



Ibhola elilahlekile



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Izulu alisakhemezeli. USethu nodadewabo
omelamayo uThingo bajabulile.

Balangazelele ukuyodlala ibhola ebaleni.
Inja yabo, uBhova, uthanda ukudlala nabo
ibhola. Bacinga ibhola bangalithola.





Ibhola lilahlekile. USethu noThingo
bamangele. UBhova ubabhekile. Abazi
baqalephi ukufuna. “Sizofuna kuphi?” kubuza
uThingo.



Babheka emgqomeni wezibi. UBhova
uyabalandela ubafunisa ibhola. Ibholo
alitholakali.





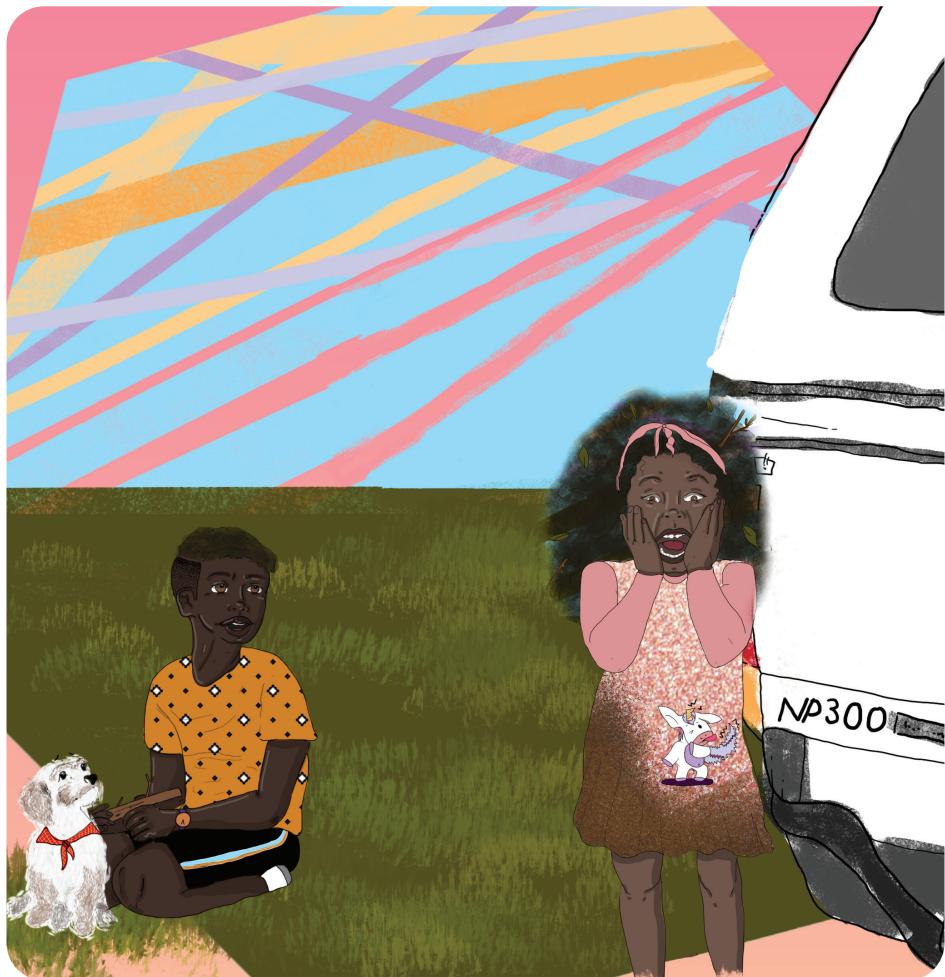
UBhova uzama ukweqa uthango
lukamakhelwane eyobheka ibhola.

USethu noThingo bayambiza, “Woza,
Bhova!”



UBhova uyabuya. UThingo wacabanga icebo. “Ngizobheka ngaphansi kwemoto.”





UThingo waguqa wabheka ngaphansi
kwemoto efuna ibhola. Uhamba ngamadolo
uyabuya. Izimpahla zakhe zinodaka.
Akajabulile.

Ibhola alitholakali.



UBhova uzama ukweqa uthango
lukamakhelwane futhi.

UThingo noSethu bayambiza, “Woza Bhova,
uzolimala.”

UBhova uyabuya. Ibholo alitholakali!





USethu noThingo bahlala kuvulande
noBhova.

USethu wabiza ubaba.

“Baba! Baba! Ibhola lilahlekile.”



Ubaba ufunu ibhola emgqomeni wezibi.
UBhova uyamlandela.





Ibhola lisalahlekile. UBhova unecebo. Weqa
uthango lukamakhelwane futhi. USethu
noThingo abambonanga.



Ubaba owambona eqa uthango.

USethu wabuza ubaba, “Uphi uBhova?”

“Weqe uthango wangena emzini
kamakhelwane.”

“Asimlandeleni, Sethu,” kusho uThingo.





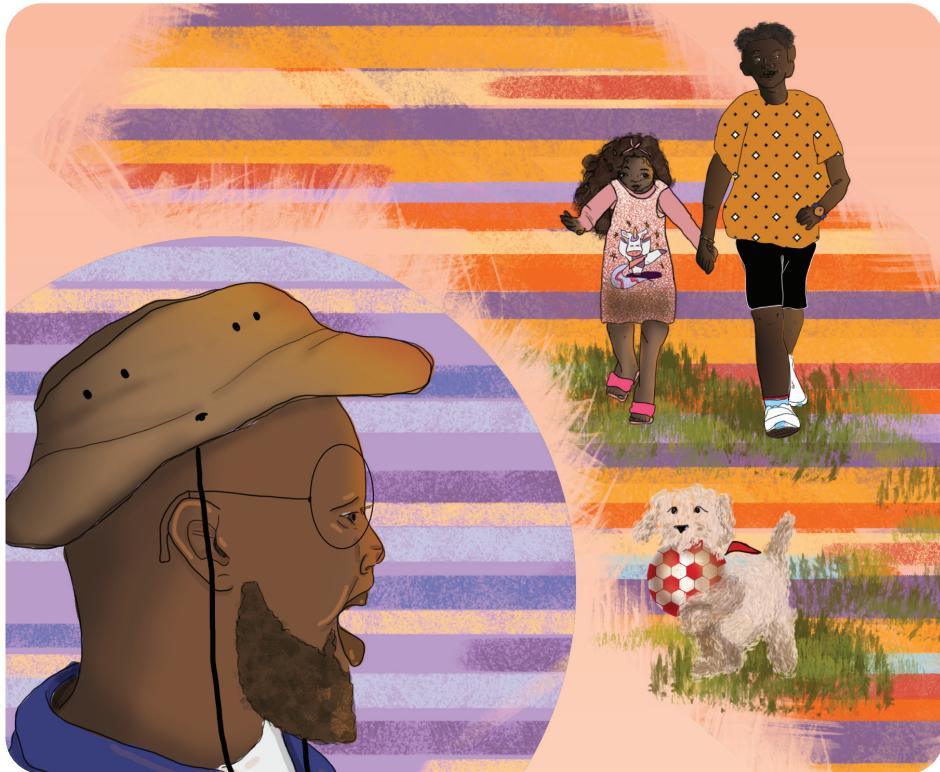
USethu noThingo balandela uBhova. UBhova
ume eduze nebholo.

“Wu! Wu!” Ukhonkotha ibhola.



UBhova ulitholile ibhola! UBhova ubamba
ibhola ngomlomo wakhe, babuyela ekhaya.
UThingo wabhambatha uBhova emhlane
emhalalisela.





uSethu wabiza ubaba.

“uBhova ulitholile ibhola.”

“Ulitholephhi?” kubuza ubaba.

“Ulithole ebaleni likamakhelwane,”
kuphendula uSethu.

Ubaba wabo wathokoza kanye nabo.



Bobathathu baqala ukudlala ibhola.
Badlala baze bakhathala.

