

FRIENDS
don't
bite!



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A RACE AGAINST TIME

Incoming call!
Let's get it!

Right
on!



Young male victim...
Dog bite!

Oh-oh. Hope it isn't a bite from a rabies-
infected dog!

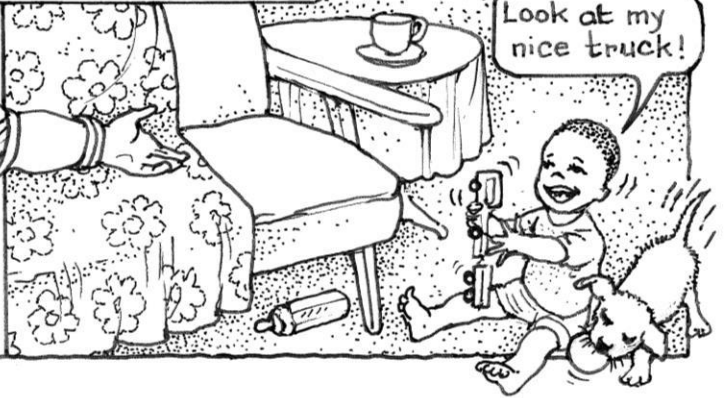


WEEEEEEEOOOOOOOOOOOOH!



Here is my son. And there is the
dog that bit him.

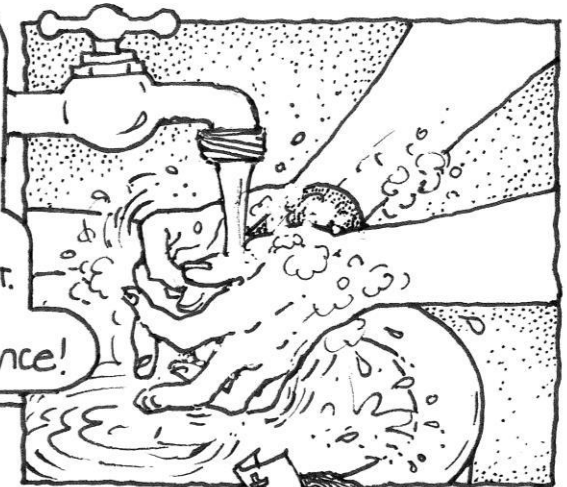
Look at my
nice truck!







There are basically three types of dog bite. The first is the **SOFT BITE**. The skin is not broken. You just need to wash it with soap and water. No need for the clinic or an ambulance!



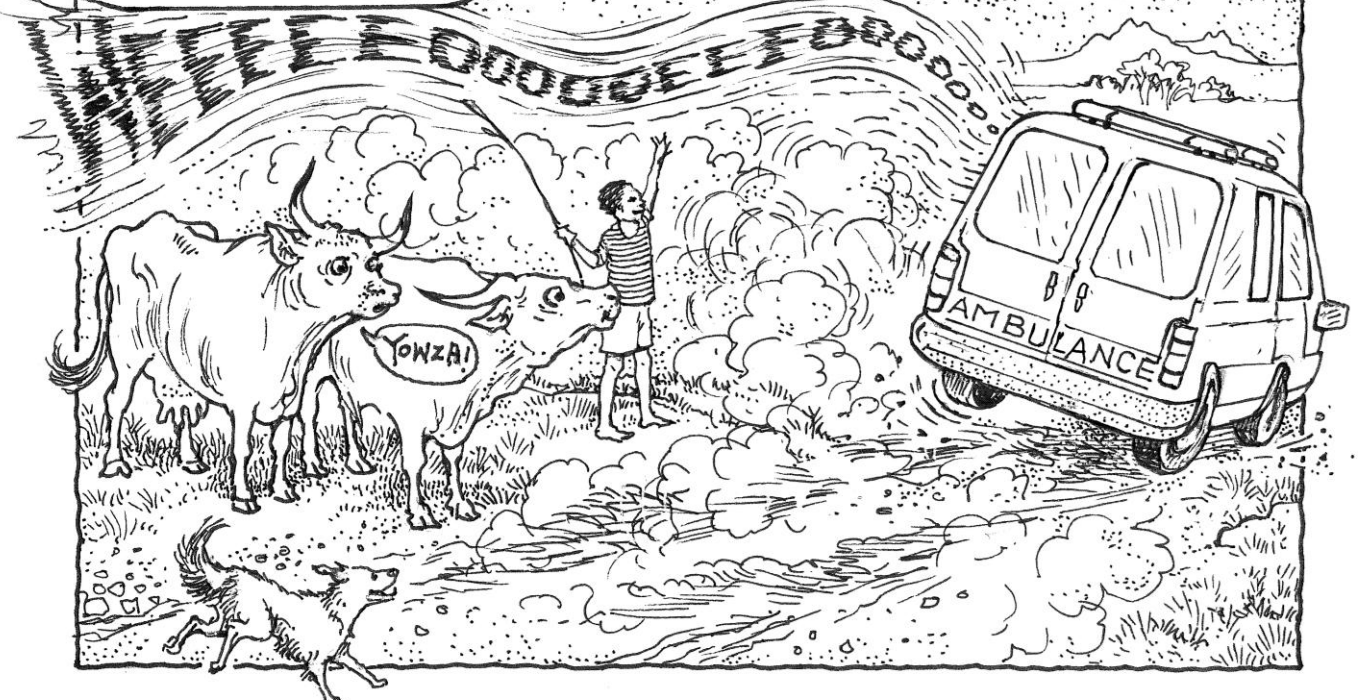
The second is like a scratch. It breaks the skin but there is not much blood, sometimes none. But for safety, go to the clinic! They will help you there.

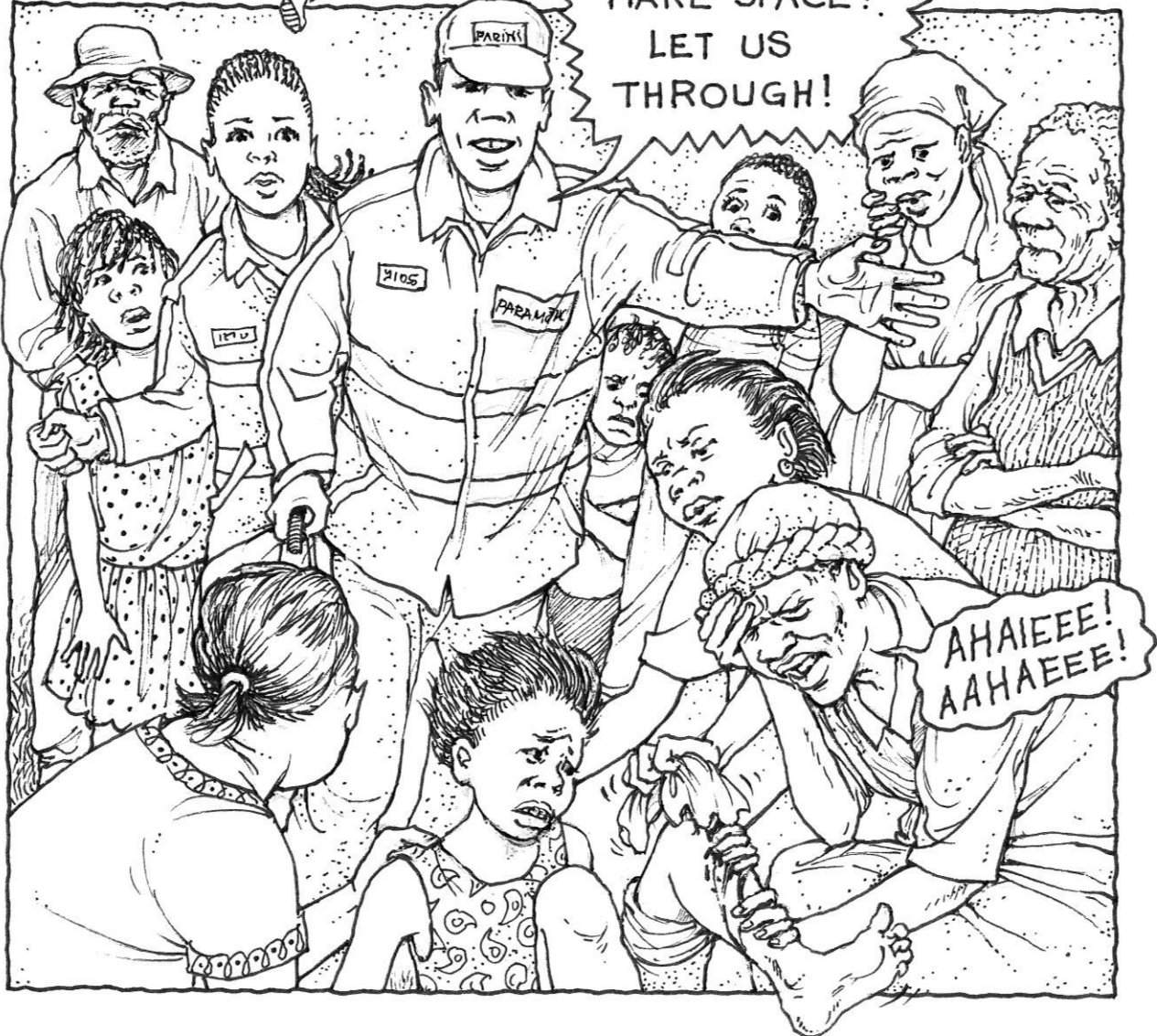


The third kind is the most serious! It's when the dog's teeth have bitten into the flesh and there is a lot of bleeding!



THIS IS WHEN YOU NEED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE!







Bring lots of water, quickly!

Come, girlie. Lie still now. We're here to help you.



AAHAA! THAT SOAP BURNS! AAAAAH!

RUB RUB

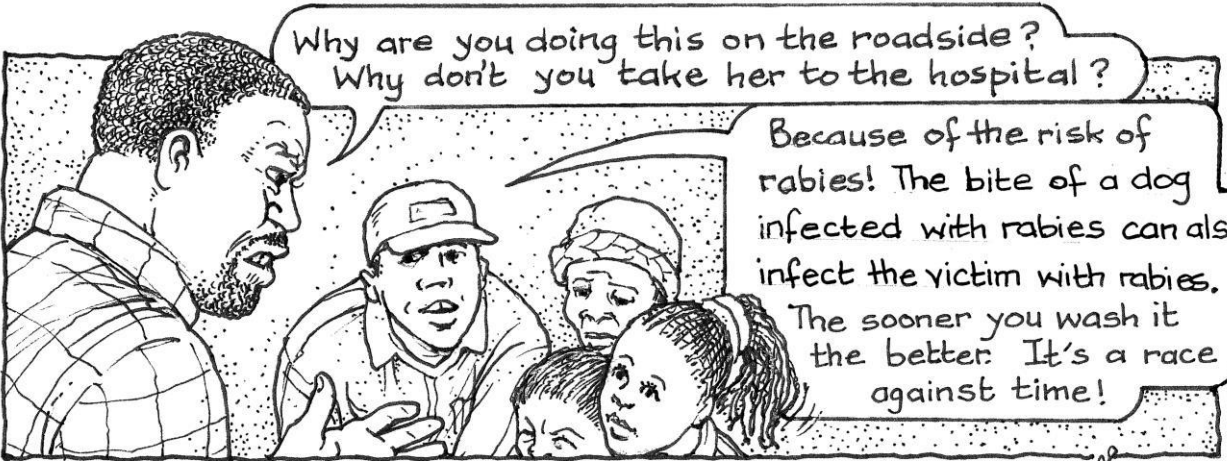
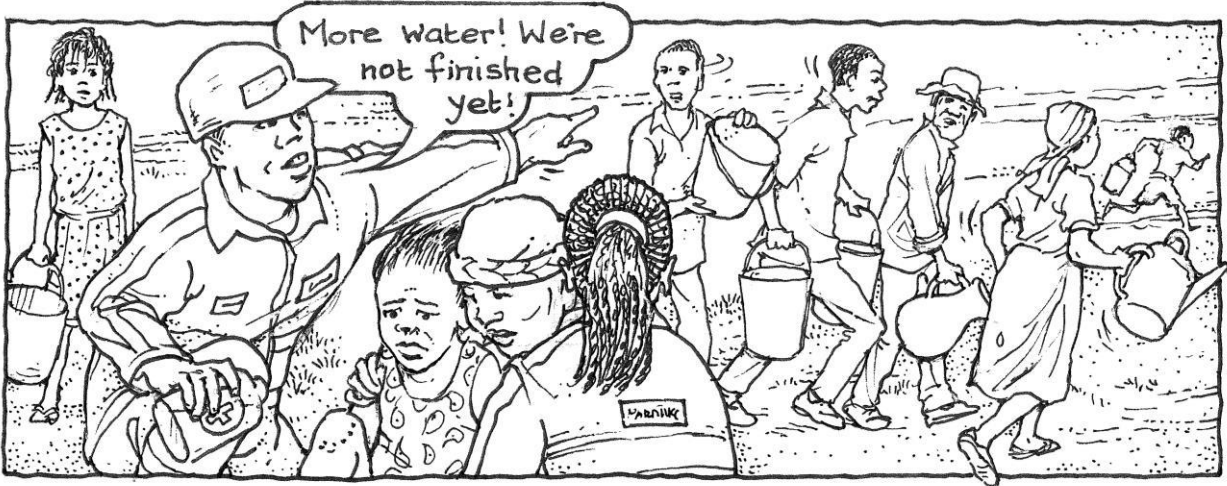
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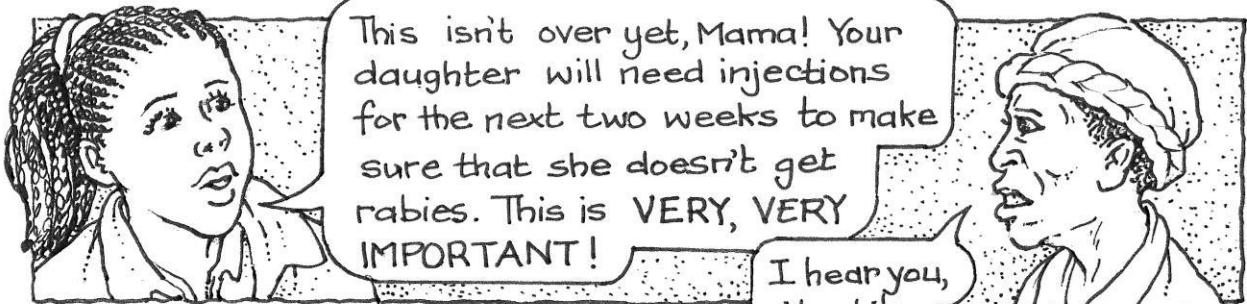


Why are you doing that? You are making it hurt more!

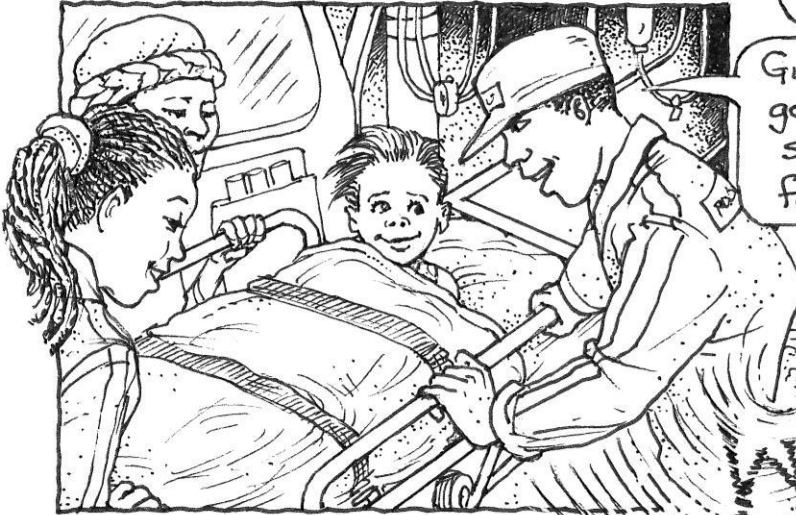
This is the most important part. As soon as anyone is bitten by a dog, the first thing you must do is wash the bite in soap and water for at least ten minutes, but not in a bath. The water must be flowing!





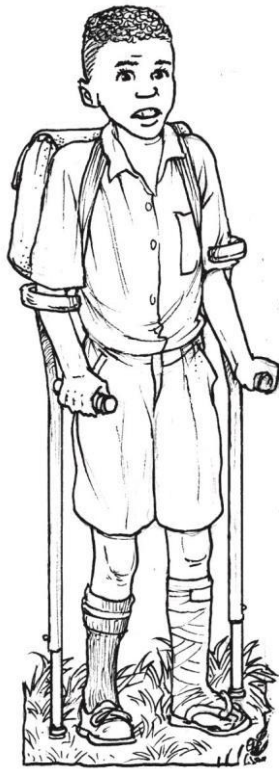


I hear you, Nqobile.



Guess what, kid! We're going to switch on the siren specially loud just for you!





SIYABONGA'S HORRIBLE HOLIDAY

HALLO! My name is Dumisani. This is my best friend Siyabonga.

We're together in Grade 4.

Hi!

Early on Monday we got a big fright...

Hey, Dumisani! What's wrong with Siyabonga?

Huh?

Ooo..!

I haven't seen him since before the weekend. He told me he was going to visit his family!

Aaaah!

Oh no! What did you do?

What's that huge bandage for, huh?

That looks terrible!

Guys, I had a horrible holiday!

I was bitten by a dog! Here's the story...

A long weekend

was coming up! Thursday and Friday were to be public holidays! BUT...

Siyabonga, I have to work all weekend.

I've decided to send you to my brother and his family.

But Ma, I could stay here alone. I'm not a baby. Or I could go and stay with Dumi. Please!

You can't stay alone! Who knows what could happen? I've already called my brother. He's expecting you this evening.

Ma, I don't really get on very well with my cousins. I'd be much happier staying with Dumisani!

Siyabonga, I don't have time to argue about this! Go and pack your bag.

And that was that! Don't my feelings count at all?



The taxi journey over the mountains took nearly two hours. The people in the taxi were really nice. Even my cousins looked pleased to see me.



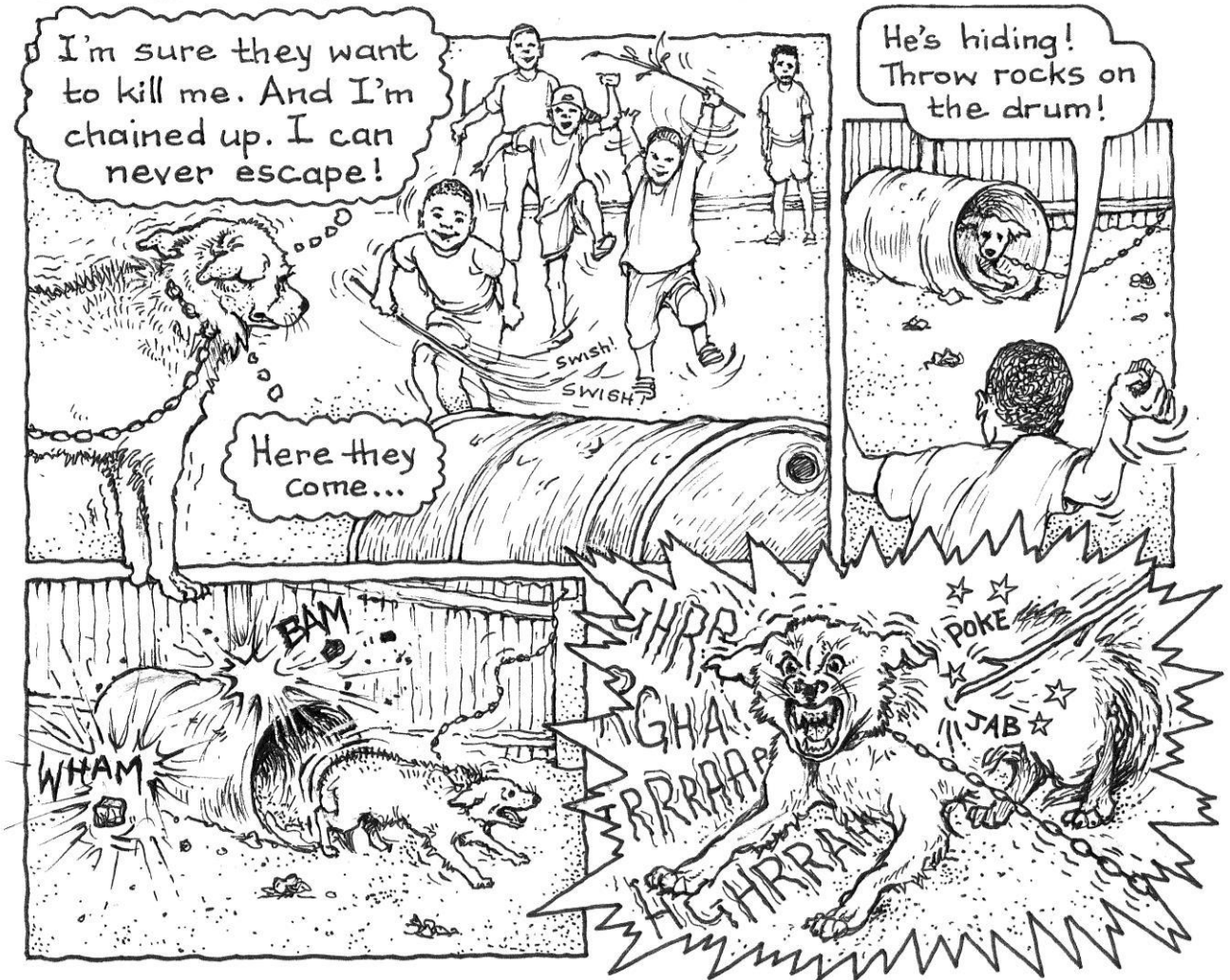
I don't remember seeing that dog before.

Things were okay at first, but by Friday afternoon...

I'm bored.

So am I!





HEY, HEY, HEY!

STOP! STOP THIS! You are doing something very disgusting!

Oh? Now what gives YOU such a big mouth? Huh?

You're just a nerdy little jerk. Why do we have to put up with you anyway? I'm going to teach you a lesson!

Ooo-ooo! Here's trouble! Ooo-ooo!

Oo-oo Oo-ooo Oo-oo!

Now they're going to attack that other boy...

Little cousin, you're also going to play with this dog!

NO! LET GO OF ME!

KAPLUNK!

HUH? NOW WHAT?



No-one must come near me. They are all my enemies!

I'm going to have to jump very fast - and grab the shoe.



Sssah! Sssah! Get him!



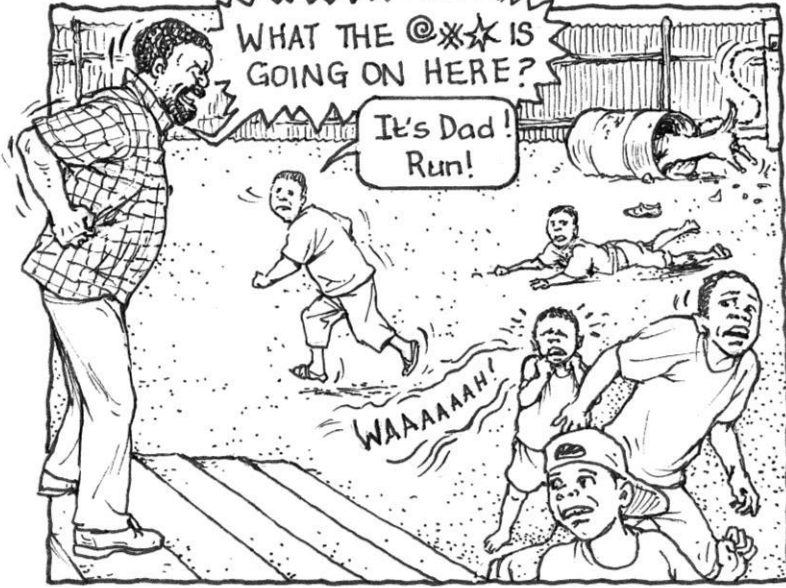
AAAUGH HHHHHH!!!
HELP!!

Oh-oh. We'd better get him away!



AAAAAAAH!
HRRRRRRRRRRR
HRRRRRRRRR

Pull!
Pull!



WHAT THE @** IS GOING ON HERE?

It's Dad!
Run!

WAAAAAAH!

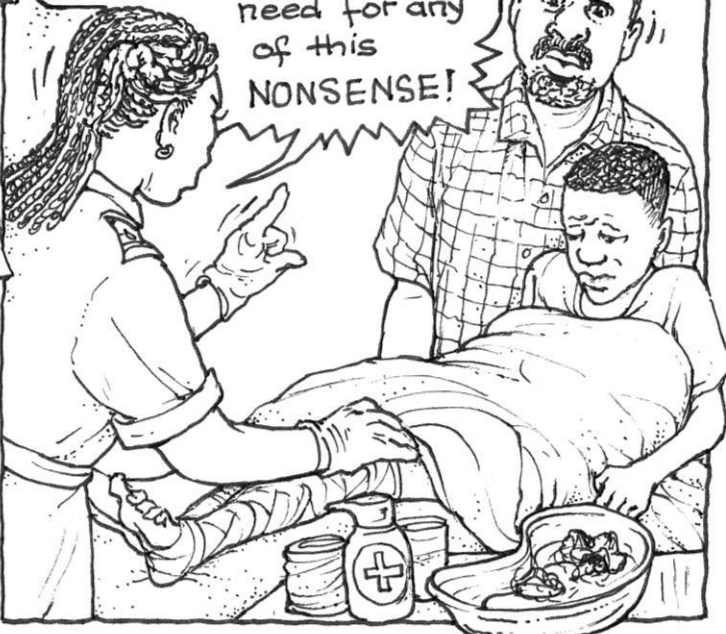
The cousins ran away and hid in the bushes by the river. They were too scared to come home.



My Uncle rushed me to the clinic. We saw Sister Radebe.



This was a stupid, stupid accident! There was no need for any of this NONSENSE!

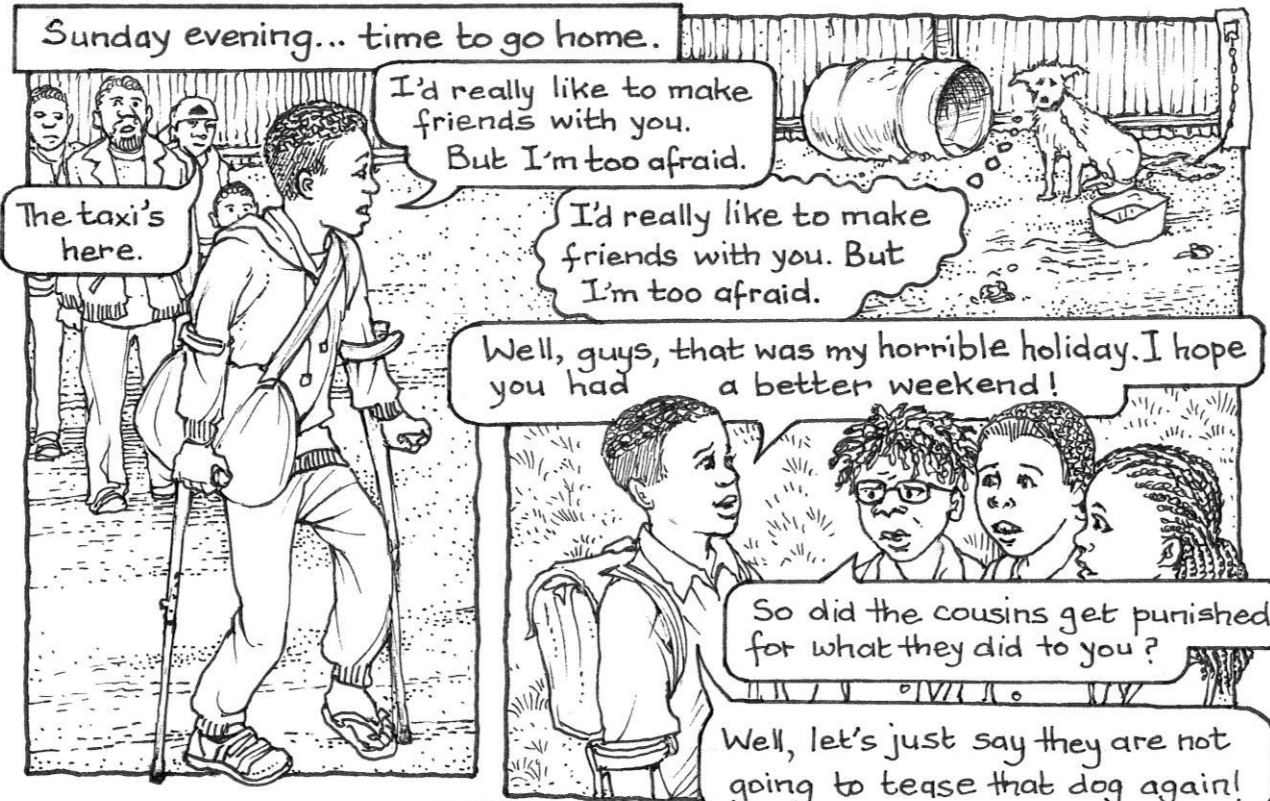


I have treated Siyabonga for rabies. He must have injections for two weeks at the clinic at home.



Do you know how many dogbite cases I see every week? And just about all of them are the result of irresponsible childish naughtiness!

My uncle really spoiled me for the rest of the weekend.

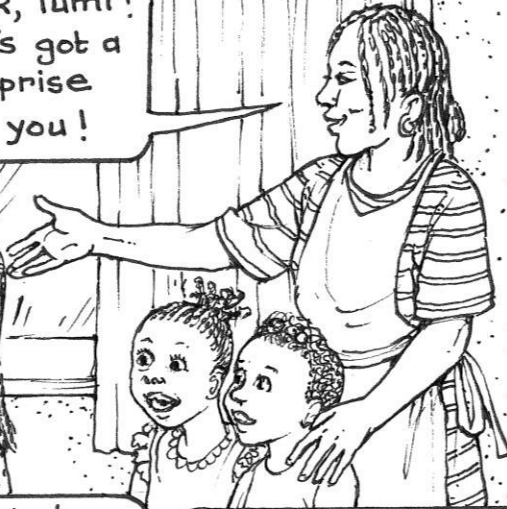




"BITEY" CHARLIZE



Look, Tumi!
Dad's got a
surprise
for you!



OOH! A puppy?
Dad, you promised
me a puppy!

Dad, she's
too adorable!
Thank you!

Let me hold her! She's
going to be MY dog!

All the way from the
city on the bus!



No, she's MINE!
Give her here!
Let ME
hold her!



Who are these
strange people?
I'm tired! I'm
thirsty! I want
my mommy!

I'm going to
name her
Charlize!





My turn to play with the puppy! I love the puppy!

No, she's mine!

EEEEEE!
HELP!



NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME!

Charlize is my dog and you are to treat her gently! She's only a baby!

But Tumi has to go to school and the little children and their friends play with Charlize.

Ooh, she's fierce!



I'm being attacked! I'll have to fight!

FLAP!
FLAP!

YIP!
RRRRR!



Hee hee hee! She's chasing us!

Ooo!
CHARLIZE!

Oooo!
CHARLIZE!

HRRRRAH!

RRRRAAH!
YIP RAAAAAH!

Charlize, people are saying that you have grown into a nasty "bitey" dog!



I only love you!

It's true, Tumi. When I have to go out I often have to tie Charlize up.



I'm so bored with this backyard! Why can't Tumi come and help me?

Charlize has made another friend - Skuzari the sheepdog.

YAY! I need an adventure!

I'll show you where we can chase rabbits! We can also eat out of a good dustbin. I can knock it over for us!

A long chase on a hot day... The rabbit escapes AGAIN!

Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah! Why don't you ever catch the rabbit? We could eat it!

Because I'm a herding dog! But the dump is another story.

YUM YUM! Here's some good garbage!

But best of all is chasing cars!

©#*!! dog!

HAA! GO HOME!!

HEY! GO HOME!

HRRRRAH!!!
RrrrrRAAH!!!
HRRRRAAH!!!

CHARLIZE!
NO!

The welfare volunteers come to dip the dogs against ticks and fleas.



One evening...



Skuzani and Charlize are out chasing traffic again!

Yip-Yip!
GHRRAH!

Voetsak, you
pesty mongrel!

Go,
CHARLIZE!

Here comes a tractor!
Oooh! Those big bouncy tyres!

CHARLIZE!

GWAH!
EEEE!

COME QUICKLY, TUMI!
Charlize has been hit by
a tractor! She's hurt!

This is a school classroom,
sonny! Tumi is busy!

NO, NO! SIR! Charlize bites
everyone! I've got to go!
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!



Oh Charlize! Please don't die!

Sorry, little girl! I didn't mean to hurt your dog!

Tumi and her mother get a lift. They rush Charlize to the vet.

I think she's been very lucky. She's badly bruised but there are no broken bones. We'll have to watch her carefully. I'll treat her for shock and pain.

You will have to bring her back to get her rabies shot. And she needs to be spayed!



Lie still, Charlize.

Charlize hasn't been socialized responsibly. That's why she has become a problem in the community, and a danger to herself.

So what can I do to stop Charlize biting people?

Well, it's late to begin, but she must be able to trust people. She deserves respect. No more running in the road, and she mustn't be tied up!



She's going to be okay!



The doctor says we must remember how tiny Charlize is! No more rough games. We must take better care of her.



YAY! CHARLIZE IS BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL!

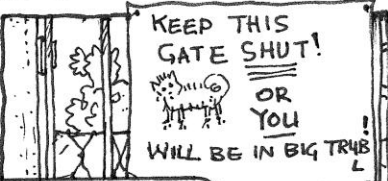
Now what are you doing?

I'm preparing a surprise for you!



For us?

I MEAN IT!



Three months later..

Charlize has been spayed. And she's had her rabies shot!

We're very gentle with her. She's not quite so fierce any more!

Sorry, no more chasing the cars, Skuzani.

And no more good rubbish!



Actually, these kids aren't really so bad!

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