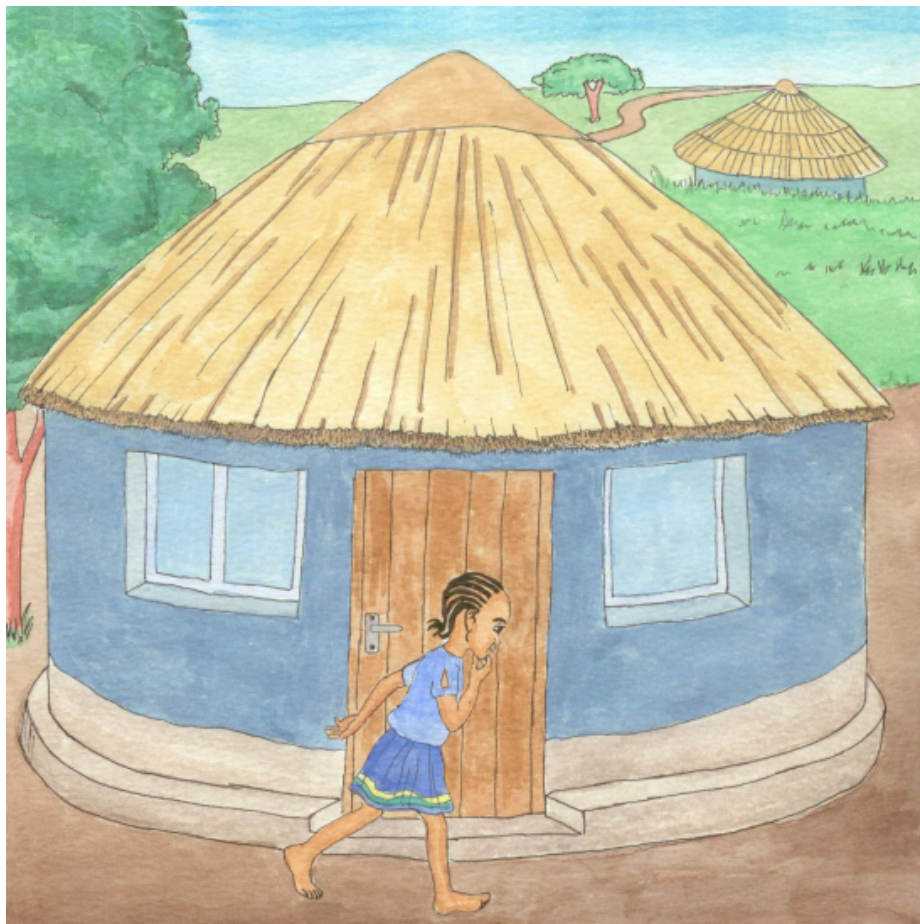




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Ngalelinye lilanga kushisa bhe! Khosi bekehla enyuka atibuta kutsi yini langayenta.

Make wakhe wahamba ekhaya waya emasimini.

“Yini nje lengingayenta njengobe ngingedwa?” kusho Khosi akhuluma yedwana.



Ngekushesha, Khosi wafikelwa licebo.

“Ngitawuhamba ngiyobhukusha emfuleni, kodwa ngubani lengitawuhamba naye? Make akafuni ngihambe ngedwana,” kucabanga Khosi.

Kutsite kusenjalo, kwengca Make Sophie aya emfuleni. Bekaphetse libhavu lelikhulu leligcwele timphahla.



“Aha! Ngitawulanzela Make Sophie njengobe aya emfuleni,” kusho Khosi acabanga. Wagijima walandzela Make Sophie. “Ngicela kuhamba nawe emfuleni,” kucela Khosi. Make Sophie wamoyitela wabese uvuma ngenhloko.

Batsite basahamba, kwachamuka Nozipho wahamba nabo. Nozipho abengakutsandzi kubhukusha kepha bekakutsandza kubukela labanye nababhukusha.



Nasebafikile emfuleni, Khosi wacabanga watsi,
“Lamuhla, angifuni kubhukusha emantini langashoni
njengemntfwana lomncane, ngifuna kubakhombisa
bonkhe kutsi mine ngiyakwati kubhukusha lapho
kushona khona.”

Wagcumela emantini. Wabhukusha, washona
avumbuka.

Nozipho bekabukela akhashane ngesikhatsi umngani
wakhe abhukusha nalabanye bantfwana.



Ngesikhatsi Nozipho abukele, bekabona kutsi bonkhe bantfwana bajabulile njengobe basekhatsi emantini.

Bebabhukusha babanga umsindvo.

Bebamemetana bajabulile emantini.



Utsite Nozipho nabukisisa kahle, wabona lokutsite lokwehlukile.

Khosi besekabhukusha khashane nalabanye bantfwana.

Nozipho wasondzela kancane waphindze wabuka. Etfuswe nguloko labekubona, waya kubomake labebawasha timphahla eceleni kwemfula.

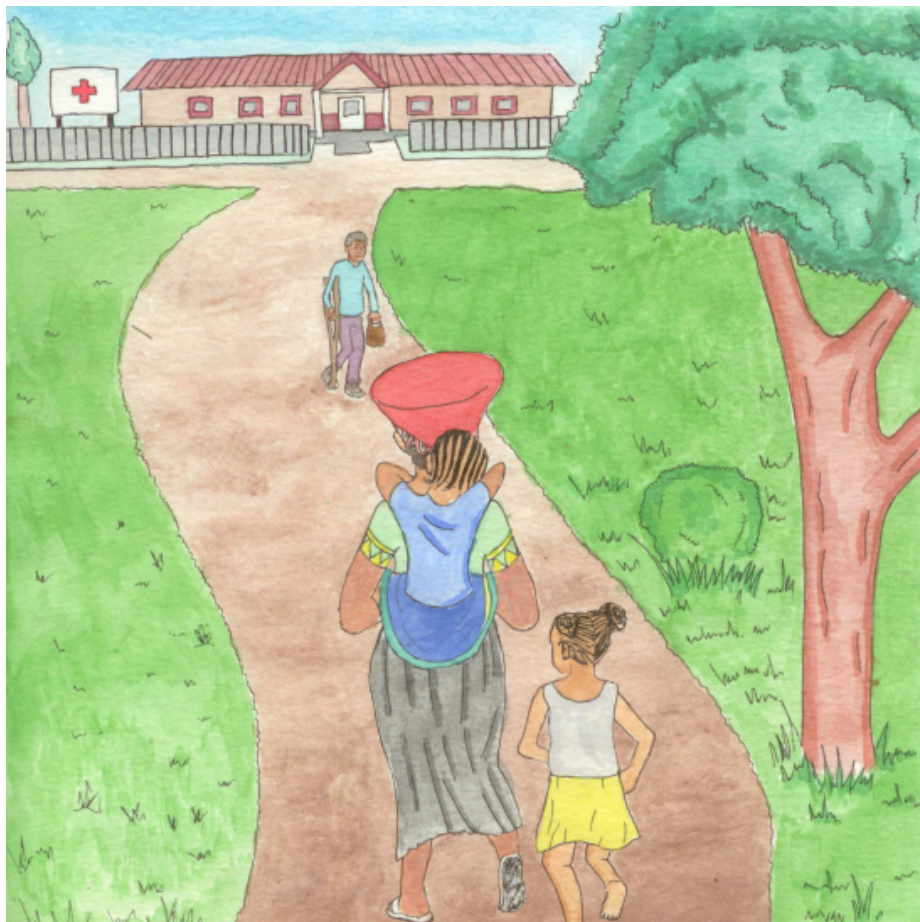
“Sitani! Khosi uyamita,” kumemeta Nozipho.



Ngekuphatima kweliso, Make Sophie wagcumela emantini. Wabhukusha ngekushesha.

Wangena ngephansi kwemanti, waphindze wavumbuka, wangena ngephansi futsi, afuna Khosi. Wabamba Khosi ngemkhono waya naye emantini langashoni.

Nabefika lapho, Make Sophie watitimisa Khosi wamkhiphela ngaphandle kwemanti.



Make Sophie washakutela wendlula ecenjini
lebantwana nabomake lebebakhala futsi bamemeta.

Nozipho bekagijima emva kwakhe njengobe Make
Sophie ameme Khosi amphutfumisa emtfolamphilo
wendzawo.



Nakefika emfolamphilo make wahlangana nemhlengikati Noxolo lowaphutfuma kute asite Khosi.

Masinyane umhlengikati watsatsa Khosi wammikisa egunjini lekulashwa kantsi labanye bahlengikati beta batosita uMhlengikati Noxolo.

“Ukahle! Sibe nenhlanhla ngobe akazange ahlale sikhatsi lesidze ngephansi kwemanti!” kusho umhlengikati.



Make Sophie waphefumulela etulu akhululeka.

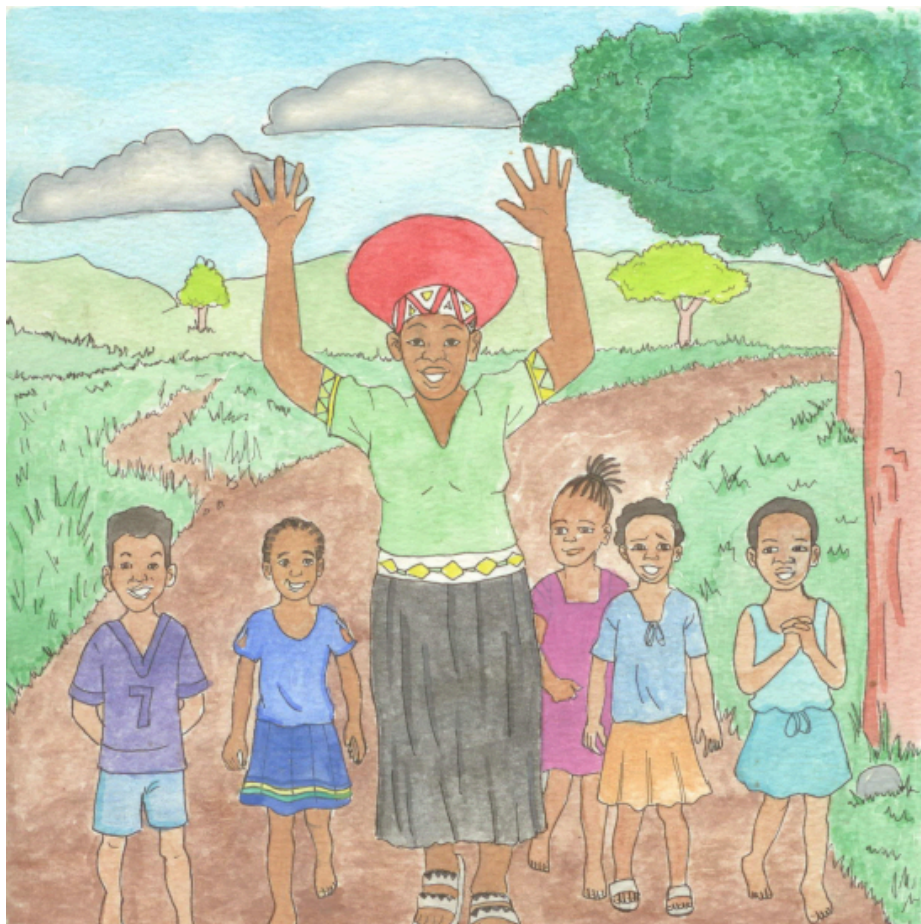
Wonkhe umuntu emfolamphilo wambonga ngekuba kwakhe nesibindzi.

“Ngiyabonga ngekutsi ngikhonile kusindzisa kuphila kwemuntu,” kusho Make Sophie ngekutfobeka.



Letindzaba tefika etindlebeni tendvuna yase itfumela sitfunywa kutsi siyewubita Make Sophie. Indvuna yalalelisa ngesikhatsi Make Sophie achaza kutsi waba njani ngumbhukushi lonelikhono.

“Ngesikhatsi ngiseyintfombatane, umngani wami bekahlala ngesheya kwemfula. Emanti abeyincenye yekuphila kwetfu. Besiphoccelelekile kutsi sikufundze kubhukusha. Umfula bekuyindzawo lebesidlala kuyo, sinatsa, siwasha futsi sidoba kuwo!” kusho Make Sophie.



Indvuna yabita umhlangano wesigodzi yabuye yakhapha sincumo sekutsi ibonge Make Sophie ngesento sakhe sesibindzi. Bafati balilitela, emadvodza ashaya tinkhwela, bantfwana bamemeta ngenjabulo.

Kusukela ngalelolanga, bantfwana bebatsandza kulandzela Make Sophie nakaya nobe ngabe ngukuphi. Bewubeva bahlabelela batsi, "Kute lokungangitsintsa, ukhona Make lonesibindzi sibili!"



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