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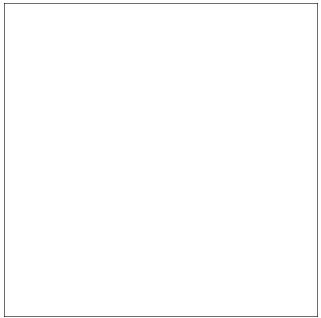
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Kare mu Igitondo kimwe nyirakuru wa Vusi  
yaramuhamagaye, "Vusi, mbabarira ujyane iri gi  
ku ababyeyi bawe. Barashaka gukora keke nini  
y'ubukwe bwa mushiki wawe".

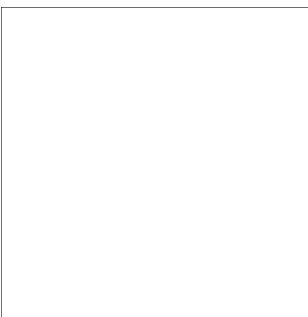
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Early one morning Vusi's granny called him,  
"Vusi, please take this egg to your parents. They  
want to make a large cake for your sister's  
wedding."

Munzira ajya kubabyeyi be, Vusi Yahuye  
 n'abahungu babiri batotragura imbuto. Umwe  
 aravuga, "Vusi musaza wanga, ntago nitayé ku  
 mpano. Natumbwo nitayé kurí keke! Turi hanó  
 twese hamwe, ndishimye. Ubu amambara  
 imyendá yawe myiza, twizhize uyu musi!"

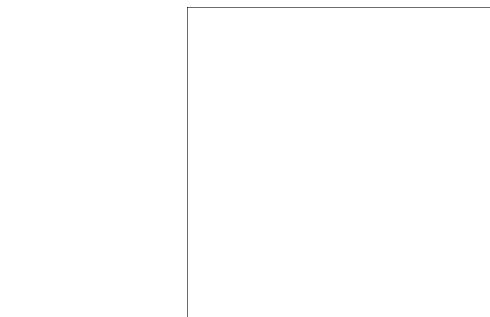
Musshiki wa Vusi yatekerje akanya, arangjje  
 rirameneka.

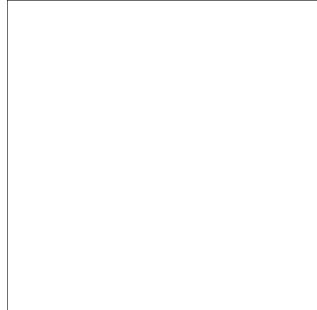
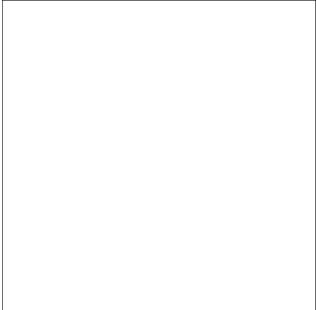
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Kandí nibyo Vusi yakozé.  
 Vusi's sister thought for a while, then she said,  
 "Vusi my brother, I don't really care about gifts. I  
 don't even care about the cake! We are all here  
 together, I am happy. Now put on your smart  
 clothes and let's celebrate this day!" And so  
 that's what Vusi did.

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"Nibiki mukoze?" Vusi yararize. "Iryo gi ryari iryo gukora keke. Keke yari iy'ubukwe bwa mushiki wange. Niki mushiki wange aribuvuge nimba nta keke y'ubukwe?"

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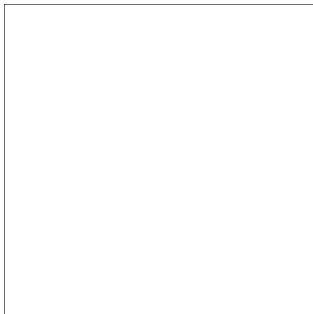
"What have you done?" cried Vusi. "That egg was for a cake. The cake was for my sister's wedding. What will my sister say if there is no wedding cake?"

"Niki nakora?" Vusi yararize. "Inka yirukatse yari impano, kubw'ibyatsi abubatsi bari bampaye. Abubatsi bampaye ibyatsi kubera ko baciye inkoni nari nahawe n'abasoromyi. Abasoromyi bampaye inkoni kubera ko bamennye igi. Keke yari iy'ubukwe. Ubu ntagi, nta keke, ntan'impano."

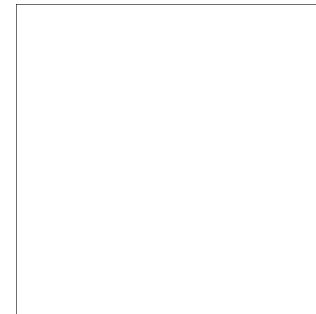
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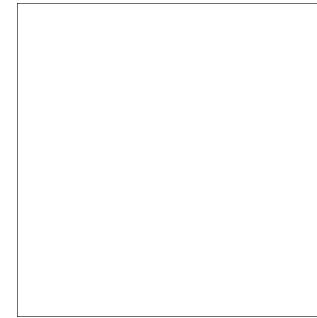
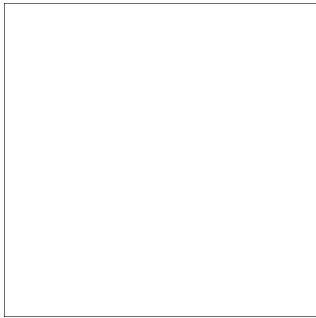
"What shall I do?" cried Vusi. "The cow that ran away was a gift, in return for the thatch the builders gave me. The builders gave me the thatch because they broke the stick from the fruit pickers. The fruit pickers gave me the stick because they broke the egg for the cake. The cake was for the wedding. Now there is no egg, no cake, and no gift."

Arikko inka yarirukatse isangga umuhinzi mugihé  
 Vusi. "Ntitwagufasha na keke, ariko aka ni  
 Abahungu basabye imbabazi kubwo gukinisha  
 akabando (ko kwifashisha mu kugenda) ko guba  
 mushiki wave," Umwe yaravuze. Vusi yakoméje  
 urugendo rwe.  
 . . .  
 The boys were sorry for teasing Vusi. "We can't  
 help with the cake, but here is a walking stick for  
 your sister," said one. Vusi continued on his  
 journey.



Arikko inka yarirukatse isangga umuhinzi mugihé  
 cyamafunguro yanimugoroba. Na Vusi yaburiye  
 kurugendo rwe. Yagzeé mubuquerque bwa mushiki  
 we atinze cyané. Abashyitsi barimo baryá.  
 But the cow ran back to the farmer at supper  
 time. And Vusi got lost on his journey. He  
 arrived very late for his sister's wedding. The  
 guests were already eating.





Munzira yahuye n'abagabo babiri barimo kubaka inzu. "Twakoresha iyo nkoni ikomeye?" Umwe arabaza. Ariko inkoni ntiyari ikomeye bihagije, yaravunitse.

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Along the way he met two men building a house. "Can we use that strong stick?" asked one. But the stick was not strong enough for building, and it broke.

Inka byarayibabaje kubera ubusambo. Umuhinzi yemeye ko inka ijyana na Vusi nk'impano yo guha mushiki we. Nuko Vusi arakomeza.

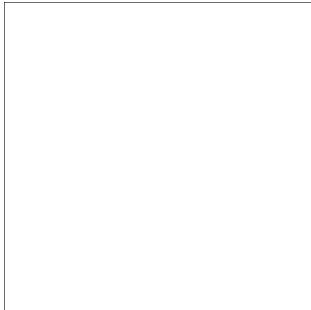
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The cow was sorry she was greedy. The farmer agreed that the cow could go with Vusi as a gift for his sister. And so Vusi carried on.

“Nibiki ukozé?” Vusi yararize. “Iyo nukoni yari  
impano ya mushiki wangle. Abasromyi  
bimbuto bamplaye inkoni kuberako bamenneye  
igi rya keke. Keke yari iyubukwe bwa mushiki  
wangle. Ubu nta gi, nta keke, nta n’impano. Ni iki  
was a gift for my sister. The fruit pickers gave  
me the stick because they broke the egg for the  
cake. The cake was for my sister’s wedding. Now  
there is no egg, no cake, and no gift. What will  
my sister say?”

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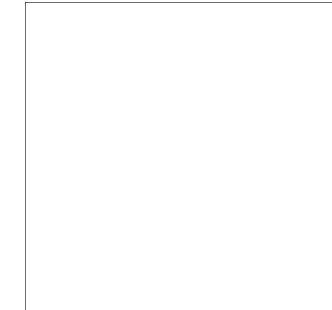
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was a gift for my sister. The fruit pickers gave  
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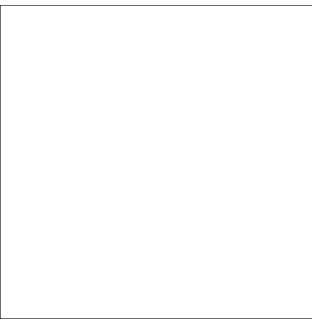


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“Nibiki ukozé?” Vusi yararize. “Iyo byatsi byari  
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bimbuto bari bamplaye. Abasromyi bari  
bamplaye inkoni kuberako bamenneye igi rya  
keke ya mushiki wangle. Ubu ntagi, nta keke,  
naran’impano. Niki mushiki wangle ariluvuge?”

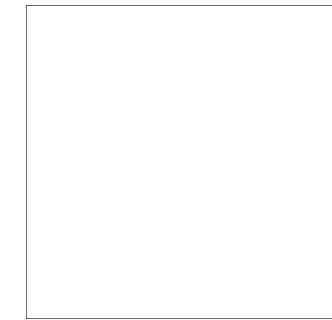




Abubatsi byarababaje kuvuna inkoni.  
“Ntitwagufasha na keke, ariko fatata ibi byatsi  
byo gusakara byo guha mushiki wawe,” Umwe  
yaravuez. Nuko Vusi akomeza urugendo rwe.

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The builders were sorry for breaking the stick.  
“We can’t help with the cake, but here is some  
thatch for your sister,” said one. And so Vusi  
continued on his journey.



Munsira, Vusi yahuye n’umuhinzi n’inka. “Mbega  
ibyatsi biryoshye, naryaho bike?” Inka yarabajije.  
Ariko ibyatsi byari biryoshye cyane inka irabirya  
byose.

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Along the way, Vusi met a farmer and a cow.  
“What delicious thatch, can I have a nibble?”  
asked the cow. But the thatch was so tasty that  
the cow ate it all!