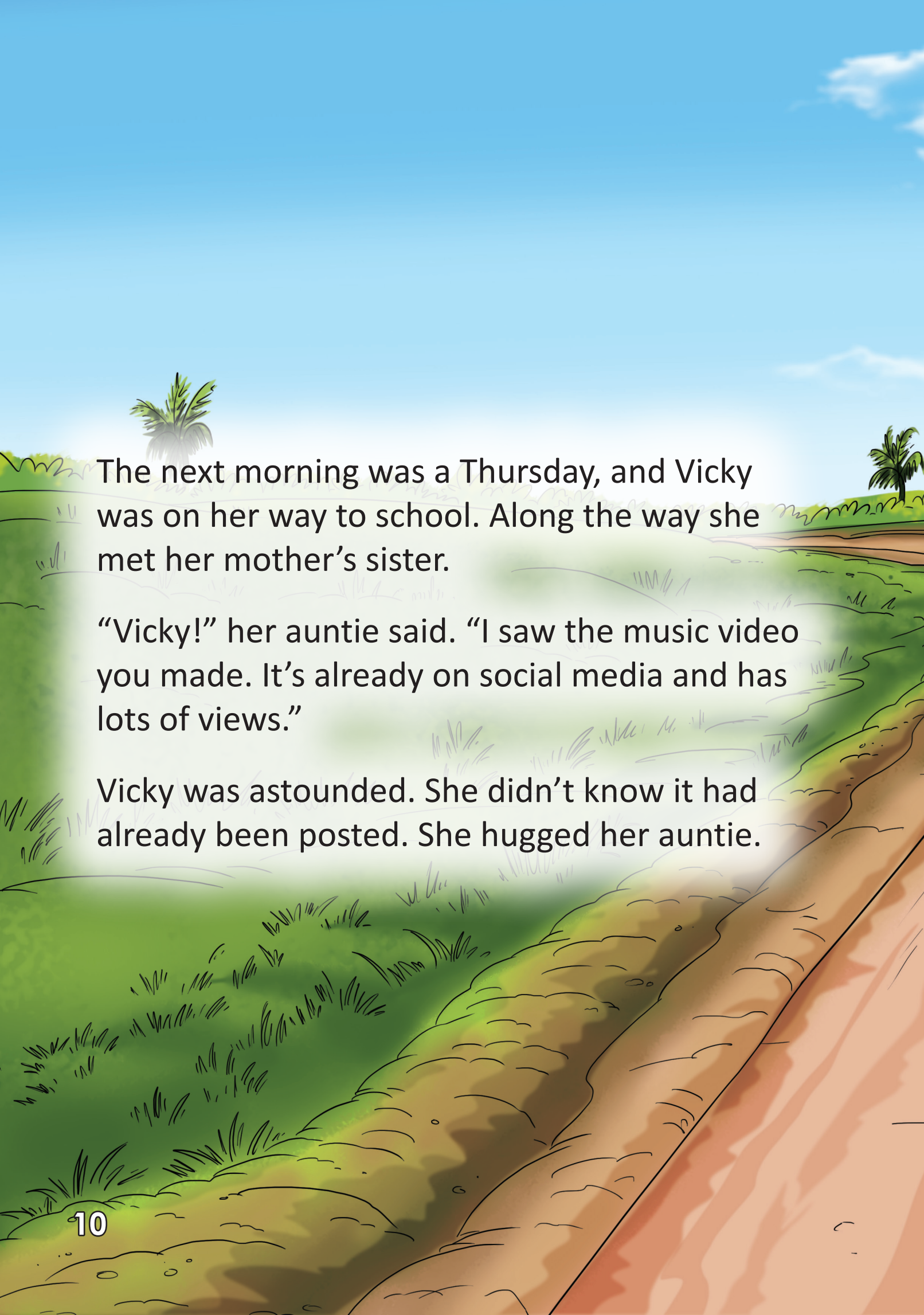
She found out that she would be acting as a local schoolgirl meeting a boy named Kayci. The singer, Rendo Tatalai, was also there, and Lesly was setting up as the person filming.



After discussing the plan with Lesly and Rendo, Vicky and Kayci started acting out the music video. They both found out that they really enjoyed it! The fresh ocean breeze brushed past them, and the setting was so beautiful that Vicky knew the music video would look amazing.







The next morning was a Thursday, and Vicky was on her way to school. Along the way she met her mother's sister.

"Vicky!" her auntie said. "I saw the music video you made. It's already on social media and has lots of views."

Vicky was astounded. She didn't know it had already been posted. She hugged her auntie.



When she arrived at school, Vicky had another surprise. When her classmates and friends saw her, they all ran towards her, cheering and waving.



“Vicky!” her friends called. “We saw the video.
You were amazing!”

Everyone hugged her, talking all at once.





A detailed illustration of a traditional thatched hut. The roof is made of thick, brown, layered thatch, sloping downwards on the right side. The walls are constructed from a woven material, possibly bamboo or reeds, showing a distinct herringbone pattern. The hut has a dark, shadowed interior. To the right of the hut, there is a small patch of green foliage with yellow flowers. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

Vicky was so happy that everyone liked the video. But, when she went home from school for the weekend, she realised she'd never told her mum!

Her mum was not happy.

"You shouldn't be going off and doing stuff like this, Vicky!" her mother scolded her.

"You're a young girl. You should be focusing on your studies."



The background of the page is a stylized illustration. At the top, there's a brown thatched roof with black outlines. Below it, the scene is mostly dark, suggesting an interior space at night or a shadowed area. On the left, there's a vertical wooden post and a wall with yellow and brown diagonal stripes. In the bottom left corner, a small portion of a blue object, possibly a shirt, is visible.

Vicky apologised for not telling her mother about the music video. To her relief, her mother forgave her and hugged her tight.

“It’s a very nice song, though,” her mum said. “You looked lovely.”

Two weeks later, Vicky met the boy who'd composed the song again, Rendo Tatalai.

"Hi Vicky!" Rendo said. "I wanted to thank you again for being in the music video. It's exactly what I imagined when I wrote the song."



Vicky would always be proud of being part of the Vanualava Queen music video.



**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



**Whose idea was it to invite Vicky
to do the music video?**



**Why might Vicky's mum have been
upset about the music video?**



**What sort of things could Vicky
have done in the music video?**

**Have you ever seen a music
video? What's your favourite?**



**Discuss how you might film
your own music video!**

About the author

Vicky Jill Rarangi was born on Gaua Island and now lives in Luganville. When she's with her friends and family, she likes to clean up the house, go out to parties, and play games. Ruth's favourite stories as a child were Bible stories, especially *Jesus and the Twelve Disciples*.



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