



# 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.

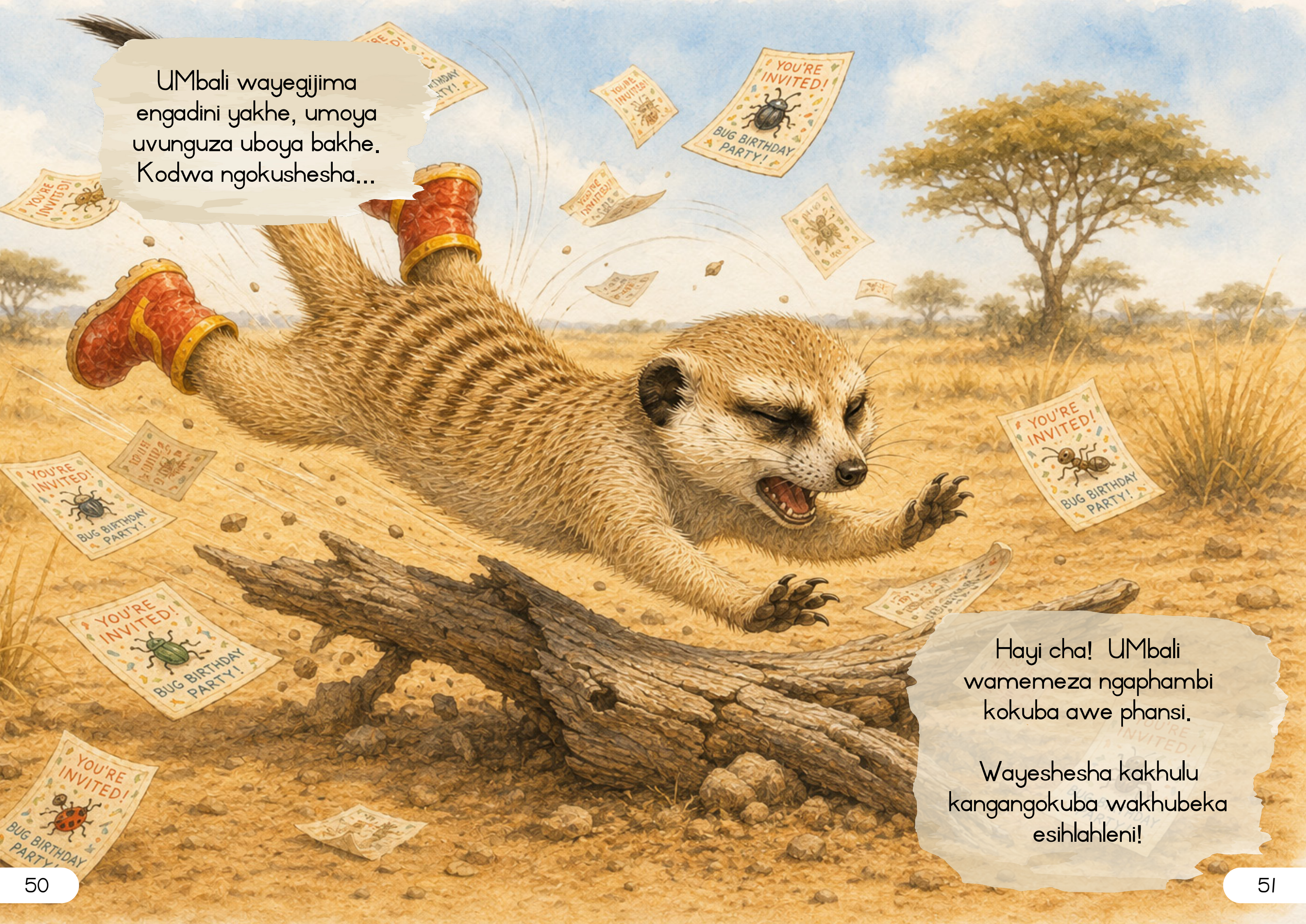
Ekugcineni, wathatha isinqumo... Idili elinazo zonke izinambuzane engadini!



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.”



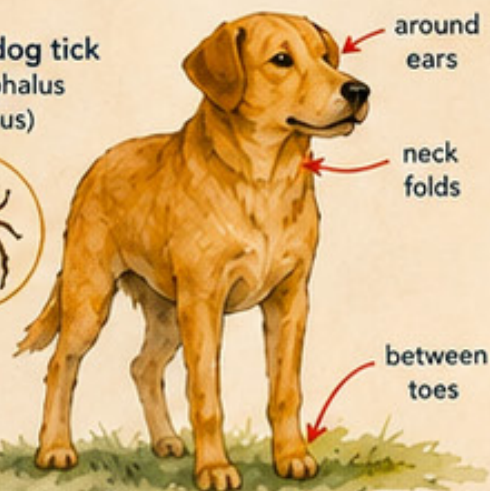


# Ticks on Animals

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

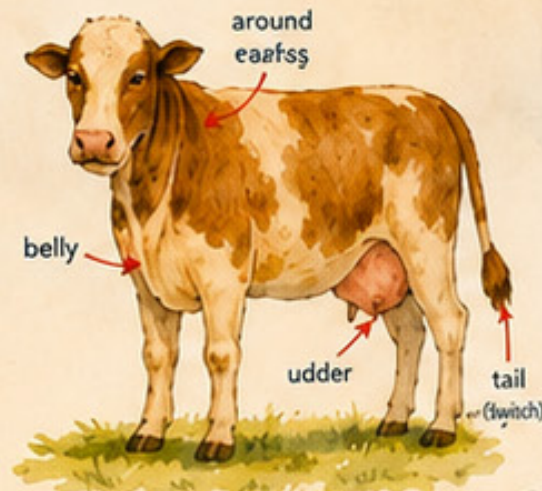
## DOG

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



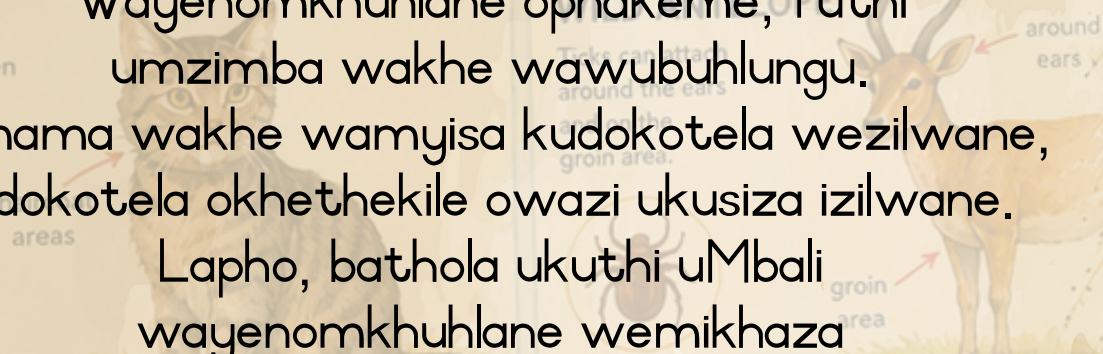
## SHEEP

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



## CAT

Ticks are often  
found on the  
head and  
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  
zibuswa, 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