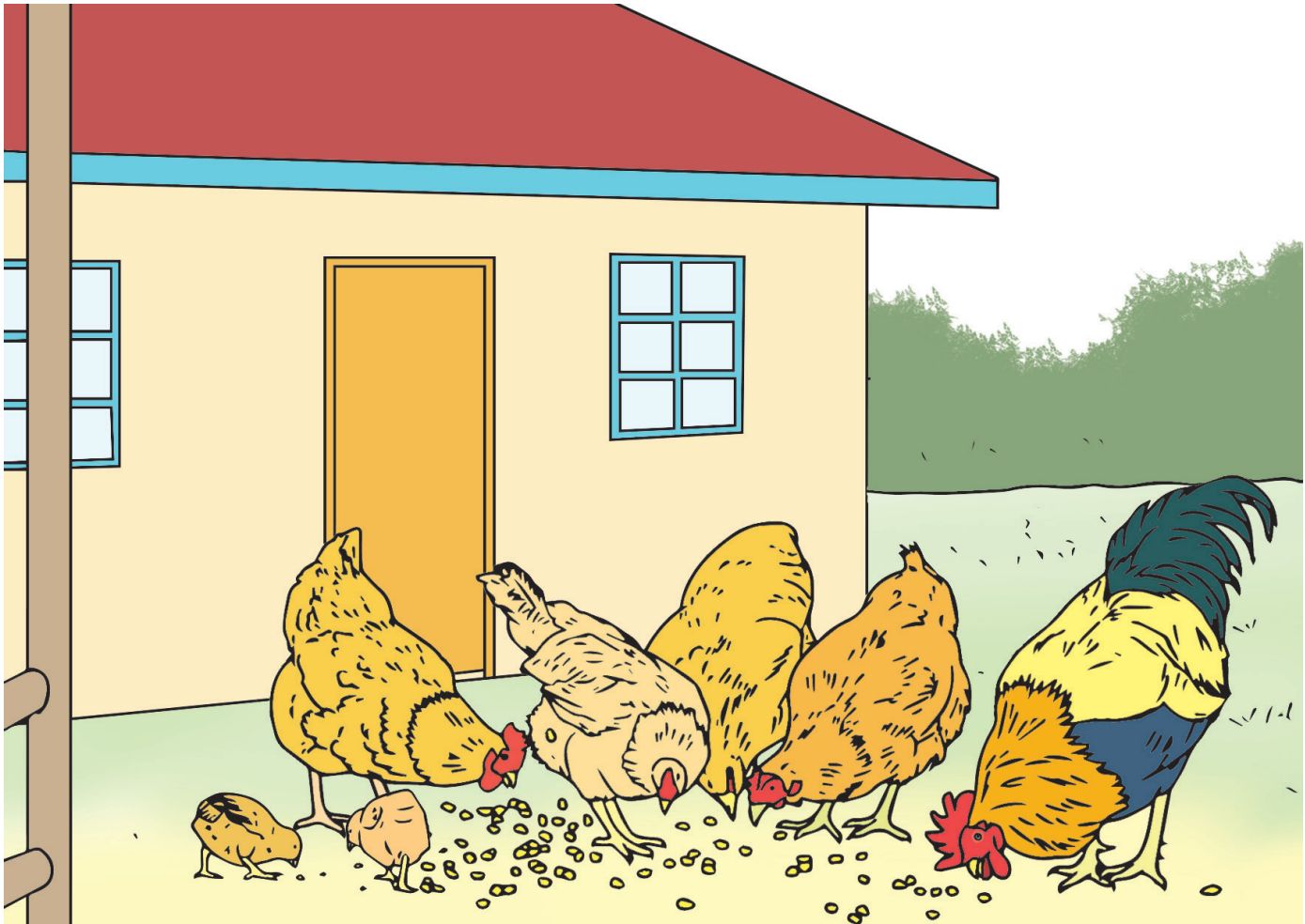


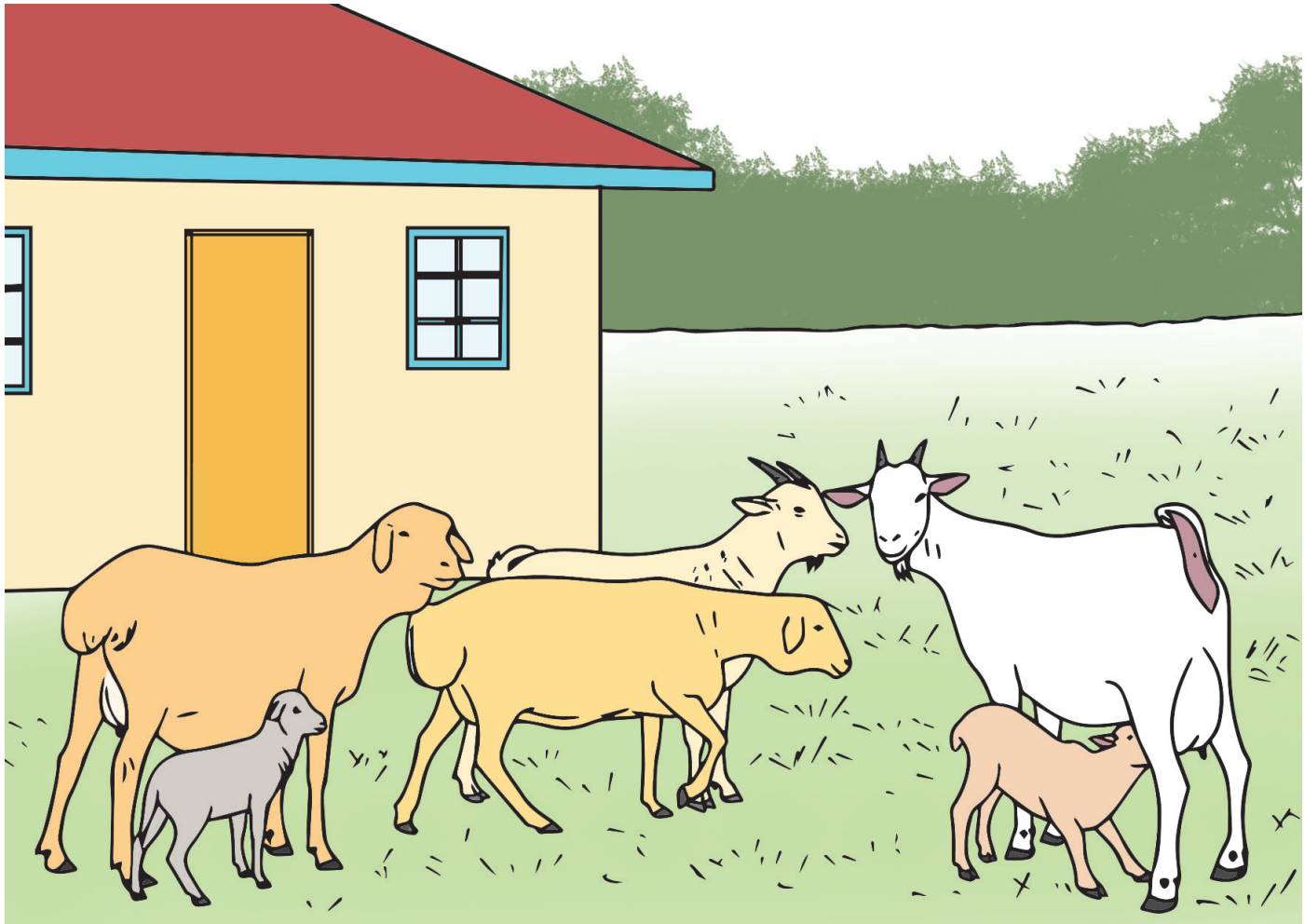
Gũkũ nĩ gwitũ mũciĩ na kwĩna nyamũ nyingĩ mũno.
Kwĩna ng'ombe. Ng'ombe ici ciĩ na tũcaũ. Ng'ombe
ciakamwo nĩ ciumaga iria rĩingĩ. Nĩtwendagia iria
rĩu na rĩmwe tũkaruga narĩo cai. Ng'ombe ici irĩaga
thaara na nyeki.





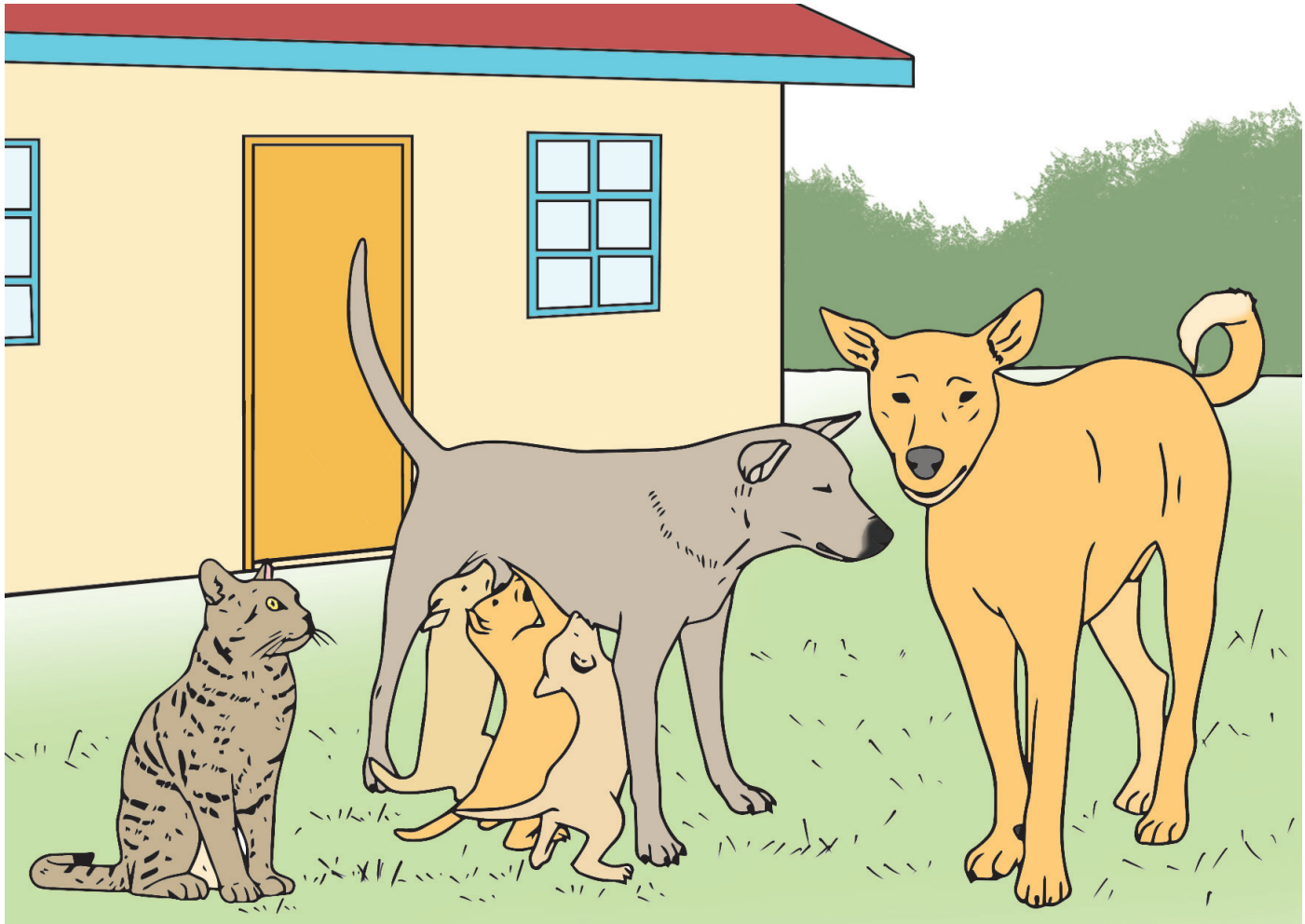
Twĩna ngũkũ nyingĩ. Imwe ina tũcui. Gũtirĩ kĩndũ nyendete ta kũrĩa nyama cia ngũkũ. Ningĩ ngũkũ nĩ irekagia matumbĩ. Ngũkũ nĩ ciendete kũrĩa mbembe na no irĩaga nyeki na tũgunyũ tũnini.





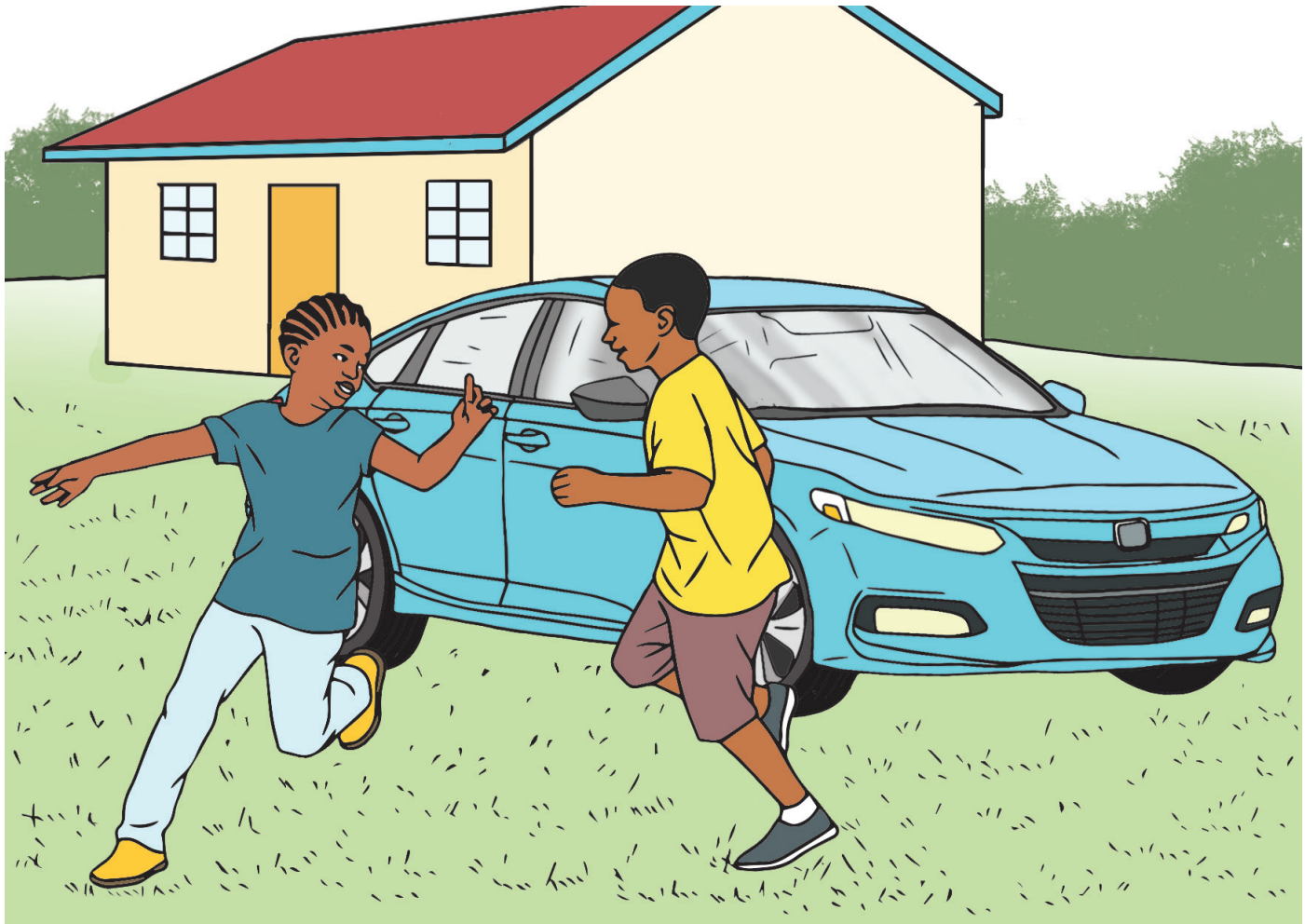
Ningĩ gũkũ gwitũ nĩ kũrĩ mbũri na ng'ondũ nyingĩ.
Nĩnyendete mbũri tondũ nĩngamaga na nganyua
iria rĩacio. Ndarĩkia gũkama tũũri nĩ tuongaga.
Ng'ondũ itikamagwo no kuongithia ciongithagia
tũgondũ twacio.





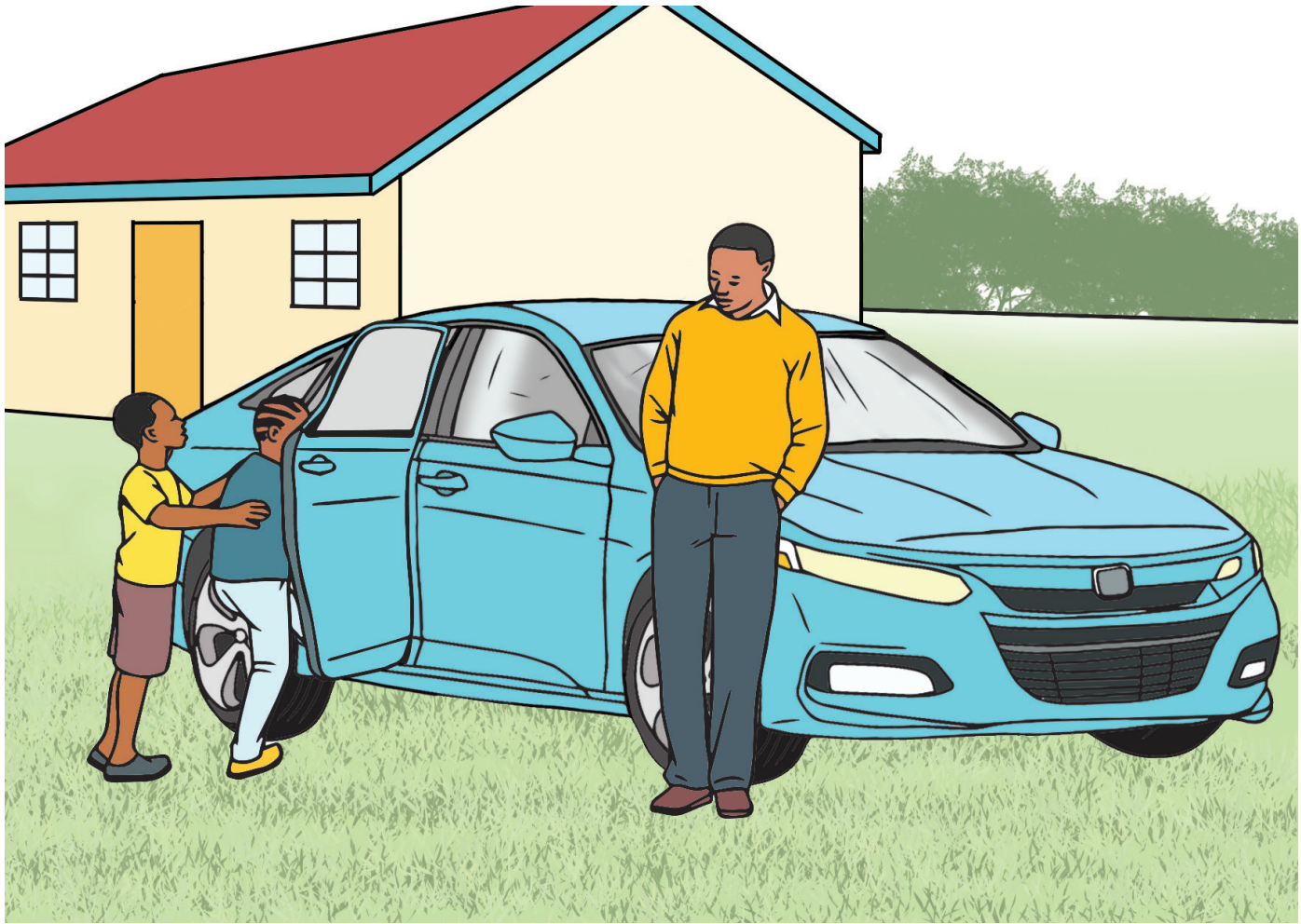
Nĩ tũrĩ ngui igĩrĩ na nĩcio itũrangagĩra ũtukũ.
Ĩmwe nĩ iragĩire tũgui tũthaka. Ngũi ndĩendaga
kuona nyau ĩgĩthiĩ hakuhiĩ na tũgui twayo. Nyau
ĩgĩyagĩra tũnyau nyũmba. Nĩ ĩtũhithaga ũndũ ngui
ĩtangĩtũkinyĩra.





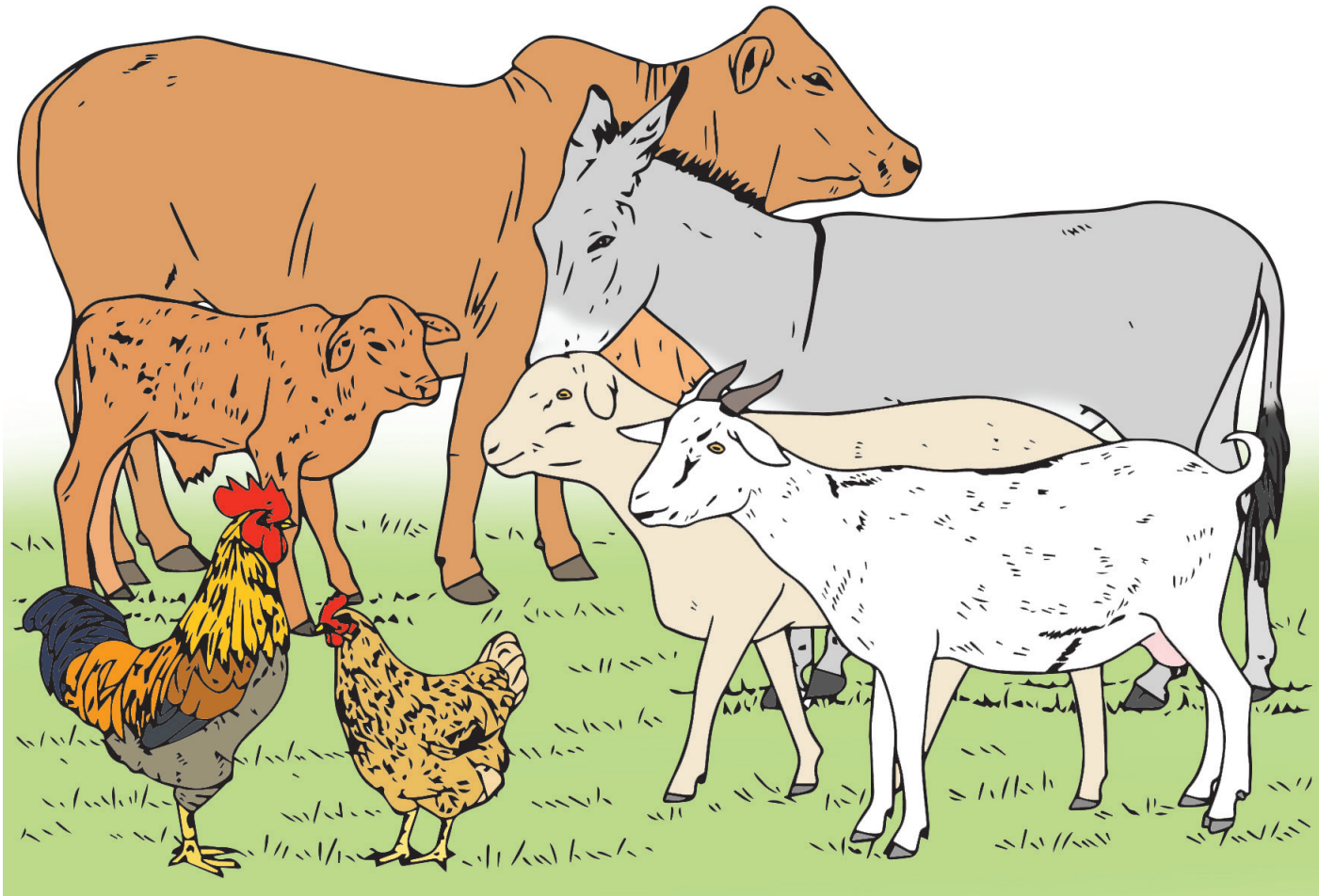
Ūmũthĩ ti mũthenya wa cukuru. Kwoguo ithuothe
twĩ mũciĩ. Twĩna gĩkeno mũno tondũ mama witũ
nĩ aceerete. E hamwe na ciana ciake. Marokire ira
hamwe na tata.





Mama witũ nĩ atwendete mũno. No to ithuĩ endete,
nĩ endete ciana ciothe. Ũmũthĩ arenda gũtũtwara
icera tũkone nyamũ cia gĩthaka. Nĩkĩo tũkenete ũũ.





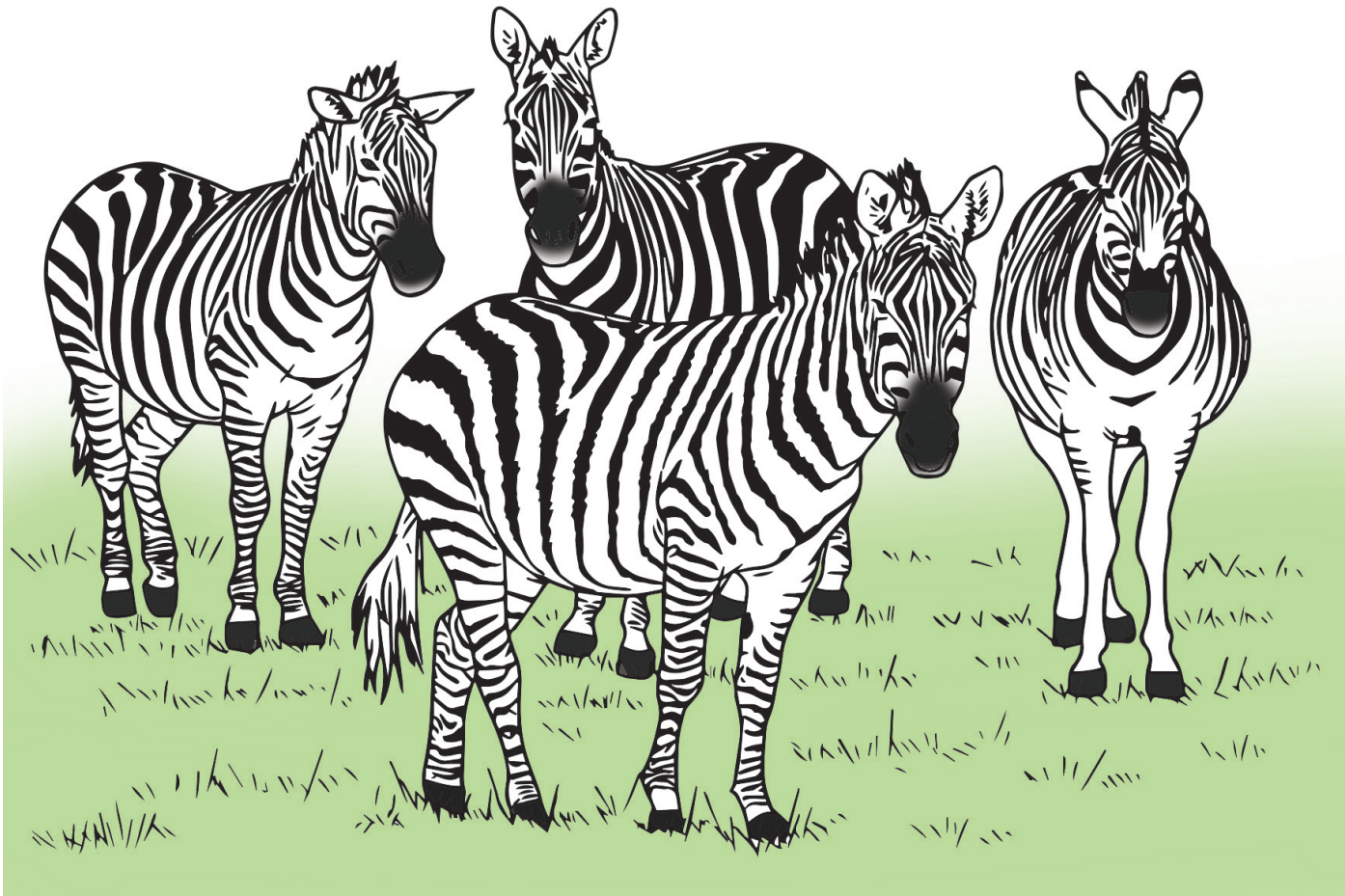
Nyamũ cia gĩthaka ti ta cia mũciĩ. Nyamũ cia mũciĩ
ta ngũkũ na mbũri itiũragia andũ. Nyamũ nyingĩ
cia gĩthaka itiendete andũ na rĩmwe nĩ imogitaga.
Mũndũ egũthiĩ gũciona no nginya emenyere.





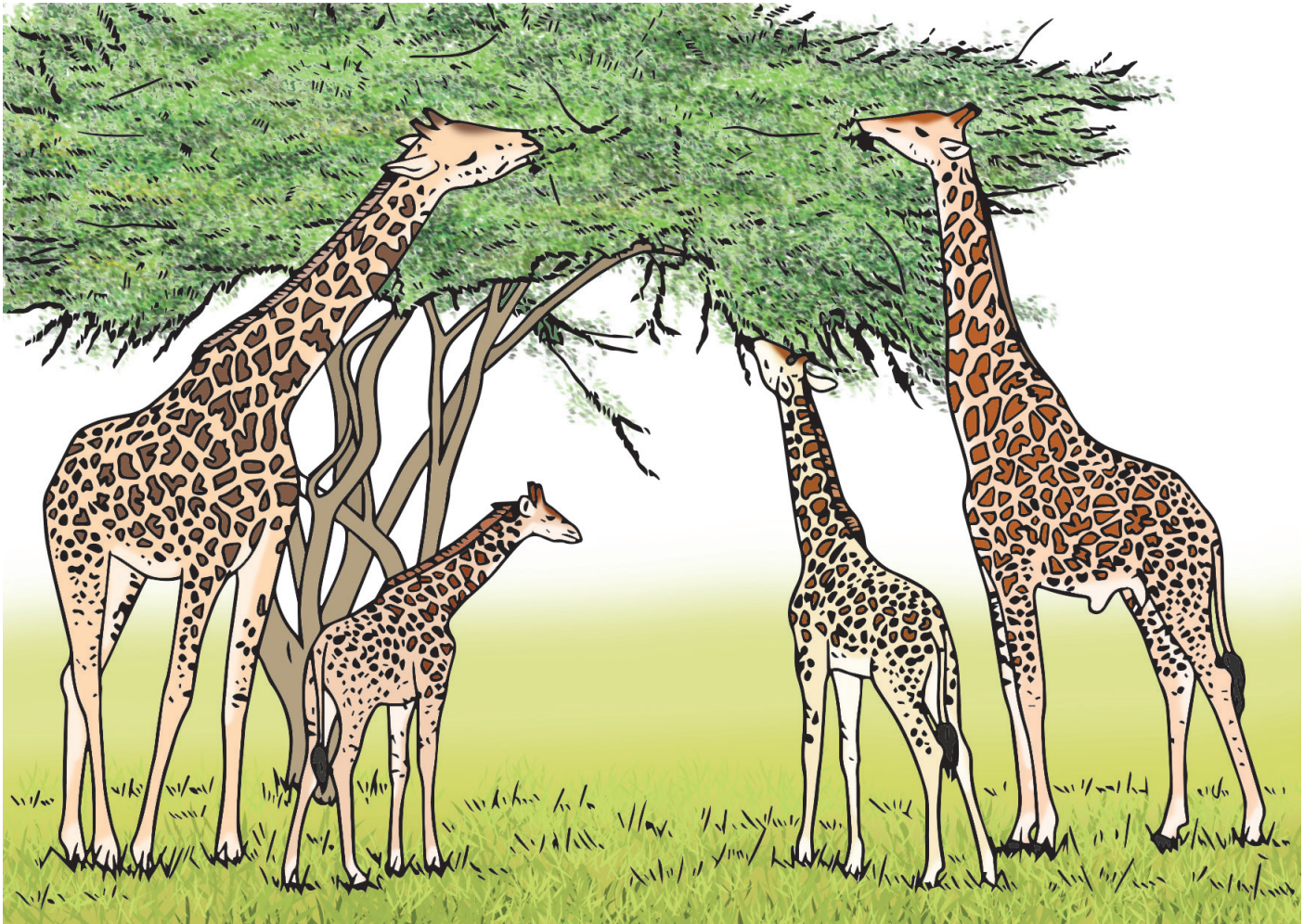
Twakinya Mama atwĩrire, “Rĩu nĩtwakinya kũrĩa kwĩ nyamũ. Mwĩkeniei na mwĩrorere nyamũ. Mwĩmemenyererei na mũtigathĩ hakuhĩ na nyamũ.” Ũmũthĩ gũkũ nĩ gũceretwo nĩ andũ aingĩ mũno.





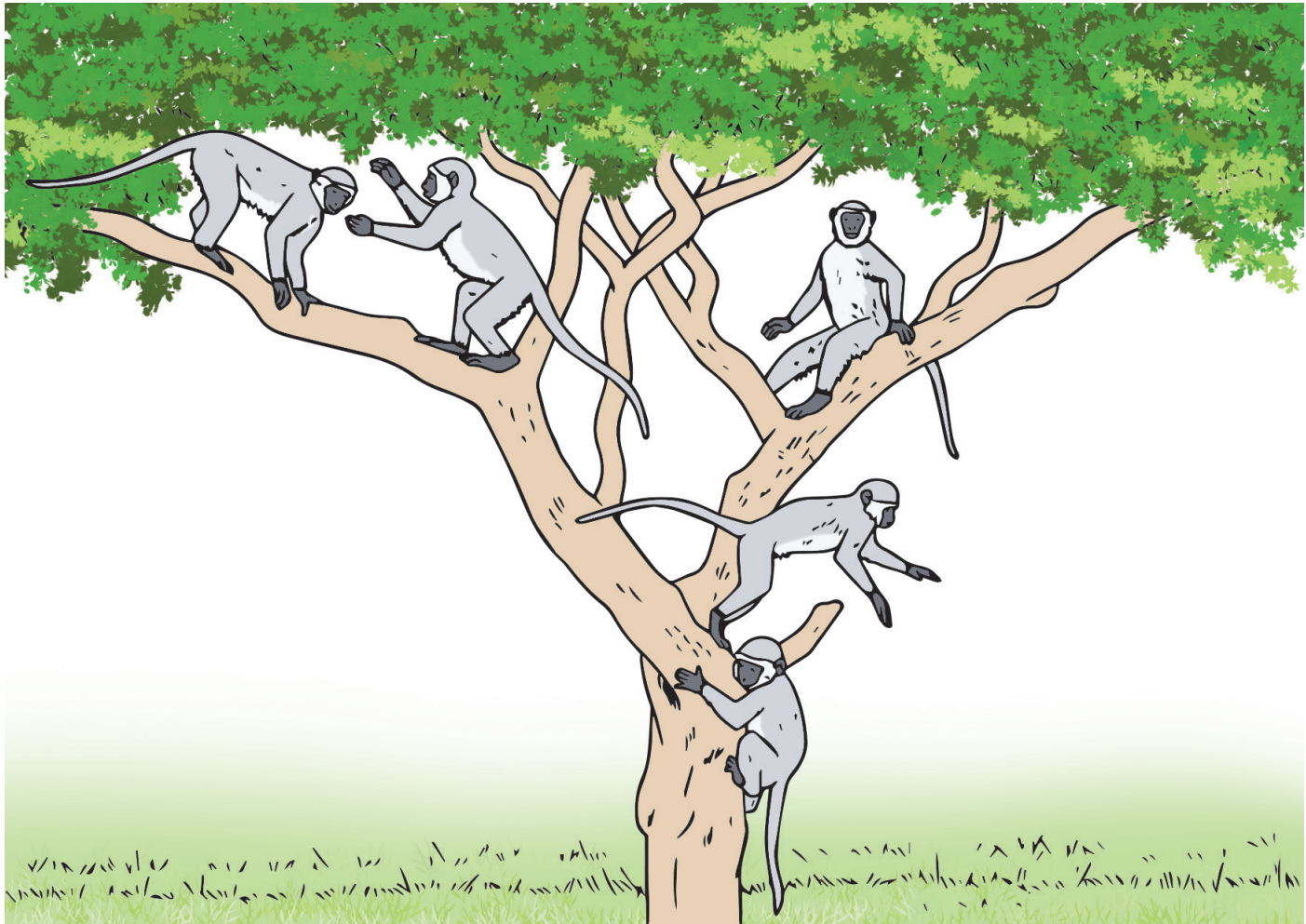
O rĩmwe mwarĩ wa maitu akĩanĩrĩra, “Nyamũ ĩrĩa ĩhana bunda no ĩna mĩcorora mĩerũ na mĩirũ. Nĩ thaka mũno. Ona ndĩrĩ iika, nĩ rũru. Thutha wayo hena ingĩ nyingĩ ihanaine nayo. Ndaigua igĩtwo wambũi mĩcore.”





Nyamũ ici ingĩ nĩ ndaihu mũno. Ngingo ciacio
nĩcio ndaihu makĩria. Cirarĩa mahuti ma mĩtĩ kuma
mwena wa na igũrũ rĩa mĩtĩ. Onacio ciĩna marangi
mathaka mũno. Hena tũcaũ twacio no onatuo no
tũraihi. Ici twerwo ciĩtagwo ndũiga.





Honge-inĩ cia mĩtĩ kwĩna nyamũ irathaaka mũno.

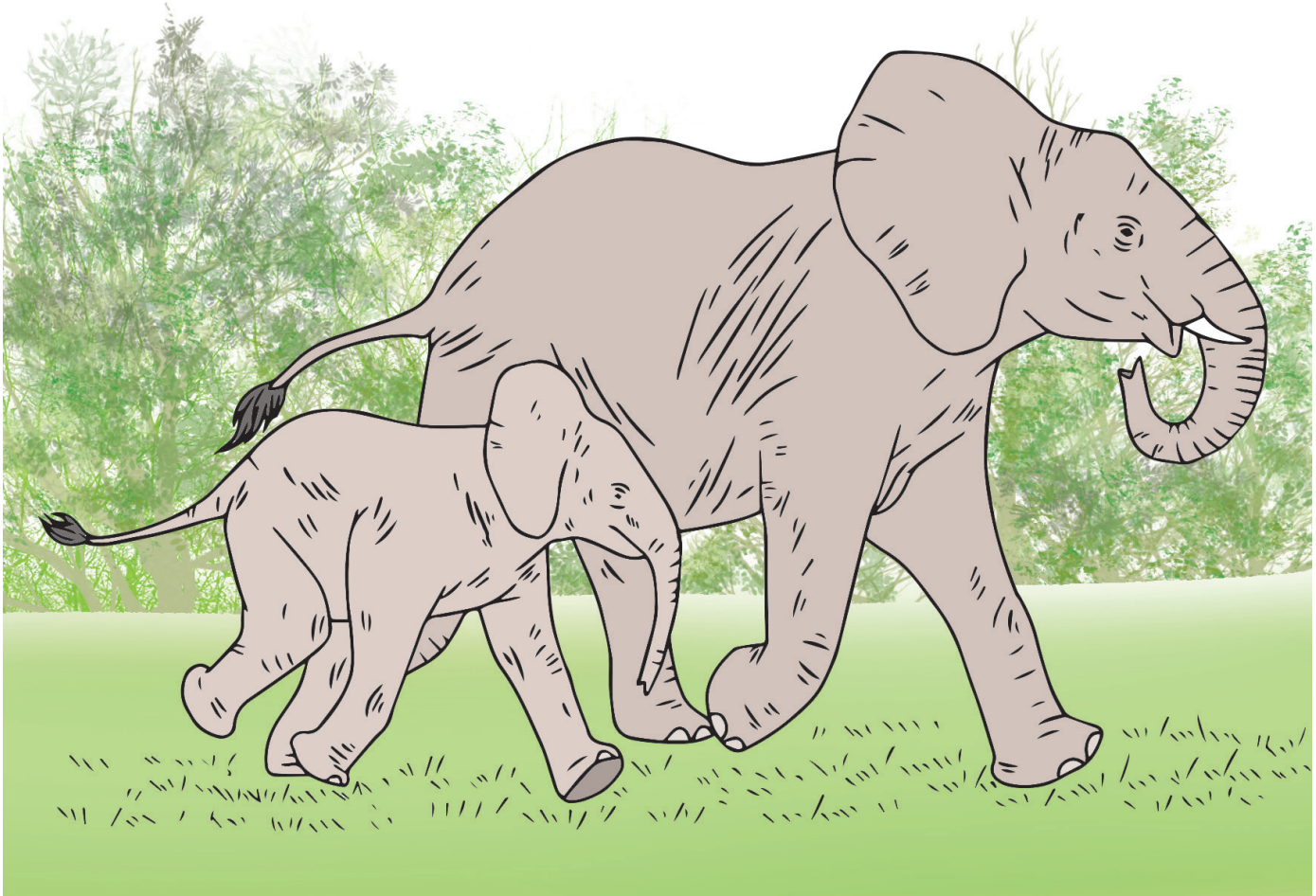
Imwe nĩ ng'ima na iria ingĩ nĩ ciana. Cĩĩ na

mĩting'oe mĩraihu mũno na rĩmwe nĩ iramĩhũthĩra

gũcuha nayo. Ici nĩ nũgũ na nĩciendete gũthaaka

mũno.





Rĩu nĩ gwakinya hwaĩ-inĩ na mama nĩatwĩra tũingĩre ngari tũinũke. Twĩ ngari-inĩ nĩtuona nyamũ nene mũno ãigana kĩhinga. Ina mũniũrũ mũraihu mũno na ãrathiĩ o kahora na gacaũ kayo. ãno no nginya ãkorwo nĩyo ãtagwo njogu.

