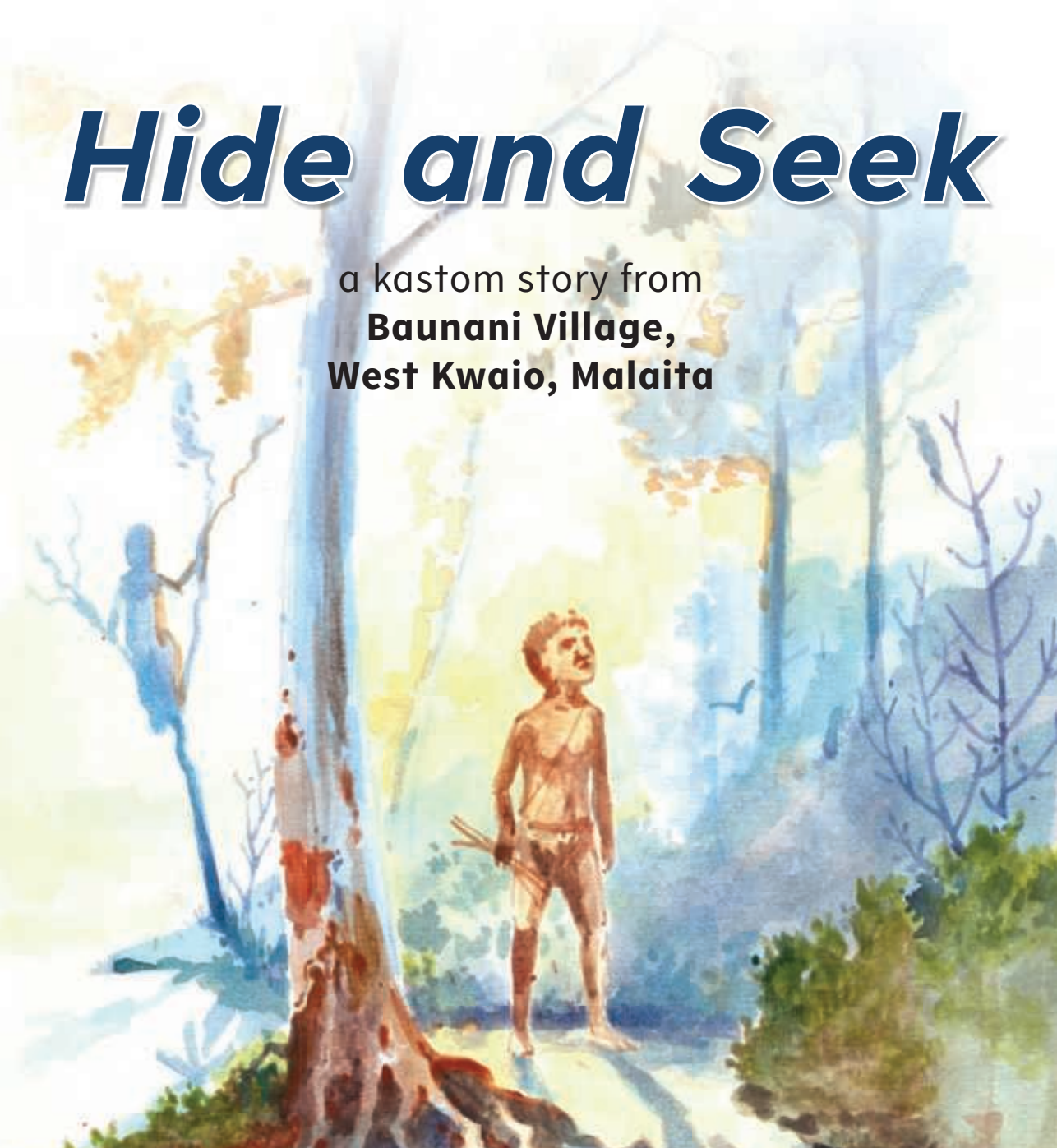


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One day, a boy was hunting
in the forest of West Malaita.
He shot at one bird after another,
but he always missed.
He was feeling very angry with himself.

Maybe a swim would help?
The boy walked down the stream
that flowed past his village,
until he came to a deep pool.





When he looked down into the water,
he was sure he could see a dark shape
at the bottom of the pool.

It looked like a girl.

Was she drowning?

The boy dived into the water
and looked for the drowning girl,
but he couldn't find her anywhere.



He climbed out, stood on the bank,
and waited for the water to clear.

Once the water was clear,
there she was again.

This time, she was waving her arm.



“Don’t worry! I’ll save you!” the boy shouted.
He dived back into the pool
and searched for the drowning girl a second time,
but still he couldn’t find her!

Once again, he climbed out of the pool.

What should he do?

Then he heard giggling
coming from above him.

He looked up into a big tree
that was growing above the pool.

There she was.

It was his sister!

She had been sitting
on a branch above him
the whole time!



Science in the story



When our elders tell us kastom stories, sometimes they are helping us to think about science.

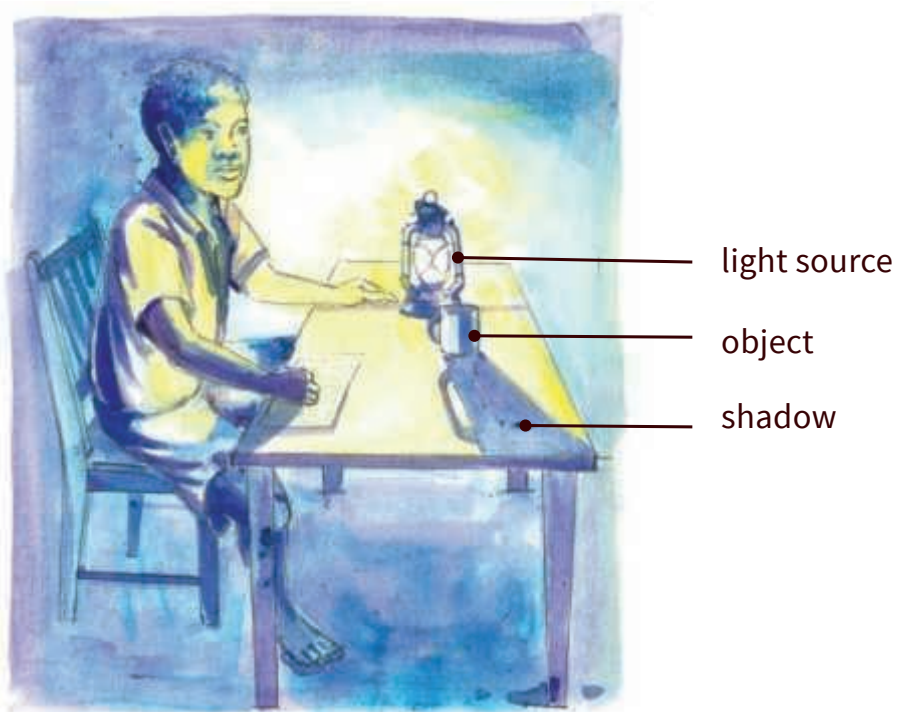
They know about light and shadows.
They know that shadows change in size and shape as the sun moves across the sky.



Make a shadow

After dark tonight, find a place where there is no light.

You'll find that there aren't any shadows. To make a shadow, you need light.



When an object blocks the light, it makes a shadow.

A shadow experiment

To do this experiment, you will need:

- a light source
(a torch or candle)
- a dark room
- a glass
- yourself.



Light the candle or turn on the torch.
Hold the glass in front of the light source.
Look at the shadow of the glass.

Is there a shadow?

How dark is it?

Now stand in front of the light source
and look at your shadow.

How dark is it?

Try this experiment with other objects.

Objects that light can't pass through are called **opaque**.



Objects that light can pass through are called **transparent**.



Objects that only some light can pass through are called **translucent**.



Now do the experiment again.

This time, move the objects closer and further away from the light source.

What happens?

Then move the light source. What happens?

Sun shadows

The sun is a light source.

When sunlight hits an opaque object,
the object makes a shadow.

When sunlight hits a transparent object,
such as a window pane, it passes through
and there isn't a shadow.



As the sun moves across the sky,
shadows move too.

Pick out a coconut palm near your school.
Just before school starts, scratch a line
in the ground where its shadow is.



Think about where the shadow will be
when school ends.

Scratch a second line there.



After school, see if you were right.



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