



Umvundla Uya Etheekweni

Mozambican folktale
isiXhosa



Ngenye imini, izilwanyana
zathatha isigqibo
sokwenza itheko. Kodwa
kwakungangeni zonke
izilwanyana. Yayilitheko
lezilwanyana
ezineempondo zodwa.



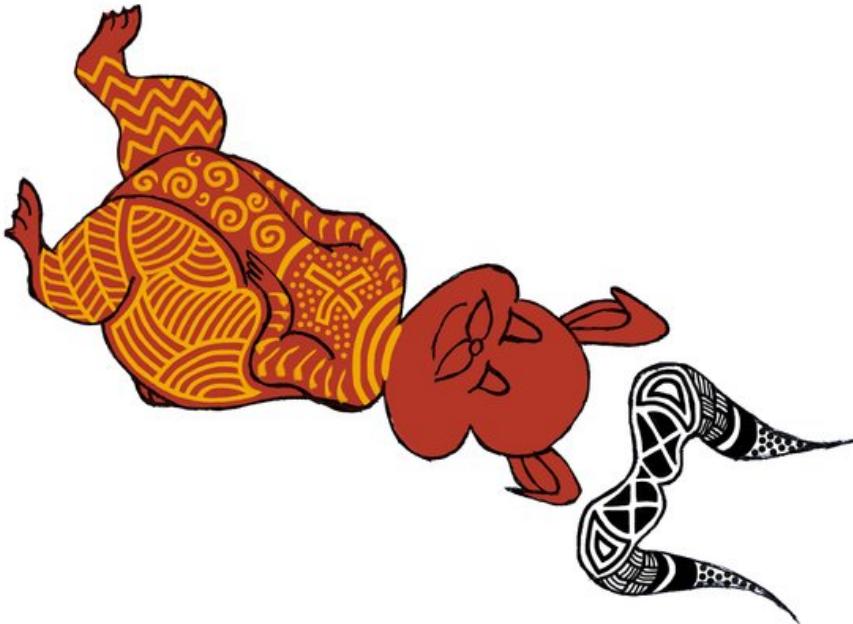
Umvundla waye
wazilungiselela ukuya
ethekweni. Kodwa
wafumanisa ukuba
asilolika wonke-wonke.
Yayilele zilwanyana
ezineempondo zodwa.



Umvundla waya ndaweni
ithile wafumana mpondo
zithile. Waye wazibeka
kuye entloko waze waya
ethekweni.



Ngexesha esethekweni
umvundla waye watya,
wasela, wade waxhentsa.



Lento yamenza wadinwa
waze walala elangeni.
Kodwa ngelixesha aleleyo,
iimpondo zaye zawa!



Ke ngoko, zonke
izilwanyana zaye
zafumanisa ukuba
umvundla lo akasiso esi
silwanyana bebecinga
ukuba siso. Ke ngoku, zaye
zamtsala ngeendalebe zade
zanwebeka kakhulu.



Waze wabaleka.
Yiyo lento imivundla
ineendlebe ezinkulu!

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