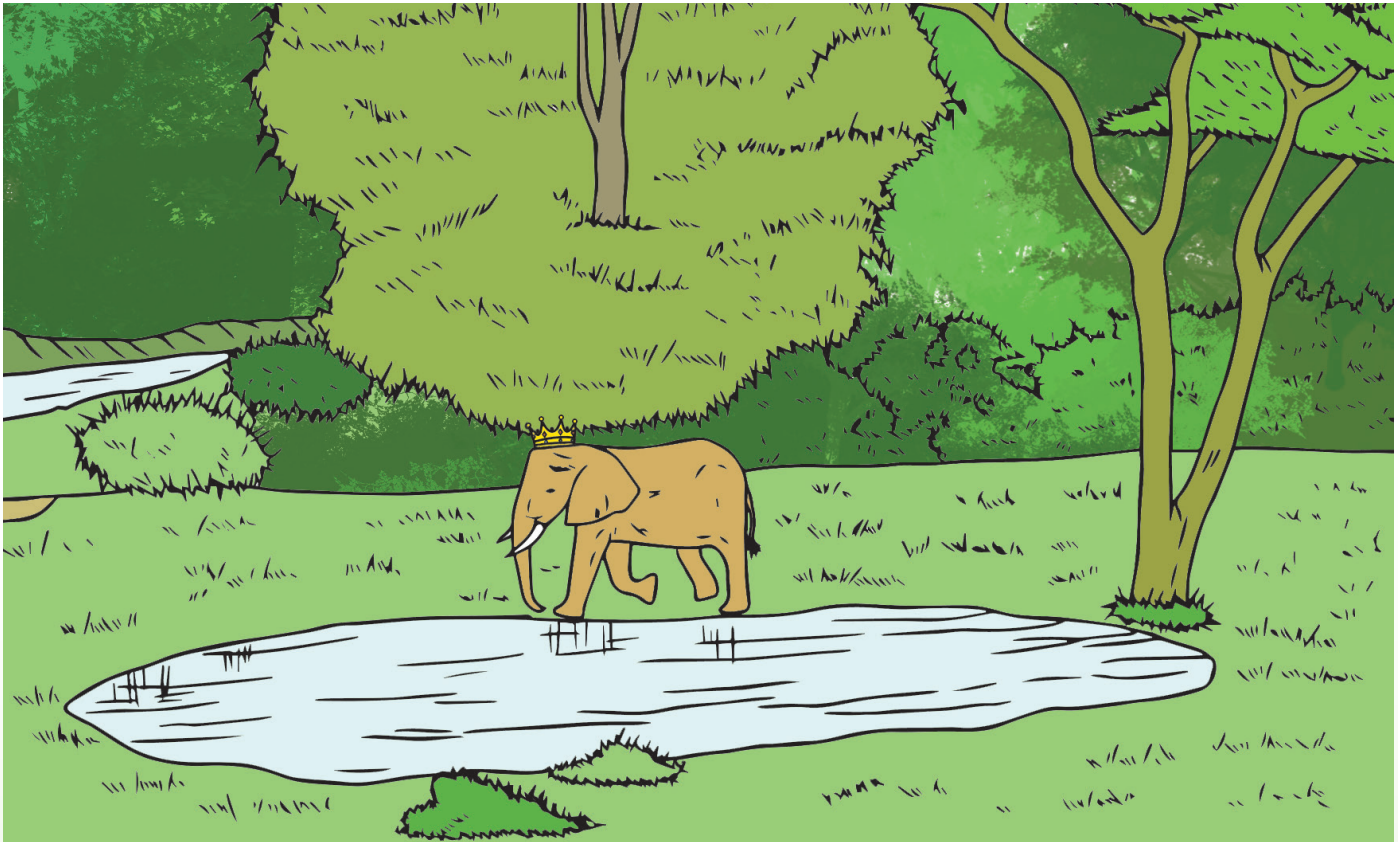




Vau tene tene mũno nyamũ syonthe sya kĩthekanĩ syekalaa
vamwe. Syatũaa na ũtanu mwingĩ kĩthekanĩ. Kĩla nyamũ
yatethasya wĩa wayo vate kũnyungunyĩsya.

Kwaĩna lĩu mwĩanu kwa nyamũ syonthe. Nyamũ syaĩna syĩndũ
syonthe ila syendaa. Kĩtheka nĩkyavw'ĩkĩte nyamũ nesa. Vai
mũmaitha wĩa avikĩa nyamũ vala syatũaa. Syatũaa na mũuo.
Nzou nĩwe wĩa mũsumbĩ.





Ngalĩko ãngĩ ya kĩtheka vaĩ kalũsĩ. Ngalĩko ya ãtheo kalũsĩnĩ
vaĩ ndia nini. Kĩla mũthenya Nzou nĩwatembeaa kĩthekanĩ.
Atembeaa kwona ãndũ nyamũ syatũaa. Nĩwendaa kwona ãndũ
nyamũ syatethasya wĩa wasyo. Nĩsyekalasya kĩtheka kĩ kĩtheu
mũno.

Mavinda amwe nzou nĩwakuaa nyamũ imwe na mũongo wake.
Nĩwaseũvitye nzĩa ãla nyamũ syesĩlaa. Nzou aĩ mũsumbĩ mũseo.

Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyamwendete mũsumbĩ woo nzou.
Nĩsyamwinĩaa mbathi sya kũmũkumya yĩla wavĩta:

*Nzou Mũsumbĩ witũ mwendwa,
We nue mũnene mũno,
Nzou mũsumbĩ witũ mwendwa,
We nue mũseo vyũ!*





Ngalĩko ãngĩ ya kĩtheka vaĩ mũsyĩ. Waĩna nyũmba mbanake mũno yaĩna wiio mũseo. Vaĩna malĩu me kĩvathũkanio mavandĩtwe mũũndanĩ. Mũsyĩ ũũ waĩ wa mũndũ.

Mũndũ atũaa mũsyĩnĩ ũyũ na andũ ma nyũmba yake. Vaa Mũndũ nĩwe waĩ mũtũĩ eweka wa nyamũ ila itũaa kĩthekanĩ. Nyamũ mbĩngĩ nĩsyamwĩsĩ. Nĩsyathekaa ũndũ mũndũ na andũ ma mũsyi wake matembeaa na maaũ elĩ.

Mũndũ nake nĩweesĩ nyamũ imwe. Nĩwoonaa nyamũ imwe aumaala mũsyĩ kwake. Nĩwautaa kĩw'ũ kuma ũsĩnĩ. Nĩwakomanaa na nyamũ ingĩ aiketha matunda ma kĩthekanĩ.



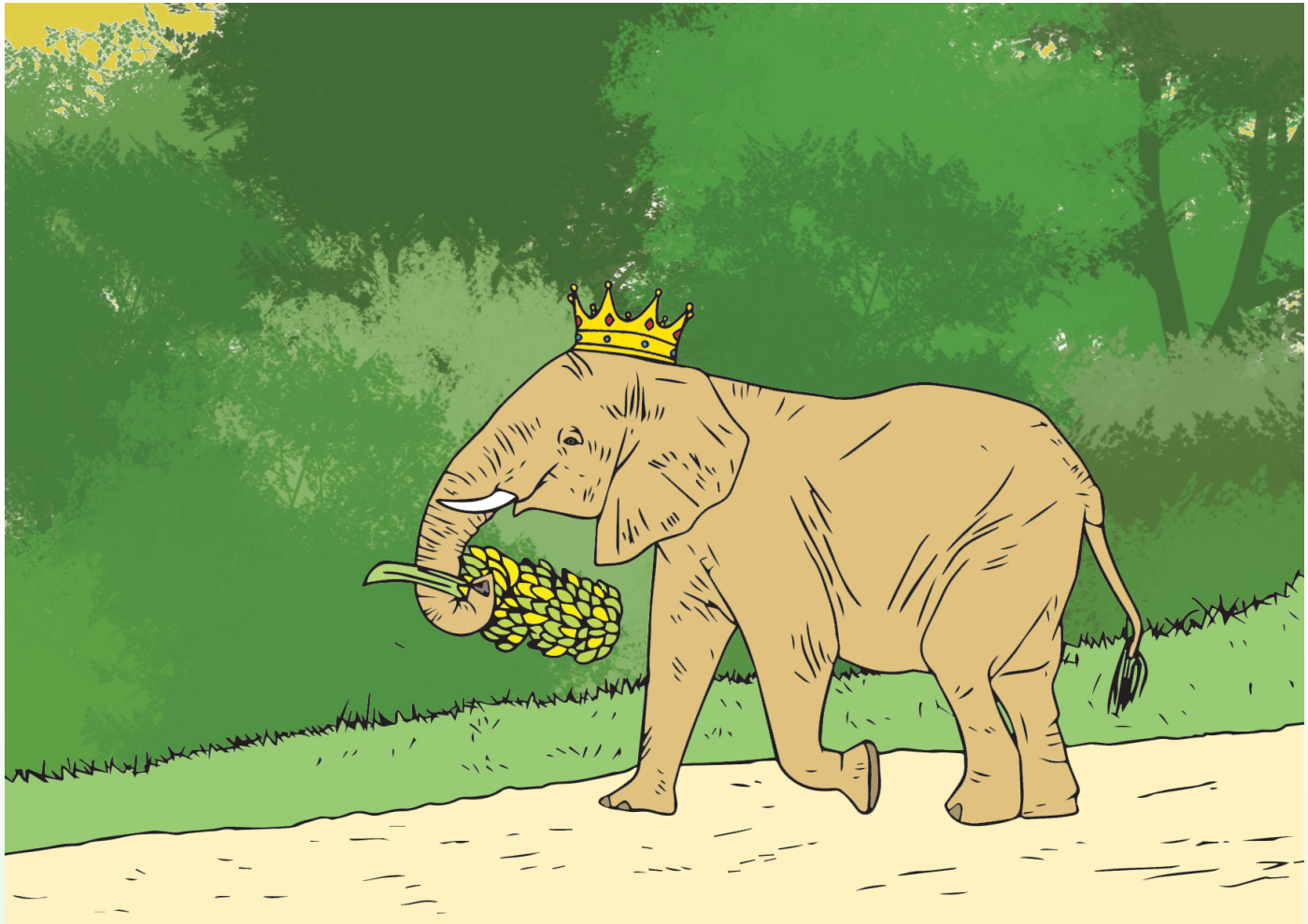


Kalūsī kaīna kīw’ū kīthithu. Ūtee wa kalūsī vaī isesi sya nyeki ya vuvī. Nyeki īsu yatūaa yīya ngilinī mavinda onthe. Isesi isu ityanyaa ona yīla kwī sua īvyū mūno. Nyamū mbingī nīsyendete kūthyūmūa isesinī ii.

Nzou na mūsyī wake nīmendete kūthambīa ndianī. Nīmendete kūthaūka na kīw’ū kī ndaka kīsionī kīī. Kīla mūthenya nīmathaūkaa kīwūnī kī ndaka kuma kwakya kūvika mawīoo.

Nzou aī mūnyanya wa mūdū. Kīī nīkyo kītumi Mūsumbī nzou weetīkīlilye mūdū kūtūa vakuvī na kītheka. Īla Nzou wathi mūsyī kwa mūdū, mūdū nīwamūnengae maiū meu.





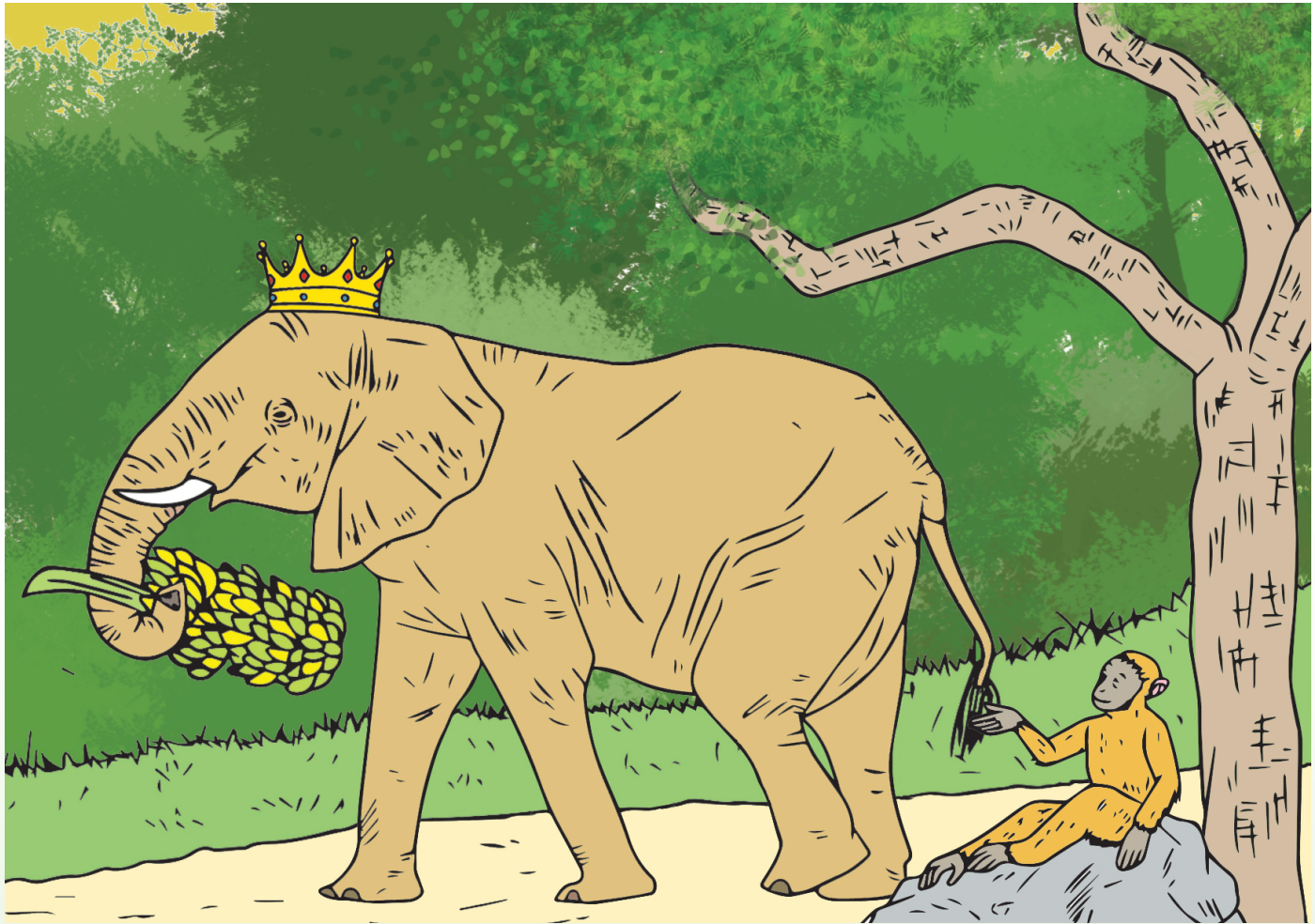
Mũthenya ũmwe nzou nĩwamũthokeie mũndũ. Mũndũ nĩwatanie mũno. Nĩwatanie kũmũthokya mũsumbĩ nzou. Nĩwamunengie kĩtembe kya maiũ meu aye.

“Mmhh! Meania mũyo!” nzou nĩwawetie. Yĩĩ yaĩ ĩvinda ya mũsumbĩ nzou kũya maiũ meu. Mawĩoo mũndũ nĩwanengĩe nzou maiũ angĩ meu atwaĩe syana syake. Mũsumbĩ nzou nĩwatanie mũno.

Nyamũ nĩsyaseng’ie mũno kwona nzou aumĩte mũsyĩ kwa mũndũ. Vai ũmwe aĩ atonya kũkũlya nzou ĩũlũ wa nthoki yake kwa mũndũ.

Tũsaũ twa nzou nĩtwendeeiw’e nĩ maiũ meu. Nĩtwakũlilye ĩthe atũmanthĩe maiũ angĩ. Nzou ndaĩna maiũ angĩ matiele. Maiũ mayameaa kĩthekanĩ.



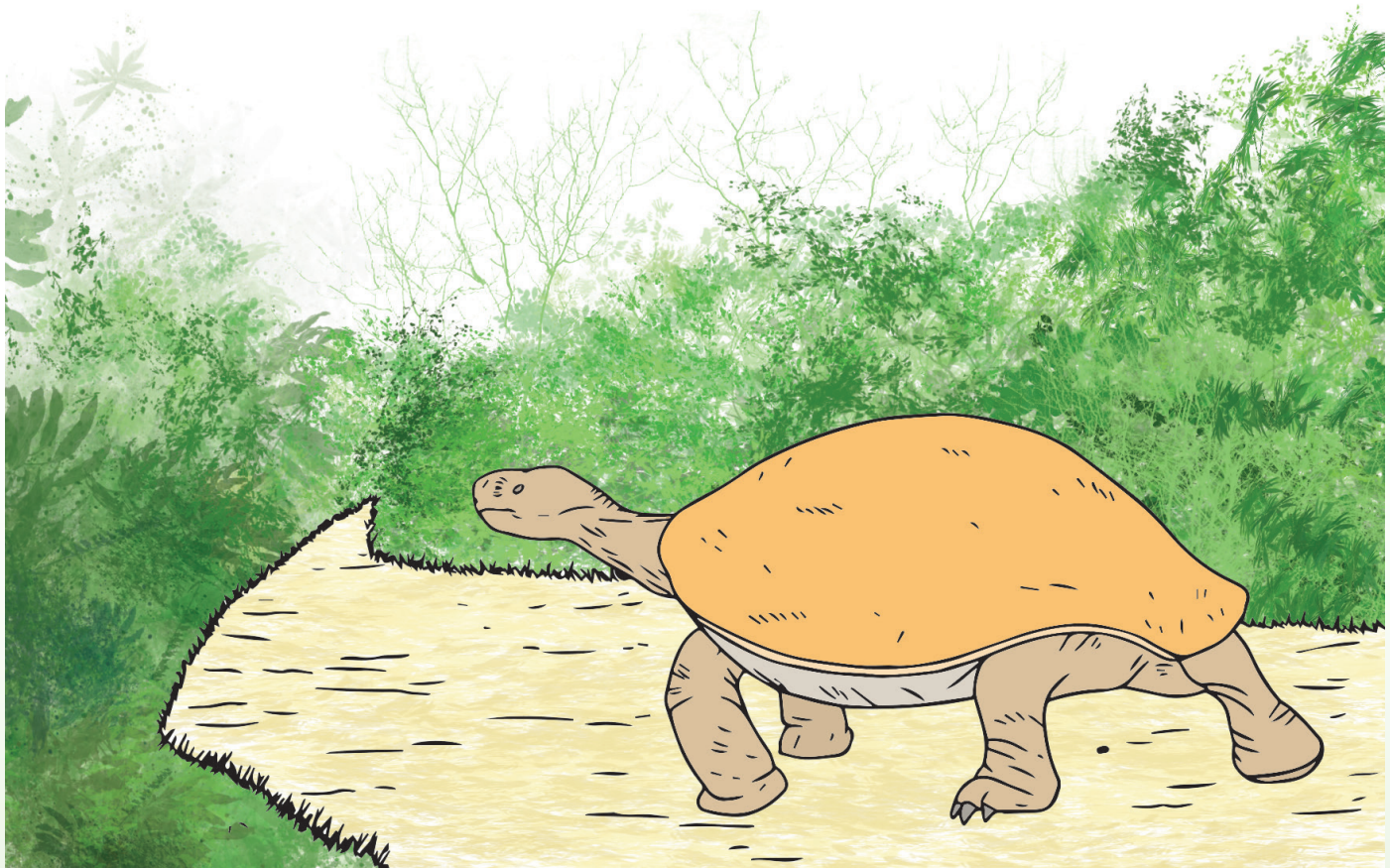


Tūsaũ nĩtwaĩie ũtukũ wonthe. Inya woo, mũka wa mũsumbĩ, nĩwathĩnĩkie mũno. Mũthenya ũla waatĩe Nzou nĩwoonie Ngũlĩ ĩvĩtĩte. ĩvĩndanĩ yĩu ngũlĩ ndyekalaa mĩtĩnĩ ĩũlũ.

“Enda vala ve mũndũ ũmwĩe aũnenge maiũ meu me mũyo ũetee tūsaũ twakwa.” Mũsumbĩ nĩwaumisye mwĩao. Ngũlĩ nĩyakililye kwa kavinda ĩisũanĩa. Nĩyamũthengeeie Mũsumbĩ Nzou.

“Mũndũ e maũĩ mũno. Eũnenge maiũ ĩndĩ akoosa kĩtheka kitũ,” Ngũlĩ nĩyamũsukĩie. Nzou nĩwathatie mũno. Avĩndũka na mĩtũkĩ na amĩkũna ngũlĩ na kũũ kwake kwa ĩtina. Ngũlĩ nĩyekiw’e ĩũlũ mĩtĩnĩ ũla waĩ vakuvĩ. Kuma ĩvĩndanĩ yĩu ngũlĩ yambĩisya kwĩkalaa yĩũlũ mĩtĩnĩ.



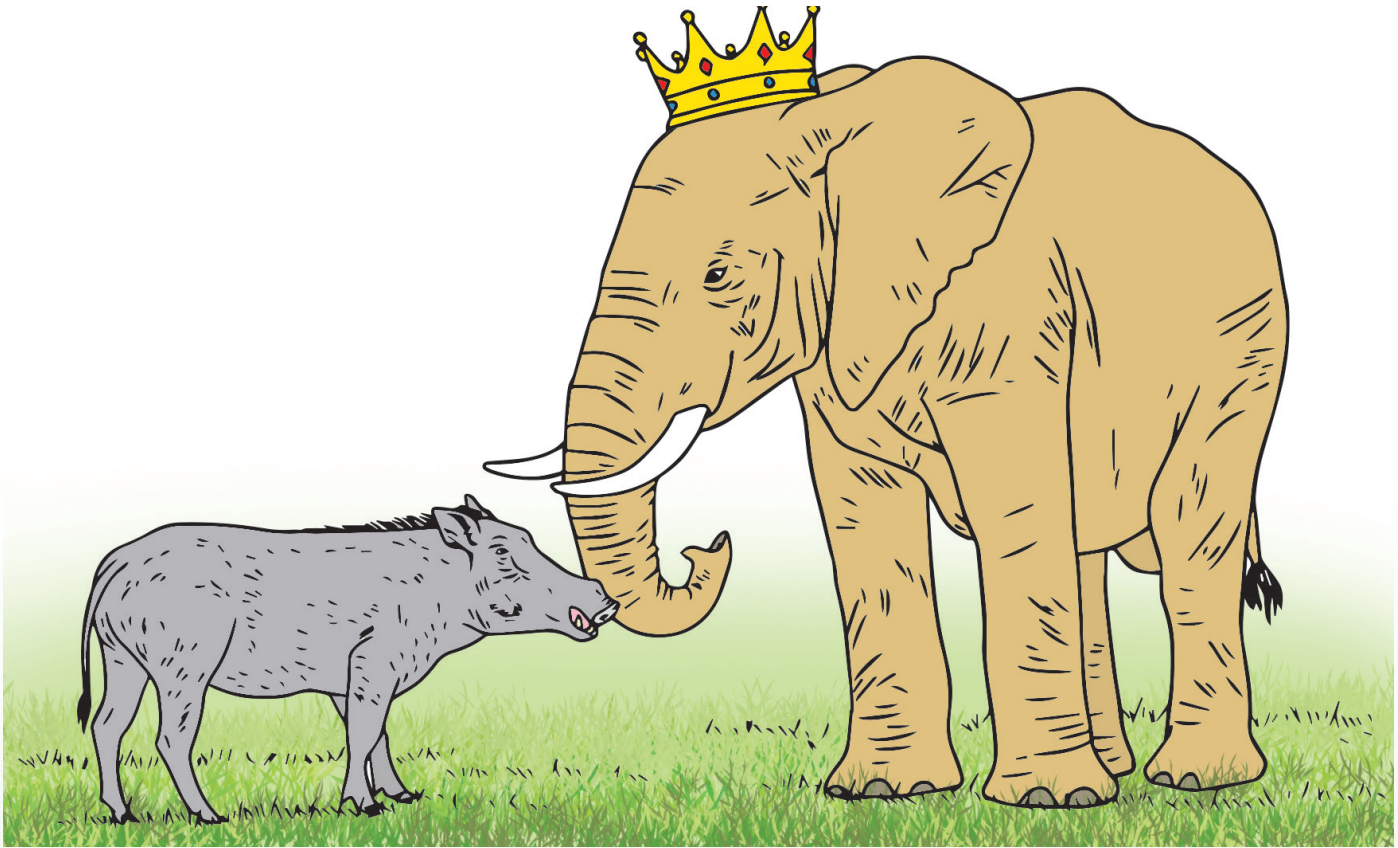


Mūsumbĩ Nzou nĩweetie ngu. Nguu aĩ mūtũmwa mũĩkĩĩku.
Ĩvindanĩ yĩu ngu yaĩna kĩkonde kītendeu ta kya nguũ.

“Enda kwa mũndũ ũmwĩe aũnenge kĩtembe kya maiũ meu me
mũyo.” Mūsumbĩ nĩwaumisye mwĩao kũla kwĩ Nguu. Nguu
nĩwakililye kwa kavinda na ĩndĩ asya kwa wasya wa kĩmako.

“Mũndũ e ĩtomo mũno, eũnenga maiũ ĩndĩ akoosa kĩtheka kitũ”
ngu nĩyasũngĩie. Nzou nĩwathatie mũno. Nĩwamĩkinyangie
ngu na woo mwingĩ. Nguu nĩwakuie ĩvinda ĩasa kũvoa. Yĩla
wavoie mũongo wake wooma. Nĩwakwatie makwaũ kũvika
ũmũnthĩ.



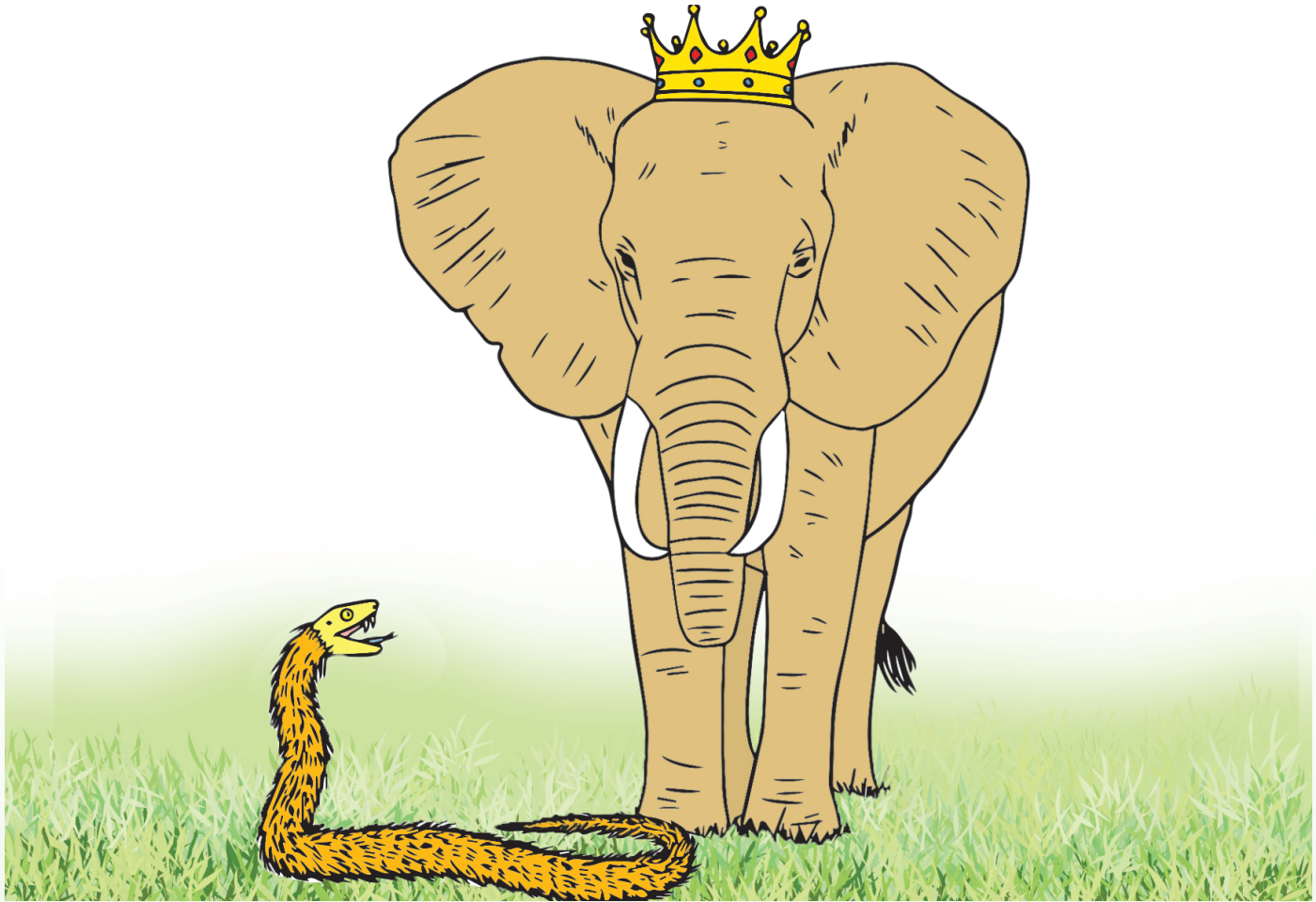


Mūsumbĩ Nzou nĩweetie Ngĩĩ. Ngĩĩ aĩ mwĩwi kwĩ nyamũ ila ingĩ syonthe. ĩvindanĩ yĩu Ngĩĩ yaĩna ngambu ndũngalu na maeo make matyaumĩĩte nza.

“Enda vala ve mũndũ ũmwĩe aũnenge maiũ ma yelo kwoondũ wa syana syakwa.” Mūsumbĩ nĩwaumisye mwĩao. Ngĩĩ nĩwakililye kwa kavinda aisũanĩa. Nĩwaendĩe kũtũnĩ kwa mūsumbĩ na amūsukĩĩsya.

“Mũndũ ti mũĩkĩĩku. ĩvindanĩ ya tene mũno mũndũ aĩna mũũnda mwanake ta ũũ. Wetawa mũũnda wa Eteni. Mũndũ nĩwaleile kũmwĩĩthukĩĩsya mũnene wake nake alũngw’a mũũndanĩ. Yu nũkwenda kwosa kĩtheka kitũ.” Ngĩĩ nĩyawetie. Nzou nĩwathatie mũno. Nĩwathyũũkisyē mũw’ongo wake kwĩ Ngĩĩ. Nĩwamĩkũnie ngĩĩ ngambu na mĩthya ya mĩw’ongo. Kĩĩ nĩkyo kyatumie maeo ma ngĩĩ mekonza na kuma nza wa kanywa wake.





Yu kwaĩ mawĩyoo. Mũsumbĩ nĩweesililye ũtukũ wonthe. Ndaatonya kũkoma. Mũthenya ũla waatĩie kĩoko nĩweetie nzoka nyũmbanĩ kwa Mũsumbĩ. Īvindanĩ yĩu nzoka yaĩ na kĩkonde kĩseo kĩ mawia.

“Enda vala ve mũndũ ũmwĩe aũenge maiũ ma yelo kwoondũ wa syana syakwa,” Mũsumbĩ nĩwaumisye mwĩao. Nzoka nĩyatelemile kwĩw’a ũũ. Nĩyathũie kĩkonde kyake kĩ mawia na mũtwe wake. Nzoka nĩyamwĩsĩ mũndũ nesa vyũ. Meethĩtwe me amaitha kwa ĩvinda ĩasa. Īndĩ nĩyaisye.

“Nĩnekalaa na mũndũ. Nĩnamũkengie. Ena woo mũno nũndũ wakwa. Akangũna mũtwe. Akooka kwosa mĩw’ongo yaku. Na akoosa kĩtheka kitu.” Ũndũ ũũ nĩwamũthatisye nzou. Nĩwakinyie mũtwe wa nzoka na kũũ kwake Kũnene. Nzoka nĩyatatie kwĩithasya. Nĩyavinyĩwe nginya wia wayo wauma na yatiwa na kĩkonde kĩtendeu kũvika ũmũnthĩ.



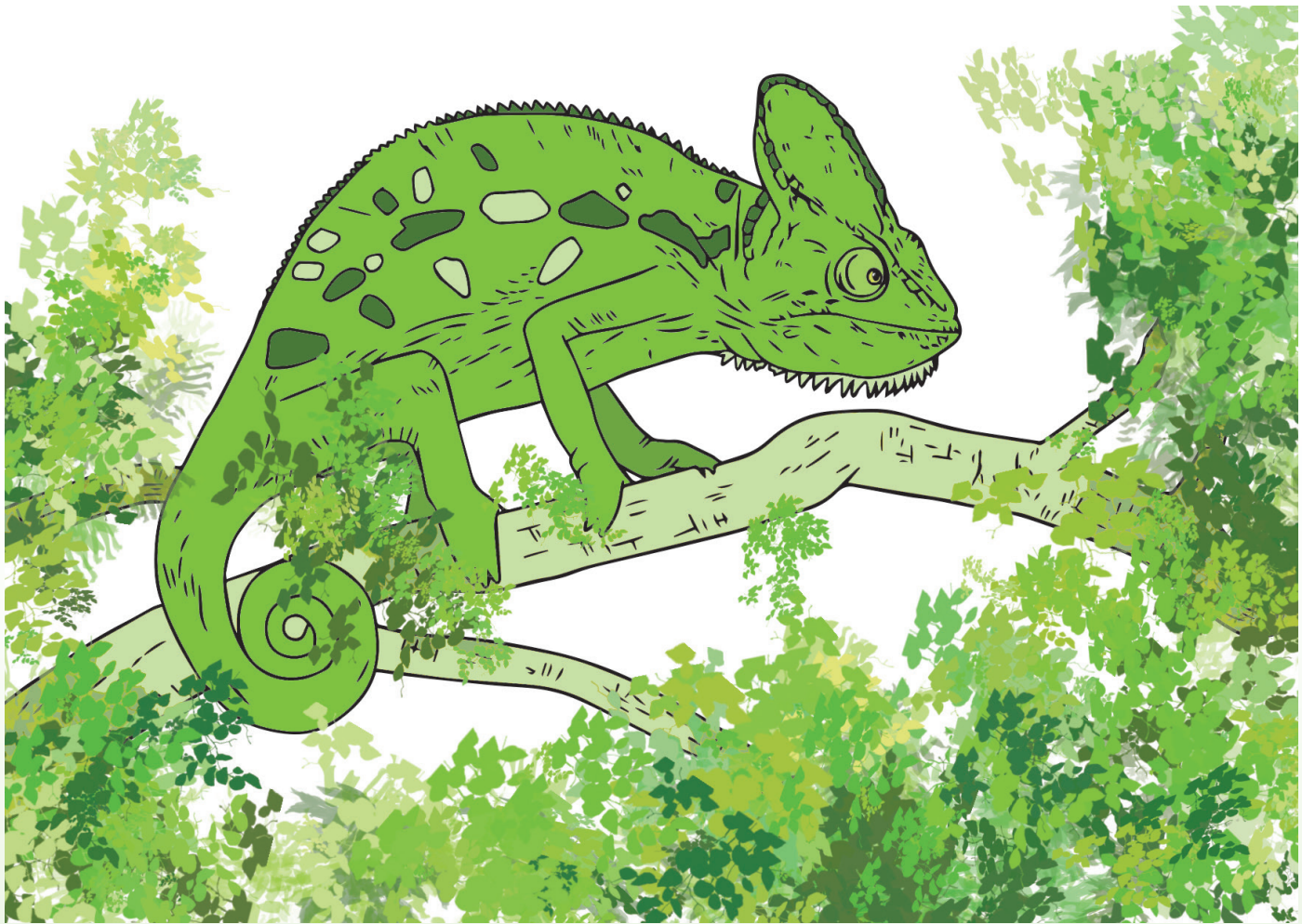


Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyeeew'ite kĩa Mũsumbĩ wamĩkie ngũlĩ.
Nĩsyeesĩ kana ngũlĩ yĩkalaa mĩtĩnĩ ãlũ. Nĩsyoonete ãndũ nzou
yeekie ngu. Nĩsyeesĩ kana ngu yu yĩ kĩkonde na mũongo
mũmũ.

Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyeeew'ite kĩa Mũsumbĩ wamĩkie Ngĩ.
Nĩsyeesĩ kana ngĩ yĩ maeo maumĩlĩte nza. Nĩsyoonete kĩa nzou
yeekĩte nzoka. Nĩsyeesĩ kana nzoka yu yĩ kĩkonde kĩtendeu.
Nĩsyeesĩ kana no mũvaka nzoka yumye kĩkonde kyake kĩa
ĩvinda.

Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyakomanie kĩmbĩthĩnĩ. Iyaamũtavya Nzou.
Iyendaa Mũsumbĩ aimanya mĩvango yoo. Nĩsyatongoewe nĩ
mũnyambũ. Nyamũ nĩsyeeew'anie kana Mũsumbĩ eeta ãmwe
woo makaendaa onthe.

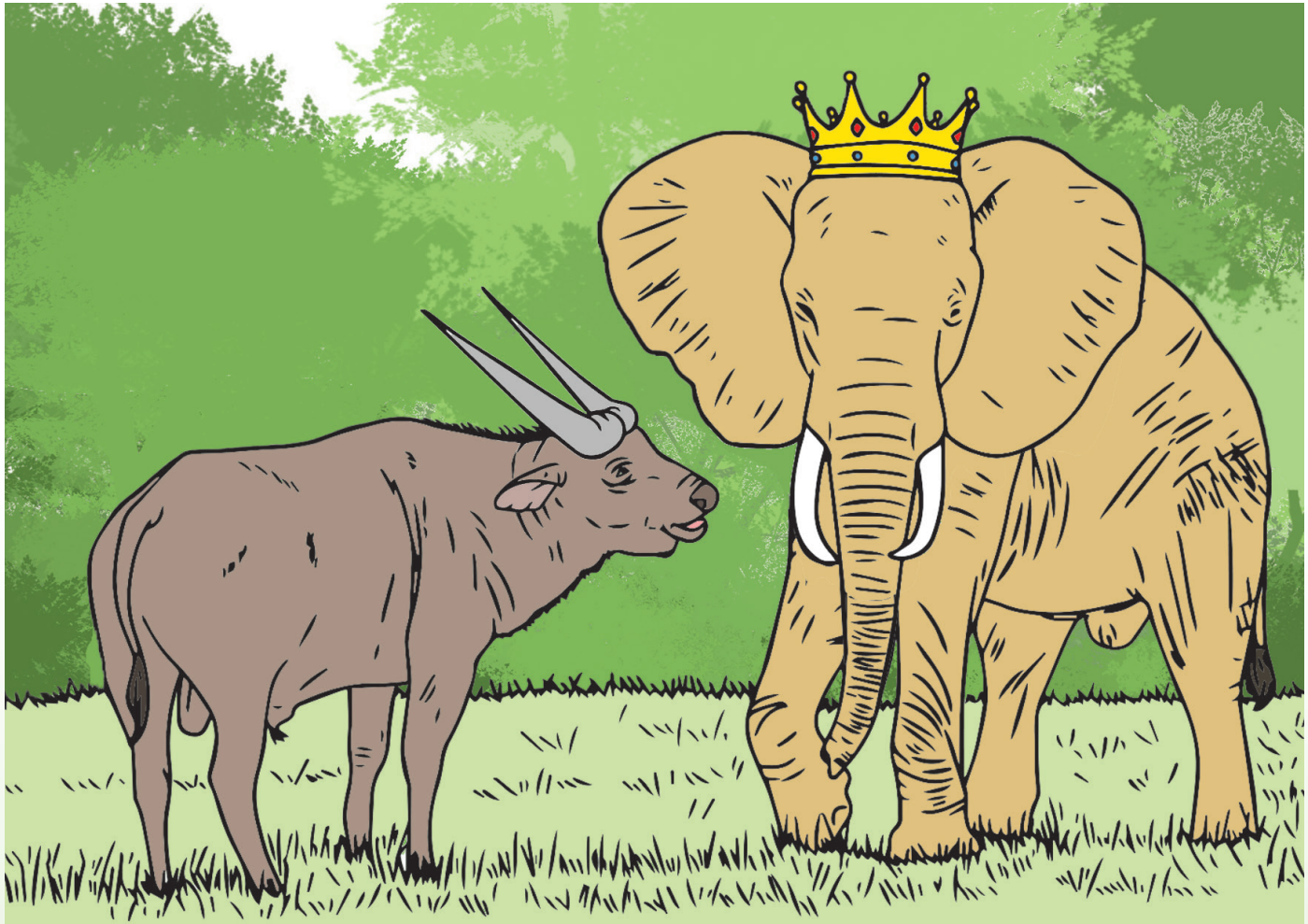




Mūvango waĩ kwĩivitha ikuthunĩ nĩkana mone kĩla Mūsumbĩ Nzou ũkwĩka. Nyamũ nĩsyeesĩ Mūsumbĩ nzou nũkwĩta ũmwe woo. Vai nyamũ yaaenda kũthi vakuvĩ na Mūsumbĩ.

Kĩmbu nĩwookĩlilye ũĩme asya, “nĩngũthi vakuvĩ vyũ ũndũ vatonyeka, nĩivithanĩtye na matũ.” Mūsumbĩ ndeesĩ mūvango ũla nyamũ syaĩ naw’o.



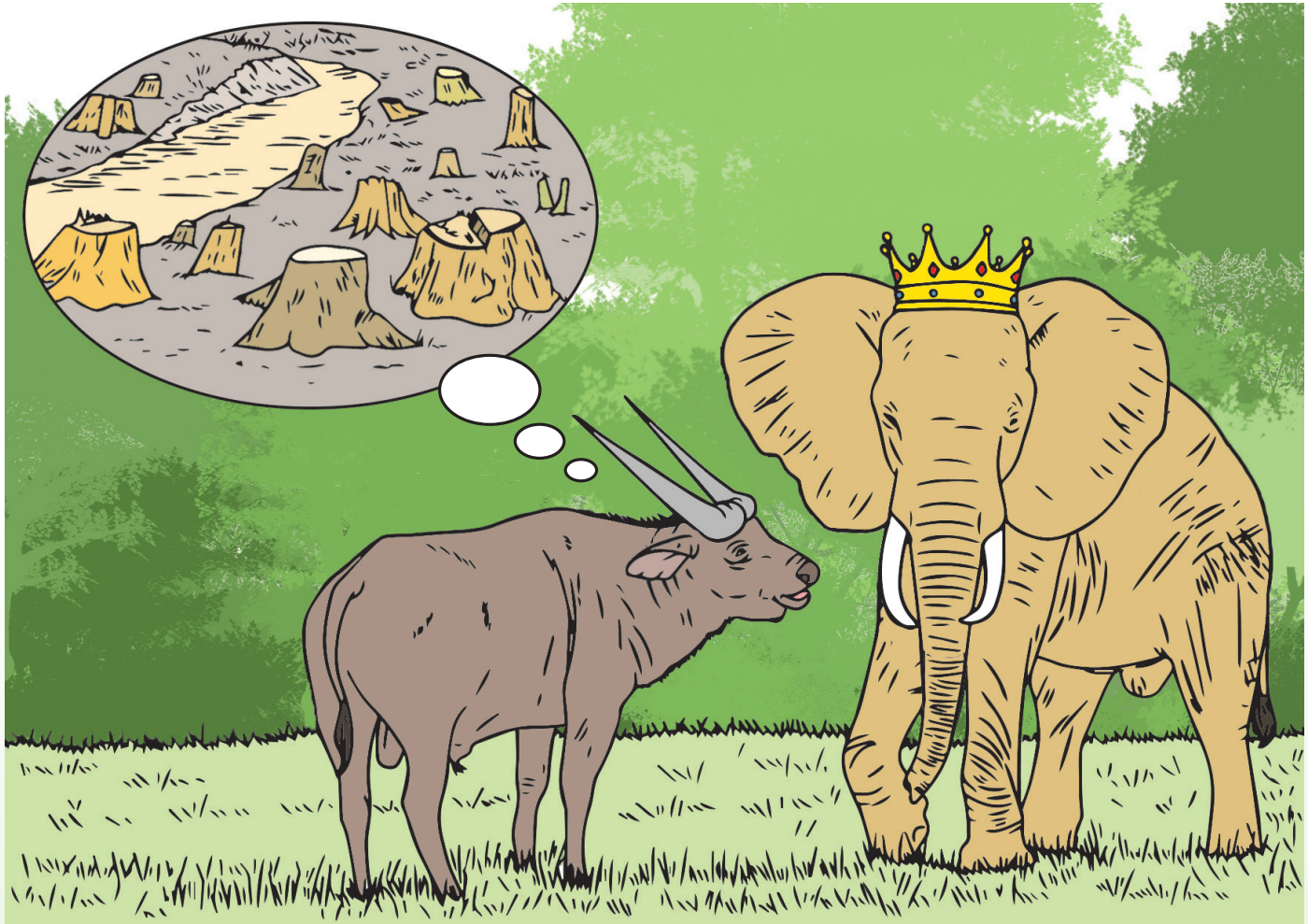


Mũthenya ũla waatĩie Mũsumbĩ nĩweetie mboo. Mboo aĩ ũmwe wa asikalĩ aĩkĩĩku ma Mũsumbĩ. Mboo nĩwasungaa mbingĩlo sya nyũmba ya mũsumbĩ. Īvindanĩ yĩu mbya sya mboo syailĩ ta sya ng'ombe.

Mboo aĩ mũsikalĩ wĩ ũkũmbaũ. Nĩwaumie mbingĩlonĩ na asema kwĩw'a kila mũsumbĩ wendaa.

Mboo avĩka Mũsumbĩ nĩwamũnengie mwĩao, “Enda vala ve mũndũ ũmwĩe aũenge maiũ ma yelo kwoondũ wa syana syakwa.” Mboo nĩwavindisye kwa kavinda, aisũanĩa.



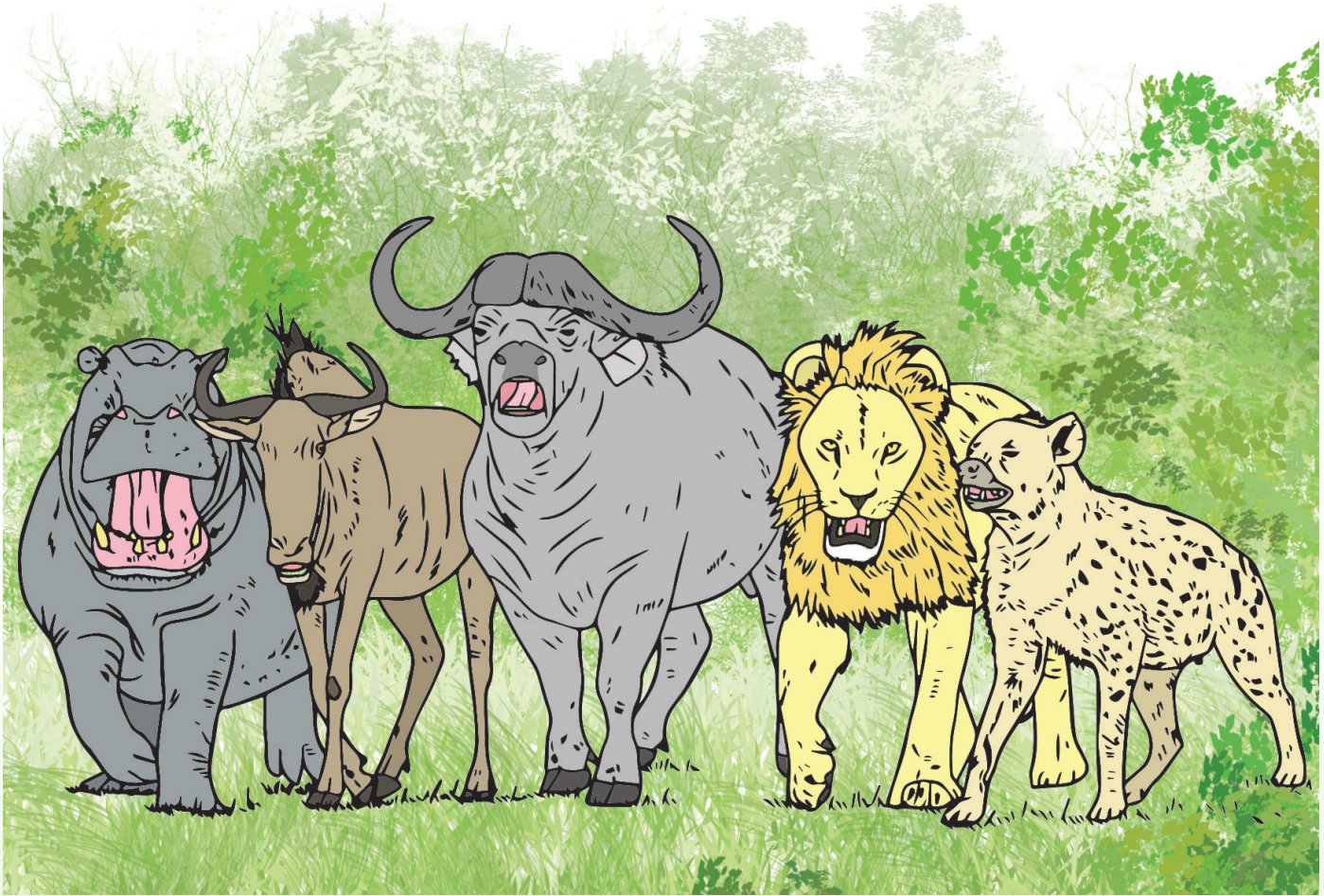


“Mūsumbĩ wakwa, kĩla ĩvinda nĩnonaa mūndũ atũsyaĩsye kuma mwakonĩ wa mūnyoolo. Nĩwendete twĩthĩwe ngombo syake. Ona ũndũ wĩkĩte ng’ombe. Nĩwendete kwosa mbya sya mboo.” Mboo nĩwaneenie.

“Nũkwosa kĩtheka kĩla nĩ ũtũo witũ. Akatema mĩtĩ akwate malĩ ya kwaka nyũmba yake. Akatema mĩtĩ avĩvye makaa. Akatema mĩtĩ akwate ngũ. Na ĩndĩ akaĩma mũũnda wake na aivanda malĩu.” Mboo nĩwaendeeie na kũneena.

Ndeto ii nĩsyamũthatisye Nzou. Nĩwamũkimie mboo mūtwe na mĩw’ongo yake. Kĩĩ nĩkyo kītumi mbya sya Mboo ikonzekete. Mbya sya mboo nĩ ngonzeku kũvika ũmũnthĩ. Mboo nĩwasembie aenda kĩthekanĩ. Nĩwaekie kũsunga Mūsumbĩ.

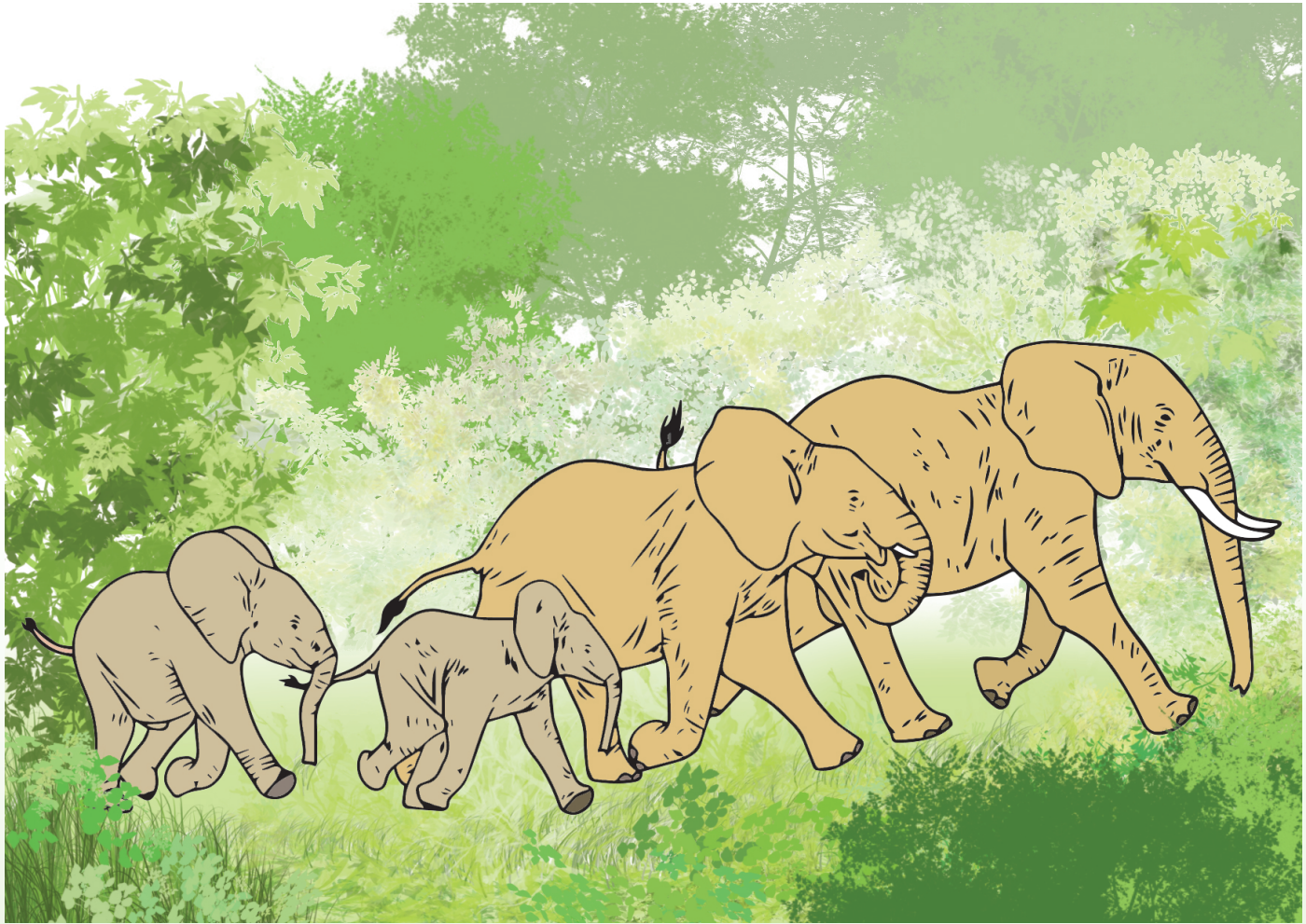




Kĩmbu nĩweew'ie kĩa kĩndu. Nĩweevithĩte ĩtũnĩ ya mũti ĩũlũ wa Nzou. Kĩmbu nĩwaendie atavya nyamũ ila ingĩ kĩa Mũsumbĩ nzou weekie Mboo. Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyaumie wĩvithonĩ. Syatongoewe nĩ mũnyambũ. Nĩsyainaa:

*Nzou! Nzou! Tũĩũkwenda ĩngĩ!
Nĩtũneewie ũndũ ũnakũnie ngũlĩ,
Yu ekalaa mĩtĩnĩ ĩũlũ.
Nĩtũneewie ũndũ ũneekie nguu,
Yu ena mũongo wĩ malanga.
Nĩtũneewie ũndũ ũneekie ngĩ,
Yu ena maeo maumĩlĩte nza.
Nĩtũneewie ũndũ ũneekie nzoka,
Yu ena kĩkonde kĩtendeu.
Nayu mwendwa witũ mboo! Tũĩũkwenda ĩngĩ!*



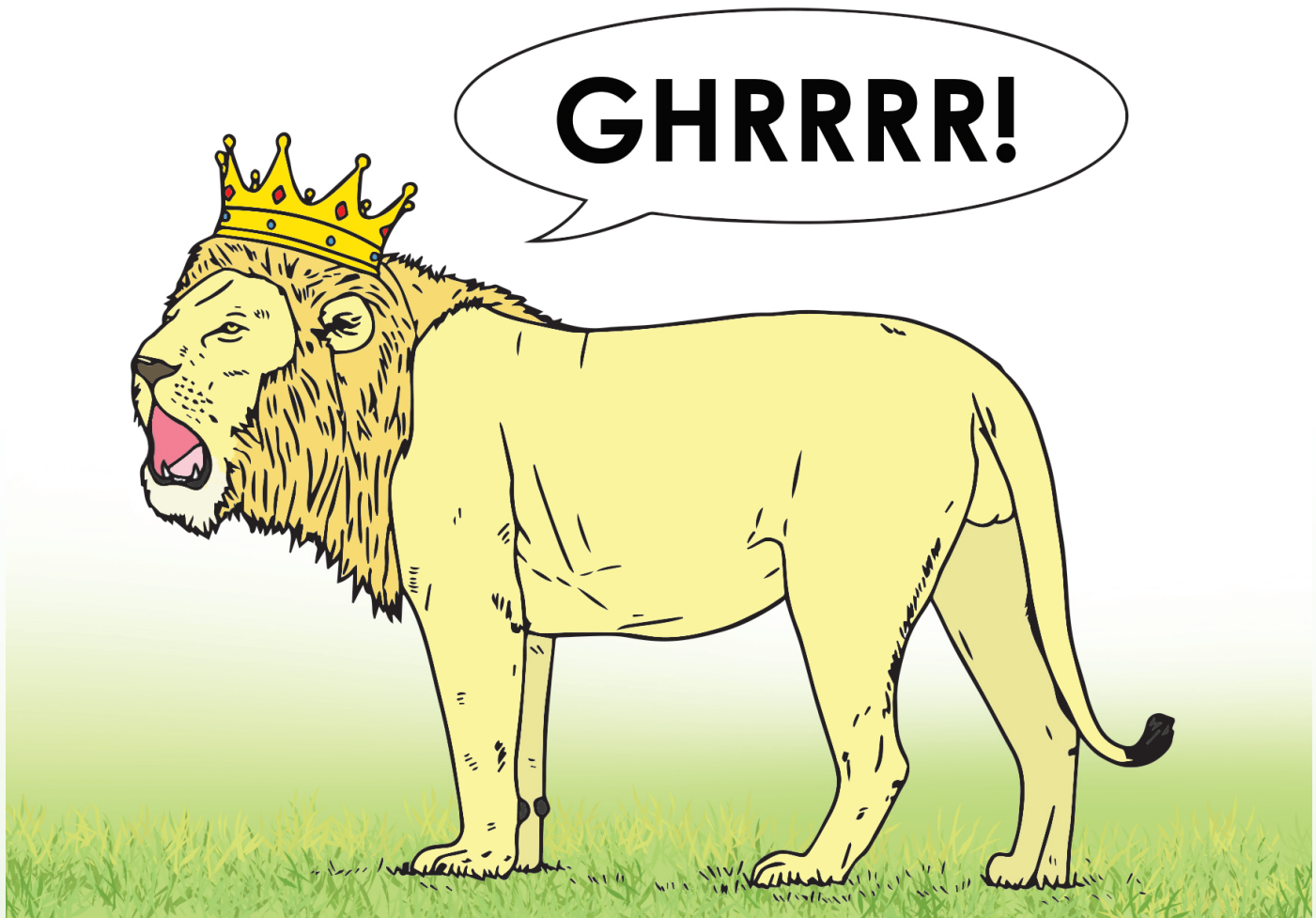


Mūsumbĩ Nzou nĩwatelemilw'e ni kĩlonzo kĩa weewie kya nyamũ. Ndeesĩ vala kĩlonzo kyaumĩte. Nĩwalilikanile ũndũ ngũĩ yamwĩie. Nĩwalilikanile ũndũ nguu na ngĩ mamwĩie. Nĩwalilikanile ũndũ nzoka yamwĩie.

Nĩwalilikanile ũndũ mboo yamwĩie. Nĩwasũanĩie oona kana mũndũ nũtonya kwĩthĩwa esĩite mĩw'ongo yake. Mūsumbĩ Nzou nĩwamanyie kana maũndũ ti maseo. Nĩweetie tũsaũ twake twonthe na iny'a woo.

Nĩmasembie ũndũ matonya. Nĩmakwatie wĩvitho kĩthekanĩ nthĩnĩ. Na vau nĩvo wĩkalaa nginya ũmũnthĩ.





Nyamũ syonthe nĩsyatanie mũno. Ngũlĩ nĩyatanie! Ngũũ
onayo nĩyatanie! Ngĩĩ nayo yatana! Nzoka nayo yatana. Mboo
onayo yatana mũno. Nyamũ syonthe iyendaa nzou kwĩthĩwa e
Mũsumbĩ woo ĩngĩ.

Nyamũ nĩsyakomanie ĩngĩ. Syamũnyuva Mũnyambũ kwĩthĩwa
Mũsumbĩ woo. Mũnyambũ nĩwe Mũsumbĩ wa kĩthekanĩ kũvika
ũmũnthĩ.

