



Xikochimani wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ngalelolang.

Waba ngumuntfu wekucala esikhumulweni semabhasi kanye nesematekisi.

Lolu bekuluhambo lwekucala lwaXikochimani ayedvwa.



Bekaya kamkhulu wakhe, Galela, losedolobheni. Kusenjalo, indvodza yabita emagama etindzawo Xikochimani latatiko.

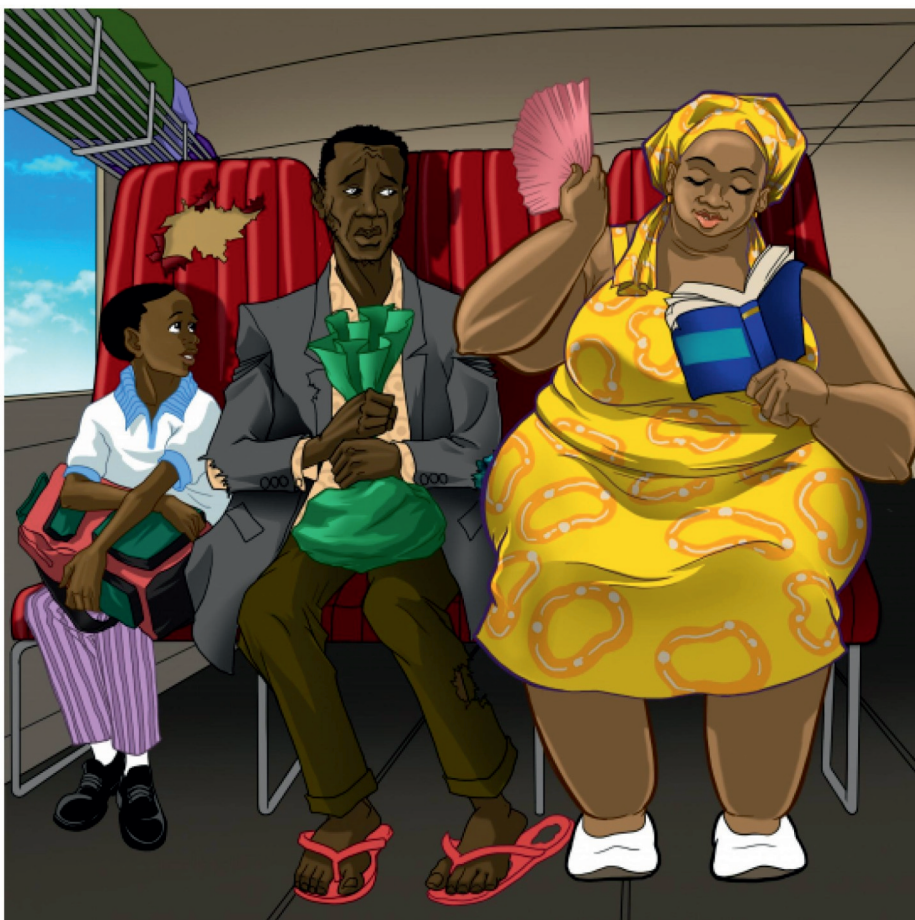
“Wota, ibhasi seiyahamba!” kusho indvodza.



Ibhasi bese igcwala. Xikochimani wema alindze kutsi kubitwe inombolo yelithikithi lakhe.

Bekunemfana lovimbe emnyango webhasi.

Xikochimani wativa aphelelwa kubeketela.



Xikochimani wahlala wabuka ngasefasitelweni, eceleni kwaRhulani kanye nemkakhe Madzivandlela.

Bekushisa ngendlela lecakile ebhasini.



Bositolosiyandzindza bebangena ngekulandzelana ebhasini,
umsindvo wabo uvala tindlebe!

Bebatsengisa bonamunedi, bobhanana, emaswidi, inyama,
kanye nalokunye kudla lokulula.



Madzivandlela wakhipha imali esifubeni sakhe kute atsenge titselo endvodzeni lenebuso lobumoyitelako.

Wabeka phansi incwadzi yakhe wase ucala kudla nekutijabulela.



Kwangena ebhasini umshayeli webhasi. Wabingelela bagibeli. “Khululekani nijabulele luhambo lwenu,” asho kubo bonkhe bagibeli.

Xikochimani waphindza onkhe emavi emshayeli!



Indlela leya edolobheni beyiyindze futsi inemajika.

Xikochimani bekajabulela kubuka kuntjintja kwekubonakala kwendzawo njengobe ibhasi ihamba.



Bekuloku kushisa kakhulu ebhasini ngalesikhatsi lilanga liyoshona. Bagibeli bebajulukile futsi betela.

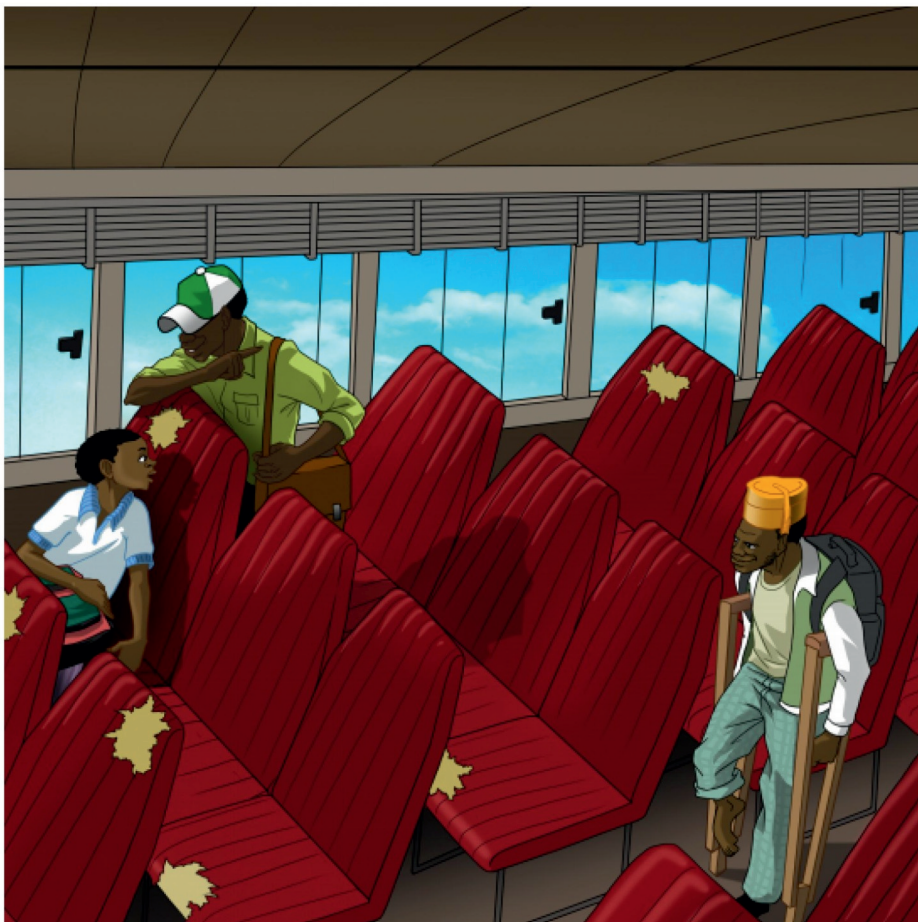
Rhulani bekankonkoshele sikhwama sakhe njengobe bekasalala.



Ngesikhashana boXikochimani, Rhulani, kanye
naMadzivandlela bonkhe bese balele.

Madzivandlela wahona kakhulu.

Balala hhu butfongo njengobe ibhasi beyihamba busuku
bonkhe.



Kwaba nesandla lesinganyakatisa kancane lihlombe laXikochimani. Ekugcineni wavuka.

“Lesi siteshi sekugcina, kantsi uya kuphi?” kubuta indvodza lengemuva kwaXikochimani.



Xikochimani wehla ebhasini.

Kute buso labetayele labubona.

Wakhuluma yedwana, "Mine nginguXikochimani waseRhulani, eGalela, eXihimu. Ngiya ekhaya lamkhulu wami."