Letata le Leeba

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First paragraphs

“Tswi! Tswi! Tswi!”

“Kwa! Kwa! Kwa!”

“Kwak! Kwak! Kwak!”

Letata le Leeba ba kopane letangwaneng le pela noka. E ne e le metswalle ya hlooho ya kgomo.

Tsatsing leo ho ne ho tjhesa haholo.

Letata a qwelela ka metsing.

Ha a qeta ho diketsa hlooho ka metsing, Letata la re, “Na o ka thabela ho sesa? Palama mokokotlong wa ka mme ke tla ho ruta ho sesa.”

Ka makgetlo ha Letata a leka ho qwela tlasa metsi a pepile Leeba, Leeba o ne a fofela hodimo.

Leeba a nahana hore a ke ke a kgona ho sesa jwaloka Letata.

Letata a sala a le mong ka metsing.

“Bothata ke eng Leeba? O ya mphoqa. O ntshielang ka metsing ke le mong?” ke Letata a tletleba.

“Ke tshaba ho kgangwa,” Leeba a araba.

“Ke ne ke nahana hore o batla ho tseba ho sesa jwaloka nna,” ho rialo Letata.

“Tswi! Tswi! Tswi! Letata e re nna ke o rute ho fofa. Ho sesa ho thata haholo.”

Leeba a ya lefikeng le leholo. Letata a mo latela.

Ka potlako Leeba a be a se a palame sefate se se lelele. Letata o ne a sa kgone ho mo latela.

Letata o ne a hloname. A kgenne a nahana, “Leeba ha a nnahanele.

Ke letata, ha ke leeba. Ke tlwaetse ho sesa, e seng ho fofa.”

Leeba o ne a batla ho kgothatsa motswalle wa hae.

Ba dula lefikeng ba kgutsitse.

Qetellong, Leeba a re, “Motswalle, kajeno ke ithutile hore nke ke ka kgona ho sesa jwalo ka wena.

Mme wena o ke ke wa fofa jwalo ka nna.”

Ba hakana.

“Rona matata, ha re sesa re ina dihlooho metsing re re, ‘Kwaa kwaa kwaa gxadada!

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Rona dinonyana, ha re fofa re phaphalatsa mapheo a rona re re, “Tsiyo, tsiyo, tsiyo.”

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