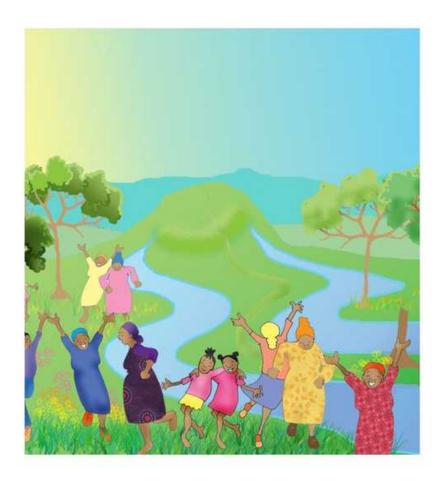
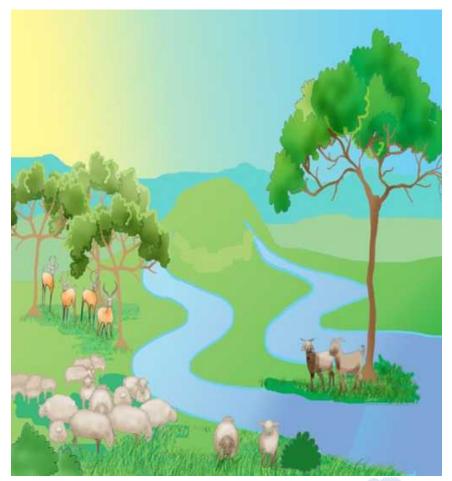
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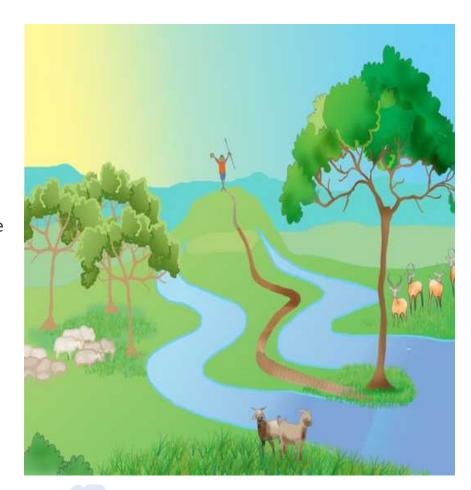


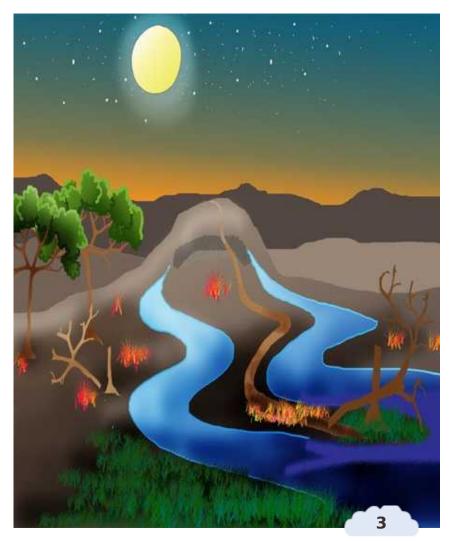
Kwa muda mrefu mlima wa Olokwango ulisimama ukitabasamu katikati ya sehemu Tambarare ya Kwere.

Kutoka kwa vibonyeo viwili vilivyokuwa pembeni mwa mlima huo, kulitoka vijito vilivyokaribiana na kutengeza mto. Mambo yalikuwa swari hadi Matata alipokuwa mkuu wa mahali hapo.

Alilazimisha njia itengenezwe kutoka juu ya mlima hadi chini yake ili aweze kupanda kwa urahis na kujifiringisha chini ya mlima.

Mlima wa Olokwango ulikasirika na uharibifu uliofanywa lakini alikuwa mvumilivu.





Mwishoni mwa wiki, watoto wa Matata na marafiki zao wangepanda mlimani kucheza.

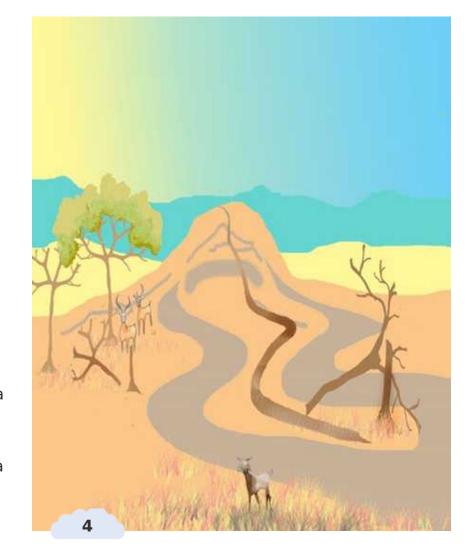
Wangekimbia kila mahali huku wakivunja vijiti na matawi, wakiasha mioto kwa michezo yao ambayo baadaye, waliacha ikiwaka. Kwa muda mrefu, Olokwango alipoteza ule uvumilivu. Tabasamu yake nzuri ilififia. Vibonyeo viliendelea kuwa vidogo jinsi uso wake uligeuka na kuwa na sura mbaya ya mikunjo.

Mwishowe, vijito havikuwa tena.

Kingo za Mto Temu zilibaki zikikaziana macho kwa huzuni.

Paa wa sehemu walihama kwani hapakuwa tena na zile nyasi ndefu za kijani walizochezea ndani, wala godoro nyororo kulala juu yake. Mifugo, mbuzi na kondoo walikonda na kukondeana.

Kila mtu alihisi huzuni wa mlima wa Olokwango.





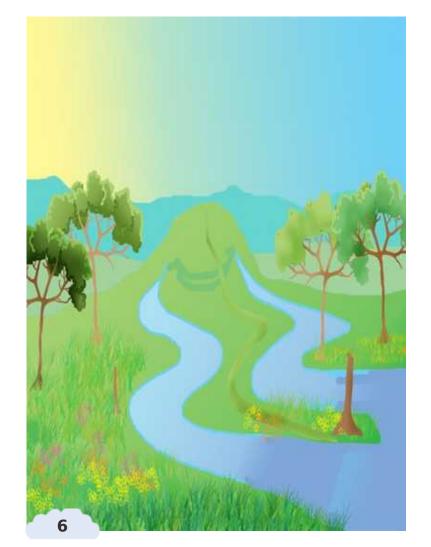
Watu wa Kwere waligundua kwamba walitakiwa kuchukuwa hatua. Waliungana na kumpindua Matata mkuu wao.

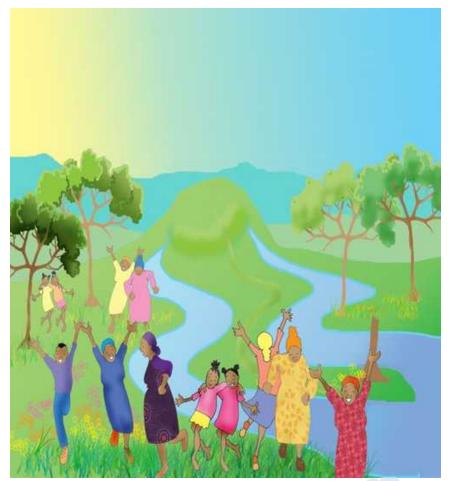
Pahali pake walimweka Baraka ambaye aliamrisha kila mtu kupanda ua kuonyesha heshima kwa Olokwango. Baraka na watu wake walifanya sherehe na kumtolea Olokwango zawadi za msonobari, mwerezi, na muhuhu.

Hakuna aliyetembea juu ya mlima tena, na nyasi zilipata nafasi ya kumea na kuwa ndefu tena. Kidogo kidogo tabasamu iliyokuwa usoni mwa mlima wa Olokwango ilipanuka zaidi na vibonyeo vikarefuka zaidi. Kutoka kwenye vibonyeo vijito vilitiririka tena.

Mto Temu ulifufuliwa. Sehemu tambarare ziligeuka kijani zaidi ya hapo awali.

Paa walikimbia tena kwa furaha kutoka upande mmoja hadi mwingine wa nyasi.



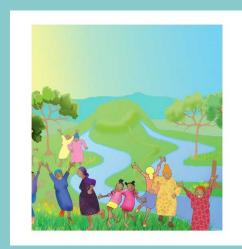


"Maisha marefu, Baraka! Maisha marefu, Baraka!" watu wa Kwere waliimba.

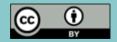
"Maisha marefu,
Olokwango,"Baraka na watu wake
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watoto wa watoto wao
wakuheshima daima."

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