



Khathaza bekatsandwa kakhulu. Bekatfola yonkhe intfo
layifunako kubatali bakhe.

Khathaza bekunguye kuphela indvodzakati yabo.
Bekanabomnakabo labasitfupha.

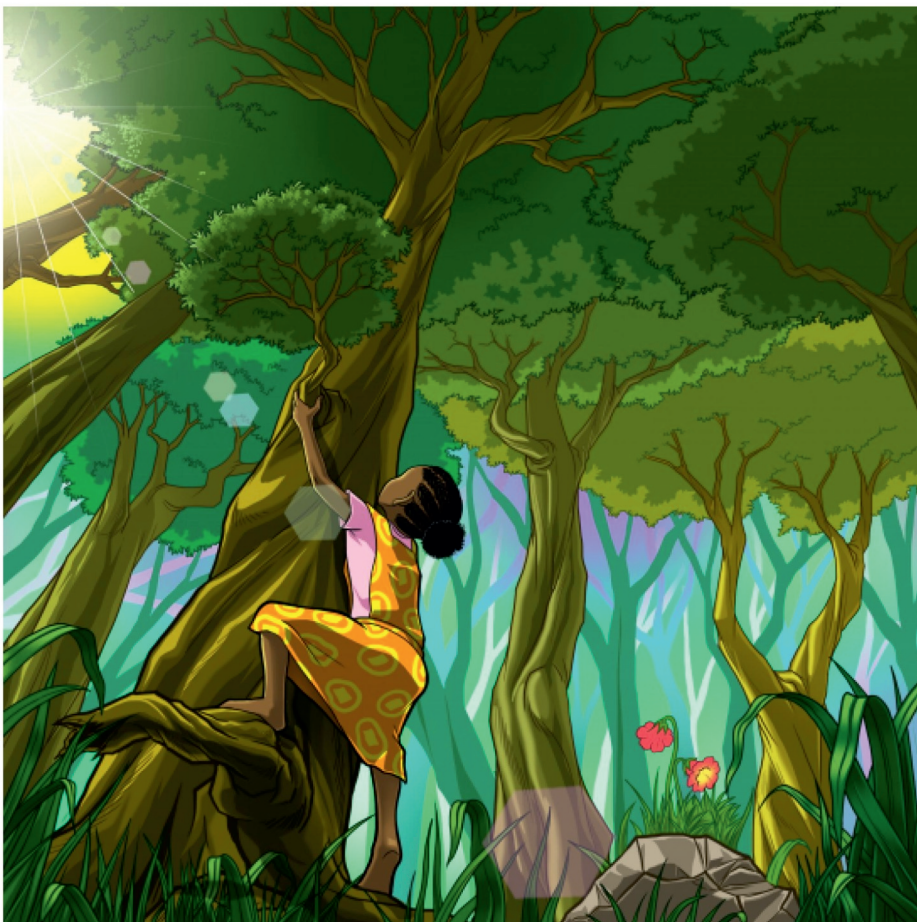
Batali baKhathaza bebamtotosa.



Ngalelinye lilanga, Khathaza bekafuna kuyodlala ibhola nebafana.

“Kungenteka ulimale,” kusho make wakhe.

Bomnakabo bebangafuni kudlala ibhola naye. Khathaza wacala kukhala.



Ngemva kwaloko, Khathaza wabaleka ekhaya wagijima wayongena ehlatsini.

“Ngifuna kubonisa wonkhe umuntu kutsi angisiye umntfwana,” atikhulumela yedvwa.

Wagibela esihlahleni lesidze.



Batali bakhe bamfuna ehlatsini bate bamtfola Khathaza.

Bamcela kutsi akehle esihlahleni, kodvwa wala kwehla.



Bomnakabo betama kumdvudvuta. Bambita, “Khathaza, yehla, utawulimala.”

Lomunye wabo wamdlalela ingoma yakhe layitsandzako, futsi labanye bahlabela.

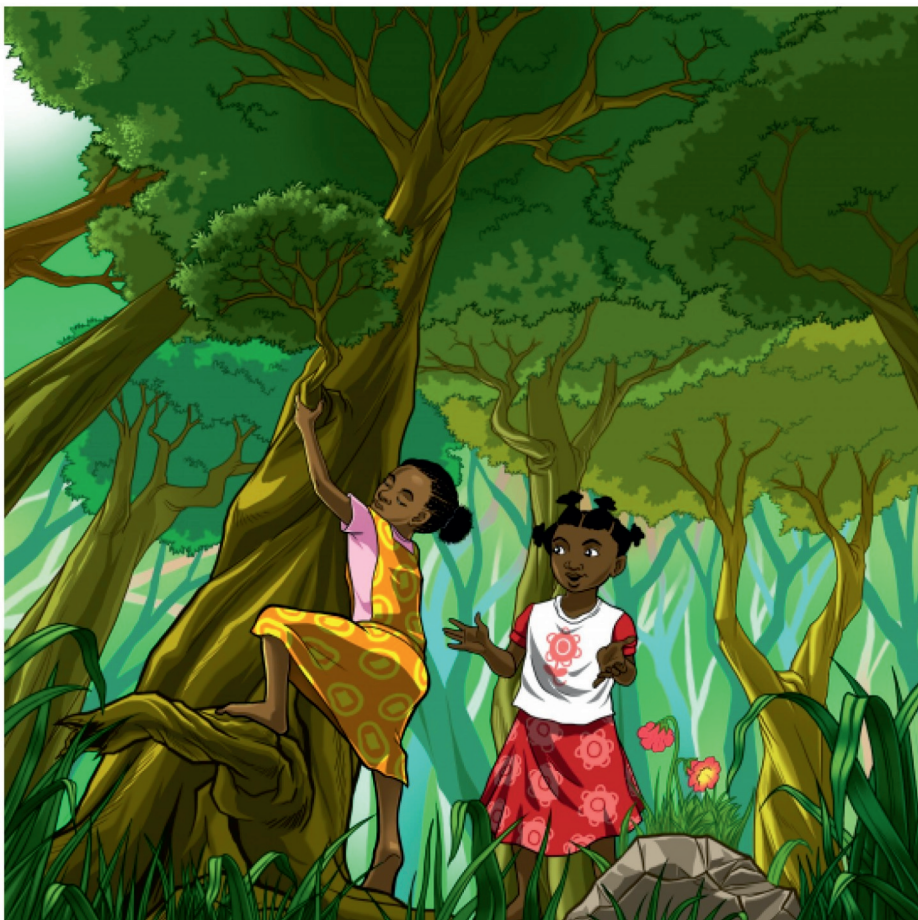


Intfukutselo yaKhathaza yaya ngekuba ncono.
Kulalela ingoma kwamenta wativa anekuthula.
Naye wase uyacala uyahlabelela.
Nanobe kunjalo bekasolo angafuni kwehla.



Kwefika Sihle, umngani wakhe lomkhulu, atomncenga kutsi akehle.

“Khathaza, yehla, yehlela phansi. Angifuni kulahlekelwa nguwe,” kusho Sihle.



Sihle walindza ngekubeketela. Ekugcineni Khathaza wehla esihlahleni. Wagaca Sihle.

“Mngani wami, ubaleke leni ugibela esihlahleni?” kubuta Sihle.



“Bengiphatseke kabi ngoba wonkhe umuntfu
bekangiphatsisa kwemntfwana,” kuchaza Khathaza.

“Bengifuna kubakhomba kutsi ngingenta nobe yini
leyentiwa bomnaketfu,” engeta.



Umndeni waKhathaza wenta lidzili lekuhalalisela kubuya kwakhe aphephile.

Kusukela ngalelo langa, bafana bamvumela Khathaza kutsi adlale ibhola kanye nabo.