

## **People are born through the Head**

*Bantu babyalaga na mutwε*

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This is how people were born; this is the news I'm telling you. The head swelled up, and on the day the child was born, this was the sign. The mother went away, she died, and in her stead a tree sprout, a *murembye*, appeared. The child was supposed to guard the tree sprout, but afterwards he went off to play and the crow cut it down. *Ghara!* The sprout was dead. Afterwards the man was going to place a beehive in a tree. He was told by the god, 'Your children are born from the head. Tell that woman she should climb the tree first. Then you'll see her place. When she comes down from the tree, grab her and throw her down, so you can look at her place.' People were born from the head. Isn't it the god who came along to disrupt that?