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Au commencement il y avait Zanahari, l'être suprême. Zanahari a créé la Terre. **D'abord** il n'y a **rien,** la Terre est aride et **vide**.

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Zanahari est très surpris et curieux. Il descend sur la Terre pour regarder ce dieu terrestre.

Quand Zanahari trouve Ratovantany, il fabrique des statues d'animaux en argile et il les met au soleil pour les faire sécher. Ratovantany est triste car les statues ne sont pas vivantes.



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Zanahari propose d'aider Ratovantany et de **donner** le souffle de vie aux statues mais quand **il voit** la beauté des nouveaux êtres, il voudrait les **emporter** au paradis et il demande la permission à Ratovantany.

Ratovantany aime aussi les créatures et il refuse.



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Group 4

Ratovantany et Zanahari décident de trouver un compromis. Comme Zanahari a **donné** la vie aux créatures, il reprendra la vie lorsque les créations **meurent**. Le corps des humains **restera** sur Terre avec Ratovantany.



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Group 5

Voilà **pourquoi,** à Madagascar, on **enterre** toujours les corps pour que Zanahari **s'en occupe** et **les âmes** partent rejoindre Ratovantany, l'être suprême, au paradis.

