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Once upon a time there was a little boy called Vili who lived with his grandmother in Maulilelei Village, on a Pacific Island.



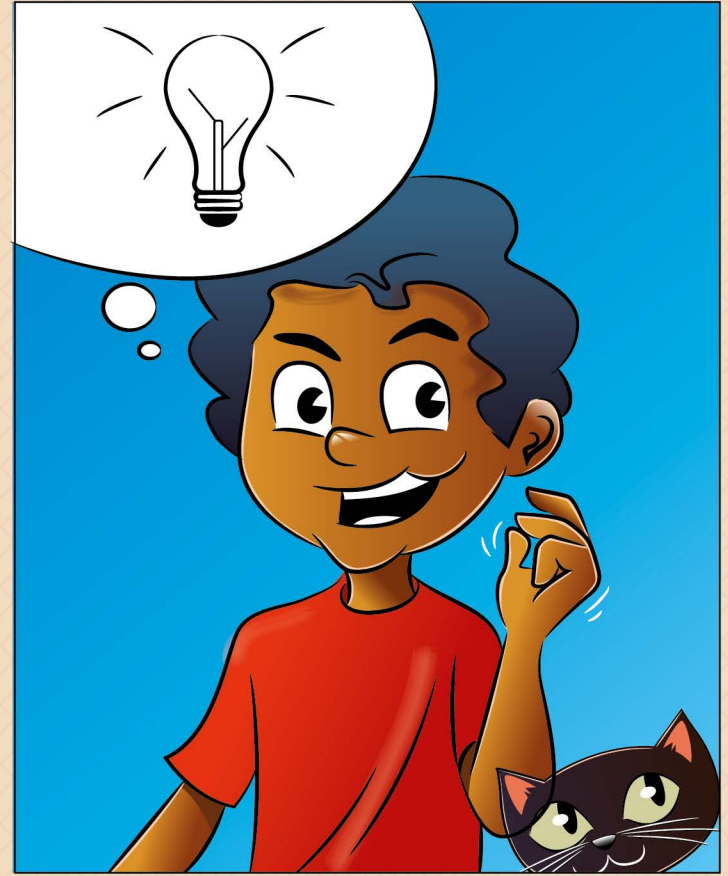
One day, Vili fell ill.



So, his grandmother took him to see the doctor.



Vili listened carefully to the doctor and wondered what he meant.



He thought about it for a long time until an idea came to him. He had to find a rainbow.



The next morning, a surprise was waiting for him.



He grabbed a ladder straight away and ran towards the rainbow.



But the further he ran, the further away the rainbow seemed to be.
So Vili realised you can't catch rainbows.



The next day during art class, the teacher showed everybody the works of a famous painter called Kandinsky. Suddenly, Vili had another idea.



He decided to paint his plates in Kandinsky's style. "Woohoo! That really looks like rainbows! I'm sure that's what the doctor meant."



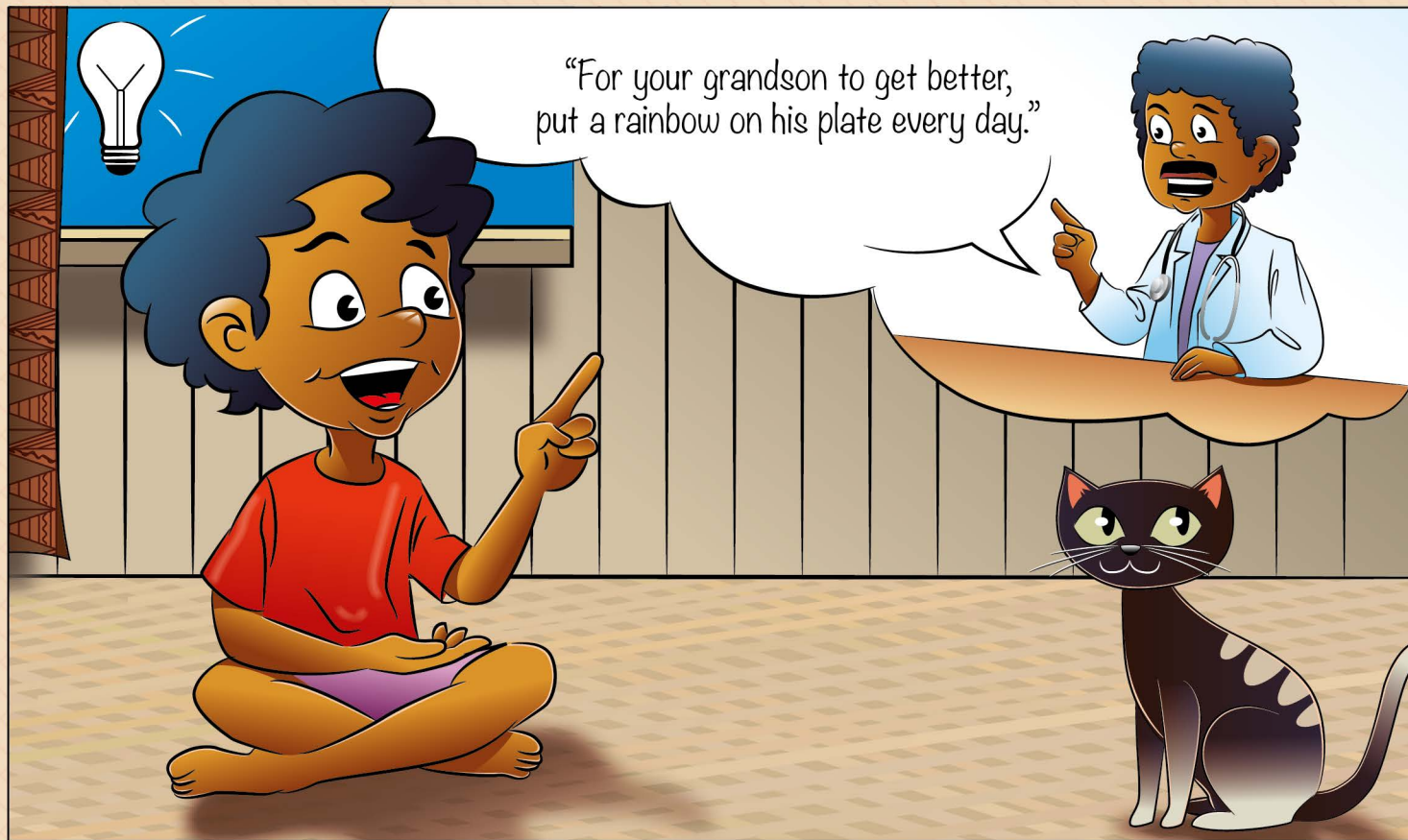
But, all of a sudden, it started raining and Vili's rainbows vanished.



Annoyed, Vili decided to go and ask his grandmother for answers. Smiling at all his misadventures, she explained that food was just as colourful as rainbows.



Then she took him to the garden and showed him all the pretty colours: green taro leaves, orange pumpkins and yellow bananas.



It all suddenly seemed so clear and at last Vili realised what the doctor had meant.
You have to eat all sorts of food to be healthy.



So, together, they gathered what they needed to make a nice, colourful meal.





What about you?
Is your plate filled with colours?



