

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 na kula
yale matunda 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
tulimwalia Rahim
kwa macho makali.





Tulmwuliza mama ikiwa
angemwadhibu Rahim.

Rahim alipata adhabu
ambayo hatukutarajia.





Rahim hakuweza kukaa
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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