

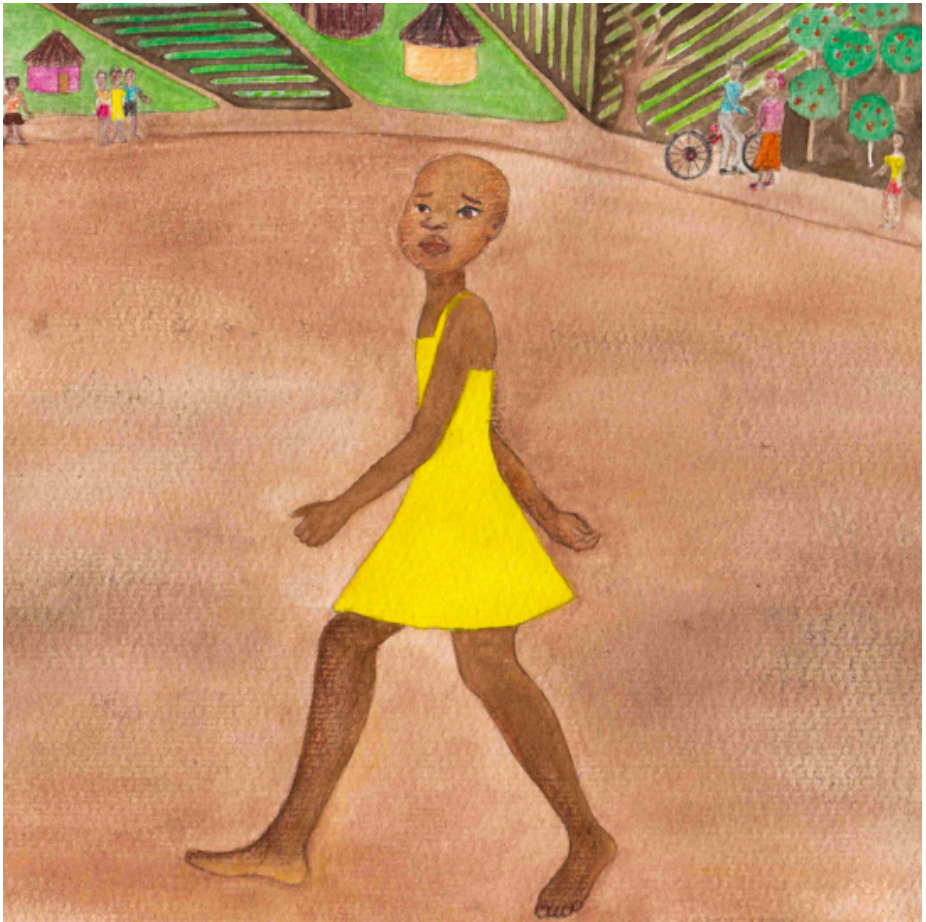


Emandla aSimangaliso

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Endzaweni lengale ngesheya kweMfula
iLimpopo, kuhlala Simangaliso.

Kunenkholelo yekutsi Simangaliso unemandla
lamanyenti lakhetsekile.

Wonkhe umuntfu edolobheni lakitsi ukhuluma
ngaye.



Simangaliso unelivi lelihle lelipholile. Uhlala ehlatkini lapho ahlabelela khona tinyoni kanye netilwane.

Ekupheleni kwelilanga ngalinye uyahlabelela. Bantfu basuka etindzaweni letisekudzeni batolalela livi lakhe lelimnandzi.



Simangaliso unetinwele letindze kakhulu
letingazange tibonwe muntfu.

Angantjintja tinwele takhe ngekutsandza
kwakhe. Ukwati kutenta tinyamalale tiphindze
tivele.

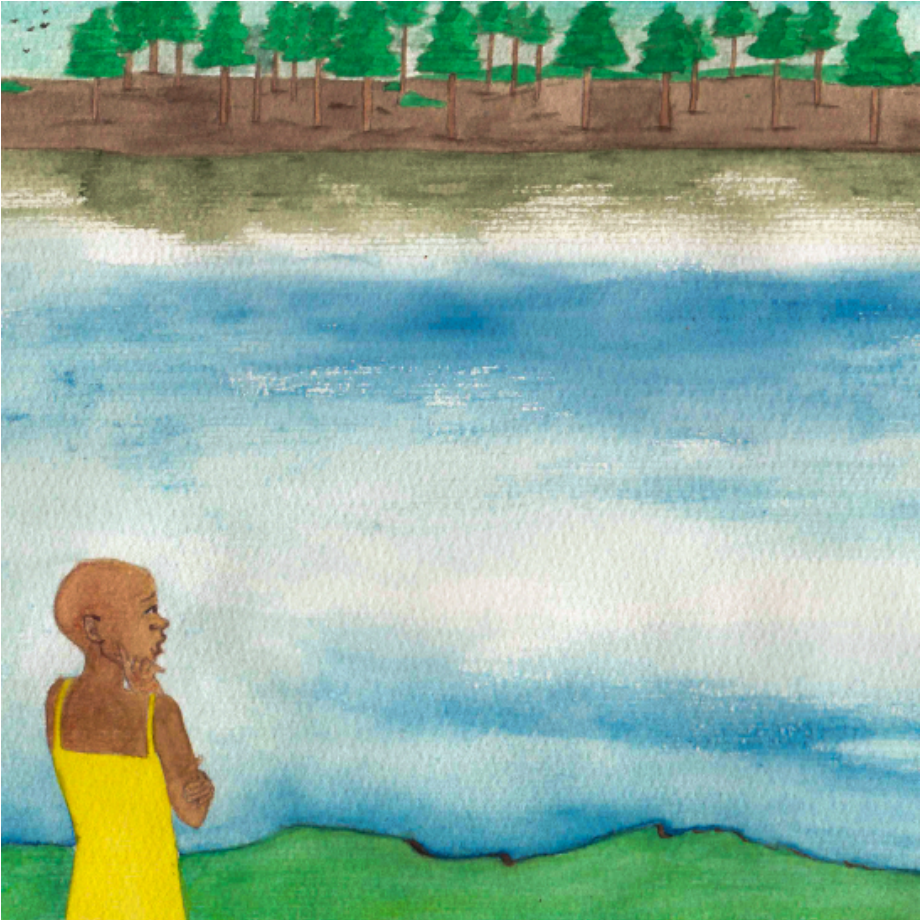
Nangabe ahlabelela, tinwele tiyehla bese
timbhonya buso bakhe.



Simangaliso uhambahamba lonkhe lihlatsi njalo ngelilanga.

Uyakwati kulalela aphindze eve ingoti letako.

Futsi uyakwati kubona uma kukhona umuntfu lota kuye ngetinhloso letimbi.



Ngalelinye lilanga, Simangaliso wafuna kuyobona kutsi ingabe imphilo injani ngale ngesheya kwemfula lomkhulu.

Wancuma kutsatsa luhambo lokuyohlola.

Ngesikhatsi afika emfuleni lomkhulu, watibuta, “Ngitowela kanjani lapha?”



Simangaliso wacabanga sikhashana wase uyamemeta, "Emandla! Emandla!"

Masinyane, kwavela libhuloho.

Wawelela ngesheya kwemfula wase uyachubeka neluhambo lwakhe. Wahamba waya ekudzeni kakhulu nelihlatsi lalatiko.



Simangaliso wativa asadziniwe. Wacabanga
“Ngidzinga indzawo lengingaphumula kuyo.”

Wamemeta, “Emandla! Emandla!”

Ngekushesha, kwavela tjani yonkhe indzawo
lemtungeletile. Simangaliso wahlala phansi
etjanini lobuhle.



Simangaliso wativa asalambile. “Sengisekudzeni kakhulu nelihlatsi. Ngitokutfola kanjani kudla?” acabanga.

Wakhotsa tindzebe takhe wase uyamemeta,
“Emandla! Emandla!”

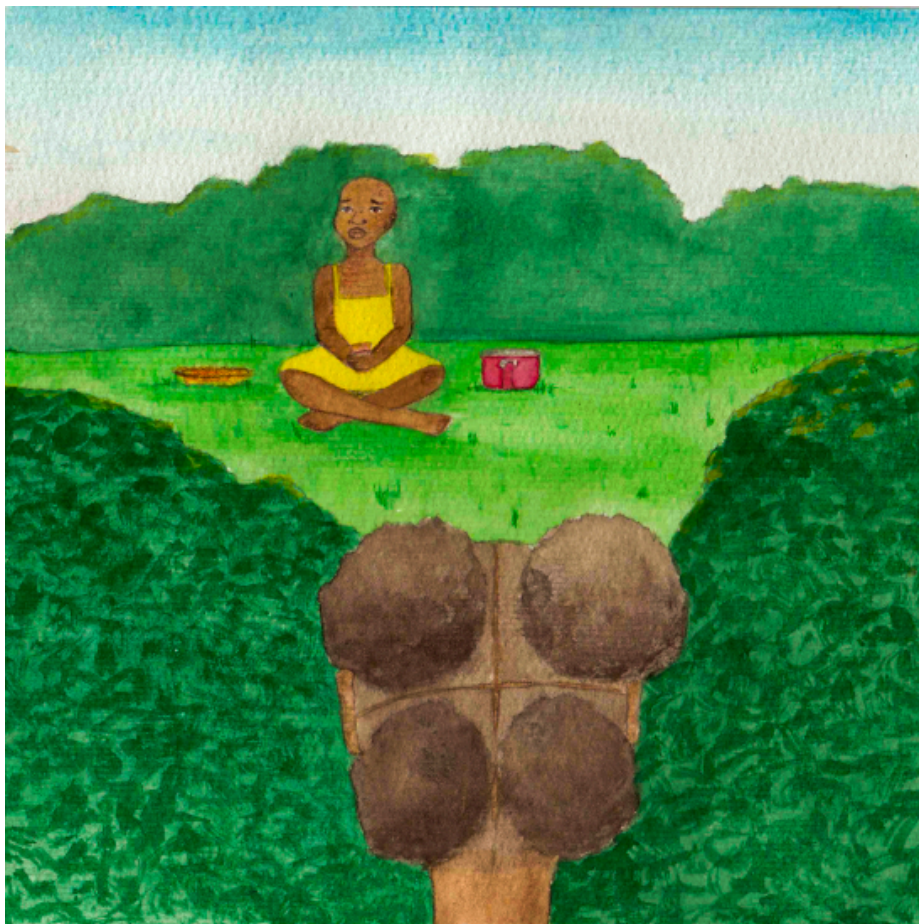
Ngekushesha, kwavela amabhodo langenalutfo,
tindishi kanye netinkomishi.



Tinatfo nekudla lokutsandwwa nguSimangaliso kwamane kwangena emabhodweni langenalutfo, etindishini, nasetinkomishini.

Wadla futsi wanatsa ngendlela latsandza ngayo.

Masinyane, weva umsindvo.



Simangaliso weva kutsi ngiyeta ngisho nangaphambi kwekutsi ngisondzele kuye.

Wamemeta, “Ngubani loyo?”

Ngaphendvula ngelivi lelincane, “Ngimi. Libito lami nginguBumi.”

Simangaliso wavele wati kutsi nginetinhloso letinhle.



“Ngilahlekile,” ngisho ngelivi lami lelincane.

“Wota utokudla kanye nami bese uyanatsa!”
kusho Simangaliso.

Ngadla ngase ngiyanatsa ngendlela
lengitsandza ngayo. Ngatjela Simangaliso kutsi
ngilahleke kanjani ngemuva kwekulandzela
umnaketfu lomdzala.



Simangaliso wangicocela ngeluhambo lwakhe lwekufuna kwati kutsi imphilo injani ngale ngesheya kwemfula. Ngemuva kwaloko, wamoyitela wase uyamemeta, "Emandla! Emandla!"

Kwaba ngileyondlela lengefika ngayo phambi kwemnyango wendlu yebatali bami.



Ulwazi Lwethu is a Zenex Foundation funded and initiated project to develop a series of graded and leisure African language readers and teacher support materials. This project is targeted at teaching and supporting learners in the Foundation Phase to improve their home language reading and understanding. The readers have been originated in nine African languages in collaboration with Molteno Institute for Language and Literacies, Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development, Room to Read South Africa, and Saide. All resources are developed as Open Education Resources (OER).



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