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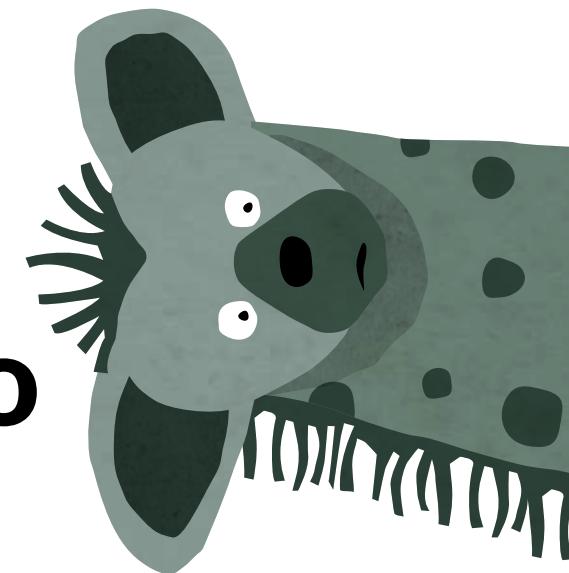
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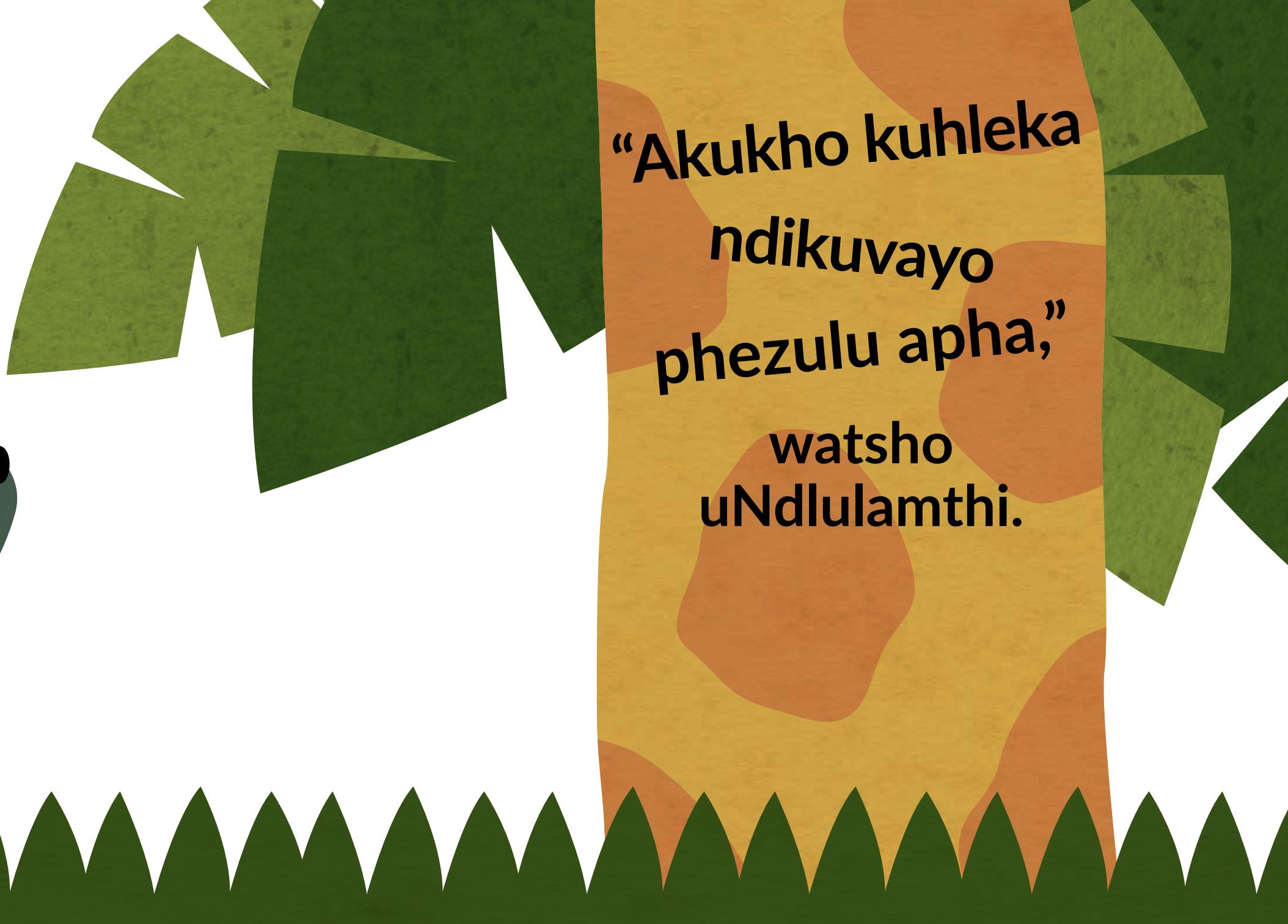
UMachaphaza, ingcuka,
wayelusizi kakhulu.
Wayelahlekelwe
kukuhleka kwakhe.



“Ndincede ndiphinde
ndifumane ukuhleka
kwam, Ndlulamthi,”
wacela.



“Akukho kuhleka
ndikuvayo
phezulu apha,”
watsho
uNdlulamthi.



“Ndincede ndiphinde
ndifumane ukuhleka
kwam, Mvubu,” watsho
uMachaphaza.

“Akukho kuhleka
ndikuvayo
ezantsi apha,”
watsho uMvubu.



“Ndincede ndiphinde
ndifumane ukuhleka
kwam, Nxagu.”

“Andiva kuhleka
apha.”



“Ndincede ndiphinde ndifumane
ukuhleka kwam, Nkawu,” watsho
uMachaphaza.

“Kulahleke njani?” wabuza
uNkawu.



“Xa ndihleka, ayabonakala amazinyo am amakhulu. Oko kothusa wonke umntu,” watsho uMachaphaza.

“Ndasuka ke ngoko ndaba lusizi kwasuka kwanyamalala ukuhleka kwam.”





**“Andikufumani
naphi na.”**

**“Kodwa
ubukukhangela
endaweni
engafanelekanga,”**





watsho uNkawu

engcileza ukusuka

**emthini ukuze
achole usiba.**

Waqala wanyumbaza
uMachaphaza kuyo yonke indawo.



Engangxamanga
uMachaphaza waqala
wancuma, waze wayekelela
ukuhleka okukhulu
nokuvakala kakhulu.

Wahleka wahleka
wade wazibhuqabhuqa
emhlabeni.



Zonke nezinye izilwanyana
zasuka zahleka nazo.

“Ukufumene phi ukuhleka kwakhe?” zabuzana.



“Ukuhleka kwakhe bekusoloko kungaphakathi kuye ngalo lonke ixesha. Ndithe ndakumvuyisa kwaphumela ngaphandle,” wachaza uNkawu.





Basuka bahleka, bahleka
bonke kwade kwabonakala
amazinyo abo.



**“Andisayi kuphinda
ndilahlekelwe
kukuhleka kwam
kwakhona,”**
watsho uMachaphaza,
ingcuka eyonwabileyo.



