



# Mutoli

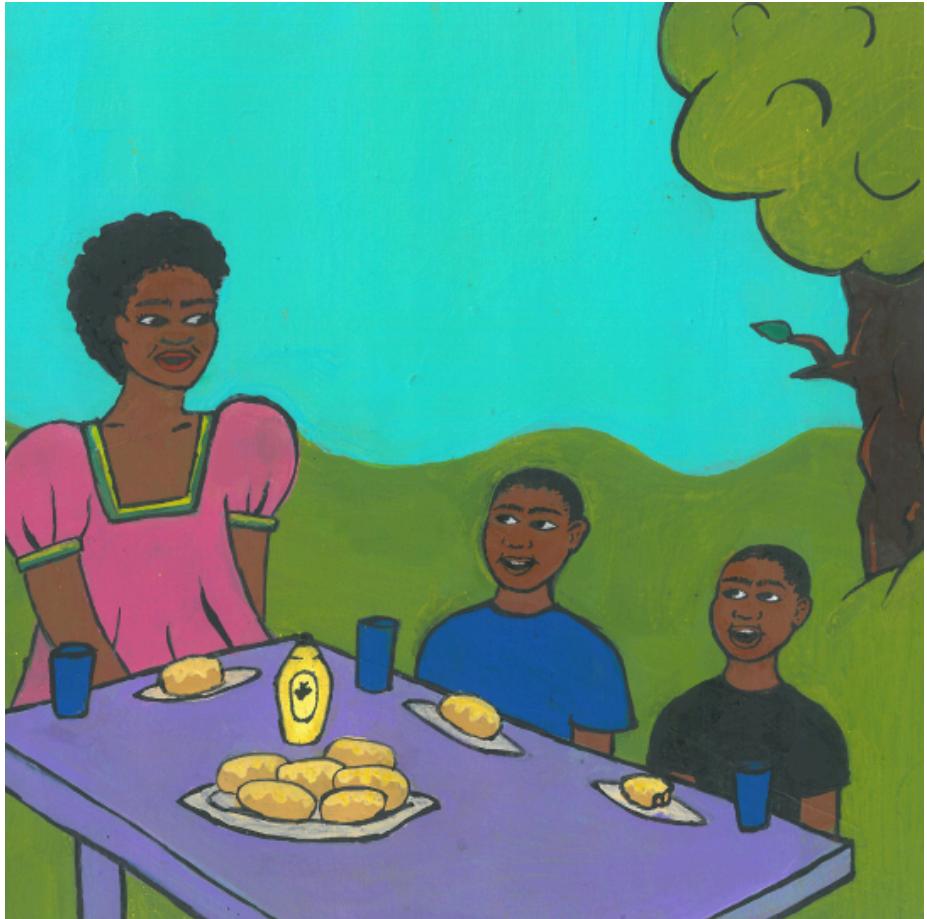
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Kopano na Lereko vho vha vha tshi khou ja  
zwickontsi zwe mme avho vha vha bakela zwone.

Zwenezwo zwickontsi zwo vha zwi na mutoli.



Lereko a vhudzisa mme awe a ri, “Mutoli u bva ngafhi?”

Mme awe vha ri, “Nwana’nga, ɻotshi dzi ita mutoli.”



"Notshi dici ita mutoli u bva kha maluvha. Dzi kuvhanganya ḥunzwu na muvula kha maluvha," mma vha a ṭalutshedza.

"Notshi dici phaḍaladza muvula kha mañwe maluvha."



"Hezwi zwi vhidzwa u anđadza muvula – u thusa zwimela uri zwi ande nga u phađaladza muvula.  
Muvula u vhumba tshipiđa tsha mbeu."



"Notshi dzi tshimbidza muvula u bva kha zwiñwe zwimela u ya kha zwiñwe. Dzi anđadza muvula kha zwimela zwashu," hu amba mma.

"Notshi dzi dovha dza ita zwibveledzwa zwa ndeme."



"Ndi a zwi ḥivha! Ri wana mutoli u bva kha  
ŋotshi," ndi Kopano a tshi amba.

Lereko a engedza, "Mutoli u a ḥifhelela!"



"Mutoli u dovha wa shumiswa kha mishonga,"  
vha ralo mma.

"Dzińwe philisi na phauda dzi re kha mishonga  
ya tshirema zwo itwa nga zwibveledzwa zwa  
mutoli."



"Mutoli u thusa u fhodza mikulo, mukhushwane na duda."



"Mutoli u thusa u fhodza ntho na lukanda lwo swaho."



"Fhedzi mutoli a wo ngo lugela vhana vhatuku. U nga ita uri vha lwale nga maanda," mma vha a vha sevha.



"Zwino, no vha no thetshelesa? Ndi ngani ɻotshi  
dzi dza ndeme?" mma vha a vhudzisa.

"Dzi phaðaladza muvula kha zwimela!" hu amba  
Lereko. "Na u ita mutoli!" ndi Kopano a tshi ralo.



U bva nga ḥeneḥo ḫuvha, Kopano na Lereko vha  
thoma u ḫonifha ḥotshi.



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