



The
BRAVEST
BOY
I KNOW

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This book is dedicated
to all the people who teach us
to share the joy of words and stories.

This book is dedicated to all the people who help
keep us healthy so that we can learn and grow.

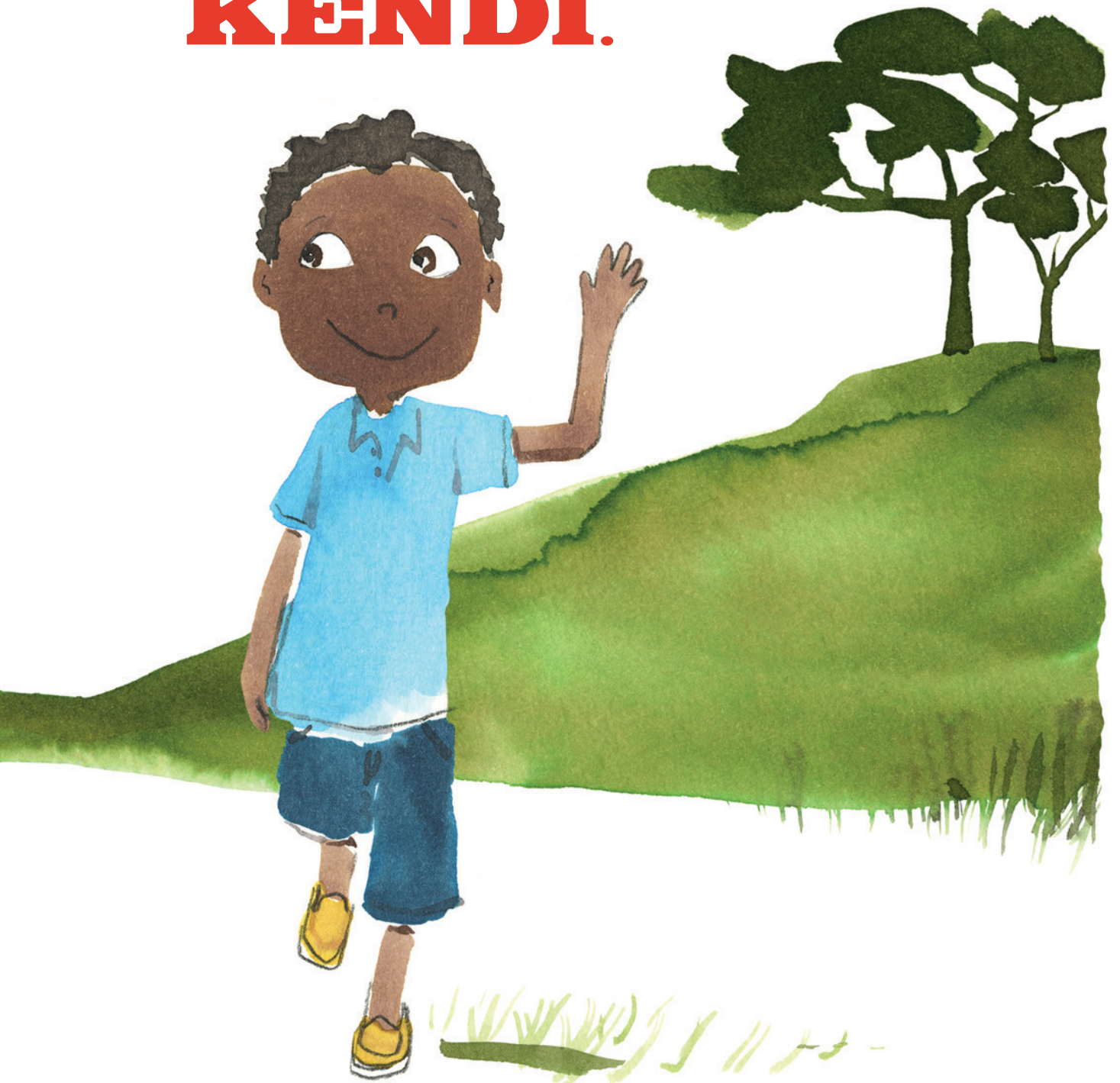
This book is dedicated to friends and family
who love us for who we are.

This book is dedicated to United Nations
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
for putting education first.

This is my friend...



KENDI.







We like to meet under our favorite big tree.





We go to school together and learn lots of things.



We run and play football once the bell rings.

Sometimes we picnic down by the lake,

Kayla brings fruit and I bring cake.







We like to sing and dance
when it's rainy or sunny.



We like to talk and laugh and just be funny.





Kendi is living with **HIV**.

And that's okay with me.

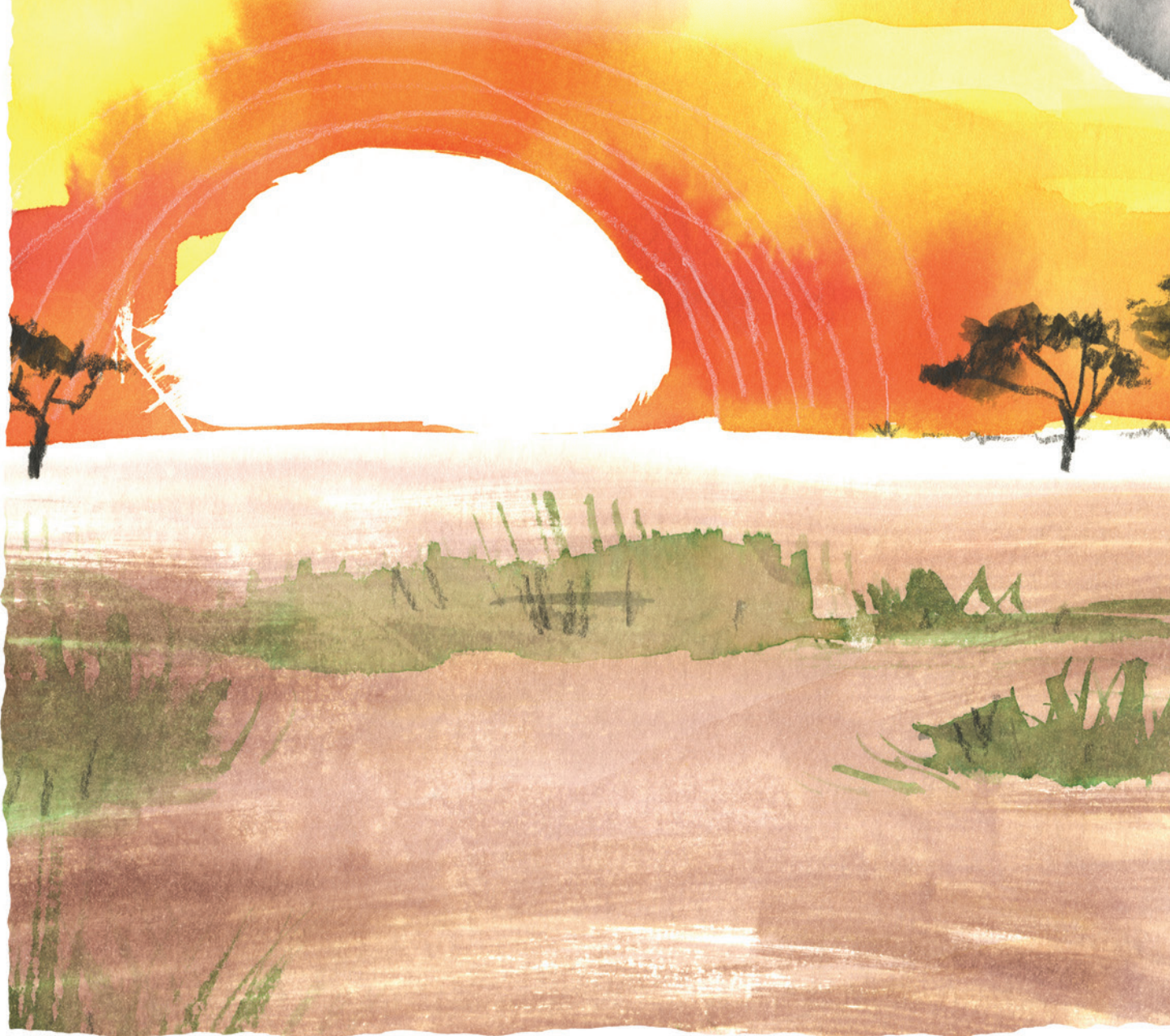
My Mum helps me
make sure I take my
medicine every day.

And after I do,
I like to say...





Now I am as
STRONG
as an
ELEPHANT...





As **FAST**

as a **CHEETAH...**






And **BRAVE**
like a **LION!**






But sometimes
I feel sick
and I have
to say...



I feel sleepy
throughout
the day.



That's when we
lie on the grass
and just watch
the clouds.



Or sit and read quietly
away from the crowds.



The background of the page is a watercolor illustration. The top half is a light blue wash, suggesting a sky. The bottom half is a green wash, suggesting trees or foliage. The colors are soft and blended, with some white space between the blue and green areas.

I am happy **KAYLA** is my friend.

She tells me again and again...



You are as **STRONG**
as an **ELEPHANT,**

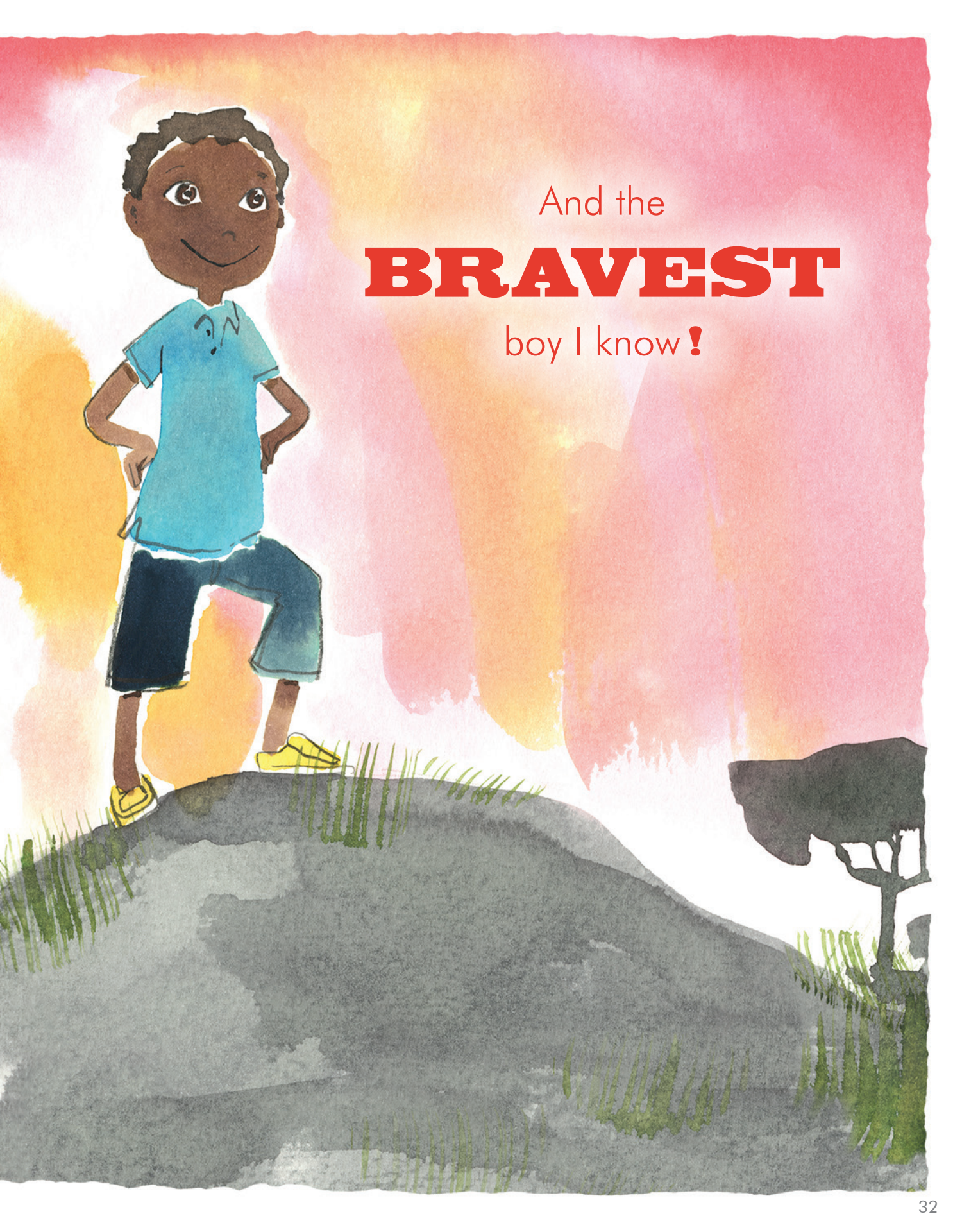




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as a **CHEETAH...**







And the
BRAVEST
boy I know!



