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“What’s that?”



Teju hides.

“It won’t find me here!”





He runs.

“Why are you following me?”







Leave me  
**ALONE!**



Go away. Go away.

**GO AWAY!**

“Teju! What are you doing?”

“It won’t go away!”

“Your shadow?”





“It follows me everywhere!  
It’s like a super secret spy!”





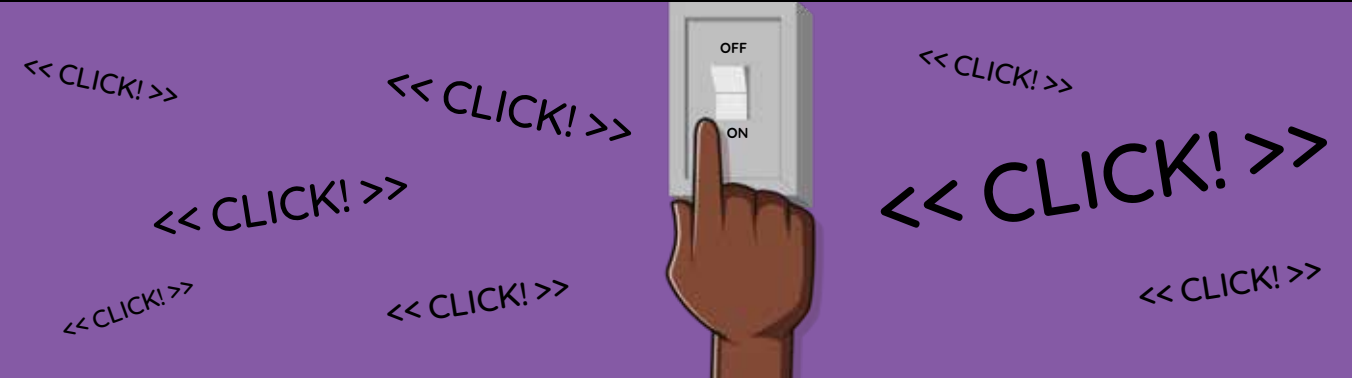
“Well, there’s one way to make a shadow disappear...”



MAMMA!

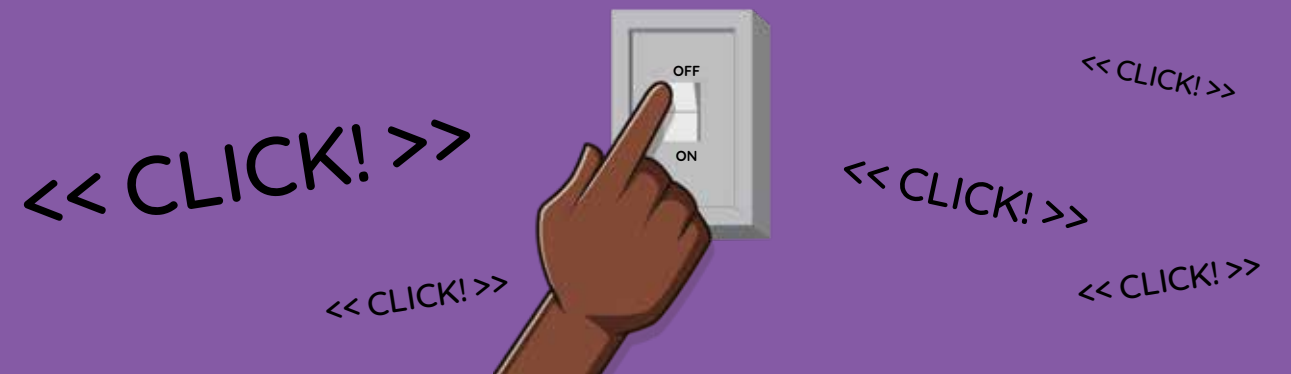
Later that night in Teju's bedroom,  
the light goes off...

...and then on.



And off...

...and on.  
Teju can't sleep.







“What’s wrong Teju?”

“It only goes away in the dark,  
but I’m scared of the dark!”

Mum gives Teju a big hug.

“Do you want to see  
something amazing?”



OOOOHHHHH!

AAAHHHHH!



Mum and Teju make shadow puppets until he falls asleep.



After school, Teju waits for Mum.  
“I’m bored.”

Teju stands up, he jumps, he dances.  
His shadow does the same.

“Cool!”





“Goodnight  
Shadow!”

When he goes to bed that  
night, Teju leaves his night  
light on.



