



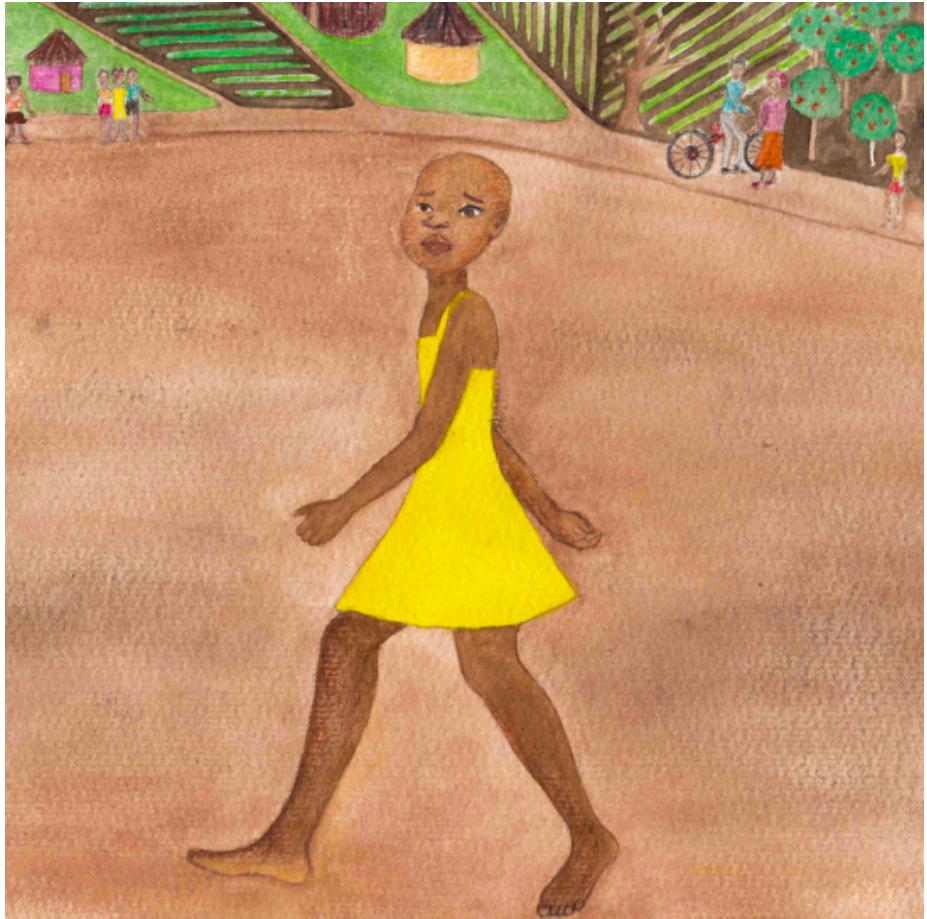
# Matla a Smangaliso

Sponono Mahlangu  
Khanyisa Masemola



Sesotho (South Africa)

First paragraphs



Lefatsheng le leng ka nqane ho noka ya  
Limpopo ho dula Simangaliso.

Ho utlwahala hore Simangaliso o na le mefuta e  
ikgethileng ya matla.

Batho bohole motseng wa heso ba bua ka yena.



Simangali o lenseswe le monate le molodi. O dula  
morung moo a binelang dinonyana le  
diphoofolo.

O bina qetellong ya letsatsi le leng le leng.  
Batho ba tloha hole ho tla mamela lenseswe la  
hae le molodi.



Simangaliso o na le moriri o bolelele boo ho  
seng motho a kileng a bo bona. O fetola moriri  
wa hae ka moo a batlang. O kgoni ho o  
nyametsa le ho o hlahisa hape.

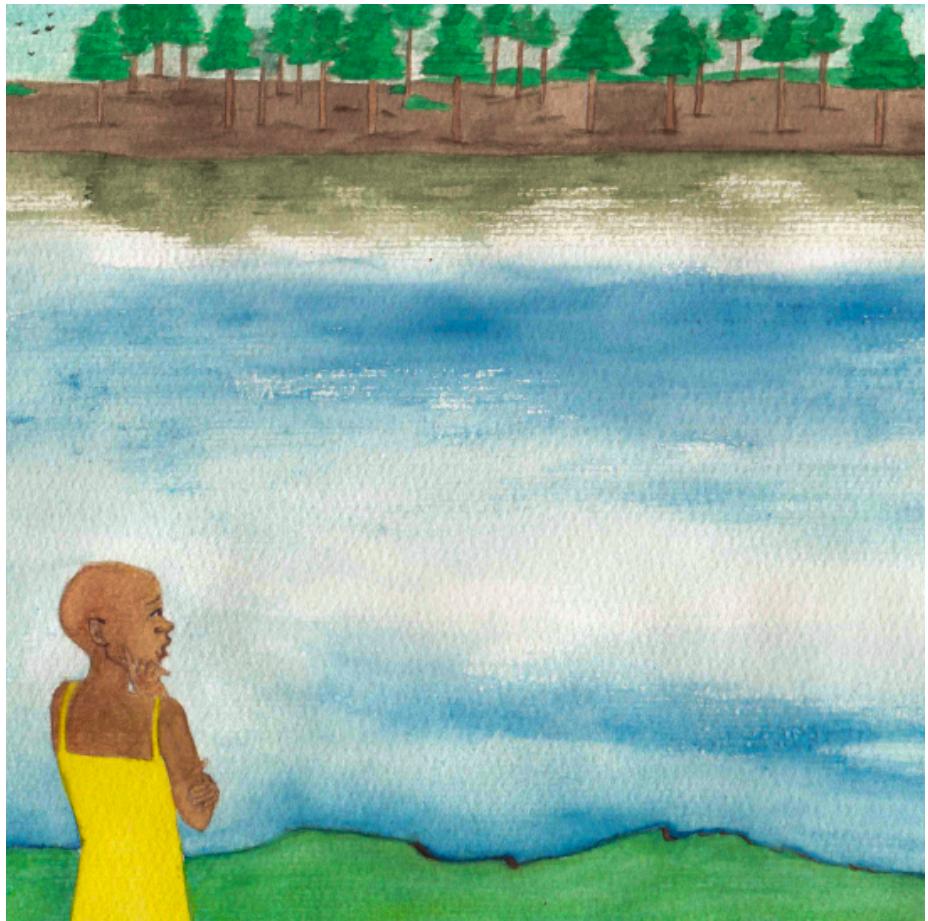
Ka mehla ha a bina, moriri o a theoha o kwahela  
sefahleho sa hae.



Simangaliso o tsamaya hara moru tsatsi le leng  
le le leng.

O kgon a ho utlwa le ho nkgella kotsi.

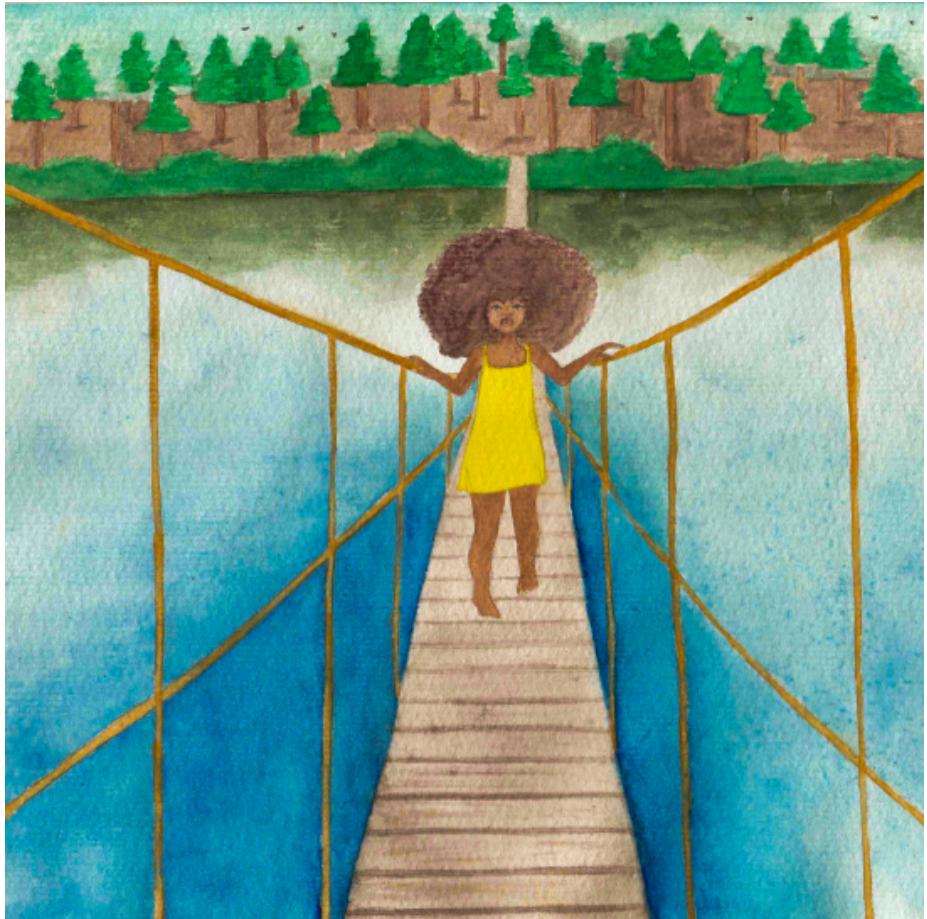
O kgon a le ho utlwa ha motho a etla ho yena ka  
merero e mebe.



Ka tsatsi le leng, Simangaliso a nka qeto ya ho batla ho tseba hore bophelo bo jwang ka nqane ho noka ena e sephara.

A nka qeto ya ho nka leeto.

Ha a fihla pela noka ena e kholo, a ipotsa, "Ke tla tshela jwang?"



Simangaliso a nahana motsotswana yaba o a  
hweletsa, "Matla! Matla!"

Hang borokgo ba hlaha.

A tshelela ka nqane ho noka, a tswela pele ka  
leeto. A tsamaela hole le moru oo a neng a o  
tseba.



Simangaliso a kgathala. "Ke hloka ho phomola,"  
ke yena a nahana.

A hweletsa, "Matla! Matla!"

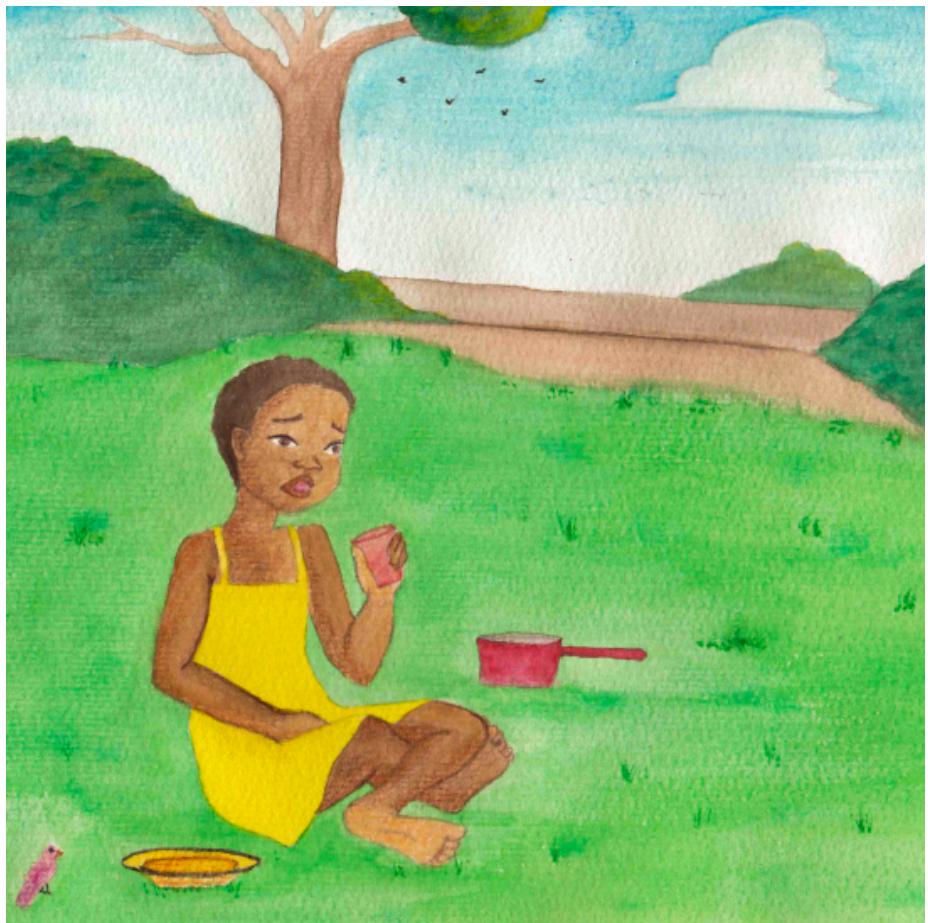
Hang jwang ba mela ho mopotoloha.  
Simangliso a dula fatshe hodima jwang bo  
phodileng.



Simangaliso a lapa. "Ke hole le moru. Ke tla fumana dijo kae?" ke yena a ipotsa.

A nyeka dipounama tsa hae a hweletsa, "Matla! Matla!"

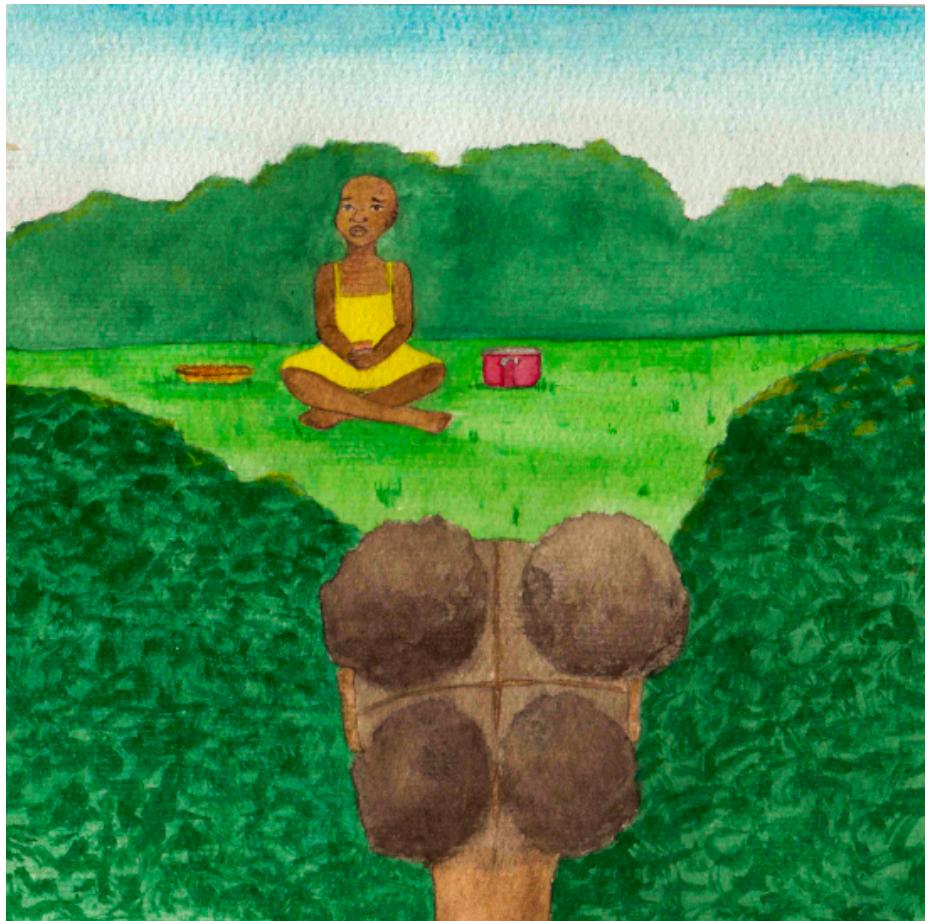
Hang dipitsa tse lelea, dikotlolo le dikopi tsa hlaha.



Dijo le dino tse ratwang ke Simangaliso tsa wela  
ka hara dipitsa, dikotlololo le dikopi tse lelea.

A ja, a nwa ka moo a sa kgoneng.

Yaba o utlwa lentswe.



Simangaliso a utlwa boteng ba ka le pele ke mo atamela.

A hweletsa, "Ke mang yeo?"

Ka araba ka lentswe le lesesane, "Ke nna. lebitso la ka ke Buumi."

Simangaliso a tseba hore ke tla ka merero e metle.



"Ke lahlehile," ka bua ka lentswe le lesesane.

"Tloho o tlo ja o nwe le nna!" Ke Simangaliso a  
mo mema.

Ke ile ka ja, ka nwa ka moo ke batlang.

Ke ile ka borella Simangaliso ka moo ke  
lahlehileng ha ke setse kgaitzedi ya ka morao.



Simangaliso a mphethela ka leeto la hae la ho tseba hore bophelo bo jwang ka nqane ho noka.

Yaba o a bososela a hweletsa, “Matla! Matla!”

Yaba ke ka moo ke ileng ka iphumana ke eme ka pela ntlo ya batswadi ba ka.



Ulwazi Lwethu is a Zenex Foundation funded and initiated project to develop a series of graded and leisure African language readers and teacher support materials. This project is targeted at teaching and supporting learners in the Foundation Phase to improve their home language reading and understanding. The readers have been originated in nine African languages in collaboration with Molteno Institute for Language and Literacies, Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development, Room to Read South Africa, and Saide. All resources are developed as Open Education Resources (OER).



Your attribution should include the following:

**Title:** Matla a Smangaliso  
**Author/s:** Sponono Mahlangu  
**Translator/s:** Nthabiseng Tsatsi  
**Illustrator/s:** Khanyisa Masemola  
**Assurer/s:** Mathapelo Morake  
**Language:** Sesotho (South Africa)



© Zenex Foundation - Saide 2023

CC BY includes the following elements:

BY – Credit must be given to the creator

