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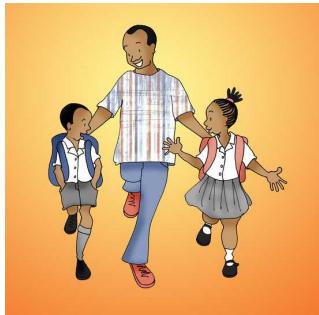
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Nakatira si Odongo at Apiyo sa lungsod kasama ang kanilang tatay. Gustong gusto nila ang bakasyon hindi lang dahil walang pasok, pero dahil dinadalaw nila ang kanilang lola na nakatira sa palaisdaan malapit doon sa malaking lawa.

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Odongo and Apiyo lived in the city with their father. They looked forward to the holidays. Not just because school was closed, but because they went to visit their grandmother. She lived in a fishing village near a large lake.

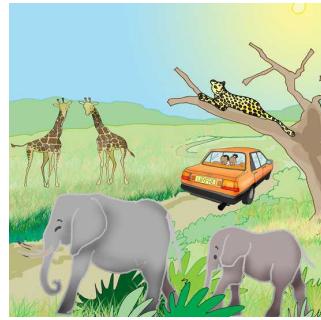
holiday.

Odonogo and Apoyo were excited because it was time to visit their grandmother again. The night before, they packed their bags and got ready for the long journey to her village. They could not sleep and talked the whole night about the holiday.

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Masaya siña Odonogo at Apoyo na malapit na nila makasama si Lola. Sa gabí pa lang, naka-impaque para sa biyáhe. Hindi sila makatulog sa tuya kaya buong gabí silang nagkukumentuhan.





Kinaumagahan, hinatid sila ng kanilang tatay papunta sa lola. Dumaan sila sa mga taniman ng tsaa at mga bundok na may ligaw na hayup. Binilang nila ang mga sasakyang dumaan at nagkantahan din sila.

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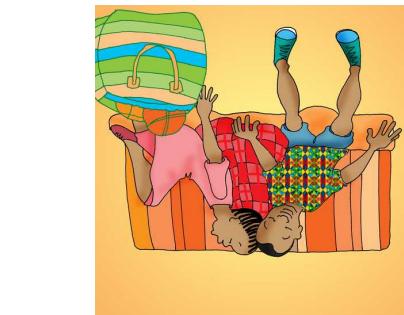
Early the next morning, they left for the village in their father's car. They drove past mountains, wild animals and tea plantations. They counted cars and sang songs.



Kinuwento nina Odongo at Apiyo sa kanilang mga kaibigan ang lahat. Sabi ng iba mas gusto pa rin nila ang buhay sa lungsod. Sabi naman ng iba, mas maganda talaga sa nayon. Pero lahat sila sang-ayon na walang hihigit pa kay Lola Nyar-Kanyada!

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When Odongo and Apiyo went back to school they told their friends about life in the village. Some children felt that life in the city was good. Others felt that the village was better. But most of all, everyone agreed that Odongo and Apiyo had a wonderful grandmother!



Mahigpit na niyakap ni Odonggo at Apayo ang
Di nagtagal, napagod ang dalawa at nakatulog
ng mahimbing.
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After a while, the children were tired and fell
asleep.



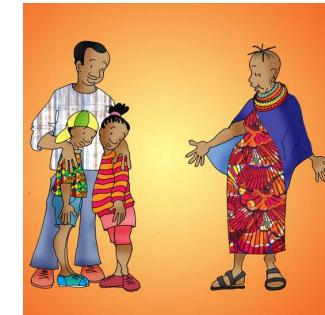
Odonggo and Apayo both hugged her tightly and
said goodbye.
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Iola.



Ginising sila ng tatay nung makarating sila sa nayon. Nakita nila si Lola Nyar-Kanyada na nagpapahinga sa ilalim ng puno. Sa Luo, ang ibig sabihin ng Nyar-Kanyada ay “anak ng mga tiga-Kanyada.” Maganda at matatag na babae ang Iola ni Odongo at Apiyo.

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Father woke up Odongo and Apiyo as they arrived in the village. They found Nyar-Kanyada, their grandmother, resting on a mat under a tree. Nyar-Kanyada in Luo, means ‘daughter of the people of Kanyada’. She was a strong and beautiful woman.



Dumating ang tatay para sunduin sila pero ayaw sumama ng magkapatid. Nagmakaawa sila kay Nyar-Kanyada na tumira na lang sa lungsod. “Matanda na ako. Hindi ko na kaya ang buhay sa lungsod. Hihintayin ko na lang kayo sa sunod na bakasyon.”

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When their father came to fetch them, they did not want to leave. The children begged Nyar-Kanyada to go with them to the city. She smiled and said, “I am too old for the city. I will be waiting for you to come to my village again.”

But too soon the holidays were over and the children had to go back to the city. Nyar-kanyada gave Odonggo a cap and Apayo a sweater. She packed food for their journey.

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Di nagtagal, natapos ang baksyon. Nag-impake ng gamit ang magkapatid. Binigyan ni Nyar-kanyada si Odonggo ng sombredo at pangginawan naman ang para kay Apayo. Naghanada rin siya ng makakain nila sa biyeho.

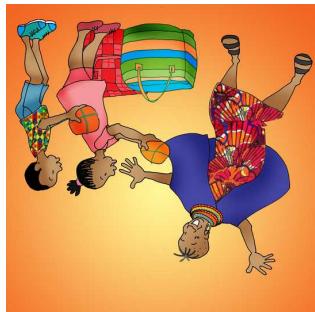


Apayo.

Nyar-kanyada welcomed them into the house and danced around the room singing with joy. Her grandchilren were excited to give her the presents they brought from the city. "First open my gift," said Odonggo. "No, my gift first!" said

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Sumayaw at kumanta sa tuya si Nyar-kanyada na ng dumating ang mga apo. Nag-uunahan sa pagbigay ng pasalubong sina Odonggo at Apayo. "Bukasan po niyko, bilis," sabi ni Odonggo. "Akini muna unahin niyko," sabi ni Apayo.





Pagkatapos mabuksan ang mga pasalubong,
pinagmano ni Nyar-Kanyada ang mga apo.

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After she opened the presents, Nyar-Kanyada blessed her grandchildren in a traditional way.



Nang maubos lahat, uminum silang tatlo ng tsaa at binilang ang perang kinita.

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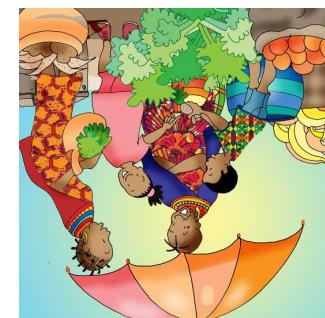
At the end of the day they drank chai tea together. They helped grandmother to count the money she earned.

Naglaro agad sa labas sina Odonggo at Apoyo.
Nakipaghabulan sila sa mga paru-paru at mga ibon.
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Isang beses, sumama ang magkapatid sa palengke. May tinidahan pala ng gulyay, asukal at sabon si lol. Si Apoyo ang tigasabi ng presyo at Odonggo naman ang tigabalo't ng mga binili.

On another day, the children went to the marketplace with Nyar-Kanyada. She had a stall selling vegetables, sugar and soap. Apoyo liked to tell customers the price of items. Odonggo would pack the items that customers bought.

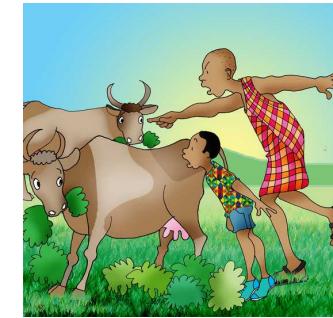




Inakyat nila ang mga puno at nagtampisaw sa lawa.

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They climbed trees and splashed in the water of the lake.



Isang araw, dinala ni Odongo ang mga baka sa bukid ng kapitbahay. Kinain ng mga baka ang damo at nagalit ang may-ari. Nagbanta siyang kukunin ang mga baka bilang kabayaran pero nangako si Odongo na hindi na uulit.

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One morning, Odongo took his grandmother's cows to graze. They ran onto a neighbour's farm. The farmer was angry with Odongo. He threatened to keep the cows for eating his crops. After that day, the boy made sure that the cows did not get into trouble again.

Nyar-Kanyada taught her grandchildren to make soft ugali to eat with stew. She showed them how to make coconut rice to eat with roast fish.

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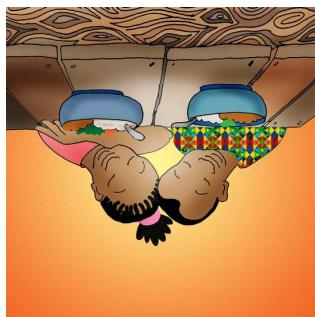
Tinuruan din sila ni Nyar-Kanyada kung paano magluto ng stew. Pinakita pa ng lola kung paano gumawa ng ginataang kanin at inihaw na isda.

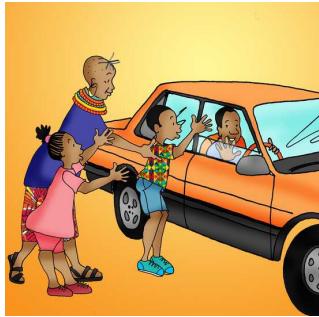
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Kinaumagahan, bumalik sa lungsod ang tatay at naiwan sina Odongo at Apiyo kay Nyar-Kanyada.

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The next day, the children's father drove back to the city leaving them with Nyar-Kanyada.



Tumulong sila sa mga gawaing-bahay ng lola. Nag-igib sila ng tubig at nag-hanap ng panggatong. Inipon nila ang mga itlog sa manukan at nanguha ng gulay sa gulayan.

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Odongo and Apiyo helped their grandmother with household chores. They fetched water and firewood. They collected eggs from the chickens and picked greens from the garden.