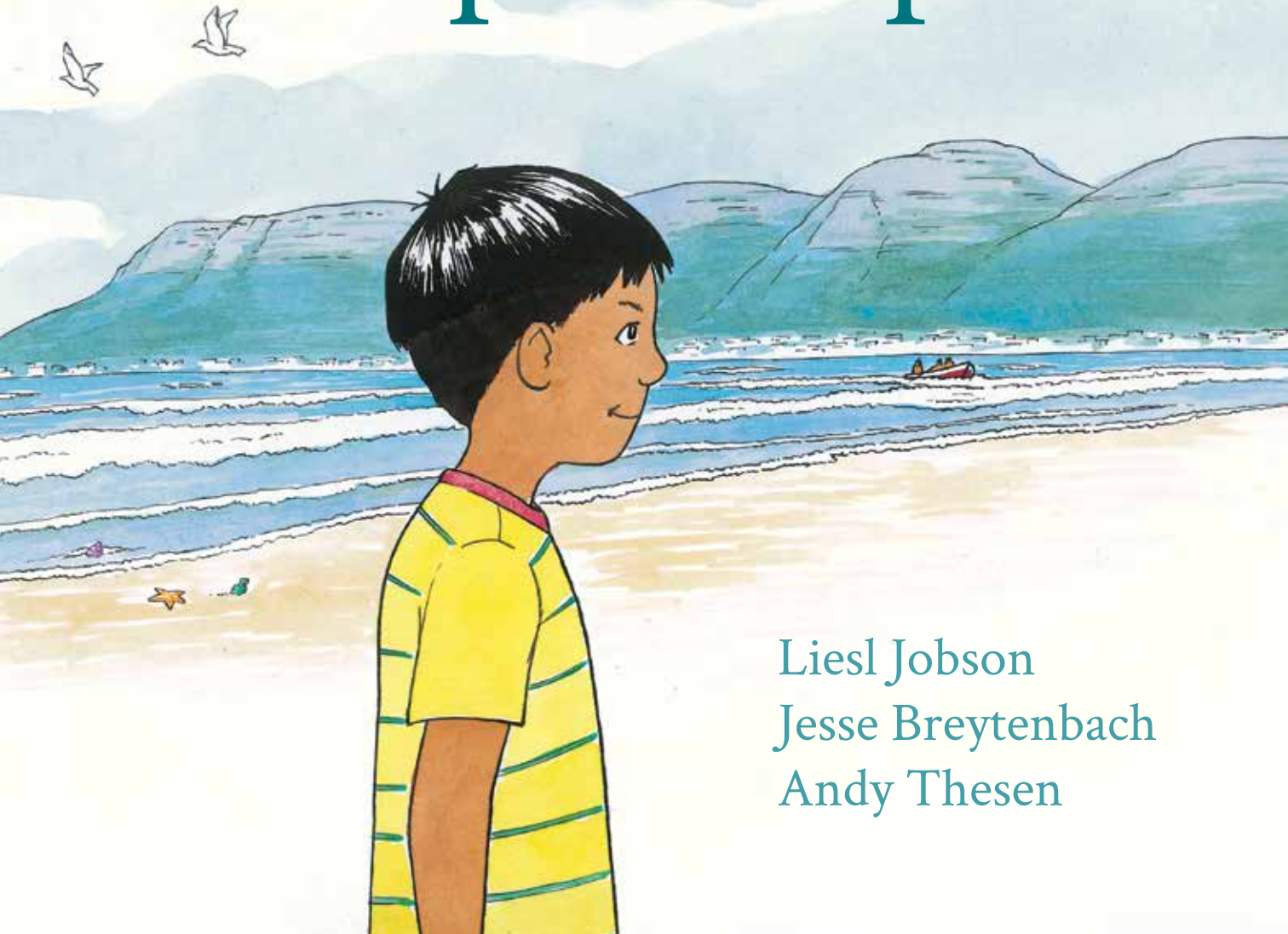


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Ka Labohlano le leng le ikgethang ntate wa Yusuf o apara pele mafube a hlaha. O apara baki ya hae e thibelang maemo a lehodimo a batang le katiba ya hae e tala ya ulu e kwahelang ditsebe tsa hae. O dumedisa mora hae ka letsoho. Mahlo a Yusuf a kganya ha Ntate a re, “Kajeno ke letsatsi leo ke tlang ho tshwasa tlhapi mme ke o tlele le mpho ha ke etla lapeng.”



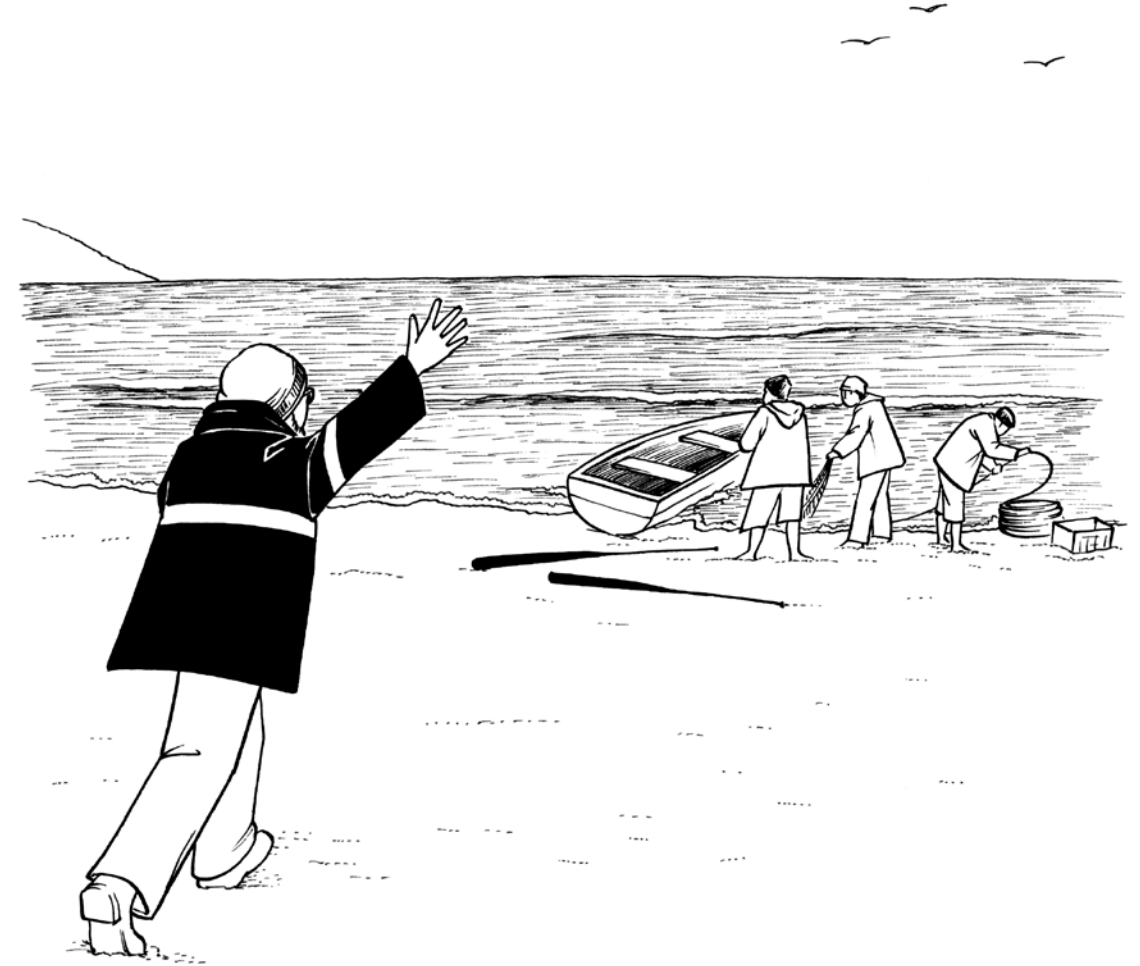
Tlhapi le mpho? O, e tla ba efe? Ntate o palama baesekele ho theohela Muizenberg Beach. Tsiki, tsiki tsiki, ho utlwahala mabidi tseleng e yang Hukung ya Basefi.

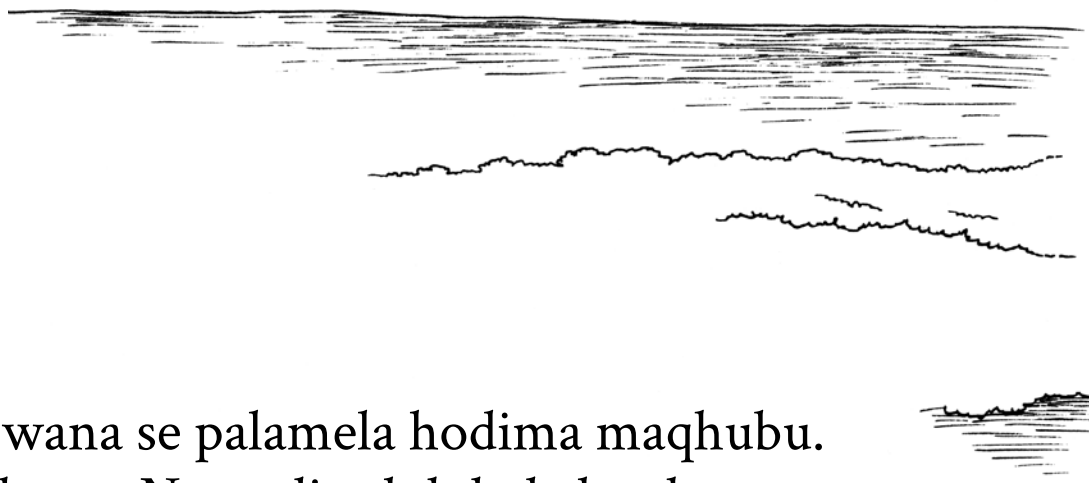
Dinonyana tsa lewatele di potapota sebakeng. “Hwa, Hwa, Hwa!” di a lla. “O tla tlela Yusuf eng?”

Ntate o letsa tshepe ya hae. “Emang feela le tla bona hore ke eng!”



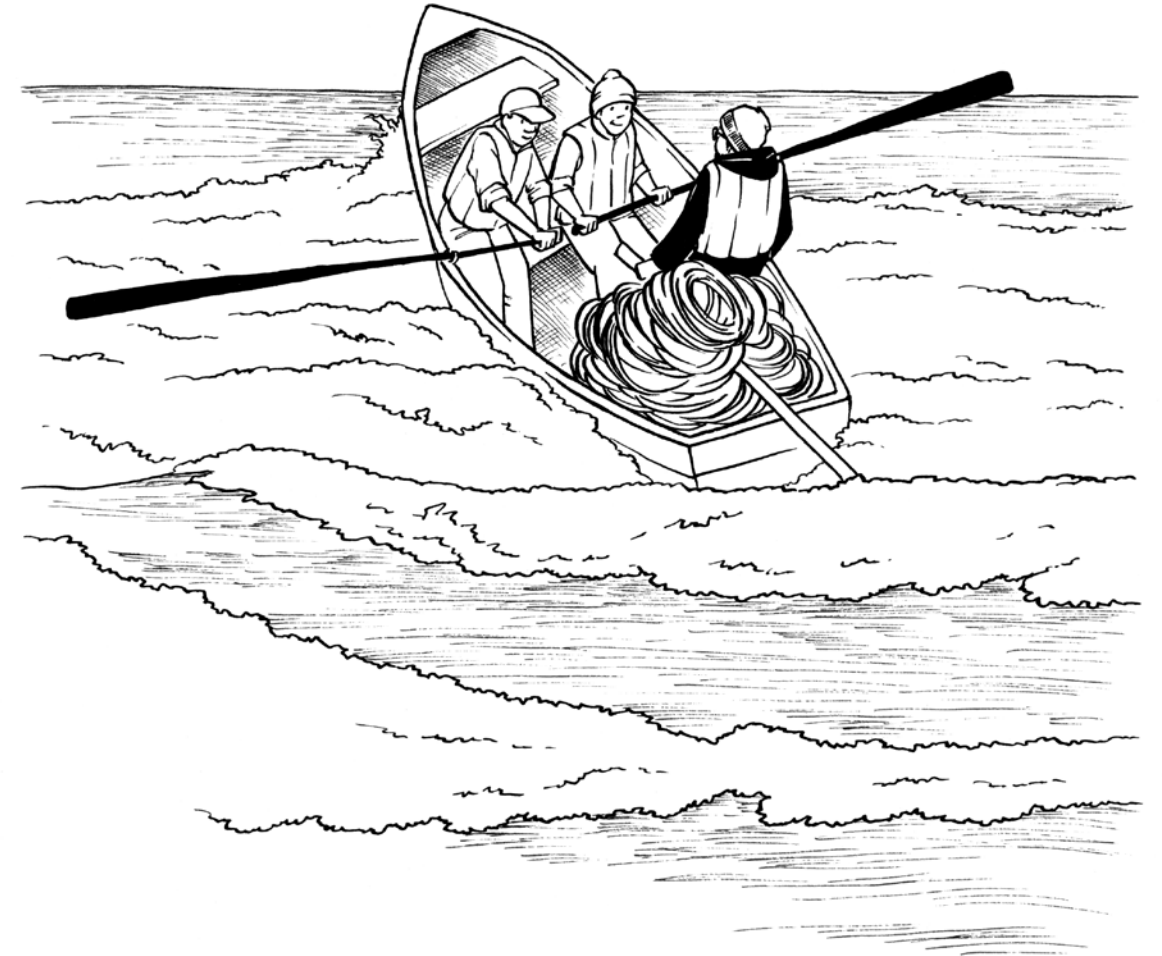
Batshwasi ba ditlhapi ba shebella letsatsi ha le tjhaba. Ba lekola matlowa a bona. Ba lekola masokwana a bona. Ba mamela moya. Ba hulela diketswana tsa bona tlase ho ya metsing. Ntatemoholo wa Yusuf, Monnamoholo Salie, e ne e le motshwasi wa treknet. Pele ho yena ntatae, Oupagrootjie Ridwaan, o ne a tseba lewatle le yena.





Seketswana se palamela hodima maqhubu.  
Diphaka tsa Ntate di otlolohela lesokwaneng.  
Menoto ya hae e ama mahlakore a seketswana.  
Molala wa hae o a kgathala, mokokotlo wa hae  
o huleha mesifa.

Ntate o bina a ntse a sebetsa, “Lahlela o tshwase.  
Fumana tlhapi. Hula o fasolle. O se emise.”





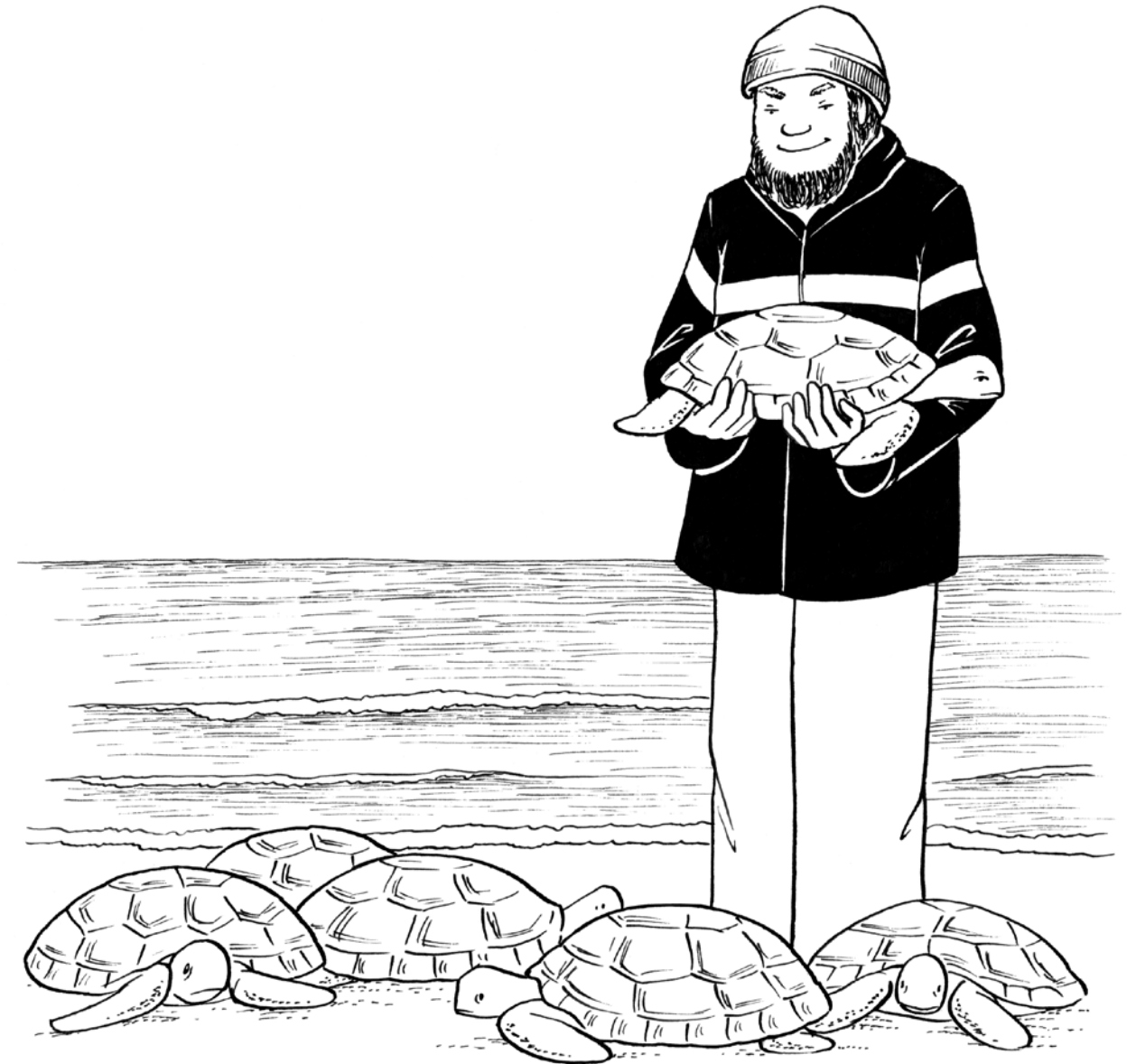
Letsatsi lohle Yusuf o shebile hodimo.  
Lehodimo le hlakile le a kganya mme ha ho  
moya. Tlhapi le mpho! Ntate o tlo tla le eng  
ho tswa lewatele? Ka nako e nngwe o tla le  
dikgaketla tse ntle. Ka nako e nngwe o tla le  
botlolo e botala bo botle e hlatsitsweng  
ke maqhubu.



Ka matsatsi a mang ntate wa Yusuf o tla le pale. Jwaloka mohla ba neng ba fumane dikgudu tsa lewatle lehlatheng, tse makgolokgolo di ne di lahletswe ka ntle ke sefelo.

“Hwa! Hwa! Hwa!” ha lla dinonyana tsa lewatle. “O tliho etsa eng ho thusa dikgudu?”

Ntate a re, “Re ile ra pholosa dikgudu tseo, ke a o jwetsa. Re ile ra di lahlela ka lewatleng hape, kaofela ha tsona.”





Ntate o tla le pina ka nako tsohle. O bina pina eo ha a ntse a hula lesokwana. O bina pina ha a ntse a hula matlowa. O bina pina ha a ntse a harela marapo. O bina pina ha a leba hae ka baesekele. “Lahlela o tshwase. Fumana tlhapi. Hula o fasolle. O se emise.”

Yusuf a tshwara letsoho la Nkgono. Ba tshela tsela haufi le diphaposi tsa ho hlapela.

“Hwa! Hwa! Hwa!” ho lla dinonyana tsa lewatele di dutse marulelong a kganyang. “Ho tla phehwa eng mantsiboya?”



Selemong se fetileng batshwasi ba ditlhapi ba ile ba lwana le basefi.

“Hwa! Hwa! Hwa!” ha lla dinonyana tsa lewatle.

“Lewatle lena le lekane batho bohle,” ha rialo ntata Yusuf. A bontsha basefi laesense ya hae ya ho tshwasa eo e neng e kile ya eba ya Monnamoholo Salie. “Maqhubu ke a bohle. Metsi ke a mahala.”



Nkgono Safiya o sheba ka dibaenokhula tsa hae, menwana ya hae e kobehile ke ho batla ho bona hantle. Phala ya shaka e a lla. Basesi ba matha ho kgutlela santeng mme ba phamola ditoulo tsa bona. Basefi ba potlakela lebopong, ba tshwere diboto tsa bona ka mahafing a bona. Ba potlaka ho hlobola diaparo tse metsi ba eme ka tlasa dishawara.

“Hwa! Hwa! Hwa!” ha lla dinonyana tsa lewatele.  
“Ntata Yusuf o tla tla le eng ha a tswa lewatele?”



Ntate wa Yusuf le malomae le bomotswala ba hae ba a lahlela ba be ba hule. Ho tshwerwe shaka e nyane. E a sothahana ebile e ikgara maqhubung. Ntate wa Yusuf o hakolla matlowa, a binela dishaka. “Lahlela o tshwase. Fumana tlhapi. Hula o fasolle. O se emise.”

Qetellong ha shaka e se e lokolohile e kgutlela ka maqhubung, e siya feela tlhapi e le nngwe e nonneng e mohatla o mosehla ka hara letlowa. Nkgono Safiya o tla thaba.



Banna bao ba hula seketswana ka hare mme ba tlamella dithapo. Kgutlotharo e thata e tshweu ya tshwara monwana wa Ntate.

“Hwa! Hwa! Hwa!” ha lla dinonyana tsa lewatele.  
“O tletse Yusuf le eng?”

Ha letsatsi le dikela, Ntate a araba dinonyana tsa lewatele, “Leino la lehlohonolo la shark bakeng sa moshanyana wa ka.”

Lapeng Yusuf o phahamisetsa mpho ya hae hodimo dinaleding.







