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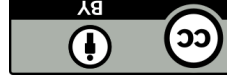
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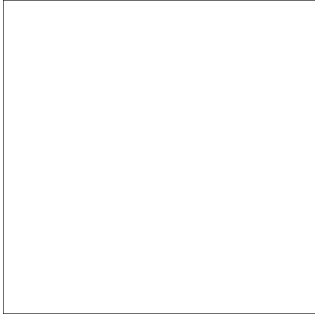
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Odongo e Apiyo vivevano in città con loro padre. Non vedevano l'ora delle vacanze. Non solo perché la scuola chiudeva, ma perché sarebbero andati a visitare la loro nonna. Lei viveva in un villaggio di pescatori vicino ad un grande lago.

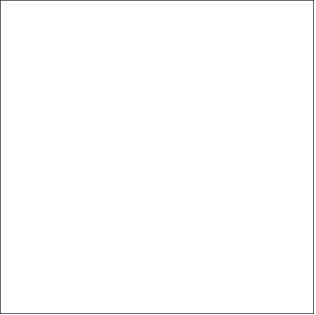
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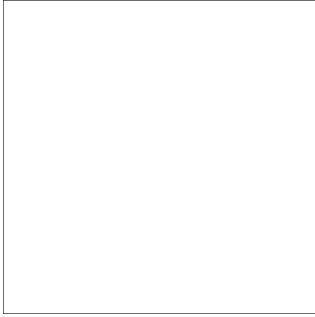
Odongo and Apiyo lived in the city with their father. They looked forward to the holidays. Not just because school was closed, but because they went to visit their grandmother. She lived in a fishing village near a large lake.

Odongo e Apiyo erano emozionati perché era ora di visitare la nonna di nuovo. La notte prima, prepararono le valigie e si prepararono al lungo viaggio che li avrebbe portati al villaggio.

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Odongo and Apiyo 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.

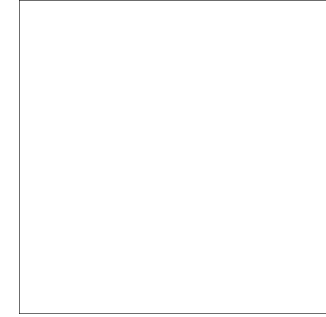




La mattina dopo, molto presto, partirono per il villaggio nella macchina del papà. Guidarono attraverso montagne, animali selvaggi e piantagioni di tè. Contarono le macchine e cantarono canzoni.

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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.



Quando Odongo e Apiyo tornarono a scuola, raccontarono ai loro amici della vita nel villaggio. Alcuni bambini pensarono che la vita in città fosse bella. Altri pensarono che il villaggio fosse meglio. Ma soprattutto, tutti concordarono sul fatto che Odongo e Apiyo avessero una nonna fantastica!

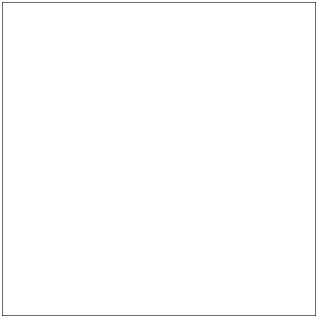
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When Odongo and Apiyo went back to school they told their friends about life in the village. Some children felt that life in the city was good. Others felt that the village was better. But most of all, everyone agreed that Odongo and Apiyo had a wonderful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

After a while, the children were tired and fell asleep.

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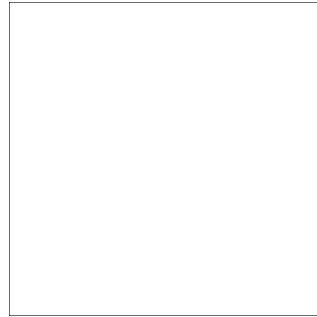
Dopo un po', i bambini erano stanchi e si addormentarono.

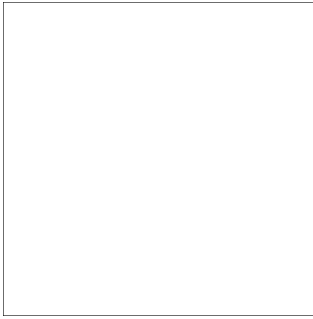


Odongo and Apiyo both hugged her tightly and said goodbye.

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Odongo e Apiyo la abbracciarono forte e la salutarono.

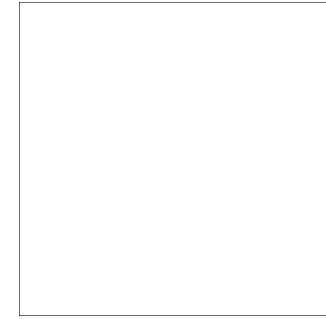




Papà svegliò Odongo e Apiyo appena arrivarono al villaggio. Trovarono Nyar-Kanyada, la loro nonna, mentre riposava su un tappeto sotto un albero. Nyar-Kanyada in Luo significa “Figlia della gente di Kanyada”. Era una donna forte e bellissima.

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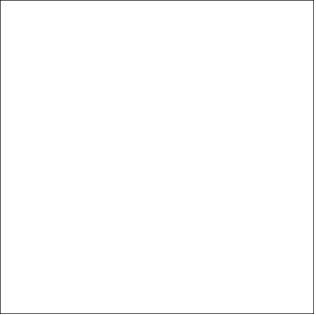
Father woke up Odongo and Apiyo as they arrived in the village. They found Nyar-Kanyada, their grandmother, resting on a mat under a tree. Nyar-Kanyada in Luo, means ‘daughter of the people of Kanyada’. She was a strong and beautiful woman.



Quando il padre arrivò a prenderli, loro non volevano andarsene. I bimbi pregarono Nyar-Kanyada di andare con loro in città. Lei sorrise e disse “Sono troppo vecchia per la città. Aspetterò che veniate a trovarmi di nuovo al mio villaggio.”

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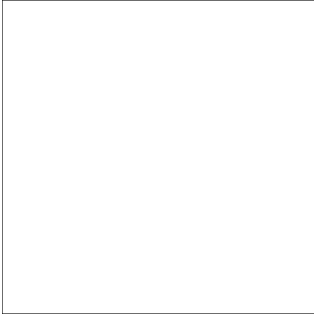
When their father came to fetch them, they did not want to leave. The children begged Nyar-Kanyada to go with them to the city. She smiled and said, “I am too old for the city. I will be waiting for you to come to my village again.”



Nyar-kanyada diede loro il benvenuto nella sua casa e ballò intorno alla stanza cantando con gioia. I suoi nipotini erano emozionati di darle regali che le avevano portato dalla città. "Prima aprì il mio regalo," disse Odongo. "No, prima il mio!" disse Apiyo.

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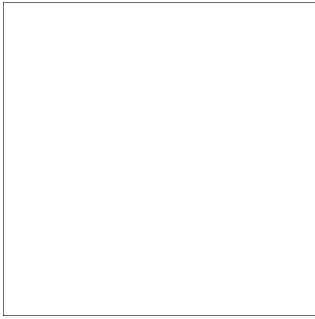
Nyar-kanyada welcomed them into the house and danced around the room singing with joy. Her grandchildren were excited to give her the presents they brought from the city. "First open my gift," said Odongo. "No, my gift first!" said Apiyo.



Ma troppo presto le vacanze finirono e i bambini dovettero tornare in città. Nyar-kanyada diede a Odongo un cappello e ad Apiyo una felpa. Preparò del cibo per il loro viaggio.

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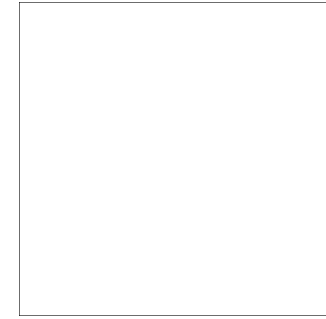
But too soon the holidays were over and the children had to go back to the city. Nyar-kanyada gave Odongo a cap and Apiyo a sweater. She packed food for their journey.



Dopo che aprì i regali, Nyar-Kanyada benedì i suoi nipotini nel modo tradizionale.

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

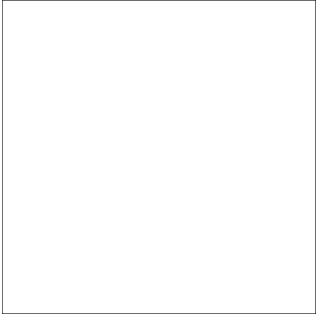


Alla fine della giornata bevvero tè chai insieme. Aiutarono la nonna a contare i soldi che aveva guadagnato.

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

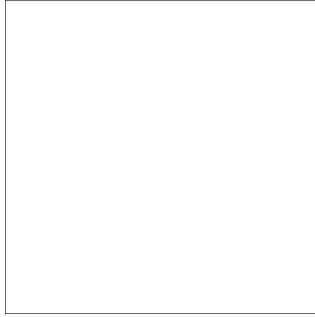




Poi Odongo e Apiyo uscirono in giardino.  
Inseguirono farfalle e uccellini.

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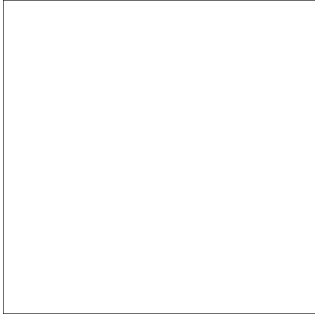
Then Odongo and Apiyo went outside. They  
chased butterflies and birds.



Un altro giorno, i bambini andarono al mercato  
con Nyar-Kanyada. Lei aveva una bancarella che  
vendeva verdure, zucchero e sale. Ad Apiyo  
piaceva dire ai clienti i prezzi della merce.  
Odongo preparava i sacchetti con le cose che i  
clienti avevano comprato.

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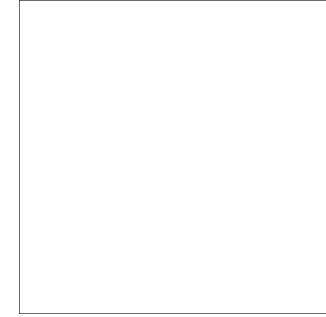
On another day, the children went to the  
marketplace with Nyar-Kanyada. She had a stall  
selling vegetables, sugar and soap. Apiyo liked  
to tell customers the price of items. Odongo  
would pack the items that customers bought.



Si arrampicarono sugli alberi e si schizzarono con l'acqua del lago.

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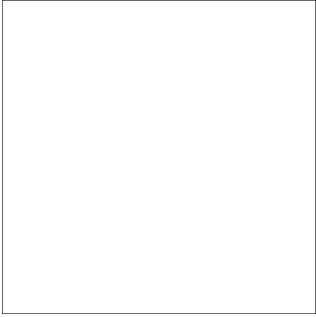
They climbed trees and splashed in the water of the lake.



Una mattina, Odongo portò le mucche di sua nonna a pascolare. Incapparono nella fattoria del vicino. Il contadino era arrabbiato con Odongo. Lo minacciò di tenersi le mucche per aver mangiato il suo raccolto. Dopo quel giorno il bambino si assicurò che le mucche non finissero di nuovo nei guai.

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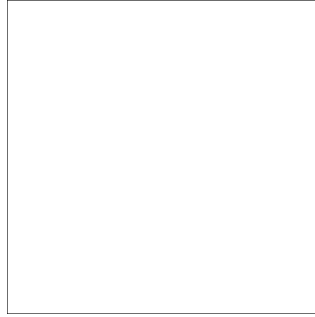
One morning, Odongo took his grandmother's cows to graze. They ran onto a neighbour's farm. The farmer was angry with Odongo. He threatened to keep the cows for eating his crops. After that day, the boy made sure that the cows did not get into trouble again.



Quando diventò buio, tornarono a casa per  
cena. Prima che potessero finire di mangiare, si  
stavano per addormentare!

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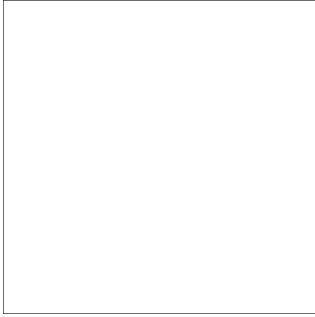
When it was dark they returned to the house for  
dinner. Before they could finish eating, they  
were falling asleep!



Nyar-kanyada insegnò ai suoi nipotini come fare  
soffici ugali da mangiare con lo stufato. Mostrò  
loro come fare il riso al cocco da mangiare con il  
pesce arrosto.

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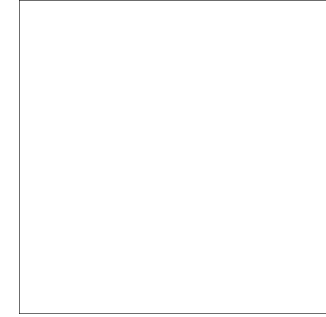
Nyar-kanyada taught her grandchildren to make  
soft ugali to eat with stew. She showed them  
how to make coconut rice to eat with roast fish.



Il giorno seguente, il papà ripartì per tornare in città, lasciando i bambini con Nyar-Kanyada.

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



Odongo e Apiyo aiutarono la nonna con le faccende di casa. Andarono a prendere l'acqua e la legna per il fuoco. Raccolsero le uova dalle galline e le verdure dal giardino.

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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.