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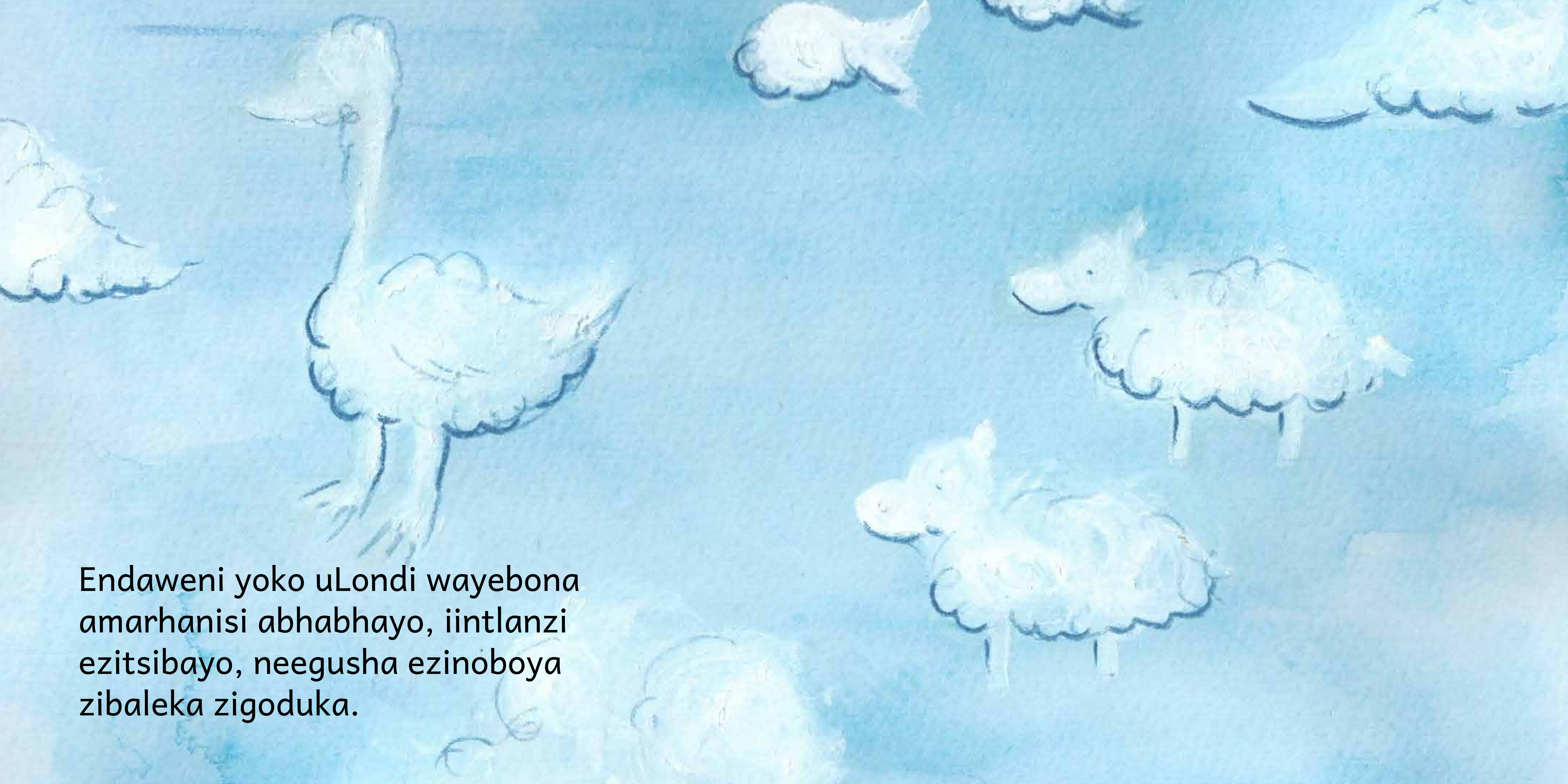
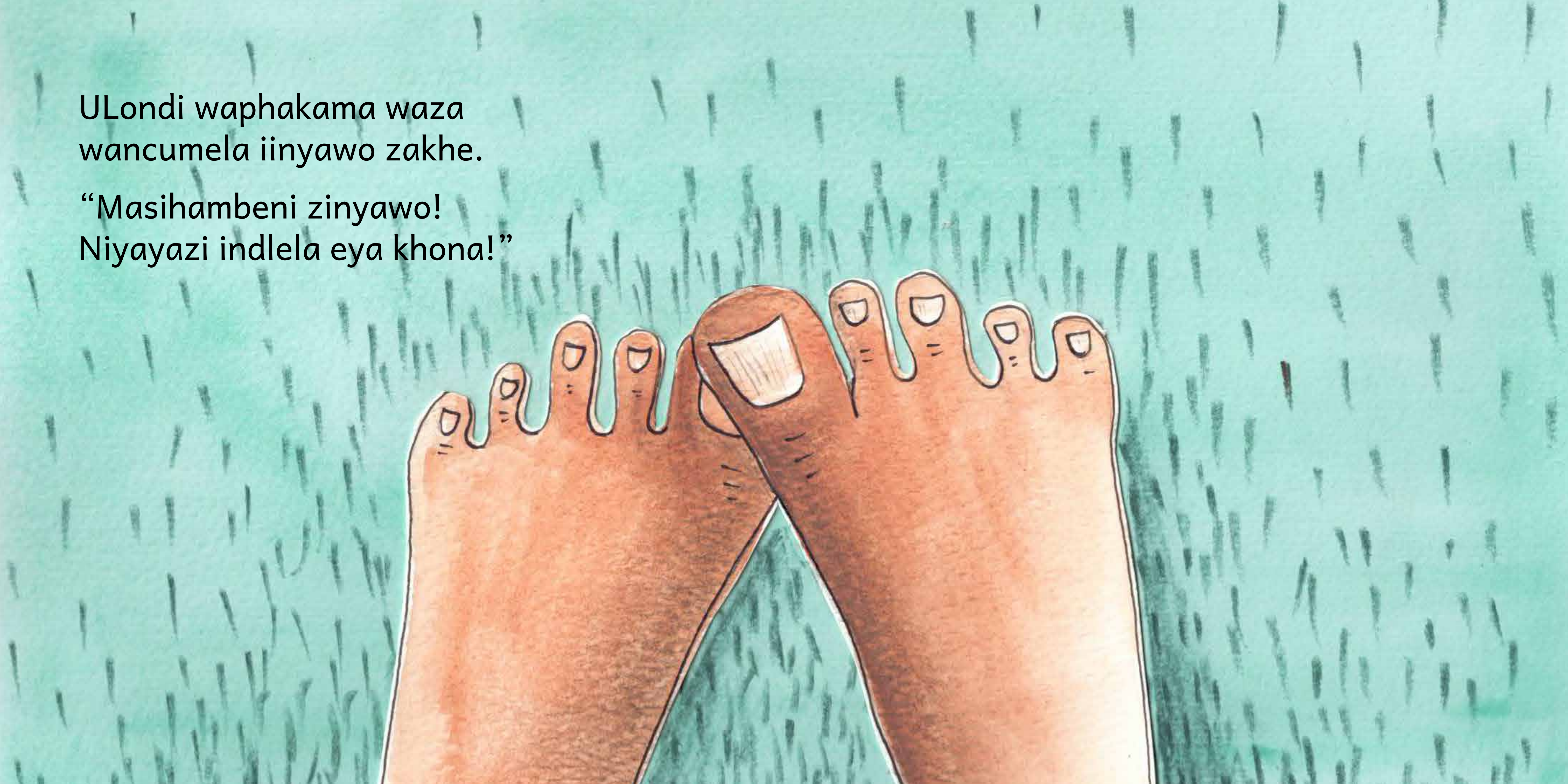
ULondi wayeyintombazana ephuphayo.
Phezulu esibhakabhakeni,
wayengawaboni amafu.



Endaweni yoko uLondi wayebona amarhanisi abhabhayo, iintlanzi ezitsibayo, neegusha ezinoboya zibaleka zigoduka.

Ngenye injikalanga, uMakhulu waphuma phandle ebonakala ediniwe.

“Londi, yeka ukuphupha!” watsho. “Lixesha lokuba uhambe uyokukha amanzi.”



ULondi waphakama waza wancumela iinyawo zakhe.

"Masihambeni zinyawo! Niyayazi indlela eya khona!"

ULondi waqala ukuhamba ukuya empompeni.
Watsiba phezu kwamatye.

Wachwechwa wadlula kwindlu kaMama uNeli.
Wabaleka wehlisa indlela.

Umgca empompeni
wawumde.
“Yho hayi!”
watsho uLondi
kwiinyawo zakhe.

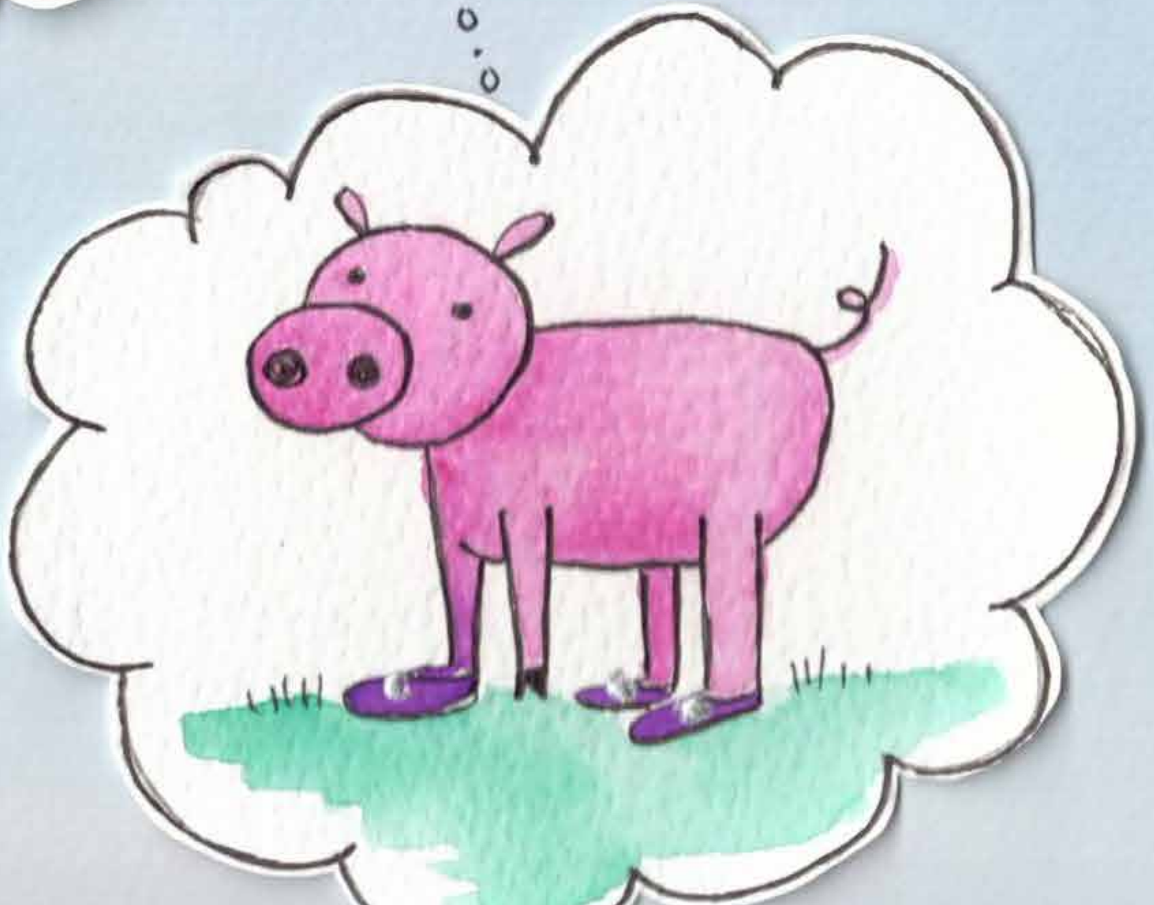
“Kuza kufuneka
silinde.
Masihlale emgceni.
Akukho kuphupha!”

Yhoo! ULondi wacinga. Kodwa yintoni le ikhazimlayo phaya?

Inokuba ngubani olahle isihlangu sakhe?

Ingaba
ibisesentombazana
efana nam?

Okanye enye into...



Yaye iyintoni le engaphantsi phaya?
Tswi! Tswi!

Yaye yintoni esaa sithunzi sikhulu? Owu, yho, nguMakhulu!

“Londi, iemele yakho iphantse yaqengqeleka!”

“Uxolo, Makhulu. Ndiye ndaphupha kude, kwakhona.”

Bagcwalisa iemele kunye.
ULondi wabukela ilanga
elikhulu liyokutshona
ngaphaya kweenduli.

"Yiza masihambe,
ntombazana yam
ephuphayo,"
watsho uMakhulu.

“Jonga, Makhulu! Kukho ihagu epinki esibhakabhakeni!”

“Hay bo Londi... lilifu nje,” uMakhulu wenza isingqala.

ULondi wabamba isandla sikaMakhulu baza bagoduka kunye bonwabile.