

SULI

THE BOY WHO WAS DIFFERENT

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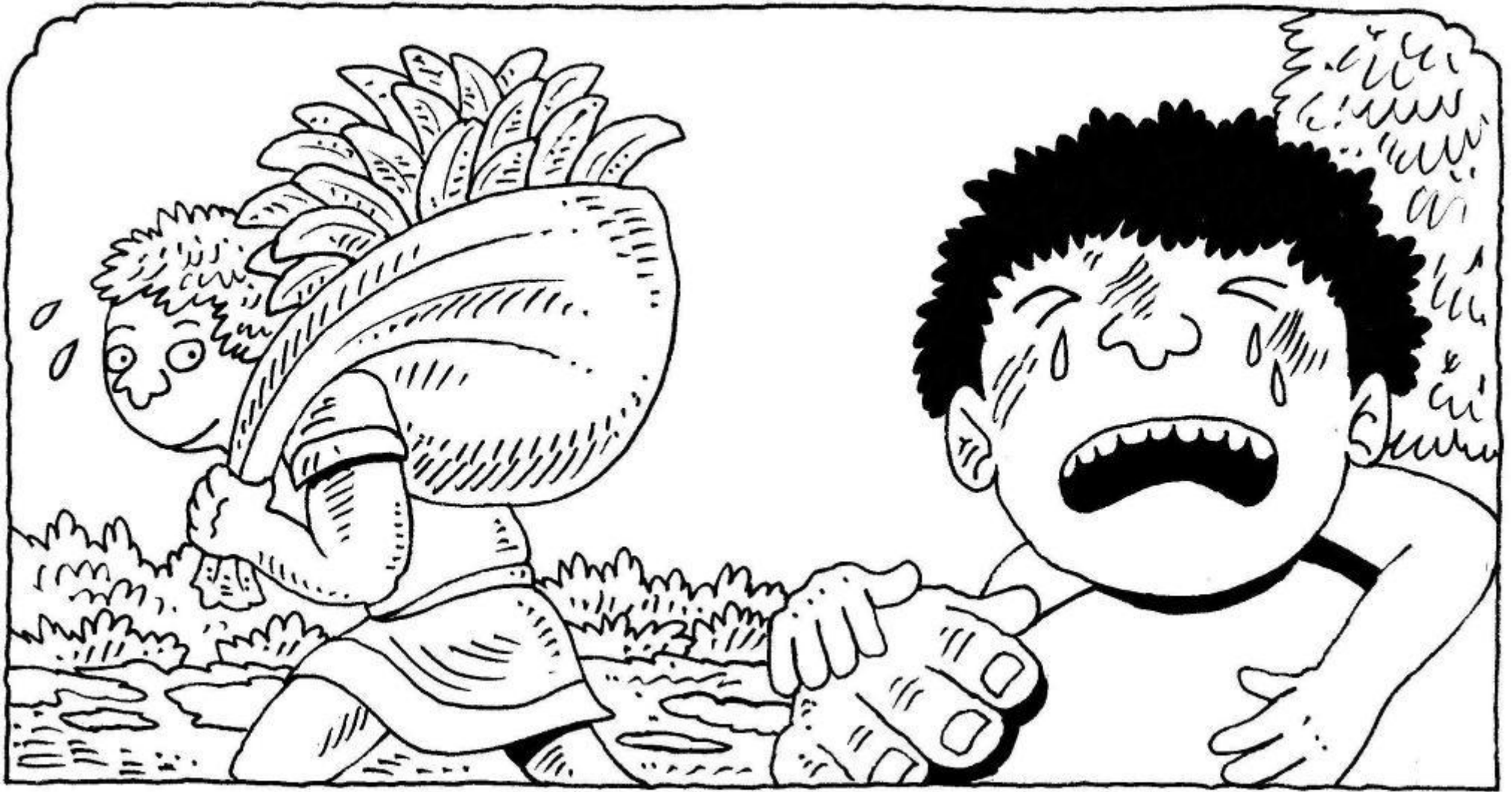
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* Greedy Monkey song by Jill Kemp
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The Chief of a tropical island had a baby boy.
He held him up to God. "I pray my son will
grow up to love you and to be a good Chief.
I will call him Suli, which means "Strong for God."



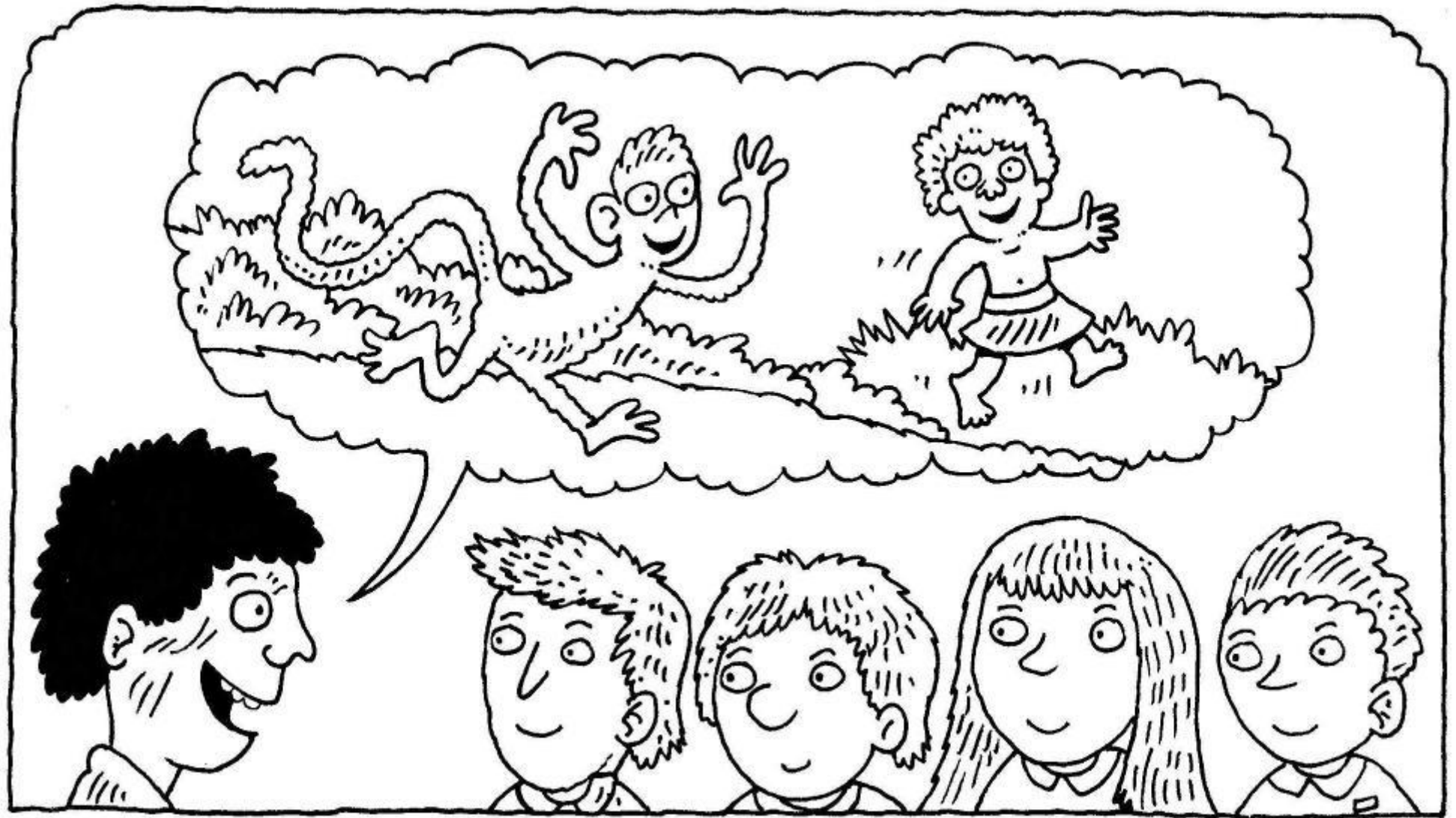
Suli was only a boy when he fell in a fire and burnt his face. The people of his village all worked very hard, growing bananas to sell, so they could pay to send Suli away for an operation in another country.



Suli was proud to be going to school in the new country. But the children were not kind because Suli was different. They laughed at his clothes and his face and called him names. "Silly Suli! Ugly face!" they yelled.



Suli felt all alone. He asked God to help him to be brave. He thought about his family and friends at home, praying for him and remembered how hard they had all worked to get enough money for his operation.



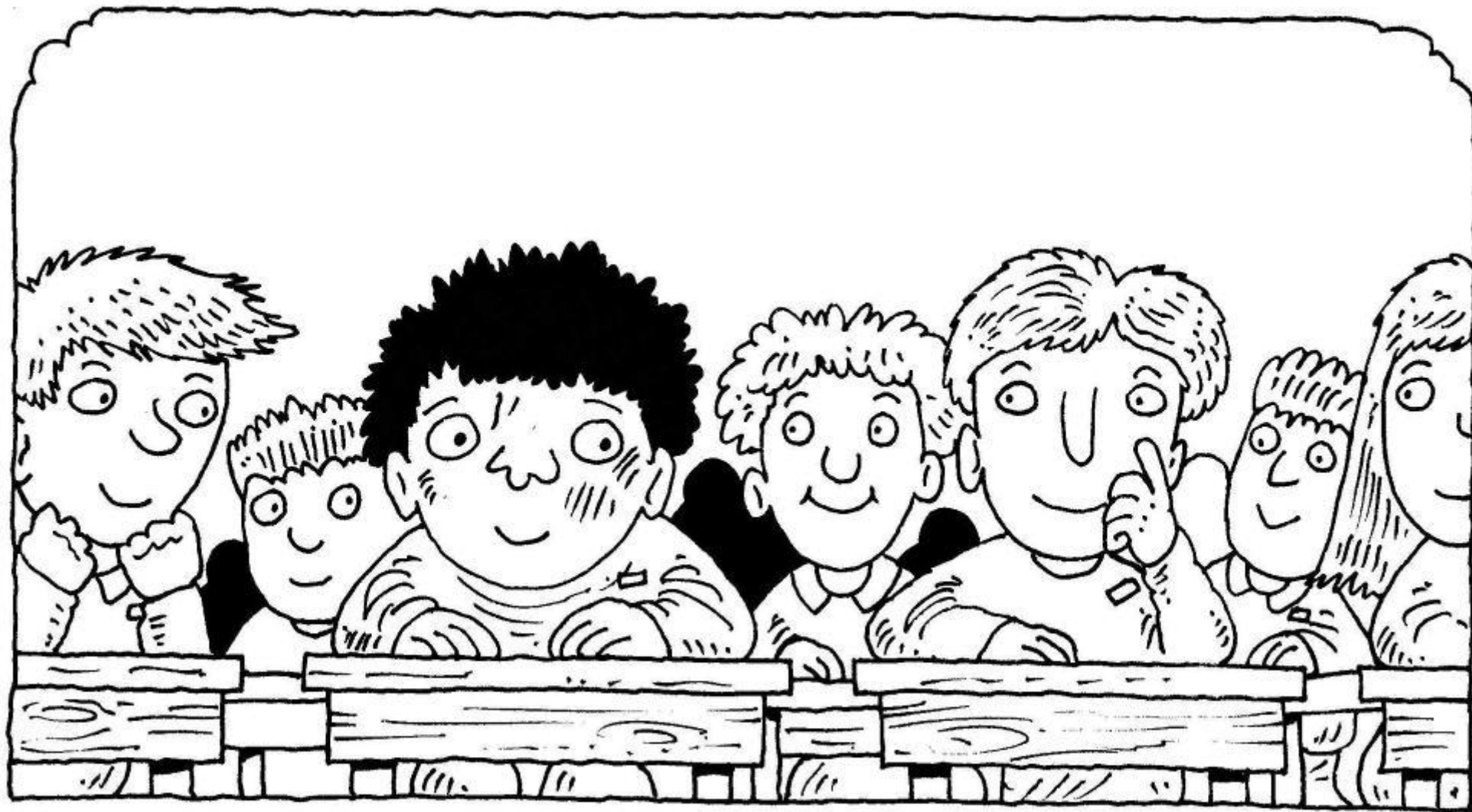
Then Suli told the class the meaning of his special name and about his father, the great Chief.

“I have a pet monkey,” he said.

Everyone wished they had a pet monkey, like Suli.



He sang the “Greedy Monkey” song and did a monkey dance. The children laughed and clapped! They didn’t even notice that Suli was different any more. He was just a boy like them and he was clever too!



The teacher talked to the class about being inclusive. They learnt how important it is to get to know, understand and accept people from different cultures and those who look, or behave, differently. Everyone needs a friend.