

Adhabu

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Siku moja mamangu
alinunua matunda mengi
sana.

Mimi na ndugu zangu
tulijiuliza lini mama
angetugawia ili tule.





Baadaye, kakangu, Rahim,
alijificha.

Aliyala matunda yale yote
peke yake!

Mimi na ndugu yangu
tulipogundua, tulilia
tukisema, “Rahim ni
mtukutu tena ni mchoyo.”





Mama alikasirika sana alipogundua kwamba matunda yote yalikuwa yameliwa.

Mimi na ndugu yangu
tulimwangalia Rahim kwa
macho makali.





Tulmwuliza mama ikiwa
angemwadhibu Rahim.

Lakini, Rahim alipata
adhabu ambayo
hatukutarajia.





Rahim hakuweza kutulia
pahali pamoja!

Mama alipomwuuliza
alijibu kwa sauti ya chini,
“Naumwa na tumbo.”





Sote tuliona kwamba hiyo
ilikuwa adhabu mbaya
kuliko kama Rahim
angechapwa na mama.

Baadaye alipopata nafuu,
Rahim alituomba
msamaha.



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