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Kudala emandulo, emhlabeni
wamaZulu, inkosi uJama kaNdaba
wayenamandla, enobuhlakani, elungile
futhi enobubele.

Kodwa wayengenazo izingane
futhi ekhathazekile ngokuthi
akazukuba nayo indlalifa.

Wathandaza wenza neminikelo
konkulunkulu kodwa
akwenzekanga lutho.





Ngobunye ubusuku, ngesikhathi inkosi ilele, kwafika isangoma ngephupho.

“Onkulunkulu bakuzwile ukukhala kwakho futhi nendlovukazi izothola amawele. Elilodwa lizohola isizwe sakwaZulu kanti elinye lizokuba namandla emilingo,” kusho isangoma.

Azalwa amawele uMkabayi noMmama
kodwa indlovukazi yamkhalela
uMkabayi ngoba umthetho uthi iwele
lokuqala kumele lenziwe umnikelo
konkulunkulu.

Inkosi ngokubona usizi lwendlovukazi,
yathi, “Ukusukela namhlanje,
uma amawele esezelwe, bobabili
abantwana bazophila.”

Abantu bajabula kodwa kwakungesiye
wonke umuntu owayethokozile
ngomthetho omusha wenkosi.





Lawa mantombazane amancane akhula kahle. Ngelinye ilanga uMkabayi wayedlala izinduku wahlula umfana owayexhaphaza izingane.

“Hamba, ntombazanendini eqalekisiwe!”
kusho umfana.

“Buya, Mkabayi!”

UMkabayi wakhala ebalekela ehlathini
okwakuhlala kulo izipoki ezithusayo
uHornhead noLongtom.



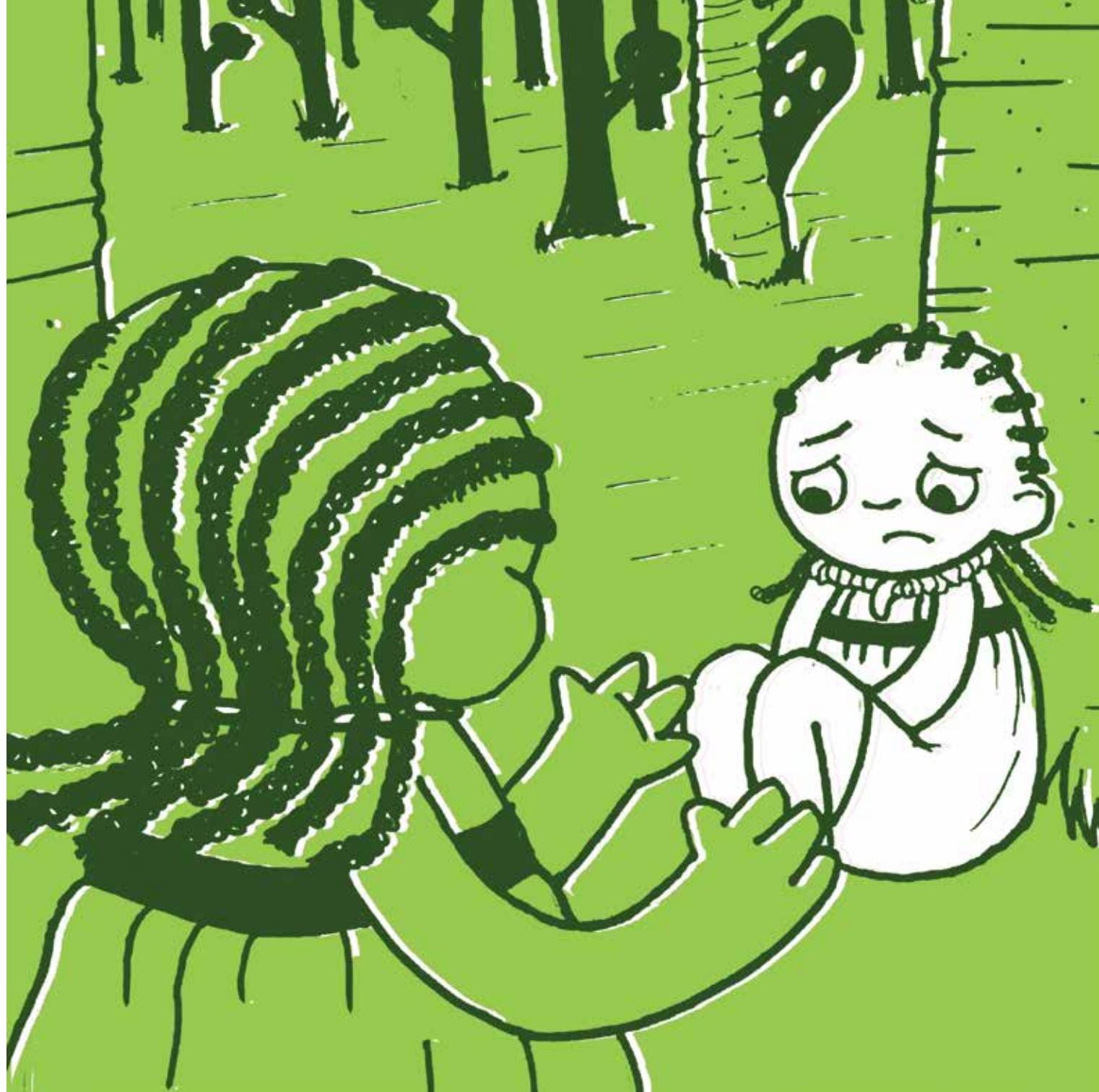


UMmama wema ethe du waze
wavala amehlo.

Umlingo wobunye bamawele yiwona
owaholela uMmama kudadewabo.

“Akekho umuntu ofuna ukudlala
nami, ngiqalekisiwe! Kukhala
uMkabayi.

“Ngifuna ukudlala nawe,” kusho
uMmama.





“Sizoba nesidlo esimnandi sasebusuku namuhla Longtom,” kusho uHornhead.

UMkabayi wathatha induku.

“Awukwazi ukubulala izipoki ngenduku!” kuhleka uLongtom.



“Kunjani lokhu?” kusho
uMmama, ephakamisa
isandla sakhe.

Kwaduma izulu izipoki
zashaywa wumbani, lapho
ifu lothingo lwenkosazana
livikele amantombazane.



“Ukwenze kanjani lokho?” kubuza
uMkabayi.

“Ngale ndlela oshaye ngayo loya
mfana!” kusho uMmama.



Amantombazane abuyela ekhaya
ethokozile, azi ukuthi noma
ngabe kwenzakalani bayakwazi
ukuvikelana.

