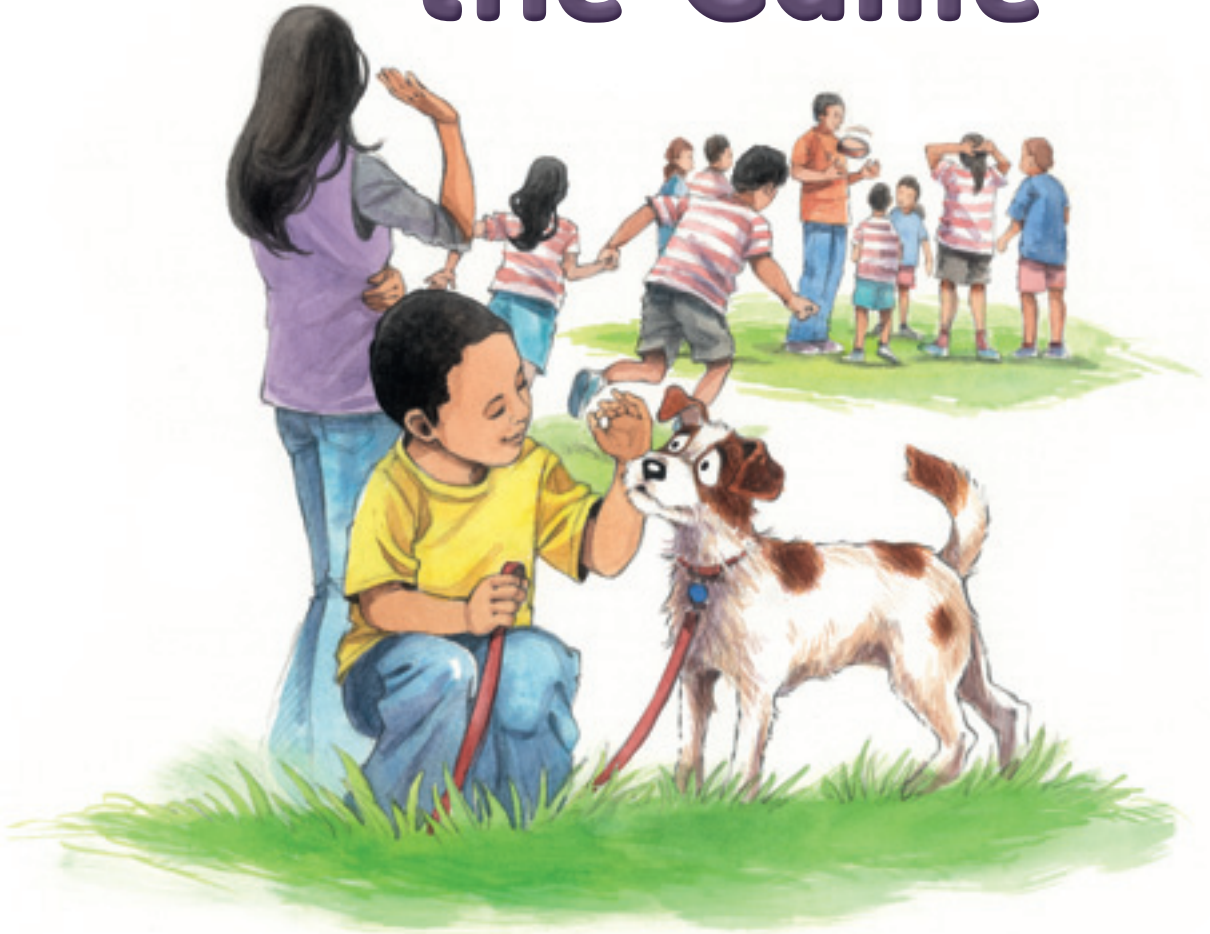


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*Ready
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Mika



Rocky



Tusi



Pati

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Mika (mee-ka)

Tusi (too-see, *too as in "took"*)

Pati (pa-tee)

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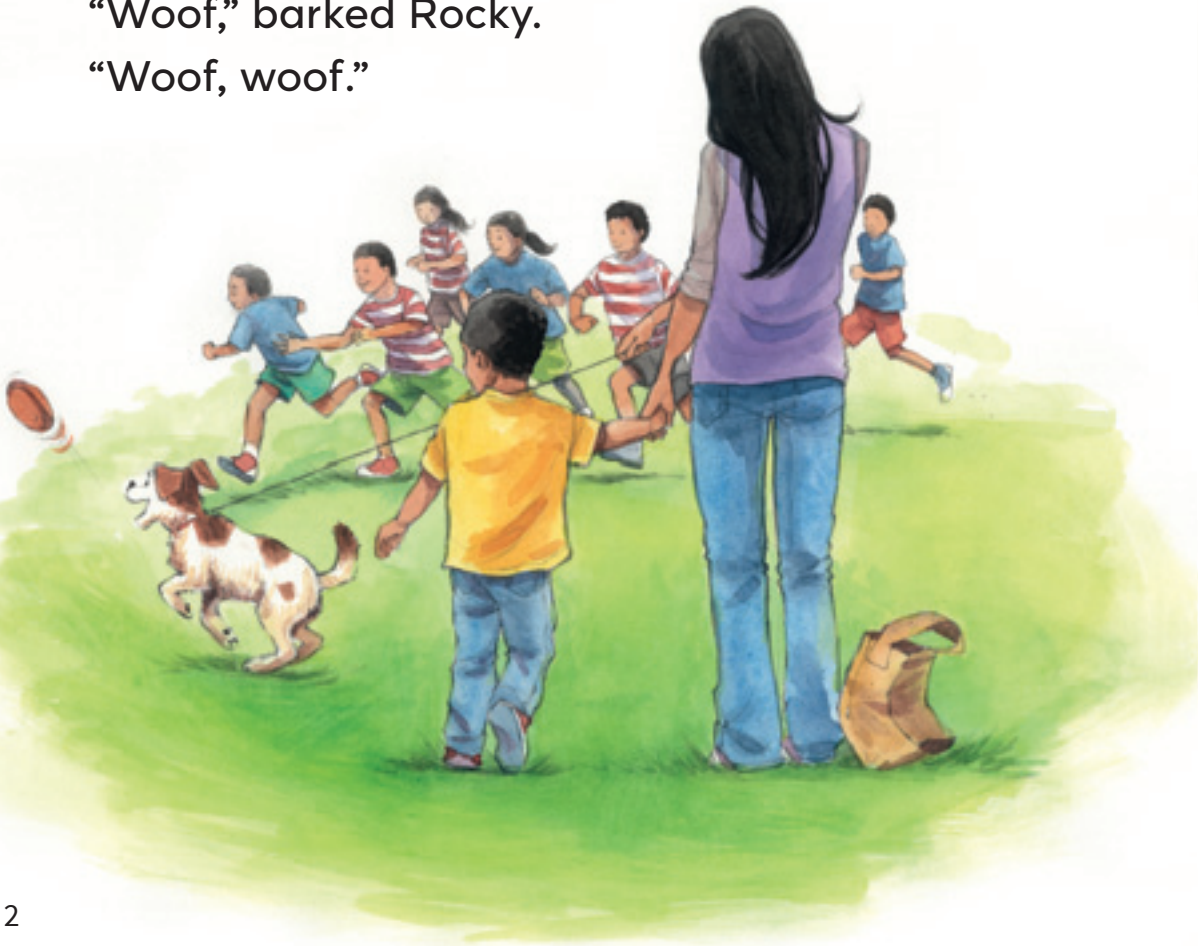


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Mika was at the park with Mum and Rocky.
They were watching Pati and Tusi
play touch rugby.

Mika and Mum watched the game.
Rocky watched the ball.

“Woof,” barked Rocky.
“Woof, woof.”



Mum took a tennis ball
out of her bag.
“Here you are, Mika,” said Mum.
“Go and play with Rocky.”
“Woof,” barked Rocky.

Mika threw the ball,
and Rocky raced after it.



Rocky came back with the ball.



Mika threw the ball again,
and Rocky raced after it.



Over and over again, Mika threw the ball.
Over and over again, Rocky raced after it.

Mika didn't see that they were getting closer to the game of touch rugby. He threw the ball again, and it landed on the field. Rocky ran onto the field, but he didn't race after the tennis ball - he raced after the rugby ball!



“Come back, Rocky!” shouted Mika.

“Rocky, come here!” shouted Mum.

“Get off the field, Rocky!”
shouted Pati and Tusi.

Rocky raced after the ball.
Everyone raced after Rocky.

Rocky got the rugby ball. He wagged his tail.
Tusi took the ball off him.

“Bad dog,” she said.

“He’s not bad,” said Mika.

“Rocky just wants to play rugby.”

“Woof,” barked Rocky.





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