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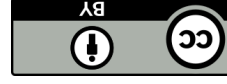


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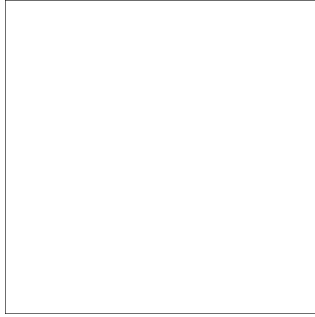
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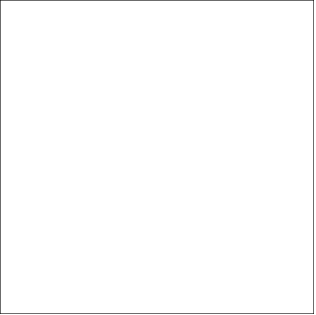




Magaala Nyiroobii irraa fagooti ijooleen mana dhabiyin manaan ala jiraata turan. Guyyaa maraa akkuma dhufite kessumessu. Guyyaa ganama tokko ijooleen kun afaa irra rafanii bulan marachu jalqaban. Akka isaaniti hinqorrinee waan garagaraa boobesanii o'ifatu. Magozeen garee ijoole kana kessa namtokko dha. Magozeenis umriidhan isa xiqqa ture.

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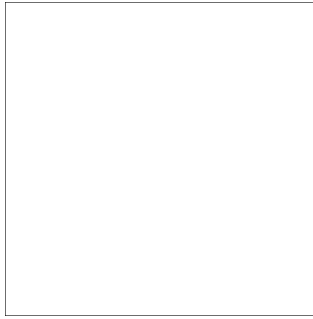
In the busy city of Nairobi, far away from a caring life at home, lived a group of homeless boys. They welcomed each day just as it came. On one morning, the boys were packing their mats after sleeping on cold pavements. To chase away the cold they lit a fire with rubbish. Among the group of boys was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



Yeroo matiin isaa du'u Magozee wagga shan
gofa ture. Magozeenis essumaa isa wajjiiin
jirachuf bira dhaqee. Namni kuni garau mucaa
kanaf bayee hindhimamnee. Magozeedhaf
nyataa gahaa hinkenninet. Mucichi garu hojii
bayee akka hojaatu godhe.

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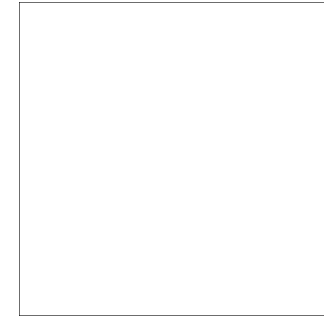
When Magozwe's parents died, he was only five
years old. He went to live with his uncle. This
man did not care about the child. He did not
give Magozwe enough food. He made the boy
do a lot of hard work.



Yeroo Magozee gaafi kasuu essumina isa isa tumaa. Yeroo immo Magozeen gara mana barnoota nandeema jedhe gaafatu, essumini isaa akan jedhe: “Bayee raata’a waan tateef barumsi sif galu hindanda’u.” Wagga sadi booda Magozee mana essuma isa dhisee deeme. Daandi gubba jirachu calqabee.

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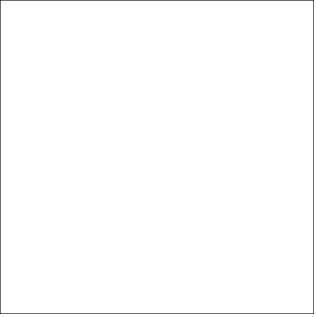
If Magozwe complained or questioned, his uncle beat him. When Magozwe asked if he could go to school, his uncle beat him and said, “You’re too stupid to learn anything.” After three years of this treatment Magozwe ran away from his uncle. He started living on the street.



Magozeen oddoo kessa ta’ee kitaabaa mana magariisaa irra argatee san dubbisaa. Tomaas dhufee mal godhaa jirta jedhe isa gafate. “Wa’ee mal dubistaa?” “Wa’ee mucaa barsiisaa ta’eti,” jedhe Magozeen. “Maqaan mucaa sani enyuu dha?” jedhe Tomaas. “Maqaan isaa, Magozee,” jedhama.

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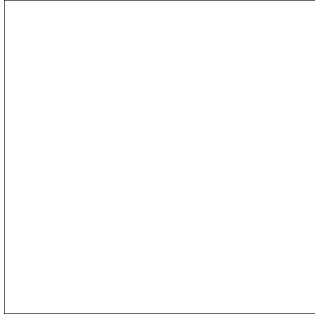
Magozwe was sitting in the yard at the house with the green roof, reading a storybook from school. Thomas came up and sat next to him. “What is the story about?” asked Thomas. “It’s about a boy who becomes a teacher,” replied Magozwe. “What’s the boy’s name?” asked Thomas. “His name is Magozwe,” said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



Jiruuu dandii gubba hamaa ture. Ijooleen waan nyaatan argachuuf bayee dhamataa turan. Ijollen kun yeroo tokko tokko nihidhaamu, nitumaamus. Yeroo dhibaman namni isaan gargaruu hinturte. Gareen kunni kan jiraatu mallaga kadhafati meshaale xixinnoo gurguratuuni. Jireenya isaani irra caala kan hammaesse waldhanis gareen kunni garee biraa wajjiiin qabudha.

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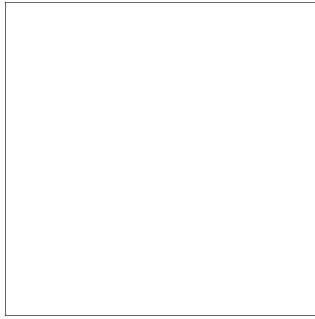
Street life was difficult and most of the boys struggled daily just to get food. Sometimes they were arrested, sometimes they were beaten. When they were sick, there was no one to help. The group depended on the little money they got from begging, and from selling plastics and other recycling. Life was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



Magozeen barmusaa calqabee garu barmusi itti cimée. Bayee dubati hafee ture. Yeroo tokko tokko dhisullee yaada. Garuu wa'ee paylata fi taphaata kubbaa milaa yeroo yaddu immo yada isaa jijjira. Mana barmusaa kessaa hinbane.

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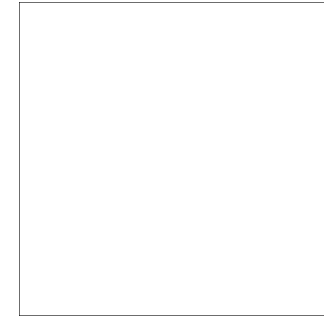
Magozwe started school and it was difficult. He had a lot to catch up. Sometimes he wanted to give up. But he thought about the pilot and the soccer player in the storybooks. Like them, he did not give up.



Guyyaa tokko Magozee yeroo qawwaa balfa kessa yeroo ilaalu kitaaba senaa duloomaa tokko argate. Kitaabicha qulqullesse keeshaa isa kessa godhate. Guyyaa sana irra caalqabee kitaabicha banee suraawan adda adda ilaala ture. Kitaabicha akka itti dubbisu hinbeeku ture.

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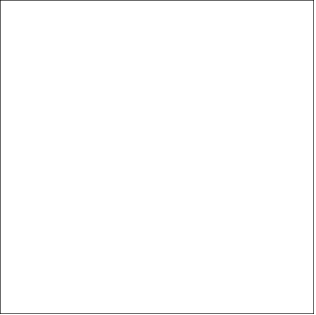
One day while Magozwe was looking through the dustbins, he found an old tattered storybook. He cleaned the dirt from it and put it in his sack. Every day after that he would take out the book and look at the pictures. He did not know how to read the words.



Haaluma kanan Magozeen lafa hara'a sana dhaqee mana doqiyye sana kessa gale. Namoota lama wajjiin kutaa tokko kessaa walwajjiin jiratan. walmaa galatti ijoollee 10 mana sana kessa gala. Anitee, sisii fi abbaa manaa ishee, saree 3 fi addurre tokko fi ra'ee dullooma taokko mana sana kessa gala.

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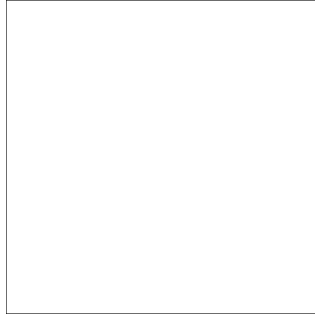
And so Magozwe moved into a room in a house with a green roof. He shared the room with two other boys. Altogether there were ten children living at that house. Along with Auntie Cissy and her husband, three dogs, a cat, and an old goat.



Suuraawan sun wa'ee mucaa paylata ta'uf fedhii!
gabuu akkamit akka guddate agarsiisa.
Magazeenis paylata ta'uf yaddan balal'ee. Yeroo
tokko tokko akkan mucaa seenaa sanati of
ilaala,

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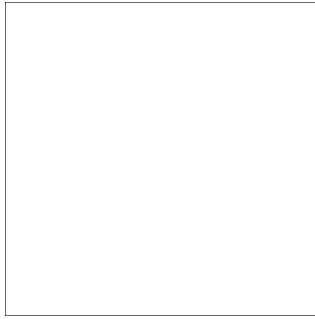
The pictures told the story of a boy who grew up
to be a pilot. Magozwe would daydream of
being a pilot. Sometimes, he imagined that he
was the boy in the story.



Sodaa isas Tomaasit himée. Yeroo dheera booda
Tomaas jiruun lafa hara'a kanati mishaa akka
ta'u itti himé.

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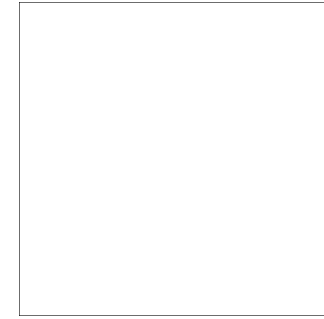
He shared his fears with Thomas. Over time the
man reassured the boy that life could be better
at the new place.



Guyyaan bayee qorraa dha yeroo Magazeeen kara gubba dhabate kadhatu. Namni tokko itti kiiqee akan jedheen,” Ashamaa, ani Tomaas jedham. Ani lafa ati waan nyaatu argatutaan hojadha.” Namni kunis karkaan gara mana kelloo kan gubbaan isaa dokiyyee ta’ee it agarsisee.” Bakka mana sana dhaqtee akka nyaata argatu abdiin qaba?” jedhe gafatee. Magazzenis yeroo tokko gara manichaa yeroo biraa immo gara namichaa ilaale. “Akka tasa,” jedhe gara mannicha deeme.

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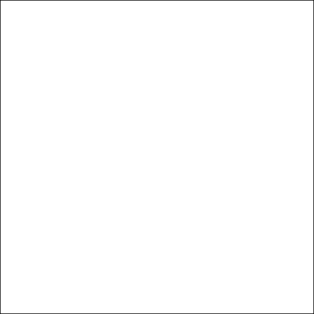
It was cold and Magozwe was standing on the road begging. A man walked up to him. “Hello, I’m Thomas. I work near here, at a place where you can get something to eat,” said the man. He pointed to a yellow house with a blue roof. “I hope you will go there to get some food?” he asked. Magozwe looked at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



Magozeenis wa’ee iddoo hara’a kana fi wa’ee gara mana barnoota deemu ittiyada ture. Yoo wanti essumni isaa jedhe sirri ta’e garuu inni barachuu hodadhabe? Yoo lafa hara’a kanati issa rukutan? Bayee sodaate. “Gara gubba jirachu wayya ta’a jedhe yaade.”

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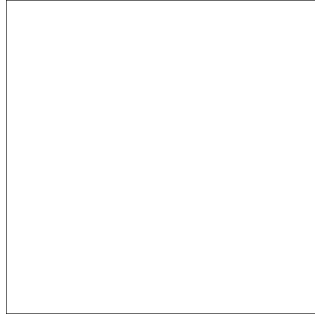
Magozwe thought about this new place, and about going to school. What if his uncle was right and he was too stupid to learn anything? What if they beat him at this new place? He was afraid. “Maybe it is better to stay living on the street,” he thought.



Ji'oota ittiaan kessatti manadhabeyni kun
 Tomaasni walarguu cimshanii gaban. Innis immo
 namoota wajjiiin kessaahu namoota karaa
 gubbaa jirataniiin hasa'u jallata. Senaa namoota
 dhaggefachu jallata. Tomaas nama amala garii
 qabuufi nama namaa tufatu mit. Ijoolen tokko
 tokko gara guyyaa walakaa irrati gara mana
 kelloo fi doqiyoo sana deemudhan waan
 nyataan argatan.

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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.



Wogaa kurnaffa Magozee irrati, Tomaas
 kitaaba seenaa tokko kennet. Kitaabichis wa'ee
 mucaa badiyya tokko kan guddate taphaata
 kubba milaa ta'eedha. Tomaasis seenaa kana
 yeroo bayee dubbiseef, akkan jedheen, Amma
 yeroo ati mana barmusaa dhaqxixee dubbisufi
 barressu barrachuu gabbu dha. Mal yaddaa
 jedhee gafatee?" Tomaasis lafaa ijoolen itti
 dhaqxee barattu itti ibsee.

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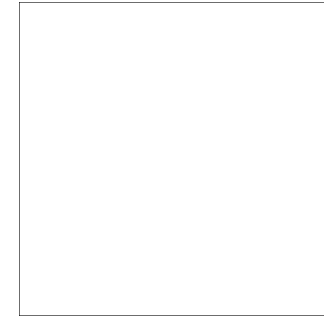
Around Magozwe's tenth birthday, Thomas gave
 him a new storybook. It was a story about a
 village boy who grew up to be a famous soccer
 player. Thomas read that story to Magozwe
 many times, until one day he said, "I think it's
 time you went to school and learned to read.
 What do you think?" Thomas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



Yeroo Tomaas dhufee Magozee bira ta’u Magozeen immo kitaaba dubbisa ture. Tomaas akkan jedhe isa gafate, “Seenaa malii dubsitaa?” “Wa’ee mucaa paylata ta’eeti” jedhene Magozee. Tomaas, “Maqaa isaa enyuu jedhe gaafate?” “Anni himbekku, dubbisu hindanda’u,” jedhe Magozeen.

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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.



Yeroo walqunnaman Magozee seenaa mataa isaa Tomaasiti himuu calaqabee. Seenaan isaas wa’ee essuma isaatif akka inni itti mana bahee ilaalchisee ture. Tomaas bayee hindubbannes waan Magozeen godhuu qabuus itti himmnee. Yeroo tokko tokko manaa nyataa kelloo sanaa kessati hasa’u.

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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.