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I dedicate this book to the two people who changed my life forever: my two sons, Keedrick and Austin. Being your mother has given my life purpose. There is no greater joy than knowing that God chose me, just for you.

You are my pride and joy!

Your Mom loves you forever.

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Why am I here?

Where should I go?

I have a feeling that somebody knows.






Sometimes I sit and  
I think about me.

I let my imagination  
go wild, go free!





When I close my eyes,  
what do I see?

Everything is possible.  
What will it be?



I might see colors,  
pretty and bright.

I might see the stars  
twinkling at night.

I smile when I see  
myself tall as a tree.

Strong like a lion  
or as small as a bee.

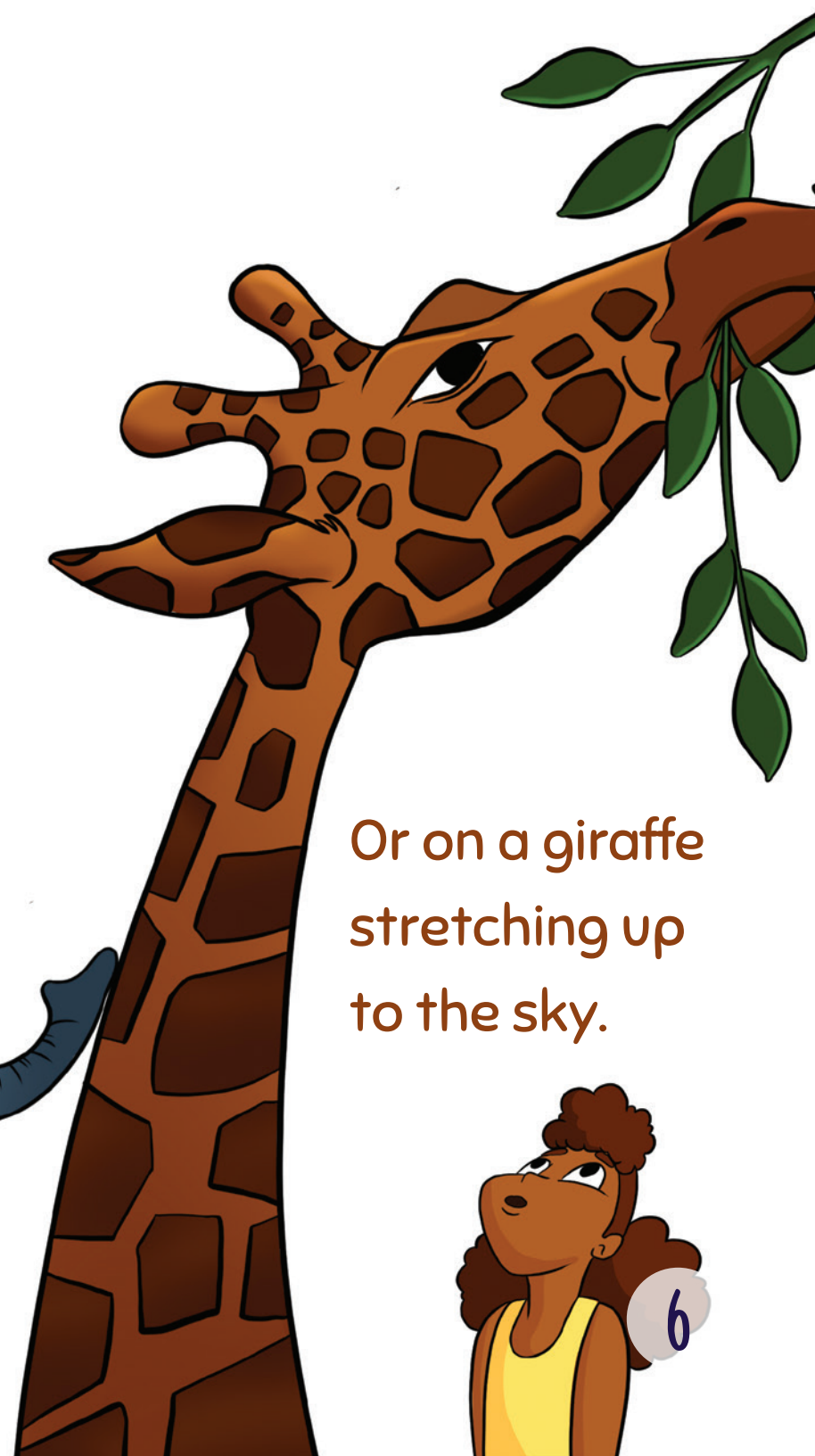





Riding an elephant,  
sitting up high.



Or on a giraffe  
stretching up  
to the sky.







Perhaps I will travel.  
Where will I go?

Out to the  
ocean where  
blue waters flow?



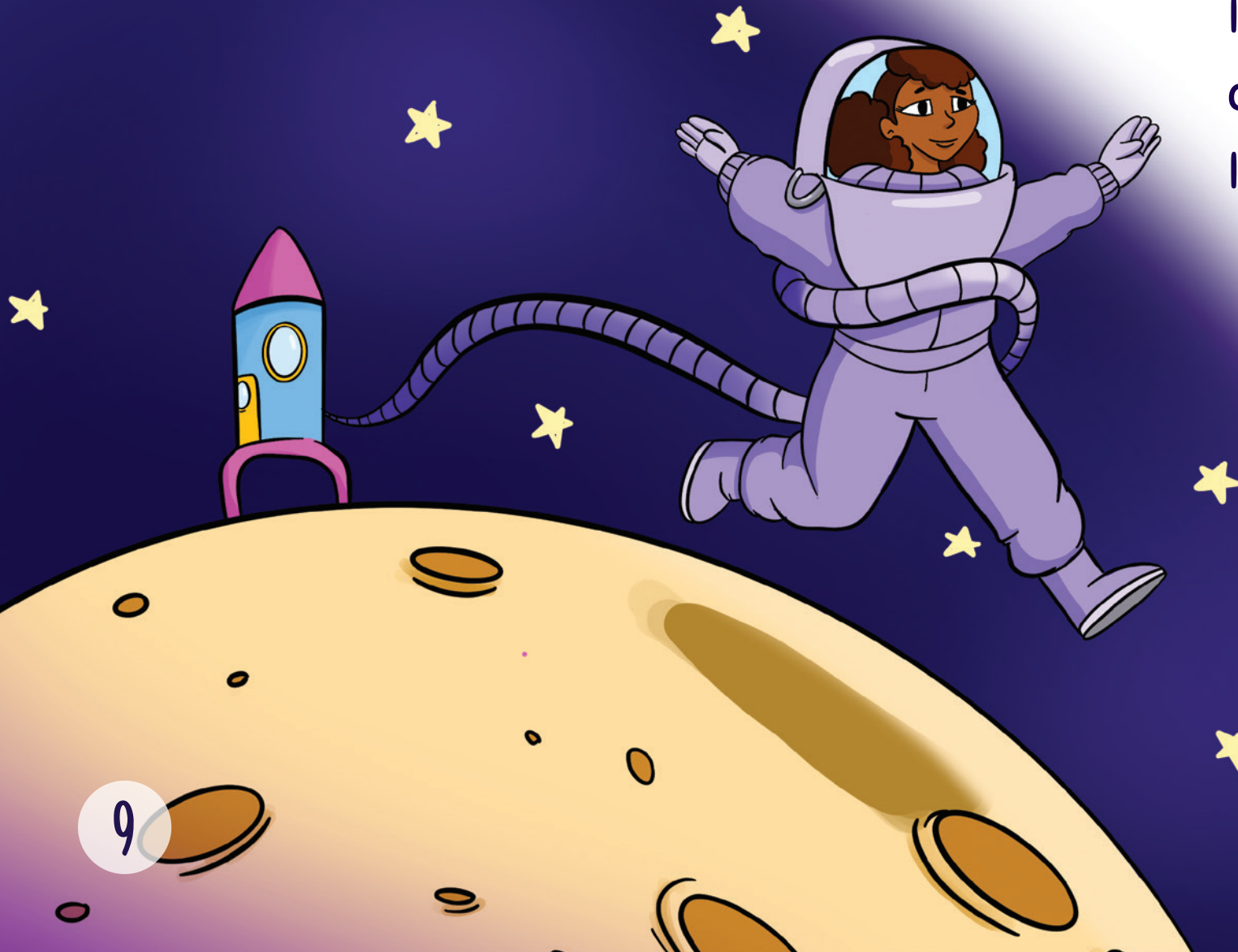


Or run through the forest  
with tropical friends,

Like colorful birds whose  
songs never end.

When I grow up,  
what will I choose?

I see  
amazing things  
I could do!



I am an astronaut,  
exploring the skies.



I am a chef with tasty  
dishes to try.



Perhaps I will be a doctor one day.  
Or maybe a writer with something to say.



I could be a judge  
or a scientist too.



Or create a new  
business is what  
I will do.



So why am I here?

Where will I go?

I am here to dream,  
to learn and grow.





I will go places near, far and wide.

I have a purpose deep down inside.





Although I am  
probably  
different  
from you,



You have a  
purpose,  
deep down  
inside too.

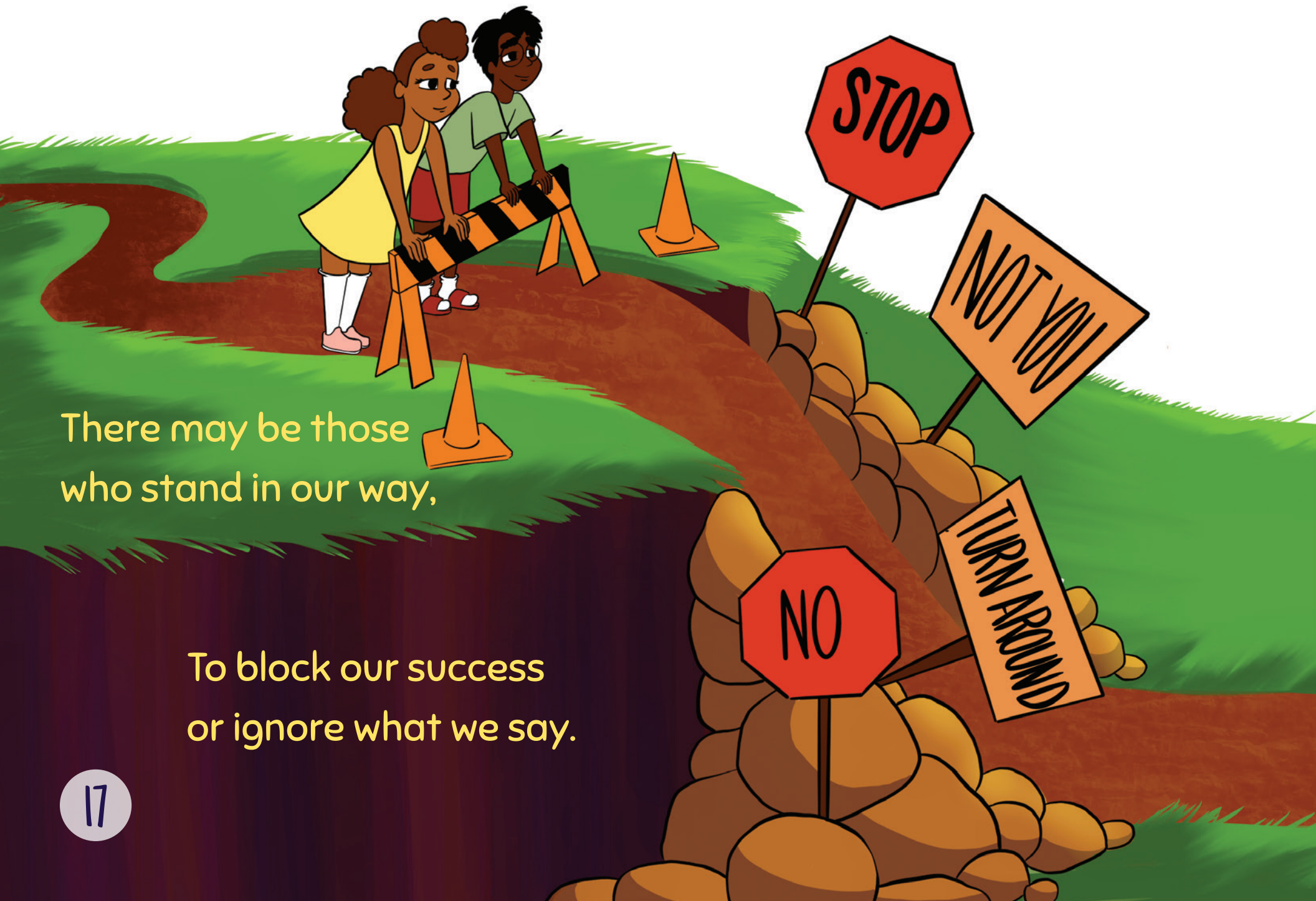


One day it will be so  
easy to see.

Until then...  
dream and  
imagine  
with me!







There may be those  
who stand in our way,

To block our success  
or ignore what we say.

But nothing can stop  
what is now meant to be.

There are blessings in store  
for you and for me.






Our skin, our language, we are more than just one.  
Our bodies, our culture, where our families come from.



We all have our dreams and a right to belong.  
We stand together, united and strong.





You can be anything!  
Do you feel it inside?

Do you see  
what is possible,  
if only you try?



Can you imagine what  
you will achieve?



If you keep reaching high,  
and if you believe.



You are here for a reason.  
Yes, that is true.

There is something only  
**YOU** were created to do.



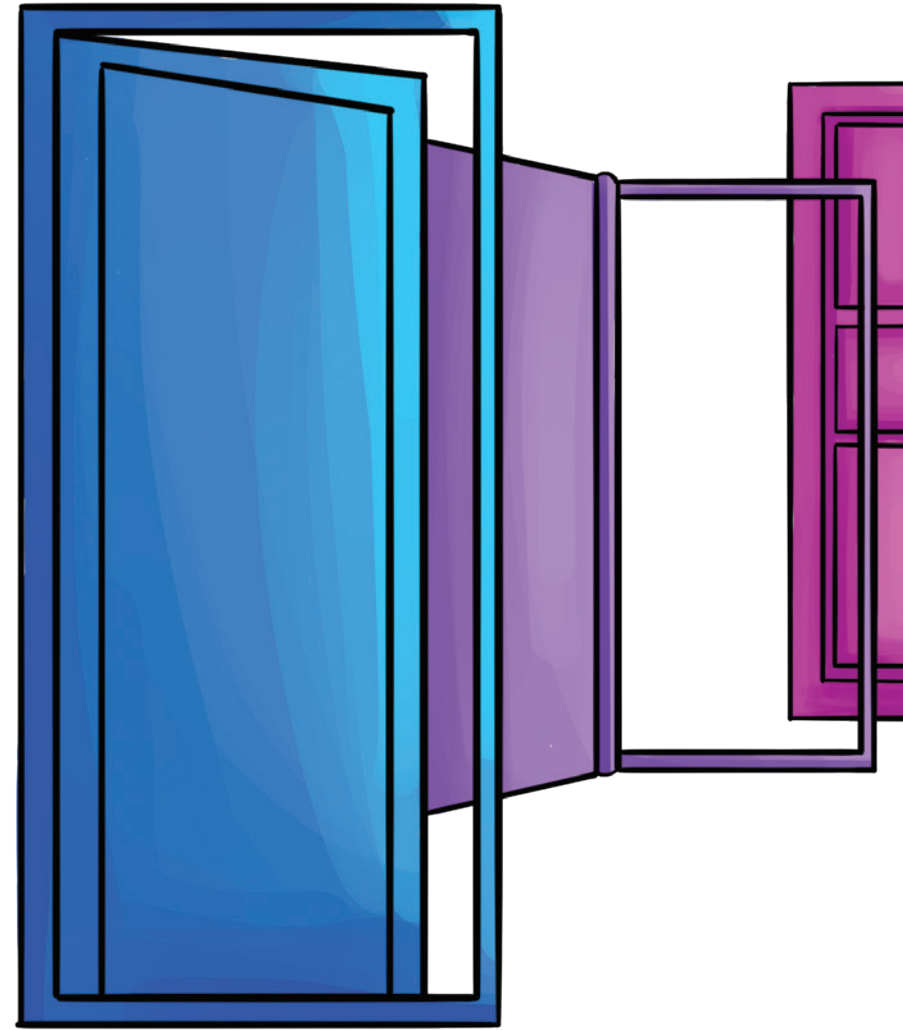


A vibrant illustration of a path leading from a forest to a city at sunset. The path is a winding line of brown earth, starting from the bottom left and curving towards the right, leading the eye into the distance. On the left side of the path, there is a dense forest of tall, brown-trunked trees with thick, dark green canopies. On the right side, the path is bordered by a large, dark green tree trunk in the foreground and various colorful flowers, including yellow tulips and red blossoms. In the background, a city skyline is visible, with several tall buildings of varying heights. The sky is a warm, glowing orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is bright and hopeful, with a clear path leading from nature to civilization.

Your path to the future was  
made for YOUR feet.

Special places to go  
and certain people  
to meet.





All of these things are waiting for you.  
Doors that will open for YOU to go through.

So why are YOU here?  
Where will YOU go?



Yes, I have a feeling  
that somebody knows.



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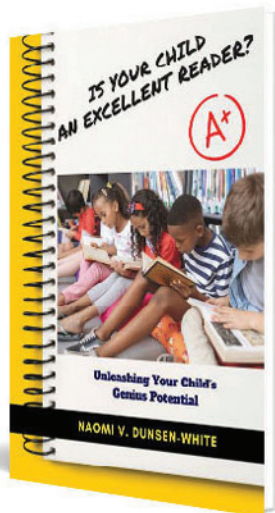
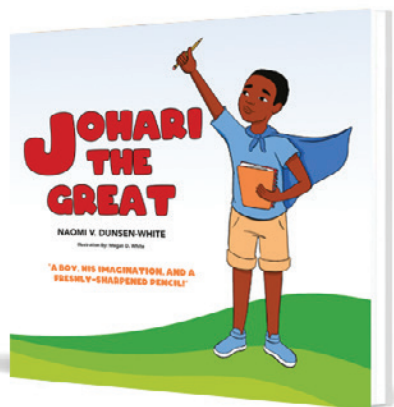


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Naomi V. Dunsen-White is a children's book author who loves to inspire and encourage children to use their imagination, creativity and interests to discover their potential. She has a passion for closing the diversity gap in the children's literature industry. She believes that when children open their books, they all deserve to see characters who look a lot like themselves.

Naomi has a background in education and social work and loves helping and teaching children. For years, she has enjoyed tutoring children in reading and writing, and believes reading comprehension to be one of the most critical skills for children to master. Naomi believes that encouraging children to become book lovers is one of the greatest opportunities a person could have. She also believes that all children have a gift within, just waiting to be discovered. The joy of reading is the first step toward discovery!

## Other Books by the Author



The first printing of this book is being donated to inner city children. If you are interested in donating a book as well, visit my website

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# Answer these questions about the story.

Answering with a family member or friend is always fun!

1. When you think about what you would like to be when you grow up, what are two of your favorite choices? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you know adults who already made those choices? If you do, write their names here. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3. Ask them to tell you something interesting about what they do. Write it here. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Of all the colors in the world, which do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Would you describe this color as bright, soft or dark? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you think the word IMAGINE means? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. A story with words that rhyme is often called a \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What do you like best about this story? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. The girl said "Sometimes I stop and think about me." Can you describe what you think or feel when you think about yourself?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Can you explain what the word FUTURE means? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Take a look at page 17. What do you think the girl and boy should do?

- ☐ Turn around and go home.
- ☐ Look ahead and go toward the future.
- ☐ Stay back and wait.

12. Can you explain why you chose that? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Those first four signs are not positive messages, are they? Can you write positive messages to use instead?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. What do you think the boy and girl want you to remember most about this story? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Describe one thing that you would like to see happen in your future. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Vocabulary and spelling practice. What do these words mean?

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|--------------|-----------------|
| judge _____  | perhaps _____   |
| ocean _____  | astronaut _____ |
| chef _____   | purpose _____   |
| ignore _____ | culture _____   |
| united _____ | special _____   |





"Author Naomi Dunsen-White makes what could be a heady subject, light as air dancing in the rhyming couplet meter that directs the narrative toward resolution. This little book is a treasure that belongs in the canon of children's discovery literature. It serves as a wonder-filled mechanism to positively sculpt youthful identities."

~Semaj Brown

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A beautiful, inspiring book that teaches children about purpose and exploring the unique path and place they each have in this world.



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