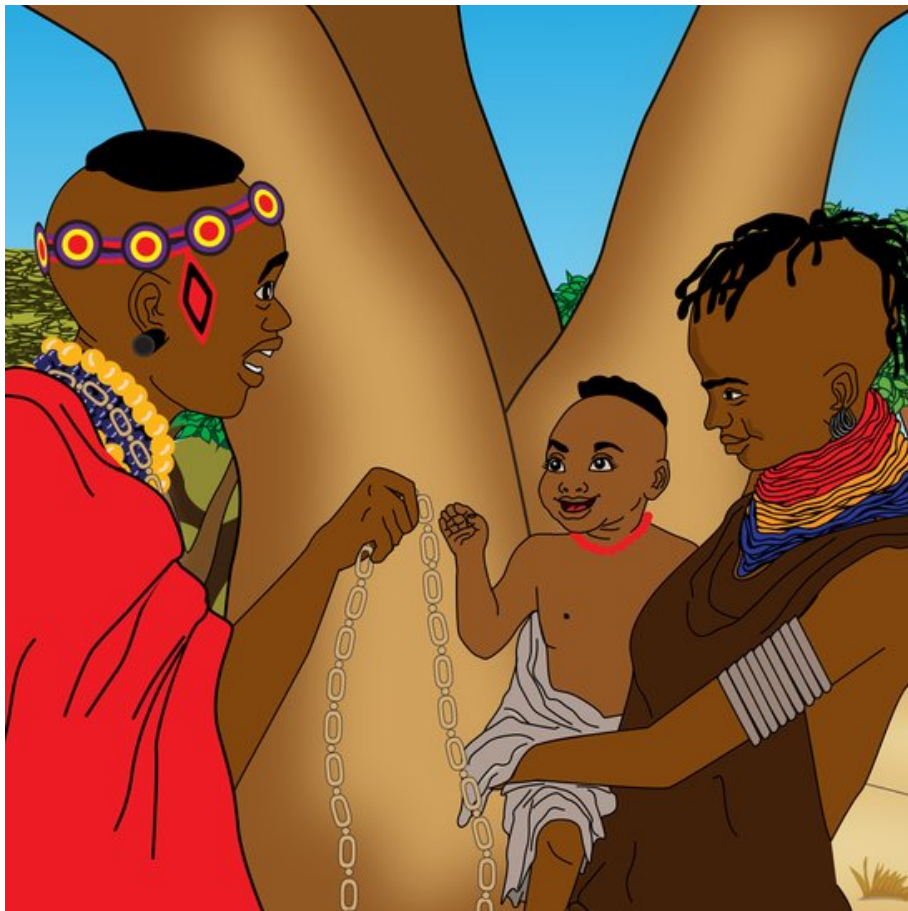# Child as a peacemaker

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A woman carrying her baby went into the forest to pick fruit.

In the forest she found a tree with ripe fruit.

She put down her sleeping
baby and climbed
the tree.

An erotot from another community came by and saw the baby. Surprised, he asked himself, "Where is the mother of the baby?"

As he bent down, the sound of the chains on his neck woke the baby.

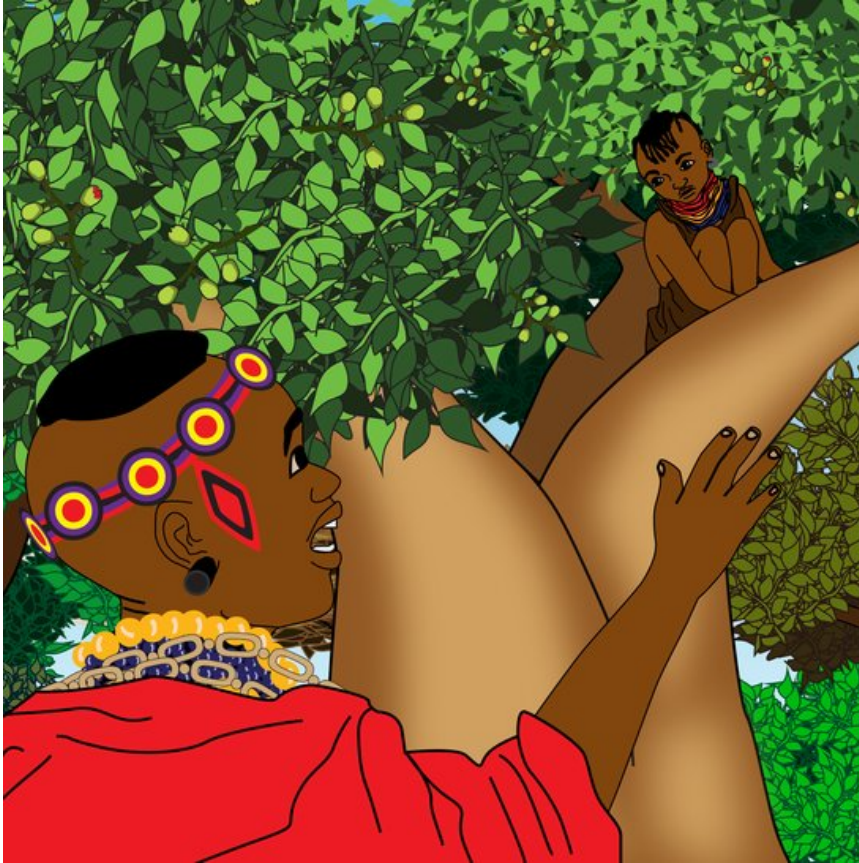He let the baby play with his chains. The baby laughed as he played.

The woman looked down to see why the baby was laughing. She saw a strange man close to her baby.
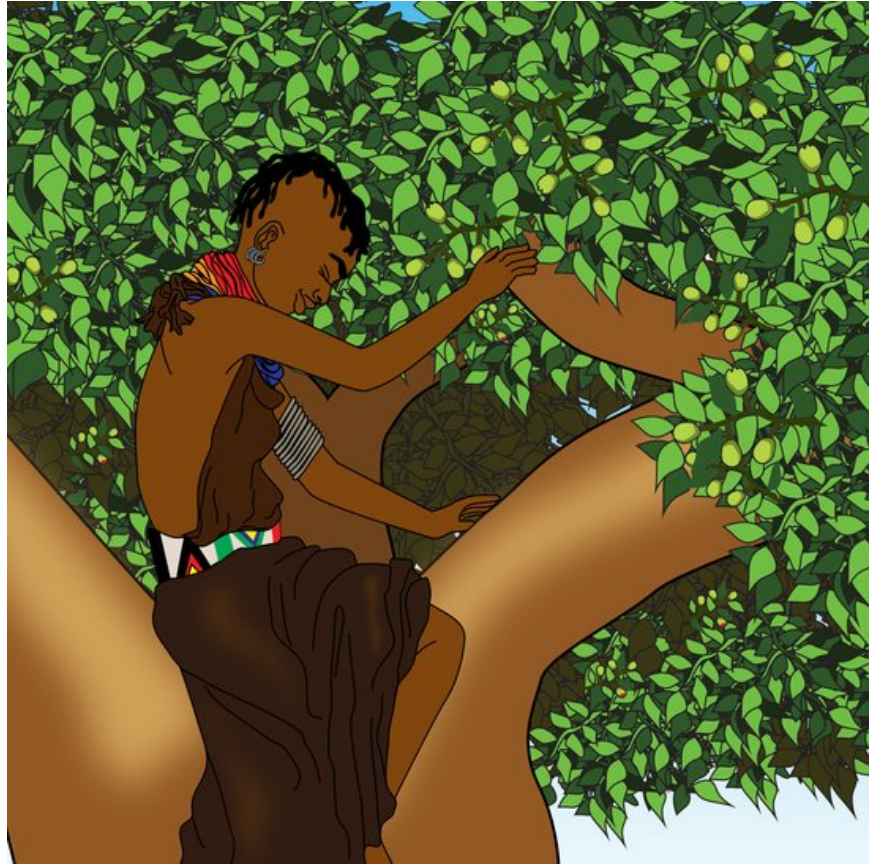
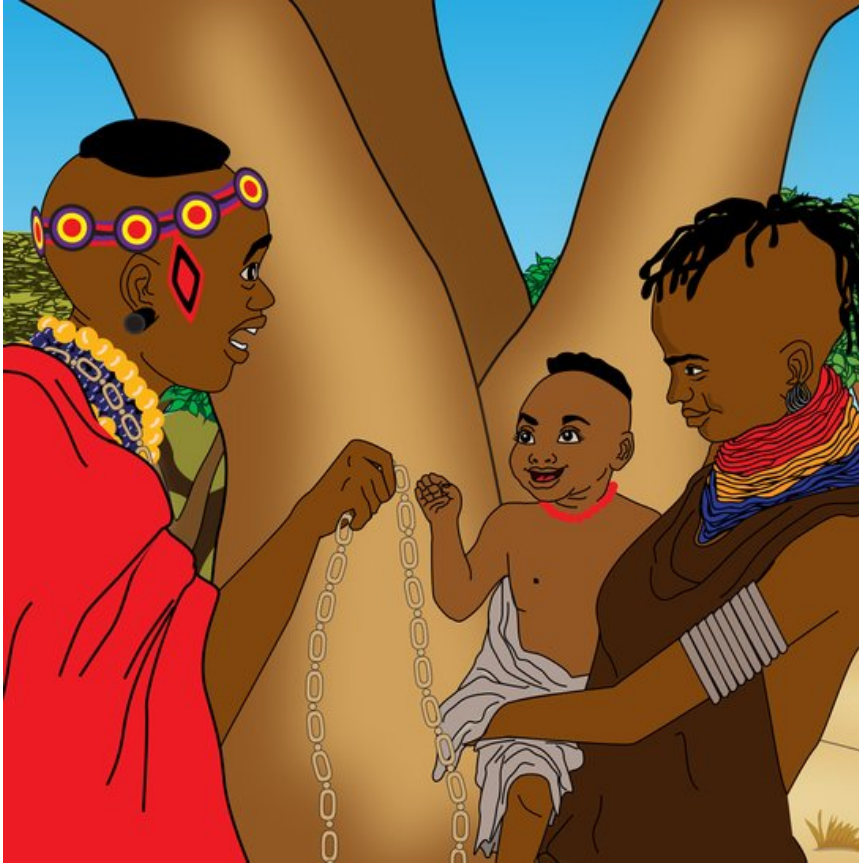She was so afraid that she dropped her bag full of fruit.

The erotot looked up and said, "Don't be afraid. I'm only playing with your beautiful baby."
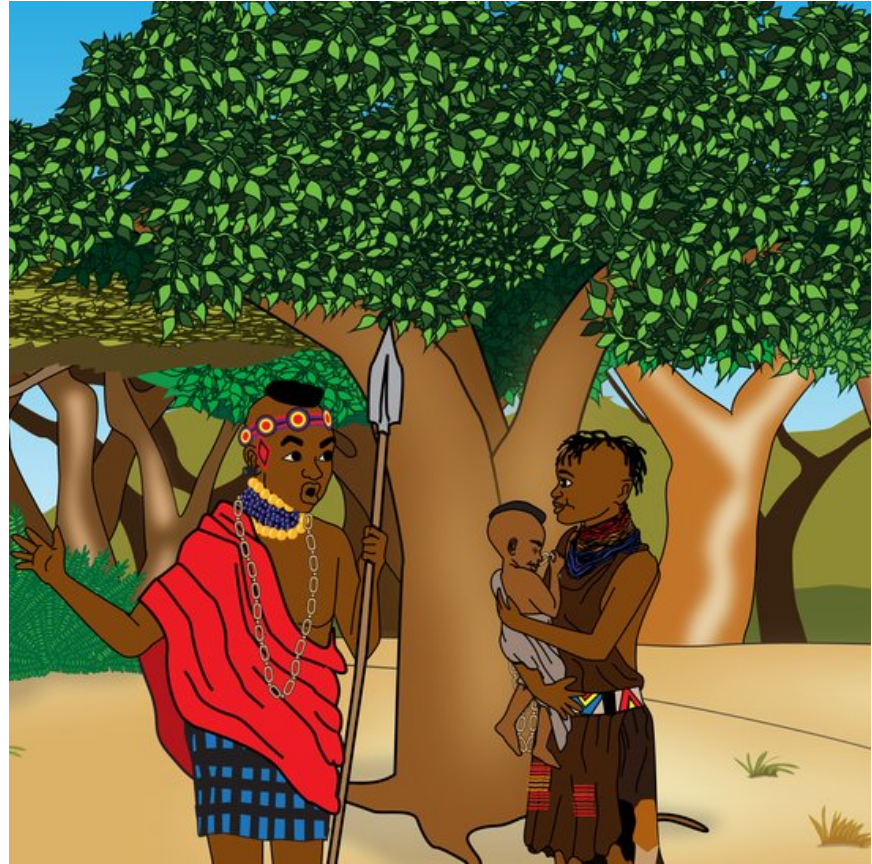
So the woman came down from the tree.

The erotot took off one of his chains. He gave it to the baby, and said, "Here is a gift for you."

Then he said to the woman, "Take your baby, take your bag, and go home.Tell your husband to move to a more peaceful village. Your baby has given me peace."
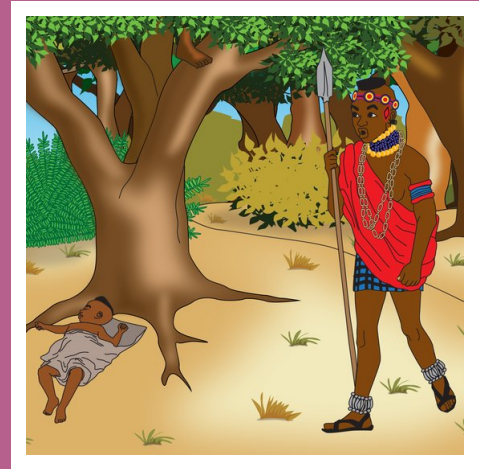
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In the language, Ng'aturkana, 'erotot' is the word used to describe a man who goes ahead to survey an area before an attack takes place. It is similar to the English word 'scout'.

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