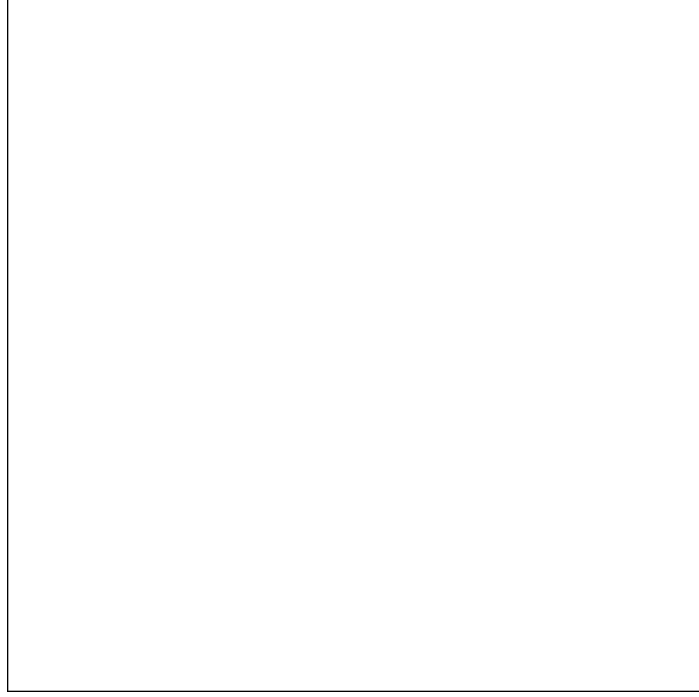







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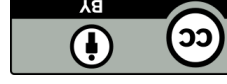
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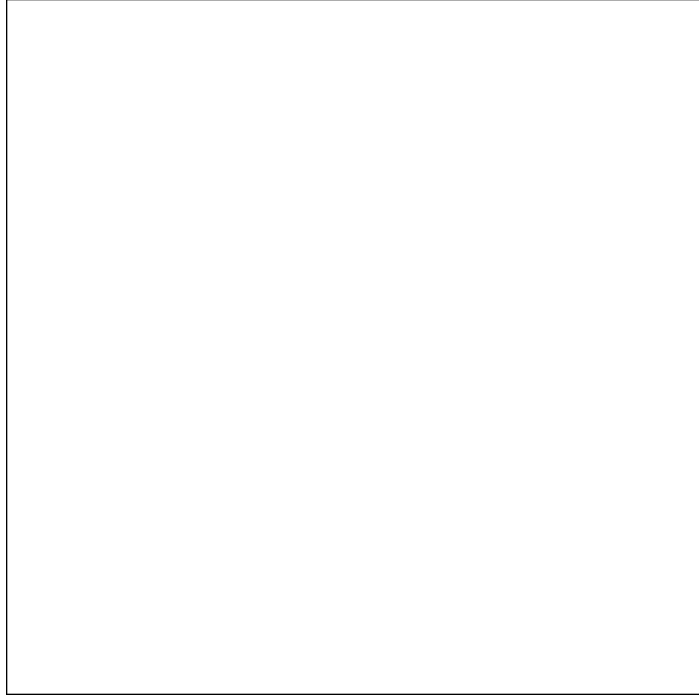


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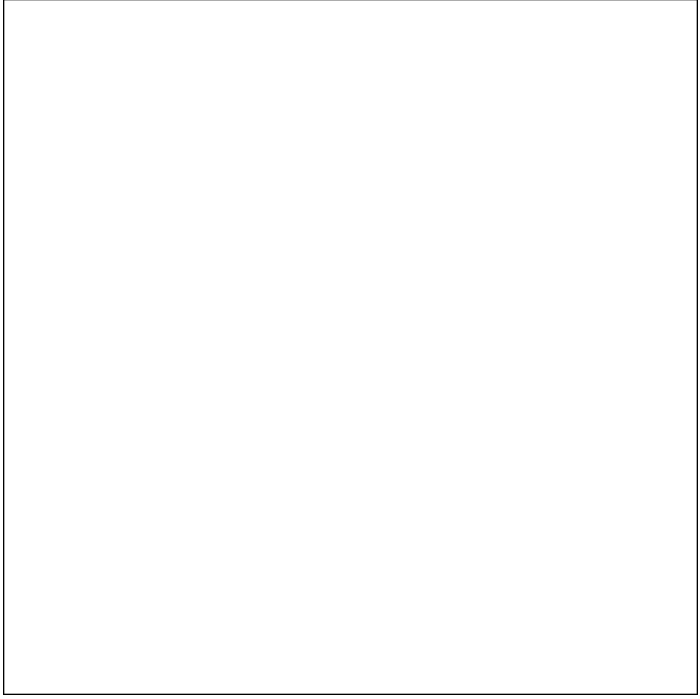


Hapo zamani za kale, wasichana watatu walienda kukusanya kuni.

Mbwa akagundua kuwa Nozibele  
amemkimbia. kwa hiyo akakimbia kuelekea  
kijijini. Kaka zake Nozibele walikuwa  
wakimsubiri na fimbo. Mbwa alipwaona  
akageuka na kukimbia, na hajawahi  
kuonekana tena.



Ilikuwa ni siku yenye jua kali na wakamua  
kwenda mtoni kuogelea. Wakaogelea huku  
wakicheza na kurushiana maji.

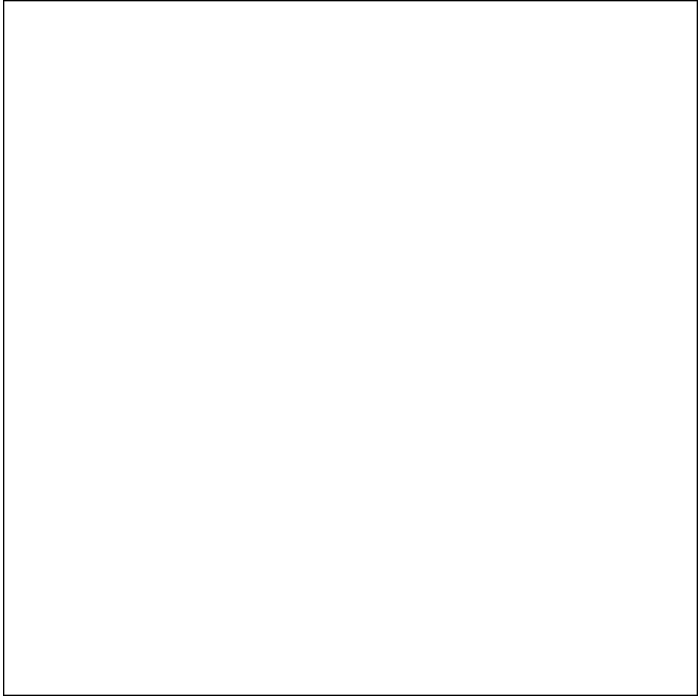




Ghafla waligundua kuwa muda umekwenda. Wakaharakisha kurudi nyumbani.



Mbwa aliporudi akaanza kumtafuta Nozibele. "Nozibele, uko wapi?" akapiga kelele. "Niko hapa, chini ya kitanda," unywele wa kwanza ukajibu. "Nipo hapa nyuma ya mlango," unywele wa pili ukajibu. "Niko hapa kwenye uzio," unywele wa tatu ukajibu.



Walipokuwa wanakaribia kufika nyumbani,  
Nozibele akajishika shingoni. Alikuwa  
amesahau shanga zake! "Tafadhali  
turudini!" aliwasihi rafiki zake. Lakini rafiki  
zake wakasema tumechelewa.



Mara bada tu ya mbwa kuondoka,  
Nozibele akanyofoa nywele tatu kutoka  
kwenye kichwa chake. Akaweka unywele  
mmoja chini ya kitanda, mmoja nyuma ya  
mlango, na mwingine akauweka kwenye  
uzio wa nyumba. Halafu, akakimbia  
kuelekea nyumbani kwa nguvu zote.



Kwa hiyo Nozibele akarudi mwenyewe mtoni. Akapata shanga zake na akakimbia kurudi nyumbani. Lakini akapotea gizani.



Akawa kila siku anampikia, anamfulia na kumfagilia mbwa. Siku moja mbwa akasema, “Nozibele, leo naenda kuwatembelea rafiki zangu. Fagia nyumba, pika chakula na osha vitu vyangu kabla sizarudi.”

Mbwa akamwambia, "Nitandikie kitanda!"  
Nozibele akajibu, "Sijawahi kumtandikia  
mbwa kitanda." "Tandika kitanda, la siyo  
nitakung'ata!" mbwa akasema. Nozibele  
akatandika kitanda.

kwa mbali akaona mwanga unatoka  
kwenye nyumba. Akakimbilia kwenye  
nyumba na kugonga mlango.



Akastaajabu kumwona mbwa akifungua mlango na akasema, “Unataka nini?” “Nimepotea na ninatafuta sehemu ya kulala,” akasema Nozibele. “Ingia ndani, la sivyo nitakung’ata!” mbwa akamwambia. Nozibele akaingia ndani.



Mbwa akamwambia, “Nipikie!” “Sijawahi kumpikia mbwa,” akajibu. “Pika, la sivyo nitakung’ata!” mbwa akasema. Nozibele akampikia mbwa chakula.