

Ages 5- 10

OH NO! LESLIE GOT MALARIA!

A story about antimicrobial resistance



Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR

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Leslie was sitting in her garden.

She was having a laugh.



Then a mosquito came...





...and bit her arm!

“Ouch!” Leslie said.

And soon her arm began to itch!

But Leslie thought,

“That’s okay!

**It was just a small
mosquito anyway!”**





Fever then came and for
three days it stayed.

Leslie was
sweating away!





So tired and sleepy
she was!

Her head and
body were
aching terribly!





So many times to poo-poo in
the bathroom she went!

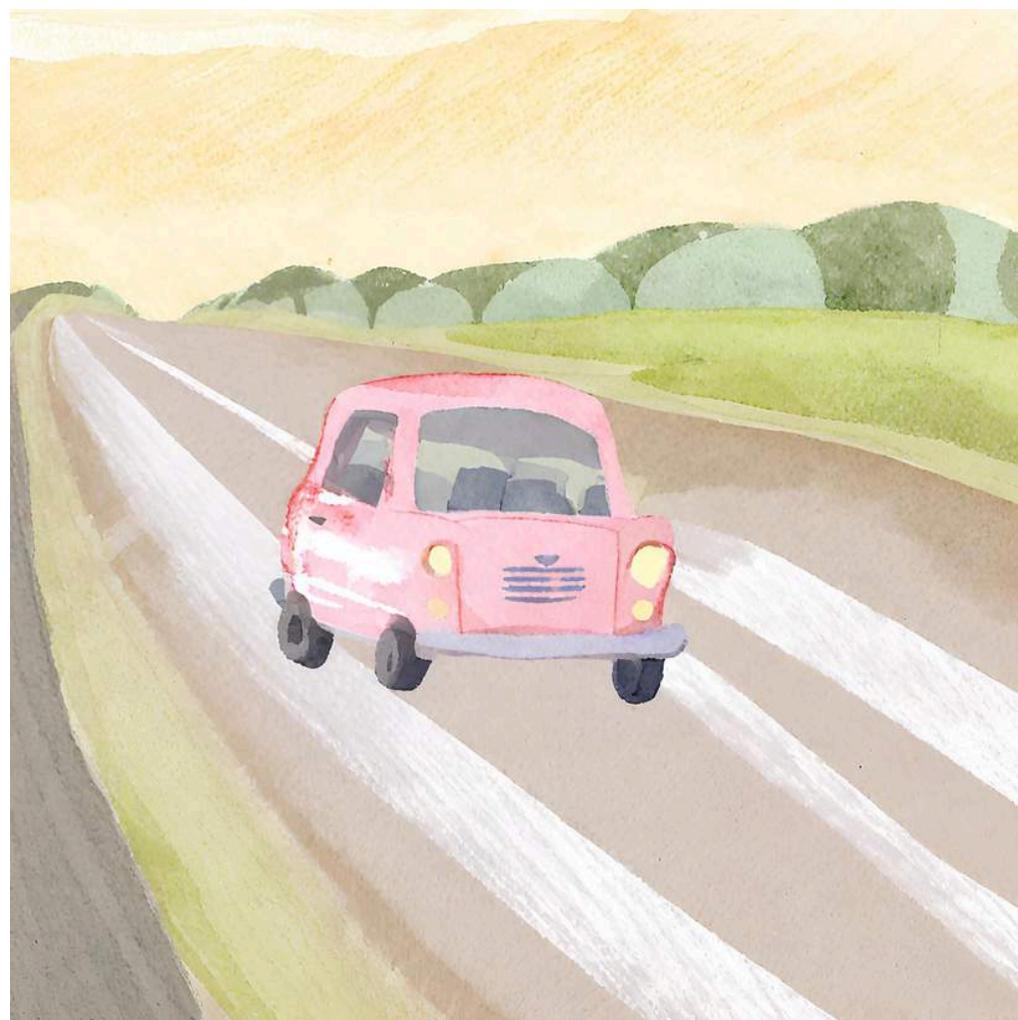
So yellow her eyes became!





**Dad Bruno got worried for
Leslie. She was very sick!**

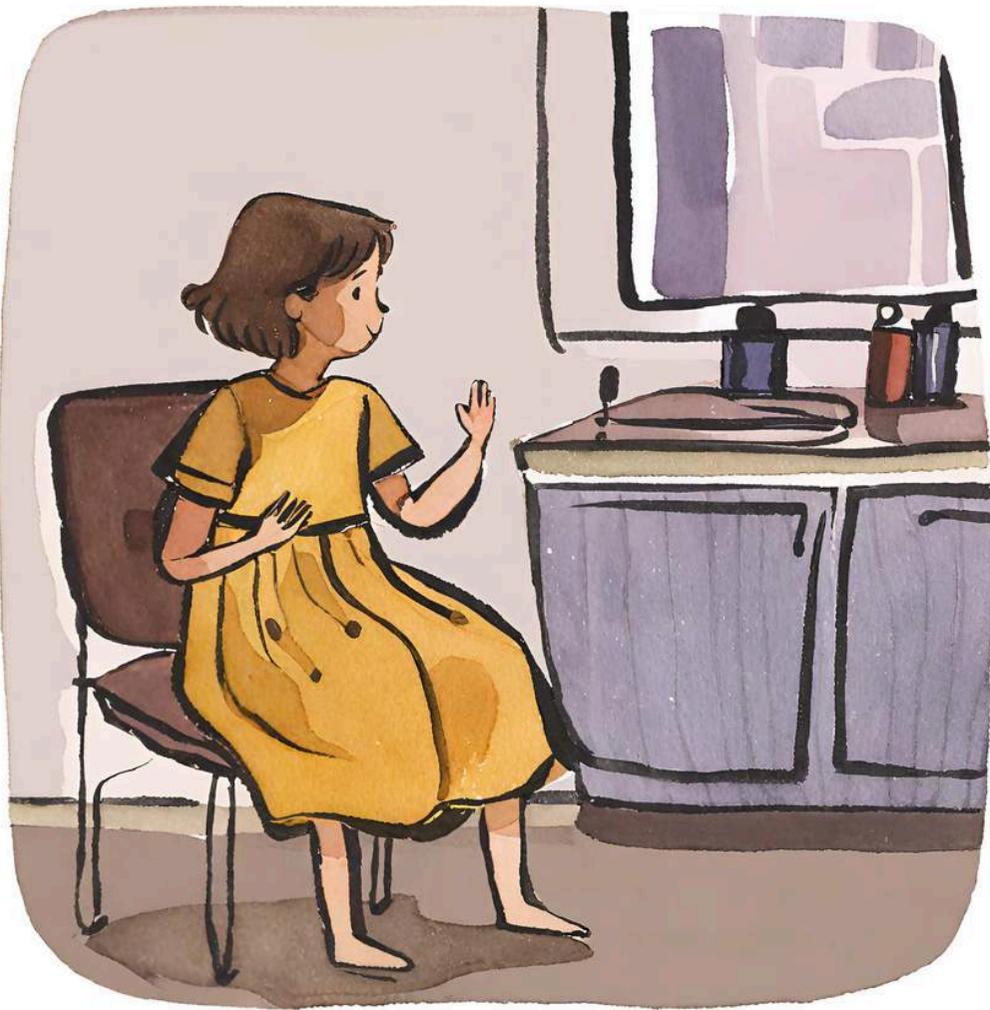
**So Dad Bruno took Leslie to
the Hospital in the car.**



At the hospital, Dad Bruno and Leslie met Doctor Julie.
She was really nice and checked Leslie.



Doctor Julie asked, "Did a mosquito bite Leslie?"



**“Yes!” said Leslie
with a weak voice.**

**“Yes!” said Dad Bruno with a
strong voice.**





**“Oh! Malaria it must be! But will do a test to check first.”,
Doctor Julie said.**

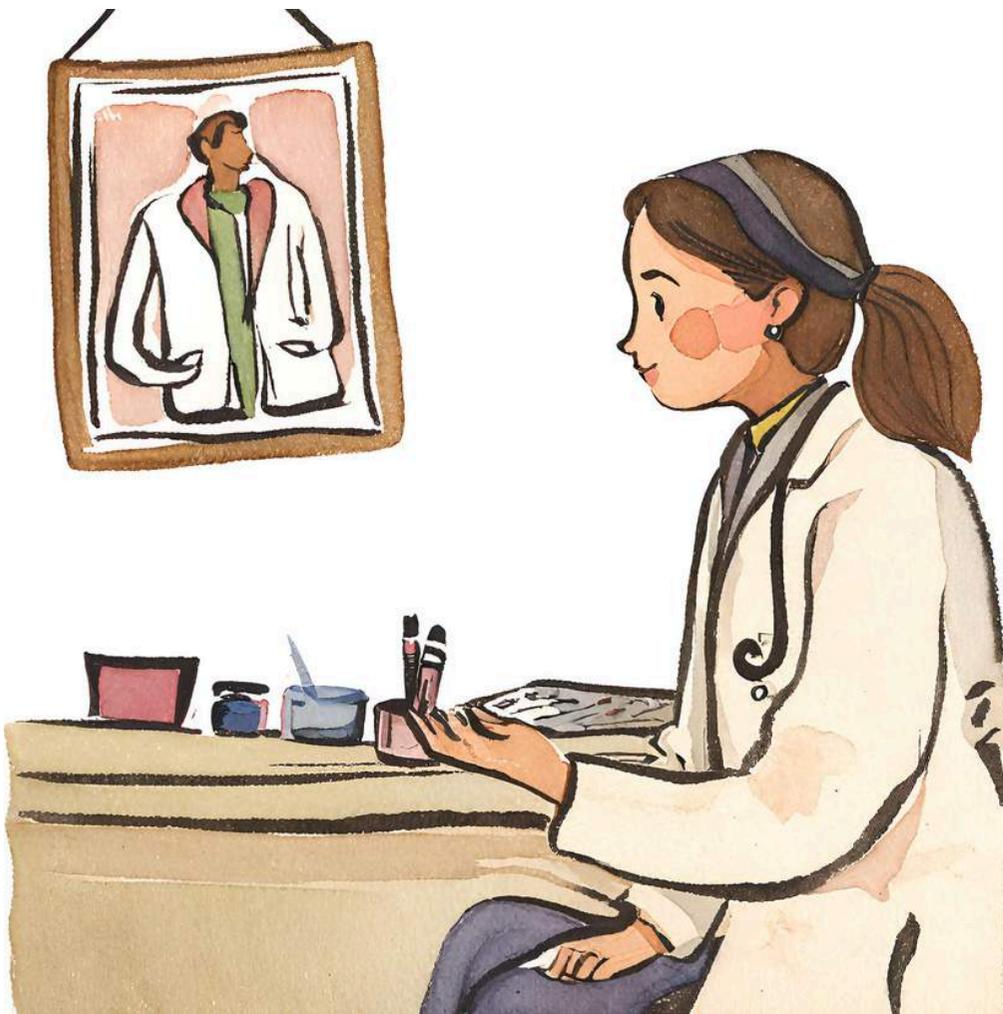
**Doctor Julie used a small drop of
Leslie’s blood to do the tests...**



...and the results were positive!



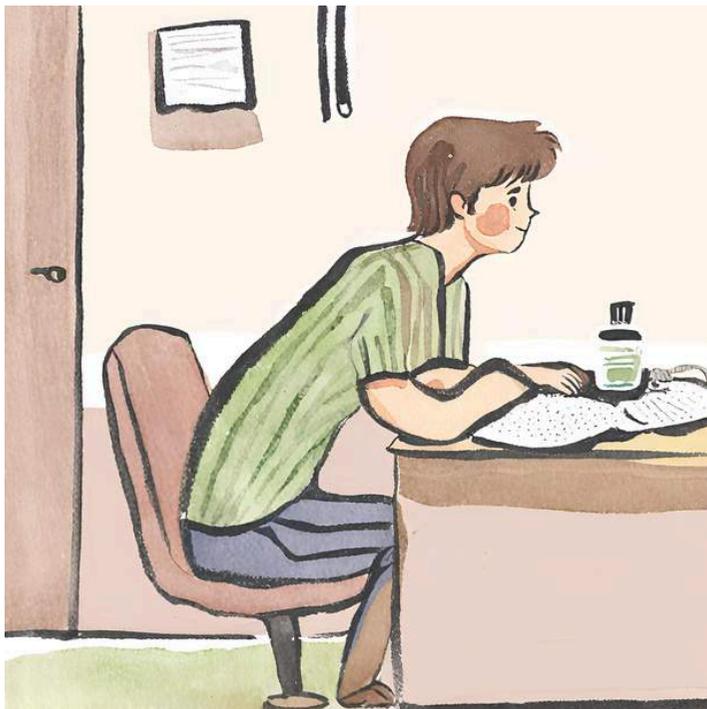
Oh no! Leslie had Malaria!



**“It is Malaria! We will kill the parasite with a medicine!”,
Doctor Julie said.**

**“What is the medicine called?”,
Dad Bruno asked.**

**“Antiparasitics!”, Doctor Julie
answered.**





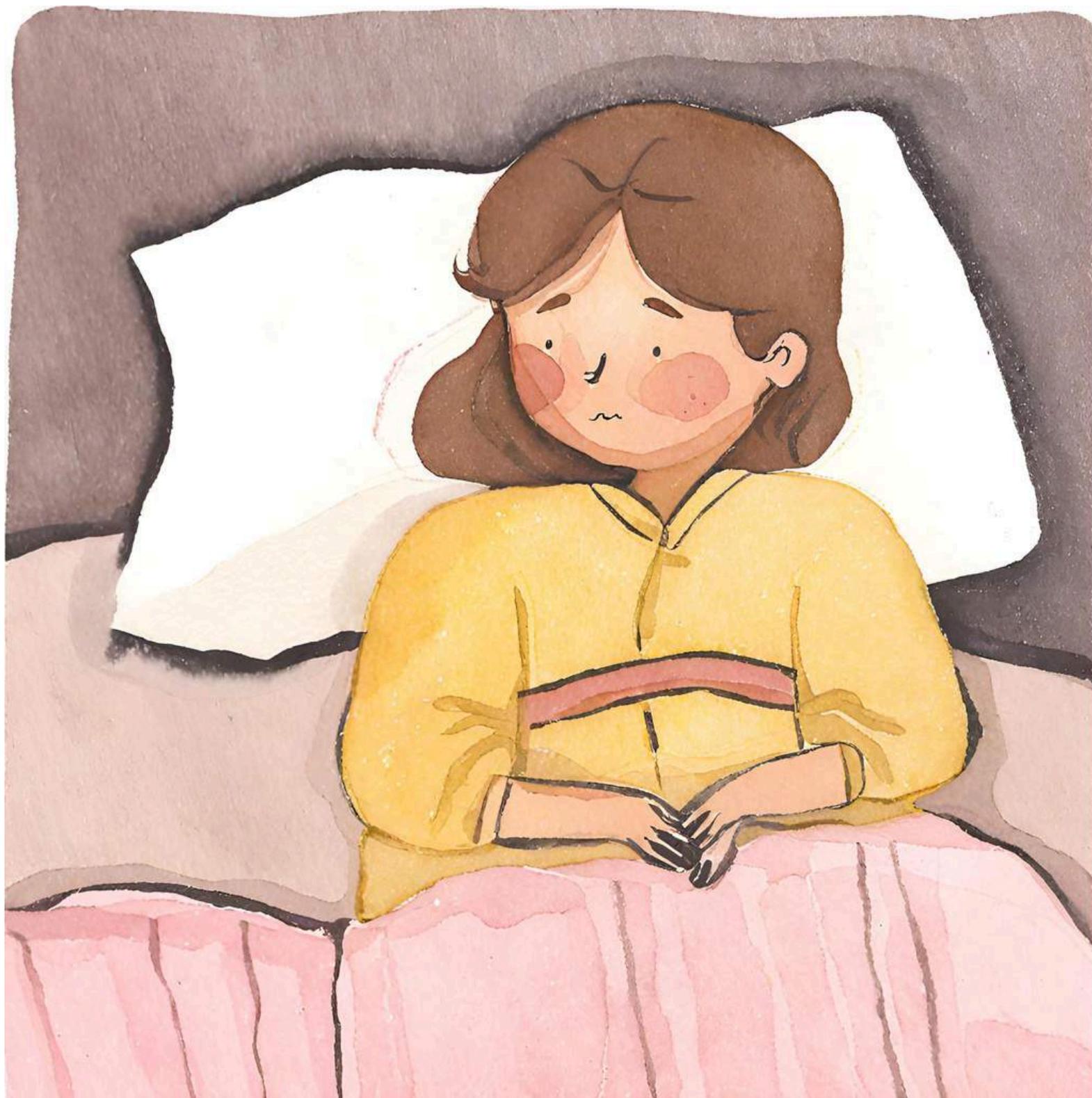
And so Leslie took the medicine
called antiparasitics.

Then,

Dad Bruno waited for Leslie to get better.

Doctor Julie waited for Leslie to get better.

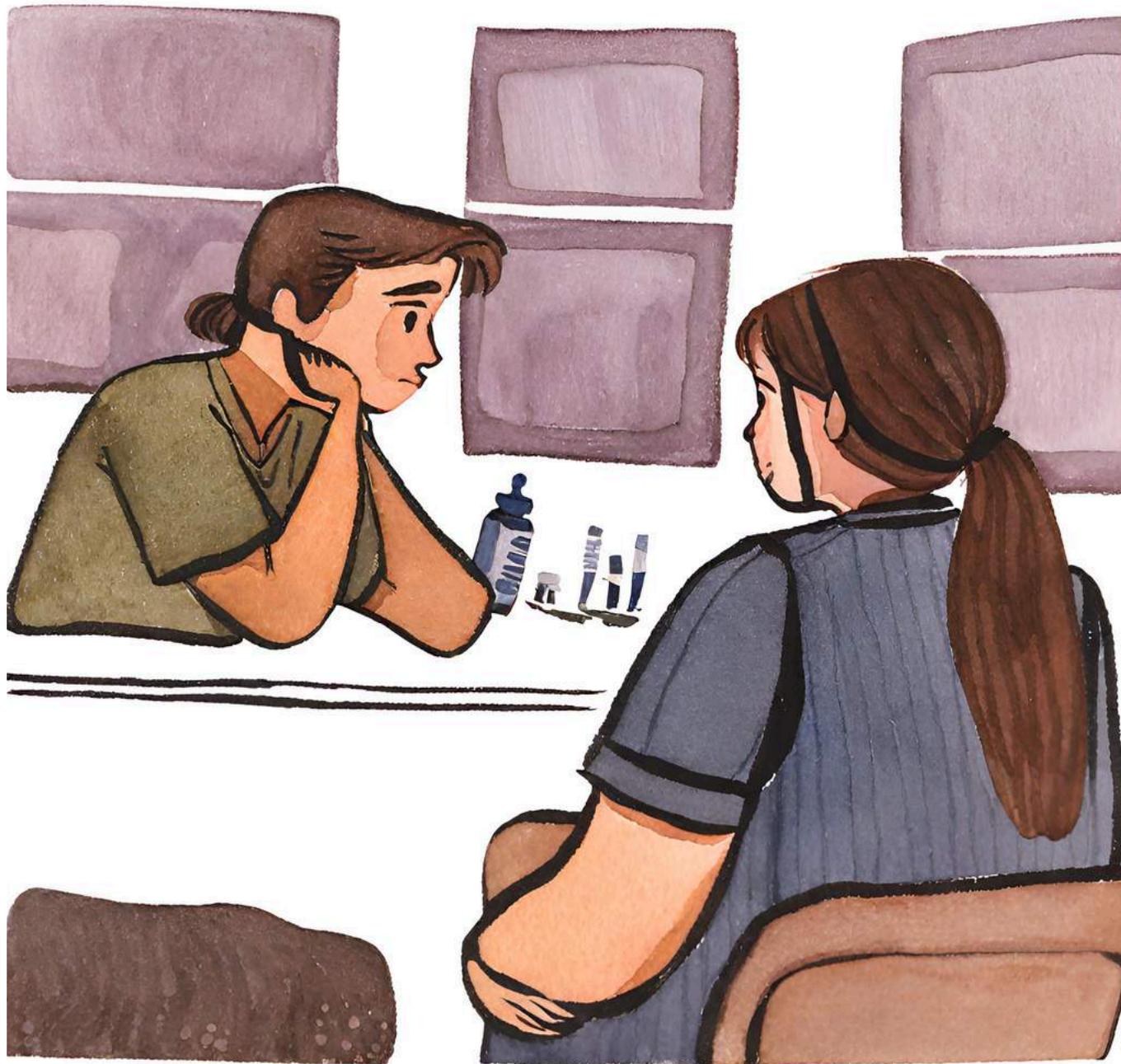
Leslie was also waiting to get better.



But Leslie did not get better!

What was happening? Leslie did not know.

So Dad Bruno went to visit Doctor Julie to ask what went wrong.



“It seems the medicine is not helping Leslie because the malaria parasite is resistant!”, Doctor Julie said.



“What does ‘resistant’ mean?”,
Dad Bruno asked.



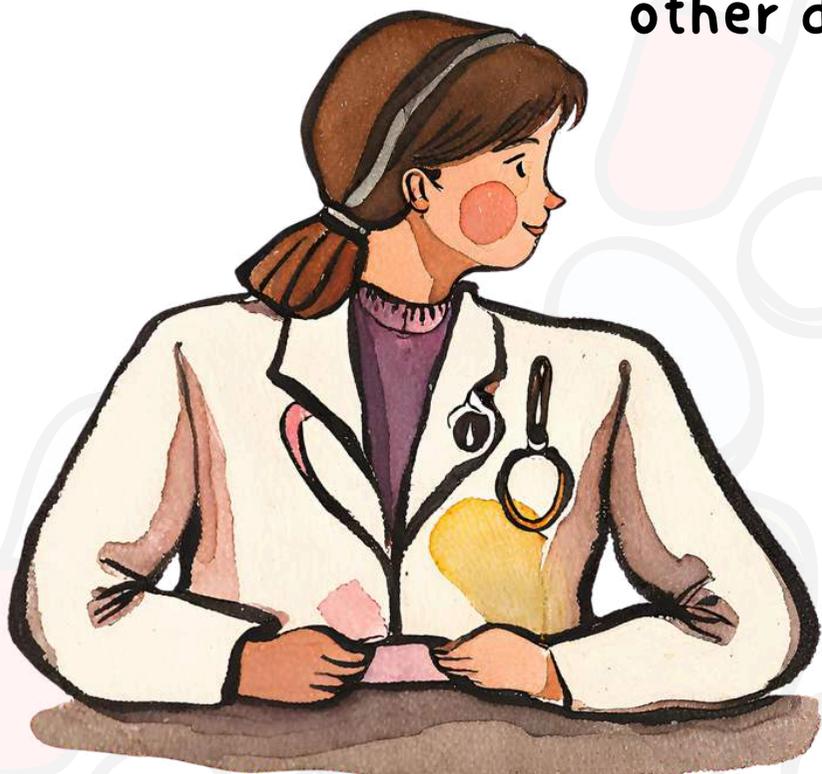
“It means that medicines like antiparasitics start losing their ability to heal because the parasite learns to fight back! This can also happen with bacteria, viruses, and fungi that make us ill.” Doctor Julie said, very sadly.

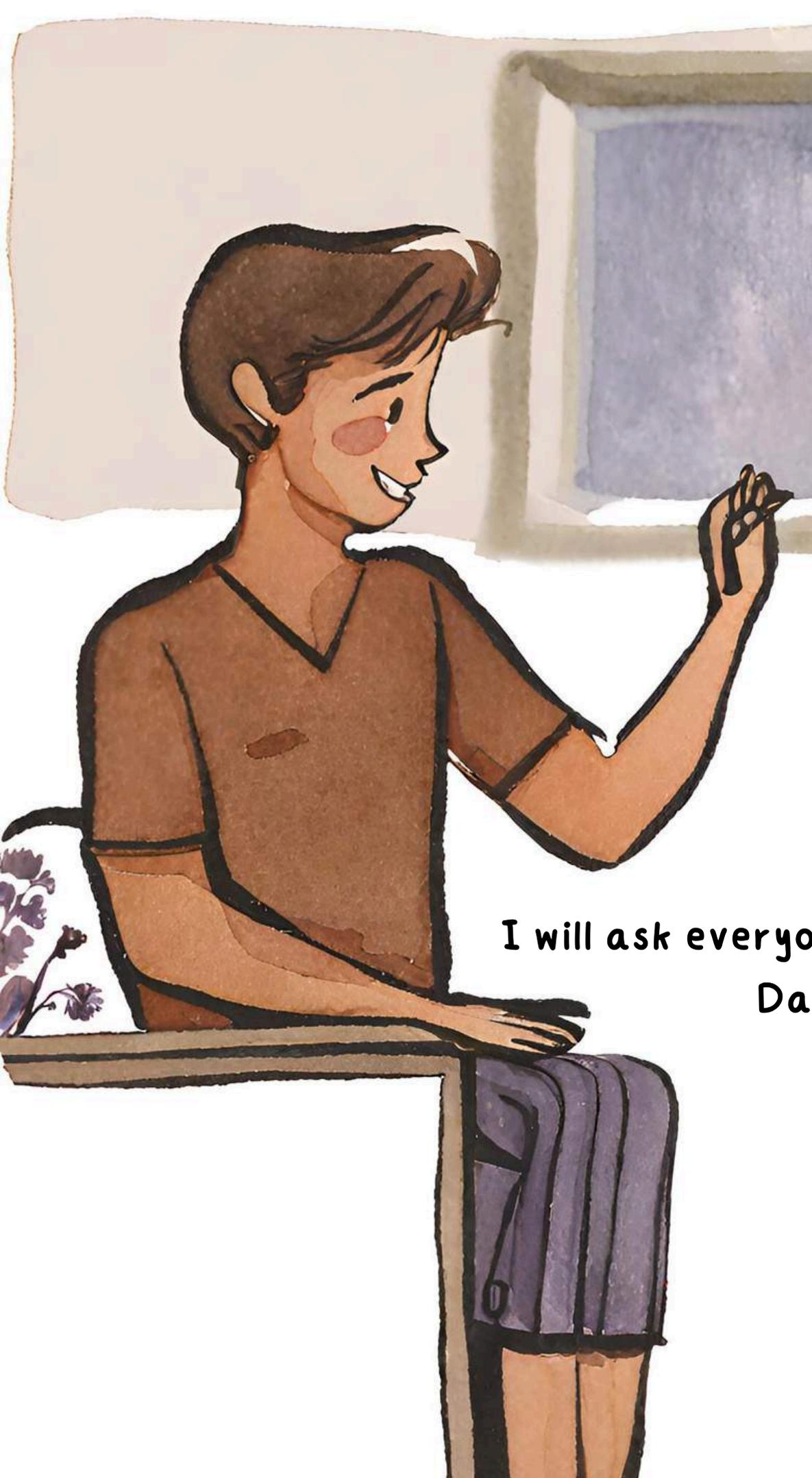
“What can we do to stop the parasites from becoming resistant and healing Leslie?”, Dad Bruno asked.



“We need everyone to take their medicines like antiparasitics as their Doctor told them to do so!

If we all use them correctly, we will be able to fight back the Malaria parasites better and other diseases too!”, Doctor Julie explained.





**“I will do it,
I will ask everyone to use medicines correctly”,
Dad Bruno promised.**

Dad Bruno left Leslie with her Mom.
And so Dad Bruno started to travel across the world:



By walking,



By bike,



By bus,



and even by boat!

To everyone he met,
Dad Bruno said "Please use all medicines correctly like your
Doctor tells you! It will save my daughter Leslie and will save
you from resistant diseases!"

"Very well!" Everyone said.



**“Very well, we will do it!”,
said old people.**



**“Very well, we will do it!”,
said young people.**



**“Very well, we will do it too!”,
said the children.**



And so Dad Bruno asks you too!

“Will you make sure to use medicines like antiparasitics correctly to save Leslie, yourself and other people you love?”



YOU SAID YES?

HURRAY!



It worked!

Leslie got better!



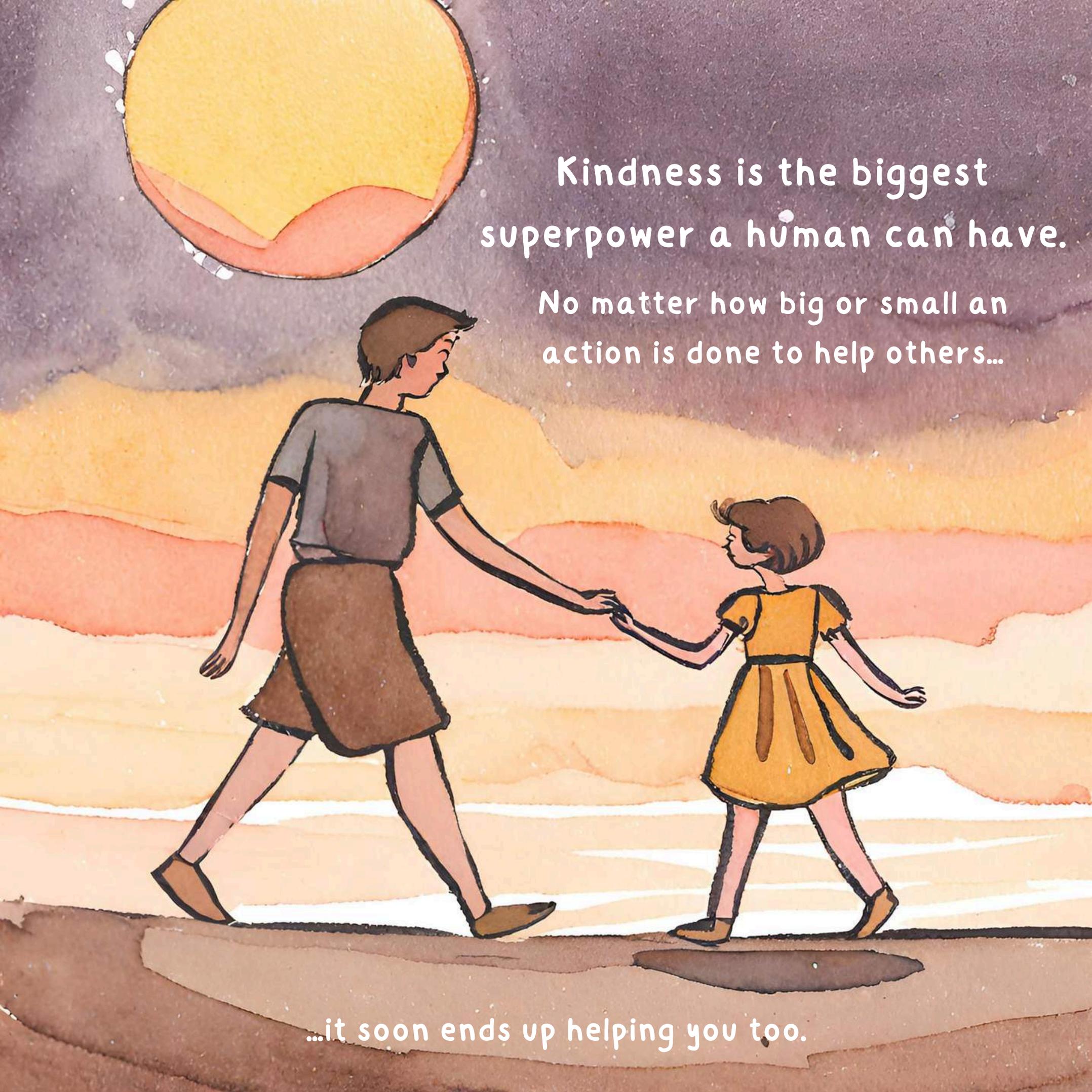
All thanks to people like you,
who uses all medicines correctly
and protect everyone in the world!

“Thank you!

I won't forget your help!”, said Leslie.

Dad Bruno told her what you
and everyone else did for her!





Kindness is the biggest
superpower a human can have.

No matter how big or small an
action is done to help others...

...it soon ends up helping you too.

**Mom and Dad,
Let's keep using medicines correctly!**

**Proper use of antibiotics, antivirals,
antiparasitics and antifungal medicines will
help us all fight diseases as best as we can
and safeguard the future health of our
children.**

**Consult a qualified health professional
before taking antimicrobials!**



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