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Awu bandla iNhlanzi.
INhlanzi yabe inesizungu.
INhlanzi yahamba yayofuna umngani.

INhlanzi yahlangana nonogwaja.
INhlanzi yathi kunogwaja,
“Ngiyawuthanda umsila wakho.
Unjengomshanelo! Ungaba
ngumngani wami?” kubuza iNhlanzi.

Unogwaja waphendula wathi, “Mina?
Kungabe uyaphupha? Ngeke ngibe
ngumngani nomuntu onuka udaka
futhi ongenayo imilenze.”

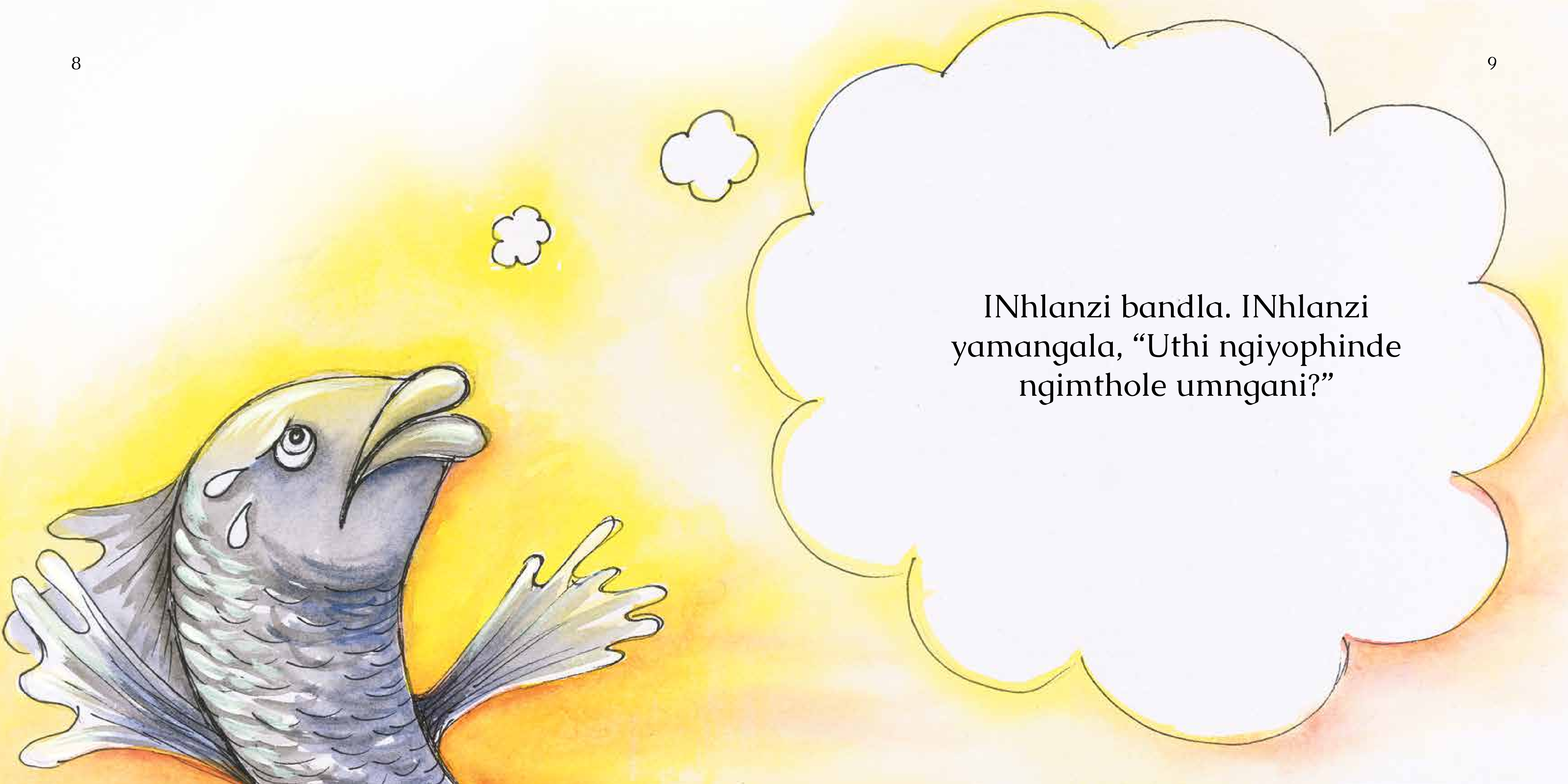
INhlanzi yabuza, “Ooh! Ngiyanuka
ngempela? Futhi yingani kumele ngibe
namahloni uma ngingenamilenze?”

Ngokulandelayo iNhlanzi yahlangana neJuba. “Ngiyalithanda iphimbo lakho lokuhlabelela,” kusho iNhlanzi. “Ungaba ngumngani wami?”

IJuba laphendula lathi, “Ngeke ngibe ngumngani nomuntu onezimpiko ezingasebenzi.”

Inhlanzi yaphendula yathi, “Izigwedlo zisebenza kahle. Phela ezokutshuza emanzini.”

IJuba lathi, “Krr! Bonke abangani bami kumele bandizele phezulu emoyeni!”



INhlanzi bandla. INhlanzi yamangala, “Uthi ngiyophinde ngimthole umngani?”

Ngokulandelayo inhlanzi yahlangana neKati. INhlanzi yathi, “Sonke sinamehlo amahle. Asibe ngabangani!”

IKati lagwavuma, selilungele ukuklwebha. “Grrrrrrr!”

“Ah, iKati lifuna ukungidla!”

Yagxuma ngokushesha yangena emanzini iNhlanzi.

Amanzi abhibhidla amagwebu lapho iphefumula ngokwesaba.

INhlanzi yaphumula, "Angizalwanga ukuthi ngibe ngedwa," INhlanzi yacabanga ekugcineni. "Ngizozama kanye okokugcina."

INhlanzi yabona uSelesele.
"Hheyi Selesele!" kumemeza iNhlanzi.
"Ungakwazi ukubhukuda?"

USelesele waphendula wathi,
"Yinto enjengaleyo, kodwa kunzima
kimina ukuzabalaza emanzini."

“Ngingakufundisa mina
ukuthi kubhukudwa kanjani,”
kusho iNhlanzi. “Woza!
Bamba umsila wami!”

INhlanzi noSelesele badlala
ndawonye ngaleyo ntambama.

Kuze kube yimanje basengabangani.

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