



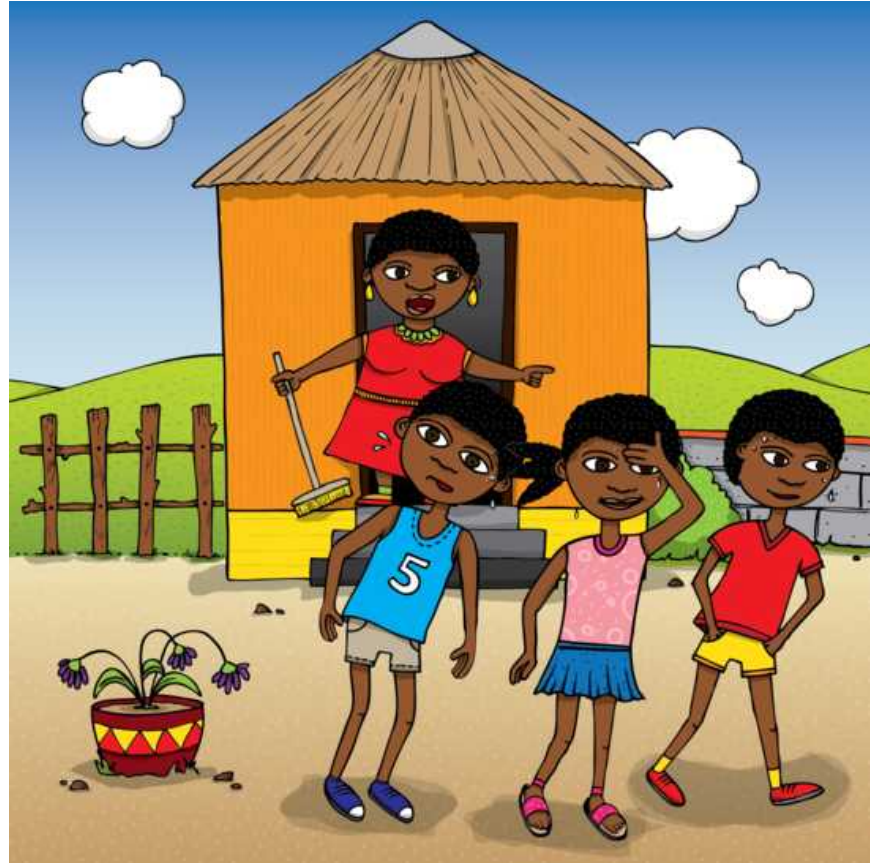
# Jumamosi alasiri ya joto

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Ilikuwa Jumamosi moja  
iliyokuwa na joto jingi sana  
katika mwezi wa Desemba.

Kila mtu alikuwa amenuna.  
“Bontle na Mpho na Lerato,  
nendeni nje mcheze!” Mama  
alitwambia.

“Siwataki miguuni mwangu.”





Tulikimbia nje ya nyumba.

“Twendeni mtoni,” Lerato alisema. “Huko ni baridi.”

“Lakini mama alitukataza kuogelea mtoni,” alisema Bontle.

“Hatutaogelea,” alijibu Lerato. “Tutachezea tu kwenye kivuli karibu na maji,”

Lakini kucheza 'kati' ni kazi ya joto hata kama uko chini ya miti karibu na mto.

Kwanza tulivua viatu vyetu.  
Lakini tulikuwa bado tunahisi joto.

Kisha tulivua sketi zetu na mashati.

Lakini tulikuwa bado tunahisi joto.



Tuliweka miguu yetu ndani ya  
mto kuifanya iwe baridi.

Kisha tulirushiana maji.

Punde kidogo tulikuwa tumeloa  
maji.





“Ah njoo! Hebu tuogeelee,”  
alisema Mpho. “Mama hatawahi  
jua.”

Tuliogeelea kwa muda mrefu na  
kusahau kuwa saa zilikuwa  
zikiendelea.





Jua lilianza kutua, na tulihisi baridi.

Lakini je, nguo zetu zilikuwa wapi?

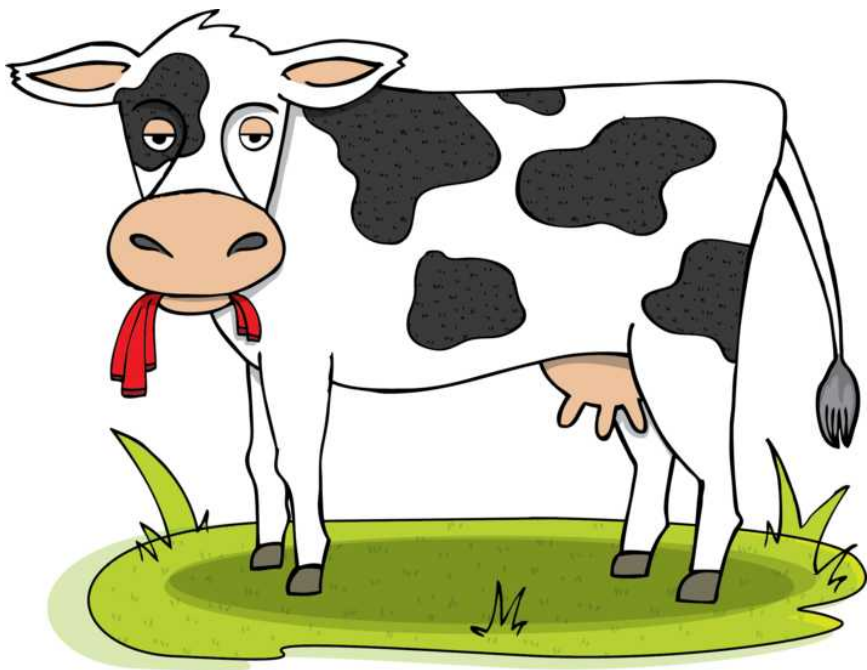
Tuliangalia chini ya miti.

Tuliangalia juu ya vichaka.

Tuliangalia kila mahali.







Ng'ombe walikuwa wakifurahia  
nyasi tamu karibu na mto.

Bontle aliangalia juu, "Ona yule  
ng'ombe! Nini kilicho mdomoni  
mwake?"

"Anakula ua jekundu," Lerato  
alisema.

“Sio ua jekundu,” Mpho alipiga kelele. “Ni shati lako!”

Tulimwangalia ng’ombe mwingine.

Alikuwa anakula kitu cha kisamwati.

“Hiyo ni sketi yangu!” alipiga kelele Bontle.



Tulienda nyumbani tukiwa tumevaa tu suruali zetu tukitetemeka. Lakini sio tu kwa ajili ya baridi.

“Walikuwa ng’ombe,” tulilia.  
“Ng’ombe walikula nguo zetu.”

Lakini Mme alituamini?

Punde kidogo matako yetu yalikuwa na joto sana. Lakini sio kwa ajili ya jua.



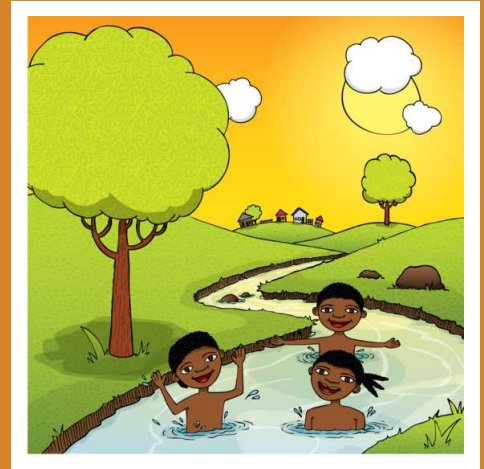
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