

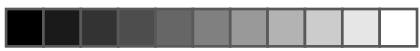


Muṭa u ṭhogomelaho



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Ndi tshifhinga tsha zwiliwa zwa nga matsheloni.

Muṭa wo dzula ḥafulani. Wo lindela makhulutshinna.

Tshuu hai! Makhulutshinna vha suvha, vha wa! Vho ḥihuvhadza tshanda lwu vhavhaho.

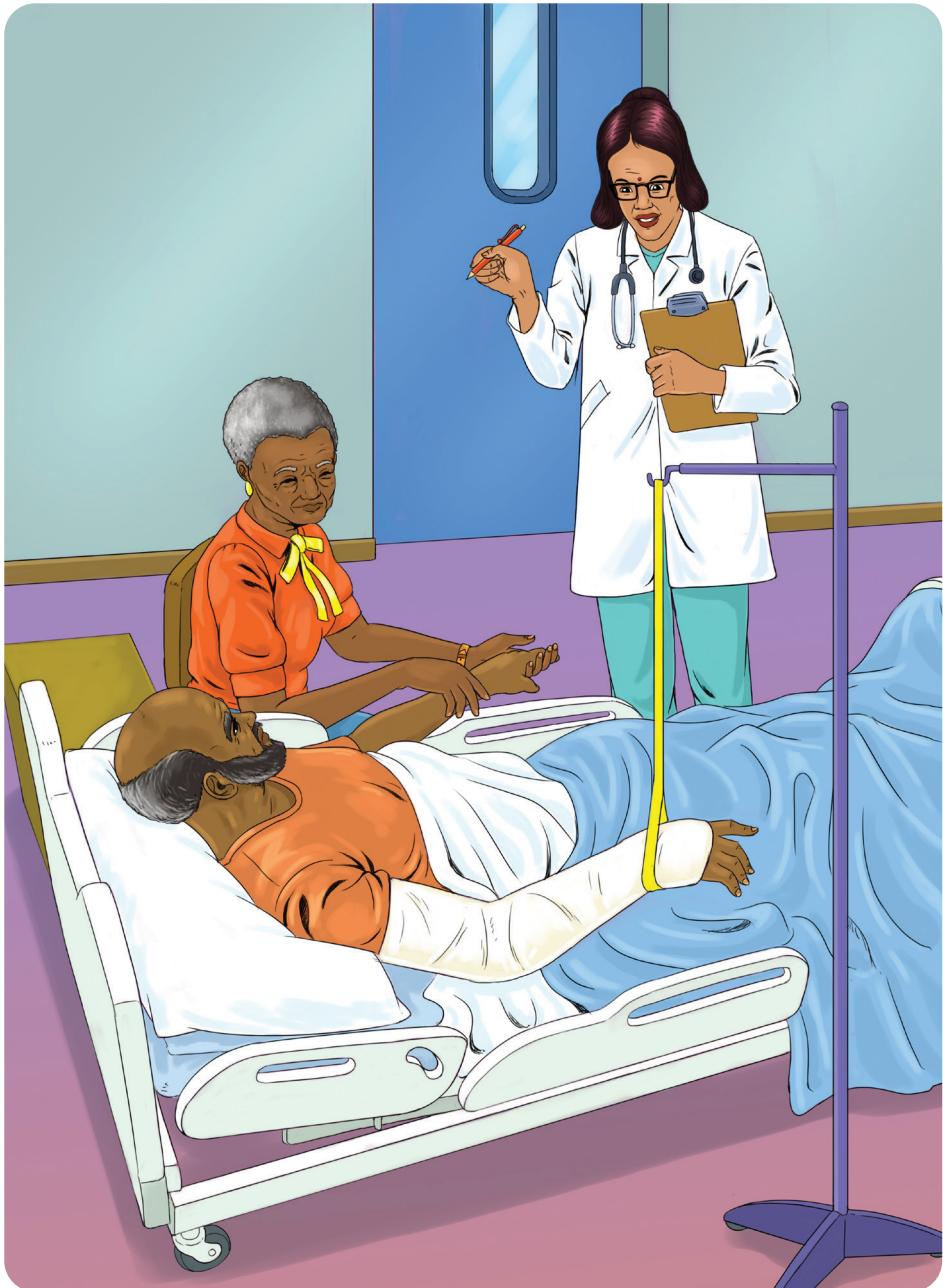


Makhulutshinna vha vhuongeloni.

Dokotela o lugisa marambo a tshandani.

“Vha tea u dzula vhuongeloni maðuvha a si gathi,” u ralo.

Makhulutshinna vho aluwa, nahone zwi ðo fhedza tshifhinga uri vha fhole.







Nga Musumbuluwo, makhulutshisadzi na Avhakholwi vha da u rabelela makhulutshinna.

“Thabelo dzashu dzi do vha Iwela uri vha fhole,” u ralo Avhakholwi.

“Ndo livhuwa,” vha ralo makhulutshinna.



Nga Ḷavhuvhili, mma na Mulweli vha ḫisa
maapuļa na miomva.

“U ḥa mitshelo zwi ḫo vha thusa uri vha fhole,”
u ralo Mulweli.

“Ndo livhuwa,” vha ralo makhulutshinna.







Nga Łavhuraru, baba na Avhakholwi vha q̄isa
bugu.

“U vhala hu ḋo vha thusa uri vha fhole,” u ralo
Avhakholwi.

“Ndo livhuwa,” vha ralo makhulutshinna.



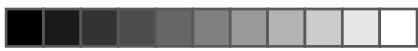
Nga Ḷavhuṇa, malume Malwela na Mulweli vha q̄isa radio.

“U thetshesela muzika zwi ḥo vha thusa uri vha fhole,” u ralo Mulweli.

“Ndo livhuwa. Ni leludza Iwendo Iwanga lwa u vha na mutakalo wavhuṇi,” vha ralo makhulutshinna.







Nga Łavhułanu, dokotela a ḥola tshanda tsha makhulutshinna.

“Tshanda tshavho tshi khou fhola zwavhudí.
Vha nga ya hayani. Fhedzi vha tea u vhuya u
ṭoliwa vhege idaho,” u ralo.



Makhulutshinna vho lugela u ḫuwa
vhuongeloni.

Vho tevheliwa nga baba na Mulweli.

“Vhoṭhe vho takalela uri vha khou vhuya,
makhulutshinna!” u ralo Mulweli.







Hayani, mma, makhulutshisadzi, malume
Malwela na Avhakholwi vha lugisela u
tanganedza makhulutshinna.

Makhulutshisadzi vha baga khekhe.

Mma vha q̄isa zwigodelo.

Malume Malwela vha khou gotsha.

Avhakholwi a vhudzula mabaluni.



Makhulutshinna vha hayani! Vho^{the} who takala.

“Ndo livhuwa, mu^a wanga,” vha ralo makhulutshinna. “Lufuno lwa vheiwe lwo^{the} na thogomelo zwe nthusa uri ndi fhole!”