



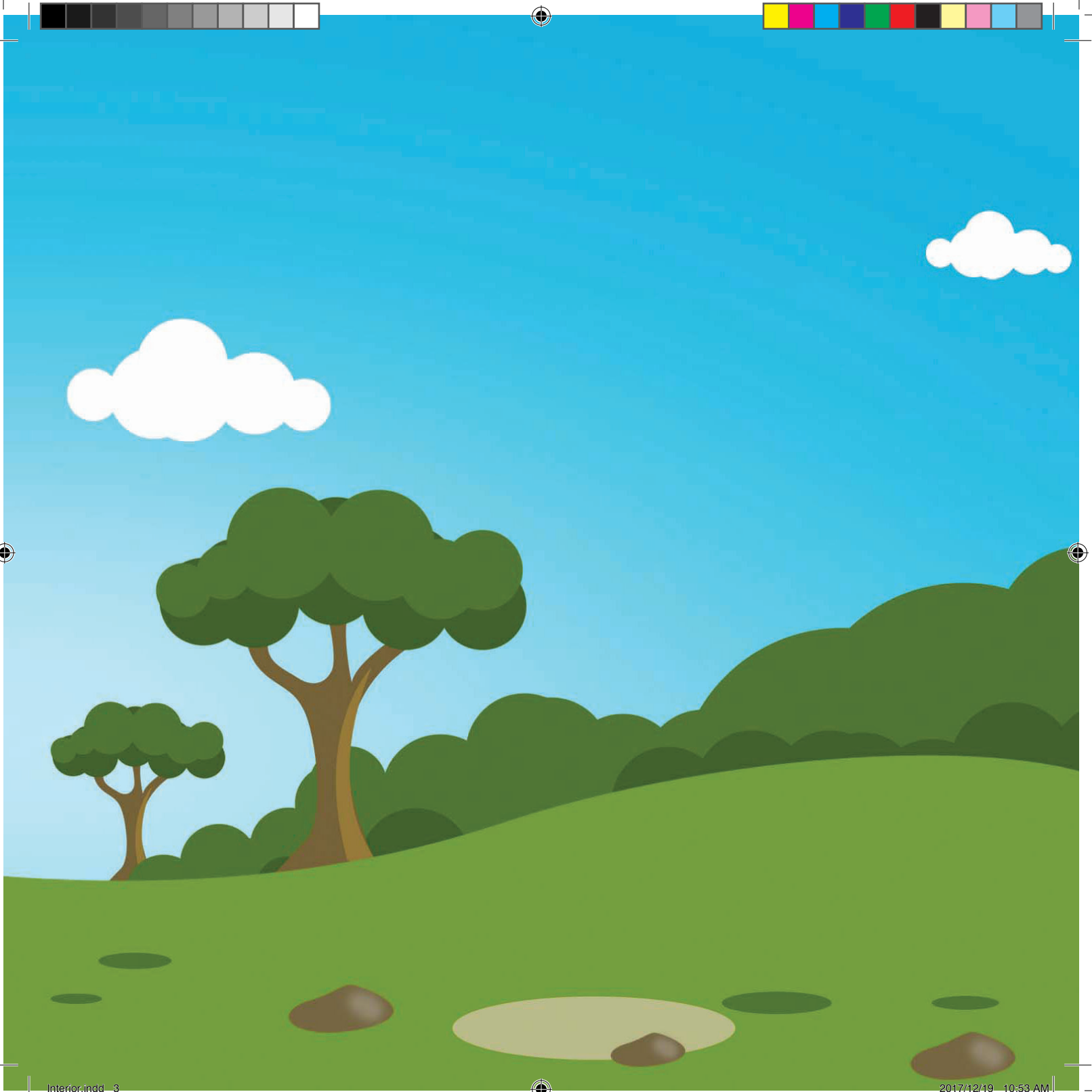
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Kwakukhona inkukhu okuthiwa uCikizwa  
eyayiyintandane.

Ngolunye usuku uCikizwa wayephumile eyobheka  
ukudla ngesikhathi ebona imvukuzane iphuma  
emgodini wayo. Waqala wakhuluma nemvukuzane,  
kodwa yona ayaze yamnaka.



Kwakuphuma izinyembezi zehla ebusweni bukaCikizwa ngenkathi ekhala kabuhlungu, ngakho imvukuzane yaxolisa kakhulu ngokuphatha kabi imizwa yakhe.





Emva kwalokho yabe isithenga iziphuzo  
namakhekhe. Badla base bephuza bendawonye,  
base bezizwa bejabujabule.





Ukusuka ngalelo langa imvukuzane noCikizwa  
baba ngabangani abakhulu. Abangani imvamisa  
bayawolana babambane kube yiziswambithi.  
Babezwana futhi benakekelana.





Ngokunye ukuhlwa, uCikizwa wavalelisa kumngani wakhe wayesehamba eya ekhaya.

Ngalobo busuku uCikizwa waphupha. Wezwa izwi likanina libuza, “UCikizwa uzoshada nini?”  
“Hhayi, kungenzeka ukuthi bengiphupha,” kusho uCikizwa ngenkathi evuka.



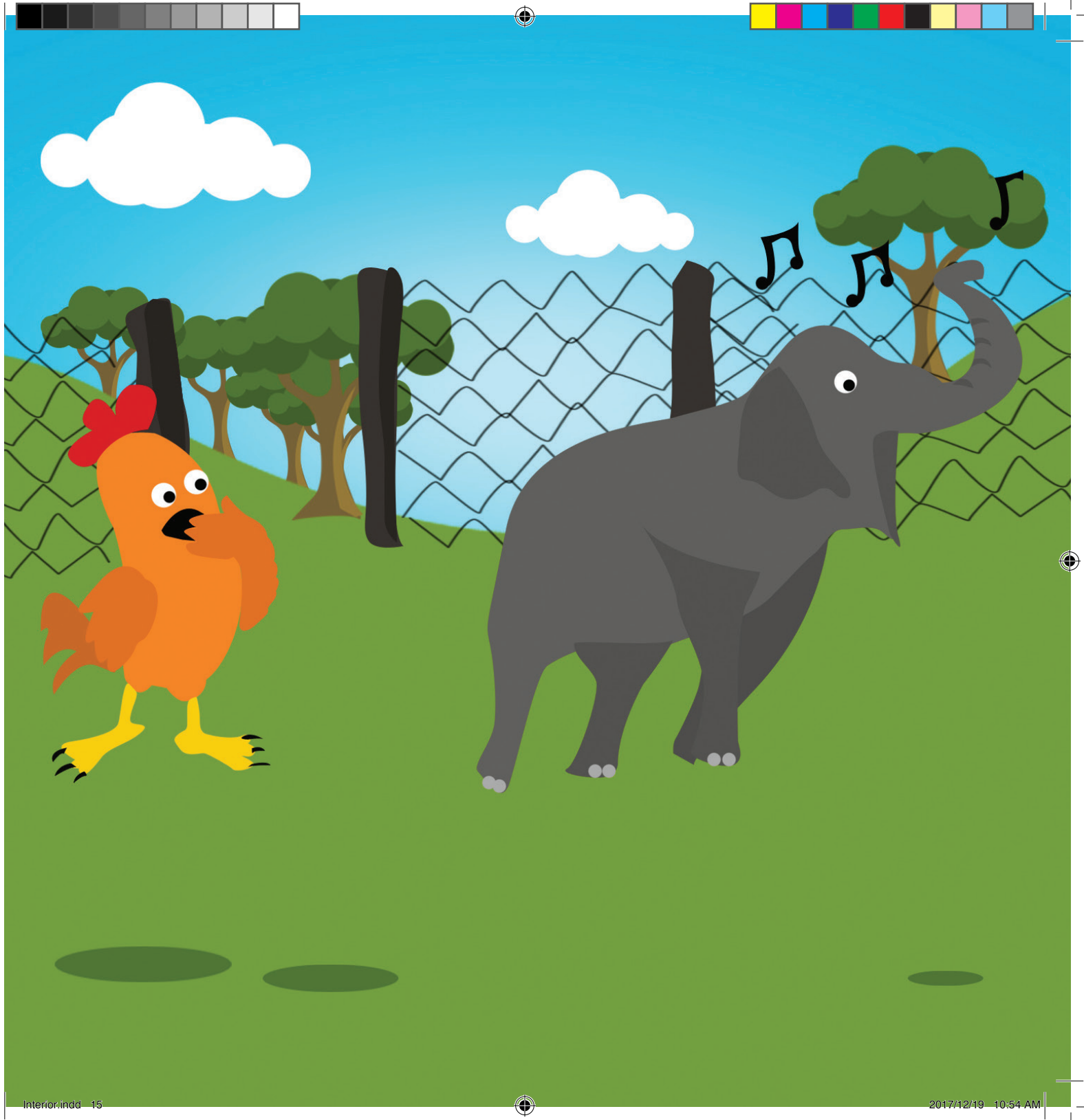
Manje-ke endaweni okwakuhlala khona uCikizwa, kwakukhona indlovu enonya.





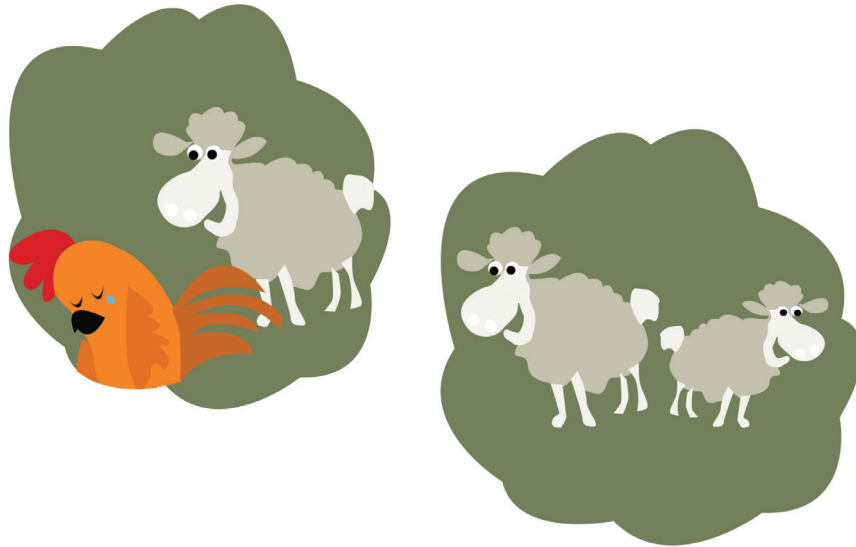


UNdlovu lo wayevamise ukusho izinto ezingemnandi kuCikizwa ngenhloso yokuzama ukumenza angathokozi. Ngelinye ilanga ekuseni ngenkathi uCikizwa ebingelela uNdlovu, wamane wamziba nje, wayesethi, “Ha, ha, ha! Suka lapha, le ntandane le! Ufunani lapha kimi? Waze wonda bo. Sengathi awuwutholanga ummbila owanele ongawudla!” Yaba buhlungu inhliziyo kaCikizwa.





Esendleleni ebuyela ekhaya, wahlangana noMvu, uBhoqo. Wanele wayibona imvu ezilungeleyo, wakhiphela inhliziyo yakhe yonke kuyo. Wayitshela imvu nokushiwo yindlovu kuye. UMvu wayiduduza inkukhu futhi wakwazi nokuyenza imoyizele kancane.



Emva kwalokho uMvu wamema uCikizwa ukuthi azodla isidlo sakusihlwa emzini wakhe. Badla isitampu esimnandi esiphekwe nobhontshisi njengesidlo sakusihlwa. Ngemuva kwalokho uCikizwa wadansa ngentokozo nomndeni wakwaMvu ngesikhathi sekudlala umculo. Wadansa kakhulu ngendlela yokuthi kwaphuquka izintuli waze wakhohlwa nayizo zonke izinkinga!









Ngosuku olulandelayo izulu layishaya imvula.  
Lana kakhulu ngendlela yokuthi iningi lezilwane  
lakhukhulwa wumfula oseduze. UCikizwa yena  
wayephephile esidlekeni sakhe ngoba uyise  
wayehlakaniphile, wakha umsele eduze kwaso  
ngakho asizange sikhukhuleke.





Kodwa uCikizwa wayelokhu ephatheke kabi ngokwenzekile kwabanye abangani bakhe.

Kwathi uma imvula inqamuka, kwavela izimbali ezinye, ezinemibala egqamile futhi kwakukhona umoyana opholile. UCikizwa waphumela ngaphandle wathokozela ukukhanya kwelanga ngenkathi ebona uNdlovu eqhuga futhi ekhala empongoloza. UCikizwa olungileyo wabiza i-ambulensi ngokushesha.



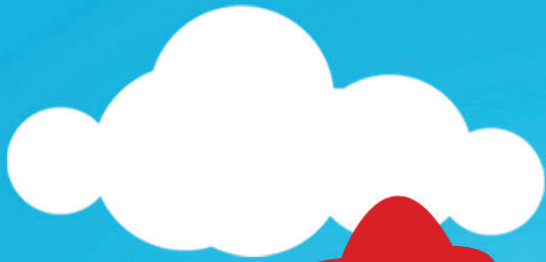


Lapho i-ambulensi ifika, uNdlovu wathola usizo aludingayo. Umlenze wakhe waboshwa ngebhandishi wase uyajovwa ukusiza ukudambisa izinhlungu. Ngenkathi uNdlovu eqala ukuzizwa esengcono, wabonga uCikizwa ngomusa wakhe.

Wayesethi, “Cikizwa, mntanami, ungaguquki kulokhu oyikho. Hlala uhlonipha futhi uthanda wonke umuntu.”







Ngemuva kwesikhathi esithile,  
uCikizwa wehla waqonda  
emfuleni wayozithokozisa  
khona. Kwase kuvele kukhona  
abantu abambalwa kanye  
nezilwane lapho. Abanye  
babedoba, bese bosa izinhlanzi  
abazibambile. Badla  
izinhlanzi kanye namakhekhe  
amnandi asanda kubhakwa.

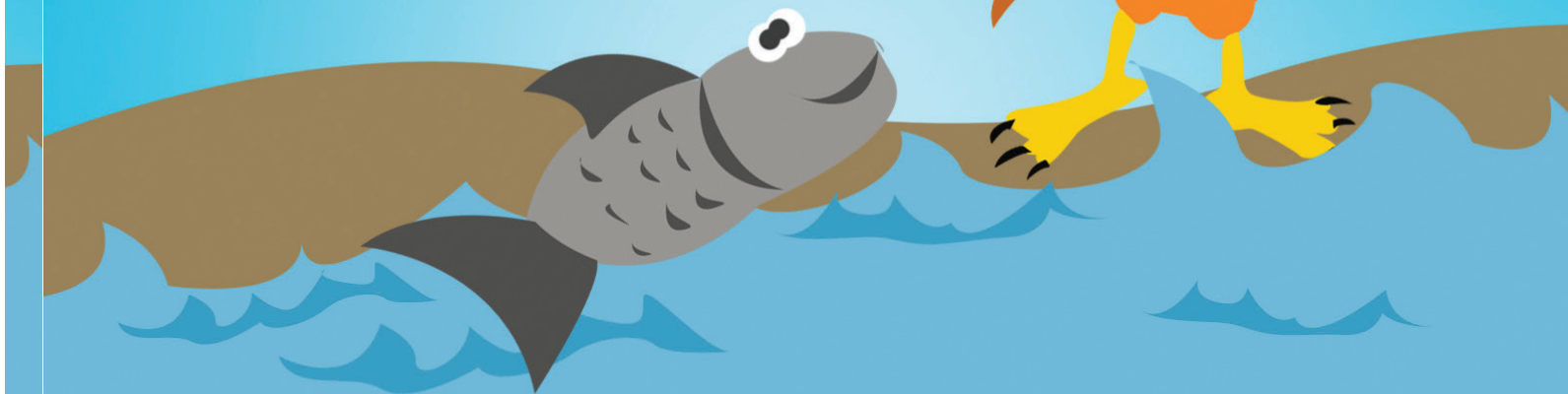
UCikizwa waqaphela inhlanzi  
enhle futhi wathola ukuthi  
igama layo kwakunguGumbi.





Gumbi noCikizwa baqala ukwazana, kanti ngokushesha babe sebengabangani. UCikizwa waze wanquma ngisho nokuthi ayeke ukudla inhlanzi ngoba ehlonipha uGumbi.

Ezinye izilwane zabahleka zase zithi, “Kungenzeka kanjani ukuthi inhlanzi nenkukhu kube ngabangani?”





Kodwa uGumbi noCikizwa abazange babe nandaba. Babe sebesondelana kakhulu. UGumbi wafundisa uCikizwa ukubhukuda nokuziphonsa emanzini, kanti uCikizwa wafundisa uGumbi ukuqhwanda emhlabathini ukuthola ukudla.

Ekugcineni uGumbi wacela uCikizwa ukuthi amshade. UCikizwa wavumela phezulu. Bendawonye banquma ukuthi bazoba nomshado wabo ngoMgqibelo olandelayo endaweni abayithanda bobabili neseduze komfula.







Lwaze lwafika usuku lomshado. Ilanga lalishisa kabi. Kwakungeve kuwumshado oyisimangaliso!

Iqembu lomculo lezilwane lacula kahle. Oxamu, imikhomo, izingwenya, izimvu zamanzi, oshaka, amadolfini, izinkomo, izinja, izinyamazane, onogwaja, izingungumbane, izinyoka zamanzi kanye nezinye izilwane zacula ndawonye:

“Kumnandi lapha emshadweni wenhlanzi.  
Kumnandi lapha emshadweni wenkukhu!”



