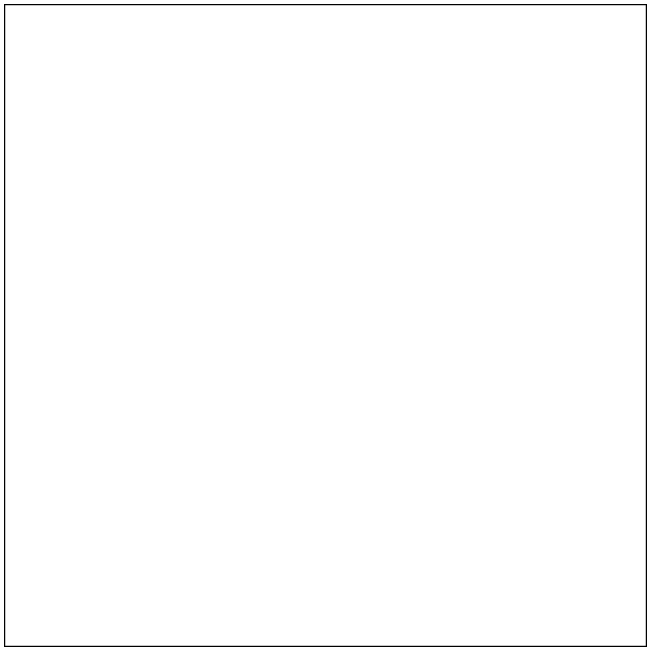

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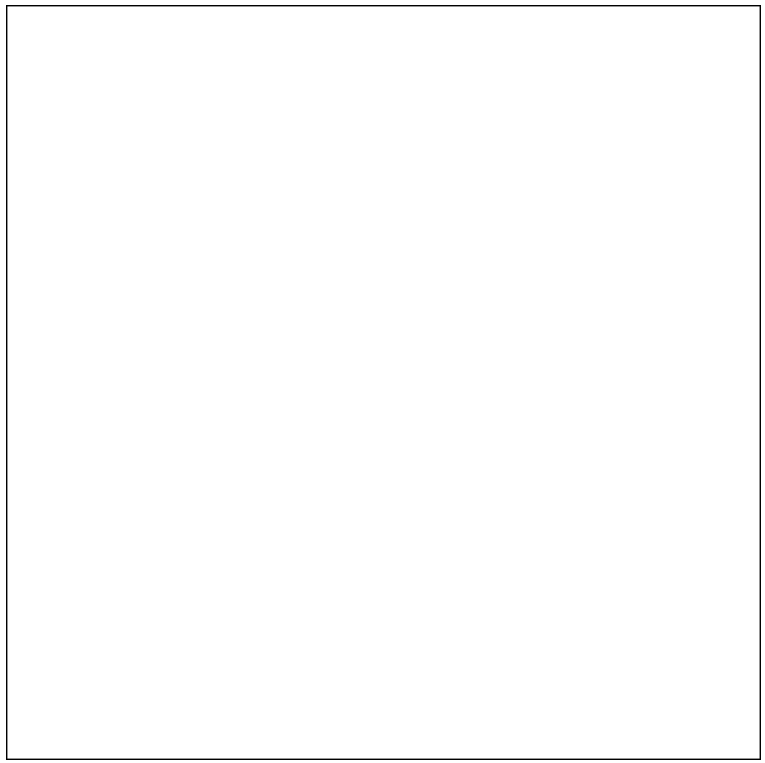

Tom wa tjindi otjimbamba tjovipanana mbya hora.

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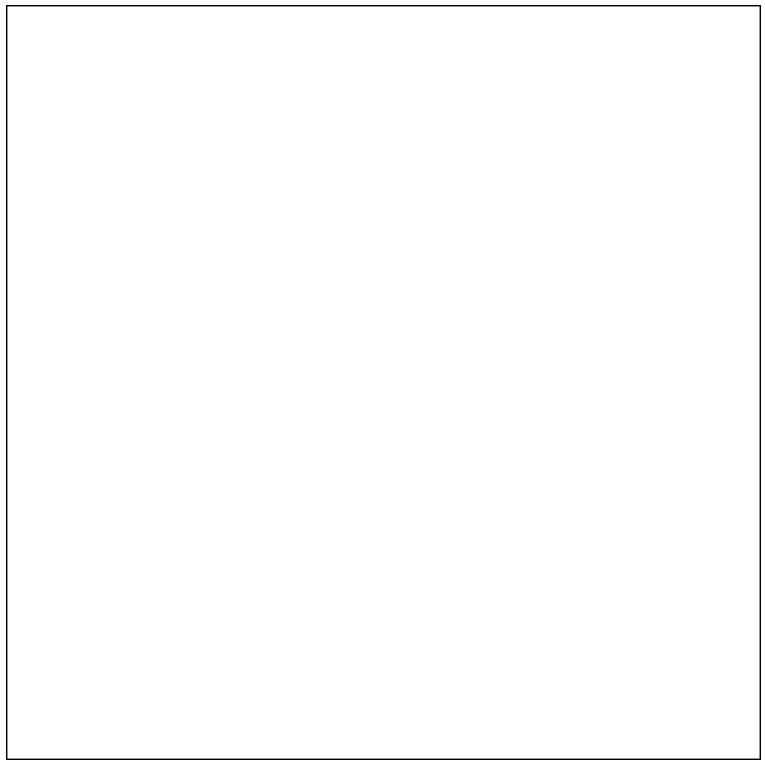
Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.



Tom ma i koruveze romarandisiro okukarandisa ovipanana.

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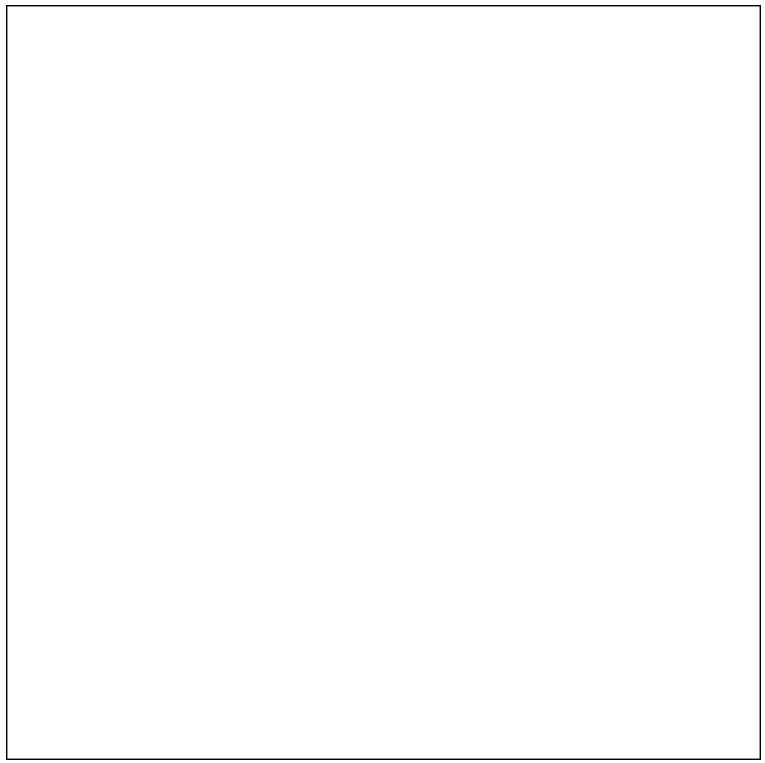
Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.



Ovandu pomatara ve randa ovihape.

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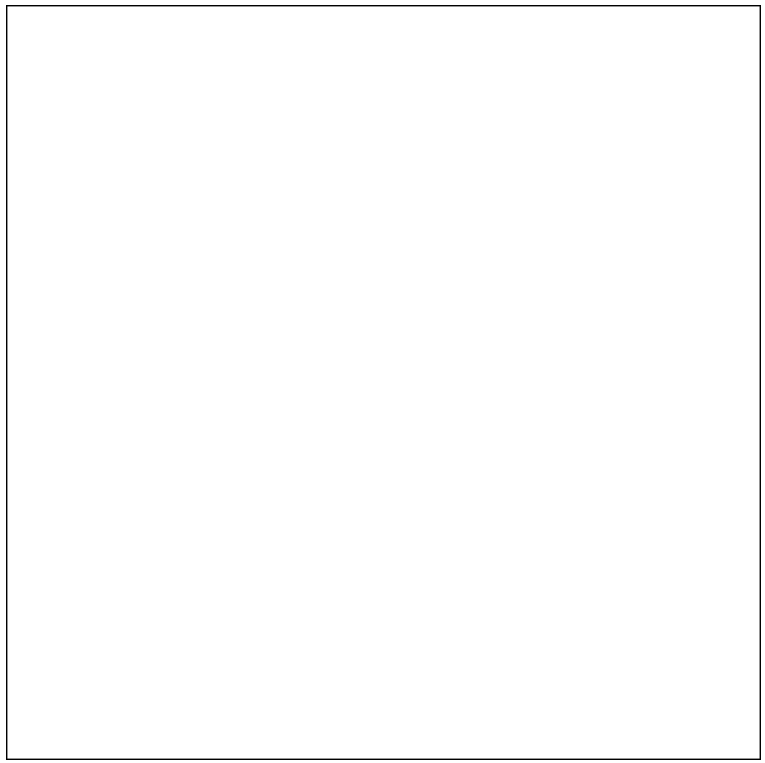
People at the market are buying fruit.



Posiya kape na umwe ngu randa ovipanana vya Tom. Ovo ve vanga okuranda imbi vyovakazendu.

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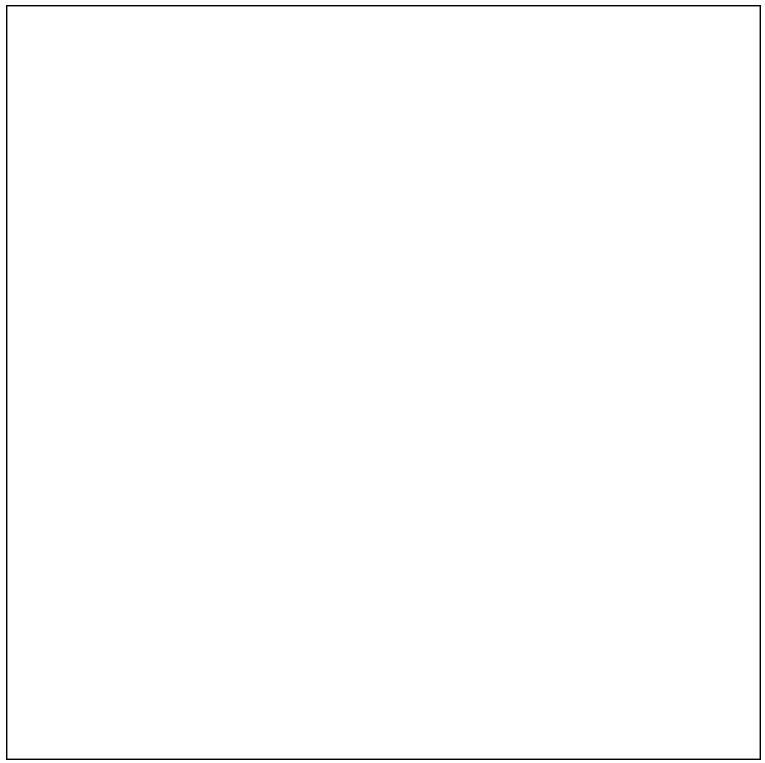
But no one is buying Tom’s bananas. They prefer to buy fruit from women.



Motjiwaṇa tjetu ovakazendu uriri ombe randisa ovihape. “Omurumendu vi ngwi hapo?” ovandu va pura.

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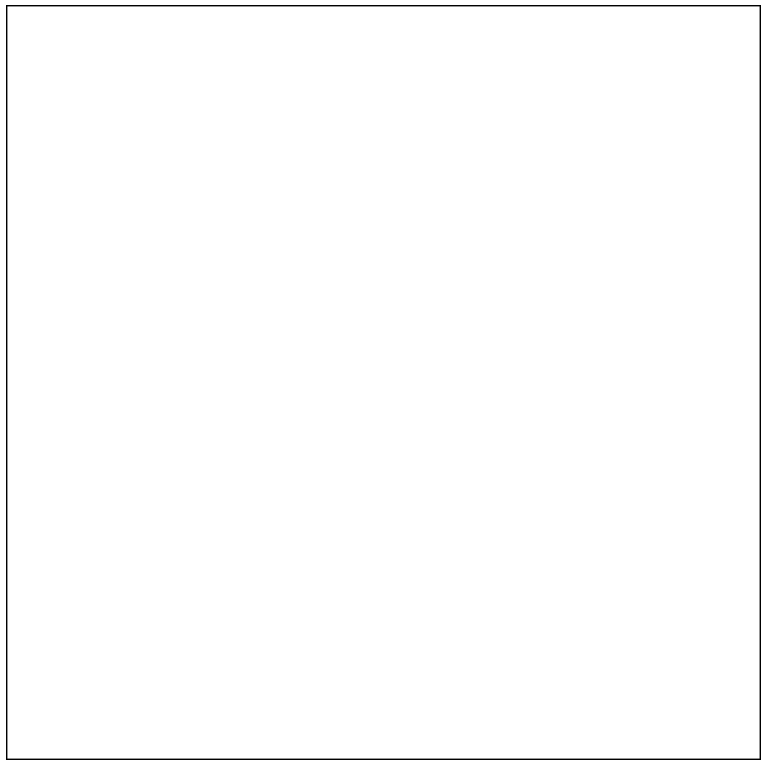
“In our community, only women sell fruit,” people say. “What kind of a man is this?” people ask.



Nungwari Tom ka umbu ohama. Eye aa ravaere, “Randee ovipanana vyandje. Randee ovipanana vyandje vyoutji mbya hora!” eye wa ravaere.

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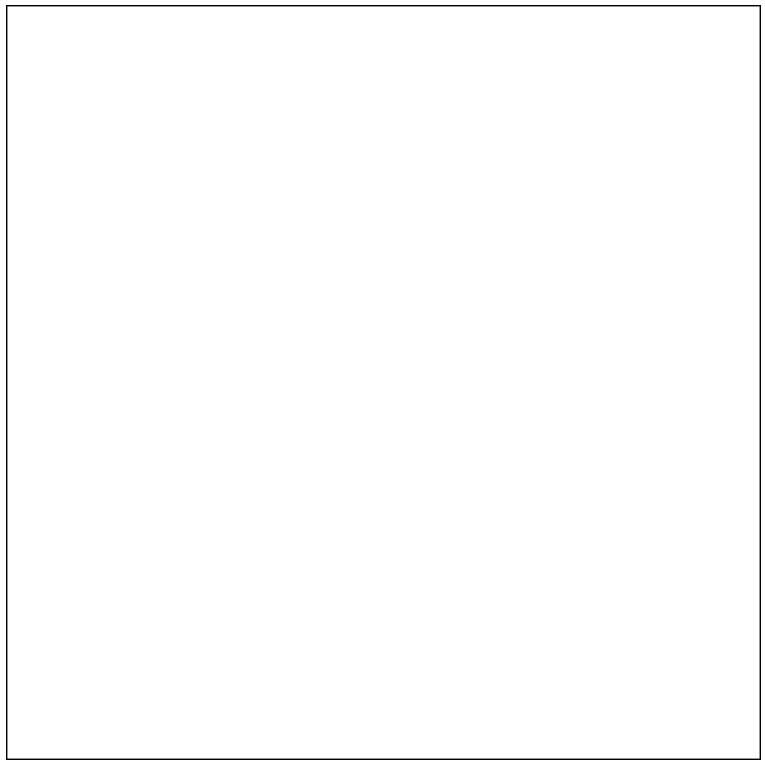
But Tom does not give up. He calls, “Buy my bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!”



Omukazendu umwe wa toora epunda rovipanana okuza motjimbamba nevi tara nawa.

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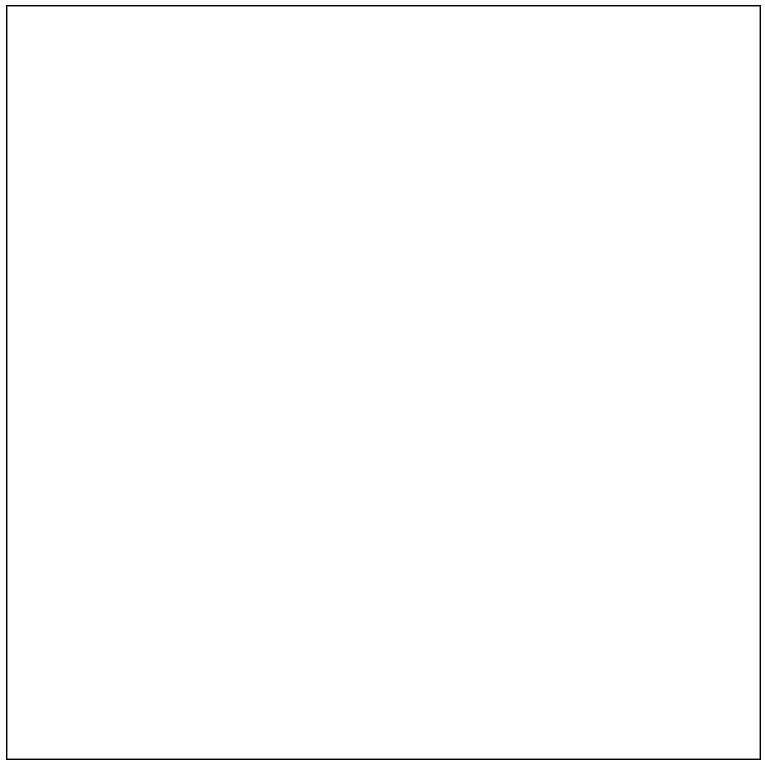
One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.



Omukazendu wa randa imbi ovipanana.

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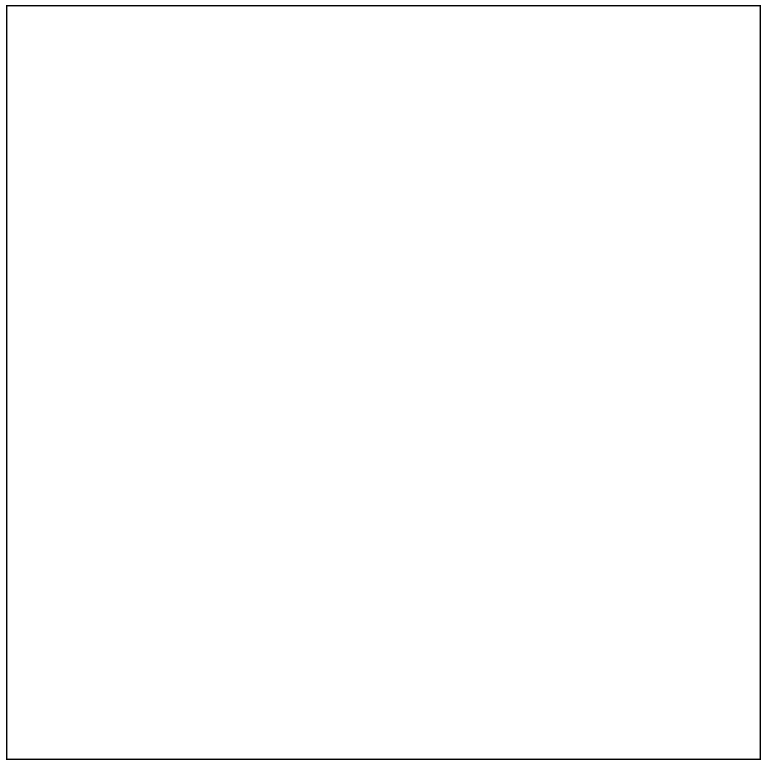
The woman buys the bananas.



Ovandu ovengi ve ya ave randa ovipanana vya Tom nave vi ri.

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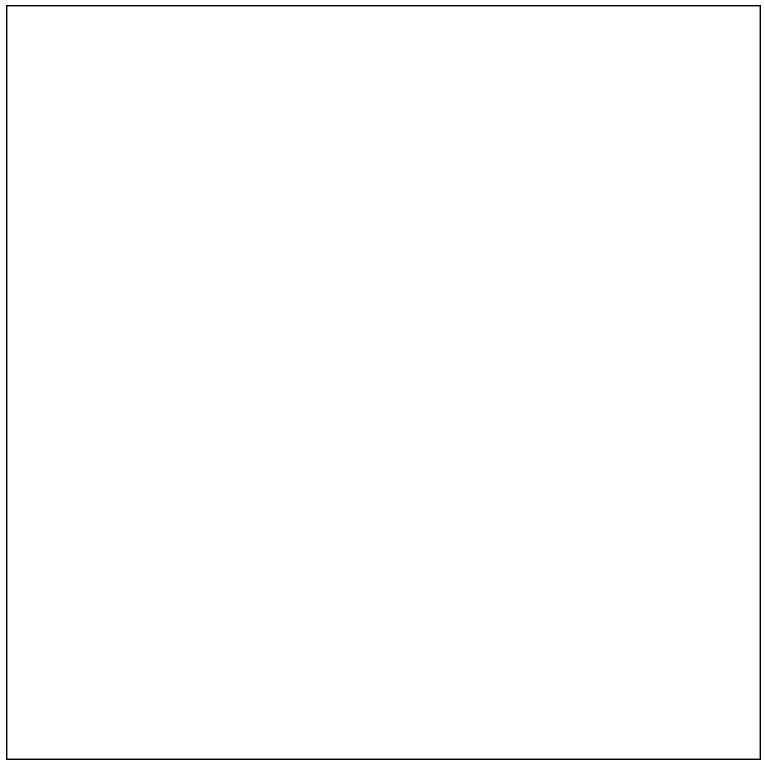
More people come to the stall. They buy Tom’s bananas and eat them.



Tjimanga otjimbamba mwa kara uriri. Tom wa vara imbi ovimariva mbya munu.

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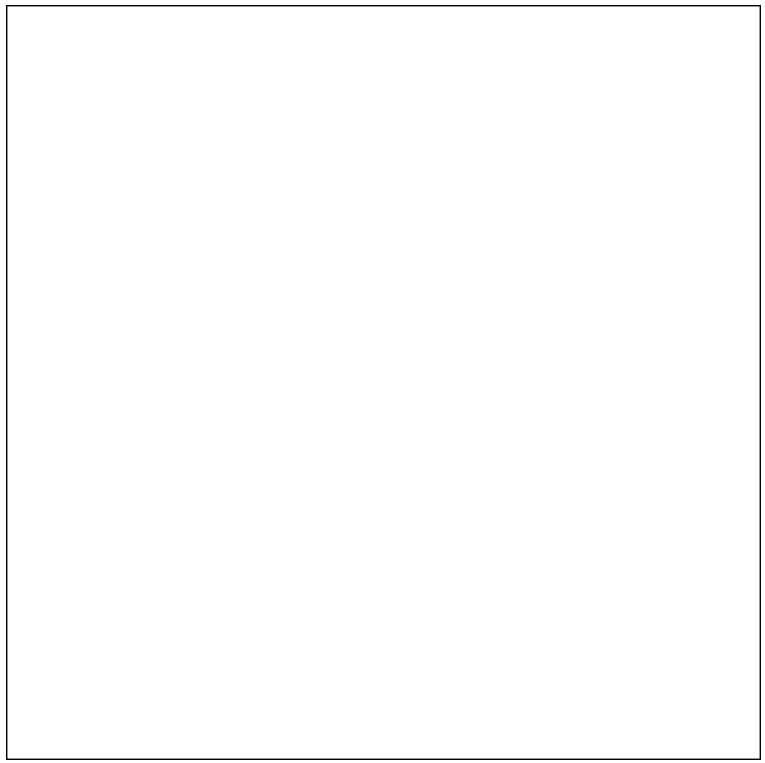
Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.



Kuzamba Tom wa randa oheva, ouitji nomboroto na twa motjimbamba tje.

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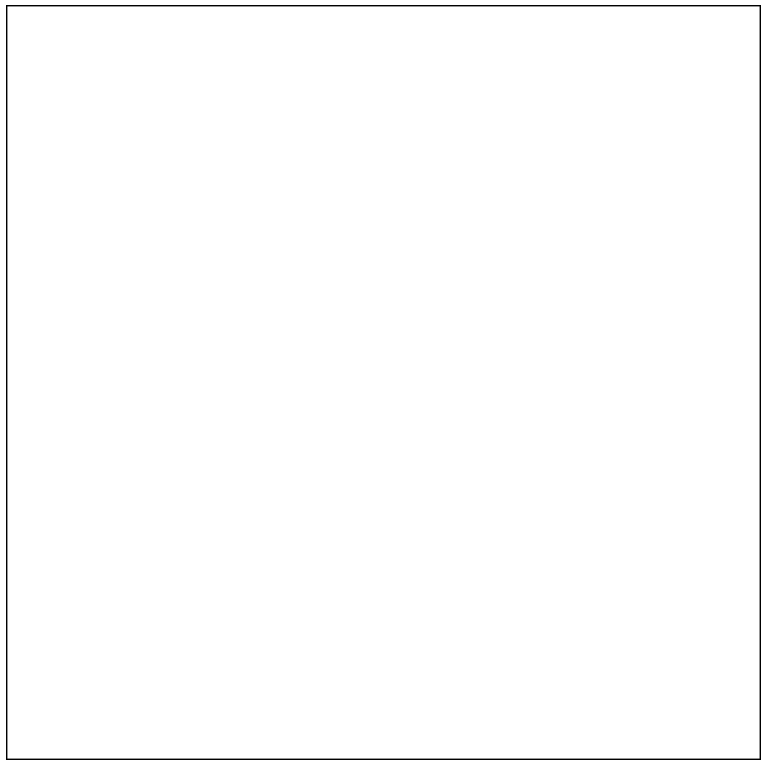
Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and bread. He puts the things in his tray.



Tom wa twike otjimbamba kotjiuru tje na yaruka konganda.

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Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.

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