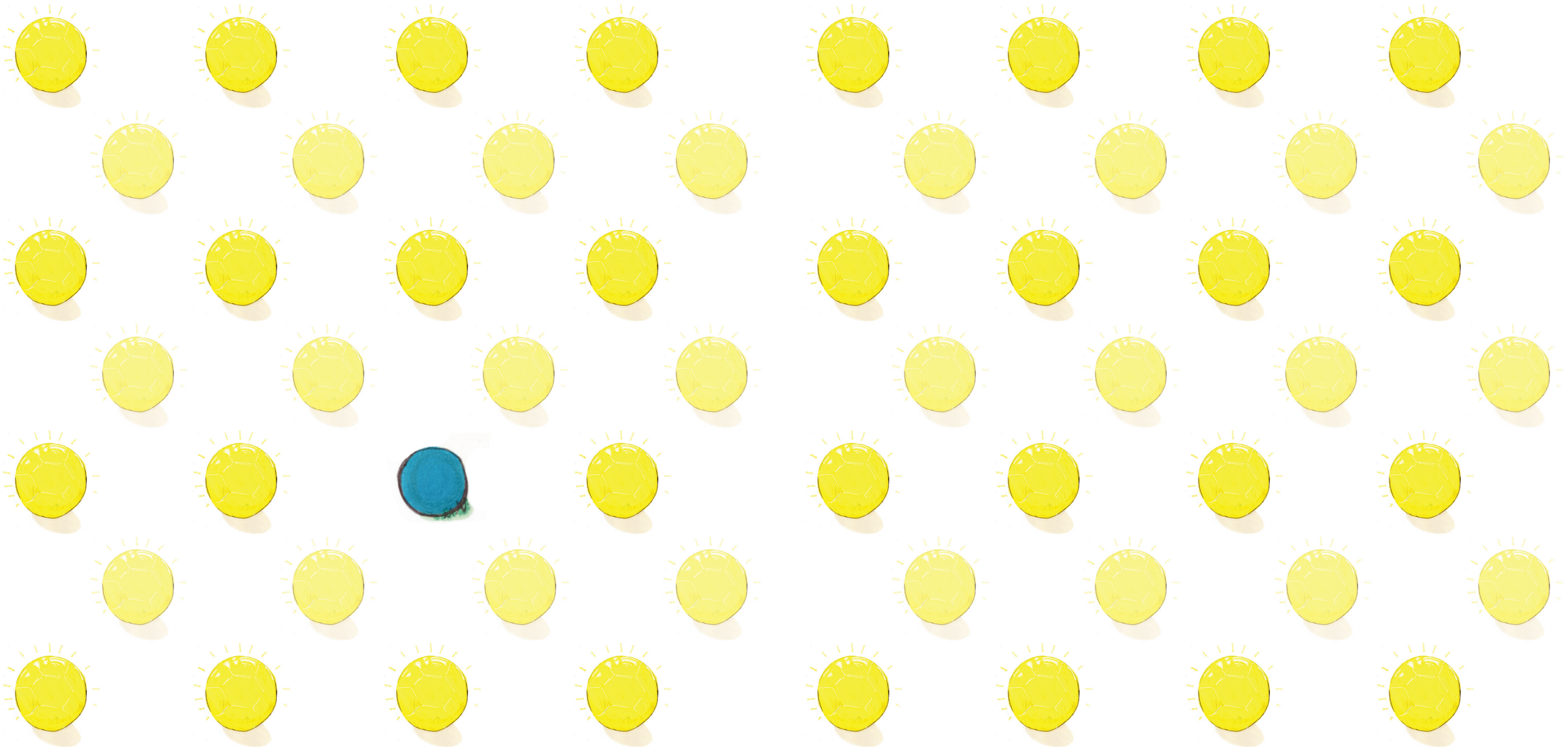


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Luthando liked to play soccer with his brother, Bayanda.



Bayanda did not like  
playing with Luthando.

He really wanted  
to play with the  
big boys.

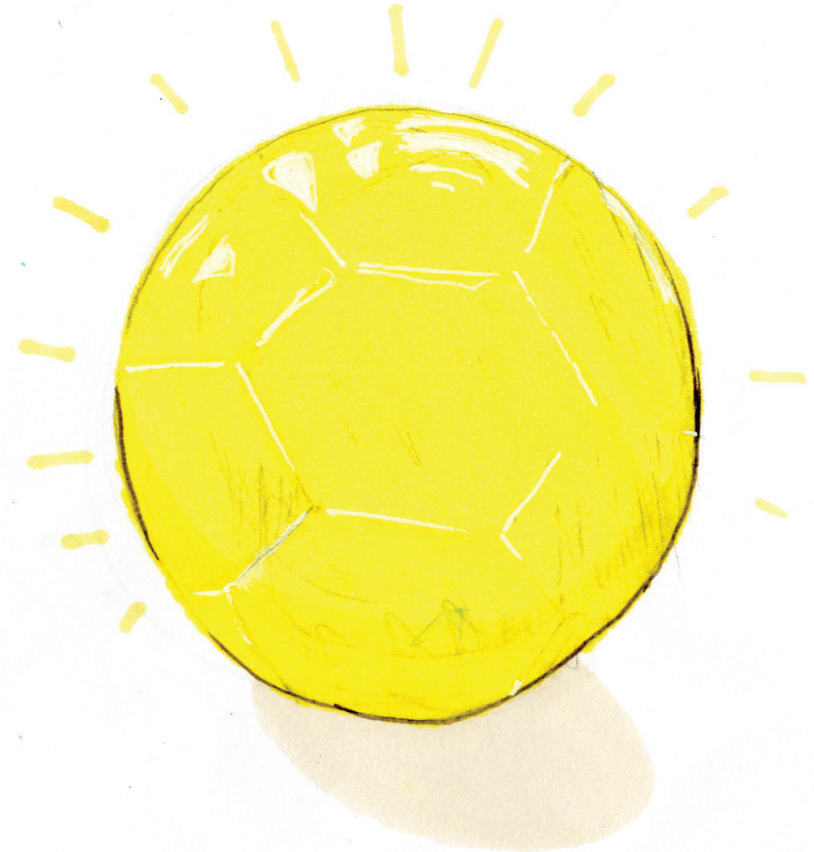


They just laughed,  
and said he was  
too little to play  
with them.



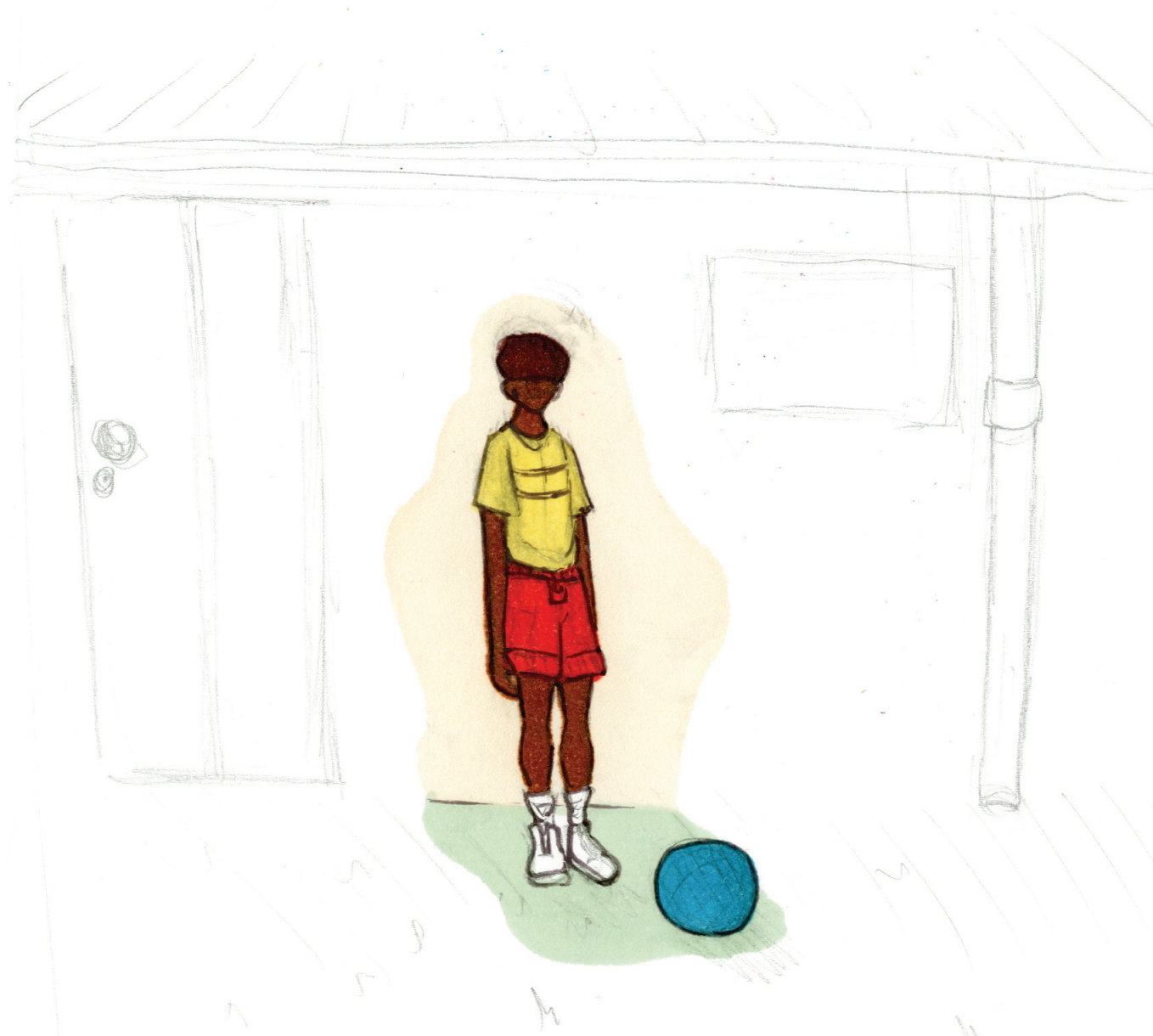
For Bayanda's birthday,  
he got a beautiful  
new ball.

"Let's play," said Luthando.



“Not today,” said Bayanda.

“I am big now, so I can  
play with the big boys.  
You can play with my old ball.”





When the big boys  
saw his new ball,  
they agreed that he  
could play with them.



Bayanda was very happy.

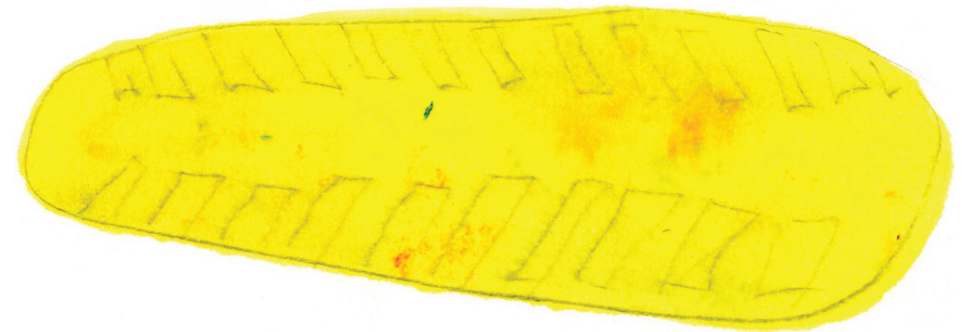


Luthando was very sad.



Then someone kicked  
the ball into the street.

A car drove over it and  
squashed it  
**flat!**



The big boys laughed  
and ran away.



Bayanda was sad.

“My ball is gone,  
and I don’t have anyone to  
play with!” he cried.



“Let’s play,” said Luthando.



