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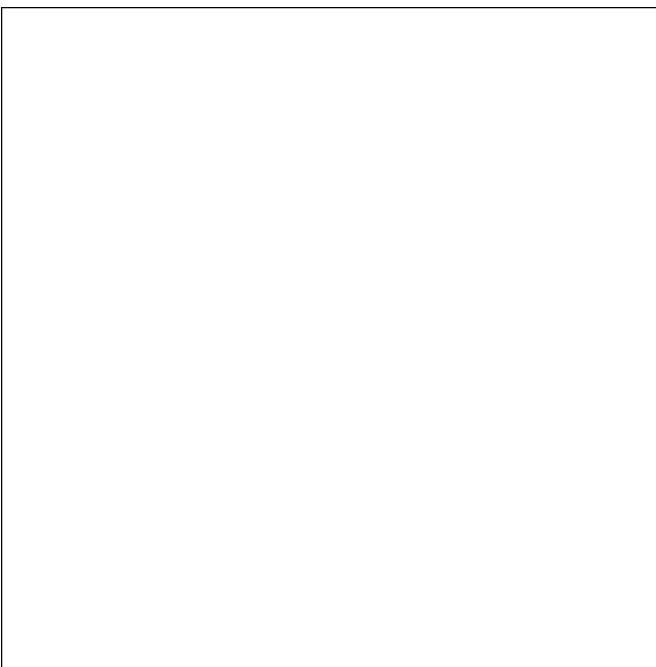
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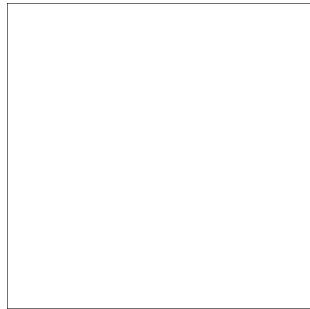
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MoMapeu Rico nonane vendi tava zi kodoropa.
Age kwa hara kuza nkenye apa kuza kodoropa.
Kodoropa kuwa unene. Kwa kara ko yininke
yoyinzi yokuvhura ku ka mona.

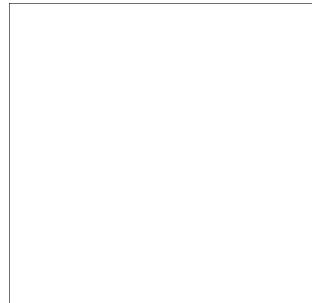
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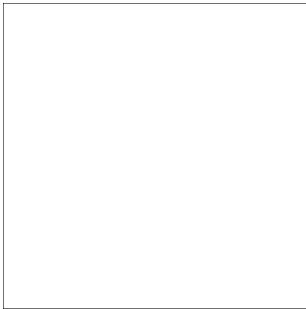
It's Saturday and Rico is going to town with his
mother. He likes going to town. Town is exciting!
There are lots of things to see.

Rico holds his mother's hand very tightly. Streams
of people are passing by.

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Rico ta kwatere kono nyara donane vendlí une ne.
Vantu wovanzi kuna kupita-pita.

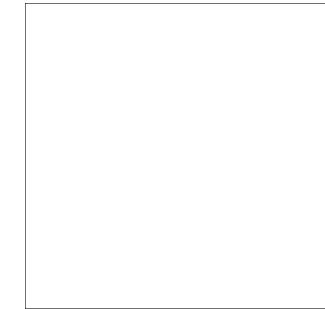




Kuna kara ko mavangorandesero yihongagura
yomutaro yokomawoko.

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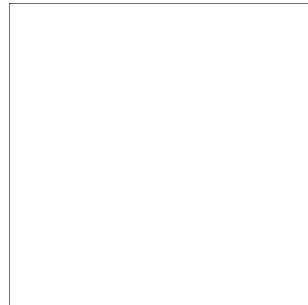


Onane vendi tava mutantere asi, "Elisigo tupu pokatji koge nomutwiku lyeli asi ove kumona ano mutwiku age kali a mono." "Ame kumona, nye kali tani vhuru kusiva ufuuli sivhulise gwina mutwiku," Rico ta mwenyuna.

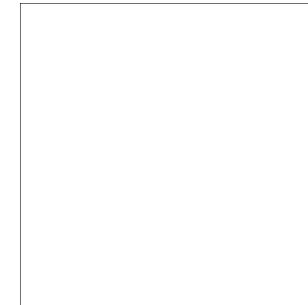
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His mother tells him, "The only difference between you and a blind person is that you can see and a blind person can't see." "I can see, but I can't whistle as beautifully as that blind man," Rico smiles.

Rico ana tetuka mo ku gazara asi vantu vatwika
 nawa kurugana yirugana ya ukeneye ezua; yininké
 ngwendí kugendagura modoropa, kusivagera
 nonsumo, ngwendí kuresa.
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 Kuna kumoneka po nombáhe vahonga noyiti;
 varugongoro nati novamusuguru varuganesa
 konoondarate noyiranada yomarvvara,
 noyifuwilisopéke yokudwara varuganesa
 koyitemba yomauta gompo.



Rico is amazed to think that people who are blind
 can do everyday things; things like walking around
 in town, like whistling songs, like reading.
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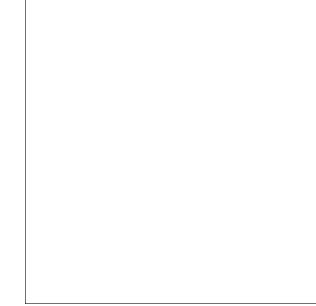
There are small giraffes carved out of wood,
 chameleons and lizards made out of wire and
 coloured beads, and jewellery made from ostrich
 egg shell.



Makura ta yi zuvhu! Kweli gumwe ana kupwagesa ngovera zontovara monsiva zo 'Amazing Grace.' Ta sikama a purakene. Kupi ko zina kutundilira?

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Then he hears it! Someone is whistling the sweet melody of 'Amazing Grace.' He stops to listen. Where is it coming from?

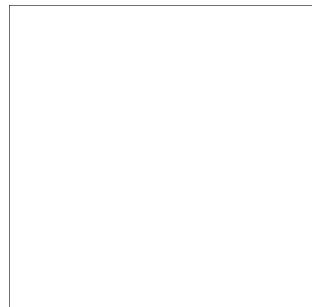


"Ngapi omu na resa nsene age kapi a mono? "Age kuresa nononyara dend. Kupapatera koyo vafulisa nononyara dend, ngwendi momu tupu o mono nondanda nomenho goge."

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"How can he read if he can't see?" "He reads with his hands. He feels the raised dots with his fingers, just like you see the letters with your eyes."

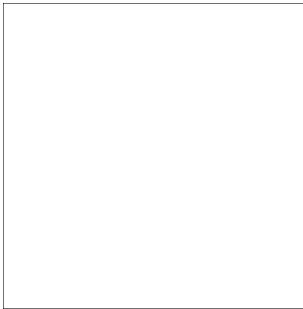
“Ana huru apa ni zuvhe mutu gokusiva ofuuli
ngesi,” yimo ga gazarre pwa mwe ne.
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“I’ve never heard anyone whistle so beautifully
before,” he thinks to himself.



“Nye kapi a resa nobuke ndi a rese nosaitungga,”
yige Rico. “Kodili nobuke vatjanga nonobraille.
Mveega asi varuganese inka mokutjanga
nonkango, awo nondanda kwadifulisya yipo asi
mutwiku a vhuure kudilapatre nomawoko a rese.
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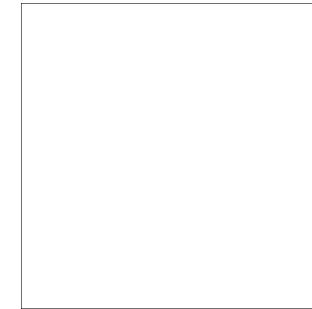




Ta pinauka movantu. Makura ta mono mugara
ogu ana kusiva. Vantu kuna kutura yisilinga
yoyitenda mokandorohwa kokanunu ka kere
komeho zend. Nye ... koyili ya dilire kuwapa ...

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He makes his way through the people. Then he
sees the man who is whistling. People are putting
coins into a small tin in front of him. But ...
something is wrong ...



"Mutwiku kapi a tara TV," yige Rico. "Age kuzuvha
TV ntani Radio," yimo vamutanterere onane vendi.
"Vatwiku kuzuvha yininke kuitakana vantu ava
ava mono."

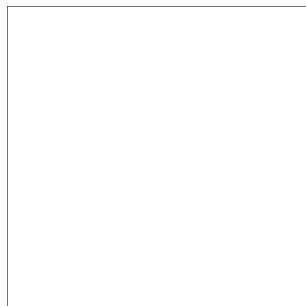
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"The blind man can't watch TV," Rico says. "He can
hear the TV and radio," Rico's mother tells him.
"Blind people can often hear things much better
than people who can see."

The whistling man is not looking at the people. He is not looking at the money. He's searching for the coins in the tin and putting them into his pocket.

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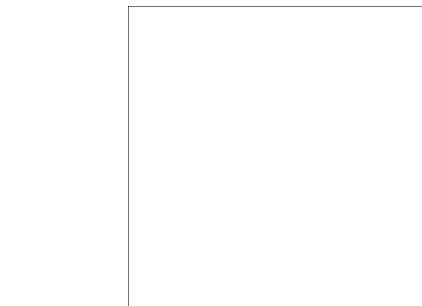
Mugara ougokusiva kapi ana kutura kovantu. Kapi ana kutura koyimaliva. Kwato tupa oku ana mokandorohwa kumwe nokuyitura melimba yendi.

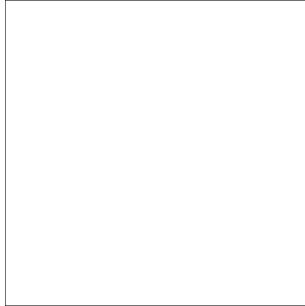


Tava yingire powayi wosikwilliva wopZooPark oku tava taru vantu vana kuptita-pita. "Watwiku vamwe kwa kara nombwa ezi azi va pukurura," yivo onane vendi, "Nombwa odo kwa di deura di pukurure venyado, nye ado ndiro sili zonne. Nombwa dangesi nosesu da kara mo mambala."

They sit on the green grass of the zoopark and watch the people walking by. "Some blind people have a guide dog," his mother says. "These dogs are trained to guide their owner, but they are very expensive. There are very few guide dogs in Namibia."

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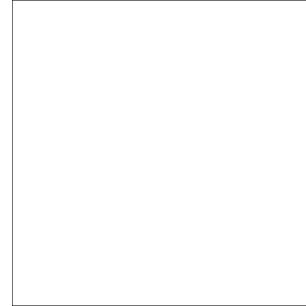




Rico yipo ganungurukilire mugara ogu nokugazara, "Mpamwe mutwiku." Rico ha ga hura opo a mone rumwe mutwiku. Age kwa kere ana tjira. Ta dodere mohema zonane vendi nokuvapura nezwi lyenkenda, "Nane, ogwina mugara mutwiku?"

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Rico stares at the whistling man and thinks, "Maybe he's blind." Rico has never seen a blind person before. He feels scared. He grabs his mother's dress and asks softly, "Mommy, is that man blind?"



"Tara koramba zosinamahako. Nsene tumo asi sinamahako ngoso kapi pana kara hena siponga kwetu mokutaguruka sitaura. Moyirongo yimwe ku kara po ezogerero lyepembeso," yimo va uyungire onane vendi. "Vatwiku apa ava zuvhu nye muhagarogu ogu gepembeso, tava diva nye asi kapi yina kara siponga mokutaguruka sitaura."

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"Look at the green light. When it is green we can see it is safe to cross the road. In some countries there is also a beeping sound," Rico's mother says. "When blind people hear the beeping, they know it is safe to cross the road."

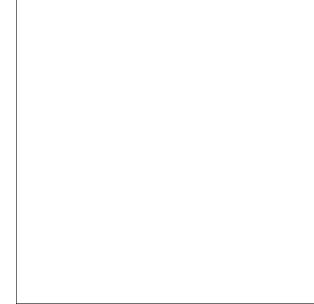
Yipo va gusire kuwoko kwendii. "Nhi" tavा
mulimbara, "nhi, mutwiku. Tara, age kuna kara
nositi sosizera. Watwiku wovanzı kusimbaba sitji
sosizera. Age kuruganesa sitji esı yipo a dimburure
okу kuna kara makero ntanı nayimwe peke."

She takes his hand. "Yes," she answers, "yes, he's
blind. Look, he has a white stick. Many blind
people carry a white stick. He uses this stick to feel
for holes and other obstacles."

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Tava genedi dogoro pozoo-park. Noroboti tadi
litjindji di kare sinamahako, matuwa ta ga sikama
ano vantu tavা taguruka sitarata.
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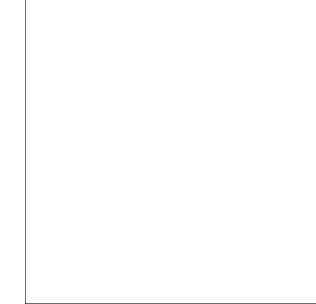
They walk to the zoopark. The traffic lights change
to green, the cars stop and the pedestrians cross
the street.



"Nye ngapi omu ana gendi a ya sike kodoropa?
Ngap omu ana ana pinauka mombunga zovantu
navenye ava? Yimo ga pulire Rico.

...

"But how did he come to town? How did he find his
way through all the people?" Rico asks.



Onane vendi tava mutantere asi, "Mpamwe ga
kara nomuntu ogu a vhuru ku mu vatera
mokumupinaukisa. Ose kumutumbura muntu
gwangesi asi Mupukuruli.

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His mother tells him, "Maybe he has someone who
helps him to find his way around. We call that
person a guide."