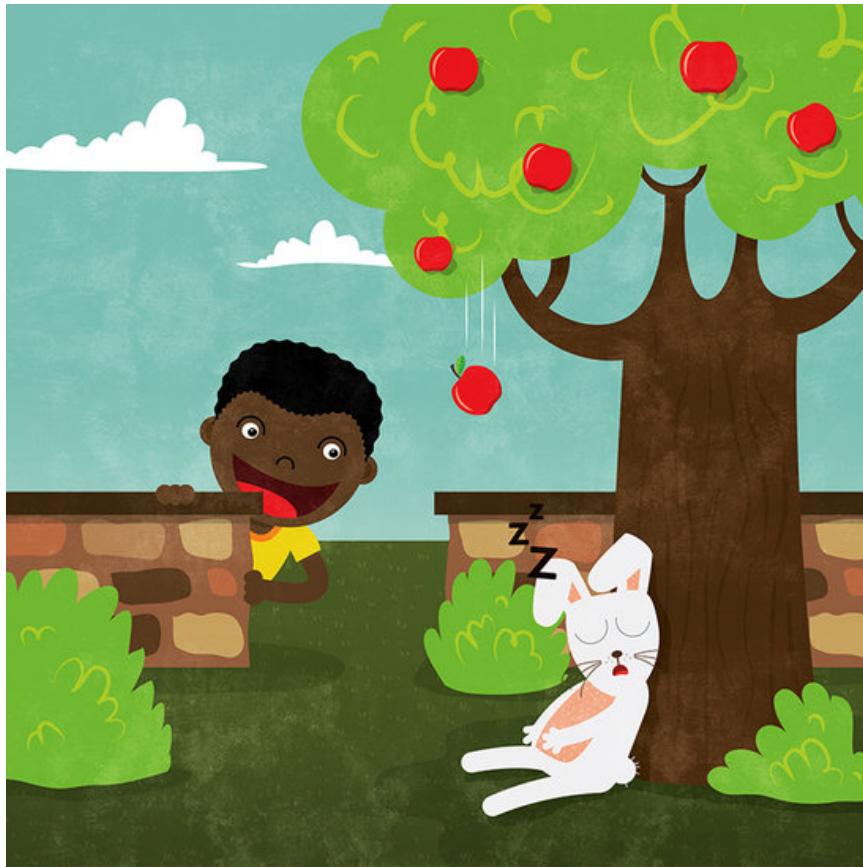




Nogwaja ngaphasi kwesihlahla

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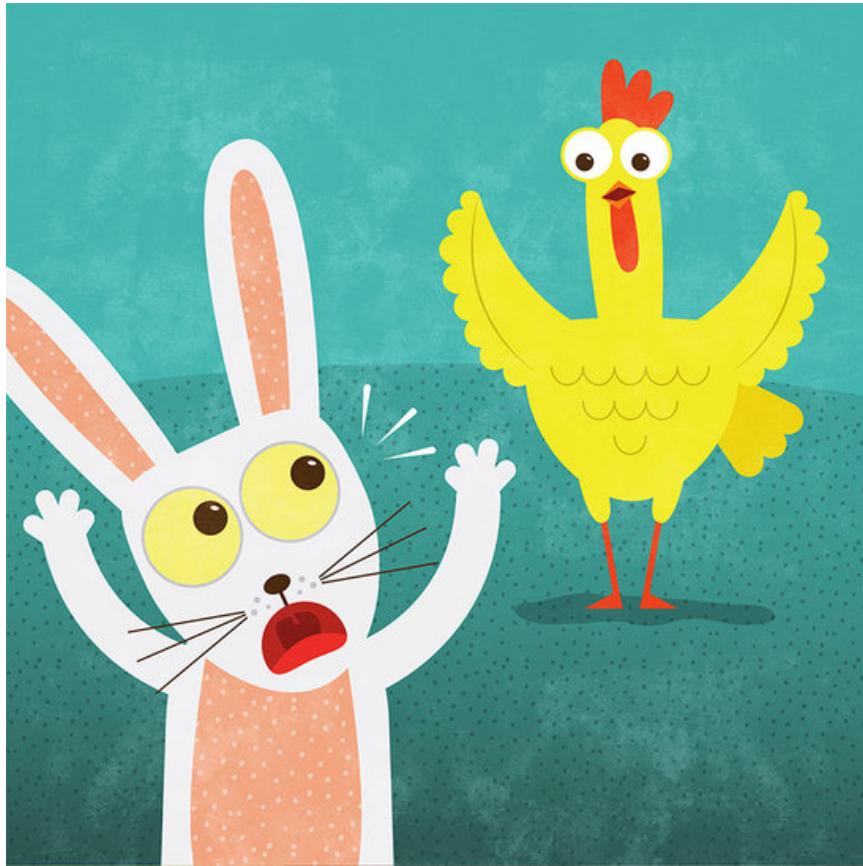


Logwaja bekalele ngaphasi kwesihlahla.

Lihhabhula lawela phasi lisuka egatjeni lesihlahla.

Kwavakala livi litsi: Baleka logwaja
baleka!
Wavuka ngekuphutfuma wabaleka
ngesivinini lesikhulu.





Endleleni wahlangana nenkhukhu.
“Kungani ubaleka?” kubuta ematjwele
alogwaja.
Logwaja atiphendvulele, “Angati. Ngive
intfo iwa esihlahleni ngase ngiva livi litsi:
Baleka logwaja baleka!”

Inkhukhu yavele yatfuka.

Yacala yabaleka ngemva kwekuva loku
bekushiwo ngologwaja.





Bahlangana nenja. Inja yabuta, "Yindzaba nibaleka?"

Inkhukhu yavakala itsi, "Angati. Ngive loku bekushiwo ngulogwaja, naye logwaja akati. Uve intfo letsite iwa kwase kwavakala livi litsi: Baleka logwaja baleka!"

Nenja beyimangele ngaloku leyikuva
ngenkhukhu.

Yase yacala yabaleka nalogwaja
nenkhukhu.





Bahlangana nelihhashi. Lihhashi labuta
inja, "Yindzaba nibaleka kangaka?"
Inja yatsi, "Angati name. Ngive inkhukhu
itsi nayo ayati, logwaja utsi uve intfo
letsite iwa esihlahleni kwase kwakala livi
litsi: Baleka logwaja baleka!"

Lihhashi lacala kugijima kanye nabo.





Bahlangana nembongolo endleleni.
Imbongo yababuta, "Yindzaba nibaleka?"
Lihhashi laphandvula latsi, "Mine angati."

"Ngive loku lokukhulunywe yinja lapho
itsi, nayo ayati kepha ive lokhu
lokukhulunywe yinkhukhu, nayo inkhukhu
ayati kepha ive loku lokukhulunywe
ngulogwaja lapho logwaja atse uve intfo
letsite iwa kwase kuvakala livi litsi:
Baleka logwaja baleka!"

Ngaloko neMbongolo yacala kugijima
nayo.





Bahlangana nenkhomo. Inkhomo yabuta,
“Yindzaba nibaleka?”
Imbongo yaphendvula, “Nami angati.”

"Ngisandza kuva nge Lihhashi loku leltsi
nalo alikwati nalo live ngenja nayo
lengati lutfo nayo. Inja yona ive
ngenkukhu nayo lengati lutfo yona leve
ngalogwaja lotse uve intfo letsite iwa
esihlahleni kwavakala nelivi litsi: Baleka
logwaja baleka!"

Inkhomo beyikhatsatekile nayo yacala
kugijima.





Letilwane tase tihlanga nelikati, lase
liyababuta, "Yindzaba nibaleke?"
Inkhomo yaphendvula, "Mine angati."

Ngisandza kuva loku lokukhulunywe yimbongolo nayo lengati lutfo, nayo ive ngelihhashi nalo lelingati lutfo, nalo live lokukhulunywe yinja, nayo lengati lutfo yona ive lokukhulunywe inkhukhu, nayo lengati lutfo naye ive loku lokuvela kulogwaja lotsi naye akati lutfo kepha uve intfo iwa kwase kwevakala livi litsi: Baleka logwaja baleka!"

Ne likati lacala lagijima kanye naletinye
tilwane.





Base bahlangana nemfana atiihambela
ngebhayisikili yakhe wase wabuta,
"Yindzaba nibaleka?"

Tilwane ngekuhlanganyela taphendula
tatsi, "Asati. Sive loku logwaja logwaja
latsi akakakuva.Utsi uve intfo letsite iwa
kwase kuvakala livi litsi: Baleka logwaja
baleka!"

Umfana wavele wafa insini wavakala sekatsi, "Li apula leliwe esihlahleni ngobe bekunemoya. Ngimi lengitse: Baleka logwaja baleka!"



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