

The book cover features a watercolor-style illustration. On the left, a multi-story building with a grid of windows is partially visible. In the foreground, an older man with glasses and a purple checkered shirt is shown in profile, looking towards a young boy. The boy, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is looking up at the man. They are surrounded by lush greenery, including large green leaves, yellow pears hanging from a branch at the top, and various flowers like orange and pink roses at the bottom. Several insects, including bees and ladybugs, are depicted flying or crawling around the foliage.

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Endzeni ka doroba, leri nga rhendzeriwa
hi tindlu na switina na xikontiri, u ta
kuma xirhapa xa Kokwani Farouk.



Amir a endzela Kokwani kan'we hi vhiki.
U rhandza matluka na swiluva na misinya.





Amir u pfuneta ku cheleta swimilani.

U pfuneta hi ku chela quva, naswona u tirha
na Kokwani wa yena siku hinkwaro.





Loko va hetile, va
dya swakudya swa
ntshovelo wa mihandzu.



Siku rin'wana, Kokwani a nga dyanga pyere
ra yena.
“Xana i yini lexi nga hoxeka?” ku vutisa Amir.

“Xirhapa xa mina xi le ku loveni,” ku
hlamula Kokwani.

“Hikwalaho ka yini?” ku vutisa Amir.

“Xiyisisa kahle,” ku vula Kokwani.
“Switsotswana swin’wana swi
lekudiyeni ka swimilani.”



“Hi lava swifufunhunhu swa nkateko!” ku vula Kokwani. “Leswi hi swona swifufunhunhu leswi dyaka switsotswana leswi dlayaka swimilana. Loko swifufunhunhu leswi swi nga ri kona, xirhapa xa mina xi ta fa.”



“Ndzi ta ku tisela xifufunhunhu xin’we kumbe swimbirhi,” ku vula Amir.

Vhiki hinkwaro, Amir a languta na ku lava na ku hlengeleta.



U kumile xifufunhunhu xa nkateko xin'we erivaleni ra mitlangu.

Swin'wana swimbirhi evhengeleni.



Swinharhu ephakini.

Na mune endzhaku ka TV.



Hi vhiki leri landzelaka, Amir u yile a ya vhakela Kokwani Farouk, kutani a n'wi komba xibodhlelani lexi a xi ri na swifufunhunhu swa khume.

“U tirhile kahle, mfana wa mina, u tirhile kahle,” ku vula Kokwani, a ri karhi a thonisa nhloti etihlweni rakwe.

Kokwani a tsakile swinene.

Swifufunhunhu a swi twa
ndlala swinene!





Swi dyile switsotswani, kutani xirhapa
xi hlukela.



Kusukela siku rero ku ya emahlweni,
xirhapa xa Kokwani Farouk xi endlile leswi
swirhapa swin'wana swi endlaka swona.

Xi kurile na ku kula na ku kula.



