



Watoto wa Nta

Southern African Folktale
Kiswahili



Hapo zamani za kale, paliishi
familia yenyeye furaha.





Hawakugombana hata kidogo.

Watoto waliwasaidia wazazi
nyumbani na shambani.

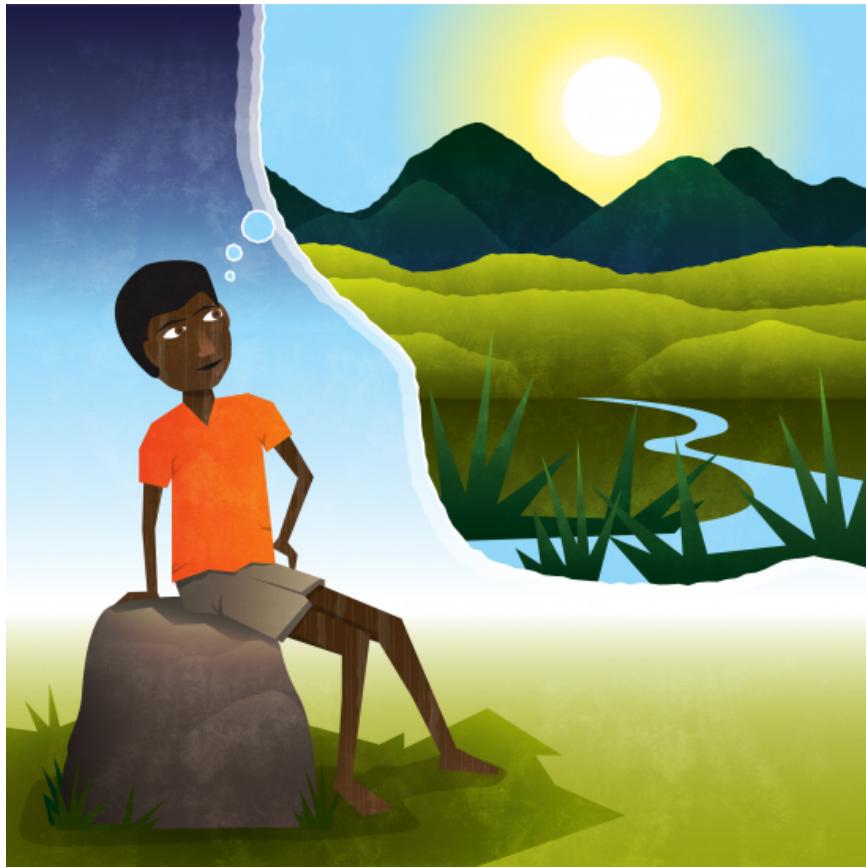
Lakini, walikatazwa kwenda
karibu na moto.





Walifanya kazi zao zote usiku.

Hii ni kwa sababu walikuwa wameumbwa kwa nta.



Lakini, kijana mmoja alitamani kwenda nje wakati wa mchana.

Siku moja tamaa ya kwenda nje
ikazidi.

Wenzake wakamwonya asiende
juani.

Lakini, hakusikia.





Aliyeyuka kwa sababu joto
lilikuwa kali.

Watoto wa nta walihuzunika
walipoona kaka yao akiyeyuka.





Wakapanga jambo fulani.

Walichukua nta iliyoyeyuka
wakatengeza ndege.

Wakamweka ndege huyo juu ya
mlima mrefu.





Jua lilipochomoza asubuhi,
akapeperuka akiimba kwa
furaha.

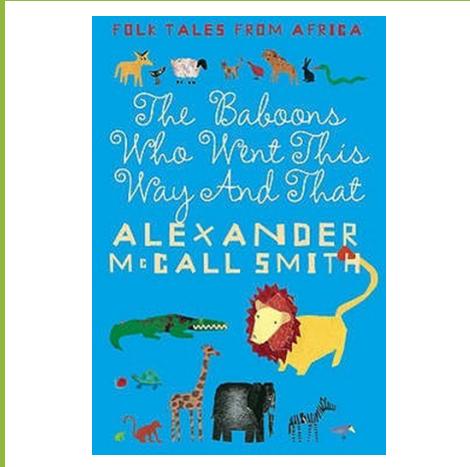
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