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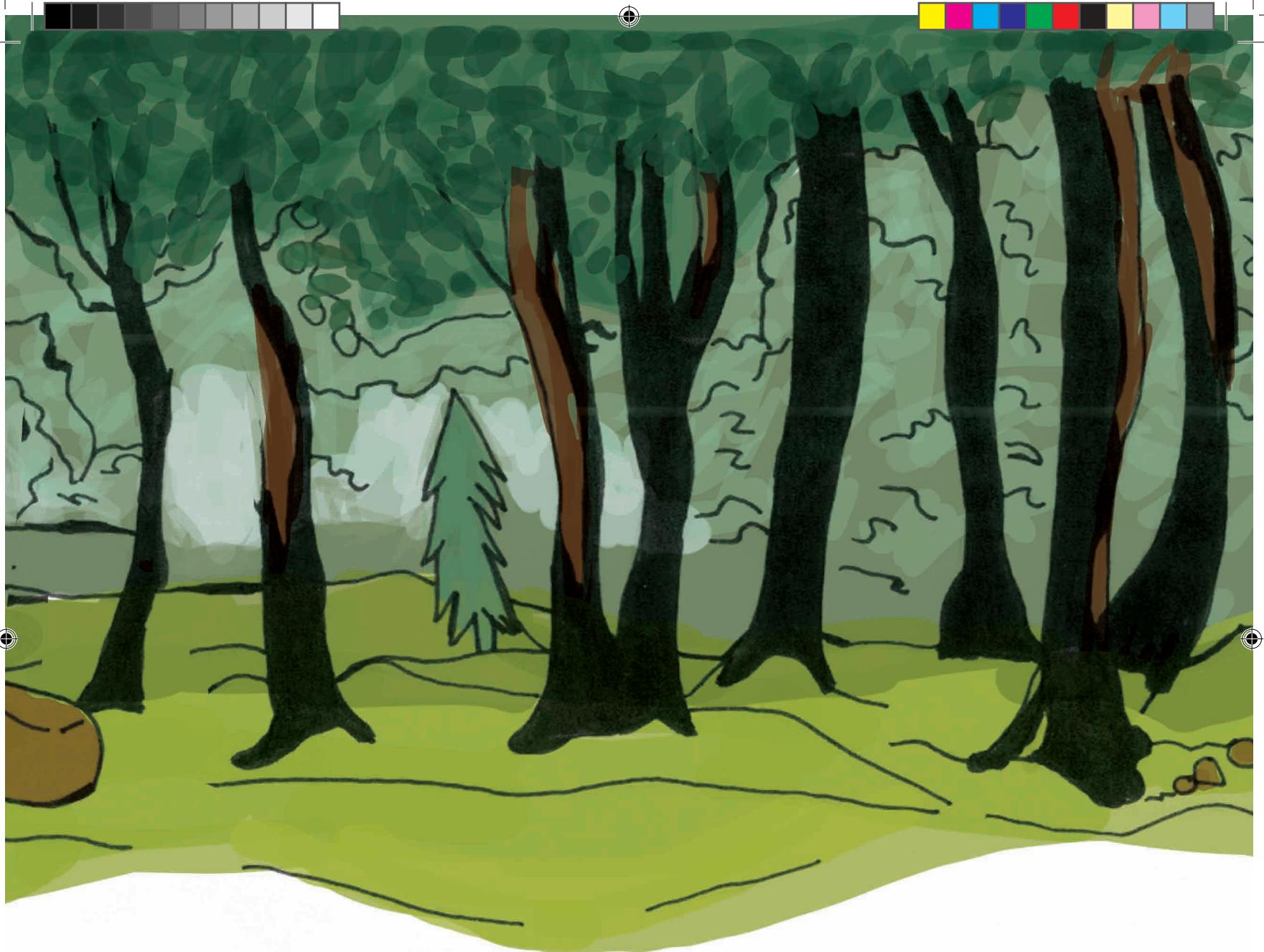


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Bhubesi bekafunana nekudla sikhatsi lesidze.



Bekalambe kakhulu, futsi adziniwe.



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Masinyane wabanjwa ngusochaka.

“NGISITENI BO! NGISITENI BO!
Ngicela **NINGISITE**,” washo abhudla.





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Ntibane iNdayikatana wavela.
“Ngicela ungikhiphe,” kuncenga Bhubesi.

“Hhayi, ngeke!” kuphendvula Ntibane.
“Ngingakukhipha utangidla!”





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Bhubesi watama futsi kucela lusito.
“Ngiyacela Ntibane ngiyakuncenga, ngikhulule.
Ngitakubonga ngesidvuli **lesikhulu**
semagenge.”

Ntibane bekanenhliyo lenhle, futsi atigcabha
kutsi iNkhosi yelihlatsi icela lusito kuye.
Wavula lihhoko lasochaka kancane, kancane.





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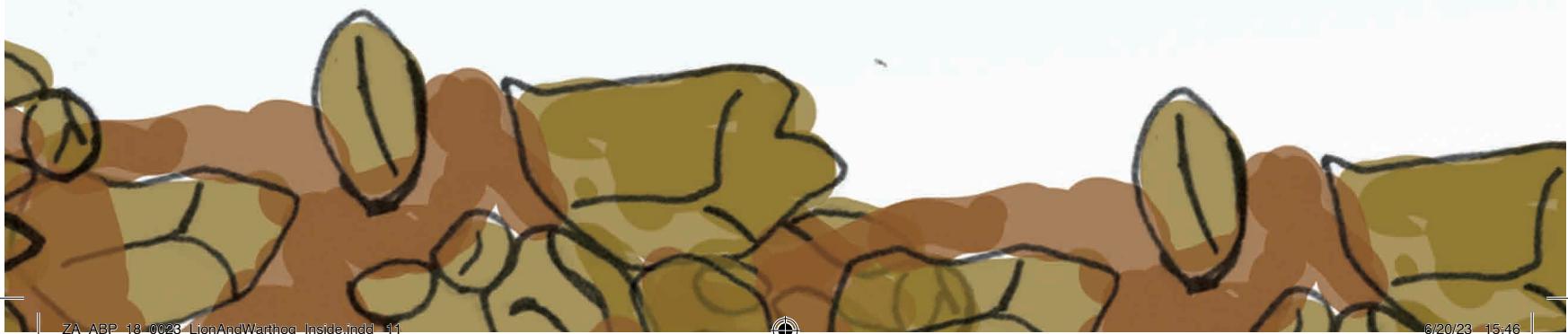




Waphuma wazuba Bhubesi ngenjabulo.

Watsi, “Asihambe siye esidvulwini semagenge.
Cala embili ngitakulandzela.”

Ntibane bekangavisi kahle,
kodvwa wamhlonipha.





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Sebahambe libangana, Bhubesi watsi,
“Unemsila lomuhle Ntibane.”

“Maye, ngiyabonga,” kusho Ntibane.
“Kodvwa mncane. Ngifisa kutsi ngabe
nginemsila lomkhulu.”

“Lomsila uyakufanela futsi ngiyawuhawukela!
Ngingaluma licashana lelincane nje?
Ngilambile.”

“Cha, Bhubesi, ngeke!”
kumemeta Ntibane ngekutfukutsela.





“Kulungile,” kuphendvula Bhubesi.
“Nawungafuni ngilume umsila wakho, nginike
licashana lendlebe yakho. Angeke ngiyidle
yonkhe. Ngiyakwetsembisa.”



Wafikelwa kwesaba Ntibane.

Wacabanga lichinga.

“Kungaba njani siyova kutsi Logwaja
ucabanga njani ngalendzaba?”





Bhubesi wavuma, acabanga kutsi njengobe
ayinkhosì, Logwaja utawuvumelana naye.
Bafika kuLogwaja.





“Kusile Logwaja,” kubingelela Ntibane.

“Ngiyacolisa kukuphazamisa.

Sicela usisite sinenkinga.”

“Ngilalele khuluma,” kusho Logwaja.





Ntibane wachaza ngekubanjwa
kwelibhubesi ngusochaka,
nekulamba kwalo.

Libhubesi latfukutsela laphika.





“Kungaba njani siphindzele
emuva ehlatsini kute Ngivisise
kahle?” kusho Logwaja.

Bonkhe **balandzela** Bhubesi
babuyela ehlatsini.



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Batfola sochaka asekhana, avulekile.

Logwaja watsi, “Ngitjele Bhubesi kutsi kwenteken?”

“Bengime lapha,” kusho Bhubesi akhomba sochaka.

“Hhayi! Bhubesi,” kungenela Logwaja.

“Ungakhombi nje, ngena ngekhatsi
usikhombise lapho tinyawo
takho betingene khona!”

Bhubesi wazuba wangena
kusochaka!







Masinyane Logwaja wava sochaka.

“Bhubesi usilwane lesingabongi
awudzingi kusitwa,” kusho Logwaja.
“Njengobe sewungenile,
utawutikhipha ngekwakho!”

Logwaja wase utsi kuNtibane,
“Ntibane, usilwane lesinemusa. Hamba
uphindzele emndenini wakho nemsila kanye
nendlebe yakho!”





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