



Idili
lezinambuzane
likaMeerkat Mbali

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UMbali uyalithanda
ikhaya lakhe.
Uyawuthanda
umndeni wakhe.
Nokho...
kunento eyodwa
angavumelani nayo...



Ukudla umndeni wakubo owawuwudla!
Izinambuzane njengesidlo sasekuseni.
Izinambuzane njengesidlo sasemini.
Izinambuzane njengesidlo sakusihlwa.
Izinambuzane. Izinambuzane.
Izinambuzane. IZINAMBUZANE!
Enhliziyweni yakhe uMbali wayeyazi
ukuthi nezinambuzane nazo
zinemizwa.



Ngakusasa ekuseni,
kwakuwusuku lokuzalwa
lukaMbali!

“Sawubona, sithandwa sami,
futhi ngikufisela usuku oluhle
lokuzalwa!”

Umama kaMbali wamubingelela,
labe ilanga lasekuseni lidanisa
phakathi kwamakhethini akhe
avuliwe.





“Qhubeka, yenza isifiso.” Umama wamomotheka.

“Lolu usuku lwakho olubalulekile.”

“Hmm... ngifisa... ngifisa...”

UMbali wachitha isikhathi eside ecabanga ngesifiso esihle kakhulu sosuku lwakhe lokuzalwa.

Ekugcineni, wathatha isinqumo... Idili elinazo zonke izinambuzane engadini!

UMbali wachitha ikuseni
lonke esenza izimemo
ezinhle kakhulu.
Wagqoka amabhuzu akhe
ukuze aqale umsebenzi
wakhe wokwakha
ubungane nazo zonke
izinambuzane zasengadini.





UMbali wayegijima
engadini yakhe, umoya
uvunguza uboya bakhe.
Kodwa ngokushesha...

Hayi cha! UMbali
wamemeza ngaphambi
kokuba awe phansi.

Wayeshesha kakhulu
kangangokuba wakhubeka
esihlahleni!

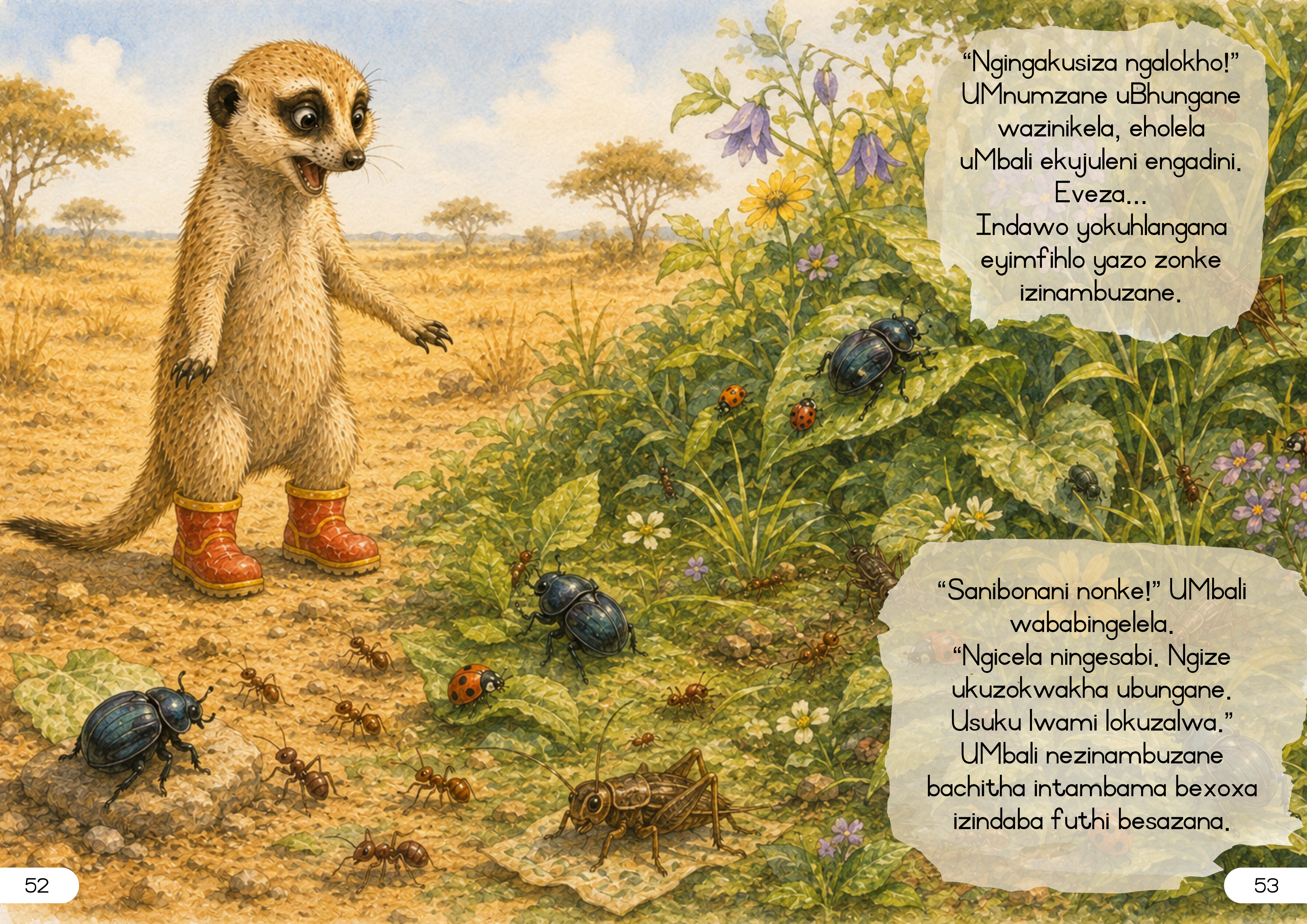


Ngokungazelelwe, lapho uMbali
evula amehlo akhe, wabona
ibhungane awayelisizile ngayizolo.

“Sawubona, Meerkat”, kusho
uMnumzane uBhungane.
“Ingabe lezi izimemo zomcimbi?
Ngicela ukuza nami?”

“Impela!” Kusho uMbali
ngenjabulo.

“Ngifuna ukumema zonke
izinambuzane engadini.”



“Ngingakusiza ngalokho!”
UMnumzane uBhungane
wazinikela, eholela
uMbali ekujuleni engadini.
Eveza...
Indawo yokuhlangana
eyimfihlo yazo zonke
izinambuzane.

“Sanibonani nonke!” UMbali
wababingelela.
“Ngicela ningesabi. Ngize
ukuzokwakha ubungane.
Usuku lwami lokuzalwa.”
UMbali nezinambuzane
bachitha intambama bexoxa
izindaba futhi besazana.

UMbali akazange aqaphele
ukuthi akuzona zonke
izinambuzane ezifanayo.
Ezinye izinambuzane
zisiza izingadi zikhule,
kuyilapho ezinye zingaba
yingozi.
Eduze, kwakunomkhaza
omncane owawulokho
usondela...



Wawuseduze kakhulu
kangangokuthi, lapho
umhlangano usugcwele
umsindo, umkhaza omncane
wangena ngaphansi koboya
bukaMbali.
Imikhaza ithanda izindawo
ezifudumele nezifihlekile.
Umkhaza wathola indawo
ethambile ngemva
kwendlebe kaMbali futhi
wamluma.



UMbali akazange akuzwe ngisho nokulunywa umkhaza.

Imikhaza inamathe akhethekile angenza isikhumba sibe ndikindiki, ekuwavumela ukuthi ahlale efihlekile isikhathi eside.

“Nisale kahle, bangani”, kusho uMbali.

“Kumele ngiye ekhaya manje. Angifuni umama wami akhathazeke.”





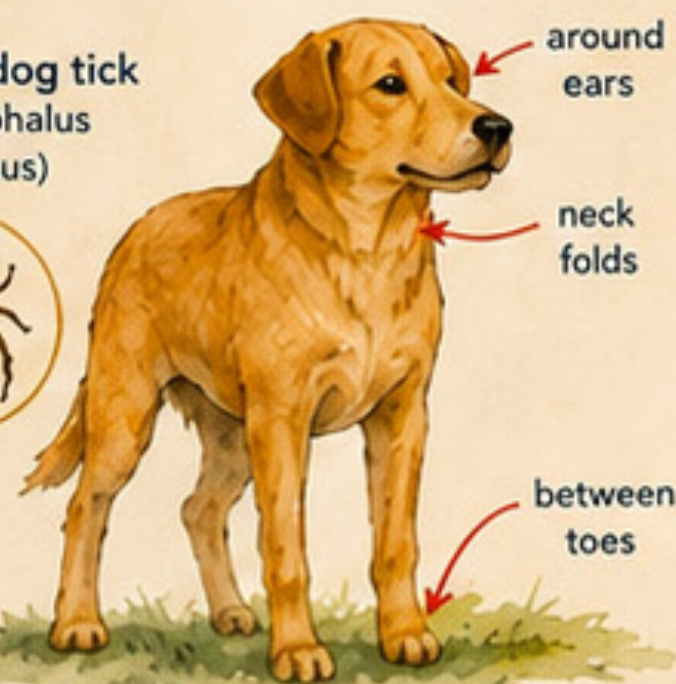
Ticks on Animals



Ticks are small arachnids.
They have 8 legs and live on many animals.

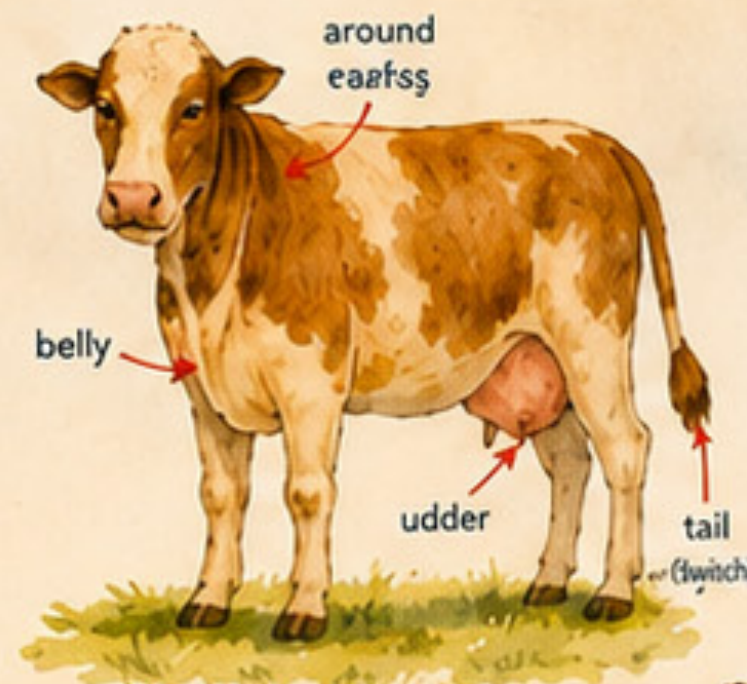
DOG

Brown dog tick
(*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)



COW

Blue tick
(*Rhipicephalus microplus*)



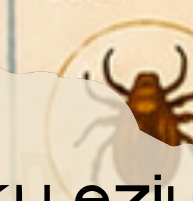
HORSE

Ticks can attach
under the mane
or on the front
between front
hind legs



SHEEP

Ticks can attach
around the ears
and on
one of the
beoce.



CAT

Ticks are often
found on the
head
neck.



Ngemva kwezinsuku eziyishumi,
uMbali waqala ukungazizwa kahle.

Wayenomkhuhlane ophakeme, futhi
umzimba wakhe wawubuhlungu.

Umama wakhe wamyisa kudokotela wezilwane,
udokotela okhethekile owazi ukusiza izilwane.

Lapho, bathola ukuthi uMbali
wayenomkhuhlane wemikhaza

isifo esibangelwa amagciwane; amagciwane amancane
umkhaza owawuwaphethe. Udokotela wezilwane
wasebenzisa izidlawu ezikhethekile ukuze adonse
umkhaza ngaphandle kokuwusonta.

UMbali wathola umuthi wokulwa namagciwane, waze
ngokushesha waqala ukuzizwa kangcono.



Lapho uMbali eseluleme ngokuphelele, umama wamgona. Wayejabule kakhulu ukuthi uMbali wayesempilweni futhi.

Umama wayenokuthile okubalulekile awayefuna ukukusho. “Lokho okwakungemuva kwalokhu kwakuwumkhaza,” kuchaza unina.

“Imikhaza inamathela ezilwanyaneni nakubantu futhi idla igazi.

“Zincane kakhulu, kodwa zingakugulisa kakhulu.”

“Uma kwenzeka uzithola unomkhaza kuwe noma komunye umuntu, tshela umuntu omdala omethembayo ngaso sonke isikhathi,” kusho umama.

“Umthetho wegolide uthi: Shesha ukuzibona njengombani futhi uqine njengedwala lapho zisuswa, ngoba akumele neze sisonte noma sikhame umakhaza.



Ukusukela ngalolo
suku, uMbali
wayehlale ekhumbula
ukuba aqaphele lapho
edlala ngaphandle
nabangane bakhe
abayizinambuzane.

Akazange
awukhohlwe
umthetho wegolide.

Isiphetho