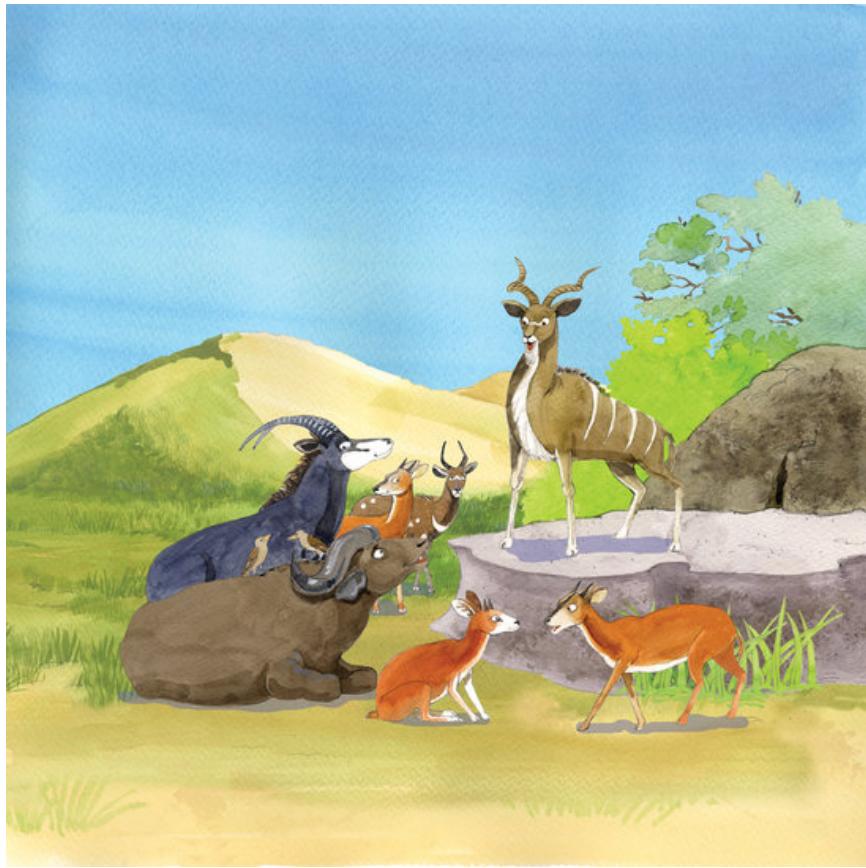




Tingulube atikavunyelwa

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Eminyakeni leyendlula, licembu letilwane letinetimpondvo tancuma kutsi tibe nemcimbi lomkhulu etulu etintsabeni. Tamema tilwane letinetimpondvo kuphela. Letinye betingakavunyelwa.

Ngalesikhatsi ingulube iva
ngalomcimbi, yacabanga yatsi,
"Anginato timpondvo. Ingabe
ngitawenta njani?"





Ngelilanga lelilandzelako, ingulube
yaba nelichinga. Yabona kutsi
inamatsisele timpondvo tayo
ngemafutsa.

Lelichinga lengulube lasebenta nayo
yativelā ihlakaniphile nayivunyelwa
kutsi ingene. Inkinga kutsi lomcimbi
wawusedvute nelilanga.





Lekhatsi umcimbi sewucala kushisa sewumnandzi kakhulu, sinamatselisi setimpondvo tengulube sacala kuncipilika.

Letilwane letinye tetimpondvo tamangala kakhulu. "Ngubani loya longanatimpondvo? Uteleni lapha?" tabutana tilwane.

Inkosi yetilwane yatilawula yatsi,
"Bambani leya ngulube niyiphosele
phansi emhlabatsini."
Tayibamba ingulube tayiphosa
phansi emhlabatsini.





Awu ingulube lehluphekile! Nayiwa
yashaya phansi ngemphumulo.
Imphumulo yayo yafacaka yaba
sipatalala.

Ngaloko-ke kungamangalisi
nanibona sipatalala semphumulo
yengulube, kungoba kwasukela
ngaleso sikhatsi.





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