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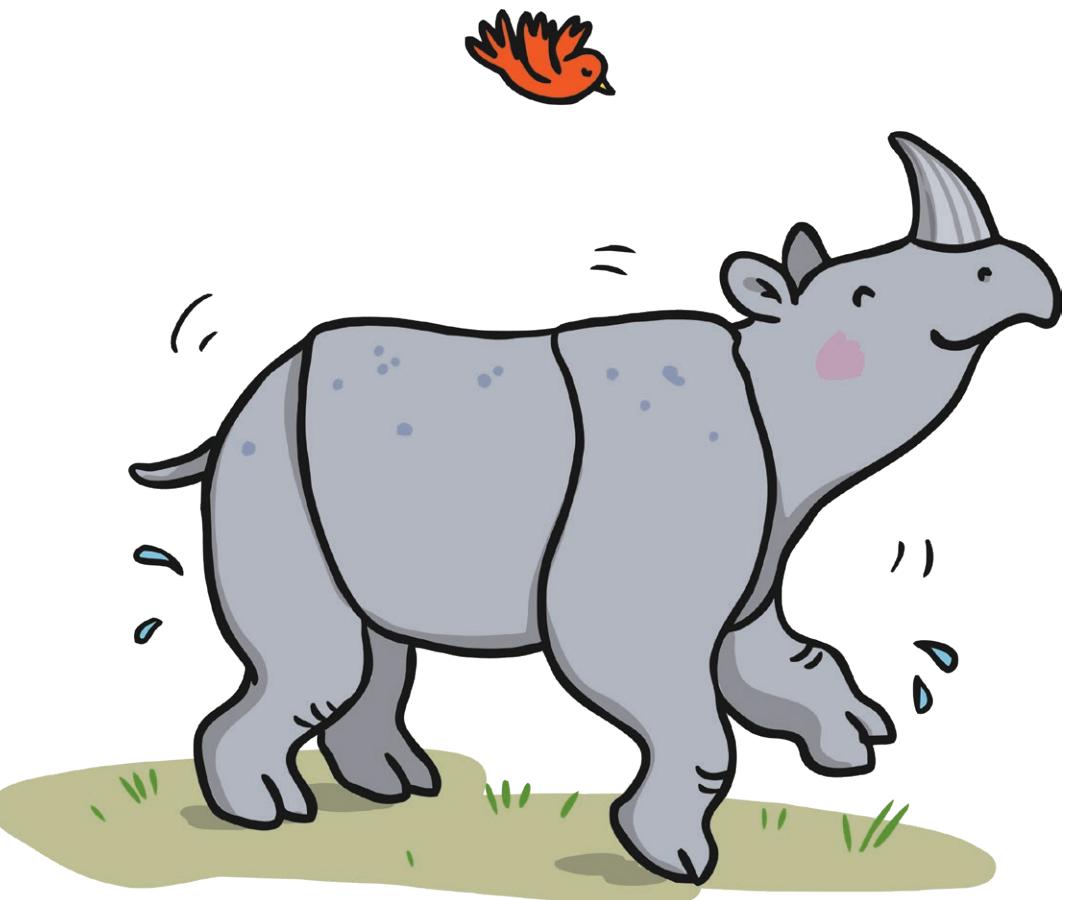
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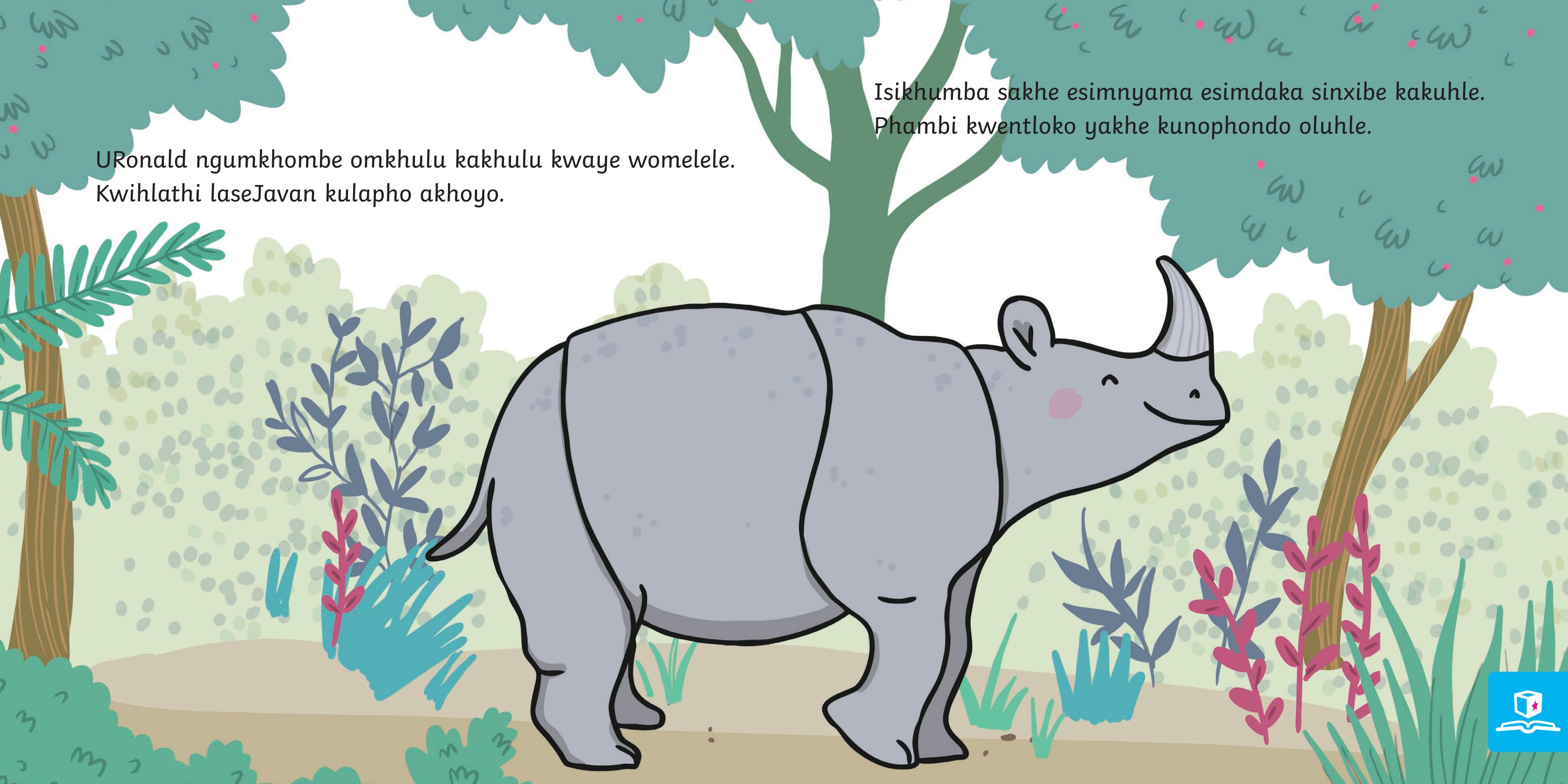
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Isikhumba sakhe esimnyama esimdaka sinxibe kakuhle.
Phambi kwentloko yakhe kunophondo oluhle.

URonald ngumkhombe omkhulu kakhulu kwaye womelele.
Kwihlathi laseJavan kulapho akhoyo.





Utya iziqhamo eziwileyo kumgangatho wehlati omanzi,
kodwa uRonald ulusizi; ulangazelela okungaphezulu.

“Kutheni ndikhethekile?” utsho enyembezana.
“Ndiphila ngesiqu sam, andinabahlobo apha.”



“Zonke izilwanyana zinempawu ezintle, into
ekhethekileyo ezenza ukuba zibentle nje.”

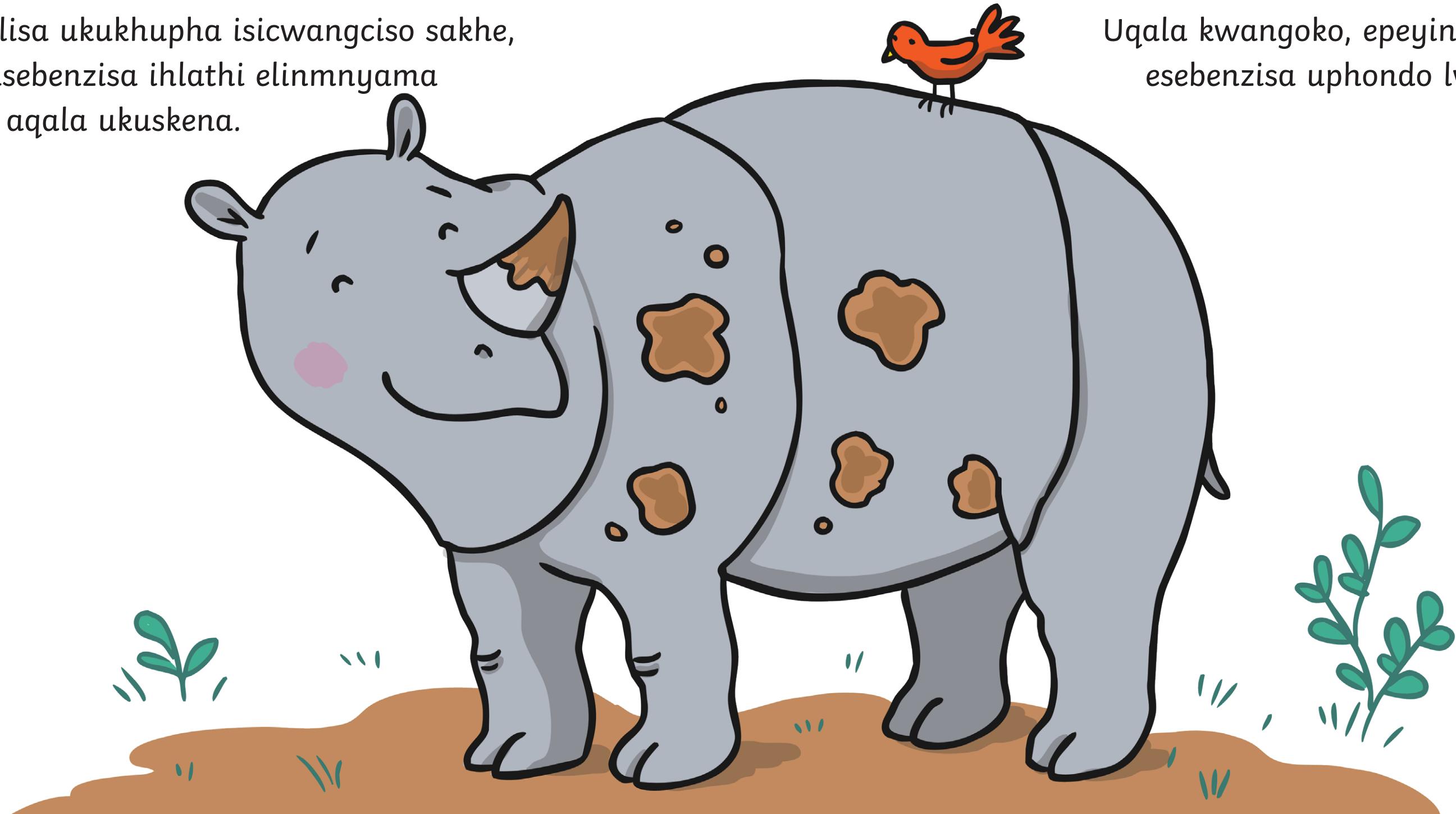
“Ndiyifumene!” uyitscho ngoncumo ebusweni
bakhe, kwaye exhumaxhuma kuyo yonke indawo.

"Ndiza kuba yingwe enamabala amahle,
onke amabala amthubi kunye namachaphaza
amnyama antsundu."

URonald uqalisa ukukhupha isicwangciso sakhe,
kwaye ngokusebenzisa ihlathi elinmnyama
amehlo akhe aqala ukuskena.

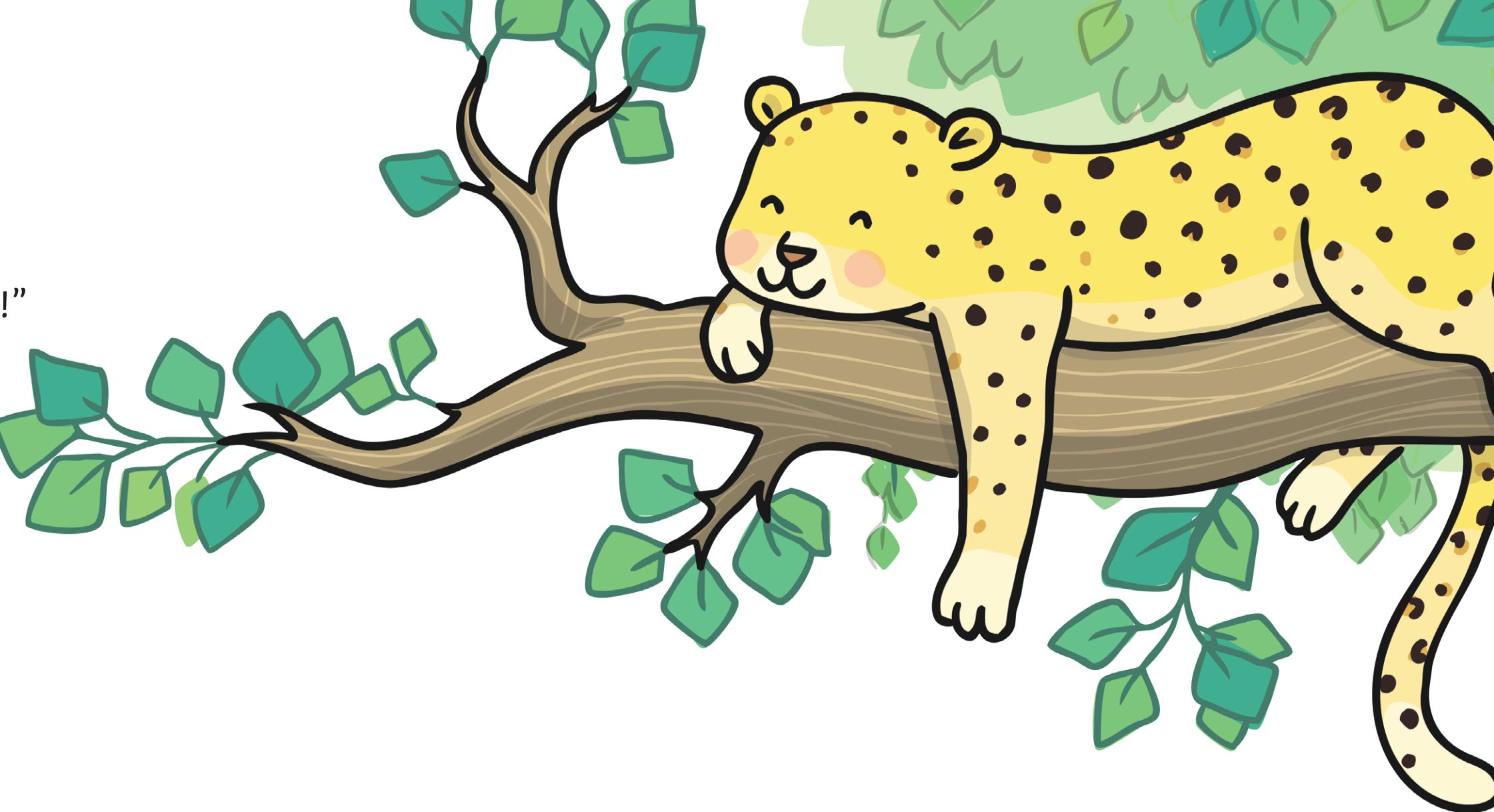
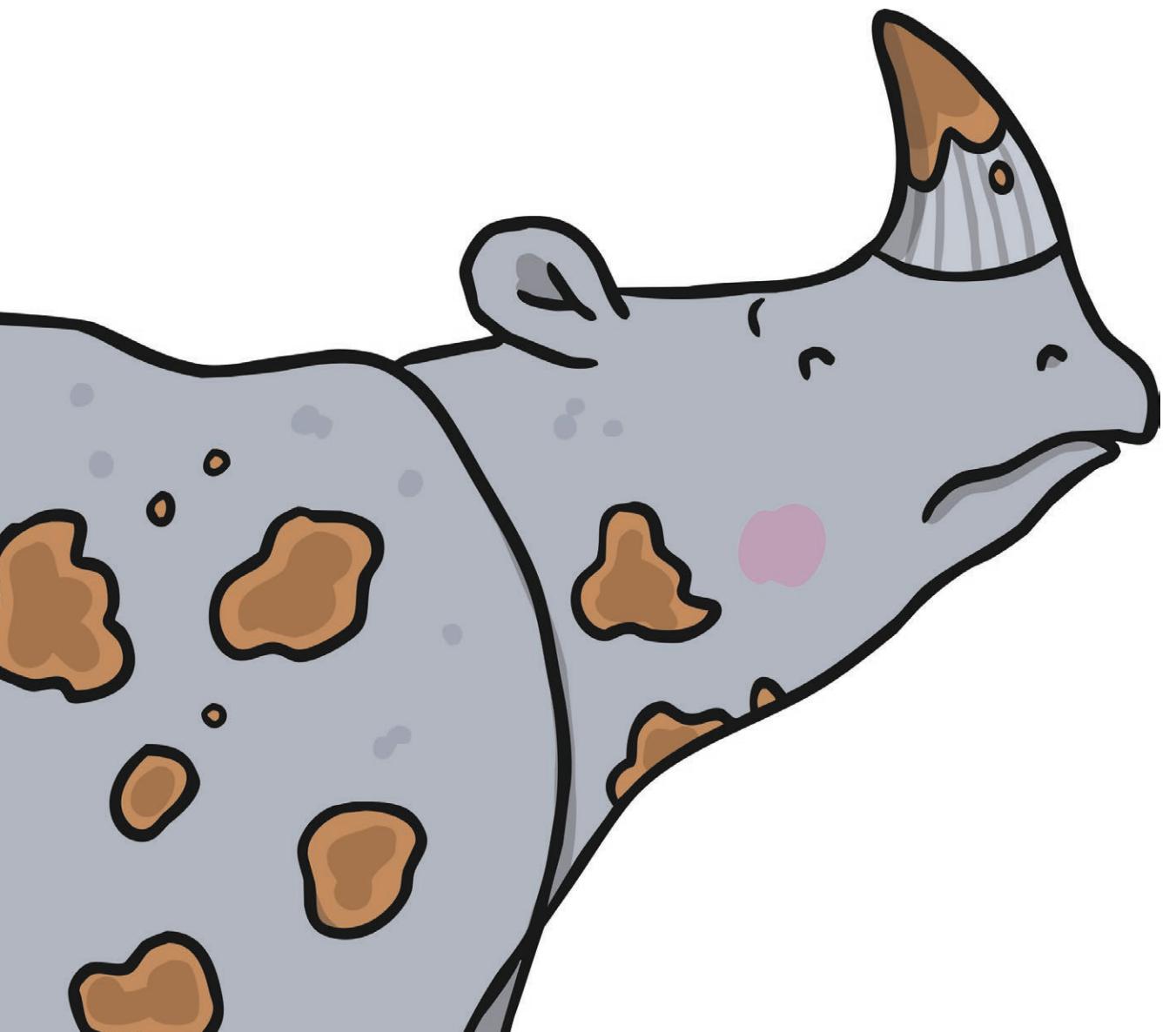
Ngokukhawleza ufumana udaka, lonke
lunamathele kwaye lumanzi. "Yeke!" atsho
uRonald, "ndiza kuba namabala am!"

Uqala kwangoko, epeyinta kwiminxuna,
esebenzisa uphondo lwakhe ukukhusela
udaka kwiibatch.



Akuba eqibile, uyawuthanda umsebenzi wakhe,
kodwa emithini, ingwe iyax huma. "Wenzani?"
ingwe ibuza igquma.

"Unodaka kwimingxunya emikhulu kulusu lwakho!"

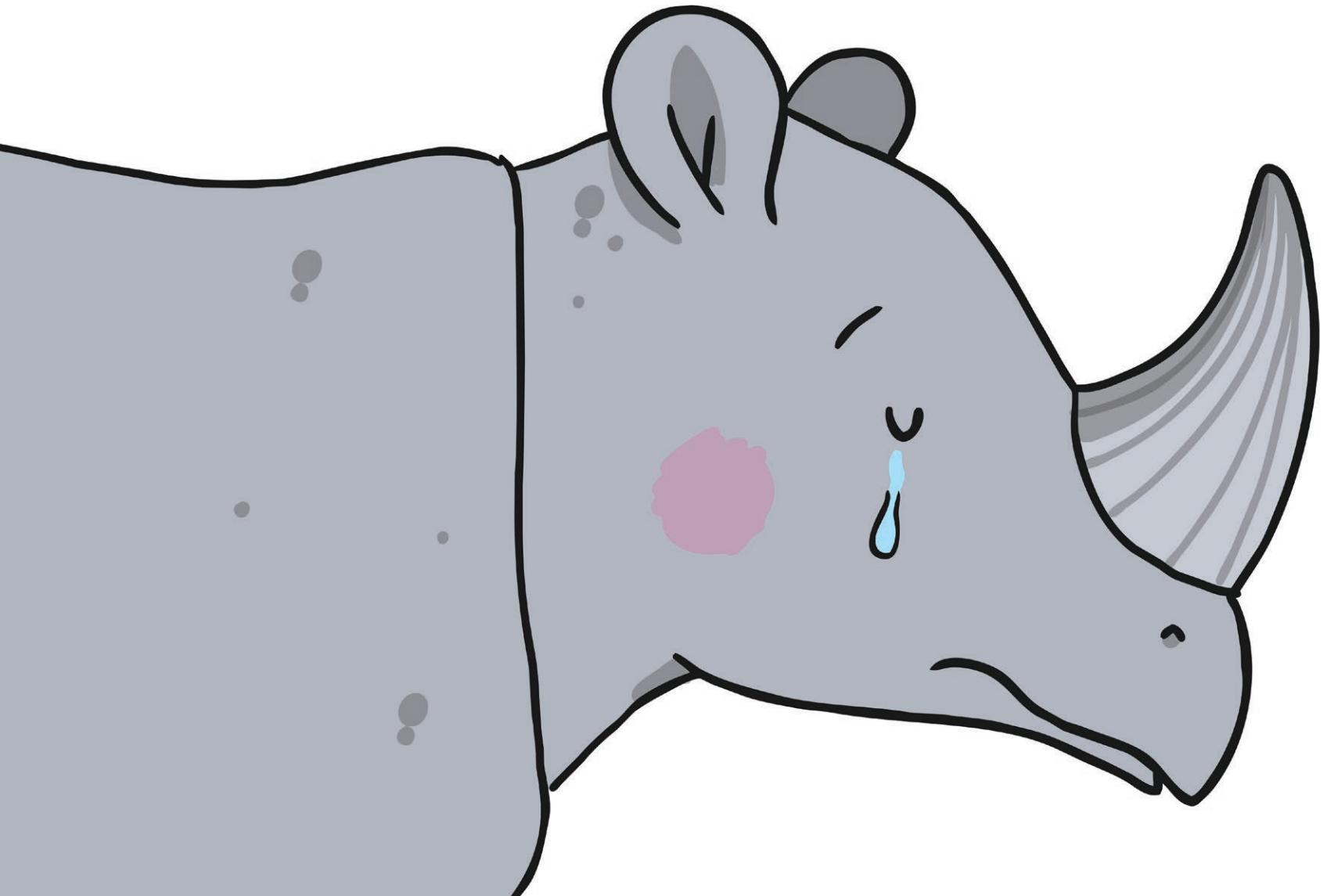


"Ndifuna ukufana nawe, ndibe namabala ebusweni,
ndilale emthini, ndixhume kwaye ndibaleke!"

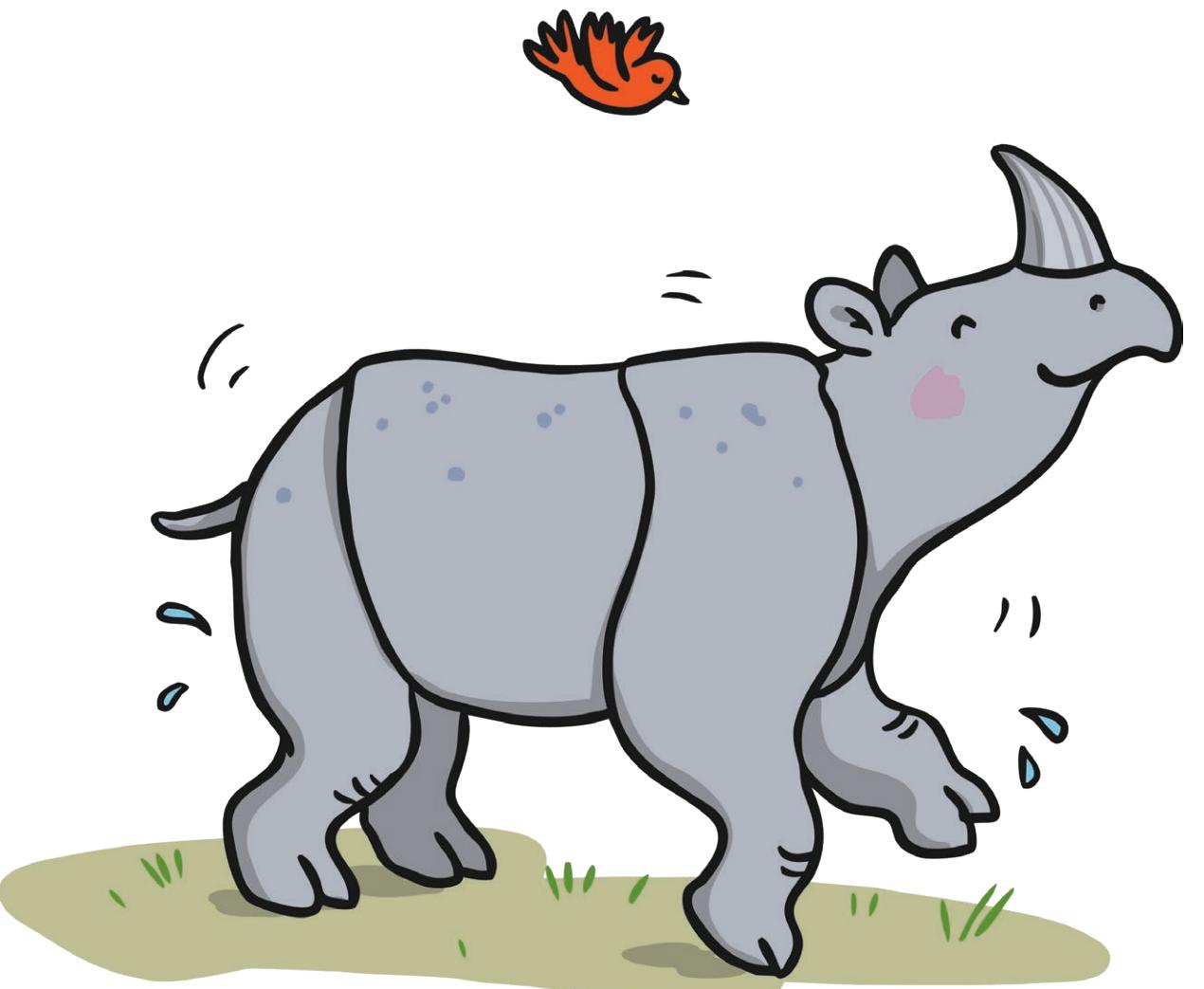
"Awunakuba yingwe, umkhulu kakhulu kwaye ungwevu.
Ungumkhombe wase Javan ngazo zonke indlela!"

URonald ubonakala elusizi, engaqinisekanga ukuba enze ntoni. Uyancwina; uziva eluhlaza.

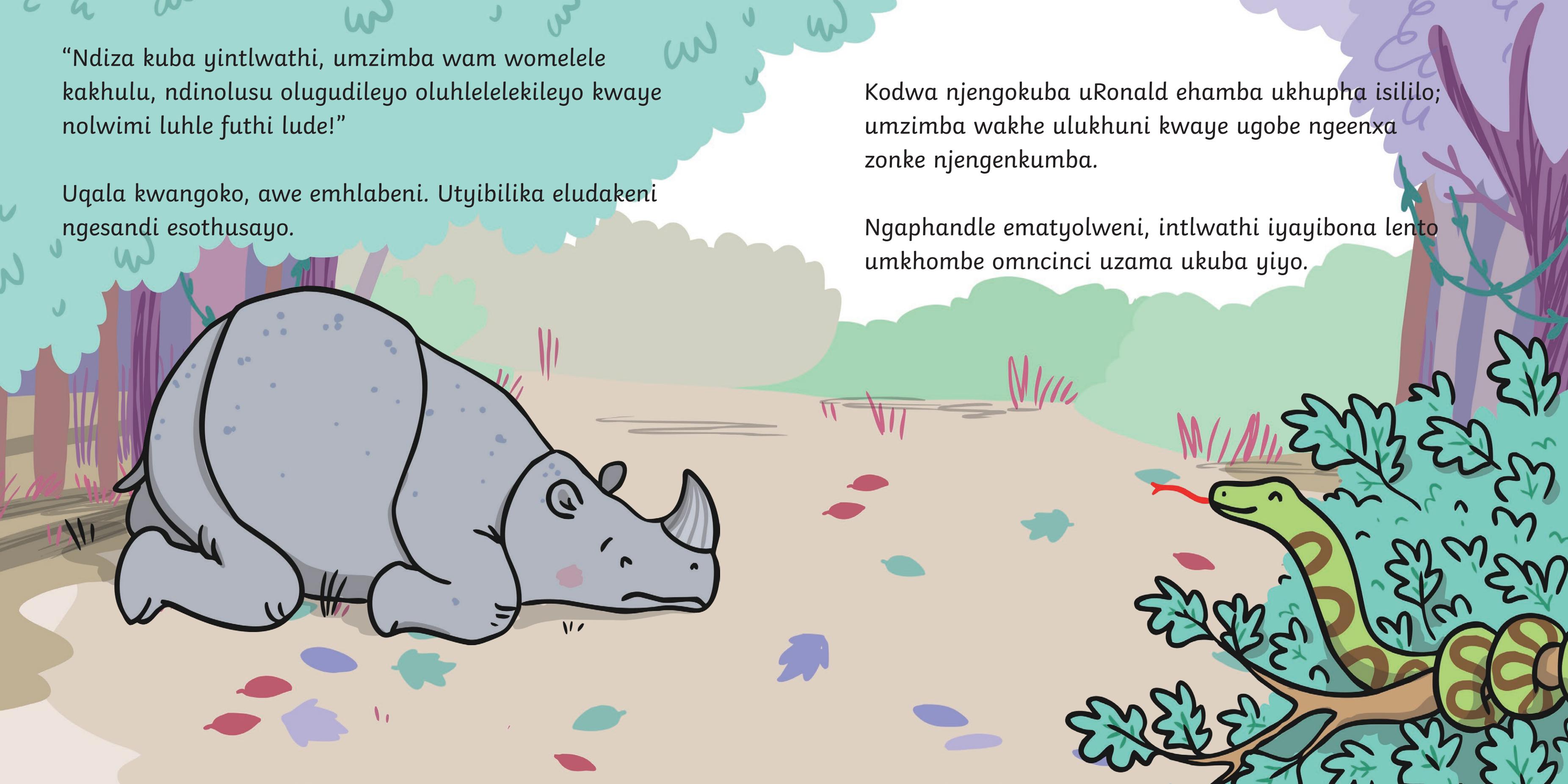
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“Ndiyifumene!” uytsho ngoncumo ebusweni bakhe, kwaye exhumaxhuma kuyo yonke indawo.



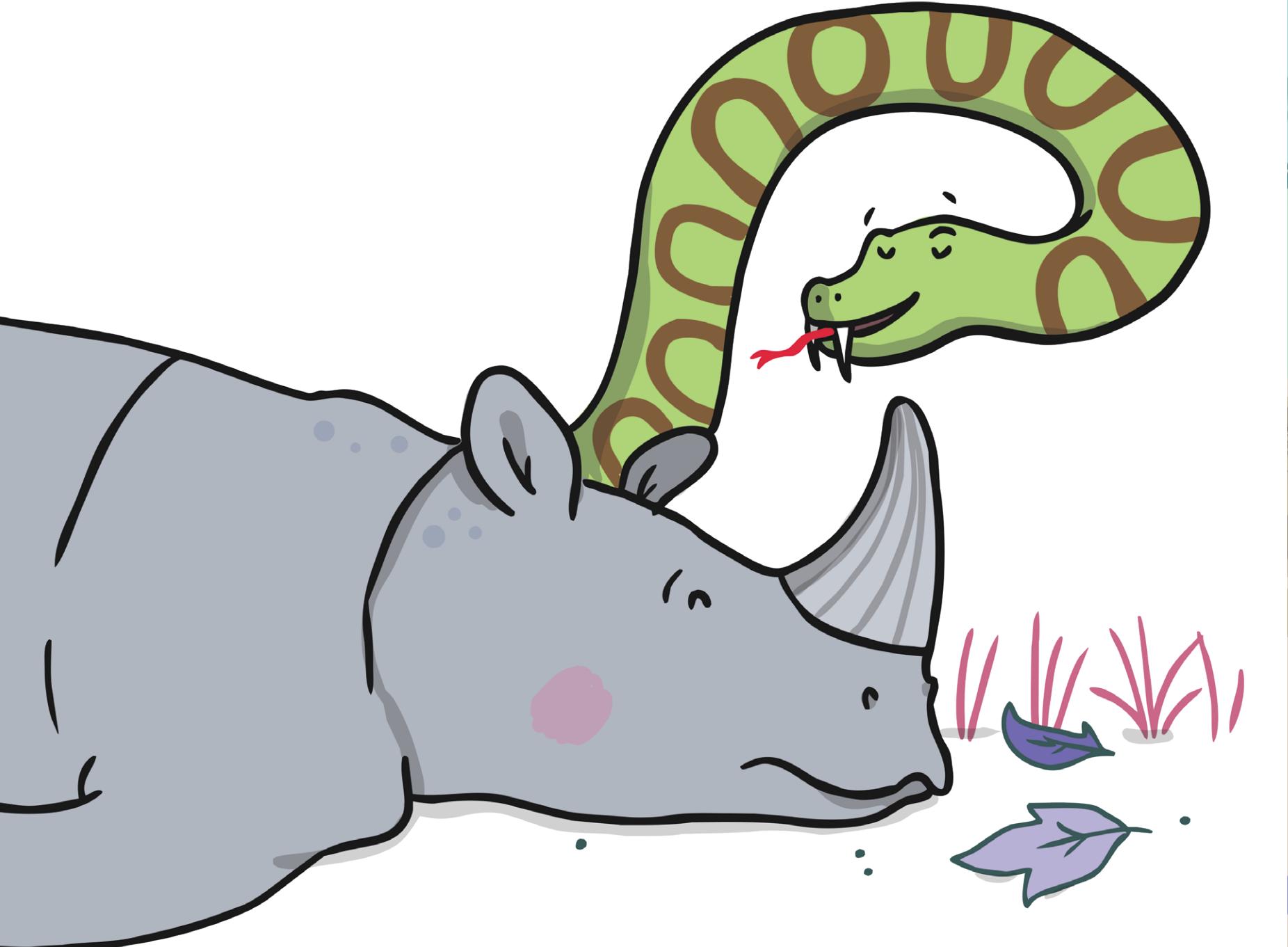
“Ndiza kuba yintlwathi, umzimba wam womelele
kakhulu, ndinolusu olugudileyo oluhlelelekileyo kwaye
nolwimi luhle futhi lude!”

Uqala kwangoko, awe emhlabeni. Utyibilika eludakeni
ngesandi esothusayo.

Kodwa njengokuba uRonald ehamba ukhupha isililo;
umzimba wakhe ulukhuni kwaye ugobe ngeenxa
zonke njengenkumba.

Ngaphandle ematyolweni, intlwathi iyayibona lento
umkhombe omncinci uzama ukuba yiyo.

"Kutheni uhambahamba njengenyoka? Umhlana wakho
wonke ugobile; ndibone imilenze yakho inyikima!"



"Ndifuna ukufana nawe, kumhlaba ovuthuzayo
wehlathi, ngokuthe ngcembe nango cwaka."



"Awukwzi ukuba yintlwathi, ulusu lwakho
lurhabaxa kakhulu. Uphondo lwakho lunzima kwaye
iinyawo zakho zinzima."

URonald uhlala phantsi, intloko yakhe
ijongise ezantsi. Angaba yintoni? Engazazi.

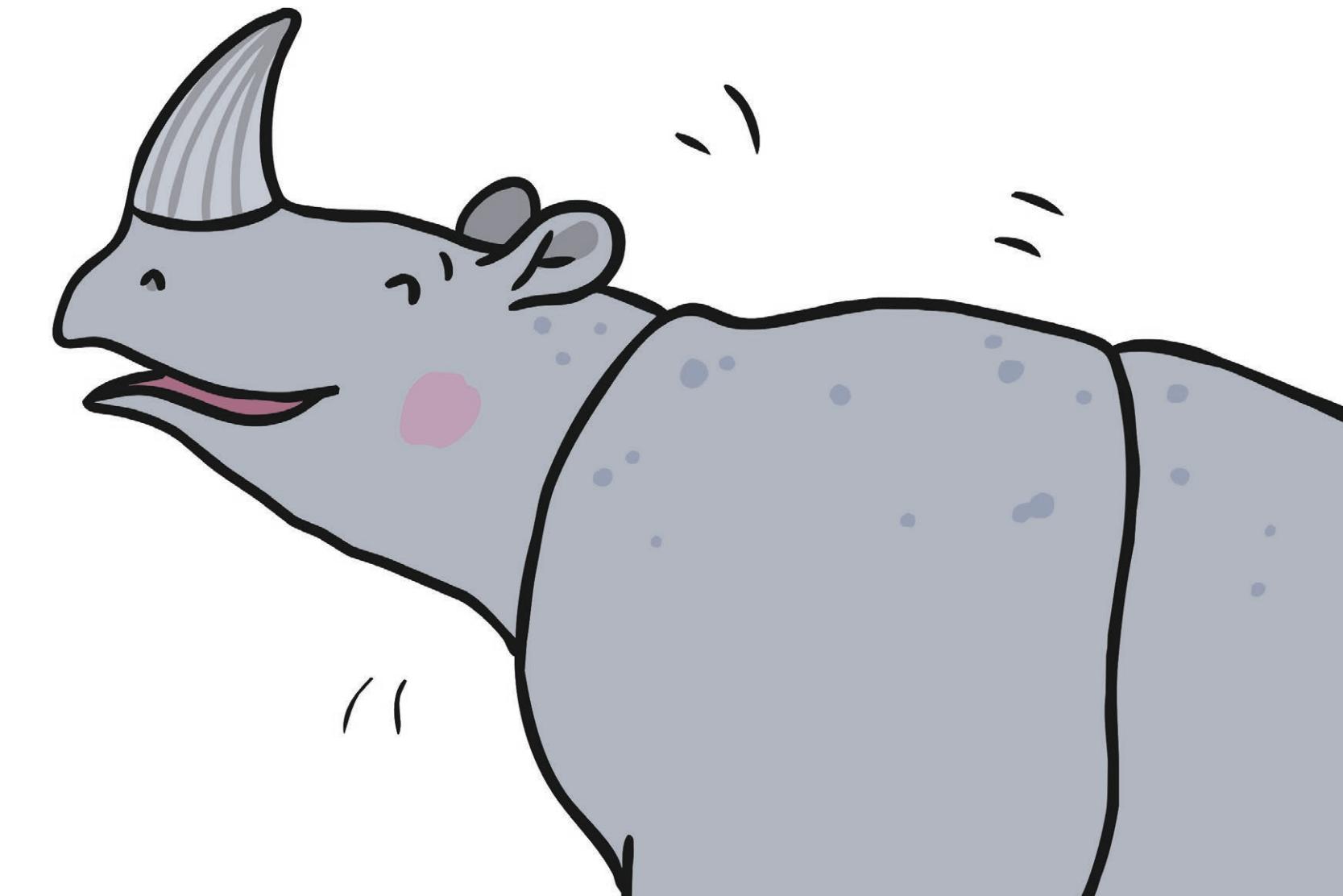


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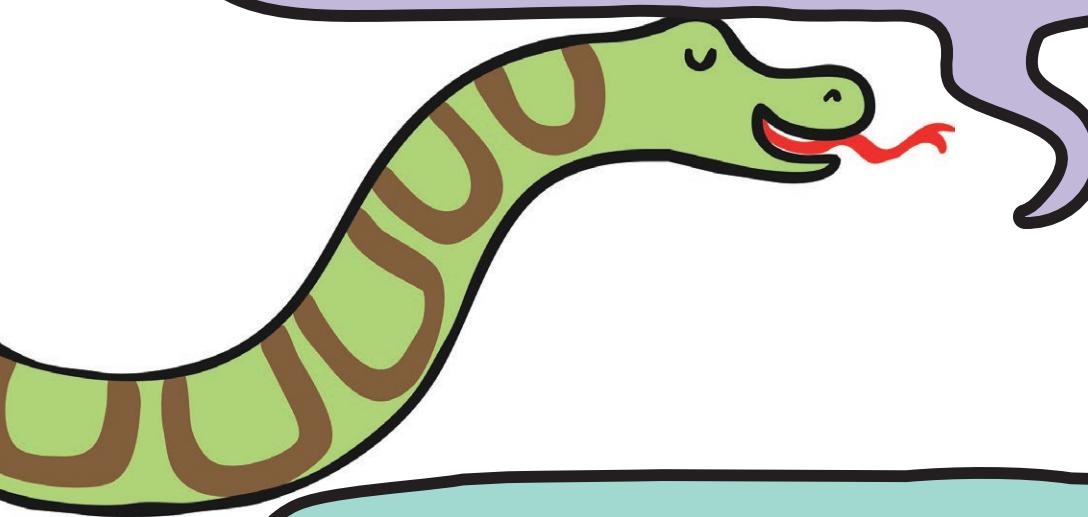
Zonke izilwanyana zinem Pawu ezithandekayo. Intlwathi ityibili ka kakhle nto leyo imenza mkhulu.”

Ingwe ne ntlwathi zibona uRonald encumile, ke bapheka icebo lokuvuyisa ubutyebi babo.

“Siyifumene!” batsho, bejunge ezantsi ebusweni bakhe. URonald exhumax huma ndawo yonke.



Ulusu lwakhe lomelele kwaye lubukeka njengesxhobo esikhulu sokuzikhusta. Amehlo akhe akhazimla ngokuqaqambileyo - ngumntu othandekayo!

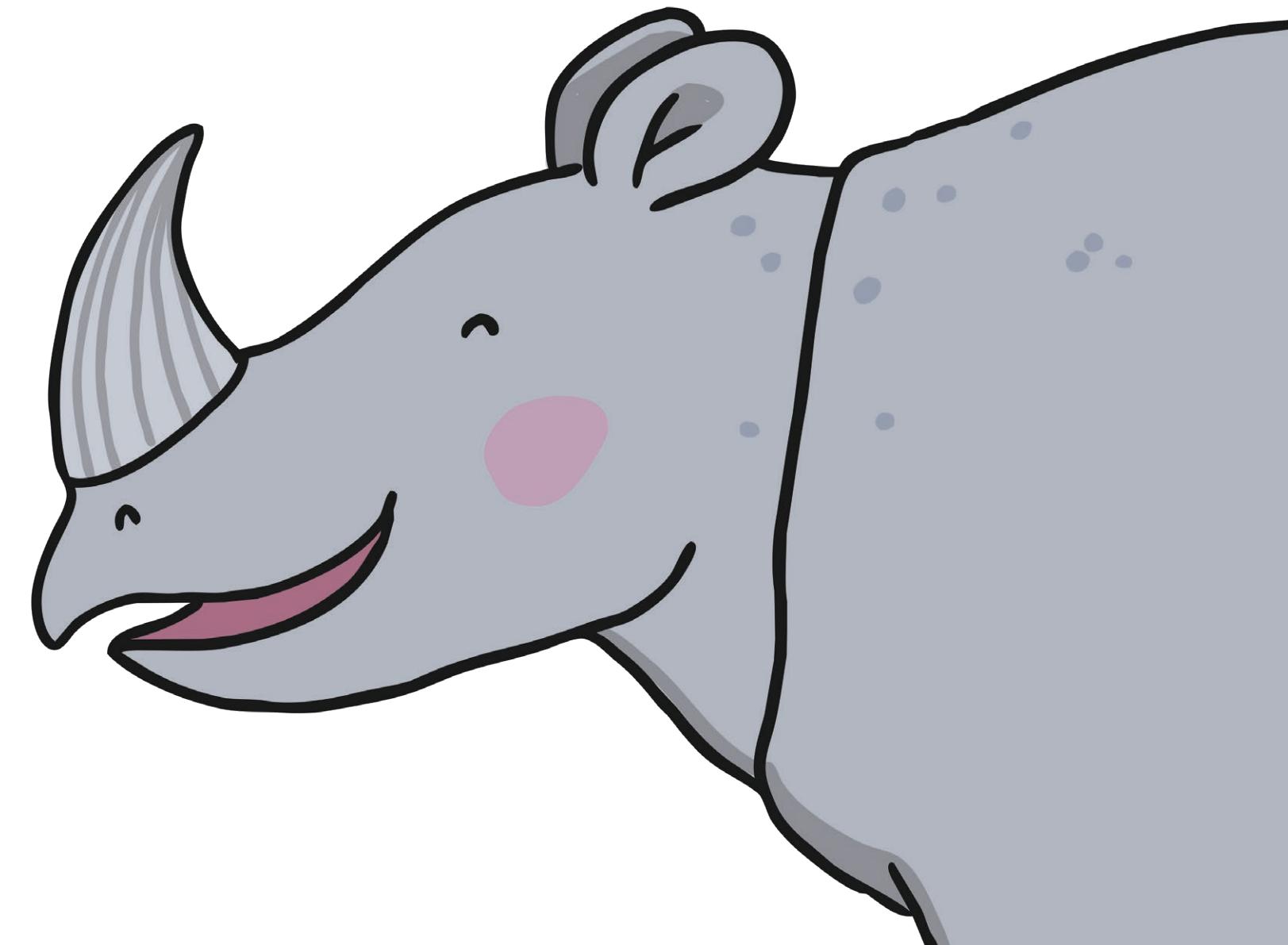


Imilenze yakhe yomelele kwaye uphondo lwakhe lolona lubalaseleyo. Izilwanyana ziyamthanda, njengoko unokuqikelela.



“Ndifuna ukufana naye!” Ekhwaza uRonald, amehlo akhe eqaqamba njengoko iinyawo zakhe zidanisa.

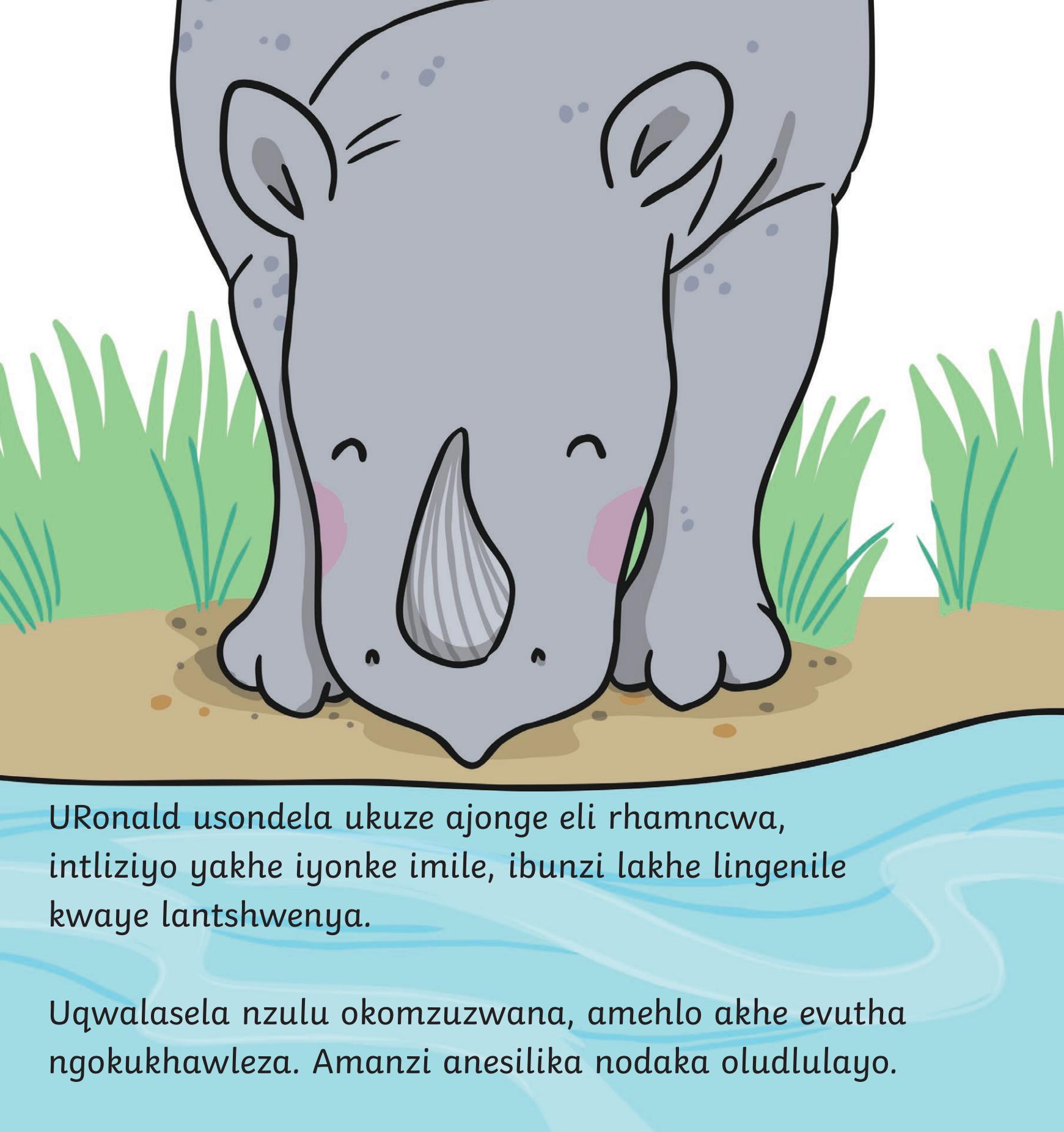
Baya ke bona baya ehlathini beyokufuna le mfihlakalo yesilwanyana esenokutshintsha ingqondo yakhe.





Bafika kwindawo ecekeceke, nemithi embalwa,
enomlambo omuhle; akukho mntu ufumanekayo.

Ingwe itsho ngoncumo, "Uhlala phaya ezantsi." Ngapha
komhlaba omanzi, usondela ngononophelo.



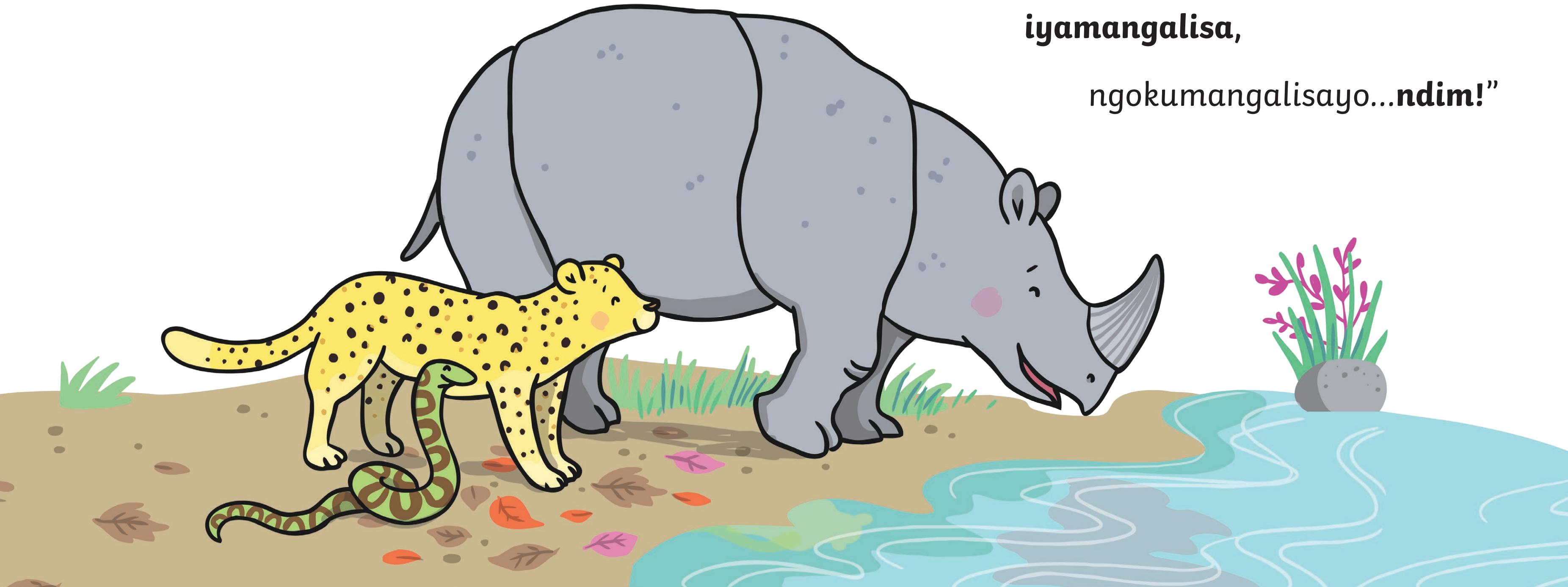
Uyama njengoko eyibona, akhwaze kakhulu.
Ingwe nentlwathi zibanyembezana, banekratshi.

Uyagquma kwesislwanyana asibonayo,

“ngu Golly,

iyamangalisa,

ngokumangalisayo...ndim!”



...Me!"







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