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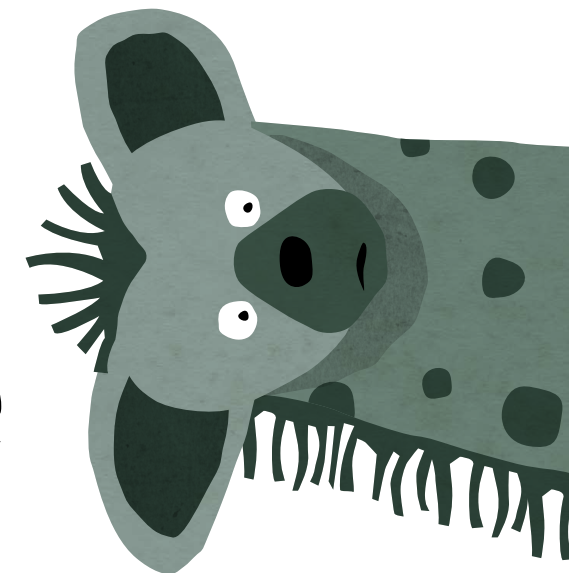
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N'wamhungumbye, Spotty,
a ri ni gome.
A lahlekeriwile hi xihleko
xa yena.



“Ndzi kombela u ndzi
pfuna ku kuma xihleko
xa mina, N’wanhutlwa,”
a kombela.



“A ndzi koti ku
twa xihleko
laha henhla,”
ku vula
N’wanhutlwa.

“Ndzi kombela u ndzi
pfuna ku kuma xihleko xa
mina, N’wampfuvu,” ku
vula Spotty.

“A ndzi koti
ku twa xihleko
laha hansi,” ku
vula N’wampfuvu.



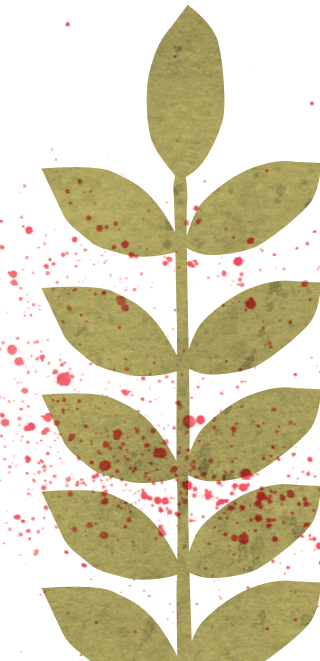
“Ndzi kombela u ndzi pfuna
ku kuma xihleko xa mina,
N'wanguluve.”

**“A ndzi koti ku
twa xihleko laha.”**



“Ndzi kombela u ndzi pfuna
ku kuma xihleko xa mina,
N’wamfenhe,” ku vula Spotty.

“U xi lahlile njhani?” ku vutisa
N’wamfenhe.



“Loko ndzi hleka, u nga vona
meno ya mina lamakulu. Ma endla
leswaku un’wana na un’wana a
chava,” ku vula Spotty.

“Ndzi twile mbilu yi vava loko
xihleko xa mina xi nyamalala.

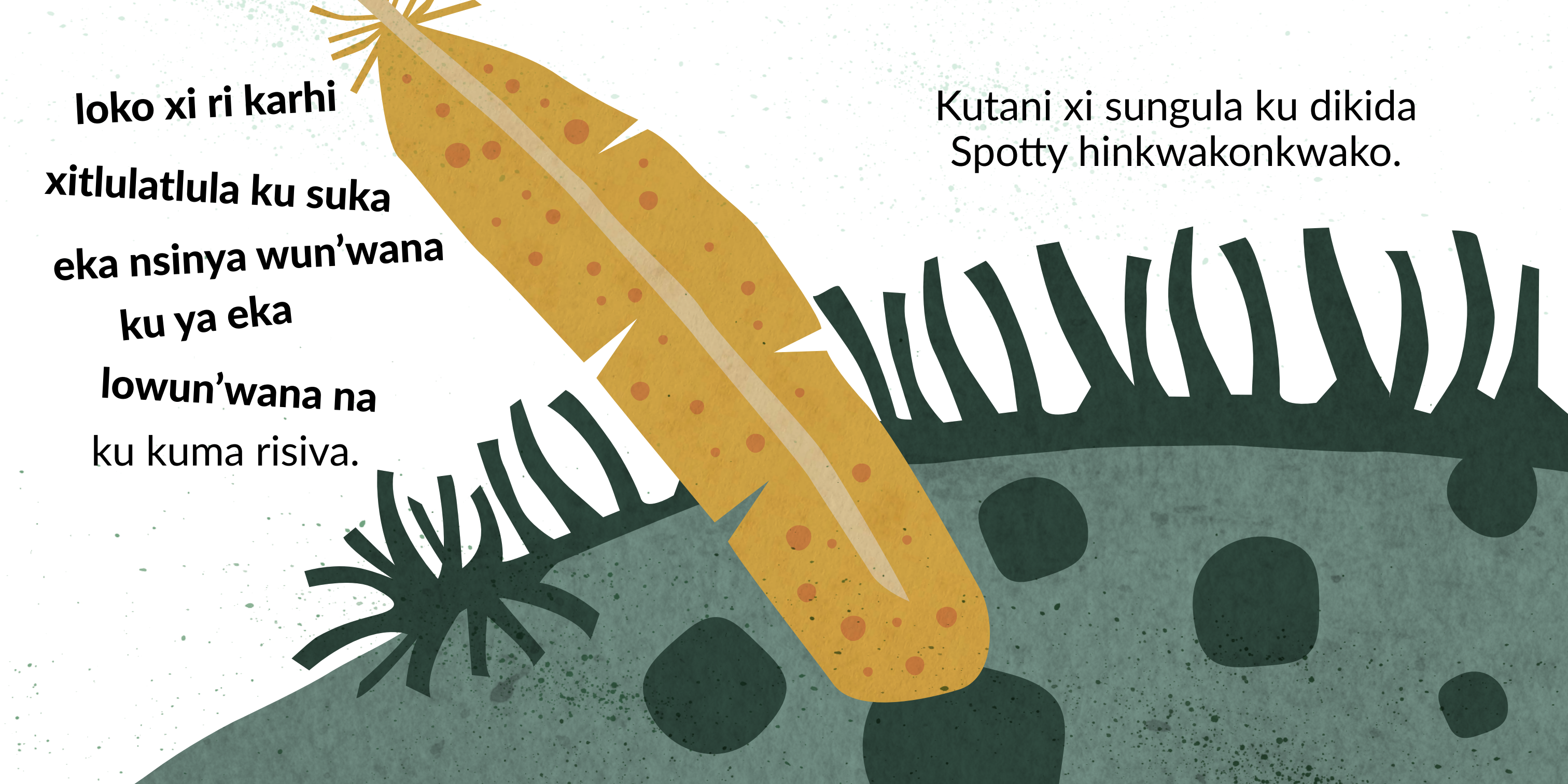




**A ndzi xi
kumi helo.”**

“Kambe a wu xi lava
eka ndhawu leyi nga
riki yona,” ku vula
N’wamfenhe





**loko xi ri karhi
xitlulatlula ku suka
eka nsinya wun'wana
ku ya eka
lowun'wana na
ku kuma risiva.**

**Kutani xi sungula ku dikida
Spotty hinkwakonkwako.**



Hi switsongotsongo, Spotty a sungula ku n'wayitela, kutani endzhaku a bulusa xihleko lexikulu, lexikulu swinene.

U hlekile lero na hleka ku fikela laha a nga vumbuluka ehansi.



Hinkwaswo swiharhi swi
sungula ku hlekelela naswona.

“Xana u xi kume kwihi xihleko xa yena?” va vutisa.



“Xihleko xa yena a xi ri endzeni ka yena nkarhi lowu hinkwawo. Ndzi lo endla leswaku a tsaka kutani xihleko xona xi fika,” ku hlamusela N’wamfenhe.





Hinkwavo va hlekelerile
lero na hleka ku fika laha
meno ya vona ya nga
vonaka.



**“Ndzi nge lahlekeriwi hi
xihleko xa mina na siku
na rin’we,”**

ku vula Spotty,
N’wamhungubye loyi a
tsakile.



