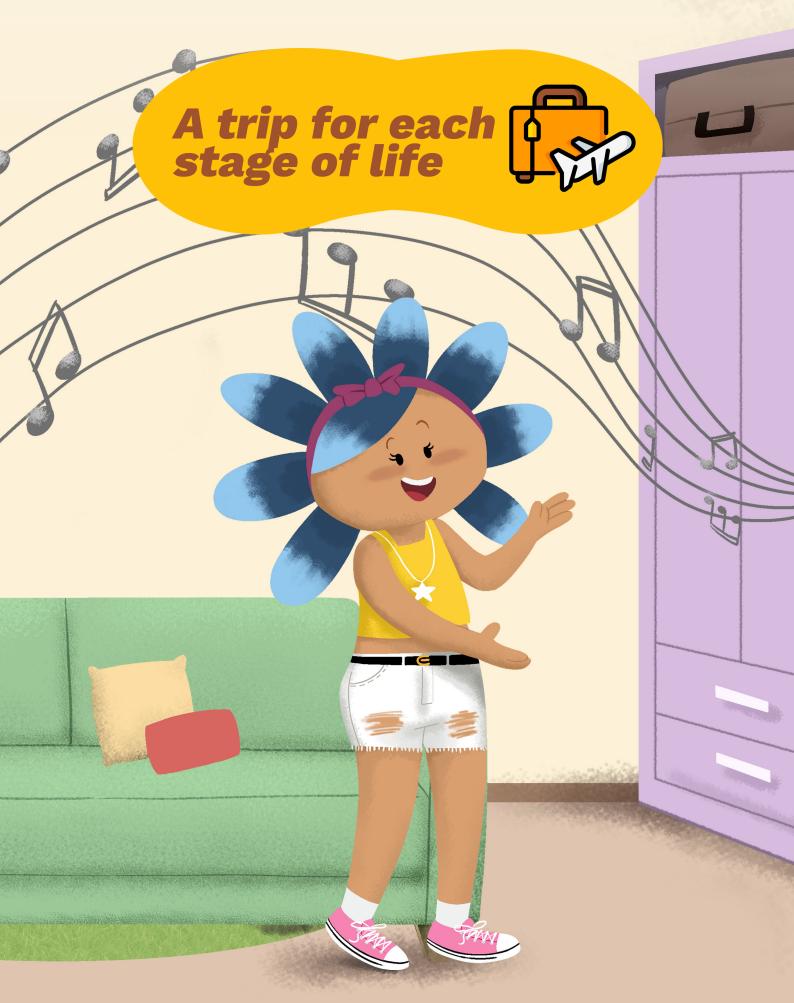
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Is Fly listening to Miriam Makeba? Who introduced the greatest South African singer to her? — asks Gate, proud of his daughter's new musical repertoire.

How could I not introduce her to the song we danced to so many times before we started dating? Our daughter listens to 'Pata Pata' ten times a day, Gate! — Destiny comments nostalgically to her husband on the house porch.

Lion paws or rhino paws? Elephant paws or giraffe paws? — asks Trip from the living room, with his binoculars on his face, playing safari.

I think elephant. Elephants with really big ears that are always listening in on grown-up conversations! — Gate responds, playing along with his son.

Destiny and Gate are anxious about their two older children's request for their next vacation to be in South Africa.



The family travel agent will come to their house on Saturday to answer all the couple's questions about taking their little one on this trip.

Saturday dawns with Vida having coffee at the house of this country's most well-traveled family. This time, the conversation is more difficult. Vida explains that there are certain phases that call for new trips, and that Trip and Fly need to reach new horizons. But Hope will need to stay behind.

- If you have a support network, it's worth spending these days away from Hope to fulfill the older children's wish. They're at the perfect age to go on safari and learn about the history of a great leader for humanity! says Vida, remembering how her own teenage children strengthened their ideals of justice, their culture, and their understanding of history and geography after returning from this destination. A trip to South Africa goes far beyond safaris!

But what would be the difficulties for Hope? — asks Gate.

- Safaris generally happen very early, at dawn or late afternoon, and last a long time. Rain or shine, we go out looking for animals. Very young children can suffer from having to leave very early or right at bath and nap time.

But it would be so cool to show her the animals... — comments Trip, playing with his little sister.

- It certainly would be, Trip. On the other hand, she doesn't understand explanations about animal behavior and will lose patience when you have to spend more time on the road looking for them — argues Vida.

Really? I feel so anxious about splitting up the family...
— says Destiny.

- This is an activity that needs to be done in silence to get close to the animals. A child so young, at this 2, 3-year-old stage, cries, screams, and can disrupt everyone else's experience.



And Vida continues:

- Very young children don't enjoy adventures like these, and you'd have to be split up, with one parent always at the hotel because of the little one. It's not worth it.

Nick barks at that moment.

- Yeah... this time you'll have to stay here too, handsome boy, — Destiny tells Nick, petting the family companion.

- Everything has its time, doesn't it, my friends? — Vida comments with all her wisdom.

- Is it time to call in the world's best mother-in-law? — Gate asks Destiny.

At that moment, Hope, very smart, starts clapping her hands saying:

## - Grandma! Grandma!

Nick starts jumping and licks Hope's little hand in solidarity and partnership in this mission! And everyone has fun with this scene.v



- It seems like it won't be a sacrifice for the part of the family staying in Brazil... — states Vida, amused by Hope and Nick's spontaneous reaction.

Yes, the Way Family will thoughtfully consider everything they heard. Because this really seems to be a trip that requires this sacrifice to handle the different stages of each of the children.

And Gate and Destiny know they can count on all of Vida's knowledge to help them organize the best travel experience for everyone.





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