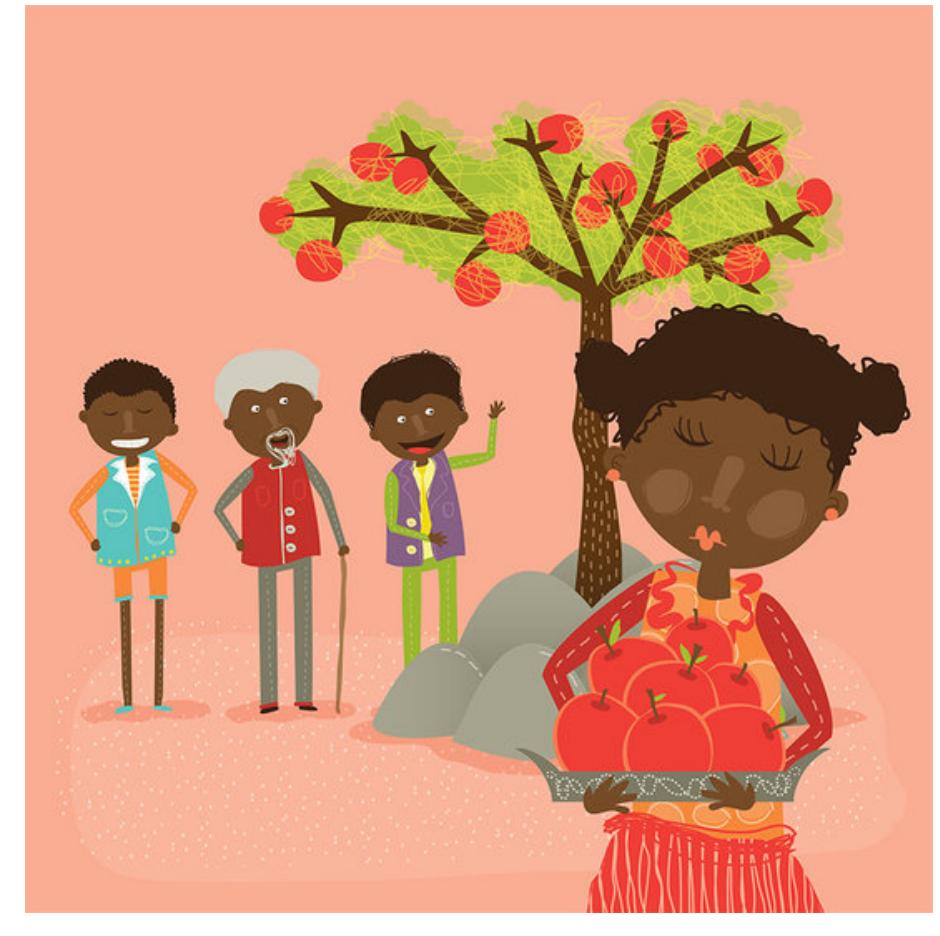


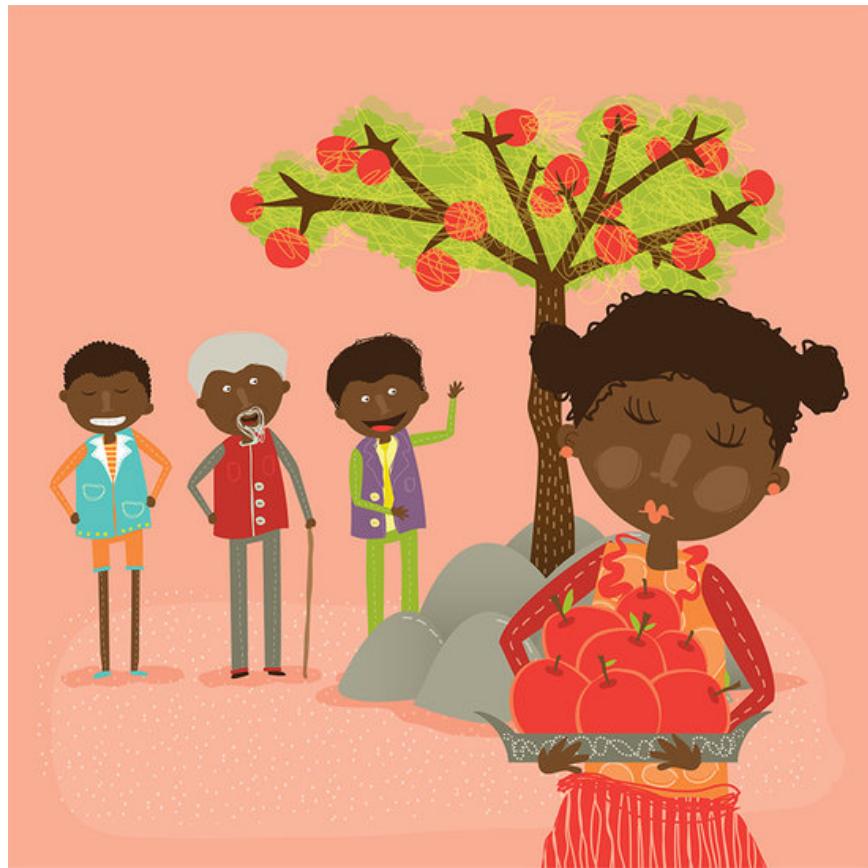
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Kwakukhona umndeni lonesihlahla
sesitselo lesinongotelako, wonkhe
umuntfu bekafuna kuva leso sitselo.
Lomndeni bewuphindze
unendvondzakati lenhle kakhulu.
Bantfu labanyenti bebancoma
lobuhle bayo lobumangalisako,
emehlo lacwatimulako kantsi
lokungetulu kwako konkhe,
bekuyindlela lemangalisako
yekutiphatsa kwakhe.



Uma akhulela esigabeni sakhe
sekuba yintfombi, emajaha
nemadvodza lamadzala bewaya
ekhayikubo bayocela kumshada.

Batali bakhe bancuma kutsi
indvodza letawuhlala ekhaya labo
lilanga lonkhe ingadli sitselo
itawunikwa sandla sendvodzana
yabo kutsi iyishade.



Indzaba yagcwala ummango wonkhe. Indvodza leyacala kuta ngumphatsi wemapulazi endzawo. Lendvodza beyilikhwa, icebile futsi iseyinsha. Wamukelwa wanikwa sitselo.

Wahlala sikhashana wase udla lesitselo bamcosha.



Kwalandzela umphatsi wekugcina tilwane. Naye abelikhwa, amusha futsi acebile. Lentfombatane yamtsandza. Kodvwa nakanikwa lesitselo wavele wasidla ngekuphutfuma. Naye wacoshwa!



Lendvodza leyalandzela
beyinemhlaba lomnengi.
Bekangumuntfu lotikhukhumetako
abuye amubi. Lentfombatane
yathandaza kutsi adle ahambe. Naye
wanikwa sitselo kodywa akamange
asidle. Ngekuhamba kwesikhatsi,
intfombatane yacala kumncenga
kutsi adle. Ngensimbi yesine,
wahlaselwa yndlala wase uyadla.
Naye ngekunjalo wacoshwa.



Kwalandzela inkhosí,
beyitikhukhumeta, igugile futsí
iyimbi. Bekute layitsandzako
emmangweni. Lentfombatane yafisa
kutsi adle ahambe.
Kwatsi nabayinika lesitselo, yala
kusidla. Yahlala lilanga lonkhe.
Kutsite ngetikhatsi tensimbi
yesitfupha, wacela kuya ngasendlini
yangasese

Wavunyelwa kuya.

Nakabuya bekanukelela liphunga lalesitselo kani futsi tindzebe takhe temlomo betibovu tju! Sewudle lesitselo endlini lencane!

Lentfombatane yakhululeka ngoba naye wacoshwa.

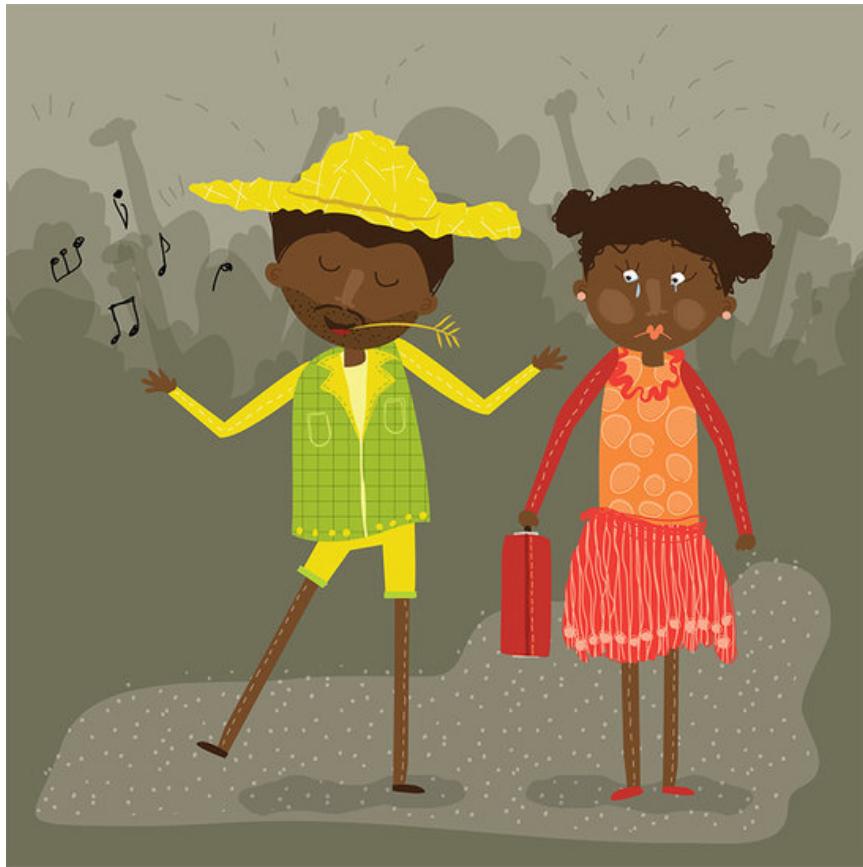


Emva kwemalanga, kwafika
inkosana lenhle lecebile.
Lentfombatane yambuka
ngekumtsandza.
Yamyisa ngasese, yabuye
yamncenga kutsi angasidli lesitselo.
Wamnika titselo letincane kunaleti
bekatinika lalabanye. Kutsite
ngetikhatsi tasemini, inkhosana
bese ivele isidlile sitselo nayo
yacoshwa. Intfombatane yakhala
tinyembenti telulaka
nekudvumateka.

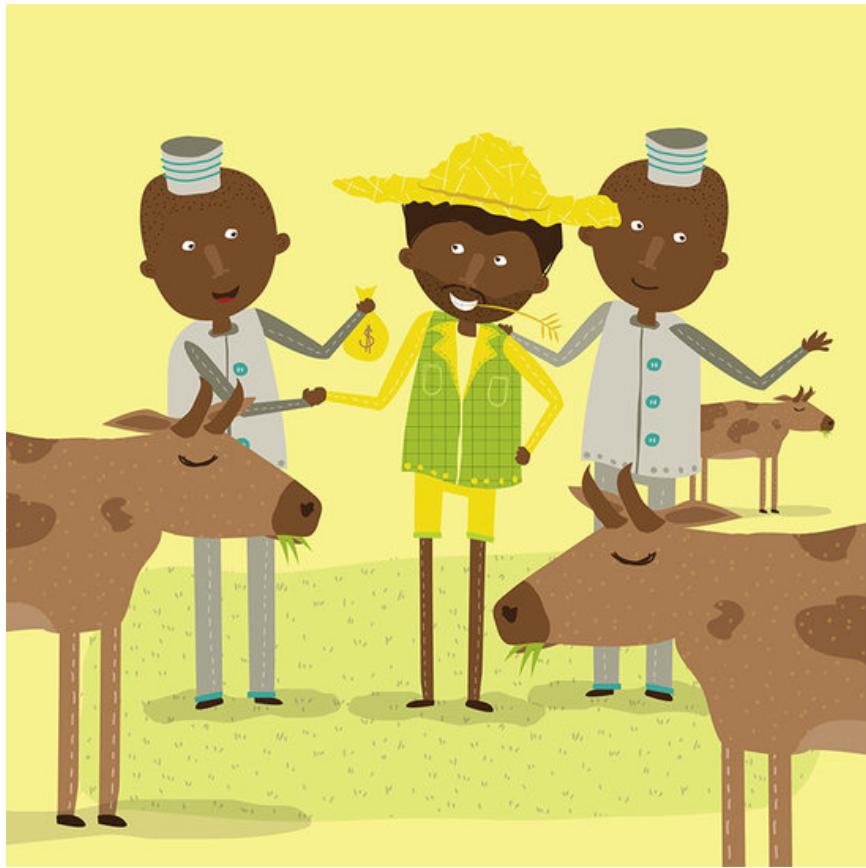


Ngelilanga lelilandzelako, kwafika umlimi. Beka ngumuntfu loliphuya futsi avilapha, bekalijaha lelatiwa bantfu labanyenti ngekukhuluma kakhulu. Ute nje angumuntfu lone litsemba lekutsi utawushadiswa naalentfombatane. Intfombatane yamunika titselo letinyenti yase imcela kutsi adle ahambe.

Utsite nakanikwa lesitselo, wala kusidla. Lentfombatane beyilindze kabuhlungu. Imini yndlula, nensimbi yesibili. Ngensimbi yesine, umlimi wacela emanti. Lentfombatane yathandaza kutsi amane adle lesitselo, wachubeka nekuthandaza watsi ubuka sikhatsi watfola sekuyinsimbi yesikhombisa. Lomlimi waphumelela kufeza sifiso sebatali bentfombatane yabo.



Batali bakhe besekumele banikele
ngentfombatane yabo kulelivila.
Lentfombatane yancenga icela
batali bayo kutsi kube nguyo
letincumelako kepha bekute
lebebangakwenta.
Kwatsi umlimi asamiyisa ekhaya
lakhe, wahamba ahlabelela ingoma
lemnandzi ashaya netandla. Linyenti
lebantfu bema emgwacweni bafuna
kubona letitsandzani.



Kulelinyenti lebantfu bekukhona
netisebenti tenkhosana lecebile.
Babitela lomlimi ngasese,
bamtsembisa imali netinkhomo
nangabe atawuyekela
lentfombatane.
Ngaphandle kwekungabata,
wakhetsa kutsatsa imali kanye
netinkhomo wahamba nato.



Letisebenti tagcokisa lentfombatane
timphahla takanokusho tamyisa
esigodlweli kuyo inkhosana.
Kungakapheli sikhatsi
lesingakanani, batali bentfombatane
babitwa, kwahlelwa umcimbi
wekuhlanganisa laba lababili
emshadweni.

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