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Ingqele yasebusika yayisele igqithile.
Intwasahlobo yayisele ifikile kwilali yakuNdlovu.
Kungekudala kwakulindeleke ukuba abahlali
belali le bahlangane, babhiyozele ixesha elitsha
lonyaka. UNkanyezi wayewulindele ngamehlo
abomvu umsitho wokubhiyozela iNtwasahlobo,
nangaphezulu kwalo naluphi na usuku enyakeni.





Ngenye intsasa efudumeleyo, uNkanyezi weva
abantu abadala ababini belali bencokola malunga
nalo msitho.

“Abantu bakuNdlovu baphelelwa ngumyla
wokubhiyoza,” watsho omnye wabo ngesingqala.

“Singanawo njani umsitho wokubhiyoza
iNtwasahlolo kwilali elibele nendlela le
yokubhiyoza?” wabuza omnye.









UNkanyezi wayexhalabile.

“Liza kuvela njani ilanga kwakhona ngaphandle kokuba sicule silivuse kubuthongo balo basebusika?” wazibuza Iowo.

Uthe ke ngoko uNkanyezi wathi nqumama, waze wacinga ixesha elide.

“Kufuneka ndifumanise ukuba yintoni na kanye le isilahlekeleyo,” wagqiba kwelo.
“Kufuneka ndihambe ndiyе kukhangela izinto eziza kubuyisela umoya nomdla wokubhiyoza elalini yam.”





abantu abakhulu bayipha iintsikelelo kuhambo
Iwayo le ntombazana incinane. Kananjalo
bayinika nengxowa eyayiza kufaka kuyo izinto
eyakuthi izifumane.

Nje ukuba aluqalise uhambo Iwakhe, uNkanyezi
waziva efikelwa luloyikwana oluncinane, kodwa
wayefuna ukunceda ilali yakhe.









UNkanyezi wahamba imini yonke. Wenyuka
iinduli, waza wehlisa iintlambo. Wadada, ewela
imilambo emikhulu, egwencela phakathi kwamawa
athambekileyo nanamatye ahlabay. Wanqumla
amathafakazi wade wafika kwisithunzi seentaba
ezibomvu.





Njengokuba ubusuku babusondela, uNkanyezi wafika kwilali eneephateni kunye nemibala angazange wayibona ngaphambili. Wabalisel a bantu abadala belali leyo malunga nohambo Iwakhe lokubuyisela umoya nomdla wokubhiyoza kwabo bantu asuka kubo.

Umama wesi sizwe wanika uNkanyezi isipho waze wathi kuye, “Sikupha le peyinti siphuphuma luthando ukuze ubuyisele umbala kwilali leyo usuka kuyo imbatshileyo.”

UNkanyezi wababulela abantu abadala waze wayifaka ipeyinti engxoweni yakhe.

Kwakusasa ngosuku olulandelayo waqhube ka nohambo Iwakhe, echulumancile kwaye evuselelekile sisipho sombala.









UNkanyezi wahamba imini yonke, enqumla
kwihlathi elikhulu nelinemithi emikhulu kakhulu.
Njengokuba isibhakabhaka sasisiba mnyama
engaboni, weva isandi sokubethwa kwamagubu.
Wakhawuleza ukuya kwelo cala kubethwa kulo
amagubu, esiva umoya wokudanisa umfikela
ezinyaweni zakhe ezidiniweyo.





UNkanyezi wazifumanisa eselalini yaseBhubesi.
Abantu apho babehleli bengqonge umlilo, bebetha
amagubu kwaye becula. Wayengazange wawuva
umculo omnandi kangako ngaphambili.

Wabalisela abantu abadala belali leyo malunga
nohambo Iwakhe lokubuyisela umoya nomdla
wokubhiyoza kwabo bantu asuka kubo. Abantu
belali yaseBhubesi bammema ukuba aphumle,
alale nabo ngobo busuku.









Ekuseni inkosi yabiza uNkanyezi.

“Mntwana wam,” yatsho, “thatha nali igubu elikhethekileyo. Lidlala ingoma entsha ngalo lonke ixesha ulibetha.”

UNkanyezi wayibulela inkosi leyo waze walifaka engxoweni yakhe igubu elo.
Waqhubeka nohambo lwakhe kwakhona,
evuyela esi sipho somculo nokudanisa.





Ngosuku Iwesithathu lohambo Iwakhe,
njengokuba uNkanyezi wayedlula kwithafa
elineenkomo ezityebileyo, impumlo yakhe
yaqalisa ukuntlontlozela. Kwakukho ivumba
elintlontlozelisa izivi zakhe zencasa waze umlomo
wakhe wavuza izinkcwe. Walandela elo vumba,
wade wafika elalini apho wafumana abantu bemi
phezu kweembiza ezinephunga lesityu esimnandi.

Le lali yayidumile ngemisitho yayo. UNkanyezi
wayengazange akutye ukutya okunencasa
emangalisa njengoko kutya. Emva kokuba etyile,
wabalisela abantu abadala belali leyo malunga
nohambo Iwakhe lokubuyisela umoya nomdla
wokubhiyoza kwabo bantu asuka kubo.









Ngosuku olulandelayo, ibhunga labapheki lamnika
umxube wezinongo oyimfihlo.

“Ntombi yethu,” batsho, “ngezi zinongo,
izisu ezixolileyo ziqinisekisiwe! Sikupha isipho
sokutya okumnandi.”

UNkanyezi walibulela ibhunga labapheki
waze wazifaka izinongo engxoweni yakhe.
Wayesazi ngoku ukuba wayeyifumene yonke
into awayeyikhanga. Evuselelekile enamandla
amatsha, waqalisa uhambo Iwakhe olude
olubuyela elalini yakhe yakuNdlovu.





Wathi akufika uNkanyezi ekhaya, abantu belali baqokelelana, bamngqonga befuna ukuva ngamahlandinyuka akhe. Wababalisela amabali ngezinto azibonileyo, azivileyo nazityileyo. Waze ke emva koko wavula ingxowa yakhe eza kwabelana nabo ngezipho aziphiweyo. Abantu belali yakhe bavuyiswa kakhulu kukufumana obo butyebi.

Ngenxa yobubele babanye kunye nokuba nesibindi kukaNkanyezi, abantu belali baphinda bafumana umbala, umculo kunye nomdaniso, kwakunye nokutya okumnandi ebomini babo. Kuthe ke ngoko umoya nomdla wokubhiyoza wabuyela elalini yakuNdlovu kwakhona.









