



Tshia & the School Mission

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The final school bell rings, and Mrs. Maponya stands at the front of the classroom with a big announcement. "I have a big mission for you. Tomorrow, I want you to bring a project or an idea that helps save our beautiful planet!" Tshia listened with wide, sparkling eyes, already thinking of a delicious plan.



When she got home, Tshia found her older brother, Kego, in the living room.

He was busy taping old soda cans together to make a giant recycling robot. "Are you going to build a robot too, Tshia?" Kego asked, his hands covered in shiny silver tape. Tshia shook her head and smiled a secret, knowing smile.



Tshia skipped into the kitchen and opened the freezer. A cold, white mist swirled out, and there it was—the "Awesome Ice Cream Pot." It was a beautiful terracotta pot with a big, black circular label that read "AWESOME ICE CREAM POT." Inside, it looked just like a pot of dark, rich soil with a bright green plant growing right out of the center.



Her father, Goodwill, helped her find a sturdy brown box to keep her project safe for the walk to school. "Is this for your school mission, Tshia?" he asked. "Yes, Papa! It's the most delicious way to save the world!" she cheered. Her eyes were wide with excitement as she carefully tucked the Awesome Ice Cream Pot inside the box and folded the flaps.



The next morning, the classroom was buzzing with excitement. Tshepo showed off a model truck he had built from recycled batteries and wires. Lindiwe displayed a shiny solar panel she had crafted from foil and old cardboard. The room was full of big, noisy gadgets and tall posters about the environment, but Tshia sat quietly with her simple brown box on her desk.



While the other children explained their big machines, Mrs. Maponya noticed Tshia at the back of the room. She had her brown box open, and the terracotta pot was sitting on her desk. To everyone's surprise, Tshia wasn't giving a speech; she was happily lifting a wooden spoon to her mouth, enjoying a big bite of the delicious chocolate ice cream "soil"!



Mrs. Maponya blinked and walked closer, looking quite shocked. "Tshia, dear," she asked gently, "did you forget about our mission today? Why didn't you bring a project to help the planet?" Tshia giggled with excitement to tell her teacher about her mission to save the planet. "I didn't forget, Mrs. Maponya! My project is right here!"



"It's big enough for everyone to share!" Tshia said brightly. She pulled out some wooden spoons and offered one to her friend Tshepo. "Would you like to help me finish my project?" Tshepo's eyes lit up, and soon he and the rest of the class were digging into the rich, sweet chocolate ice cream.



After they scraped the very last spoonful from the bottom, Tshia pointed out the incredible magical seed hidden inside.

Mrs. Maponya leaned in closer and gasped in total amazement. Tucked safely below the final layer of sweetness was a real, magical seed! Tshia showed her friends that eating a treat could actually leave the world with something green and growing.



Tshia explained, "Every Awesome Ice Cream Pot contains the magical seed called the "Seed for Change", that you can use to plant something for yourself, and you reuse the plant pot to save the planet from single-use ice cream containers." Mrs. Maponya beamed. That day, Tshia got the highest marks and was awarded the "Climate-Smart Hero" medal for her brilliant upcycling project in saving our planet!



Acknowledgments

This book beautifully teaches children that protecting the environment can be both practical and fun. Through Tshia's creative upcycling project, young readers learn how reducing single-use plastic and planting seeds can make a massive, positive impact on saving our planet.

Tshia Modise

AKA Tshia-nana, Daughter of Goodwill Modise, Little Sister to Kego Modise, Niece to Kamogelo Modise

Nolanga Modise

Tshia's Grandmother, The foundation of the family, providing wisdom and support

Goodwill Modise

Tshia-Nana and Kego's father. Little brother to Kamogelo Modise

Bra Oupa Modise & Makgoshi Modise

Tshia's uncle and aunt, Thabo & Boikanyo's parents.

Promise Modise

Tshia's Aunt, Mother to Tsitsinana and Pabiii-nana, Goodwill's Sister, The family's "baby talk expert,"

Thabo Modise, Tsitsinana Modise, Pabiii-nana Modise, Kego Modise & Boikanyo Modise

Tshia's siblings and cousins

Onka-nana Modise

Thabo's daughter, Tshia's niece, Goodwill's grand-niece.

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