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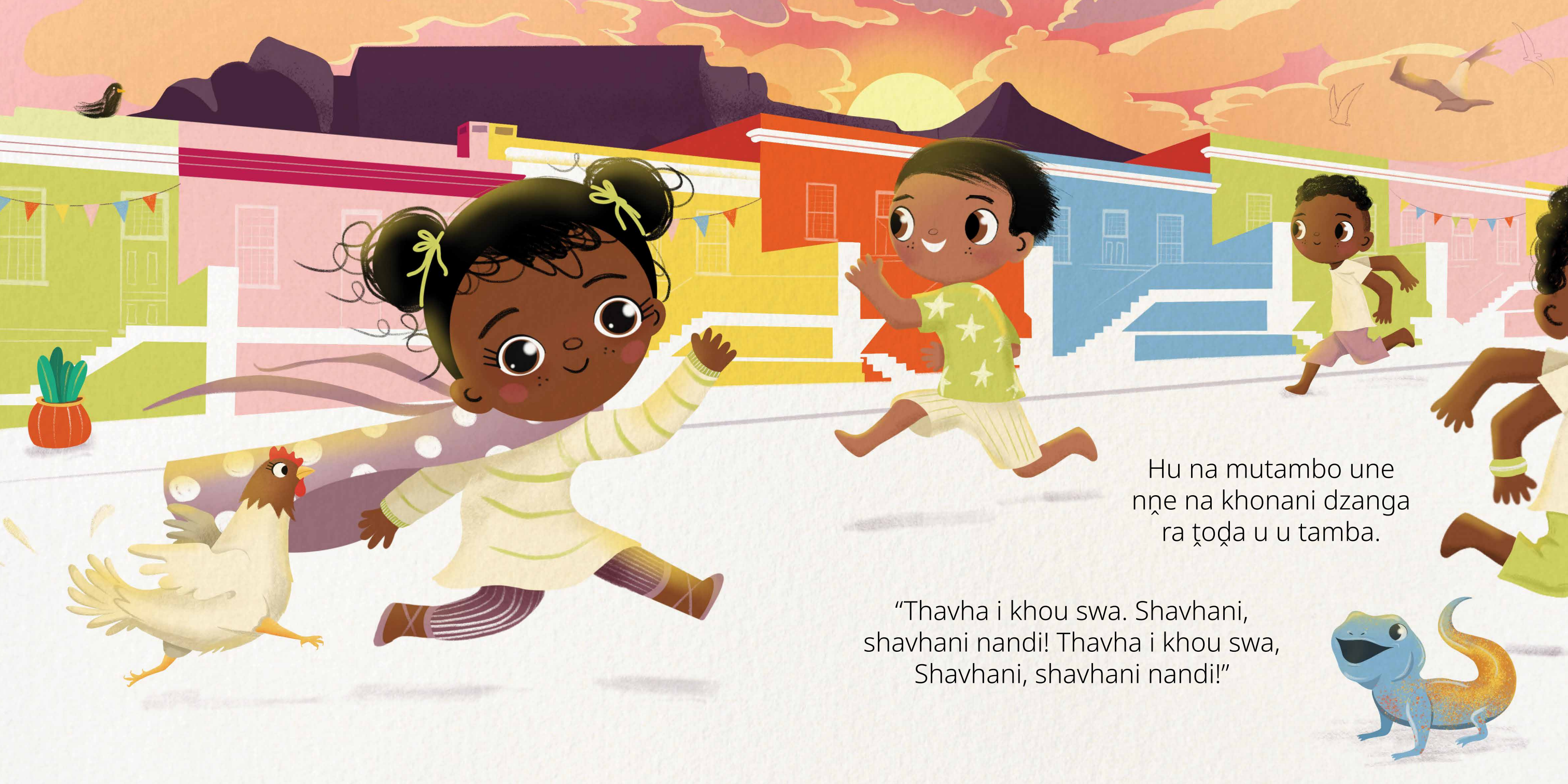
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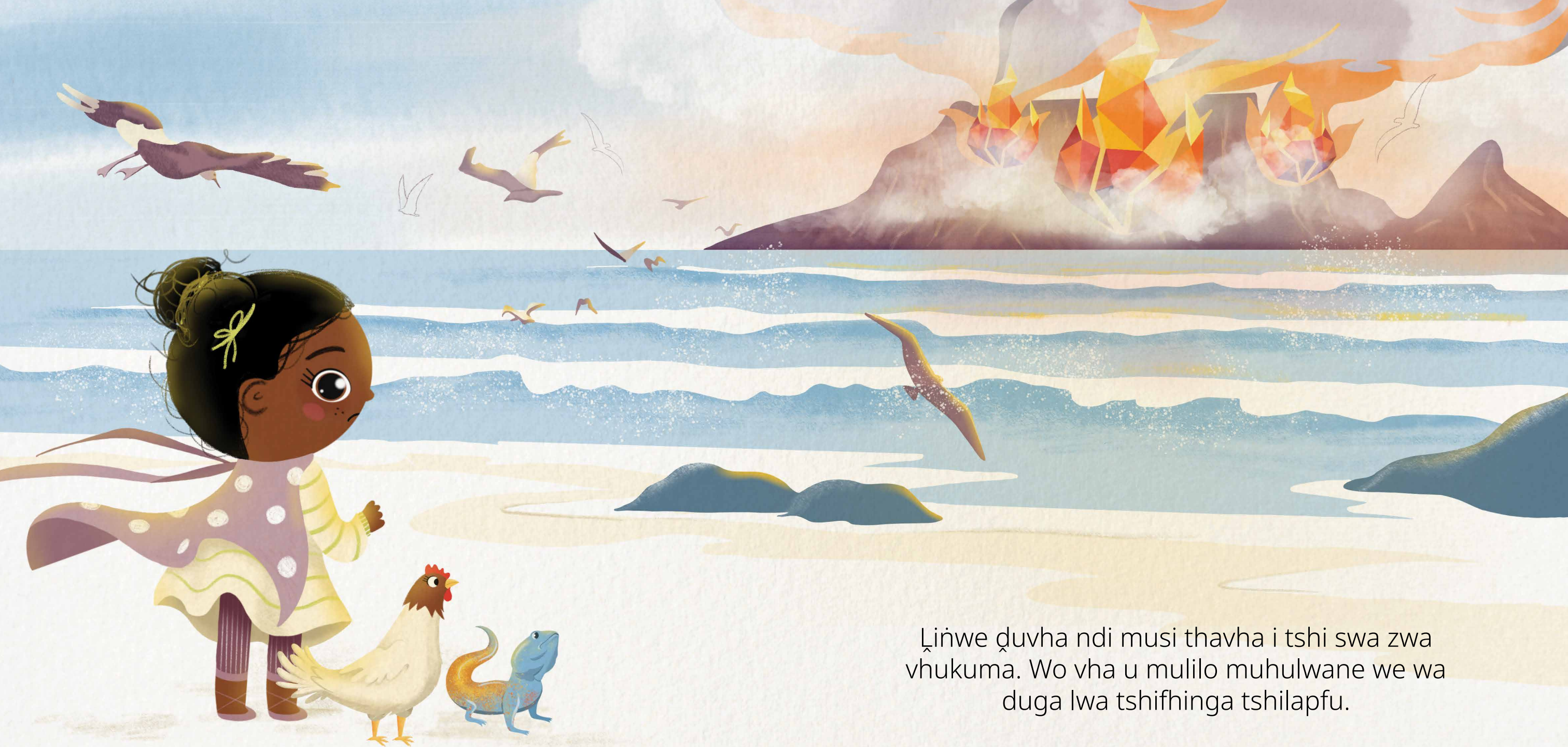
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Hu na mutambo une
nxe na khonani dzanga
ra toḡa u u tamba.

“Thavha i khou swa. Shavhani,
shavhani nandi! Thavha i khou swa,
Shavhani, shavhani nandi!”



Linwe duvha ndi musi thavha i tshi swa zwa
vhukuma. Wo vha u mulilo muhulwane we wa
duga lwa tshifhinga tshilapfu.

A stylized illustration depicting a rescue operation. A yellow helicopter with a blue canopy and black windows is shown in flight, carrying a red rescue capsule suspended by a rope. The helicopter is positioned above a large, intense fire with bright orange and yellow flames. A person is visible inside the red capsule, being lowered towards the fire. In the background, there are dark, jagged shapes representing rocks or trees, and a small, stylized flame is visible in the upper left. The overall scene is set against a light, textured background.

Ha swa zwifhaṱo zwihulwane,
zwa kale, bugu, miri na hatsi.
Heḽikhophutha dza dzima mulilo
nga maḽi, vhorazwidzimamulilo
vha re na tshivhindi vha fafadzela
nga phaiphi dzavho.



Nahone vhathu vho shavha. Vha dzhia
bugu dzavho na bege, vha bva fhethu
hu re na vhutsi na khavhu dza mulilo.



Nga murahu ha maḡuvha mararu e a
vhonala e malapfu, khavhu dza mulilo dze dza
vha dzo sala dza dzima.

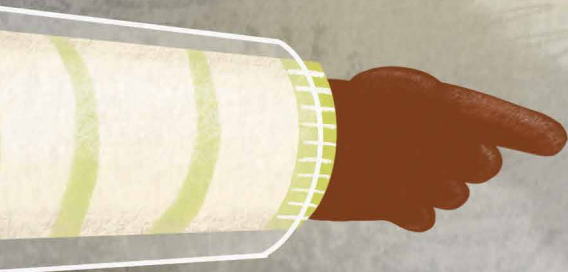
Vhorazwidzimamulilo vha kona u awela.





Thavhani ho vha hu hutswu. Musi ri tshi khou
tshimbila thavhani, ro vhona matombo na
zwiṭaka zwo swaho fhedzi.

Zwo ri ṭungufhadza vhukuma.



U swika lijwe duvha ... zwimela zwitswuku zwi
tshi mela fhethu ho swaho.

“Vhonani, vhonani. Ndi mini izwo?”





Ha thoma u
mela maluvha
malapfu matswuku
o nakaho ane a pfi
mavolenga, o
khotheaho a re na
tshivhumbeo
tsha dologo.



Nga murahu ha zwenezwo, ha mela maluvha
mahulwane matswuku fhethu hu dala zwa tou
nga hu khou tutuwa thavhandubi. O vha a tshi
nga phaiphi ndenya tswuku dzi re na zwithu
zwa ţaḡa zwi ţhavhaho sa mipfa na maḡari
mahulwane matswuku.

Ho thoma u vhonala vhudala u mona
na thavha, vhutswu ha dzhielwa
vhudzulo nga hatsi vhudala na
zwiḡaka zwiḡuku.

Nga murahu ha bvelela zwimela zwine zwa pfi asparagus fern, zwe zwa simuwa fhethu ho nukadzwa ho nga mwila.



Na zwimela
zwilapfu zwine
zwa pfi *watsonia*
zwi re na maluvha
a muvhala wa
swiri na pinki.

Thavhani ha mbo ɔ̃ mela
zwimela zwe ha vha ho no
fhela minwaha minzhi ri sa
athu zwi vhona.



Thavha yo dala nga zwithu
zwiswa zwi tshilaho!



