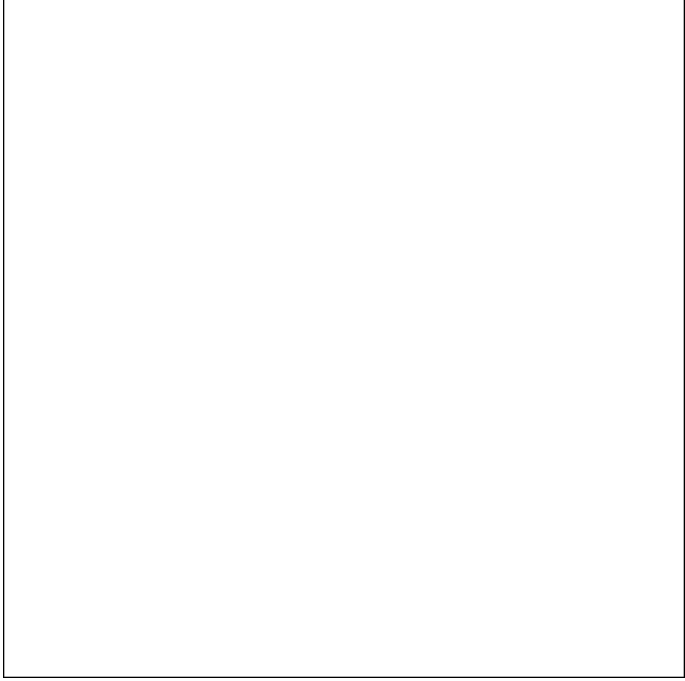


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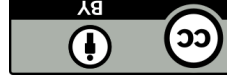
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Tani waa Kalaay. Waxay jirtaa toddoba sano. Magaceeda macnihiisa waa “midda wanaagsan” luqaddeeda, Lubukusu.

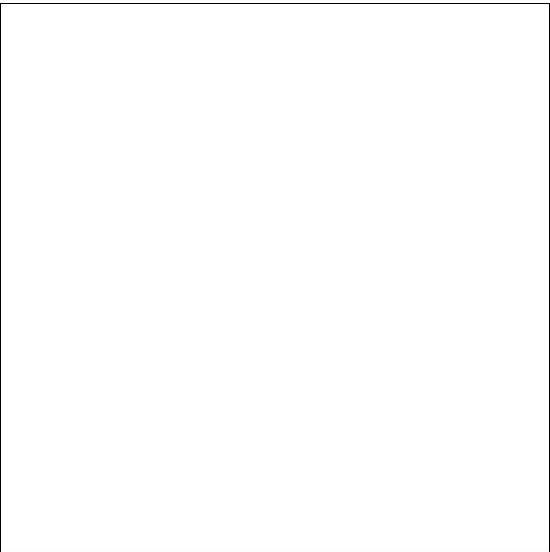
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This is Khalai. She is seven years old. Her name means ‘the good one’ in her language, Lubukusu.

Khalai wakes up and talks to the orange tree. "Please orange tree, grow big and give us lots of ripe oranges."

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Kalaay way soo toostaa waxeyna lahadashaa geedka liinta ah. "Fadlan geedka liinta ahoow, weynoow oo na sii liin badan oo bissil."

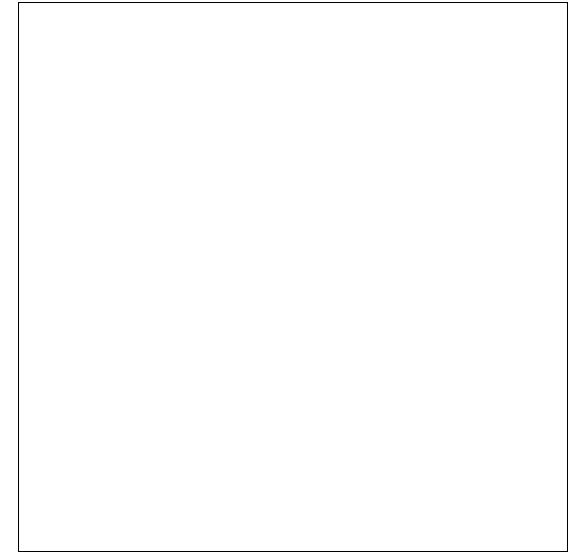




Kalaay waxay aadaa dugsiga. Jidka waxay kula hadashaa cawska. “Fadlan caws, weynoow cagaaro oo ha qallalin.”

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Khalai walks to school. On the way she talks to the grass. “Please grass, grow greener and don’t dry up.”

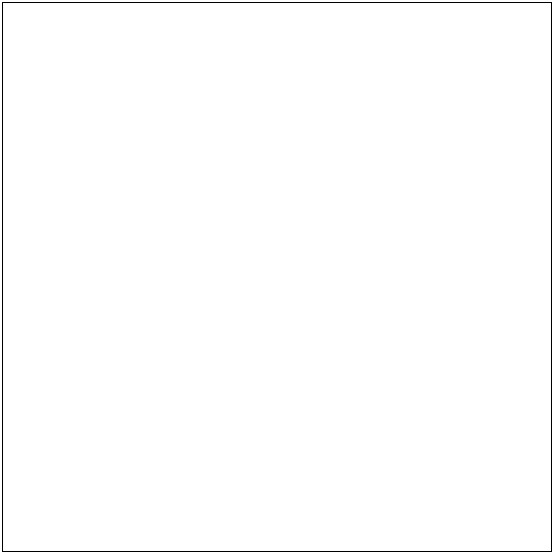


“Liinta weli waa cagaar,” ayay ku neef tuurtay Kalaay “Waxaan ku arki doonaa berrito geedka liintaw,” ayay tidhi Khalaay. “Malaha markaas baad ii yeelan doonto midho liin ah oo bislaaday!”

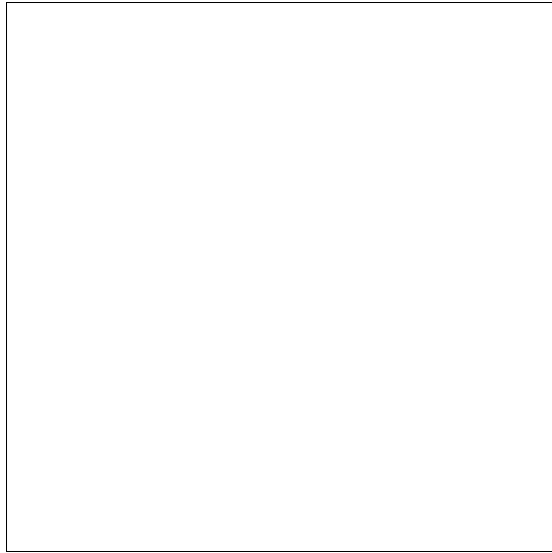
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“The oranges are still green,” sighs Khalai. “I will see you tomorrow orange tree,” says Khalai. “Perhaps then you will have a ripe orange for me!”

Kalaay waxay soo martaa ubaxyo  
 duured. "Fadlan ubaxyo, sii magoola, si  
 aan timaheyga idiin saarto."  
 ...  
 khala! passes wild flowers. "Please  
 flowers, keep blooming so I can put you  
 in my hair."



Markay kalaay guriga ku laabato, waxay  
 boqataa geedka liinta. "Miyay  
 bilaadeen midhahaada wali?" Ayeey  
 weydisaa khalaay.  
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 When khala! returns home from school,  
 she visits the orange tree. "Are your  
 oranges ripe yet?" asks khala!.

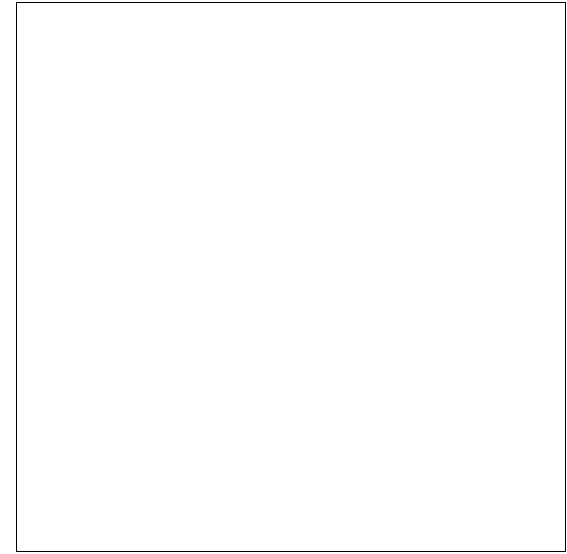




Iskuulka, Kalaay waxay la hadashaa geedka dhexda xerada ku yaallo. “Fadlan geed, so saar laamo waaweyn si aan ugu akhrisano hooskaada.”

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At school, Khalai talks to the tree in the middle of the compound. “Please tree, put out big branches so we can read under your shade.”



Kalaay waxay la hadashaa bowdka ku wareegsan dugsigeeda. “Fadlan u kora si awoodleh oo joojiya soogallida dadka xun.”

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Khalai talks to the hedge around her school. “Please grow strong and stop bad people from coming in.”