




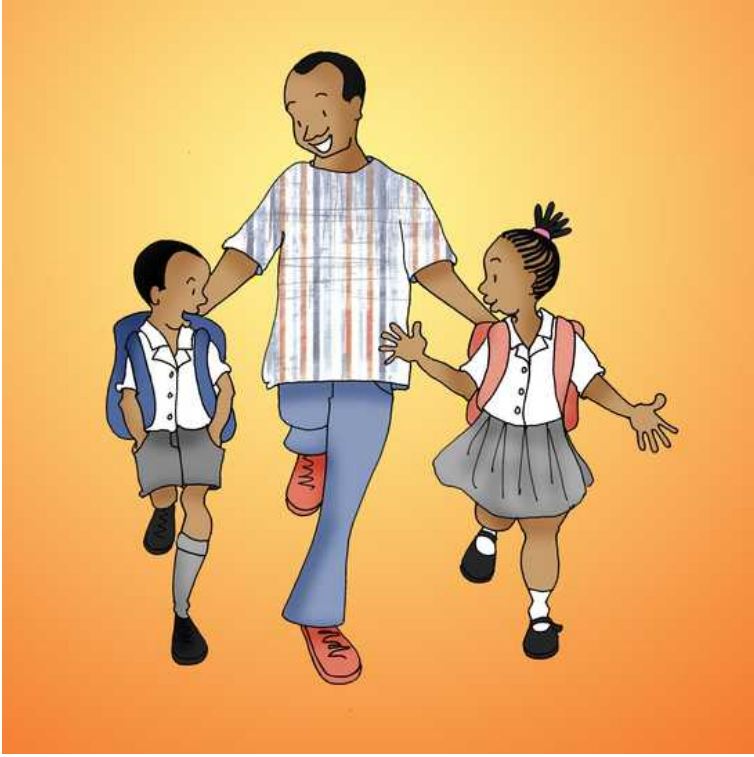




Ekiumuro E'wamukaka

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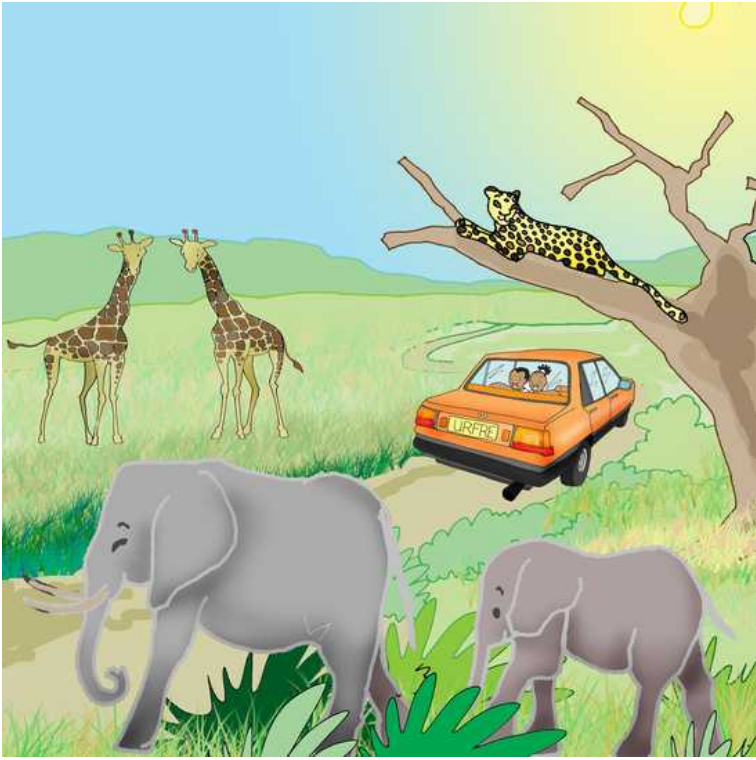


Odongo haima n'Apiyo babyabikere omwa kibugha haima na thathawabu. Ibakabulikira ekihumulho kihakika. Butsira ambu habwesukuru erikinga, aliwe eribya ibakayahumulira ewamukaka wabo. Mukaka aby'ikere hakuhi nahabakasohera esisu okwangetse.



Odongo n'Apiyo mubabunyahirwa kusangwa bakayalebeya mukaka wabu kandi.

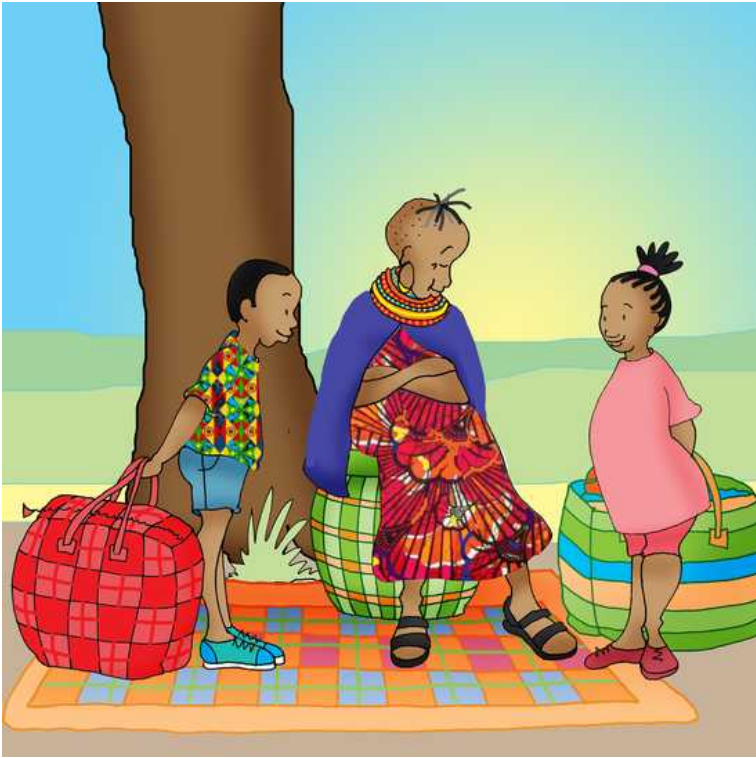
Omwigholhogholho mubapakira ebikapa byabo neriyitakanizirya olhubalhamo lhwabo omwakyalo. Mubathabotsera. Mubakania obuthuku erikya.



Yabere yikaby'engyakya, mubatsinduka
omwamatoka ya thatha wabo. Mubafugha erilhaba
omwabithwa, bamalhaba okwabisoro byomoli,
haima namalima awa magyani. Ibakabara
esyamatoka esyabakalhabako, nerimba
esyanyimbo.



Habilhaba kathuku kake, bamalhuha neri yiwotserako.



Bamabya bahika ewamuka wabo, neryo thatha wabo amabukya Odongo n'Apiyo. Mubasangana Nyar-Kanyada, mukaka wabo inyanikere okwamukeka ahisi omwakitsutsu kyomuthi. Nyar-Kanyanda omwalhulimi Ihwaba'Luo, kikamanyisaya 'mwali wa Kayanda'. Abya mukekulhu wamani, kandi inimubuyanga.



Nyar-Kayanda mwangirirabo, neribahotholera.
Abitsikulhu biwe mubabunyahirwa nerimuhererya
ebihembo ebyabamulethera erilwa omwa kibugha.
“kwanza mukaka thangirisambulha ekihembo
kyaghe”, Odongo mwasaba. “Eyihi, weza mukaka,
sambulha ekyaghe” Apiyo mwabugha.



Abere abirisambulha ebihembo biwe, Nyar-Kanyada
mwatsumulha neribasabira emighisa
eyembaghane.



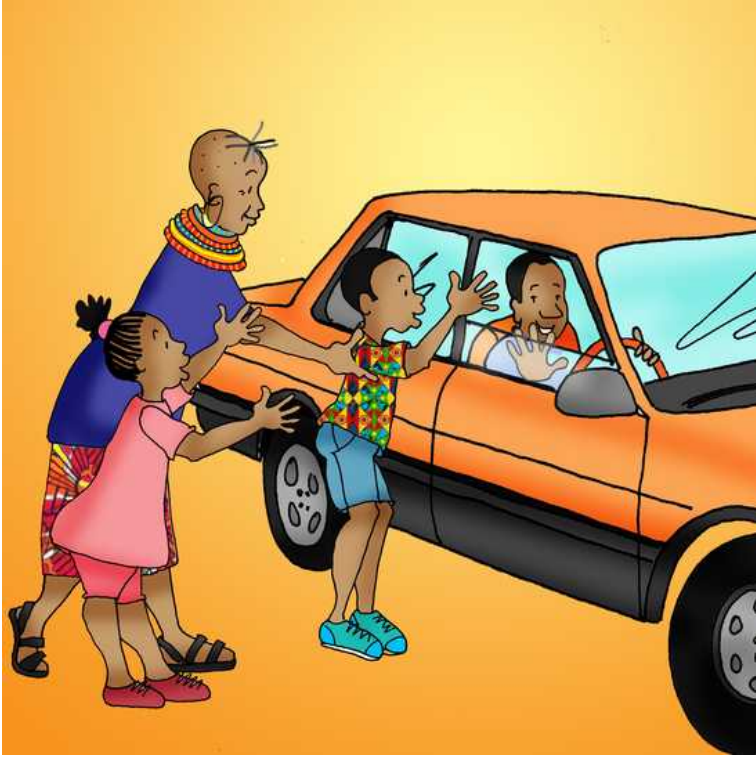
Neryo Odongo n'Apiyo mubaghenda eyihya.
Bamatsuka erithibitha okwa binyuruwunzu haima
no thunyonyi.



Mubasamba omwamithi nerithoghera
omwamaghetse omwangetse.



Obuthuku bukira, neryo bakasubeka erisialya ekyakiro. Bathebaghunza erirya, neryo othulho thukabahamba.



Omwangyakya, thatha wabana mwafugha erisuba omwakibugha nerisigha abana na mukaka wabo Nyar-Kanyanda.



Odongo n'Apiyo mubawathikya mukaka wabo okwathubiri. Mubaghenda okwalhusi, bamaletha esyangwe. Bamasongyasongya amaya w'esyangoko, nerisolhoma esyanyinyi omwirima.



Nyar-Kanyada mwakangirirya abitsikulhu biwe erihuka obusyano n'omukubi. Mwakangiriryabo nerihuka omutkere oweriria n'engege eyumire.



Kiro kighuma Odongo mwayalisya esy'ande syamukaka wiwe. Neryo syamalhaba omwirima lyomuliranwa. Neryo omuliranwa ono mwaturuma, neribugha athi anganimya esy'ande esyosi habwerilhaba omwabyalya nerilya ebyalya biwe. Erihusirirya ekiro ekyo, omulhwana mwalhangira athi akatsunga esy'ande aleke eriyiwusa omwabulitho.



Ekindi kiro, abana mubaghenda omwakathale na Nyar-Kanyada. Aby'awite mw'emeza ahakaghuliraya esyanyinyi, esukali haima n'esabuni. Apiyo abyanzire eribwira abawuli emihendo yebindu. Odongo inyakabohera abauli ebindu byabo babirighulha.



Obuthuku bukira, neryo ibakanywa magyani chai haima. Neryo ibawathikya mukaka wabo eribara esyambulho esyabamathunga ekiro ekyo.



Biro bingahi, neryo ekihumuro kyamahwamo.
Obuthuku bw'erisuba okwasukuru bwamahika.
Nyar-Kanyada mwahererya Odongo akasepeho
n'Apiyo akasweta. Mwaboherabo endanda
yomwanzira.



Thatha wabo abere akasiabenda, mubathanza erihongoka. Aliriryo mubasaba Nyar-Kanyada eryasa nabo omwakibugha. Mwaseka neryo abugha ati, “ngalimukekulhu, sinangathoka ekibugha”. Ngendibalindirira kandi ekiro mukendisyasubulha.



Odongo n'Apiyo mubalhagha mukaka wabo
nerimubumbathira kutsibu. Mubalhagha bukyaghe.



Odongo n'Apiyo babere basuba okwisomero, mubathulirawo banywani babo eraha eyiri omwakyalo ewamukakawabo. Abandi bana bakalhangira obuyingo obwamwakibugha ngabuwene, aliriryo abana abosi mubikirirya bathi Odongo n'Apiyo bawithe mukaka wabo omubuya.



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