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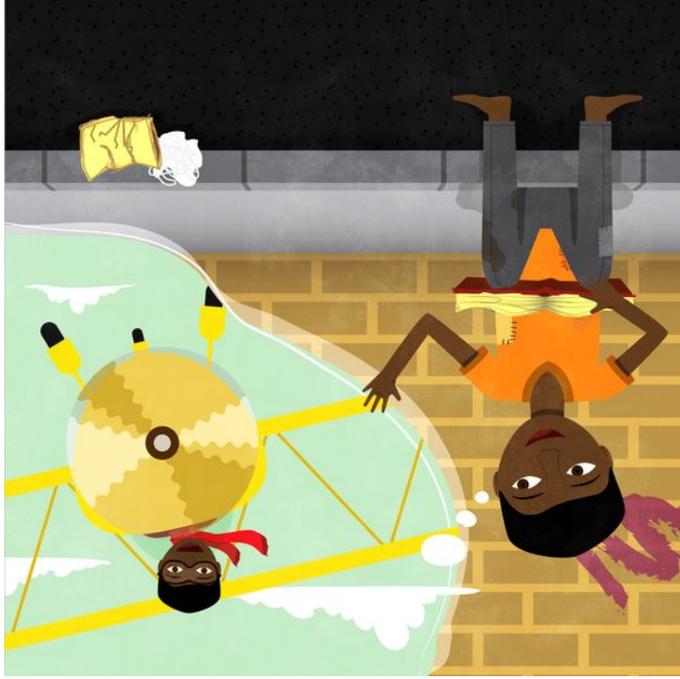
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Mwi tauni Iya Nairobi, ukutali nendupwa,  
kwaleeikala abalumendo abaabula  
indupwa. Baaleeikalafye cikulu bwaca.  
Uluceelo lumo, abalumendo baaleelonga  
impasa shabo panuma yakulala mumpepo  
mumbali yanshila. Ukubomfya ifisooso,  
baalikoseshe umulilo pakutamye mpepo.  
Pali ili bumba paali Magozwe. Ewaali  
umwaice saana.



Ilyo abatyashi bakwa Magozwe baatwile,  
aallfye neemyaka isaano. Aile mukwikala  
na banalume. Banalume tabapooseleko  
amaano kumwana. Magozwe  
tabaalempupeela ifyakulya fyakumanina.  
Baalempupeela incito shakumbomba  
ishingi.



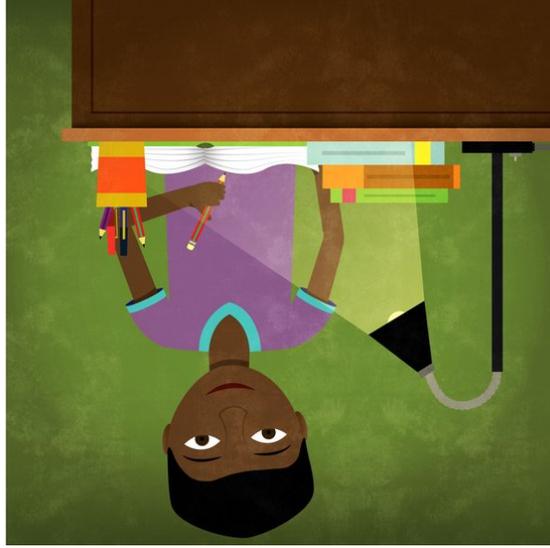
Nga Magozwe ati epushe neelyo ukuilishanya, banalume baaleemuma. Ilyo Magozwe aipwishe palwa kuya kusukulu, banalume baalimumine nookutila, “Iwe taumfwa. Tapali ico wingasambilila.” Panuma yamyaka itatatu iya kumusunga ifi, Magozwe aalibuutwike ukufuma pang’anda yabanalume. Aambile ukwikala mumusebo.



Magozwe aikeele panse mulubansa lwang’anda yamutenge wagilini, aleebelenga ibuuku lya kusukulu. Elyo Thomas aikeele mupeepi nankwe. “Lilelanda pali cinshi ilyashi?” Thomas aipwishe. “Lilelanda pamulumendo asangwike kafundisha,” efyaaswike Magozwe. “Naani ishina umulumendo?” efyaipwishe Thomas. “Ishina lyakwe ni Magozwe,” efyaaswike Magozwe aleemwentula.



Ukwikala pamusebo kwali ukwayafya kabili  
 abalumendo abengi baaleecuula cila  
 bushiku pakusanga icakulya. Inshiku shimo  
 baaleboom, shimbi baalebeekata kuli  
 bakapokola. Nga baalwala takwaleeba  
 aba kubaafwa. Ulupiya baalesanga  
 mukulombalomba, mukushitsha  
 amapulasitiki nafimbi  
 elwaleebaafwiliishako. Ubuumi  
 bwalyafisheko pantu amabumba yambi  
 aya balumendo yaaleefwya ukupoka  
 incende shapusanapusana mutauni.



Magozwe alyambile isukulu kabili  
 Iyalikosele. Fingi ashaishibe ifyo aalingile  
 ukwishiba pakuti aalingane nabanankwe.  
 Limolimo aleefwya ukuleka. Leelo  
 pamlandu weetontonkanyo pali kensha  
 wandeke nakateya wampula  
 abamumabuuku yakwe, taalekele nga filya  
 fine nabo bashalekele.



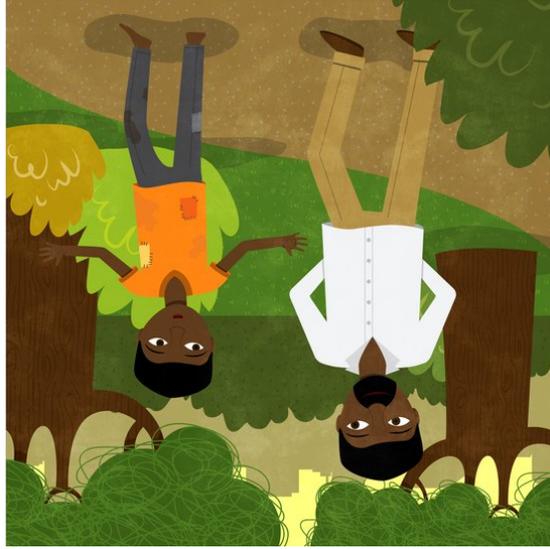
Bushiku bumo ilyo Magozwe  
aleefwayafwaya mufisooso, asangile  
ibuuku ilyakale ilyalepauka. Afumisheko  
ifiko aalibikile namwisaaka. Cila bushiku,  
aleefumya ibuuku nookwamba ukulolesha  
pafikope. Taishibe ukubelenga.



Lyene Magozwe aile mukwikala  
mumuputule mung'anda yamutenge  
wagilini. Aleekalamo na balumendo babili  
bambi. Bonse pamo abaana baali ikumi  
abaleekala muli ilya ng'anda. Elyo naba  
Baamaama Cissy nabalume baabo  
neembwa shitatu, puushi elyo neembushi  
iikote.



Ifikope fyalaelanga umlumendo  
 uwaishileba kensha wandeke ilyo aakulle.  
 Magozwe aleloota namukasuba  
 palwakuba kensha wandeke. Inshita shimo  
 aleemona ukuti emlumendo wine uwa  
 mwibuku.



Abele Thomas ati aali no mwenso.  
 Thomas alimwebekesha ati akeekala bwino  
 kuncende ilya.



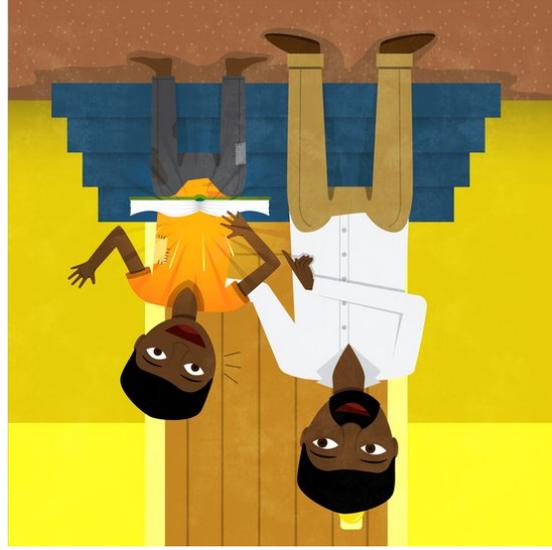
Kwalitaleele kabili Magozwe aiminine pamusebo aleelombalomba. Umwaume umo aishile mupeepi napo aali. “Uli shaani? Nine Thomas. Momba mupeepi napano, pancende wingapoka icakulya,” eflyo atiile. Asontele kung’anda yayeelo noomutenge wabuluu. “Ninjishiba, walaayapoka ifyakulya?” eflyo aipwishe. Magozwe aloleshe umwaume elyo aloleshe kung’anda. “Limbi ndeeya,” eflyo aaswike afumanapo.



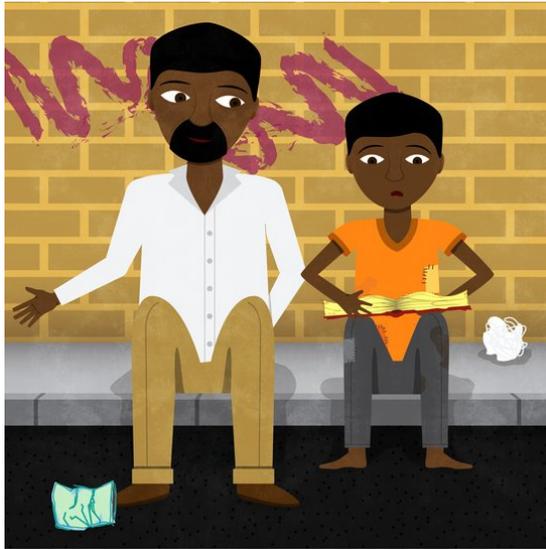
Magozwe atontonkenye pancende ukwakulaala kabili nookuya kusukulu. Nga limbi ifyo banalume bamwebele ati toomfwa teeti asambilile icili conse fyaciine? Nga cakuti kulya kuncende bamuuma? Alitiinine. “Limbi cawamapo ukutwalilila ukwikala mumusebo,” eflyaatontonkenye.



Imyeshi yakonkolepo, abalumendo baalibeleshe ukumona Thomas. Alitemenwe ukulanda nabantu makamaka abaleekala mumusebo. Thomas aleumtwa amalyashi ya bantu aba. Aali uuposa amano kufintu kabili uwacikuu ku noomcinsihi. Abalumendo bamo, baambile ukuya kung'anda yayeelo nabuluu mukupoka ifyakulya akasuba.



Ilyo Magozwe aali nemyaka ikumi Thomas alimupele ibuuku. Ibuuku lyali pamulumendo wamumushi uwaleeteya umpila uwalumbwike saana. Thomas alimubelengela Magozwe ili lyashi imiku iingi mpakafye bushiku bumo atilile, "Ndetontonkaneyfo uilingile ukutampeesukulu pakuti usambilile ukubelenga. Uleetontonkaneyapo shani?" Thomas atilile alishibeпо incende uko abana benga laala nookuya kusukulu.



Magozwe aikele mumbali yanshila aleetamba ifikope mwibuuku lyakwe ilyo Thomas aishileeikala mupeepi nawene. "Lileelanda pali cinshi ilyashi?" eflyo Thomas aipwische. "Lileelanda pamulumendo uwasangwike kensha wandeke," eflyaaswike Mazongwe. "Naani ishina umulumendo?" Thomas aipwische. "Katwishi, nshaishiba ukubelenga," eflyaaswike Mazongwe panoono.



Ilyo baakumeene, Magozwe atendeke ukweba Thomas ilyashi pa buumi bwakwe. Amwebele ifyo abuutwike ukufuma kuli banalume. Thomas taalaandile ifingi kabili taebele Magozwe ifyakucita leelo aleeumfwikishafye. Limolimo baleelanshanya ilyo baleelya mung'anda yamutenge wabuluu.