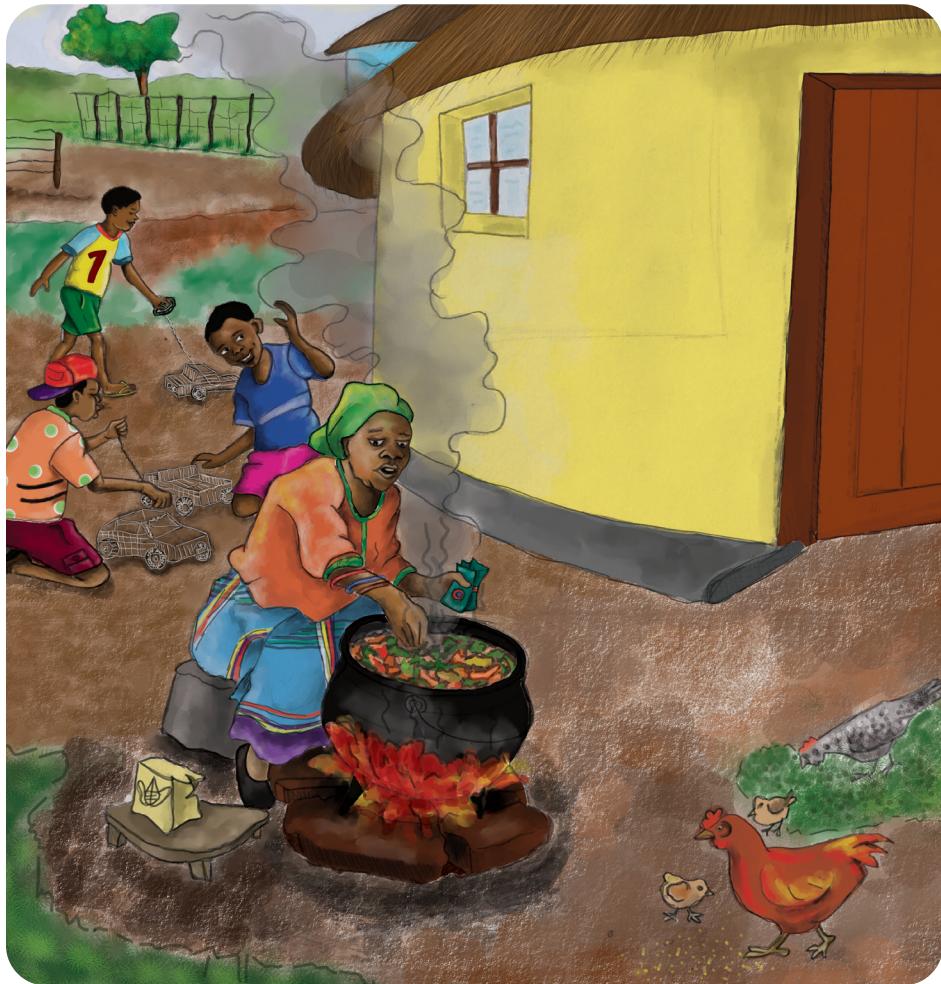




Ndzilo!



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Kokwana u sweka xiculu endzeni ka poto hi ndzilo.

Andzile na vanghana va le ku tlangeni ekusuhi.

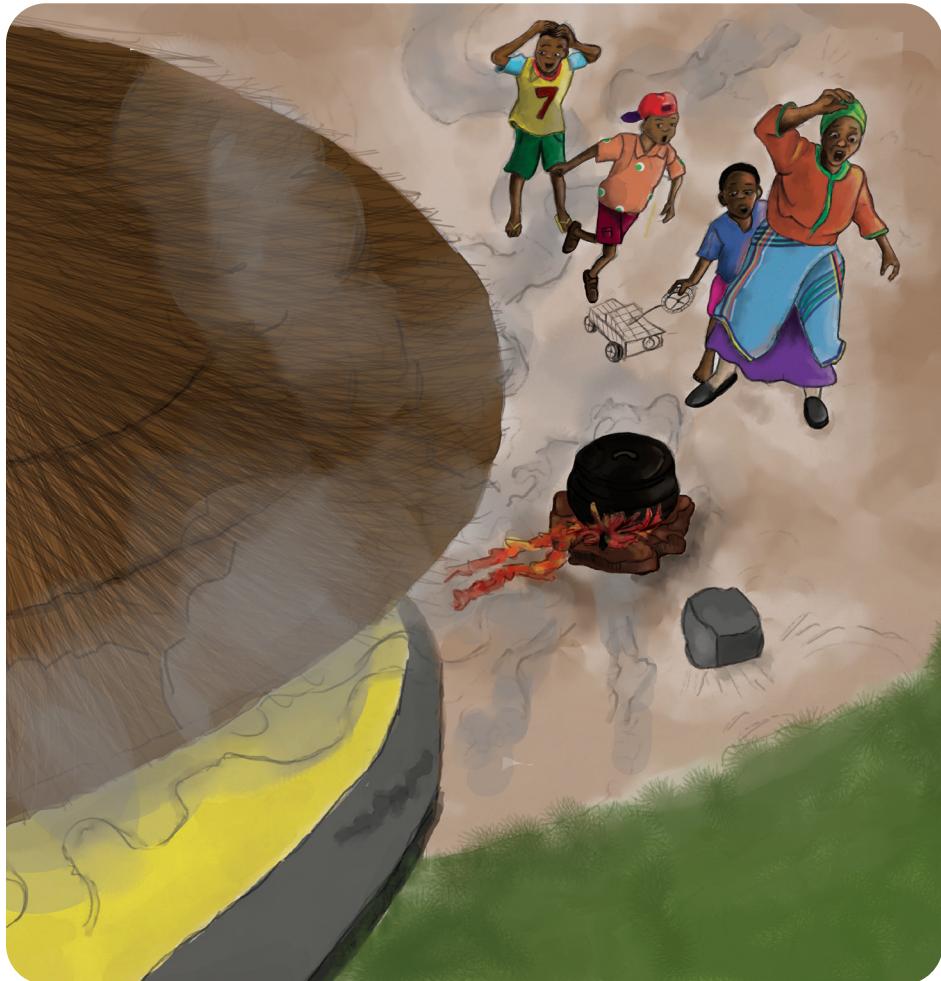


Moya wu sungula ku hunga.

Hi ku copeta ka tihlo, ku na xihuhuri!

Xihuhuri xi tlakula ndzilo xi wu cukumetela emoyeni.





Moya wu hungela ndzilo elwangwini ra yindlu ya vona.

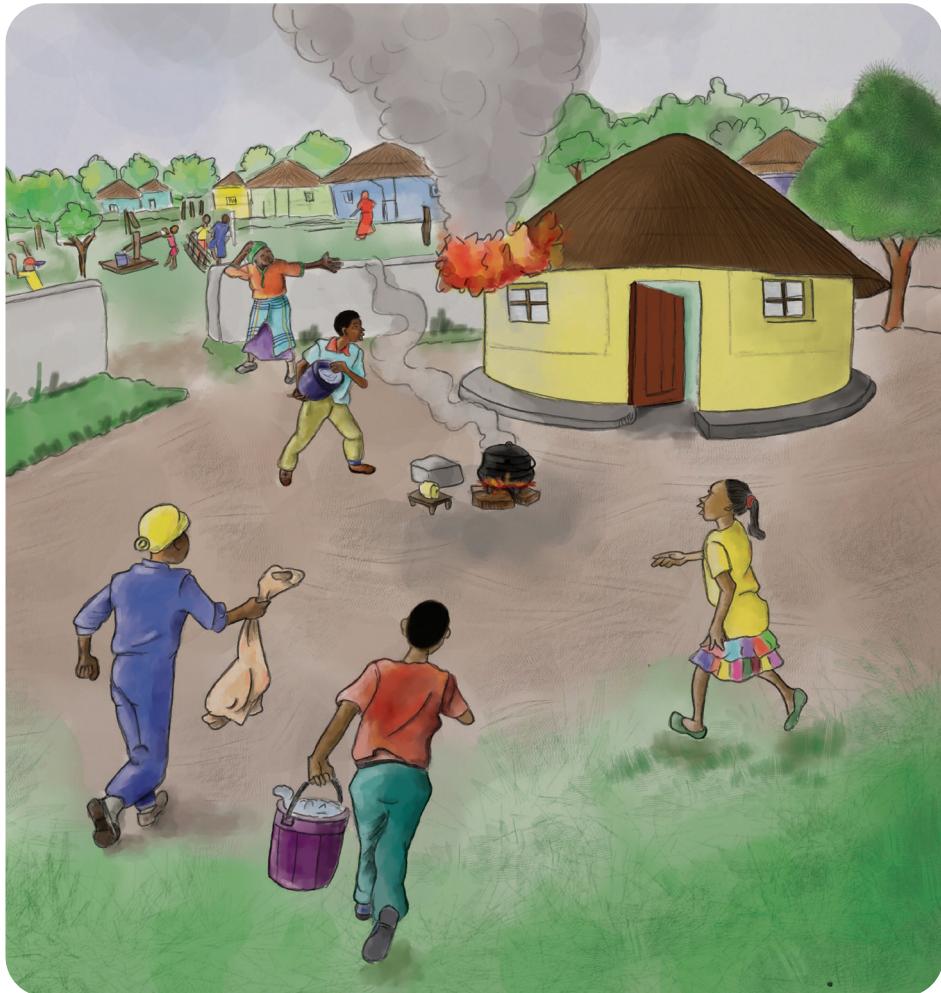
Kokwana na vafana va hlalela ndzilo lowu.

Kutani va kalakala vaku, “Mananoo!”



“Andzile, famba na vanghana va wena.
Tsutsumani hi ku hatlisa mi ya vitana
vaaka tiko va ta hi pfuna! Hi lava mati yo
tala leswaku hi ta timela ndzilo!” ku lerisa
kokwana.





Andzile u tsutsuma hi laha a kotaka ha kona.
Vanghana va yena va n'wi landzela.

“Ndzilo! Ndzilo! Pfunani! Pfunani!” ku
huwelela Andzile na vanghana.



Vaaka tiko va tile hi xihatla na mabakiti ya mati.

“Swi ta lulama, kokwana! Hi ta ku pfuna!” va huwelela.

Va haxile mabakiti yo tala ya mati.

Ku nga ri khale, ndzilo a wu timekile!





Kokwana a khensa vaaka tiko.

“Mi va timeri va ndzilo va kahle swinene!” a vula.

Kutani a vukarha Andzile na vanghana va yena.

“Nghozi yi hundzile. Mundzuku ndzi ta lunghisa lwangu. Mi hi pfunile ku ponisa yindlu ya hina! Ndza khensa!” ku vula kokwana.