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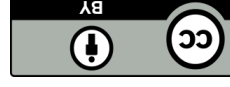
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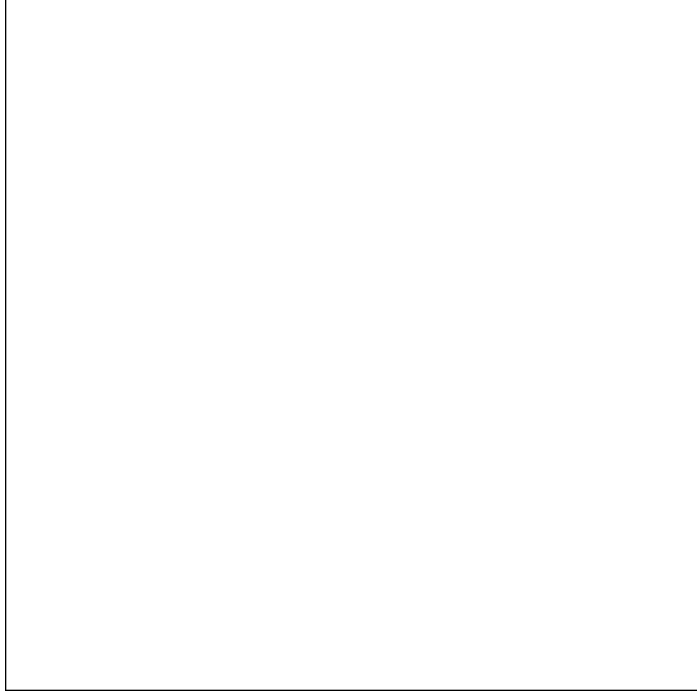
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(imageless edition)



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
waliwasaidia wazazi nyumbani.

...

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



Lakini, walikatazwa kwenda karibu na moto.

...

But they were not allowed to go near a fire.



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

...

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



Jua lilipochoza asubuhi, akapeperuka akiimba kwa furaha.

...

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



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.

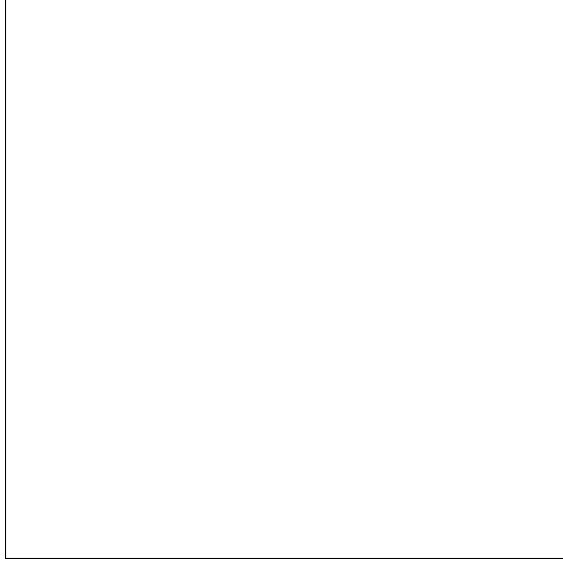
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They took their bird brother up to a high mountain.

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

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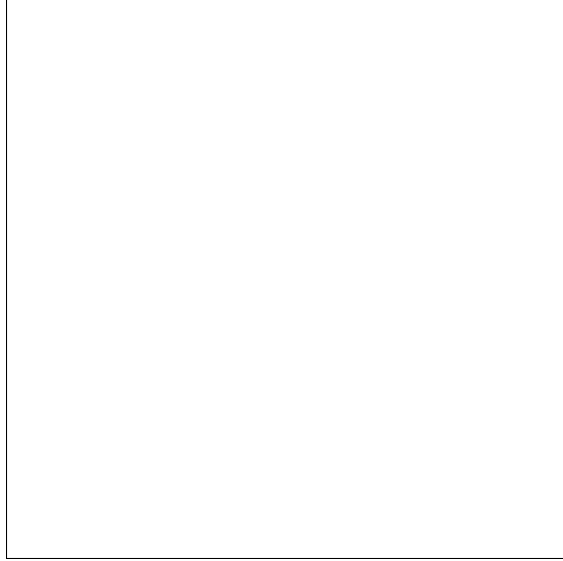
Wakapanga jambo fulani. Walichukua nta iliyoyuka wakatengeza ndege.



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

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

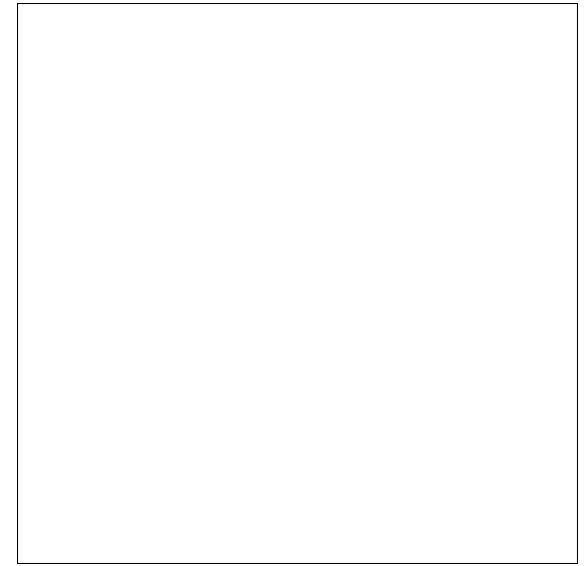




Aliyeyuka kwa sababu joto lilikuwa kali.

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



Watoto wa nta walihuzunika walipoona kaka yao
akiyeyuka.

...

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