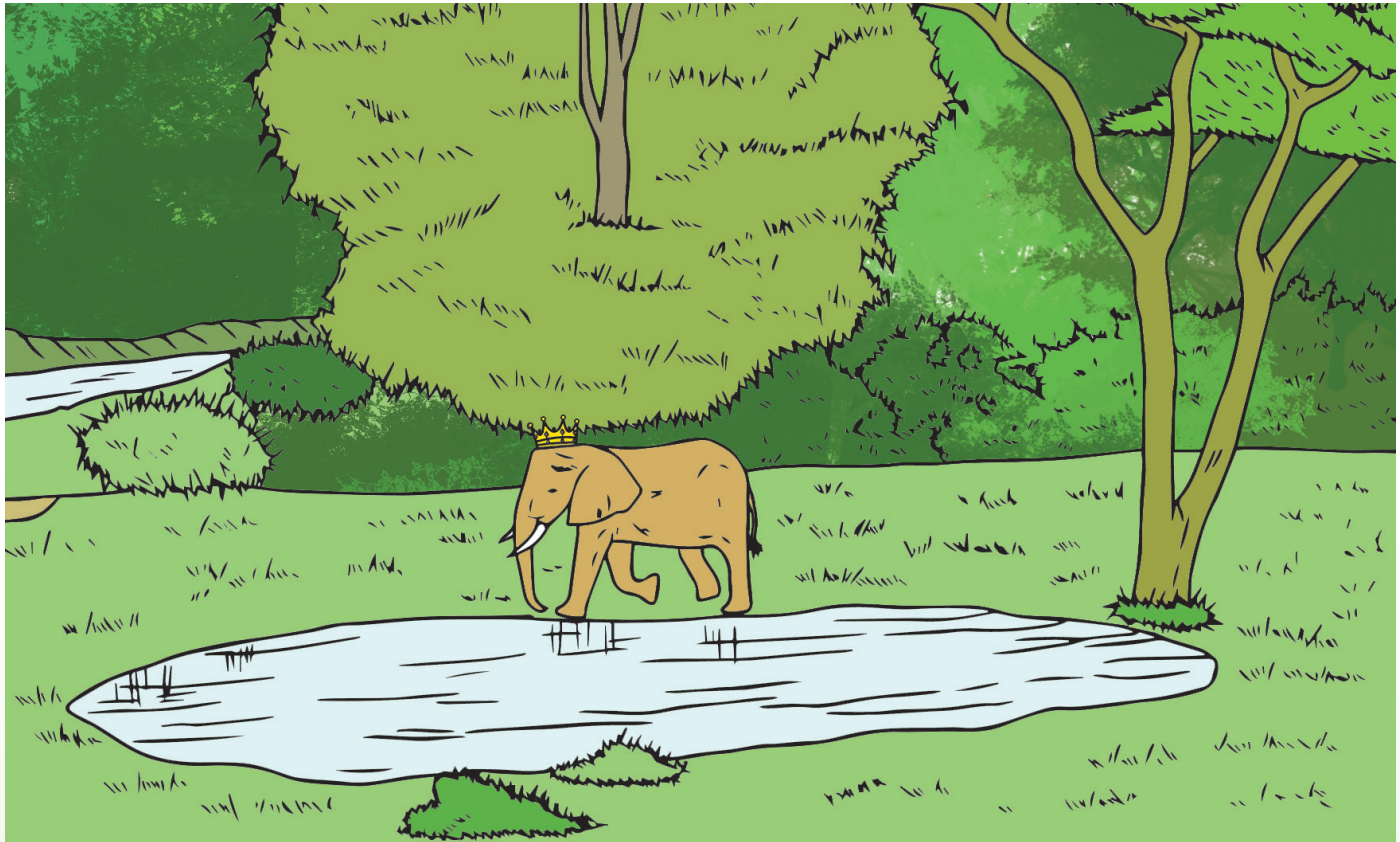


Ho kapindi anyama osi maishi hamwenga. Maishi kwa raha ko tsakani. Kila munyama wahenda kaziye bila kulalamika.

Were kuna chakurya cha kuthosha anyama osi. Anyama osi were manakila kitu mamalacho. Ro tsaka raavumba t'o t'ot'o. K'ahana hadhui ariredima kuafikira ho mareishi. Maishi kwa amani. Ndzovu ndiye arekala mufalume wao.





Upande mumwenga wa ro tsaka were kuna kadzuhu. Ts'inize were kuna mutsara. Kila siku Mufalume Nzhovu angiraho mo tsakani. Iye ni kuzunguka ili amanye maishizho o anyama. Nikukala anamala amanye kala kazi maitengezadze. Na kala mararika safi tsaka riro.

Mara nyingine Mufalume Nzdovu nikuabeba anyama angine mongoni mwakwe. Gonya akaatengezera ngira ao anyama angine ili mahumire. Anyama osi mamuhendza mufaume Ndzovu. Were ni mufalume mudzo. Wakathi akikira were makamuimbira maira ga kumusifu.

*H'ewe mufalume ndzovu hukuhenzaye, uwe ndiwe mubomu*

*H'ewe mufalume ndzovu hukuhenzaye, udzaashinda osi.*





Kuko mwisho wa ro tsaka were kuna kadzuho. Kadzuho kako were kana madzi mazizimu. Kanda ya o kadzuho were hana nyasi mbidzo. Nyasi za haho zabaki kukala na rangi ya chani kitsi makathi gosi.

Nyasi zizo were k'aziuma hatha kukakala na dzuwa kali. Anyama anji were manahendza kukelesi henye nyasi zizi. Ts'ini ya kadzuho kako were hana kadingwi kath'ithe.

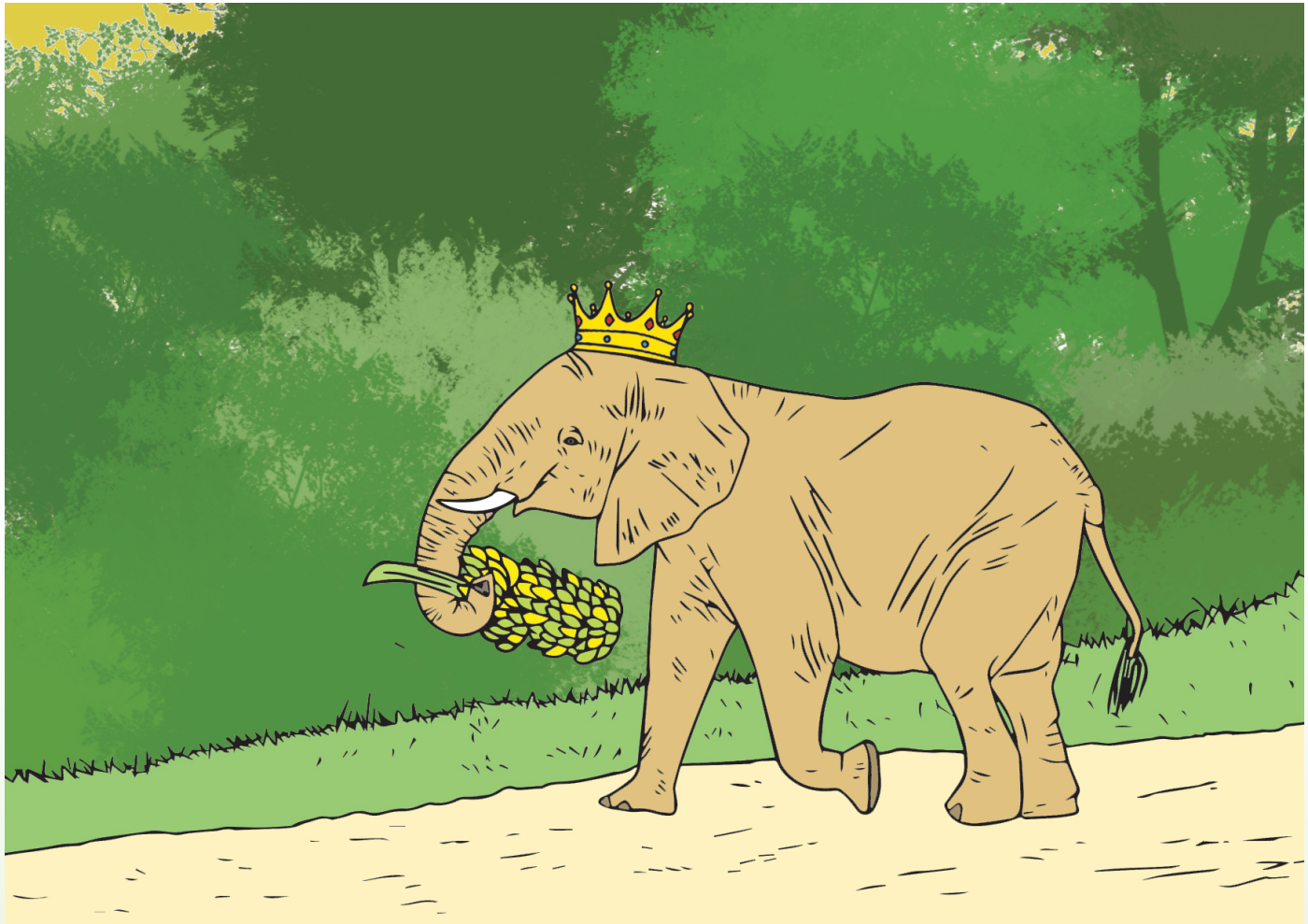
Ndzovu na lukololwele were manahendza kuogerera haho. Were manahendza kuzaziga ho mutsarani. Kila siku were makazaziga haho kula mbithi tha dzulo.





Kicho kidzuho were kina madzi mazizimu. K'andaze were ni nyasi mbidzo. Nyazi zizo haho were zikabaki chani kitsi kila wakathi. Zizo nyasi haho k'azinyaukire hatha dzuwa were rikaaka namna yani. Anyama anji mahendza kudzilaza haho nyasini. Mahendza kuzaziga ho thoroveni. Mara nyingine were makazaziga mo mutsarani kuanzira madzach'a tha dziloni.



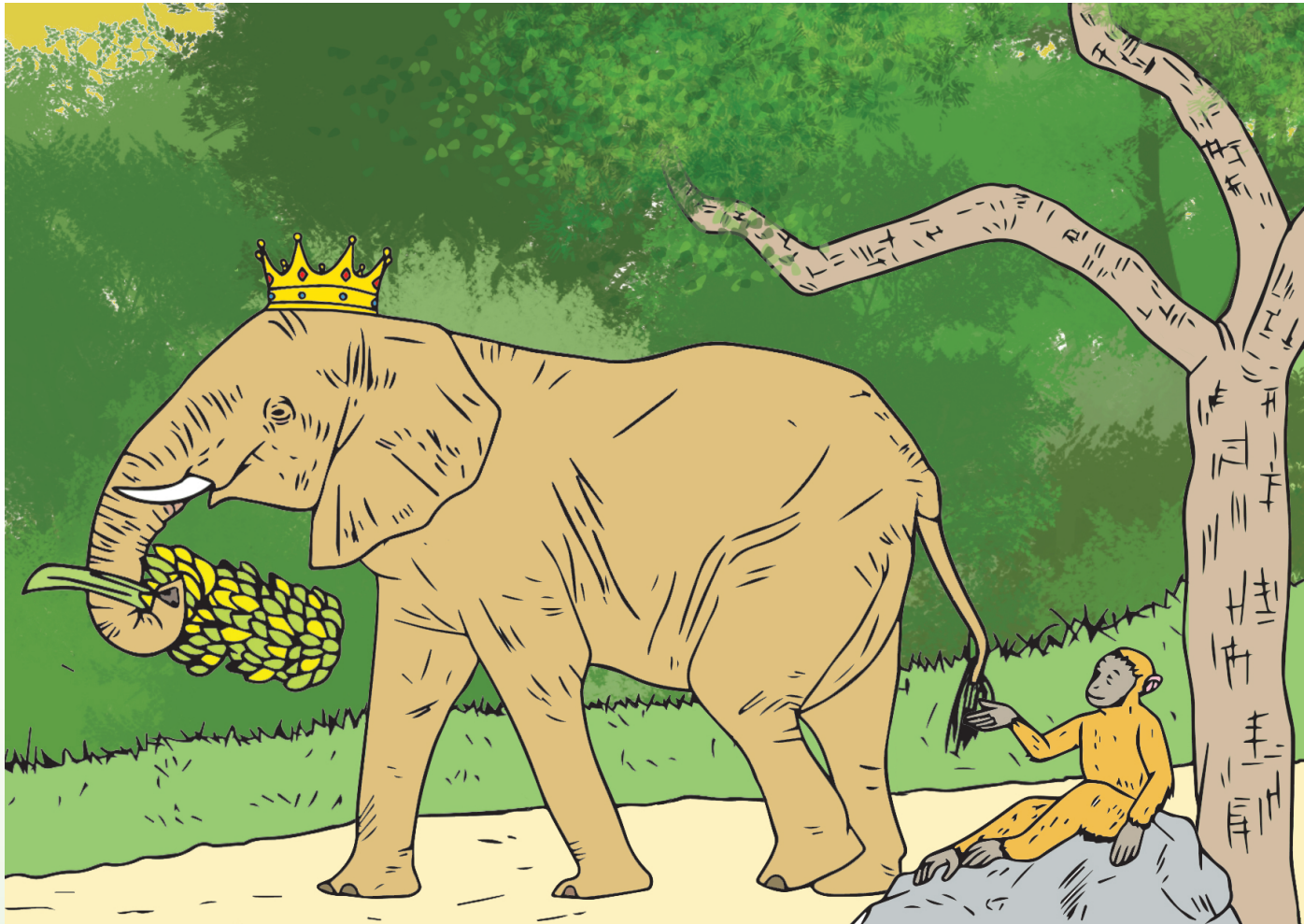


Siku mwenga Mufalume Ndzovu wamutseberera mwanamulume. Mwanamulume iye wasikira raha sana kumuhokera mufalume ndzovu. Iye mwanamulume wamup'a mufalume ndzovu kungu ra maizu maivu arye. Dzilonire, iye mwanamulume wamup'a ndzovu maizu maivu ahirikire anae. Mufalume ndzovu wasikira raha sana.

Ao anyama mashangaa sana kuona mufalume ndzovu andzambola kula nyumbani kwa ye mwanamulume. K'ahana tha mumwenga aremuza ye mufalume sababu ya kumutseberera.

Ana aa ndzovu magahenza sana go maizu maivu ga kutsama. Makimuza babiyao aangeze maizu. Ela were k'ana maizu g'adzigobaki. Mo tsakani k'amuvire maizu bule. Ao ana a ndzovu machesa kurira usiku muzima. Mamiyao, ye Malikiya wa ndzovu wabujika sana.



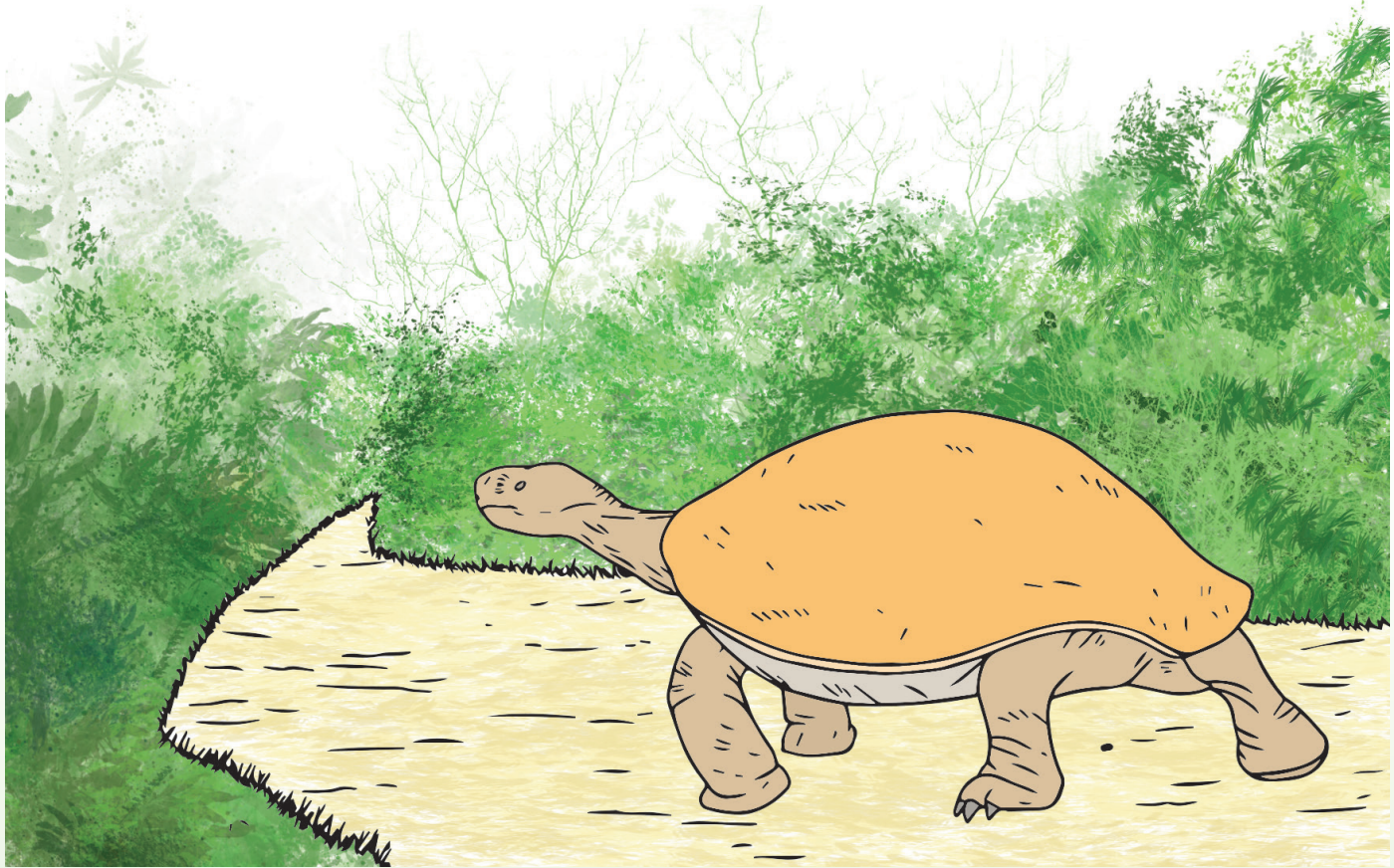


Madzach'a ga siku nya hiriye, Ndzovu wamona T'salu akikira. Wakath'i uwo Ts'alu were kaishi dzulu za mihi bule.

Nakuhuma wende kwa yuyahu mwanamulume, kamwambire akup'e maizu maivu gakutsama ga anangu. Ye mufalume akiamuru. Ts'alu wabaki huu kwa muda. Kische akimusongerera ye mufalume Ndzovu.

“Yuyahu mwanamulume si mudzo bule, andahup'a go maizu gonya andarihala riri ts'aka rehu. Ts'alu akimudok'ezera. Ndzovu watsukirwa sana. Akimugalukira na kumupiga teke na kiguluche cha mbere. Ye Ts'alu akitsufwa dzulu za muhi uriokala hehi. K'ulahiza siku iyo Ts'alu akianza kuishi zulu za mihi.



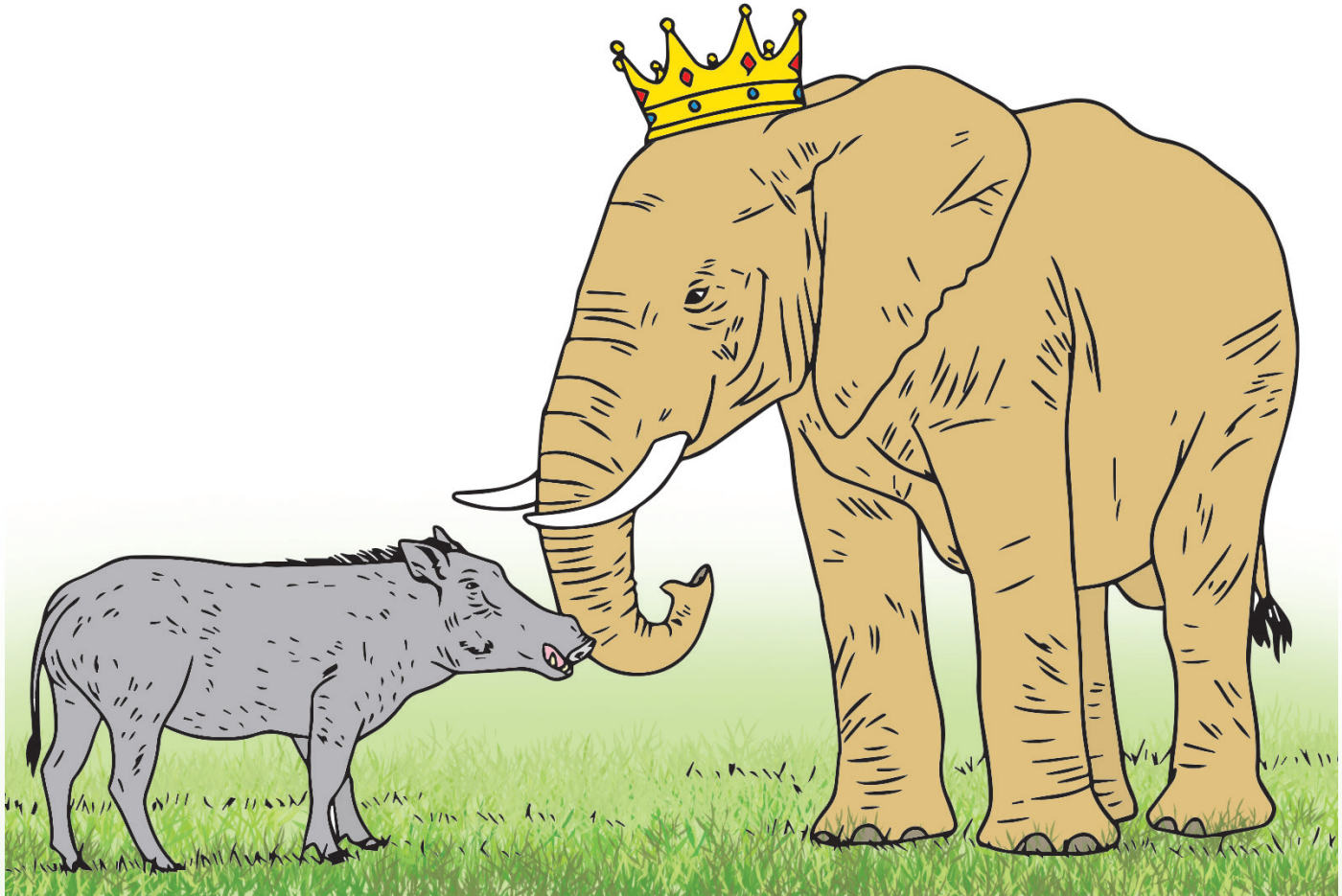


Bai Mufalume Ndzovu wariha Kobe. Kobe were ni mjumbe adzeaminiwa. Wakathi uwo kobe were rina k'ingo mbidzo rehe ya kiboko.

“Enda kwa ye Mwanamulume na ukamwambe akup’e chane cha maizu maivu ga anangu,” mufalme warilagiza ro Kobe. Kobe ranyamala kwa muda kidogo. Bai rikinena kwa sauthi ya kushononesha.

“Mwanamulume yuyahu ni mulafi zhomu. Andakup’a go maizu ela be andarihala riri tsaka rehu,” Kobe rikidzigidzya. Ye Ndzovu akitsukirwa. Waripanda ro kope kwa utsungu munji sana. Yahala muda mure sana kobe kuhola. Arihohola, mongowe wakala mukomu sana. Na pia ukihenda makokomakoko tha wero.





Bai Mufalume Ndzovu akiriha Gwase. Gwase were ni munyama mwenye ishima kahi za anyama osi. Wakathi uwo Gwase were rina midh'eko midzo bila meno ga kutsoloka.

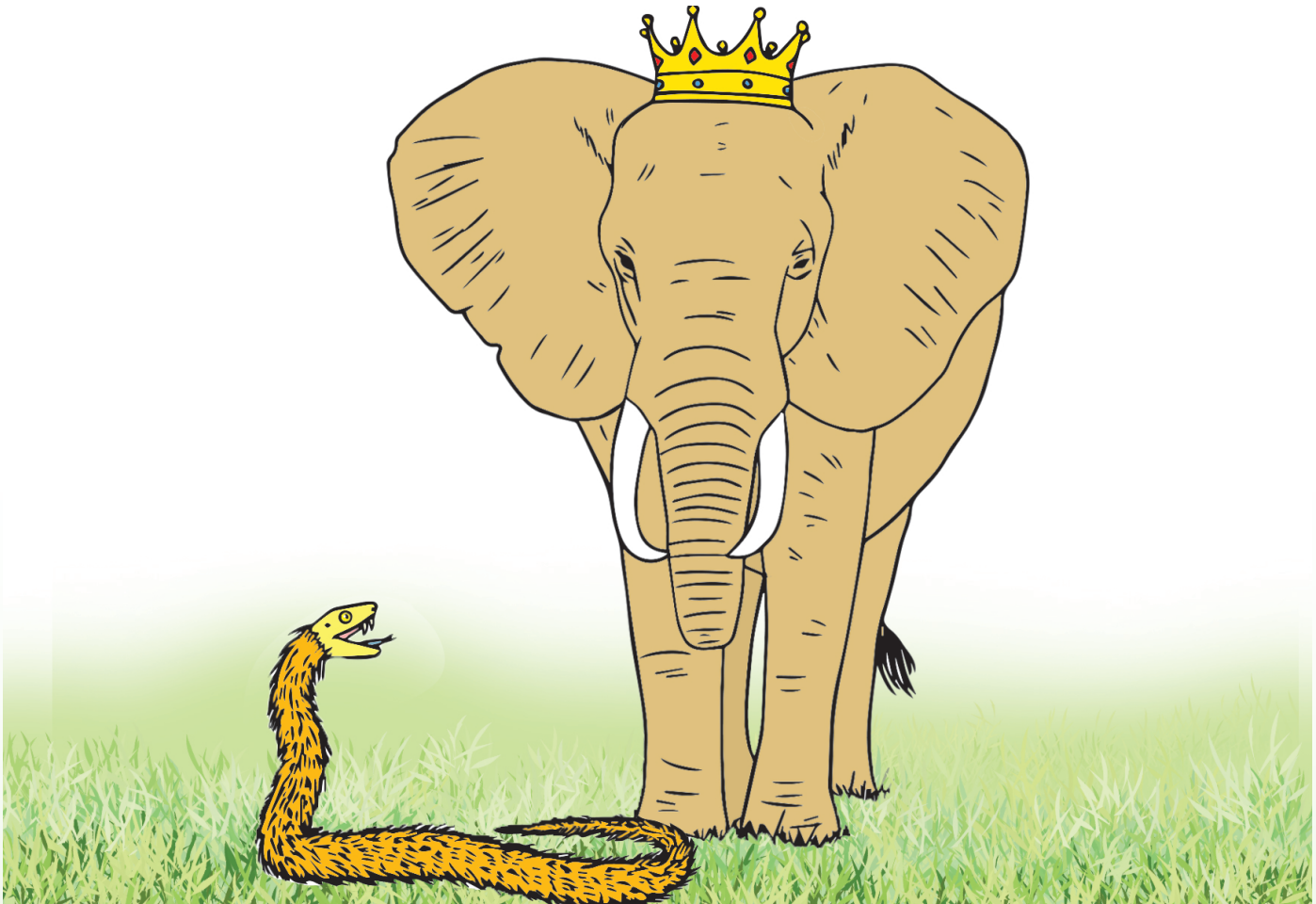
“Enda kwa yuyahu mwanamulume na ukamwambe akup'e maizu ga kutsama ga rangi ya kisi cha iji ili niap'e anangu,” mufalme walagiza. Gwase ranyamala kwa muda kidogo. Bai richenda hehi na sikiro ra mufalme na rikimwambira p'ore-p'ore.

“Mwanamulume yuyahu k'adima kuaminiwa. Ho kapindi Mut'u were ana munda mudzo here uu. Were unaifwa munda wa Edeni. Wakosa kumusikiza ye Muthawaliwe naye akiingwa mo mundani. Anamala ahale riri tsaka rehu,” Gwase ranena.

Ndzovu watsukirwa zhomu. Wazisukuma zo p'embeze ko kwa ro Gwase. Waripiga zo ndheyaze na zo p'embeze. Vivi zhahendya meno mangine ga Gwase gakundzike kondze za wo mulomowe hatha warero.







Vivi were ni dziloni. Mufalume waaza usiku wosi. K'adimire kulala. Siku iri ypothuwiriza madzach'a genye maitisi wamwiha Nyoka adze ho mudzini hakwe. Wakathi uwo Nyoka were ana k'ingo mbidzo.

“Enda kwa yuhahu mwanamulume na ukamwambire akup'a maizu machache ga kutsama ga anangu,” mufalume walagiza. Nyoka wamaka zhomu arihosikira vizho. Wadzikuna yo k'ingoye na cho kitswache. Nyoka were anamumanya ye Mut'u t'o t'o t'o sana. Were madzakala mahadhui kwa mtu mure sana. Bai akinena.

“Nakala nikiishi na ye Mut'u. Nikimukenga. Adzanitsukirirwa zhomu. Andanibanda kitswa. Andakudza athue zizo p'embezo. Andarihala riri ts'aka rehu.” Ndzovu watsukirwa zhomu. Akikihosha o kitswa cha Nyoka na chokiguluche kibomu. Nyoka wajeza na nguvuze zosi kutsulula. Wahoshwa zhomu hatha zo nyogaze zikimbola. Wabaki na kingo nyembamba hatha warero.

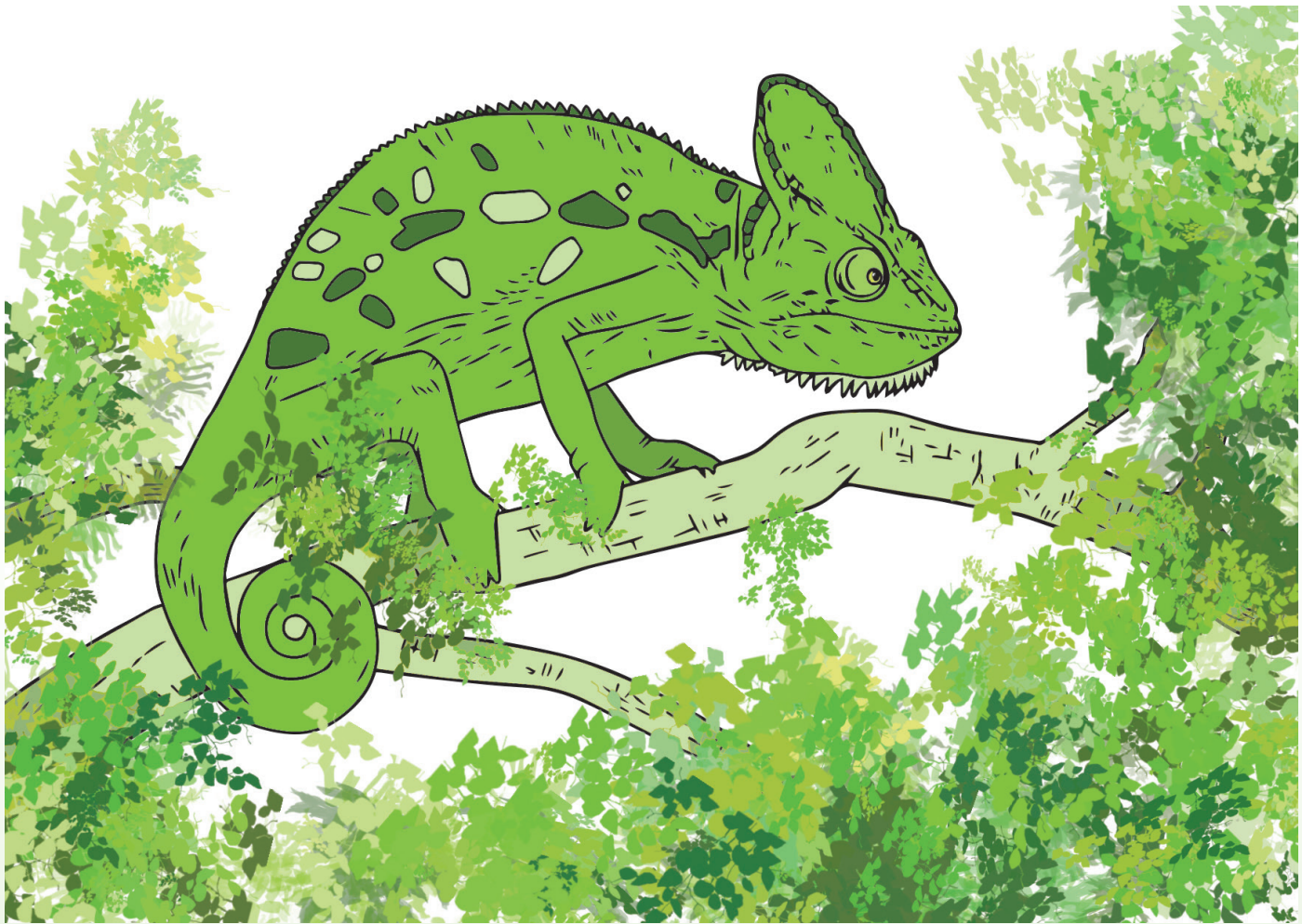




Anyama osi were masikira zho zhenye ye Mufalme were adzamuhendera ye T'salu. Mamanya kukala T'salu anaishi dzulu za mihi. Were madzaona zho zhenye Ndzovu were adzarihendera ro Kobe. Mamanya kukala ro Kobe were rina mungo wa kupashuka-pashuka.

Anyama osi were masikira zho zhenye mufalume were adzarihendera ro Gwase. Mamanya kukala ro Gwase were rina meno ga kutsoloka. Were madzaona zho zhenye Ndzovu were adzamuhendera ye Nyoka. Mamanya kukala ye Nyoka vivi were ana kingo nyembamba. Mamanya kukala ye Nyoka were niadzigandule kingo mara kwa mara. Anyama osi mathunganana kisiri. K'amamwambirire ye Ndzovu bule. K'amamalire ye mufalume amanye kuhusu njama zao. Malongozwa ni Simba. Makubaliana osi kukala ye mufalume akimwiha munyama mungine mandamuthuwa nyuma.

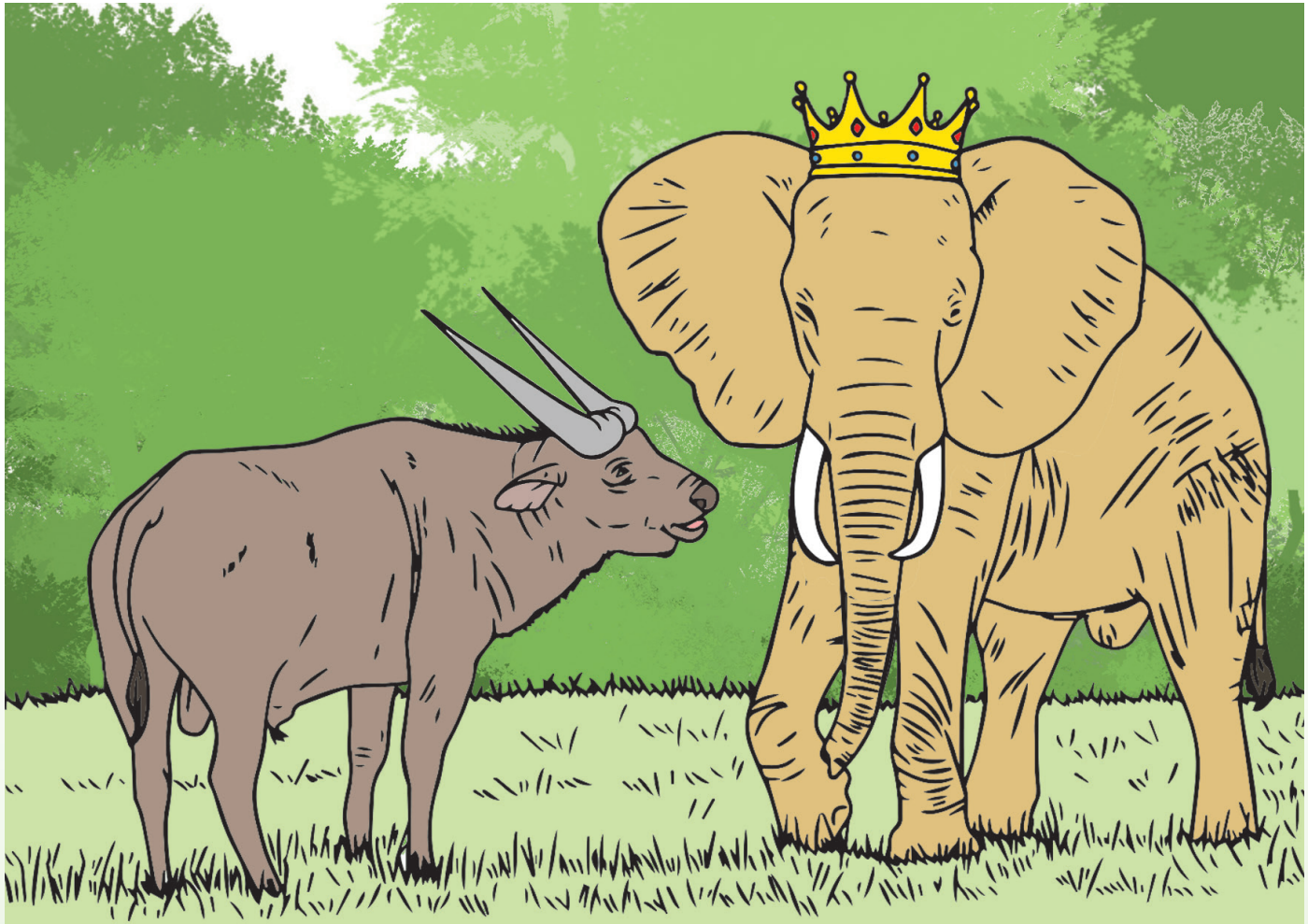




Mpango wao were nimazame mo vifehemani ili malole kala ye Ndzovu andahendadze. Mamaya kamare ye mufalume Ndzovu andamwiha munyama mungine. K'ahana munyama tha mumwenga ariyekala thayari kwenda hehi na kumusirikiza ye Mufalume.

Lungwi ramboza luth'imilwe. “Ndakwenda heni henye zhadimikikazho.” Lugwirikinena. Ro lungwi raamua kudzibadhilisha rangi kahiza vithavungo vitsi. Ye mufalume k'adimire kumanya kala ao anyama were mana mupango wani.



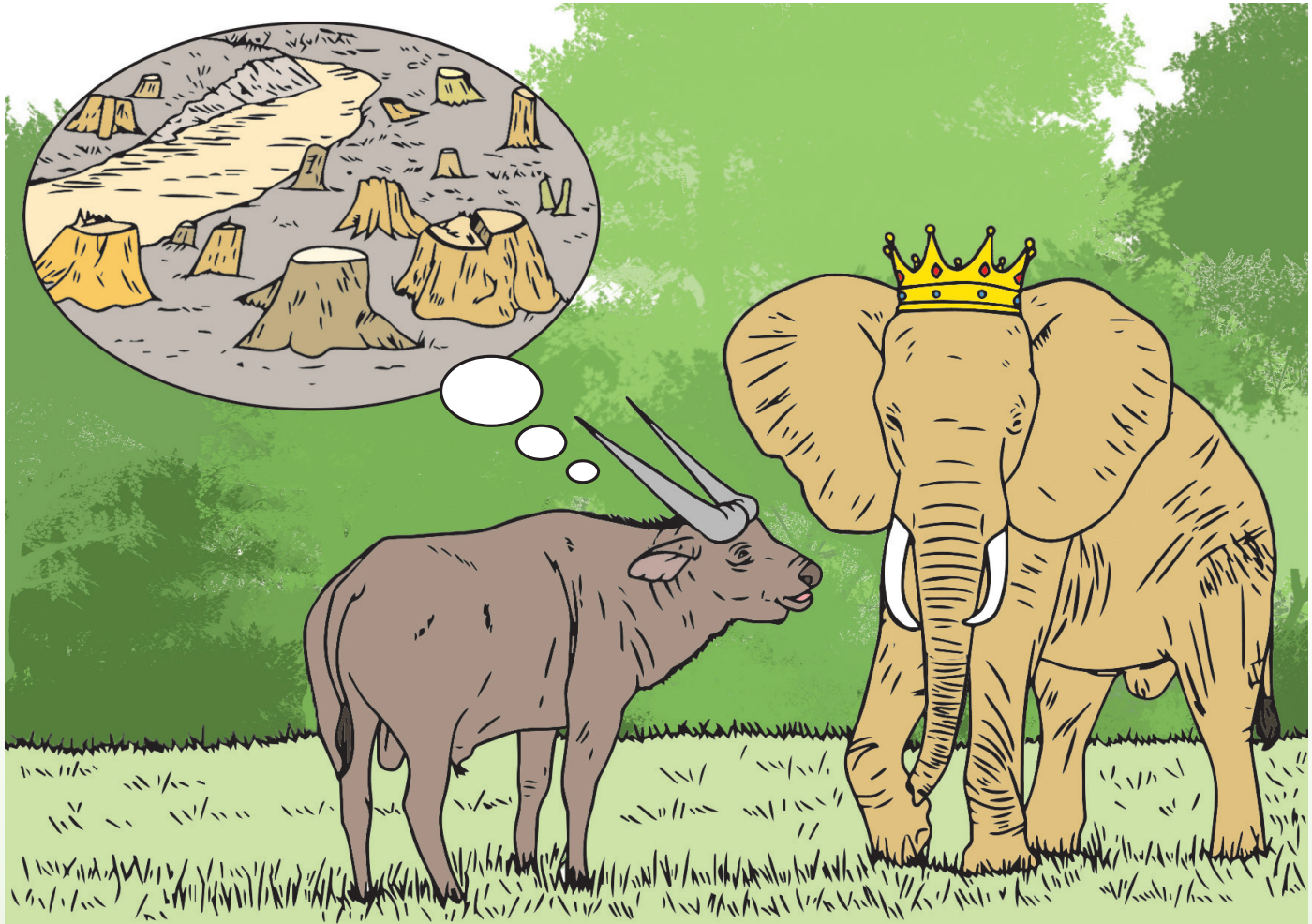


Siku iriyothuwiriza, mufalume wamwiha Nyahi. Nyahi were ni mumwenga wa o shikarie aaminifu. Were anarinda ro riryango ra wo mudziwe. Wakathi uwo zo p'embeze were ni here za Ng'ombe.

Nyahi were ni shikari asegoha kit'u. Wakwenda malo kumbola ho henye riryango ili akamusikize ye mufalume amwihiracho kuhenda.

Nyahi arihofika, mufalume wamulagiza, "Enda kwa Mut'u na ukamwambire akup'e maizu machache ga kutsama ga rangi ya kisi cha iji ili niap'e anangu." Nyahi wanyamala vichache.



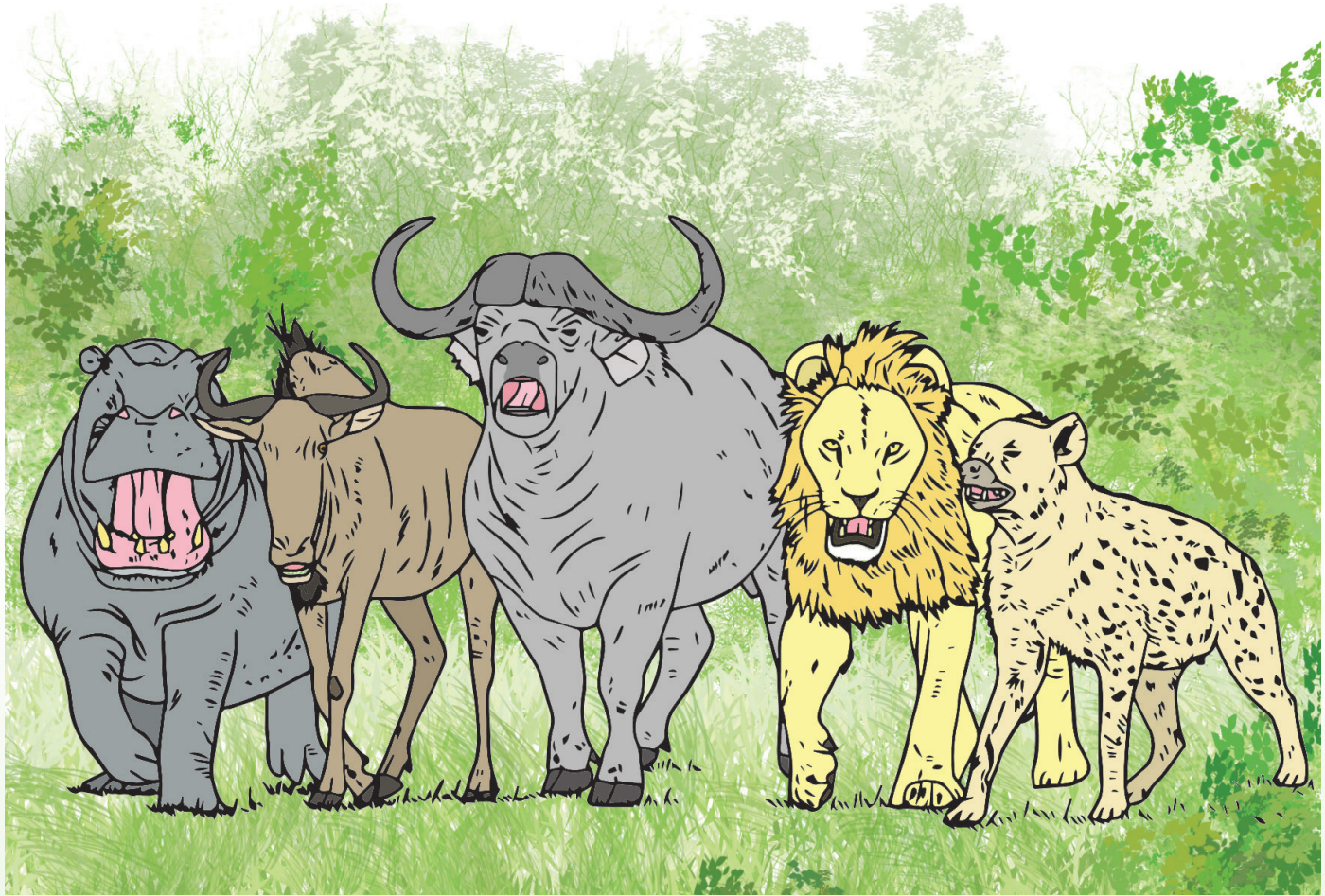


“Mufalume wangu. Nikukala namona iye mwanamulume akifulola kula dzulu ya munara. Anamala afuhendye atumwa. Lola zho zhenye wamuhendera Ng’ombe. Anamala adze ahale zo p’embe za P’era,” Nyahi wanena.

“Andahala mudzi wehu, riri tsaka. Andaitosa ii mihi yosi ili apate mihi ya kujengera nyumbaye. Andaitosa ii mihi ilia pate makala. Andaitosa ii mihi ili apate k’uni. Bai andarima ts’i ii na alaye mimera,” Nyahi wangezera.

Vivi nazho zhamutsukiza ye Ndzovu. Wamupiga ye Nyahi ho kitswani na zo p’embeze. Vivi zhahenda zo p’embe zikundzike ko k’anda-k’anda. P’embe za Nyahi zakundzika hatha vivi rero. Nyahi wachimbirira ko tsakani. K’aendererere kumurinda ye mufalume kaheri.





Lungwi wasikira kila kit'u. Were adzazama ho henye kodza ho hehi na ye Ndzovu. Nyahi arihokala anachimbira anyama osi mambola kulaa ho marekala madzadzifitsa. Were manalongozwa ni Simba. Were manaimba:

*Ndzovu! Ndzovu! Vidzathosha vivi vidzathosha!*

*Fasikira zho uremuhendera Ts'alu,*

*Hatha vivi anakala dzulu za mihi.*

*Fasikira zho uremuhendera Kobe,*

*Hatha vivi ana mongo mukomu.*

*Fudzasikira zho uremuhendera Gwase,*

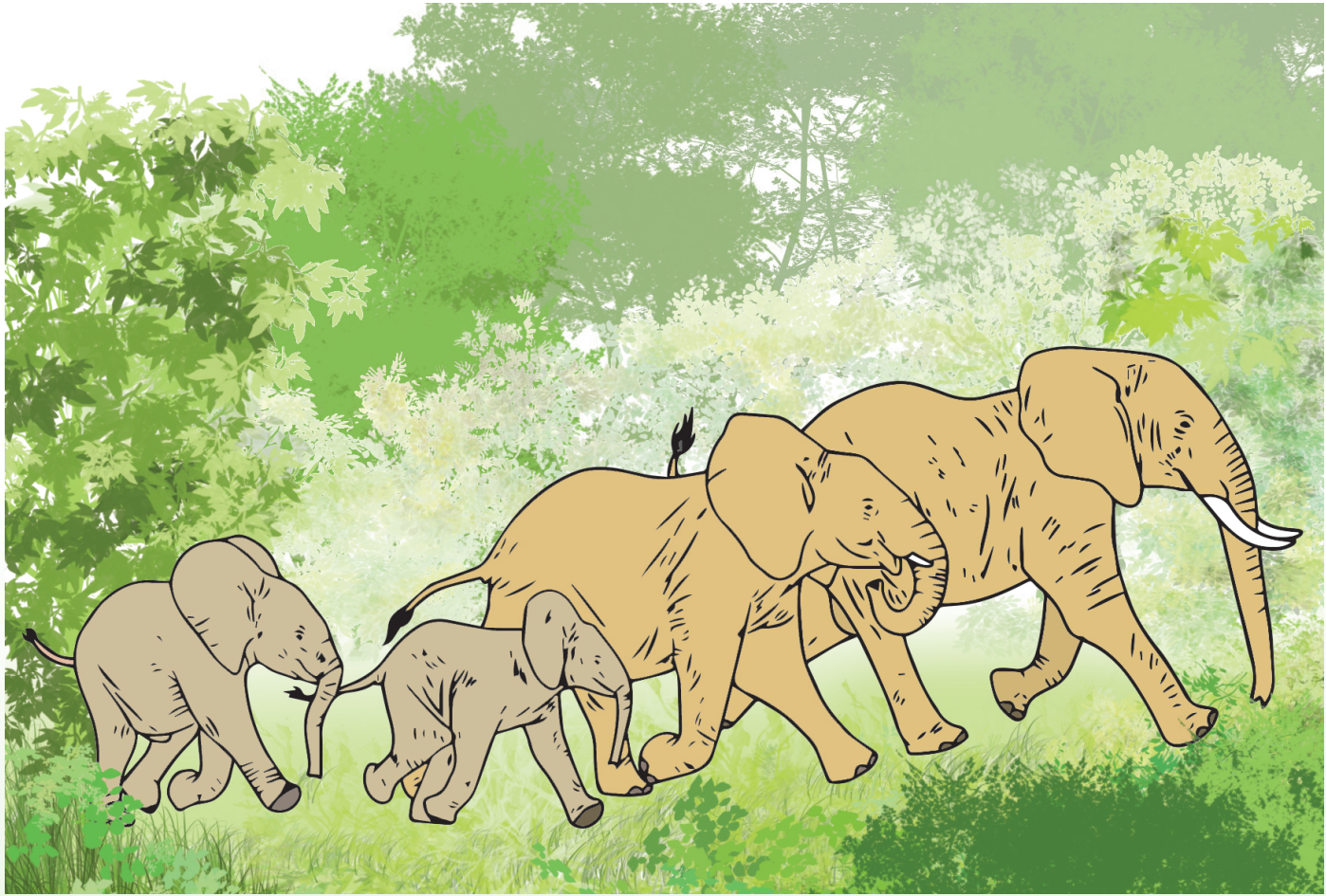
*Hatha vivi rina meno gadzigotsoloka.*

*Fudzasikira zho uremuhendera Nyoka,*

*Hatha vivi ana kingo nyembamba.*

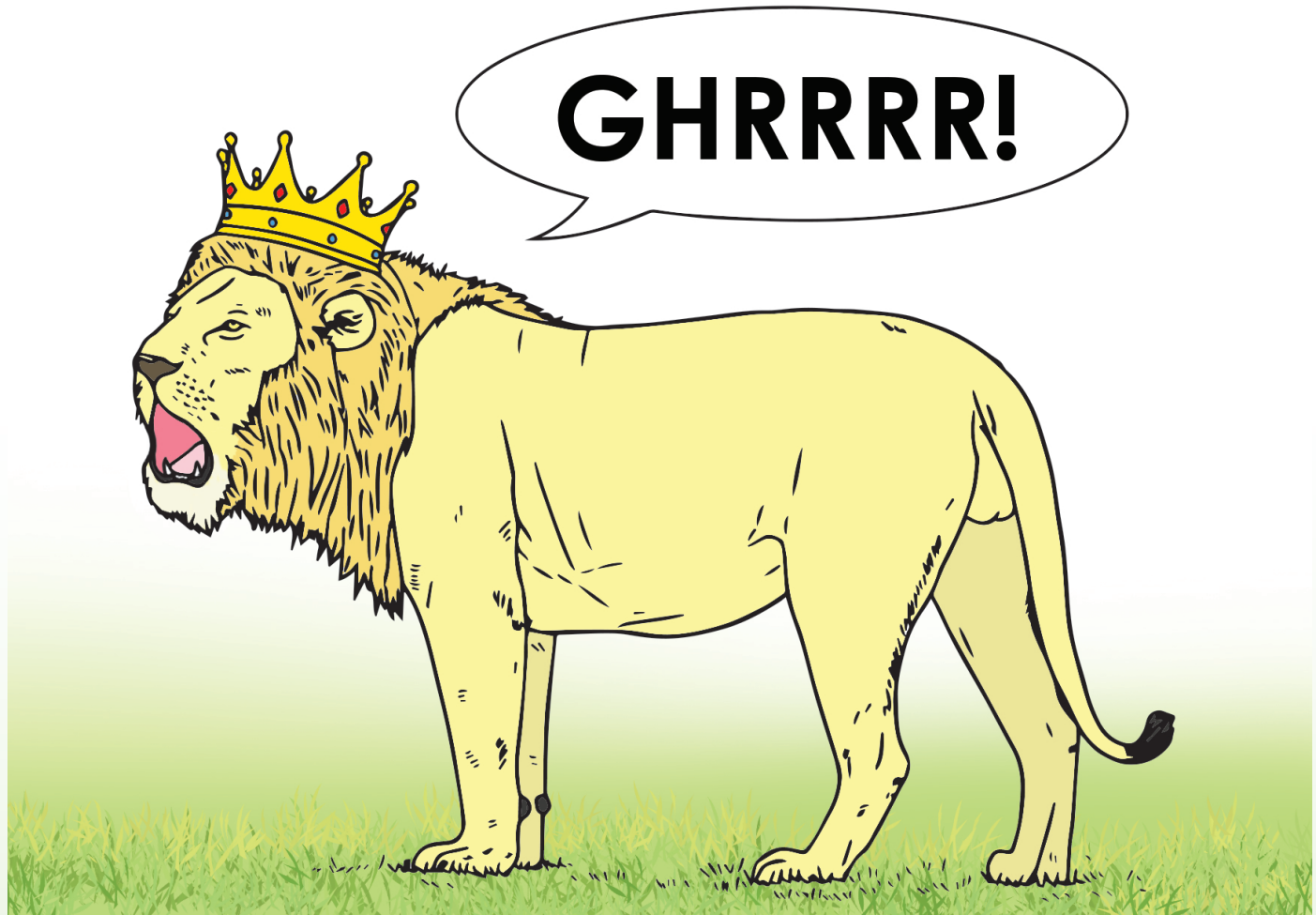
*Na vino muhendzwi wehu Nyahi! Vinathosha vivi vinathosha!*





Mufalume Ndzovu wadanganishwa sana ni lo lonzo. K'amanyire kala lonzo lulo were lunambolahi. Akikumbukira arizhombirwa ni Ts'alu. Akikumukira arizhombirwa ni kobe na gwase. Akikumbumbukira arizhombirwa ni Nyoka. Wakumbukira arizhokala adzambirwa ni Nyahi. Wadh'ania kukala ye mwanamulume were anadza ahale zo p'embeze. Wamanya kukala k'akut'ot'ot'o bule. Akiaiha anae na mamiyao. Akiambira makot'e malo manji sana na machimbire kuko ts'akani.





Anyama masherehekea. Ye Ts'alu were anaraha, Pia ro Kobe naro. Gwase were rinaraha sana. Nyoka naye dzazho. Nyahi naye were anaraha sana. Anyama osi were kamamwendzi Ndzovu akale mufalule wao kaheri.

Anyama mathunganana kaheri. Ao osi makimutsagula Simba akale mufalume wao. Hatha wa rero Simba nde Mufalume wa anyama osi.

