

Endzaweni lengale ngesheya kweMfula iLimpopo, kuhlala Simangaliso.

Kunenkholelo yekutsi Simangaliso unemandla lamanyenti lakhetsekile.

Wonkhe umuntfu edolobheni lakitsi ukhuluma ngaye.



Simangaliso unelivi lelihle lelipholile. Uhlala ehlatkini lapho
ahlabelelela khona tinyoni kanye netilwane.

Ekupheleni kwelilanga ngalinye uyahlabelela. Bantfu
basuka etindzaweni letisekudzeni batolalela livi lakhe
lelimnandzi.



Simangaliso unetinwele letindze kakhulu letingazange
tibbonwe muntfu.

Angantjintja tinwele takhe ngekutsandza kwakhe. Ukwati
kutenta tinyamalale tiphindze tivele.

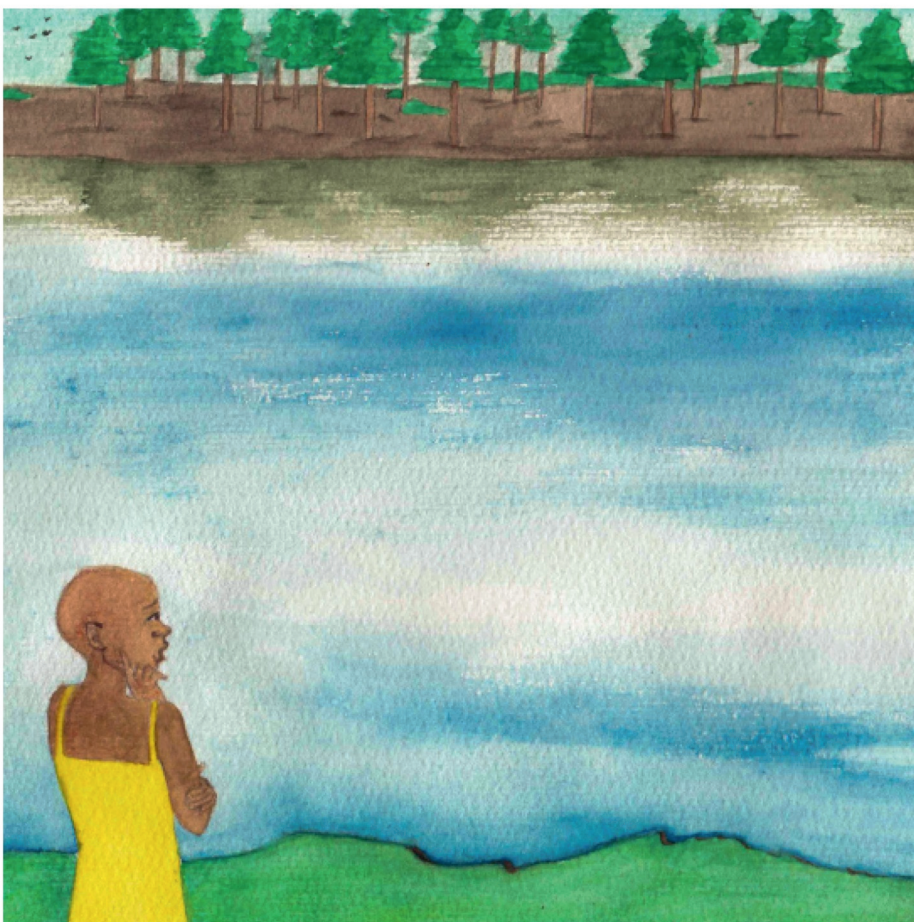
Nangabe ahlabelela, tinwele tiyehla bese timbhonya buso
bakhe.



Simangaliso uhambahamba lonkhe lihlatsi njalo ngelilanga.

Uyakwati kulalela aphindze eve ingoti letako.

Futsi uyakwati kubona uma kukhona umuntfu lota kuye ngetinhloso letimbi.



Ngalelinye lilanga, Simangaliso wafuna kuyobona kutsi ingabe imphilo injani ngale ngesheya kwemfula lomkhulu.

Wancuma kutsatsa luhambo lokuyohlola.

Ngesikhatsi afika emfuleni lomkhulu, watibuta, “Ngitowela kanjani lapha?”



Simangaliso wacabanga sikhashana wase uyamemeta,
“Emandla! Emandla!”

Masinyane, kwavela libhuloho.

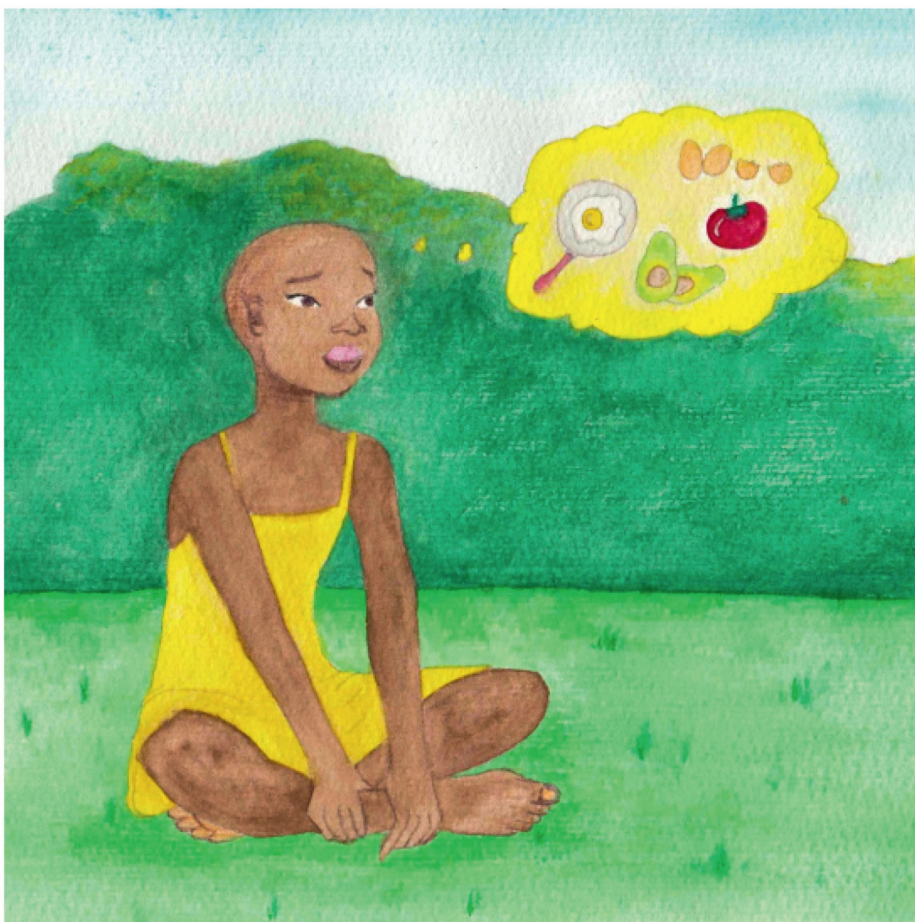
Wawelela ngesheya kwemfula wase uyachubeka
neluhambo lwakhe. Wahamba waya ekudzeni kakhulu
nelihlatsi lalatiko.



Simangaliso wativa asadziniwe. Wacabanga “Ngidzinga indzawo lengingaphumula kuyo.”

Wamemeta, “Emandla! Emandla!”

Ngekushesha, kwavela tjani yonkhe indzawo lemtungeletile. Simangaliso wahlala phansi etjanini lobuhle.



Simangaliso wativa asalambile. “Sengisekudzeni kakhulu nelihlatsi. Ngitokutfola kanjani kudla?” acabanga.

Wakhotsa tindzebe takhe wase uyamemeta, “Emandla! Emandla!”

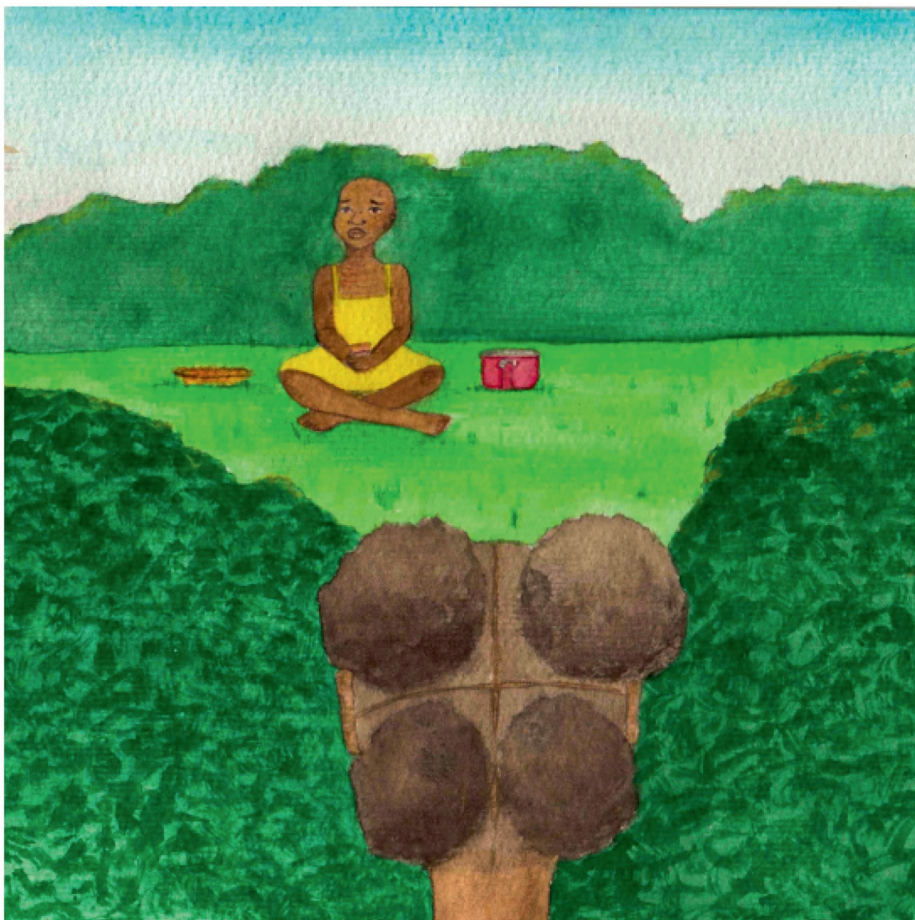
Ngekushesha, kwavela amabhodo langenalutfo, tindishi kanye netinkomishi.



Tinatfo nekudla lokutsandwwa nguSimangaliso kwamane kwangena emabhodweni langenalutfo, etindishini, nasetinkomishini.

Wadla futsi wanatsa ngendlela latsandza ngayo.

Masinyane, weva umsindvo.



Simangaliso weva kutsi ngiyeta ngisho nangaphambi
kwekutsi ngisondzele kuye.

Wamemeta, "Ngubani loyo?"

Ngaphendvula ngelivi lelincane, "Ngimi. Libito lami
nginguBumi."

Simangaliso wavele wati kutsi nginethloso letinhle.



“Ngilahlekile,” ngisho ngelivi lami lelincane.

“Wota utokudla kanye nami bese uyanatsa!” kusho Simangaliso.

Ngadla ngase ngiyanatsa ngendlela lengitsandza ngayo. Ngatjela Simangaliso kutsi ngilahleke kanjani ngemuva kwekulanzela umnaketfu lomdzala.



Simangaliso wangicocela ngeluhambo lwakhe lwekufuna
kwati kutsi imphilo injani ngale ngesheya kwemfula.
Ngemuva kwaloko, wamoyitela wase uyamemeta,
“Emandla! Emandla!”

Kwaba ngileyondlela lengefika ngayo phambi kwemnyango
wendlu yebatali bami.