

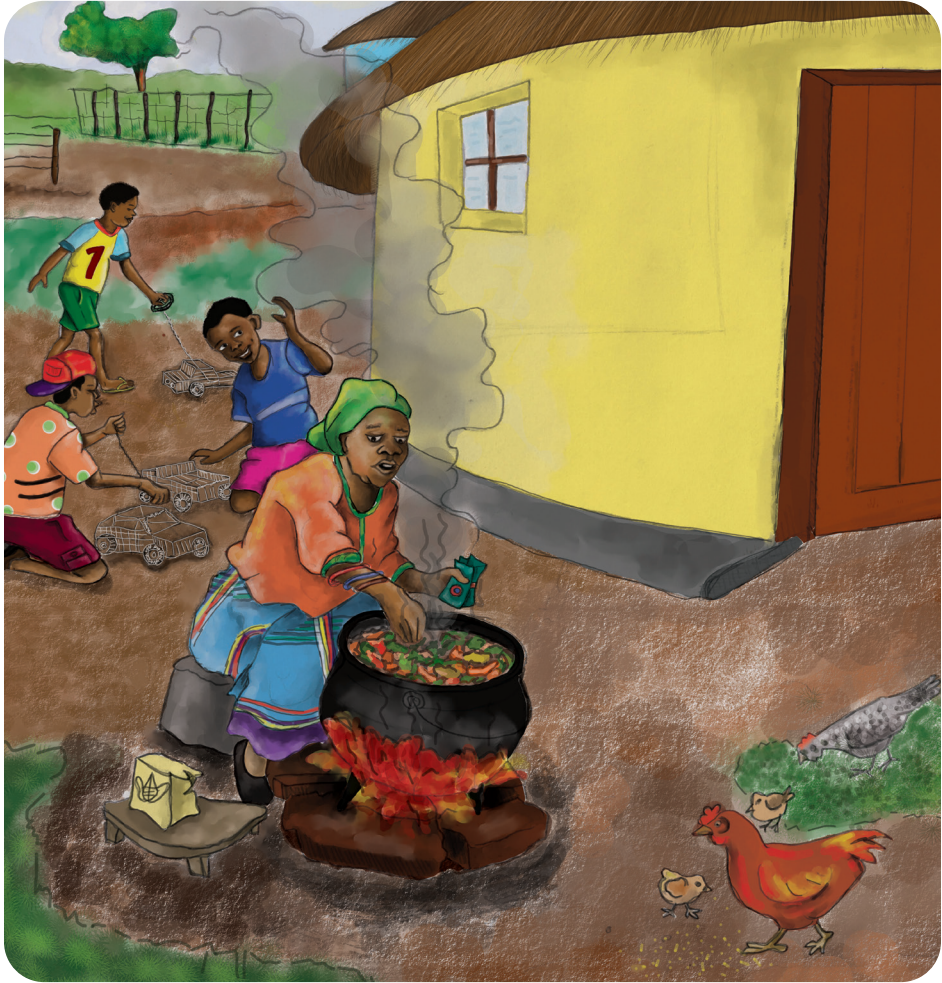


Umlilo!



Rotshidzwa Sigwadi





Gogo uyapheka etiko.

Phika nebangani bayadlala.



Umoya ucala kuvunguta.

Ngekuphangisa, sekunesivunguvungu
semoya!

Sivunguvungu siphakamisa umlilo uya etulu.





Umoya uphakamisa umlilo ufika eluphahleni lwendlu.

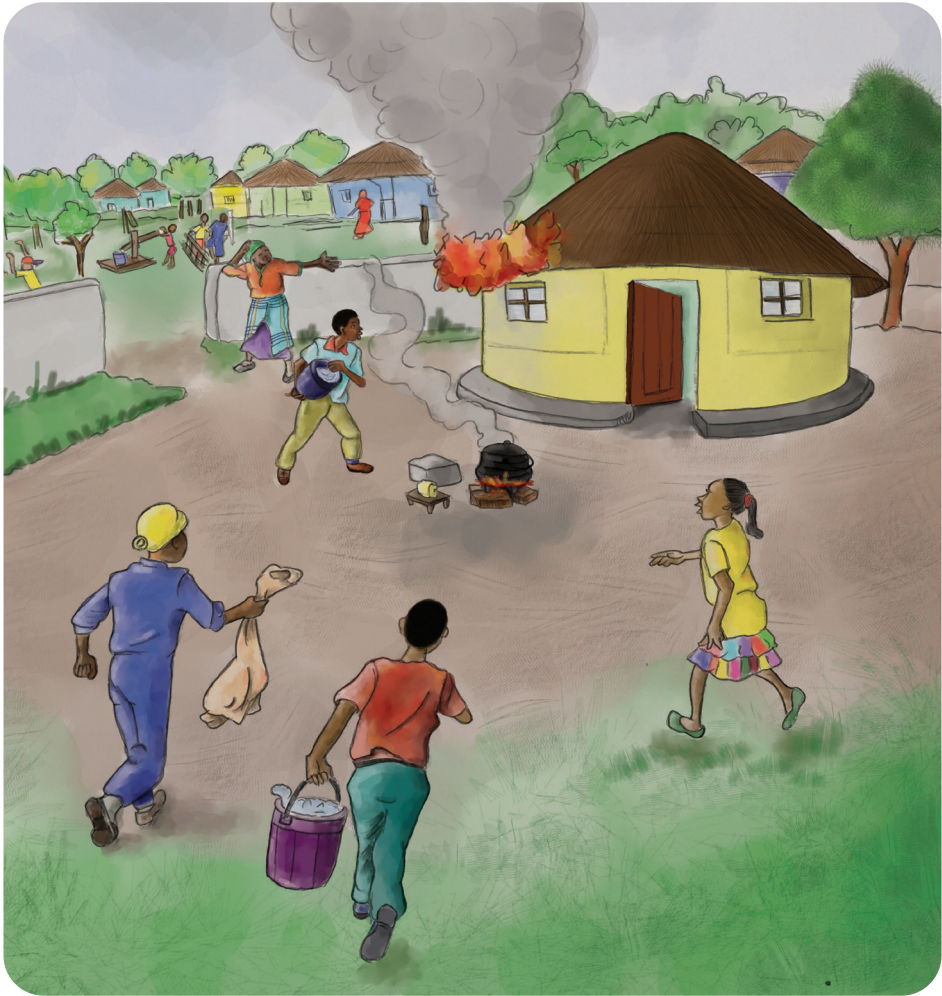
Gogo nebafana babuka umlilo.

Maye! Emalangabi alomlilo!



“Gijimani, bafana! Phangisani niyewucela lusito. Kufuneka emanti lamaningi kute sicime lomlilo!” kumemeta gogo.





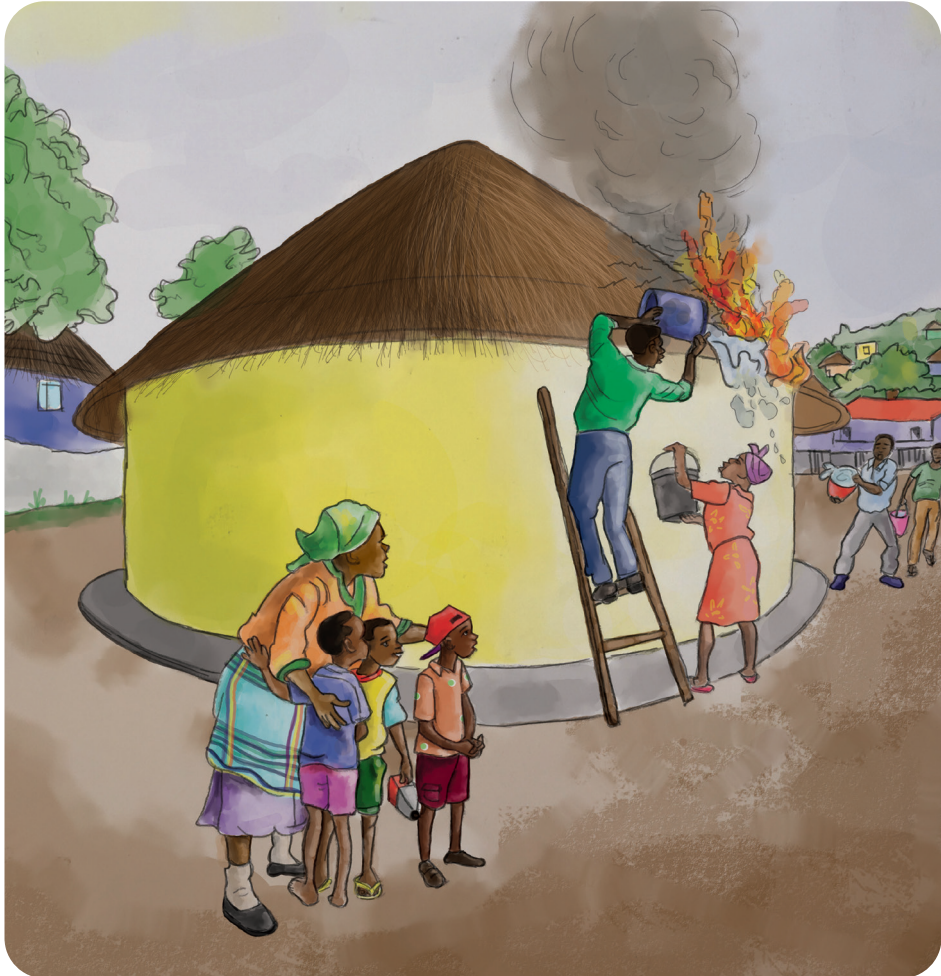
Phika nebangani bagijima ngekutimisela.

“Umlilo! Umlilo!” bayamemeta. “Sitani!
Sitani!”



Bomake nabobabe bafika ngebuningi. Bafika nemanti.

“Kutawulunga, Gogo! Sitawucima umlilo!”
bayamemeta.





Umlilo uyaphela.

Gogo uyabonga kulabo labasitile.

Ugona Phika nebangani.

“Siphumile engotini.

Ngiyabonga bafana, kubita belusito
ngekuphangisa!”