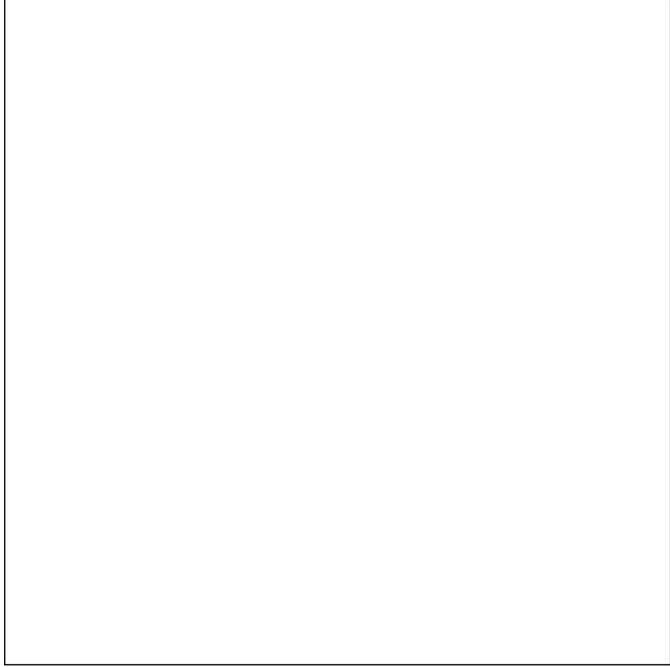




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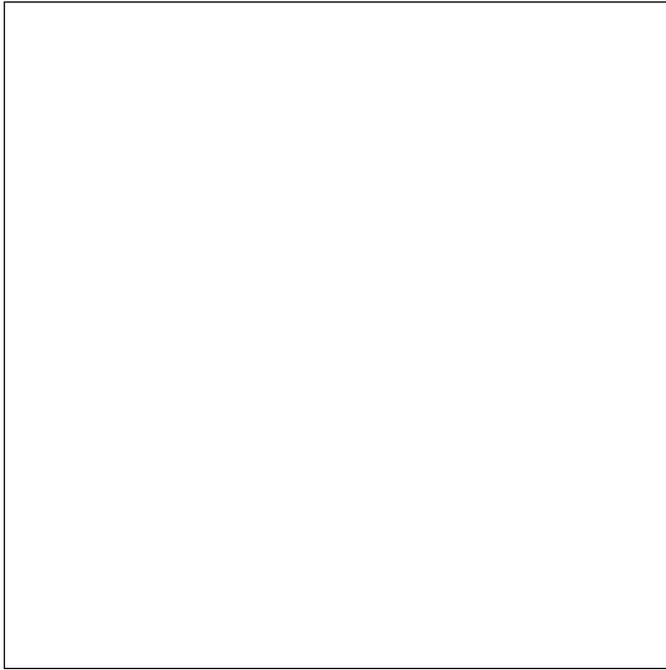
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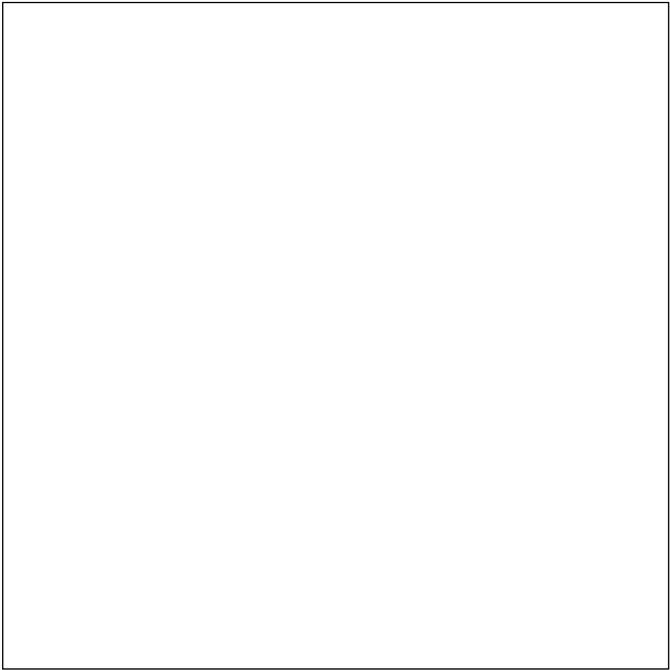


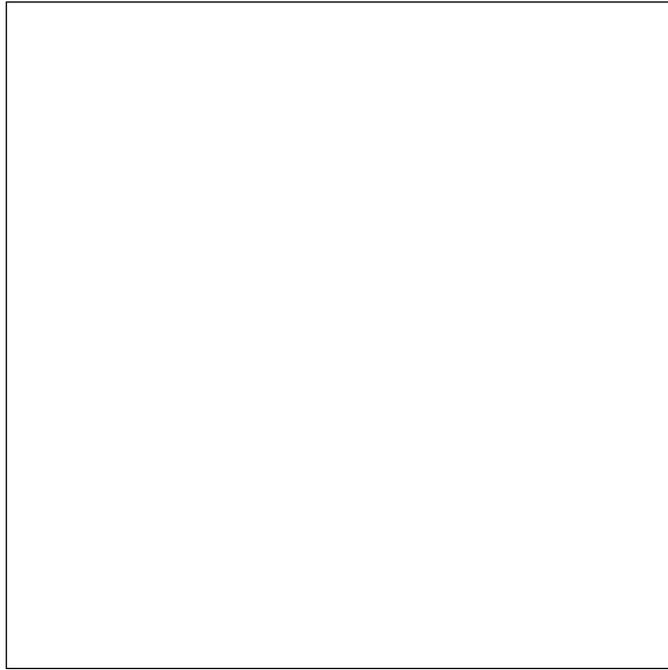
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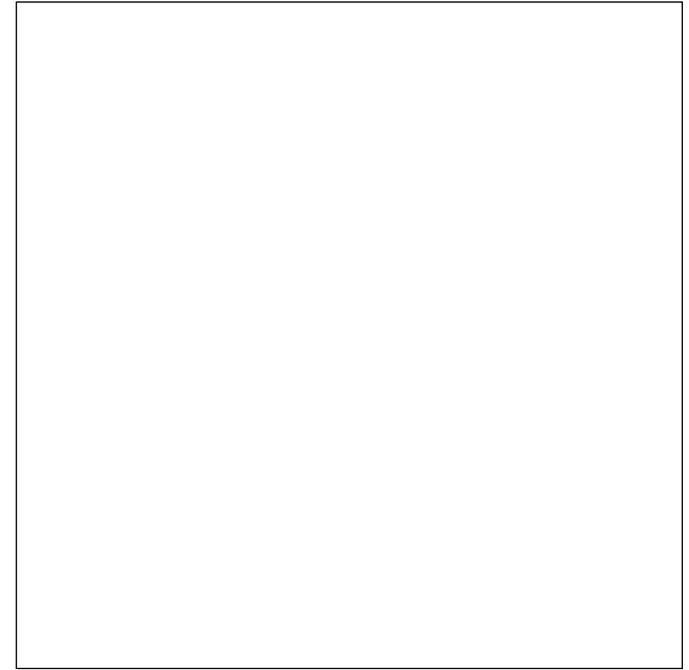
This is Khalai. She is seven years old.
Her name means 'the good one' in
her language, Lubukusu.

khalai wakes up and talks to the
orange tree. "Please orange tree,
grow big and give us lots of ripe
oranges."



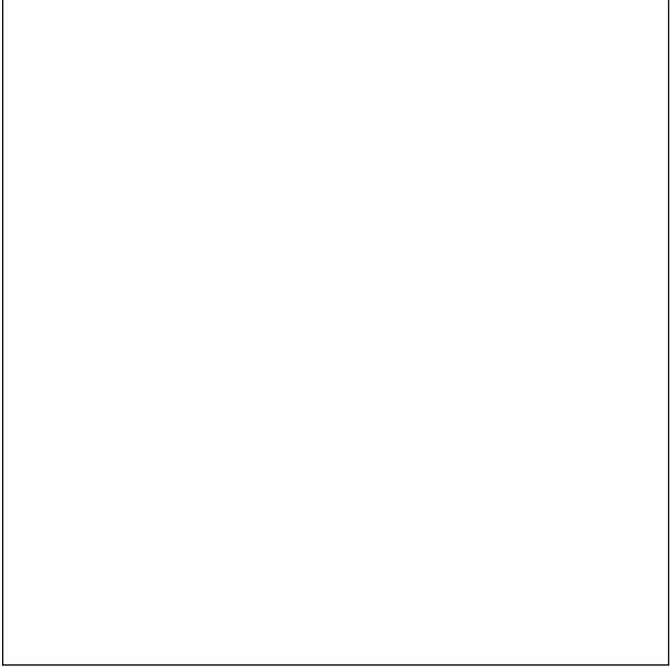


Khalai walks to school. On the way she talks to the grass. "Please grass, grow greener and don't dry up."

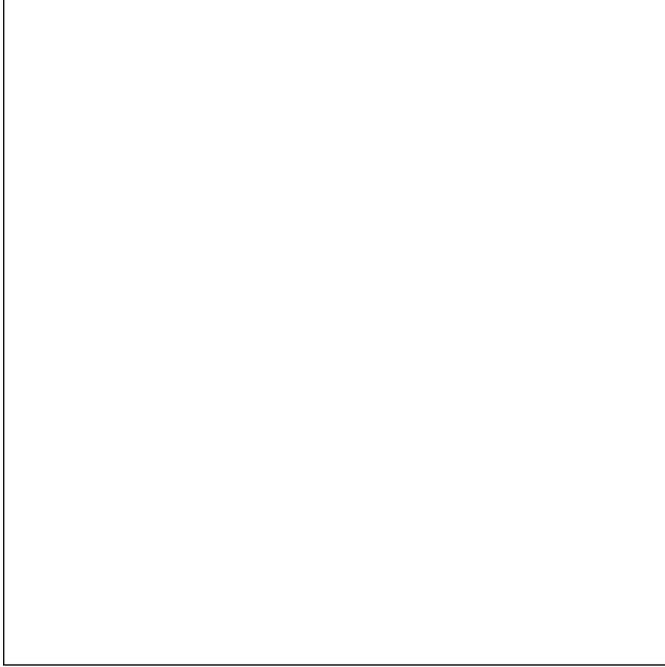


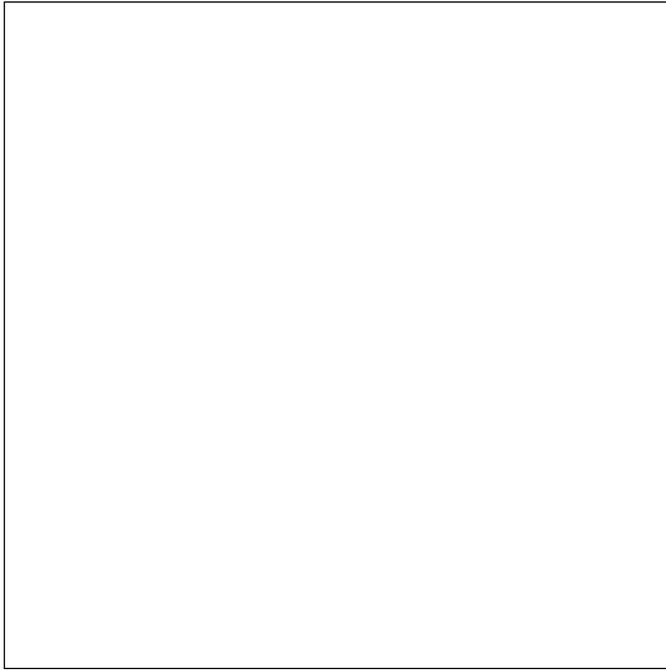
"The oranges are still green," sighs Khalai. "I will see you tomorrow orange tree," says Khalai. "Perhaps then you will have a ripe orange for me!"

khalai passes wild flowers. "Please
flowers, keep blooming so I can put
you in my hair."

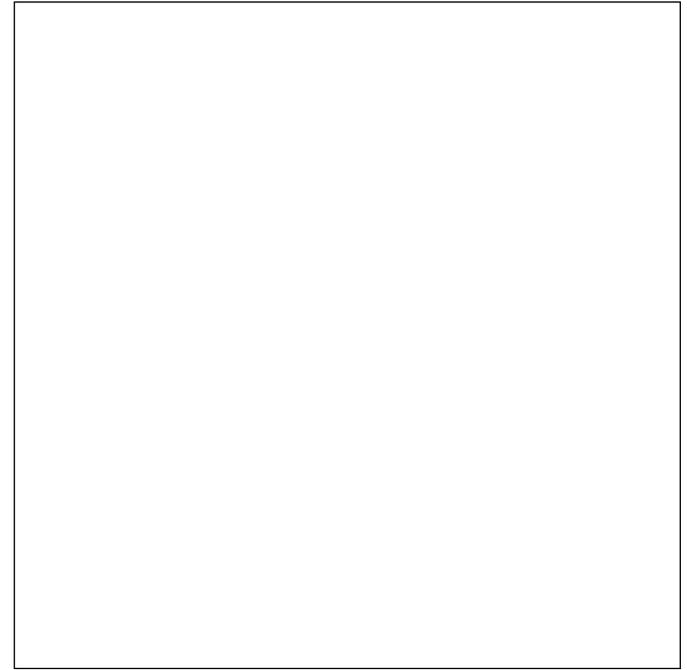


When khalai returns home from
school, she visits the orange tree.
"Are your oranges ripe yet?" asks
khalai.





At school, Khalai talks to the tree in the middle of the compound.
“Please tree, put out big branches so we can read under your shade.”



Khalai talks to the hedge around her school. “Please grow strong and stop bad people from coming in.”