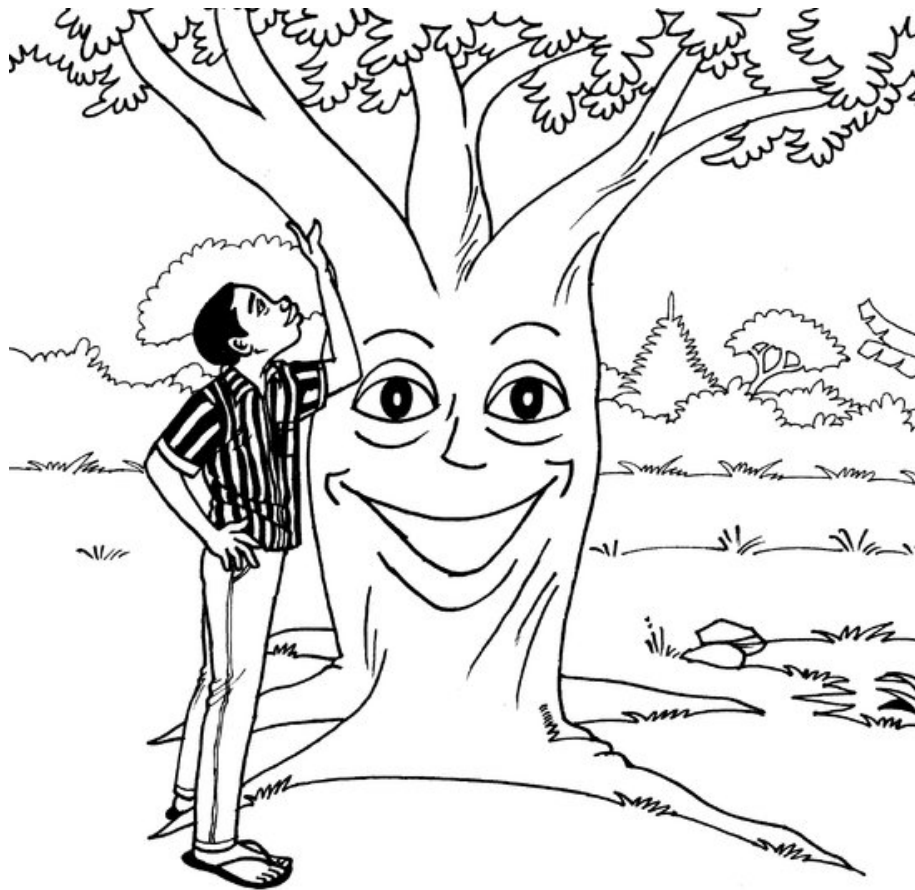


# Isihlahla sikaPontshibobo (Faka imibala)

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Kwakukhona umfanyana othile  
okwakuthiwa nguPontshibobo.

Ngesikhathi esakhula,  
wayengumfana oqotho. Waze  
wakhula waba yindoda eqotho.  
Wayehlonipha wonke umuntu  
ahlangana naye.





UPontshibobo waba nomngane obizwa ngo-“Hiphoo”, yena wayengenayo inhlonipho njengo Pontshibobo.

Ngelinye ilanga, uPontshibobo noHiphoo babehamba emgwaqweni.

UHiphoo waba nomcabango: “Asiye siyobhema insango,” washo kuPontshibobo.

UPontshibobo wamangala. “Kungani ufuna ngibheme nawe?” embuza. “Uyazi ukuthi angibhemi mina,” washo, echaza.



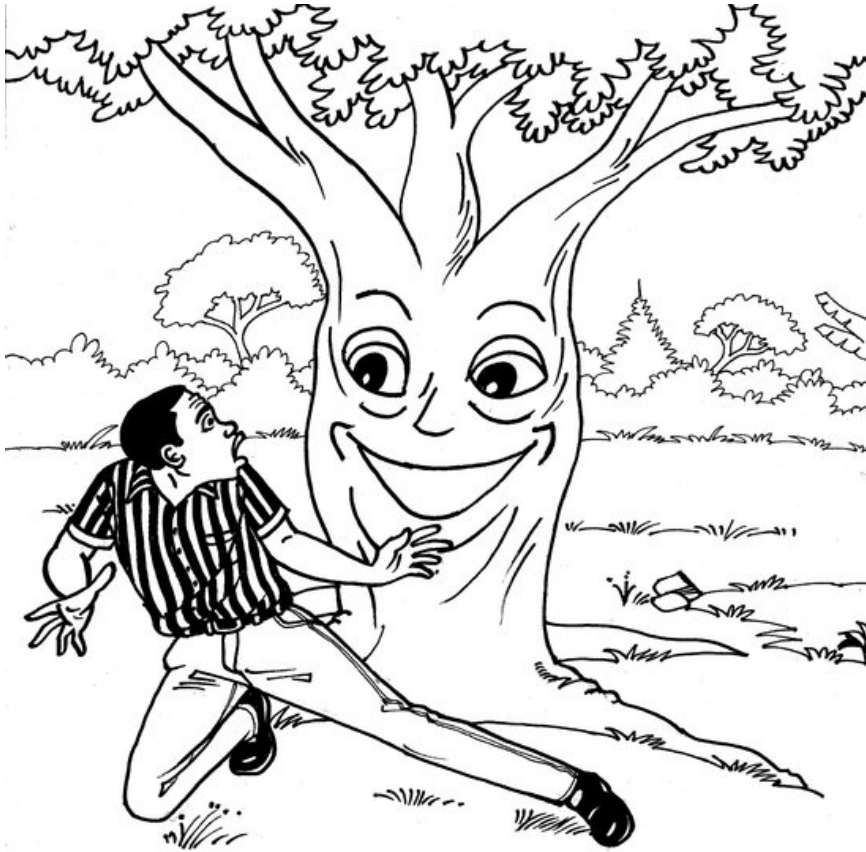


UHipho wadinwa wagan 'unwabu.

“Uma ungafuni ukubhema nami, kusho ukuthi awusase umngane wami,” esho emshiya lapho.

UPontshibobo waya ekhaya, wahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla egcekeni wakhala.





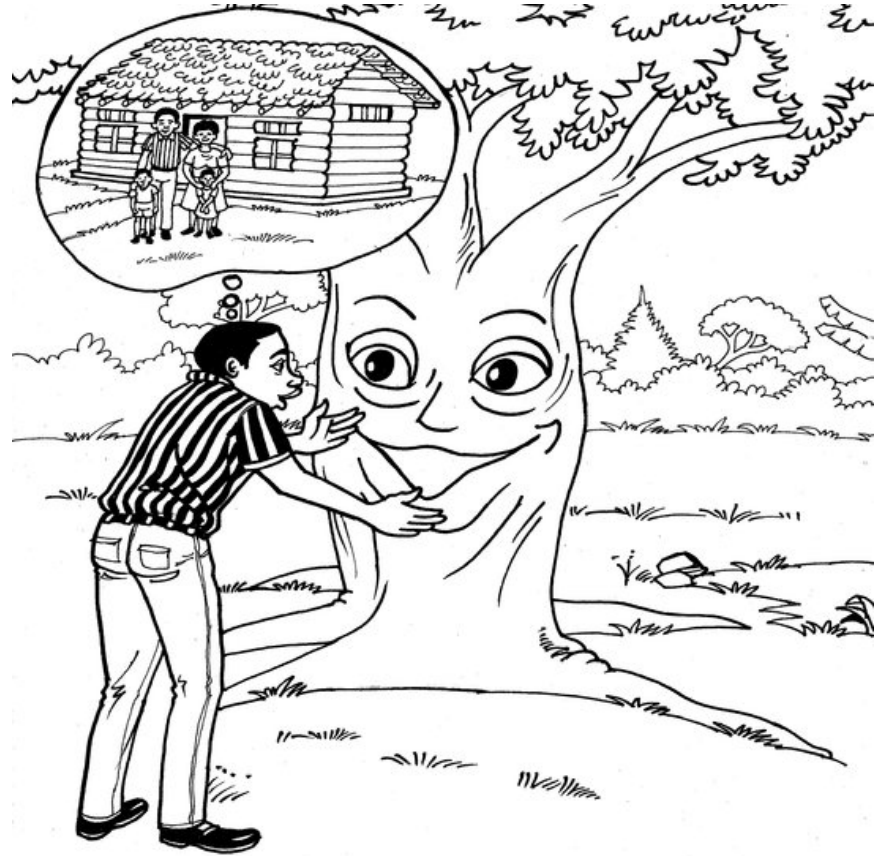
“Ukhalelani?” sambuza isihlahla.

UPontshibobo wethuka kakhulu.  
Wayeqala ukuzwa isihlahla  
esikhulumayo.

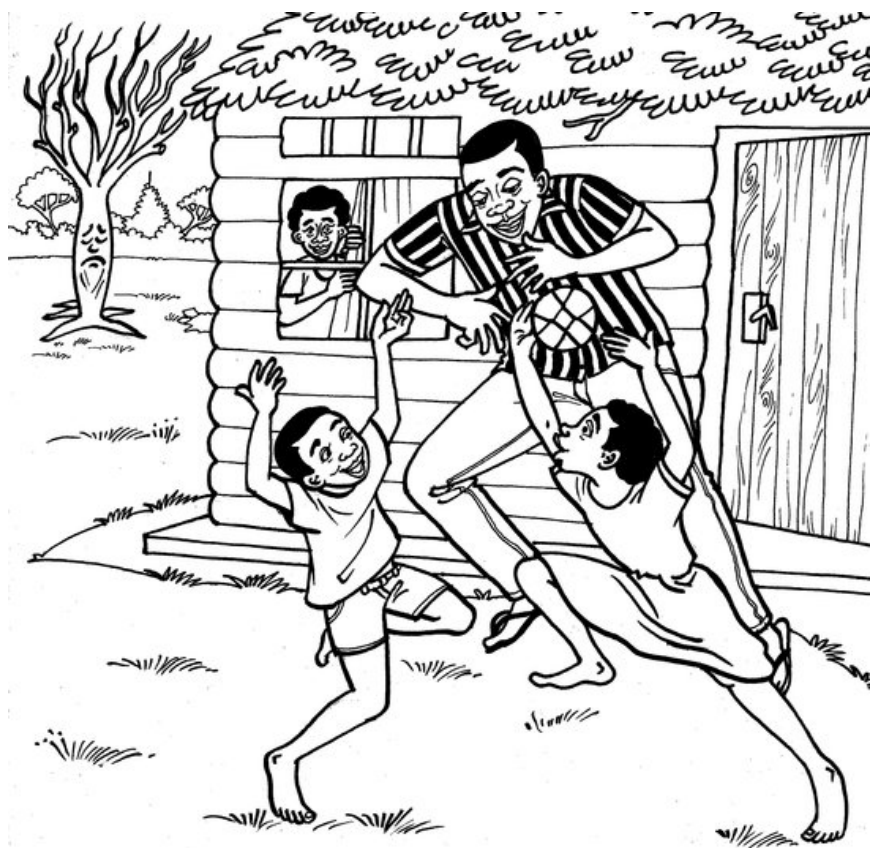
Watshela isihlahla ngendaba  
kaHippo, wathi, “Ngilahlekelwe  
umngane wami.”

Isihlahla sabuza, “Yini oyifisa kakhulu empilweni?”

UPontshibobo wacabanga okwesikhashana, waphendula: “Ngifuna indlu. Sengikhulile ngifuna ukuba nomuzi wami. Ngifuna ukushada ngibe nezingane.”







Isihlahla naso sacabanga okwesikhashanyana, sasesithi, “Thatha amahlamvu ami kanye namagatsha uzakhele umuzi.”

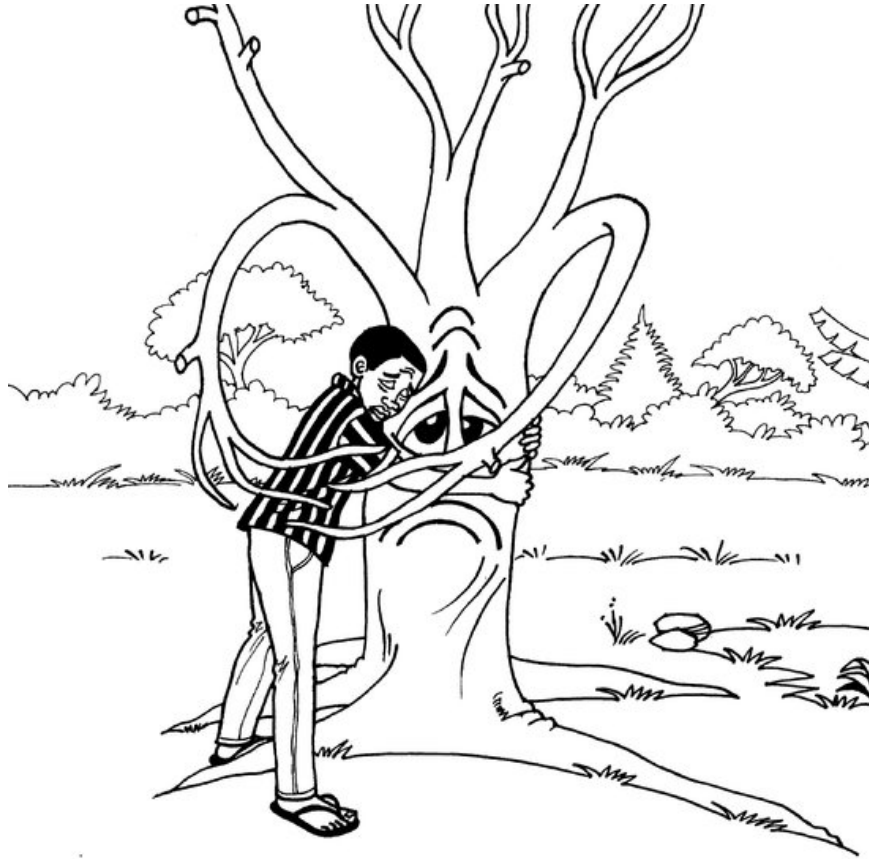
UPontshibobo wenza njengoba. Wakha umuzi omuhle. Washada, wabanezingane nenkosikazi yakhe. Bahlala ngokujabula okukhulu.

Kodwa isihlahla sasingajabule.  
UPontshibobo wayeseekhohlwe  
ngaso. Sezwa ubuhlungu ngalokho.

Sazitshela ukuthi, “Ngidinga  
umngane oqotho, kungenjalo,  
ngizokufa.”

Siqeda kusho njalo isihlahla,  
wangena egcekeni uPontshibobo.  
Wayekuzwile okushiwo isihlahla.  
Waqaphela nokuthi isihlahla  
asiphilile kahle.

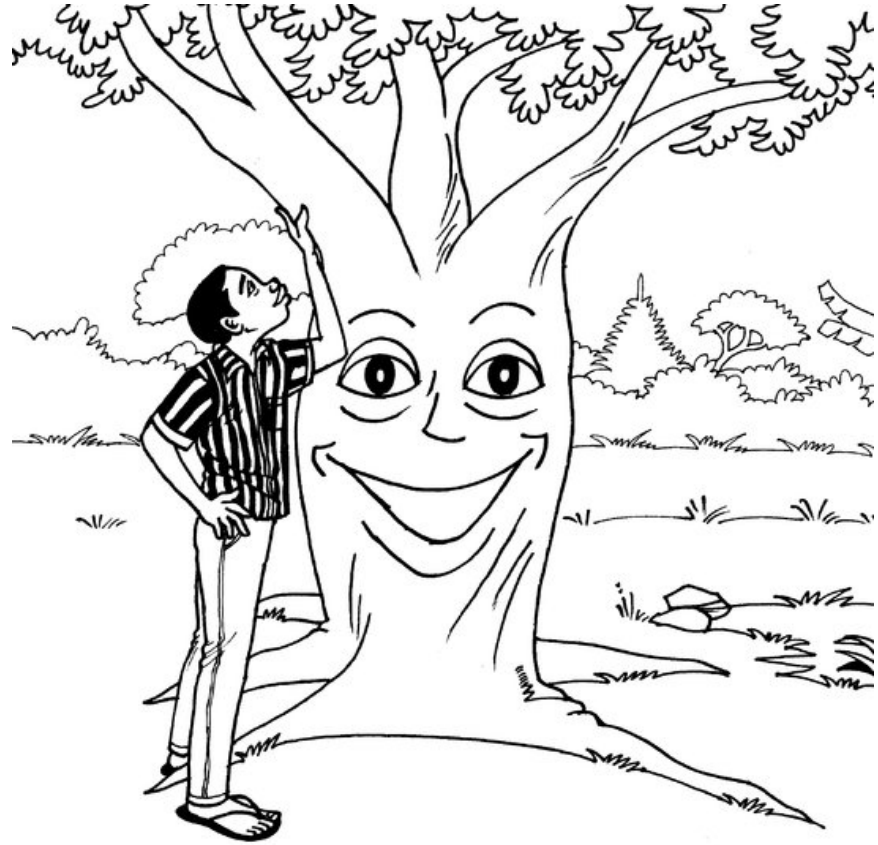


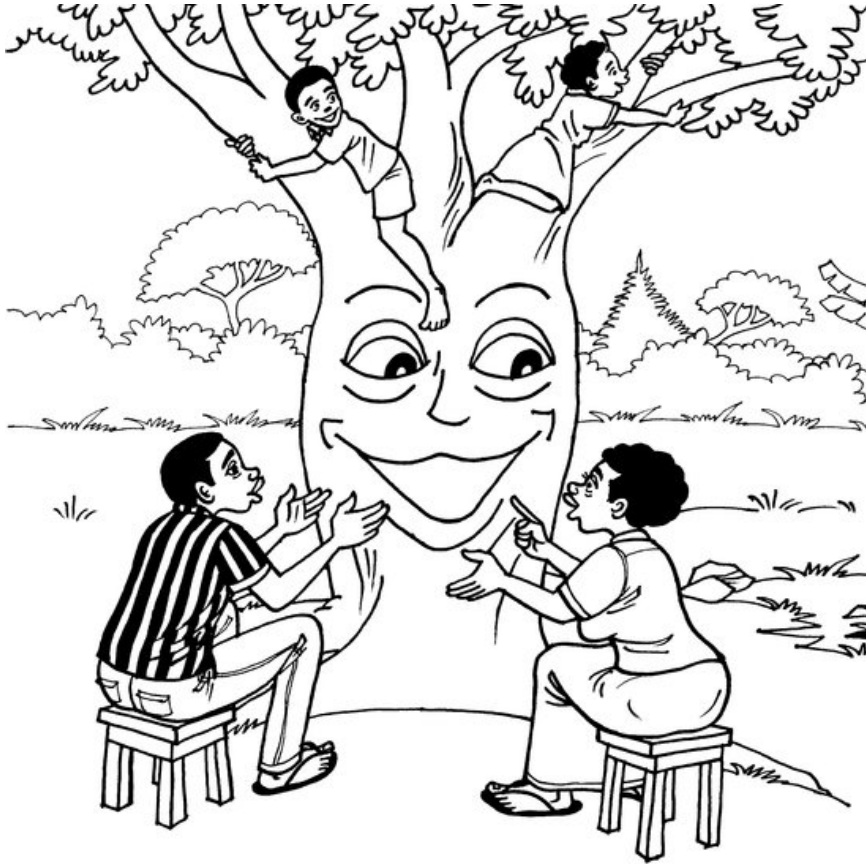


UPontshibobo naye wababha.  
Wayesekhohliwe ngesihlahla  
esamsiza ukuthi akhele unkosikazi  
nezingane zakhe umuzi.

“Ngiyaxolisa kakhulu,” wakhala.  
Wasanga isihlahla ngokudabuka  
okukhulu.

Isihlahla sajabula kakhulu ukubona  
umngane ebuya, samamatheka.  
Sahluma amagatsha namahlamvu  
amasha.





Izingane zikaPontshibobo zazidlala zigibela isihlahla.

UPontshibobo nomkakhe bahlala ngaphansi komthunzi ngemuva kosuku olude emsebenzini. Babexoxa, behleka bejabulile.

UPontshibobo nesihlahla baba abangani unaphakade.

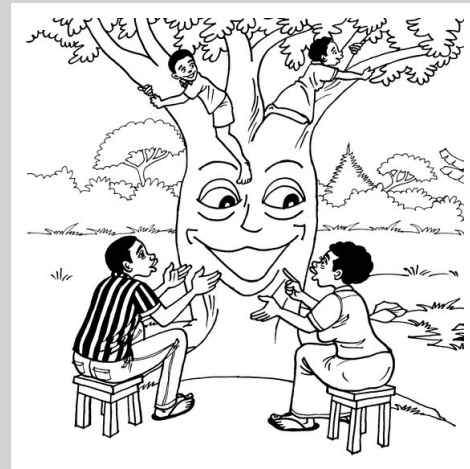
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