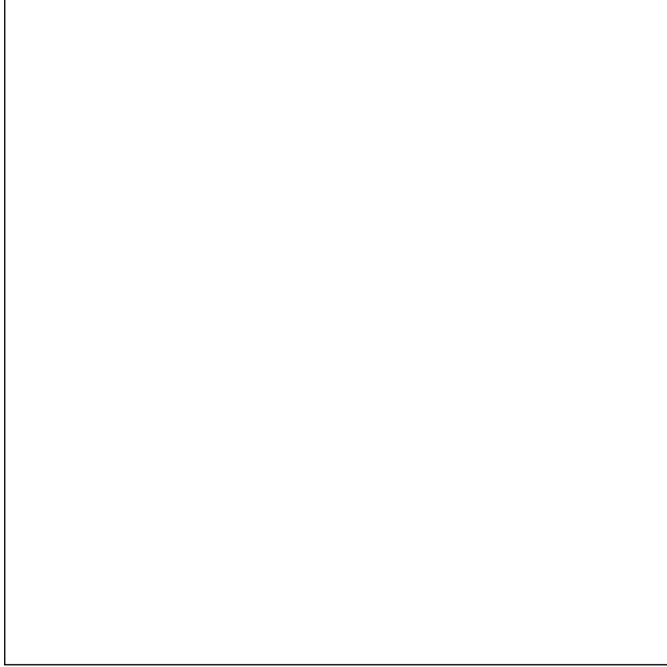




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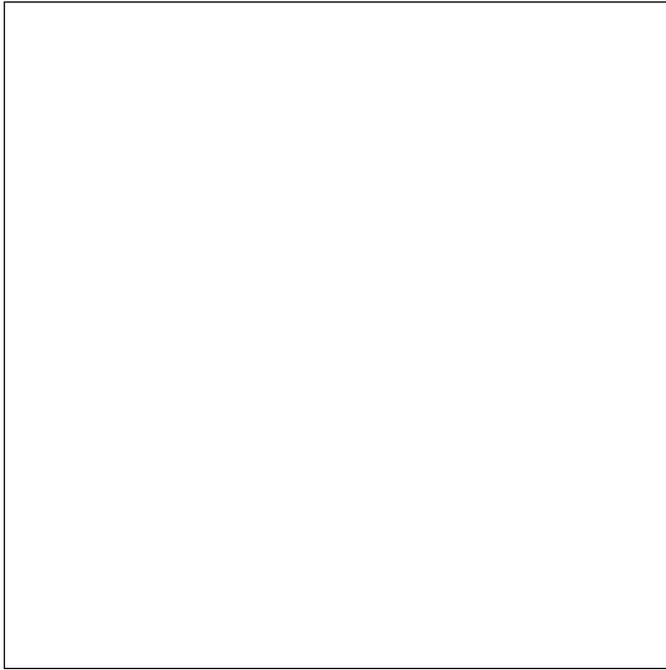
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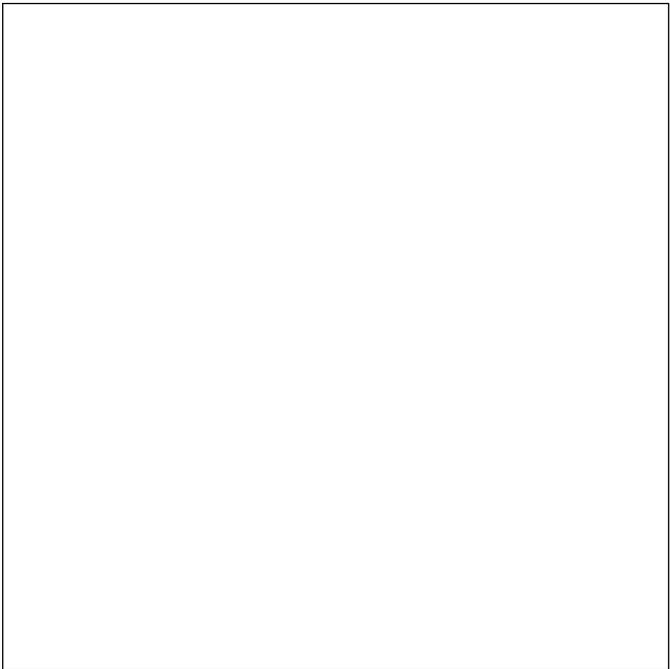


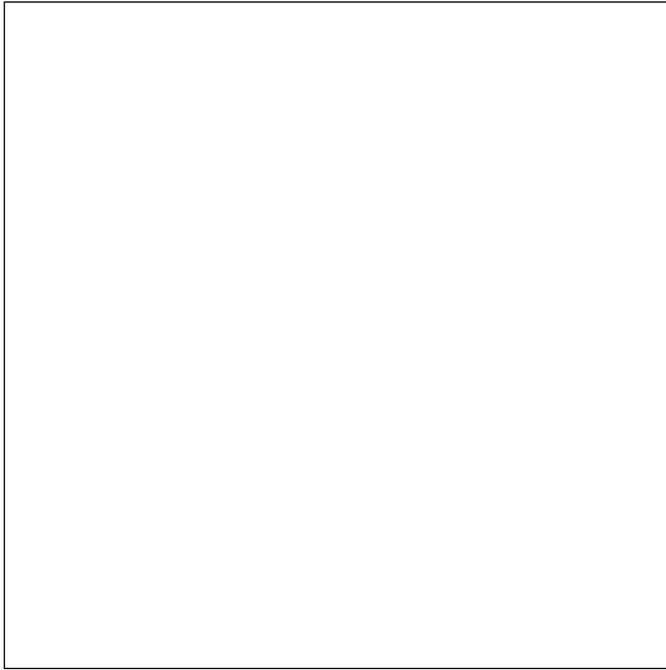
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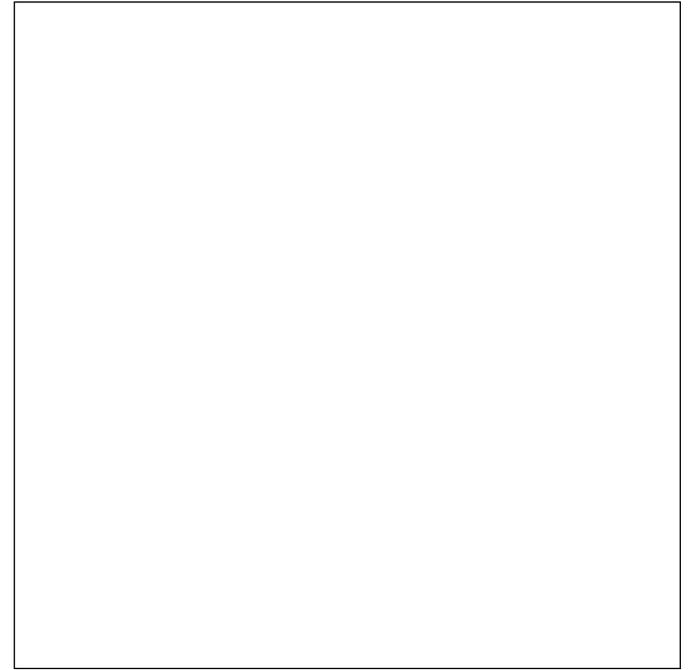
My village had many problems. We made a long line to fetch water from one tap.

We waited for food donated by others.

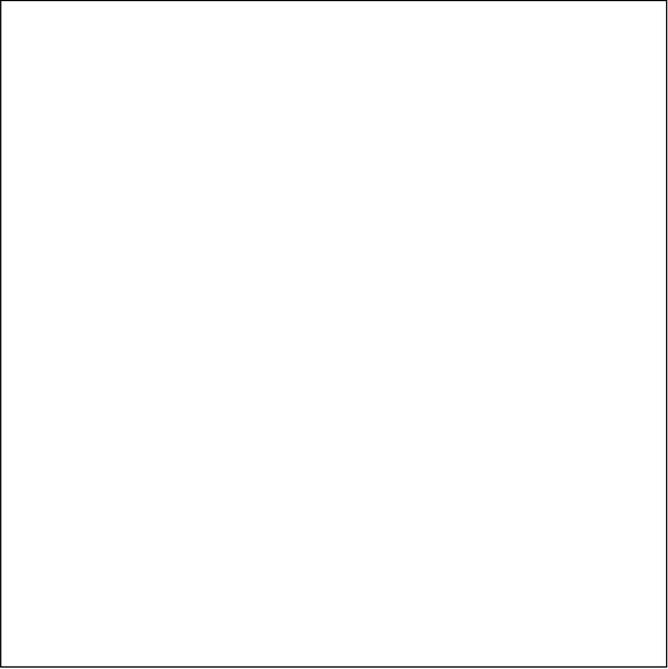




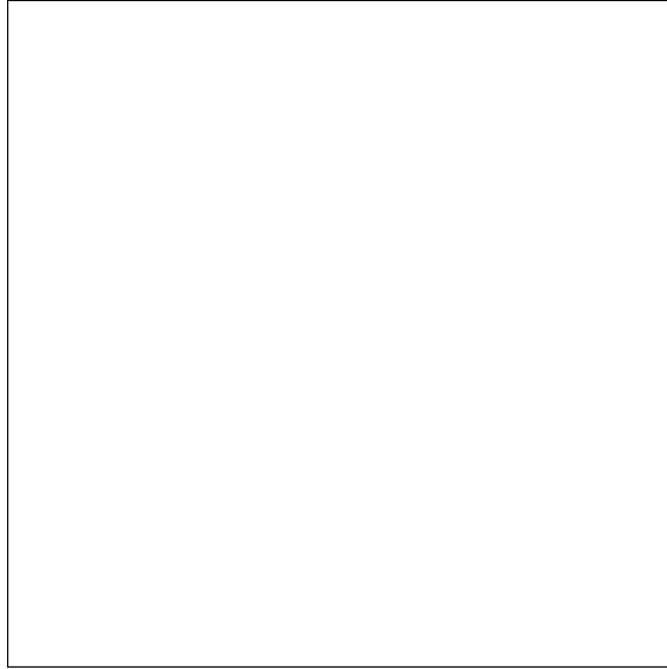
We locked our houses early because of thieves.



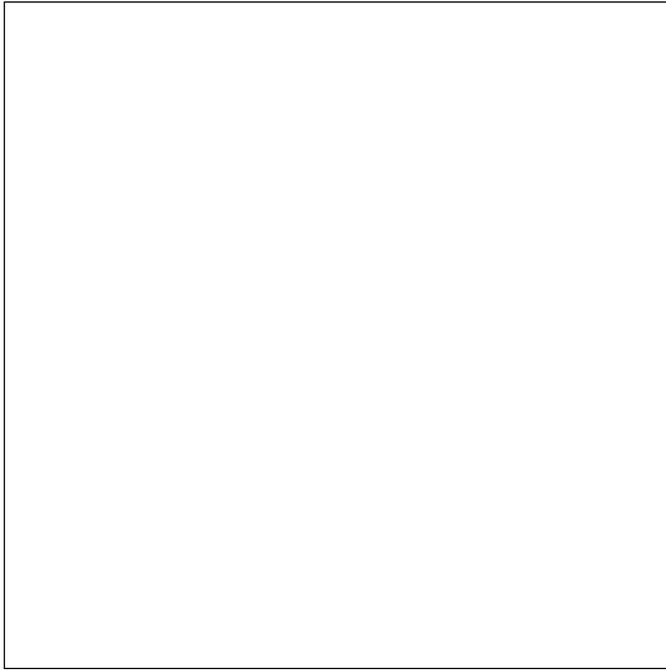
We all shouted with one voice, "We must change our lives." From that day we worked together to solve our problems.



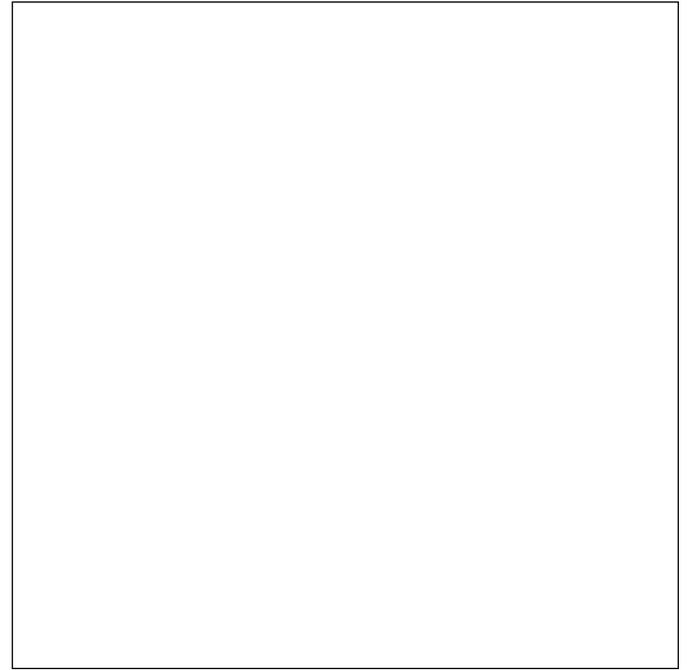
Many children dropped out of school.



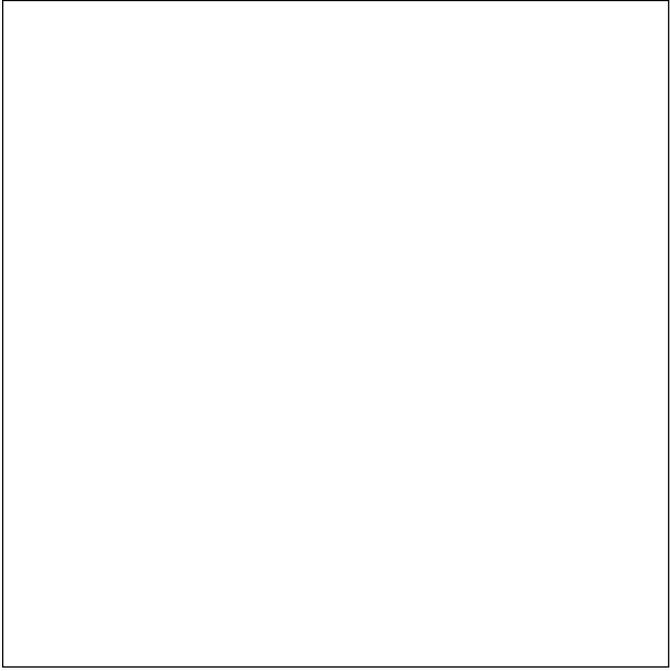
Another man stood up and said, "The men will dig a well."



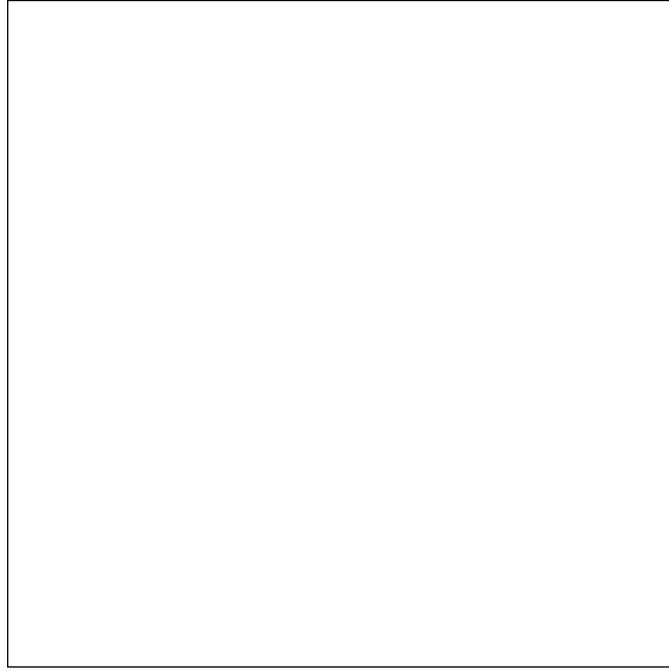
Young girls worked as maids in other villages.



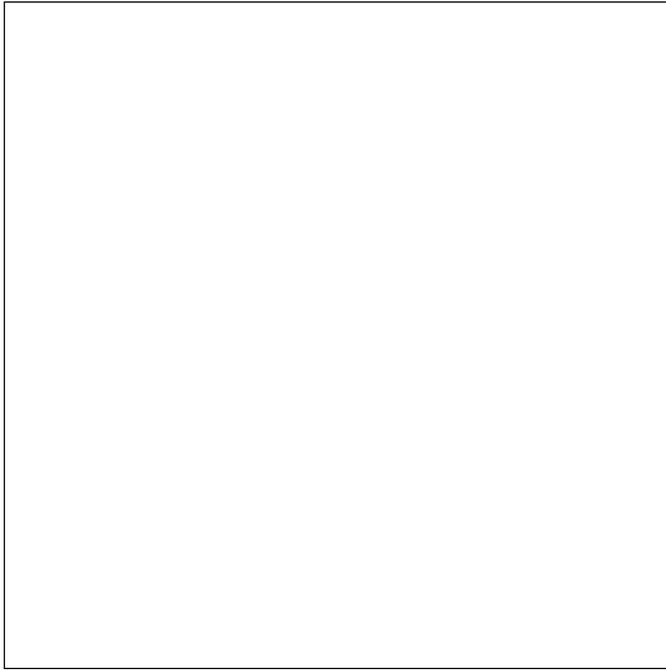
One woman said, "The women can join me to grow food."



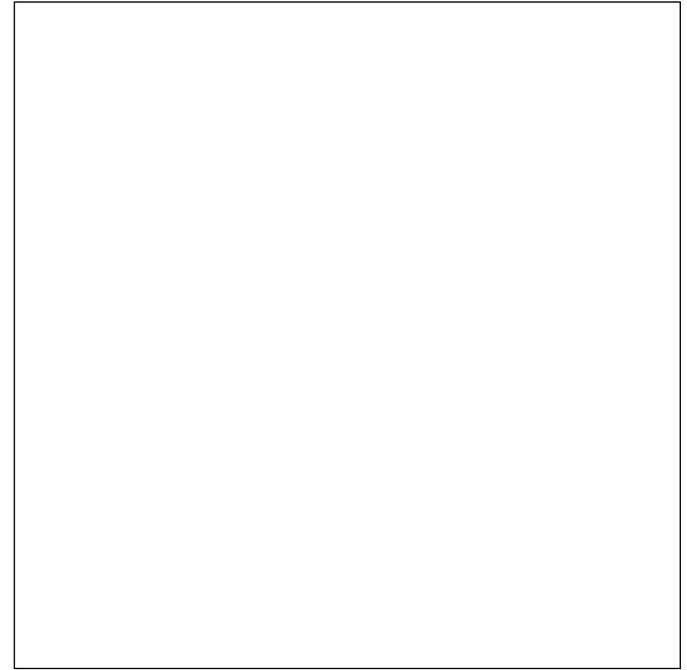
Young boys roamed around the village while others worked on people's farms.



Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on a tree trunk shouted, "I can help with cleaning up."

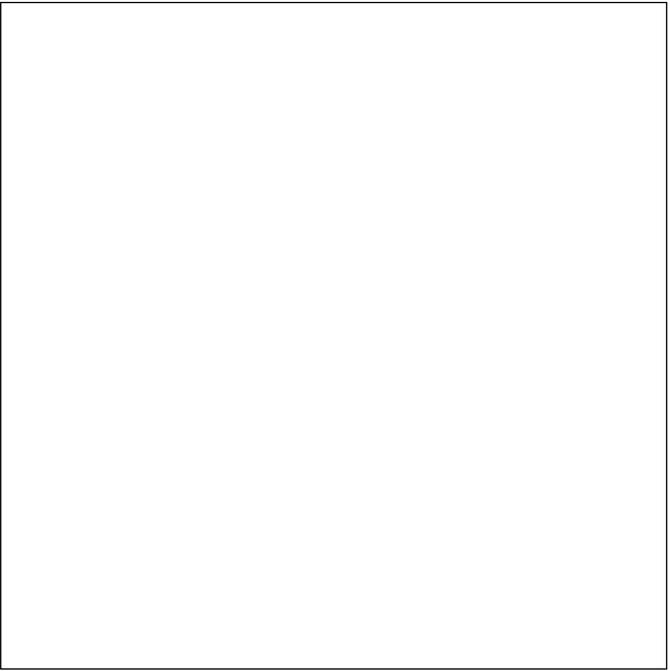


When the wind blew, waste paper hung on trees and fences.

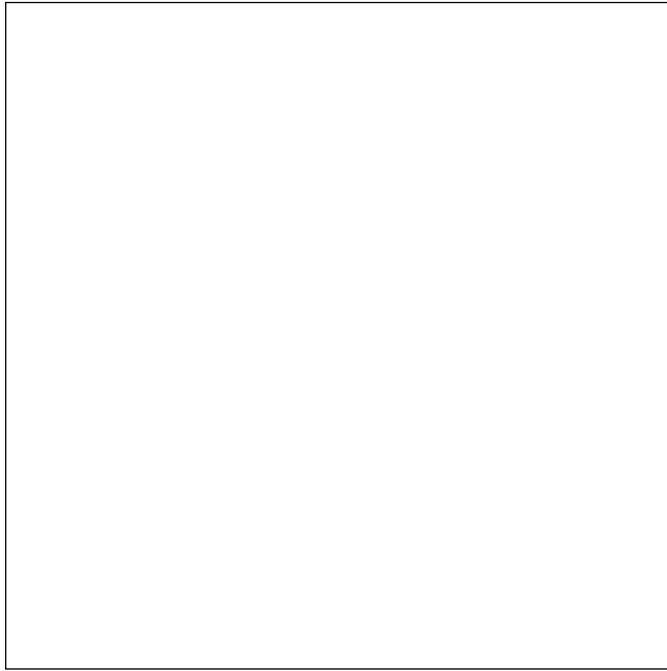


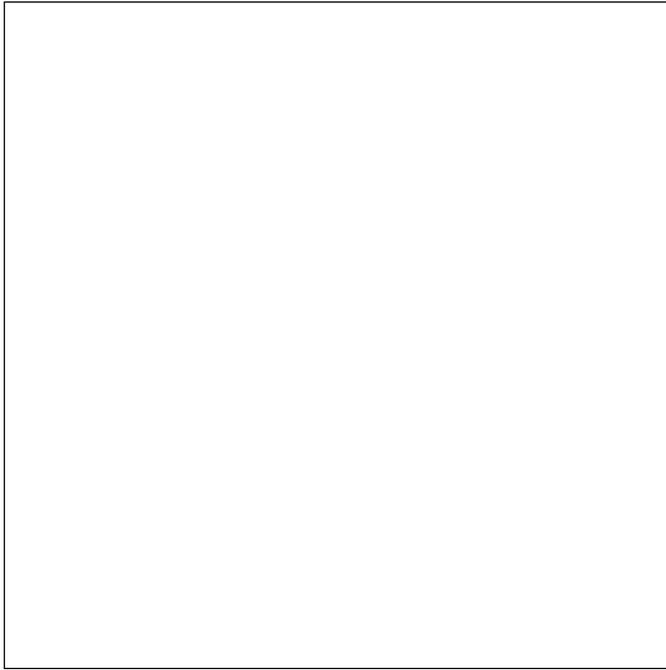
My father stood up and said, "We need to work together to solve our problems."

People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.

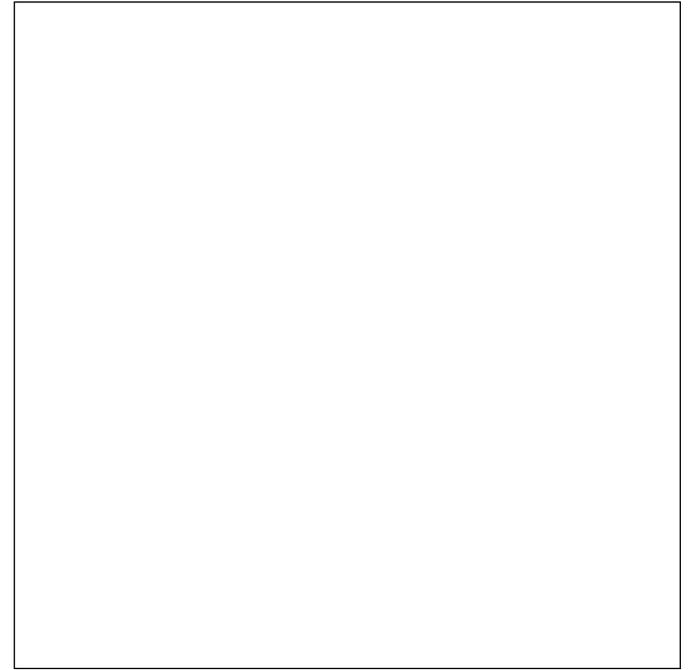


People gathered under a big tree and listened.





Then one day, the tap dried up and our containers were empty.



My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.