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My name is Sive. I am five years old and I live in Tentyi in a blue house with my Grandmother.

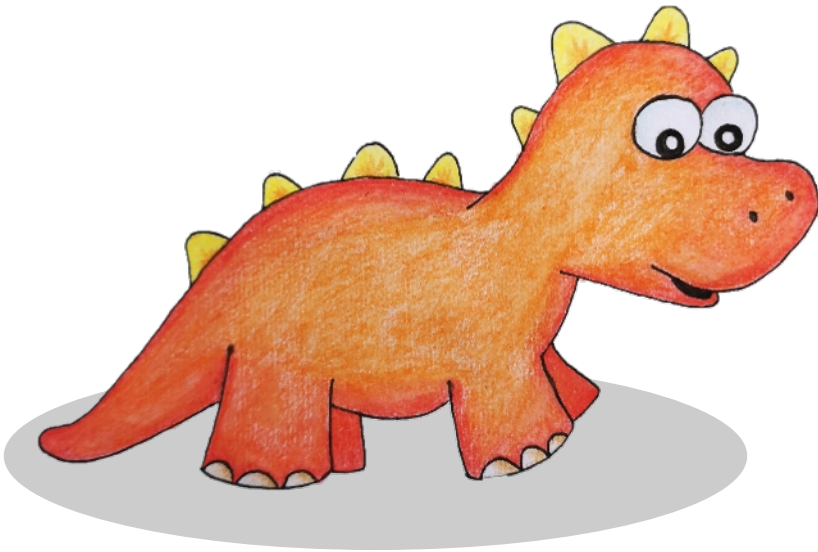


I have a sister called Lihle. She is always busy on her phone or talking with her friends.



I love it when my uncle Mfundo plays soccer with me, but he's got a job now and I don't see him a lot.

This is Zizo. He is a dinosaur and he is my best friend. He always wants to play with me.



Lihle says he is not real, but he is real to me and I love him.

Zizo and I do everything together. We have lots of adventures. Zizo is brave and he makes me feel brave too.



He helps me eat my supper,
(especially the things I don't
like).



My grandmother says he can't go in the bath with me but he keeps me company while I get clean.



At night he sleeps in my bed with me. We tell stories and he keeps me safe.

When I started going to Grade R this year, Gogo said Zizo had to stay at home. I felt sad and a bit scared to go without him.



On my first day there were lots of new children and I felt shy. I missed Zizo.

But Zizo was waiting for me when I got home. I told him all about school and what I had learnt.



I even learnt 'A-E-I-O-U' sounds. There are two in Zizo's name. He liked that.

On the second day at school I met Asi. We played together and she showed me a new game.



Asi can run fast, but not as fast as me.

I told Zizo all about my new friend Asi. I think he likes her too.



I said to Zizo that even though I have a new friend I still love him and I always will.

