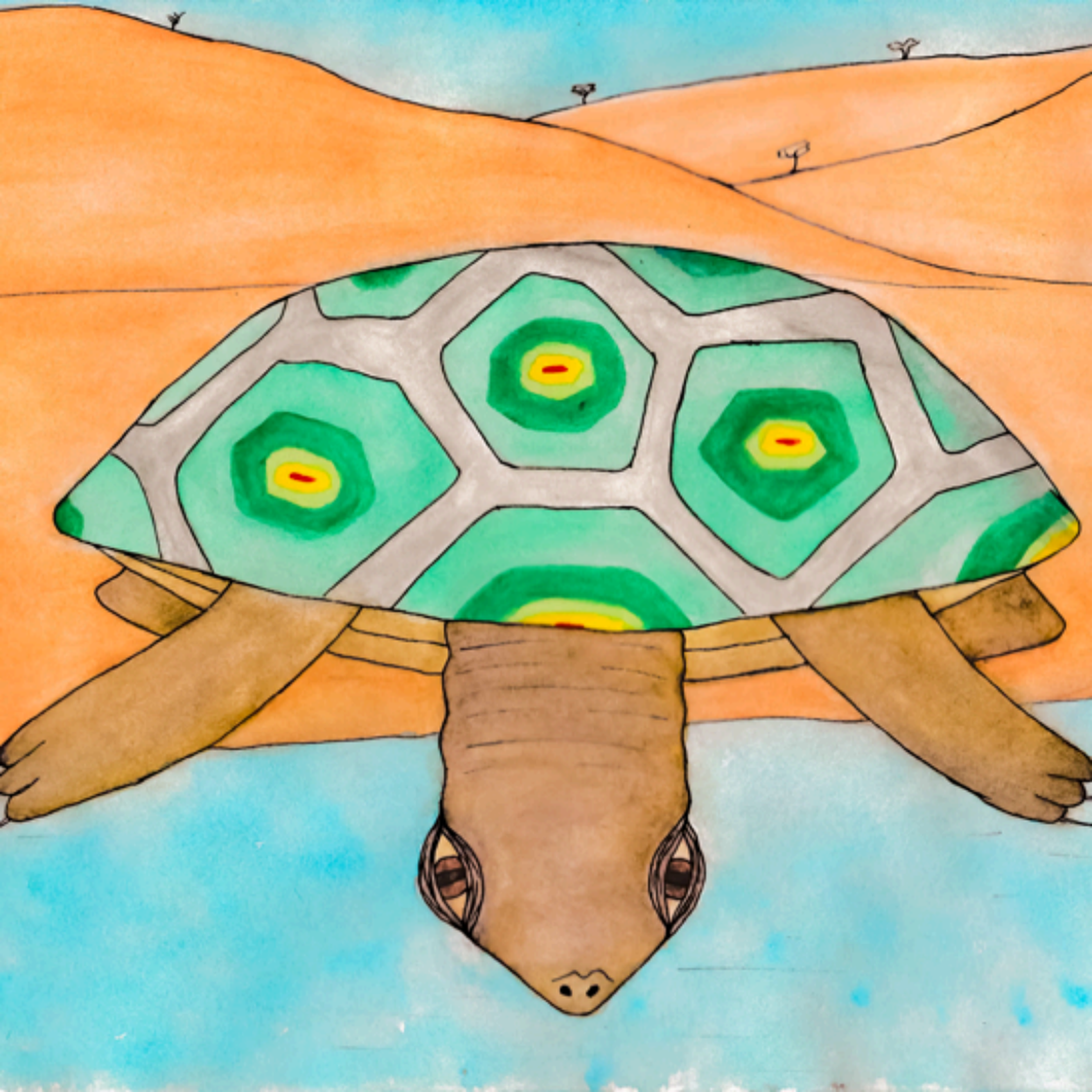




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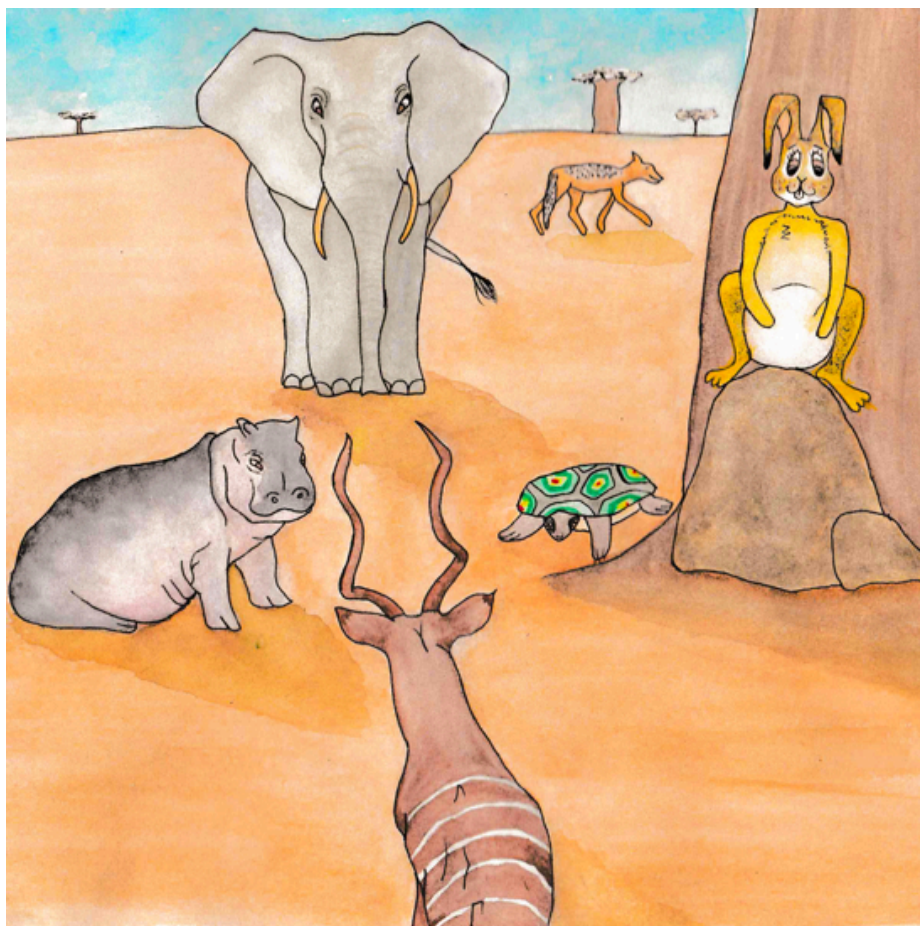
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Kudaladala, izilwani zaphelwa ngamanzi.

Zazula zidwaduba zifuna iziziba ezingathola amanzi okuphuza kuzo. Zaadwanguza zancama.



Zaabiza imbizo kwathiwa zize zoonke izilwani,
kuzoxelwa uba kudalwe lisu ukuze kubekhona amanzi
okuphuza.

Zeza zoonke izilwani ngele koDyakalatshi owathi,
"Unongeke ndiye kwakowo mhlangano unamafudo
anukayo!"

Yazicunukisa izilwani lento ixelwa nguDyakalatshi.



Kumhlangano, zavuma izilwani kwathiwa
makwembiwe umgodi omkhulu.

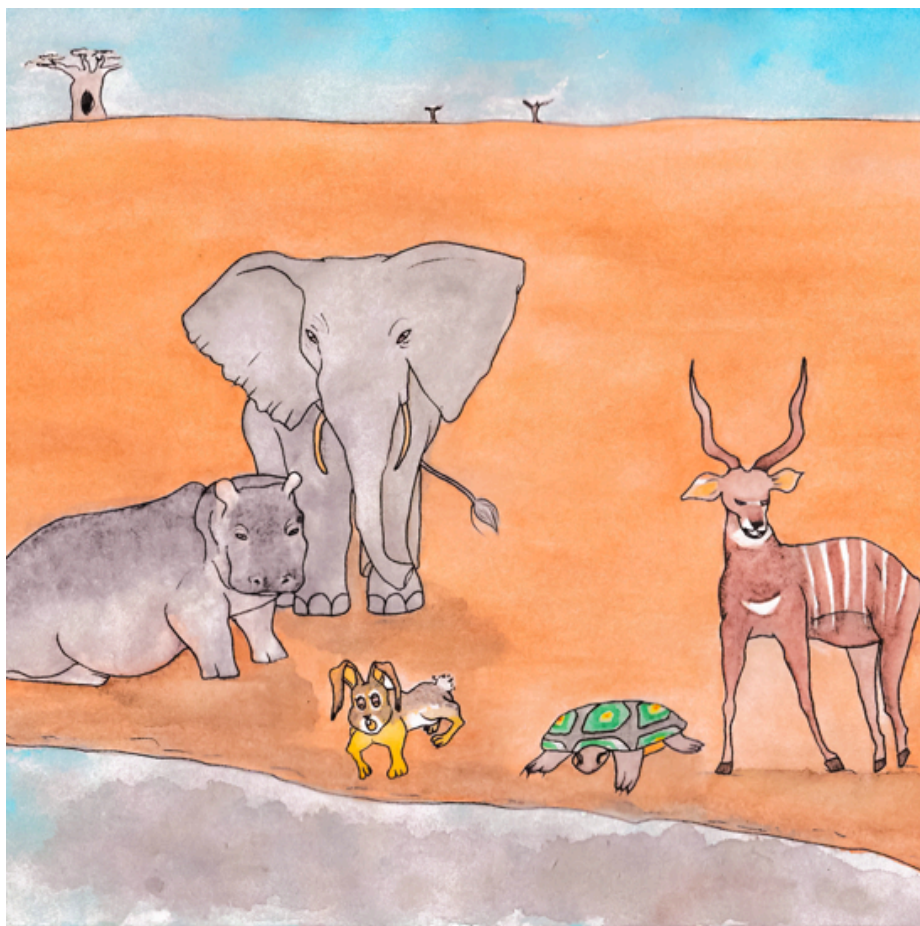
Inyamazana, yathi, "Umgodi wethu uzoba nzulu futhi
abemkhulu. Nawugcwele soze siphinde siphelelwe
ngamanzi."



Zasina, zicula zihlonda, zaze zaashintshana ngokwemba.

Kwatsitsa amanzi egqabhuka emgodini lapho kade zisina khona, kwagcwala umgodi owo heziwembile.

Zaagcoba kakhulu tana, ngoba amanzi ezetholakala emgodini wazo henencasi engazange yelanywa ndawu.



Ngelinye ilanga, izilwani zaathola uba ikhona into eke yafika emanzini awo yawadunga.

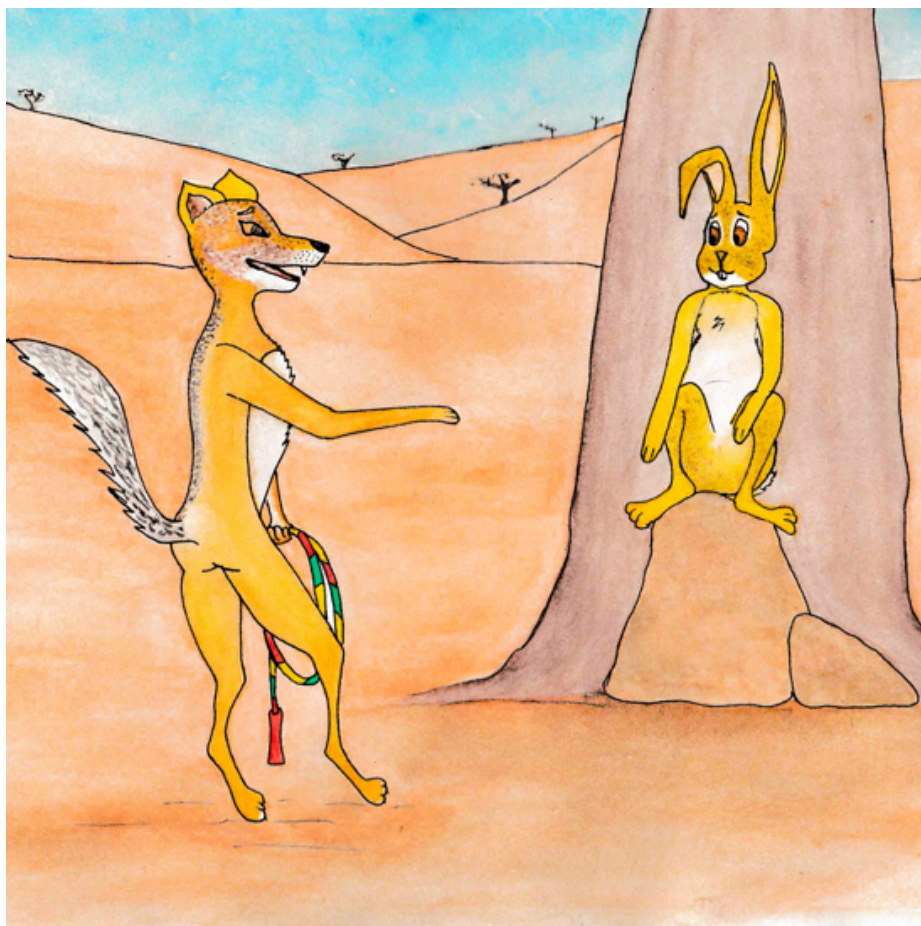
Kwathiwe izilwani zizoshintshana ngokugada umgodi.



Ngegem yokuqala, kwaabekwa uMgwaja uba ugade.
Kwafika uDyakalatshi ehamba edlala ugqaphu.

“Wenzani na?” uDyakalatshi waabuza.

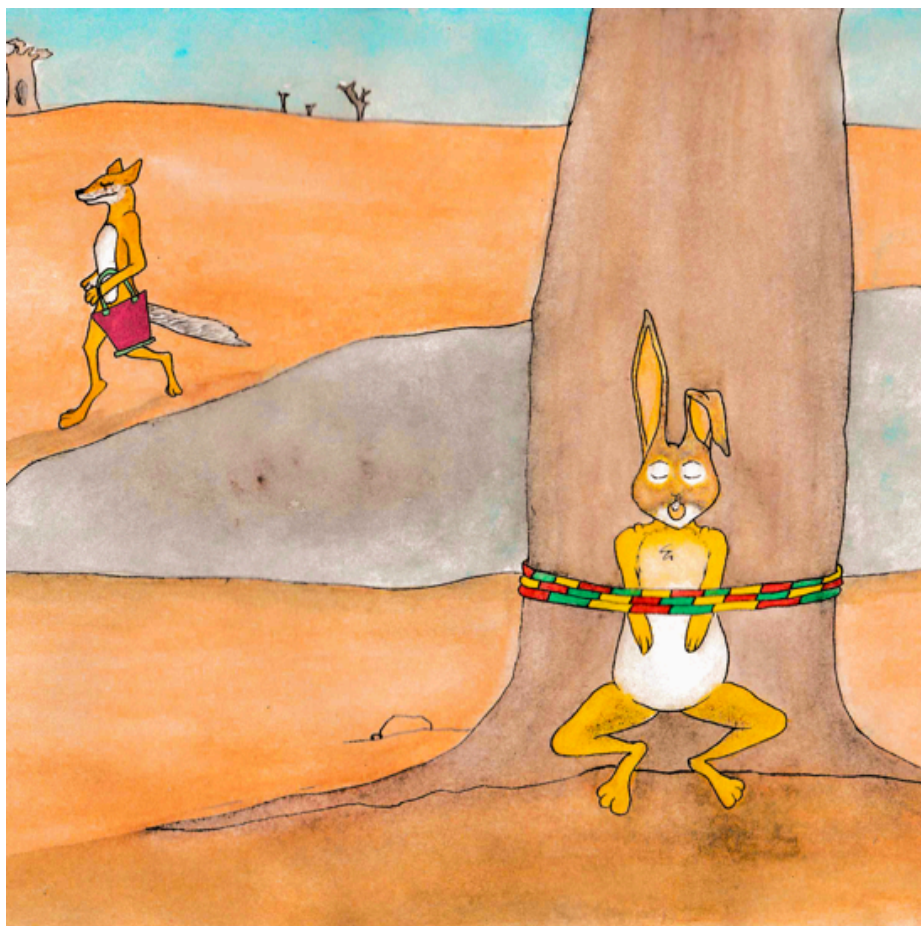
“Ndigade umgodi wezilwani,” waachaza uMgwaja.



UDyakalatshi waamema uMgwaja uba bazodlala.
Badlale umabophana, baqhinane ngendophu.

Umabophana, baqhinane ngendophu le qede babale
kaliwaka becimele, babe sebeqhaqhana indophu.

Waavuma uMgwaja.



Kwaqala uMgwaja waqhina uDyakalatshi ngendophu wabala kaliwaka, wamqhaqha.

Kwayigem yoMgwaja ukubotshwa. Esowubopha uMgwaja, uDyakalatshi wawutshiya lapho ubala wayophuza amanzi emgodini qede wangena phakathi wagqubha.

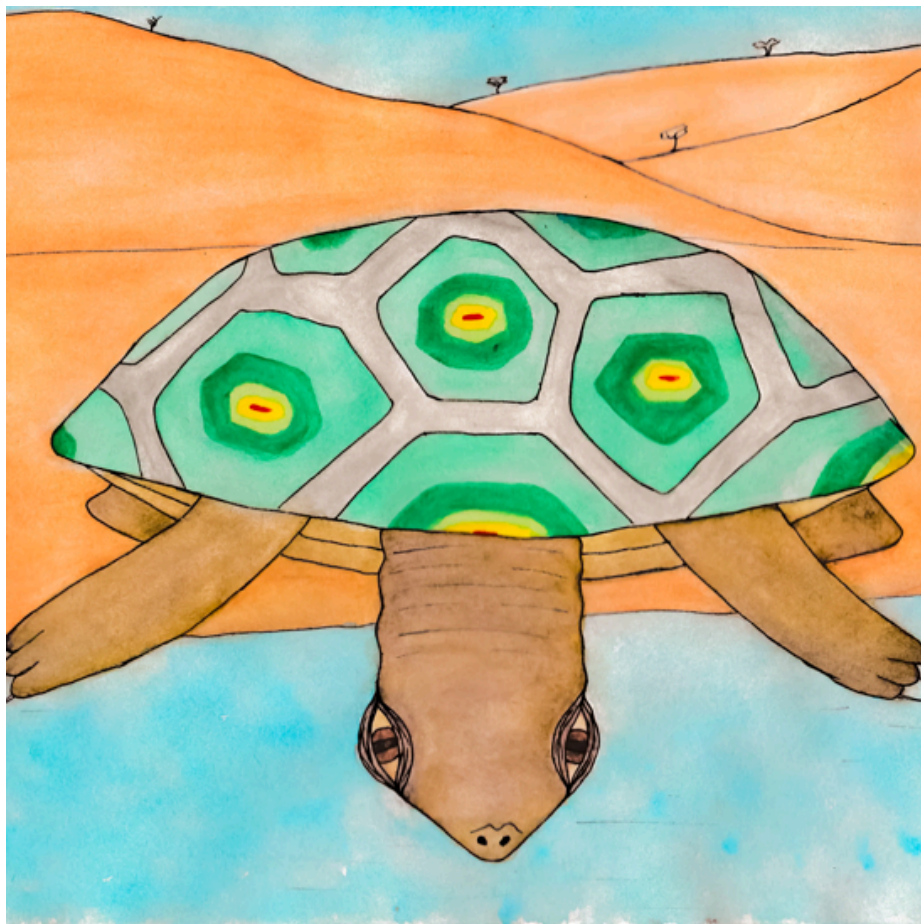
Wakha amanye amanzi wawathwala wagoduka.



UMgwaja waabala wabala wafika kwiwaka wabheka emanzini ezilwani.

UDyakalatshi wabe engalozakali.

UMgwaja wagxwala kweza izilwani zamkhwitshilila.

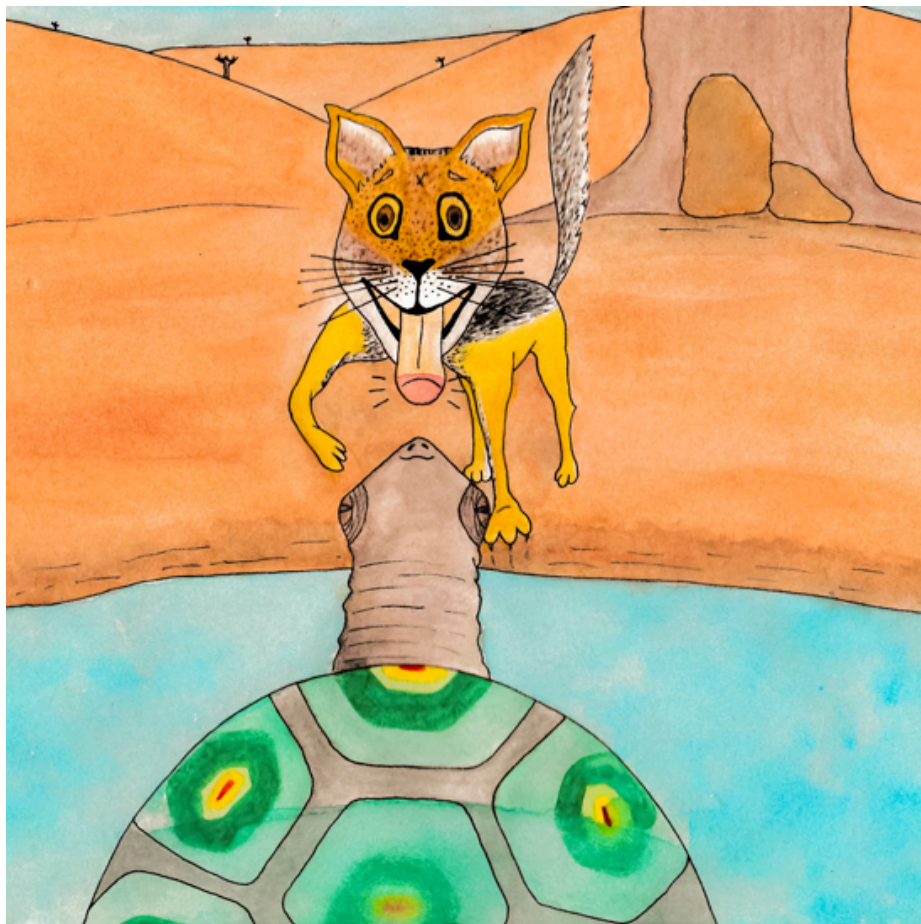


Zaalinga zonke nezinye izilwani zehluleka ukumgola uDyakalatshi.

Ngelikade, kwaavela uFudo lwathi, “Ndiza kugada.”

Bawalela ekuqaleni izilwani, kuba uFudo wayengesosilwani sibhadlileyo.

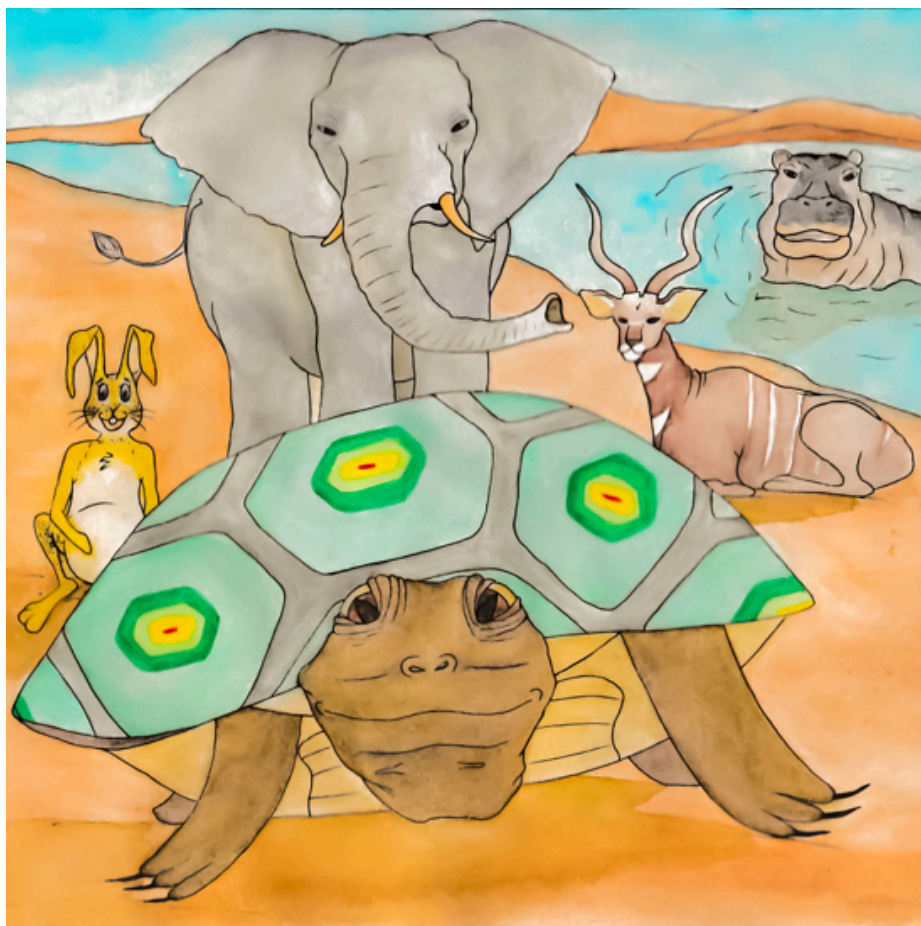
UFudo wafika wangena emanzini phakathi walindela uDyakalatshi.



Mefika uDyakalatshi wathi, “Ho namhlanje habazisanga mntu!”

Uthe neqala ephuza, weva into ethi ngqii empulweni nemdontsela ngaphantsi emanzini!

Waaba ngadluthuluza uDyakalatshi wamqinitsha uFudo. “Yizani ndimgolile! Yizani ndimgolile!”



Zeva izilwani ilizwi lofudo lumemeza zagijima.
Bamdontsa uDyakalatshi bamkhipha emanzini.

UFudo wathi kuDyakalatshi, “Wone zonke izilwani,
ngoko isigwebo ukuba uhlambe iinyawo zazo zonke
izilwani.”

Zamfunqula uFudo zimchasulele phezulu zitshongola
zisithi uFudo liqhawe lazo.

Zaaphuza amanzi azo izilwani zigcoba zingasenaso
isithikamezo, namanzi azo ahlala epulutshesekile.



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