Sababu Chura kuwa na Sura Mbaya

Mozambican folktale Kiswahili





Miaka mingi iliyopita,

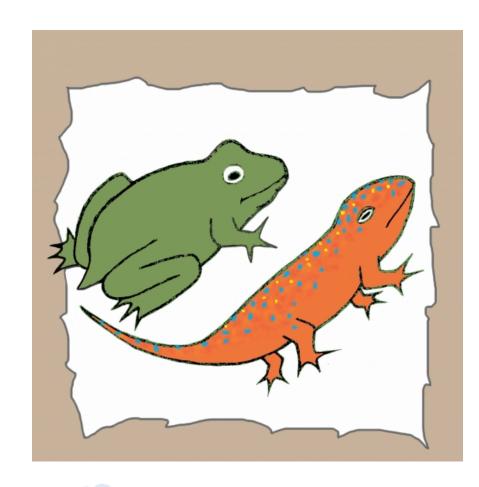
Mjusi na Chura

walikuwa marafiki.

Siku moja waliamua

kutafuta wasichana wapenzi

jijini.

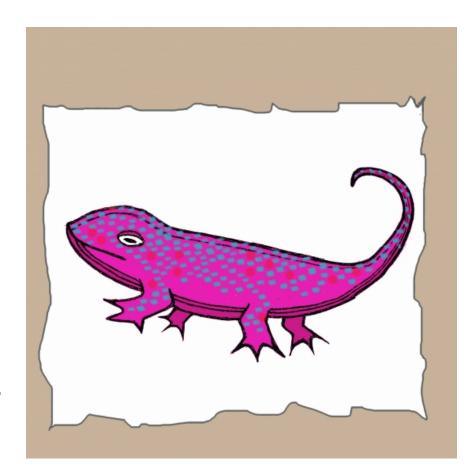


Chura

alimwonea Mjusi wivu

kwa vile ngozi yake

ilimetameta na kuvutia.



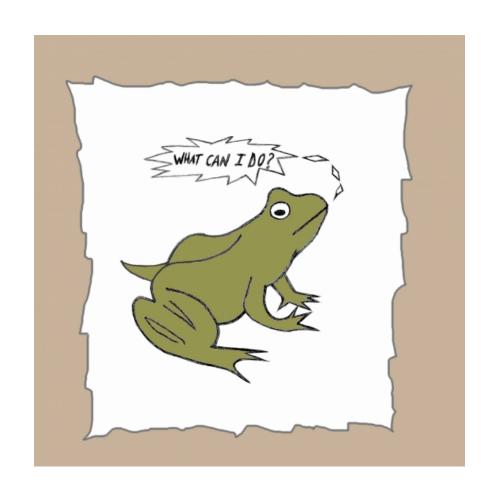
Alisema:

Kipi ulifanya ili ukaonekana

mrembo hivi?

Hebu, niangalie, nina sura mbaya mno.

Ninaweza kufanya nini kuhusu ngozi yangu?



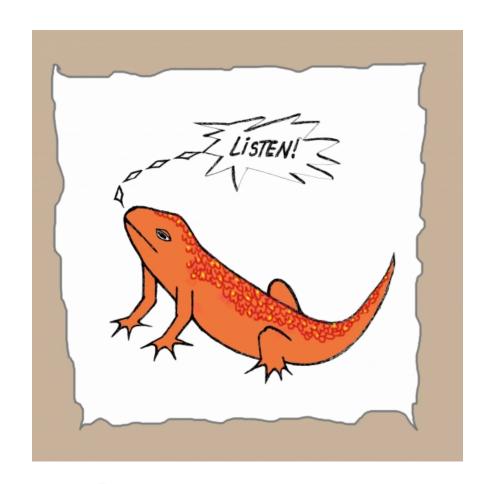
Mjusi alisema:

Sikiliza! Tia maji

chunguni kisha

ukiweke mekoni.

Halafu u...



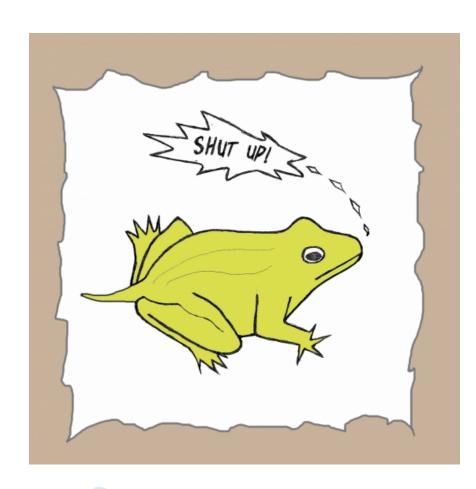
Lakini Chura akasema:

Najua tayari, najua.

Fyata ulimi,

rafiki yangu.

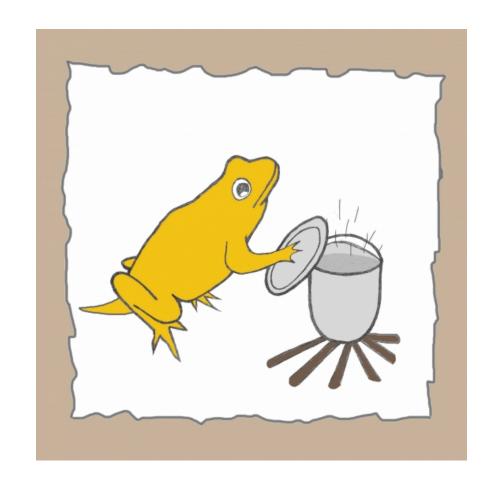
Mara akaondoka.



Kwa hivyo

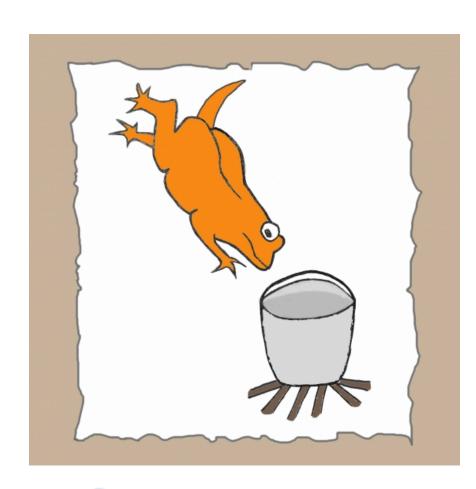
alifika nyumbani na

kutia maji chunguni.



Maji yalipoanza kuchemka,

alijitumbukiza ndani.



na ngozi yake ikachomeka

na mkia wake ukakatika!

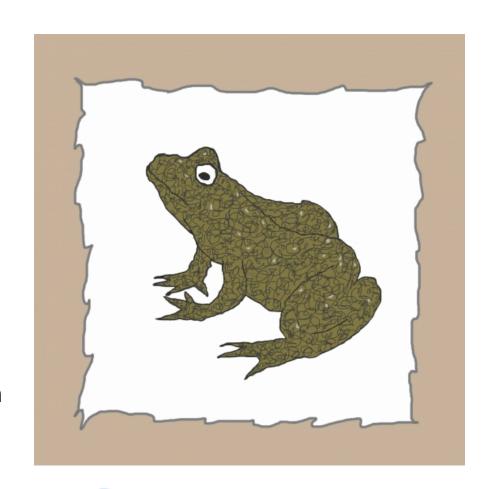


Na badala ya kumetameta

na kuwa mrembo

kama Mjusi,

alikuwa na sura mbaya zaidi!



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