



## Nozibele no fuuk tolu

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Tempu uluk liu ba, labarik fetu nain tolu ba hili ai.

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A long time ago, three girls went out to collect wood.



Loron ne'e manas ho nune'e sira ba iha mota atu nani. Sira halimar no nani no kari bee ba malu iha bee laran.

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It was a hot day so they went down to the river to swim. They played and splashed and swam in the water.



Derepente, sira realiza katak tarde ona. Sira la'o fila lalais ba suku.

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Suddenly, they realised that it was late. They hurried back to the village.



Bainhira sira besik uma, Nozibele hasa'e ninia liman ba ninia kakorok. Nia haluha tiha ona ninia korrente! "Favor mai fali ho ha'u!" Nia husu ba ninia belun. Maibé ninia belun sira dehan ne'e tarde loos ona.

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When they were nearly home, Nozibele put her hand to her neck. She had forgotten her necklace! "Please come back with me!" she begged her friends. But her friends said it was too late.



Ho nune'e Nozibele mesak mak ba fali mota mesak.  
Nia hetan ninia korrente no halai fila ba uma. Maibé  
nia lakon iha nakukun laran.

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So Nozibele went back to the river alone. She found  
her necklace and hurried home. But she got lost in  
the dark.



Husi dook nia haree naroman mai husi uma du'ut ida. Nia halai ba ne'eba no dere odamatan.

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In the distance she saw light coming from a hut. She hurried towards it and knocked at the door.



Ba ninia surpriza, asu ida mak loke odamatan no dehan "Saida mak o hakarak?" "Ha'u lakon no ha'u presija fatin ida atu toba, "Nozibele hateten. "Tama mai, se lae ha'u sei tata o!" asu ne'e dehan. Entaun Nozibele tama ba laran.

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To her surprise, a dog opened the door and said, "What do you want?" "I'm lost and I need a place to sleep," said Nozibele. "Come in, or I'll bite you!" said the dog. So Nozibele went in.





Depois asu ne'e dehan, "Te'in ba ha'u!" "maibé ha'u nunka te'in ba asu ida antes," nia responde. "Te'in, se lae ha'u sei tata o!" Asu ne'e dehan. Ho nune'e Nozibele te'in hahán balun ba asu ne'e.

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Then the dog said, "Cook for me!" "But I've never cooked for a dog before," she answered. "Cook, or I'll bite you!" said the dog. So Nozibele cooked some food for the dog.



Depois asu ne'e dehan, "Prepara ha'u nia toba fatin!" Nozibele hatan, "Ha'u nunca prepara toba fatin ida ba asu ida." Prepara fatin ne'e, se lae ha'u sei tata o!" Asu ne'e dehan. Ho nune'e Nozibele prepara fatin toba ne'e.

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Then the dog said, "Make the bed for me!" Nozibele answered, "I've never made a bed for a dog." "Make the bed, or I'll bite you!" the dog said. So Nozibele made the bed.



Loron loron nia tenke te'in no dasa rai no fó hariis asu ne'e. Hafoin loron ida asu ne'e dehan, "Nozibele, ohin loron ha'u tenke vizita kolega sira balun. Dasa uma laran, te'in hahán no fase ha'u nia sasán molok ha'u fila."

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Every day she had to cook and sweep and wash for the dog. Then one day the dog said, "Nozibele, today I have to visit some friends. Sweep the house, cook the food and wash my things before I come back."



Iha kedas momentu asu ne'e ba, Nozibele foti fuuk tolu husi ninia ulun. Nia tau fuuk ida iha kama okos, ida seluk iha odamatan kotuk no seluk ida iha Kraal (kraal= uma du'ut tradisional Afrika nian). Hafoin nia halai maka'as fila ba uma.

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As soon as the dog had gone, Nozibele took three hairs from her head. She put one hair under the bed, one behind the door, and one in the kraal. Then she ran home as fast as she could.



Bainhira asu ne'e fila mai, nia buka Nozibele.

"Nozibele, o iha ne'ebé?" Nia hakilar. "Ha'u iha ne'e, iha kama okos," fuuk primeiru hatan. "Ha'u iha ne'e, iha odamatan kotuk," fuuk segundu hatan. "Ha'u iha ne'e, iha kraal," fuuk terseiru hatan.

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When the dog came back, he looked for Nozibele.

"Nozibele, where are you?" he shouted. "I'm here, under the bed," said the first hair. "I'm here, behind the door," said the second hair. "I'm here, in the kraal," said the third hair.



Depois asu ne'e hatene katak Nozibele lohi tiha ona nia. Entaun nia halai no halai ba iha suku. Maibé Nozibele ninia maun sira hein nia ho ai-sanak tolu. Asu ne'e fila no halai no nunka haree hetan dezde momentu ne'e.

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Then the dog knew that Nozibele had tricked him. So he ran and ran all the way to the village. But Nozibele's brothers were waiting there with big sticks. The dog turned and ran away and has never been seen since.



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