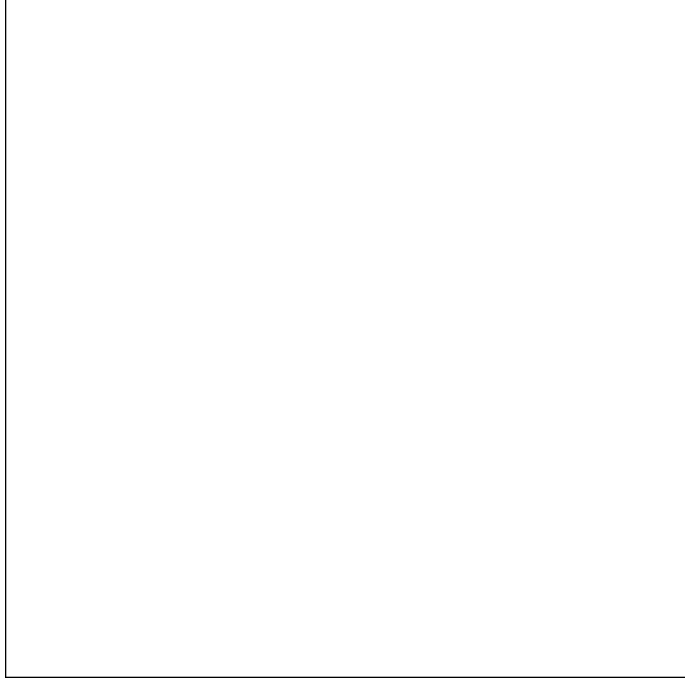






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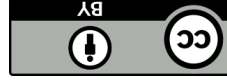
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Hapo zamani za kale, paliishi familia  
yenye furaha.

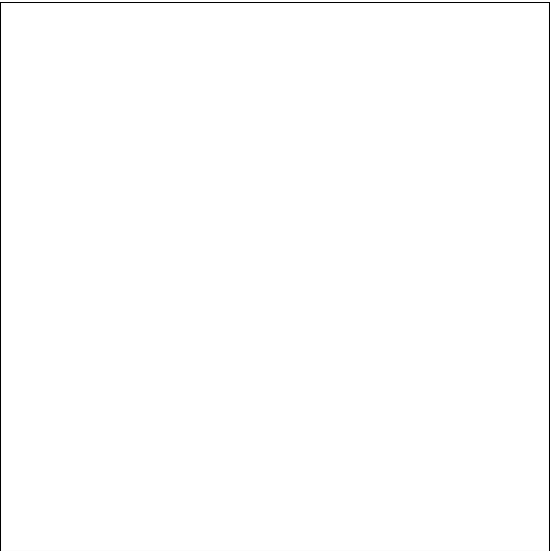
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Once upon a time, there lived a happy  
family.

Hawakugombana hata kidogo. Watoto  
walिकासaidia wazazi nyumbani na  
shambani.

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They never fought with each other.  
They helped their parents at home and  
in the fields.





Lakini, walikatazwa kwenda karibu na moto.

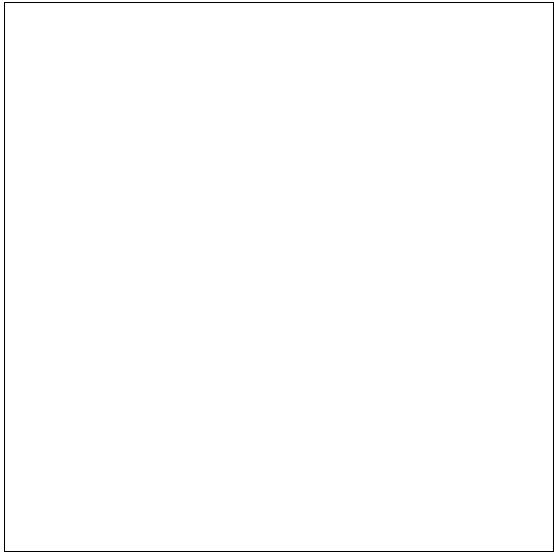
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But they were not allowed to go near a fire.

They had to do all their work during the night. Because they were made of wax!

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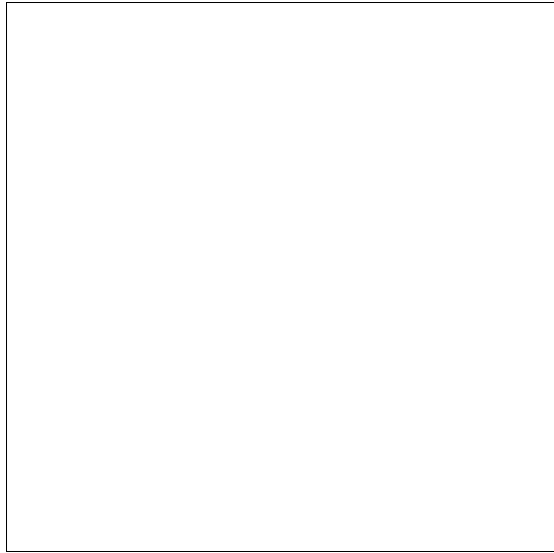
Walifanya kazi zao zote usiku. Hii ni kwa sababu walikuwa wameumbwa kwa nta.



And as the sun rose, he flew away singing into the morning light.

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Jua lilipochozoza asubuhi, akapeperuka akiimba kwa furaha.





Lakini, kijana mmoja alitamani kwenda nje wakati wa mchana.

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But one of the boys longed to go out in the sunlight.



Wakamweka ndege huyo juu ya mlima mrefu.

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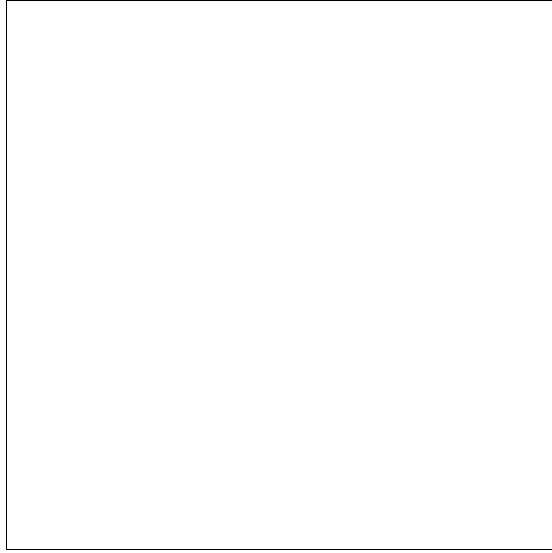
They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.



Siku moja tamaa ya kwenda nje ikazidi.  
Wenzake wakamwonya asiende juani.  
Lakini, hakusikia.

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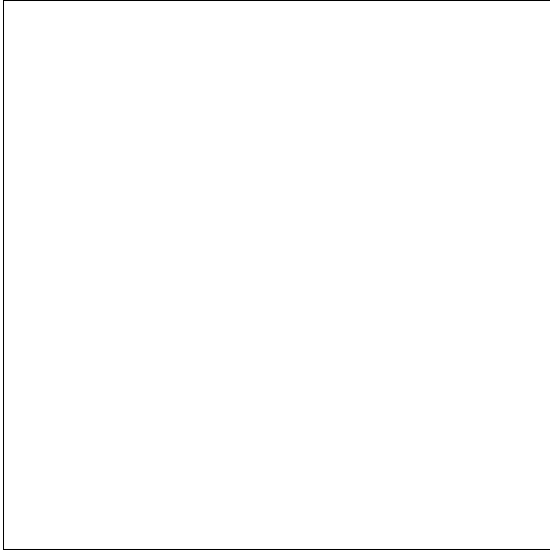
One day the longing was too strong. His  
brothers warned him...



Wakapanga jambo fulani. Walichukua  
nta iliyoyeyuka wakatengeza ndege.

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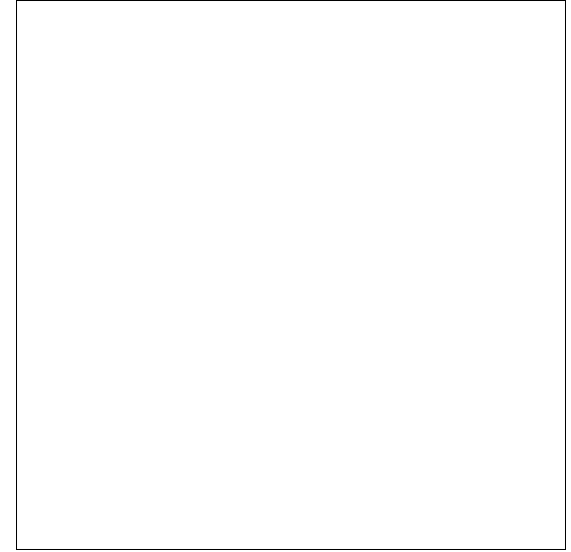
But they made a plan. They shaped the  
lump of melted wax into a bird.



Aliyeyuka kwa sababu joto lilikuwa kali.

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But it was too late! He melted in the hot sun.



Watoto wa nta walihuzunika walipoona kaka yao akiyeyuka.

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The wax children were so sad to see their brother melting away.