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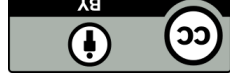
tricks Eagle

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Hen tricks Eagle

Usikhukukazi Uqhatha Ukhazi



Kudala-dala, uSikhukukazi noKhozi babengabahlobo.
Ngenye imini, uKhozi wafika uSikhukukazi ephumle
phantsi komthi neebhegi zakhe ezinegrosari.
USikhukukazi wayeme ngomlenze omnye.

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Long ago Hen and Eagle were friends. One day, Eagle
found Hen under a tree resting with her shopping bags.
Hen was standing on one leg.



Ukhozi wabuza kusikhukuzazi, "Uphi omnye umlenze wakhona?"

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Eagle asked Hen, "Where is your other leg?"



USikhukhukazi waphendula uKhozi wathi, “Unovenkile unqumle umlenze wam waze wandinika ezi bhegi endaweni yawo.”

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Hen told Eagle, “The shopkeeper cut off my leg and gave me these groceries in return.”



Wabanomsindo uKhozi waze waleqa uSikhukukazi. Kodwa akazange amfumane. Yiyo loo nto, uKhozi esoloko ekhangela amantshontsho kaSikhukukazi. Xa ethe walibona intshontsho, uyalibamba alitye.

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Eagle was furious and chased Hen. But he never caught her. Instead, Eagle always looks out for Hen’s children. Whenever he catches one, he eats it.



Ukhoz! wabuza kusikhukuzazi ukuba angakwazi na naye
ukwenza loo nto. Naye wayeyifuna ibhegi egcwele
igrosari. Usikhukuzazi wawuma.

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Eagle asked Hen whether he could do the same. He also
wanted a bag of groceries. Hen agreed.



Wathi akufika ekhaya ukhozi, wabona usikhukuzazi
ehamba ngayo yomibini imilenze yakhe.

...

When Eagle reached home, he found Hen with both her
legs.



UKhozi waya kunovenkile wamcela ukuba anqumle omnye umlenze wakhe aze amnike ibhegi enegrosari ngaphakathi. Unovenkile wavuma.

...

Eagle went to the shopkeeper and asked her to cut off one of his legs in exchange for groceries. The shopkeeper accepted.



UKhozi wangcileza ngomlenze omnye wade wayokufika ekhaya. Wayonwatyiswe kakhulu zizinto awayezinikwe ngunovenkile.

...

The eagle hopped on one leg all the way home. But he was happy with the things the shopkeeper gave him.