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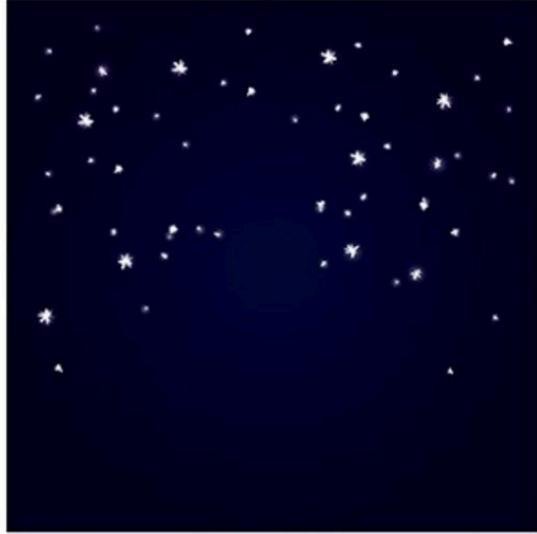
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Khaalekho, yaba mbaawo shishiilima
mu shaalo sha Opio ta. Babaandu
abe batsya khukona nga baaboone
baaluwile, namwe baraamba nga bali
meeso.



Shifukhu shitweela, Opio waatsya
khuyiima ni tsiimbwa tseewe.
Lubaluba tsiimbwa tsafumbusa ikhisi
tsakitimisa. Opio naye
waatsoongakho. Waatima khuumala
imbuka ndeeyi. Buli isi aawulila nga
waaluwile, ekhala aasi wawolakho,
ndi nio wenyukhilisa luundi. Ne
s'aatuya tsiimbwa tseewe ta.



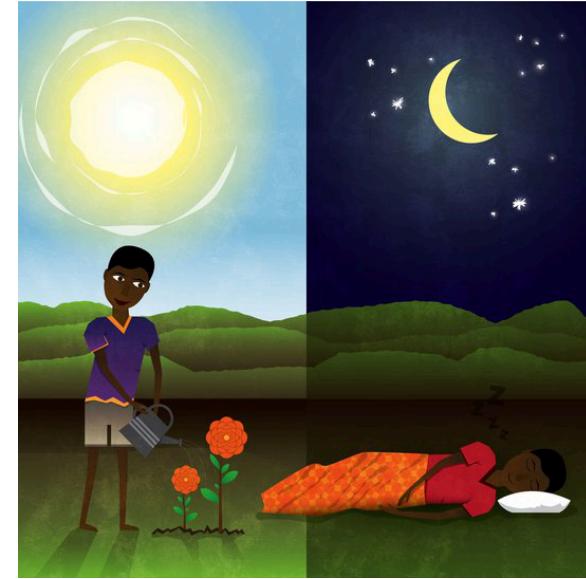
Iyo niyo isaambo isi shishiilima
sheetsila mu shaalo sha Opio.



Lwanyuma lwe khuubirawo bifukhu
biikali, Opio wenyoola nga ali mu
shaalo shiindi busa. Wakyeenda
waatsya khu ntsu iyaba ili aambi,
waaloma mweenewo ari, "Naatimisile
ikhisi khuumala imbuka ndeeyi. Indyo
naaluwile naabi, ingana
khuuwolakho."



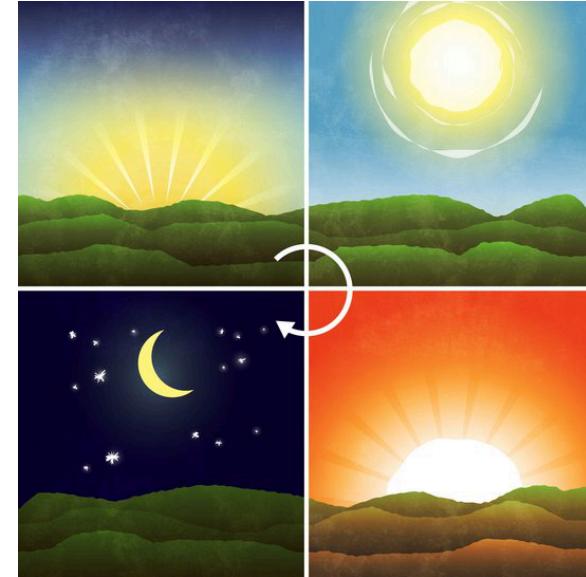
Umuseetsayo waamulomela ari,
"Yikhala uwolekho. Unakana
unywekho indali?" Opio yaba buulesa
bwaamuminyile, kila anywakho indali.
Lwanyuma waatsya waakona. Nga
n'aasisimukha mwiilo, Opio s'aanyala
khuubona ta. Wikula tsimoni,
n'afunyikhilila tsifuunda ngali, ne nga
s'abona buulayi ta. Kila alomela
umuweele indali ari, "Iwe umbeele
shakhunywa shiibi. Sinyala khuubona
buulayi nga amataayi ta."



Opio waabeelamo ari, "Basaale
baase, kukuundu kuumali kuno
bakulaanga bari shishiilima. Kuli
khuubariisariisa inywe nga nase ni
kwandiisa khunyoowa." Opio
walooseelakho ari, "Ne kane
mukyelewo mukane shishiilima.
Buwaanga nga buliwo, khunyala
khuuraamba, ne nga shishiilima
sheetsile, khunyala khwakona
khwaawolakho."



Nga noola khu shaalo she waabwe,
babaandu baarya naabi.
Baamureeba bari, "Opio, lufu shiina
lweesi ukhureerere luno? Kuundu
shiina kuumali kukukhulondelekho
oku?"



Kila umweenewo naye amwiilamo ari,
"Mbaawo shiibi shoosi ta. Ari shiilo/
shishiilima. Iwe mbakhubonatsakho
shishiilima ta? Nga buwaanga
bwaatsiile, shishiilima shiililisa." Opio
waareeba bireebo bikali bibiwaamba
khu shiilima. Waananikha
khuushikana naabi. Niye
n'umusaalewe baakanikha
bwashheelakho. Opio waakonayo
luundi nga akana abonekho
shishiilima nga shikobola luundi.



Kumutikhinyi kukweelakho, wareeba
musaalewe ari, "Ingola ndye nio
inyalise khuukhweesa shishiilima
naashiyila mu shaalo she weefwe?
Ingana babaandu baase babonekho
shishiilima."



Musaalewe weelamo ari, "Nga
waaboone antsye abukabukana,
rakikha lukeendo ukoboleyo ingo mu
shaalo shoowo. Nga walolelele
iburaangisi yonyene, kane shishiilima
shikhuloondekho. Ukhakhakakho
wishebukha ta. Nga wishebukhile,
kane shishiilima shikorewo." Opio
naye waakhola nga musaalewe
n'aamulomela. Ashilo, waarakikha
lukyeendo khuukhobolayo mu shaalo
sheewe. Wiwulila ari shishiilima
shaamuloondelekho. Waakana
eshebukhe, ne wenyindaalila.