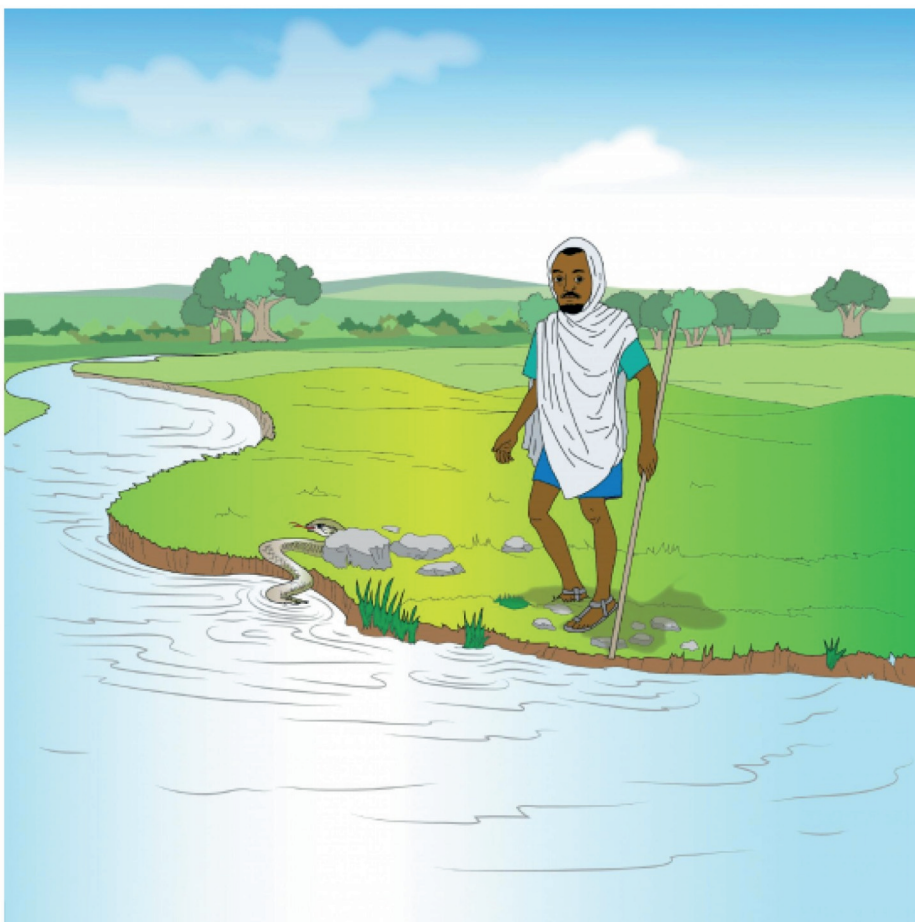




Kade, kwakukhona isokana eliseselincani ibizo lalo kunguMosimane.

Wabe amumuntu onomoya ophasi begodu othanda abantu. Wabe athanda ukukhamba ayokuledlha eqadi komlambo.

Ngelinye ilanga uMosimane wabe asemlanjeni, wahlangana nenyoka.



“Lotjha nyoka,” kutjho uMosimane.

“Lotjha Nomzana,” kuphendula inyoka.

Inyoka yatjela uMosimane bona izomenza arege.
UMosimane bekufanele athathe inyoka ayibeke ehloko bese
ayise endaweni efuna ukuya kiyo.

Inyoka beyiqaleka ithembekile.



UMosimane bekanehliziyo ehle. Wavuma ukuthatha inyoka ayithwale ehloko.

Bawela umlambo bobabili.



Ngakwelinye ihlangothi, inyoka yakhombela bona babe bangani, njengombana iinyoka zinganabo abangani.

UMosimane wavumela phezulu.

Endleleni nabakhambako bahlangana nePisi.



“Lotjhani bantu bekhethu,” kurhuwelela ipisi.

“Lotjha Nomzana Pisi,” kuphendula uMosimane nenyoka kanyekanye.

“Alo niyaphi nobabili njalo?” kubuza uNomzana Pisi.

“Siya lapha ngifisa ukuya khona,” kuphendula inyoka. UNomzana Pisi warareka khulu.



“Ingabe uzokuthola umtlomelo omuhle ngokuthwala inyoka leyo ehlokwakho?” UNomzana uPisi ubuza uMosimane.

UMosimane akhange atjho litho ngalokho inyoka emthembise khona.

UMosimane nenyoka baragela phambili nekhambo labo.



Ekhambeni labo elide emahlathini, uMosimane wafikelwa kudinwa.

Bahlangana noMalume uDahla eqadi komuthi onomthunzi.

Umalume uDahla waqala inyoka izitantele phezu kwehloko yomuntu. Akhange akholwe amehlwakhe. Wathoma wafa ngeenhleko.



Inyoka yatjhijila uMalume uDahla bese yathi, "Uhleka ini wena? Ukhleka kungabangela ukurarana!"

"Mina nenyoka sibangani abakhulu!" kutjho uMosimane atjela uMalume uDahla.

UMalume uDahla wajama wazibuza. Ngemva kwalokho wathoma wakhuluma kuhle.



“Heyi wena nyoka, suka phezu kwehlokwami ukuze ngikghone ukuzwa uMalume uDahla lo kuhle,” kwatjho uMosimane.

Waragela phambili wathi, “Wena nyoka ngikuthwele ngakususa ngale komlambo ukuzokufika lapha. Ngikuthwele ukusuka kude kangaka. Uphi umtlomelo wami? Bengithi sibangani.



Umalume uDahla wabuza wathi, “Kanti wena awazi ukuthi iinyoka azithembeki?”

Inyoka yabona ukobana uMosimane usilingeke uzele ipotjwana yarhurhuba yabaleka yangena emahlathini.

UMosimane waya ekhaya wafike watjela abantu ngenyoka.

Bekube kunamhlanjesi, iinyoka akekho umuntu namunye ozithembako.