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Kudala-dala kwakukho inkuku egama linguCikizwa
nkuku leyo eyayiyinkedama.

Wathi esakhangela ukutya wabona intuku
iphuma emngxunyen i wayo. Yamphoxa kanobomi
esathetha nayo.



Walila uCikizwa ebuhlungu, egixa, yaxolisa intuku
xa imbona elila.



Intuku yaxolisa kakhuuulu kuCikizwa yamphathela
isiselo esimnandi namaqebengwana batya, basela
kunye kwamnandi kwanjeyaaa.



Ukususela loo mini baba ngabahlobo
abasenyongweni. Bagonana kwanzima nokuba
omnye asuke komnye bebonisa uthando nobuhlobo
obuqinileyo nenkathalo.



Wagoduka uCikizwa eshiya umhlobo
wakhe ngoxolo.

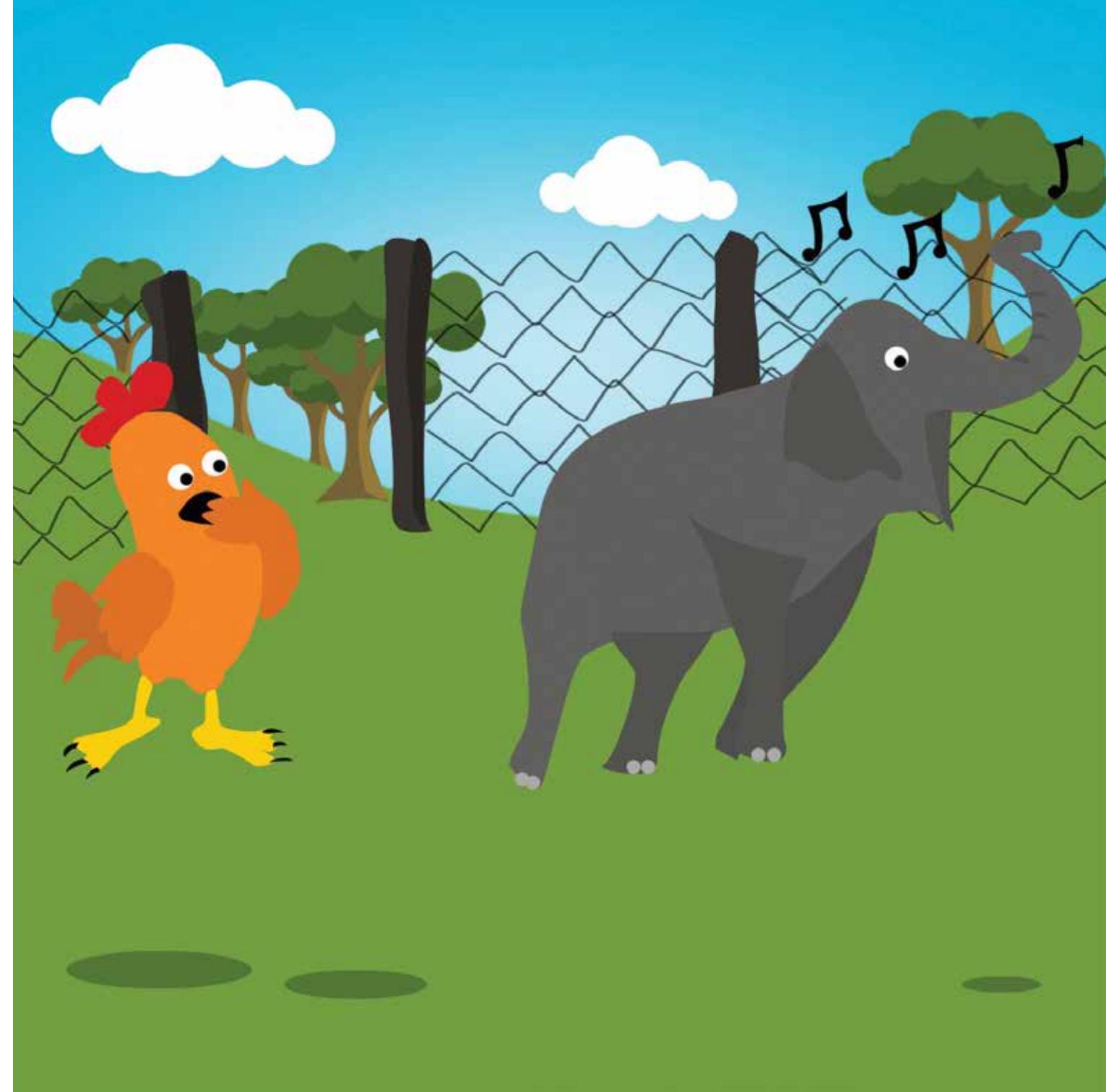
Uthe elele uCikizwa weva ilizwi likaMama wakhe
ephupheni lisithi “Utshata nini Cikizwa”?
“Tyhini ndiyaphupha” waphaphama wavuka
ebuthongweni uCikizwa.



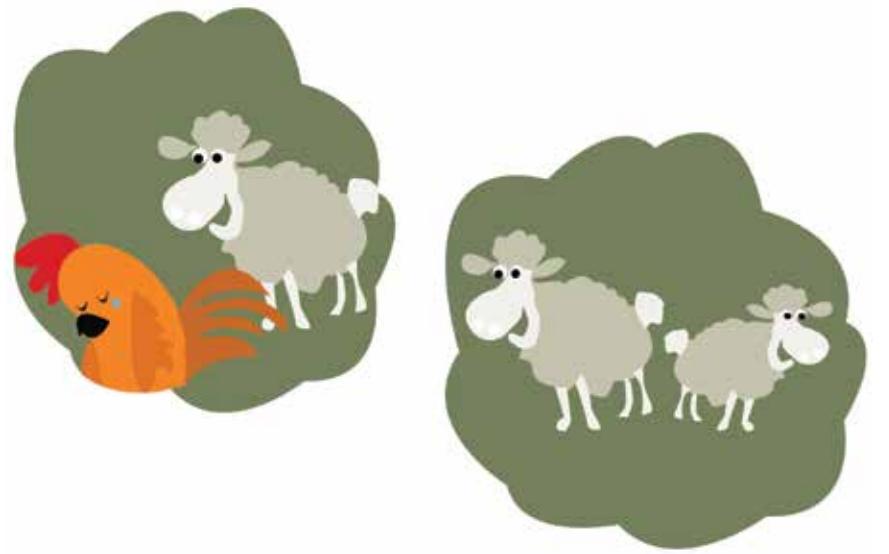
Kwesi sixeko kwakukho indlovu ekhohlakeleyo
neyayithanda ukuqumbisa nokucaphukisa uCikizwa
ngamazwi ayo.



Wathi eyibulisa ngomdla yasuka yona yamphoxa, ihlekisa ngaye isithi, “Ha ha ha suka nkedamandini eqavileyo, ufunu ntoni kum, utsho ngokubhitya nje, ngathi uvinjwe umbona?” Weva kabuhlungu gqitha uCikizwa exheleke mpela emphefumlweni.



Endleleni egodukayo udibene noGusha Bhoqo
wamphalazela imbilini yakhe ngoko nangoko.
Wathuthuzelwa uCikizwa leli qhawe waxola
wanalo noncumo.



Ugusha wade wamema uCikizwa ukuba eze
kwisidlo sangokuhlwa kwakhe. Kwatyiwa
umngqu sho omnandi. Kwadlalwa umculo emva
kweso sidlo. Wajayiva nosapho lwakwaGusha
kwaqhum'uthuli wade walibala ngeengxaki zakhe
xa zizonke.



Ngemini elandelayo kwanetha imvula enkuuulu,
izilwanyana ezininzi zemka namanzi. Yayibuhlungu
kakhulu le mini. uCikizwa wasindiswa kukuba
ihoko yakhe yayenziwe yomelela ngutata wakhe
esaphila apho wathi wenza nomjelo wokuba
amanzi angadami.



Kwasa imvula imkile. Iintyatyambo ze gqi! ziylOO
mibala mihle. Kwakubeth'impepho ehlaziyayo.

Nanko uNdlovu torhwana elusizi eqhwalela yaye
kunzima kuye ukuhamba, ebhonga nokubhonga.

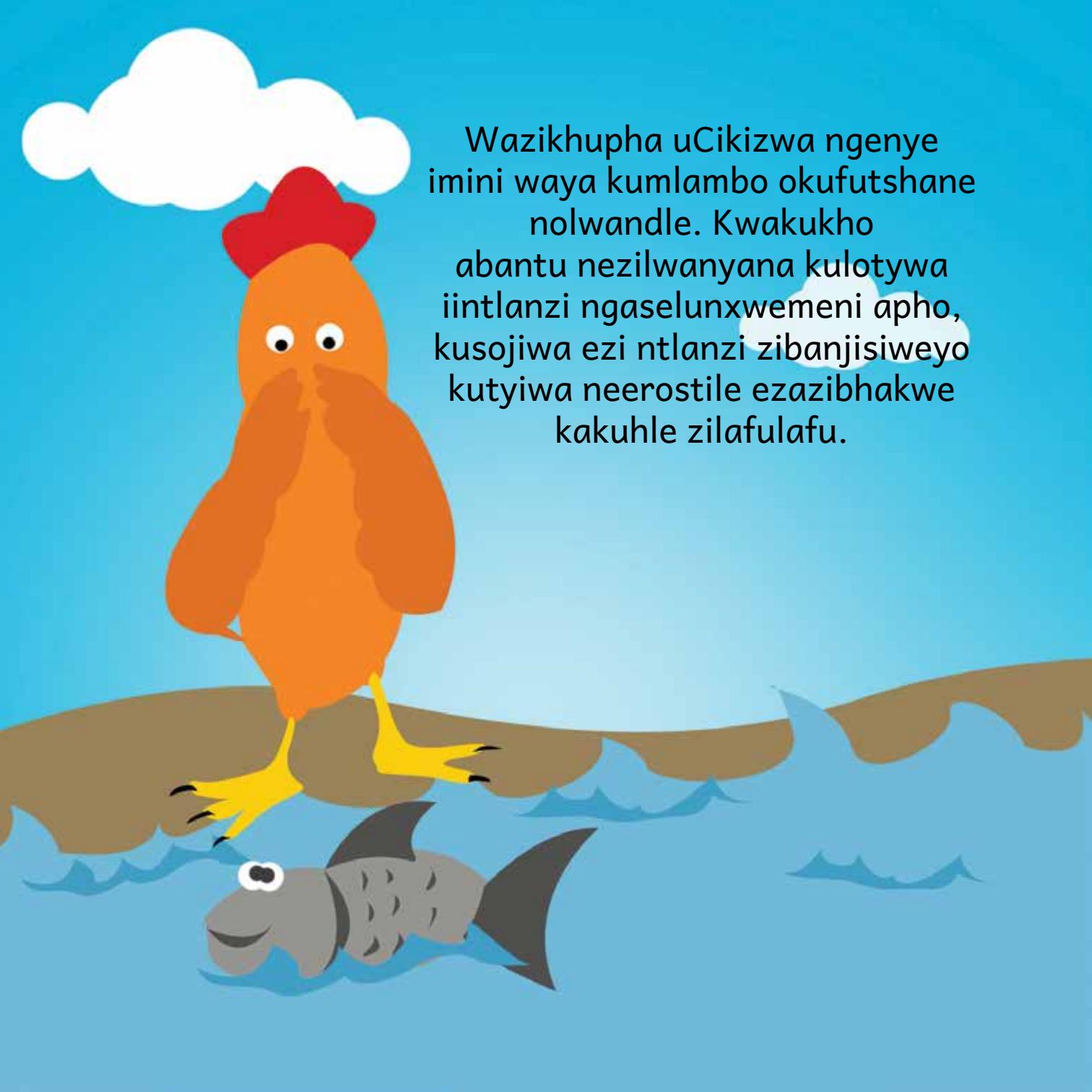
Okokoko wazalwa uCikizwa zange asive
isikhalo esingako. uCikizwa wafowunela
i-ambulensi ngokukhawuleza.



Wafumana uncedo uNdlovu, wabotshwa umlenze wakhe, wahlatywa neenaliti kamva intlungu zakhe zathomalala. Akuziva engcono wamncoma kakhulu uCikizwa ngobubele bakhe embulela ngala mazwi.

“Cikizwa mntwana wam uze ungatshintshi, hlala ulolu hlobo ululo uze uqhubeke uhlonipha yaye ubathande abantu nezilwanyana.”





Wazikhupha uCikizwa ngenye
imini waya kumlambo okufutshane
nolwandle. Kwakukho
abantu nezilwanyana kulotywa
iintlanzi ngaselunxwemeni apha,
kusojiwa ezi ntlanzi zibanjisiwego
kutyiwa neerostile ezazibhakwe
kakuhle zilafulafu.



Ehubeni uCikizwa waphawula
ubuhle bentlanzi egama
linguGumbi. Emva kokwazana
kwabo babesoloko bechitha ixesha
kunye nale ntlanzi. uCikizwa
wagqiba ekuben iayeke ukutya
intlanzi ehlonipha uGumbi.

Izilwanyana zamane zihlekisa
ngobu buhlobo bentlanzi nenku
zisithi, “Inene le nto iza
kuphelela emoyeni.”

Basuka uGumbi noCikizwa bathandana
ngokungakumbi. uCikizwa wafundiswa ukuqubha
abethe is'gagamfu, isiqolo antywile nokuntywila.
Kwelinye icala uGumbi wafundiswa ukuqhwaya
ezikhangelela ukutya.

Intlanzi yacela umtshato kuCikizwa wavuma
ngoko nangoko. Bobabini bagqiba ukuba
mabatshate ngomGqibelo olandelayo kulaa
ndawo yabo yesiqhelo.



Ngokwenene yafika imini ekade ixelwa.

Ilanga likhuph'intlodzi emanzini.

Wawungemhle umtshato yehaa!

Zatsho ngekwayala ecula kamnandi izilwanyana.

Kwakukho ooxam, iminenga, iingwenya, intini,
ookebe, idolphin, iigusha, iinkomo, izinja,
iimpunzi, imivundla, iincanda, izilenzi nezinye ke.

Zazimanyene kule ngoma:

Kumnandi aph'emetshatweni wentlanzi
kumnand'aph'emetshatweni weNkukhu.

