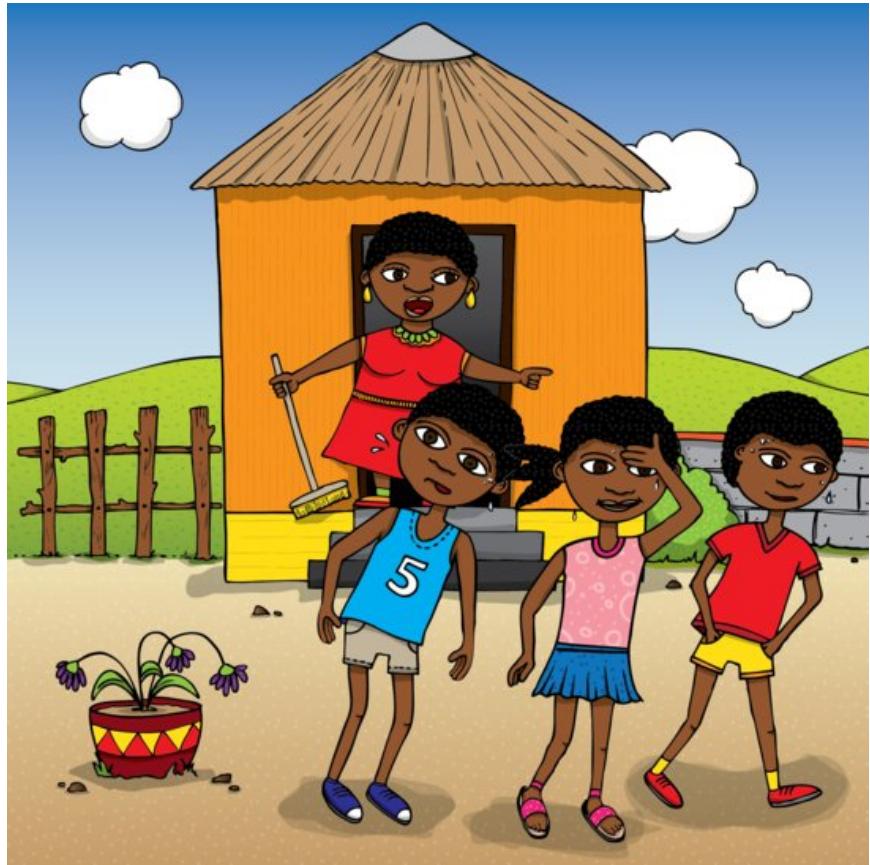


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Kwakushisa kakhulu ngomunye
uMGqibelo kuDisemba. UZanele
noSipho noSanele baphuma phandle
bayodlala. Umama wayethe kubo
“Anginidindi lapha eduze kwami.”
Bagijima baphuma endlini.





“Asihambeni siyodlala ngasemfuleni,” kusho uZanele. “Kupholile lapho” “Kodwa ubaba wasitshela ukuthi singabhukudi emfuleni,” kusho uSanele.
“Angeke sibhukude”, kuphendula uZanele. “Sizodlala nje emthunzini eduze kwamanzi.”

Kodwa ukndlala ukunqakisana
kuyashisa, noma ngabe ungaphansi
kwesihlahla eduze komfula.
Baqala bakhumula izicathulo.
Kodwa besashisa.
Base bekhumula amahembe kanye
neziketi nezikhindi.
Kodwa besashisa.



Bafaka izinyawo zabo emanzini
ukuze baphole.
Base bethelana ngamanzi.
Ngokushesha bazibona sebemanzi
te.



"Oh wozani ! Masibhukudeni,"
kusho uSipho. "Ubaba angeke azi."
Babhukuda babhukuda bakhohlwa
ukubheka isikhathi.

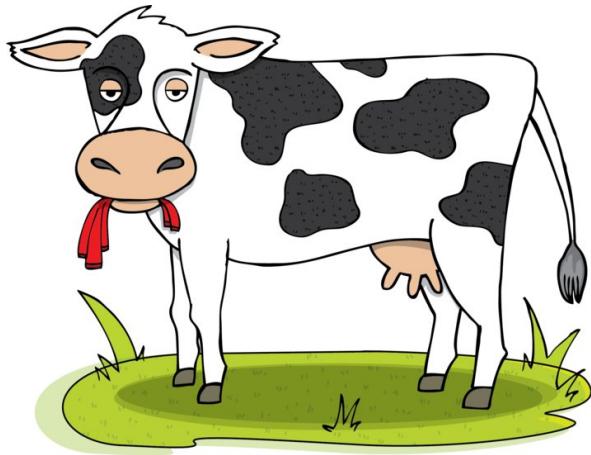




Ilanga lase liya ngomtsha wendoda,
baqala ukugodola.
"Ziphi izingubo zethu?", bebuzaana.

Bazifuna ngaphansi kwezihlahla.
Bazifuna emhlangeni.
Bazifuna yonke indawo.





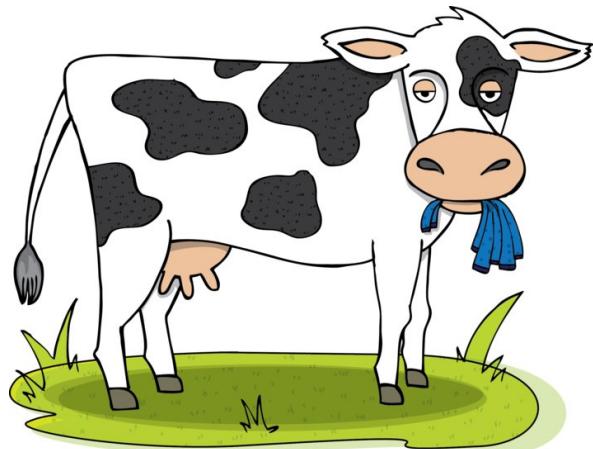
Kwakukhona izinkomo ezaziseduze komfula,
zijabulela utshani obumnandi.
USanele wabheka ngakuzo, “Buka leya nkomo! Yini
esemlonyeni wayo?”
“Idla imbali ebomvu,” kusho uZanele.

"Akuyona imbali ebomvu leya", kumemeza uSipho.

"Yihembe lakho!"

Babuka enye inkomo. Yayihlafuna into eluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka.

"Yisiketi sami!", kumemeza uZanele.



Bahamba ngezingubo zangaphansi
ukuya ekhaya, beqhaqhzela.

"Izinkomo zidle izingubo
zethu.", kodwa uthi ubaba
wasikholwa nje?

Ngokushesha izinqa zethu
zafudumala. Kwakungelona ilanga
elalisifudumezile.



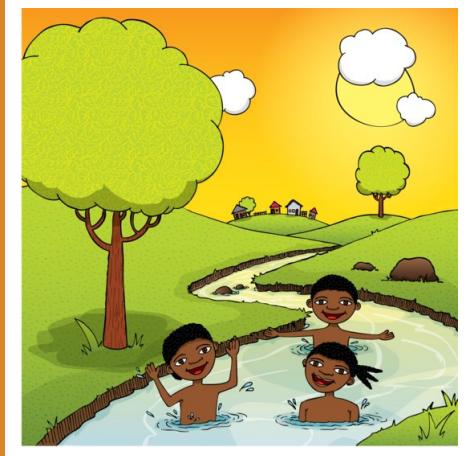
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