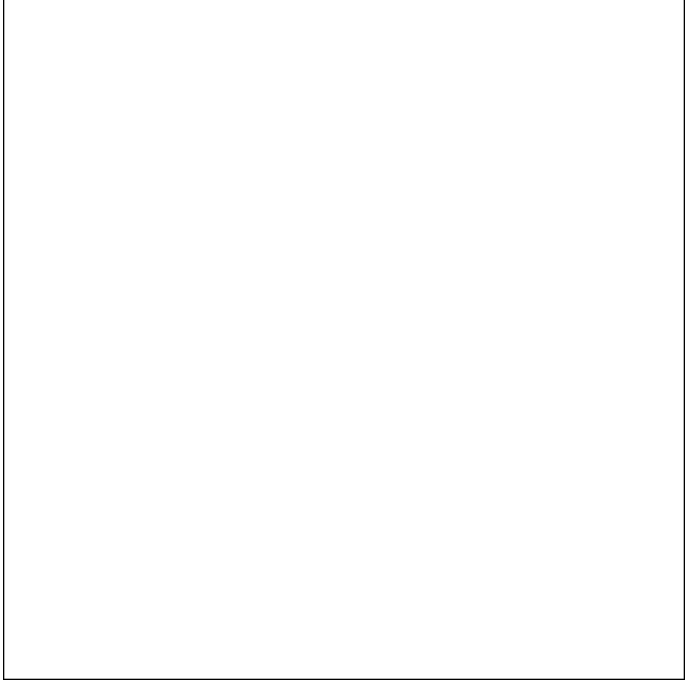


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Mwi tauni Iya Nairobi, ukutali nendupwa,
kwaleeikala abalumendo abaabula indupwa.
Baaleeikalafye cikulu bwaca. Uluceelo lumo,
abalumendo baaleelonga impasa shabo
panuma yakulala mumpepo mumbali yanshila.
Ukubomfya ifisooso, baalikoseshe umulilo
pakutamye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

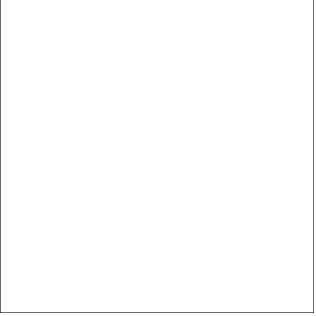
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In the busy city of Nairobi, far away from a
caring life at home, lived a group of homeless
boys. They welcomed each day just as it came.
On one morning, the boys were packing their
mats after sleeping on cold pavements. To
chase away the cold they lit a fire with rubbish.
Among the group of boys was Magozwe. He was
the youngest.

Ilyo abafyashi bakwa Magozwe baafwile, aalife neemyaka isaano. Aile mukwikala na banalume. Banalume tabapooseleko amaano kumwana. Magozwe tabaalumpeela ifyakulya fyakumanina. Baalalumpeela incito shakubomba ishing'i.

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When Magozwe's parents died, he was only five years old. He went to live with his uncle. This man did not care about the child. He did not give Magozwe enough food. He made the boy do a lot of hard work.

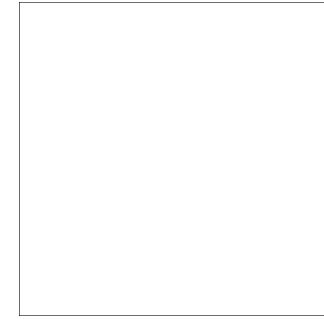




Nga Magozwe ati epushe neelyo ukuilishanya, banalume baaleemuma. Ilyo Magozwe aipwishe palwa kuya kusukulu, banalume baalimumine nookutila, "Iwe taumfwa. Tapali ico wingasambilila." Panuma yamyaka itatatu iya kumusunga ifi, Magozwe aalibuutwike ukufuma pang'anda yabanalume. Aambile ukwikala mumusebo.

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If Magozwe complained or questioned, his uncle beat him. When Magozwe asked if he could go to school, his uncle beat him and said, "You're too stupid to learn anything." After three years of this treatment Magozwe ran away from his uncle. He started living on the street.



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.

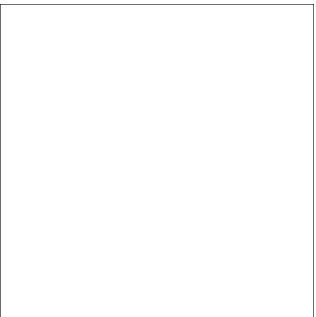
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Magozwe was sitting in the yard at the house with the green roof, reading a storybook from school. Thomas came up and sat next to him. "What is the story about?" asked Thomas. "It's about a boy who becomes a teacher," replied Magozwe. "What's the boy's name?" asked Thomas. "His name is Magozwe," said Magozwe with a smile.

Street life was difficult and most of the boys struggled daily just to get food. Sometimes they were arrested, sometimes they were beaten. When they were sick, there was no one to help. The group depended on the little money they got from begging, and from selling plastics and other recycling. Life was even more difficult because of fights with rival groups who wanted control of parts of the city.

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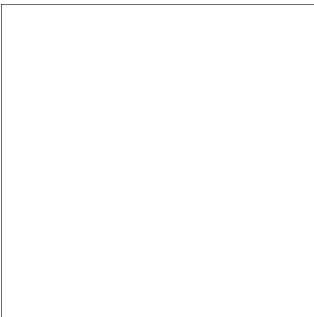
Ukwikala pamusebo kwali ukwayafya kabili abalumendo abengi baaleecuula cila bushiku pakusanga icakulya. Inshiku shimo baaleebooma, shimbi baaleebeekata kuli bakapokola. Nga baalwala takwaleeba aba kubaatwa. Ulupiya baaleesanga mukulombalomba, mukushitisha amapulasitiki nafimbi elwaleebaafwiliishako. Ubuumi bwaluyafisheko pantu amabumba yambi aya balumendo yaaleefwaya ukupoka incende shapusanapusana mutauni.

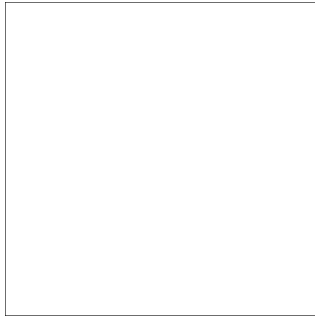


Magozwe started school and it was difficult. He had a lot to catch up. Sometimes he wanted to give up. But he thought about the pilot and the soccer player in the storybooks. Like them, he did not give up.

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Magozwe alyambile isukulu kyalilikosele. Fingi ashaishibe ifyo aalingile ukwishiba pakuti allingane nabananankwe. Limolimo aleefwaya ukuleka. Leelo pamulandu weetontonkanyo pali kensha wandeke nakateya wampila abamumabuku yakwe, taalekele nga filya fine nabo bashalekele.

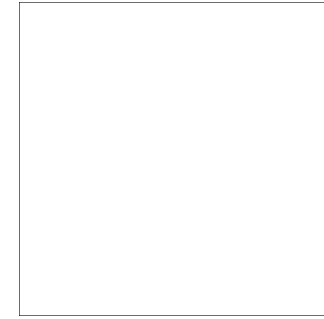




Bushiku bumo ilyo Magozwe aleefwayafwaya mufisooso, asangile ibuuku ilyakale ilyalepauka. Afumisheko ifiko aalibikile namwisaaka. Cila bushiku, aleefumya ibuuku nookwamba ukulolesha pafikope. Taishibe ukubelenga.

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One day while Magozwe was looking through the dustbins, he found an old tattered storybook. He cleaned the dirt from it and put it in his sack. Every day after that he would take out the book and look at the pictures. He did not know how to read the words.



Lyene Magozwe aile mukwikala mumuputule mung'anda yamutenge wagilini. Aleeikalamo 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.

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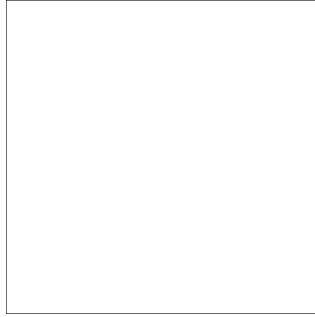
And so Magozwe moved into a room in a house with a green roof. He shared the room with two other boys. Altogether there were ten children living at that house. Along with Auntie Cissy and her husband, three dogs, a cat, and an old goat.



Ifikope fyaleelanga umlumbo uwaishileba
kensha wandeke ilyo aakulile. Magozwe
aleloota namukasuba palwakuba kensha
wandeke. Inshita shimo aleemona ukuti
emlumbo uwa mwibuku.

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The pictures told the story of a boy who grew up
to be a pilot. Magozwe would daydream of
being a pilot. Sometimes, he imagined that he
was the boy in the story.



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

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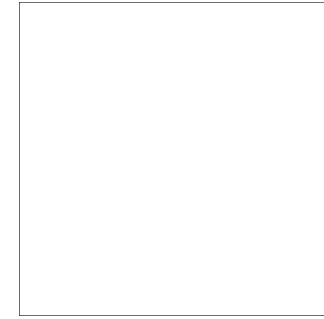
He shared his fears with Thomas. Over time the
man reassured the boy that life could be better
at the new place.



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 aipwische. Magozwe aloleshe umwaume elyo aloleshe kung'anda. "Limbi ndeeya," eflyo aaswike afumanapo.

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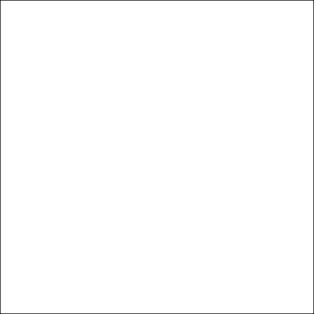
It was cold and Magozwe was standing on the road begging. A man walked up to him. "Hello, I'm Thomas. I work near here, at a place where you can get something to eat," said the man. He pointed to a yellow house with a blue roof. "I hope you will go there to get some food?" he asked. Magozwe looked at the man, and then at the house. "Maybe," he said, and walked away.



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.

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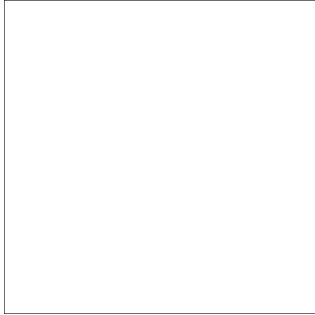
Magozwe thought about this new place, and about going to school. What if his uncle was right and he was too stupid to learn anything? What if they beat him at this new place? He was afraid. "Maybe it is better to stay living on the street," he thought.



Imyeshi yakonkelepo, abalumendo baalibeeshhe ukumona Thomas. Alitemenwe ukulanda nabantu makamaka abaleikala mumusebo. Thomas aleumtwa amayashi ya bantu aba. Aali uposa amano kufintu kabili uwacikuu ku noomcinshi. Abalumendo bamo, baambile ukuya kung'anda yayeelo nabuluu mukupoka ifyakulya akasuba.

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Over the months that followed, the homeless boys got used to seeing Thomas around. He liked to talk to people, especially people living on the streets. Thomas listened to the stories of people's lives. He was serious and patient, never rude or disrespectful. Some of the boys started going to the yellow and blue house to get food at midday.



Ilyo Magozwe aali nemyaka ikumi Thomas alimpeelee ibuuku. Ibuuku lyali pamulumendo wamumushi uwaleeteya umpila uwalumbwike saana. Thomas alimubelengele Magozwe ili yashi imiku iingi mpakafye bushiku bumo atille, "Ndetontonkan'yefyo ulingile ukutampeesukulu pakuti usambillile ukubelenga. Uleentonkan'yapo shani?" Thomas atille alishibepe incende uko abaana benga laala nookuya kusukulu.

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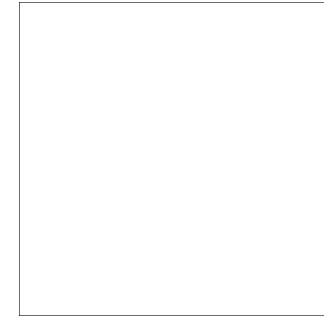
Around Magozwe's tenth birthday, Thomas gave him a new storybook. It was a story about a village boy who grew up to be a famous soccer player. Thomas read that story to Magozwe many times, until one day he said, "I think it's time you went to school and learned to read. What do you think?" Thomas explained that he knew of a place where children could stay, and go to school.



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

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Magozwe was sitting on the pavement looking at his picture book when Thomas sat down next to him. "What is the story about?" asked Thomas. "It's about a boy who becomes a pilot," replied Magozwe. "What's the boy's name?" asked Thomas. "I don't know, I can't read," said Magozwe quietly.



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.

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When they met, Magozwe began to tell his own story to Thomas. It was the story of his uncle and why he ran away. Thomas didn't talk a lot, and he didn't tell Magozwe what to do, but he always listened carefully. Sometimes they would talk while they ate at the house with the blue roof.