

## Jumamosi alasiri ya joto

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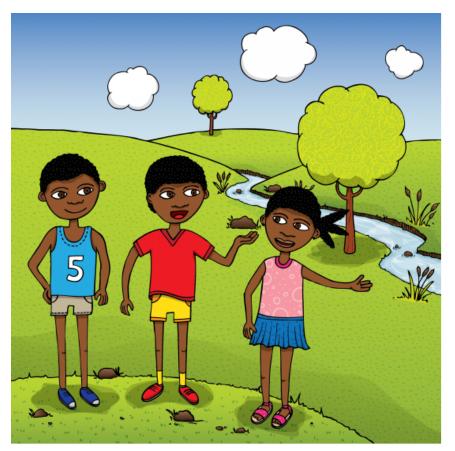


Ilikuwa Jumamosi moja iliyokuwa na joto jingi sana katika mwezi wa Desemba.

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."

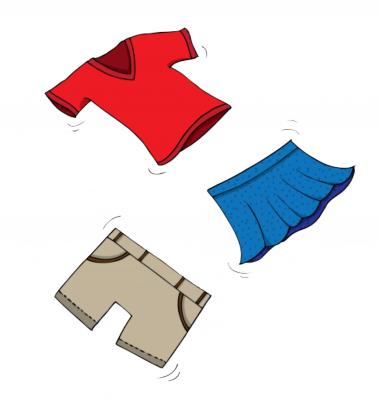
"Lakini mama alitukataza kuogelea mtoni," alisema Bontle.

"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.

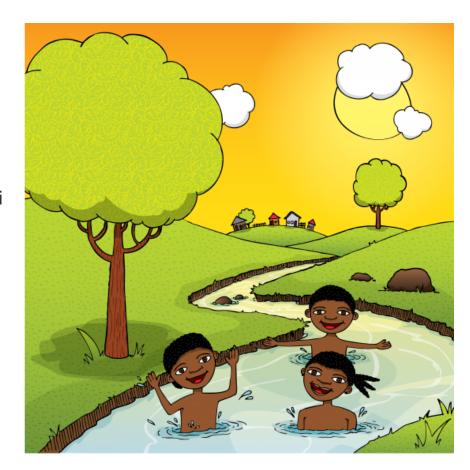
Kisha tulirushiana maji.

Punde kidogo tulikuwa tumeloa maji.



"Ah njoo! Hebu tuogelee," alisema Mpho. "Mama hatawahi jua."

Tuliogelea kwa muda mrefu na kusahau kuwa saa zilikuwa zikiendelea.





Jua lilianza kutua, na tulihisi baridi.

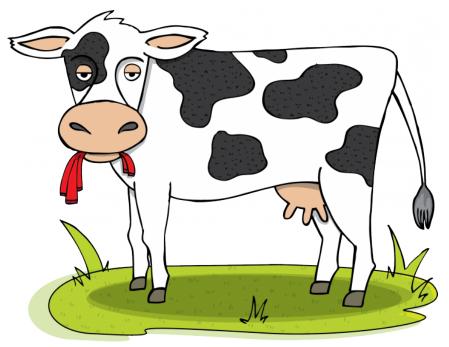
Lakini je, nguo zetu zilikuwa wapi?

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?"

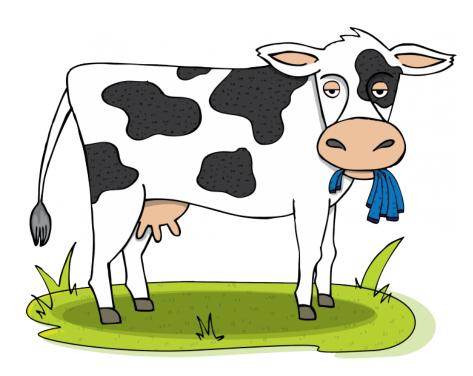
"Anakula ua jekundu," Lerato alisema.

"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."

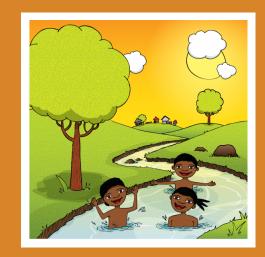
Lakini Mme alituamini?

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



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