



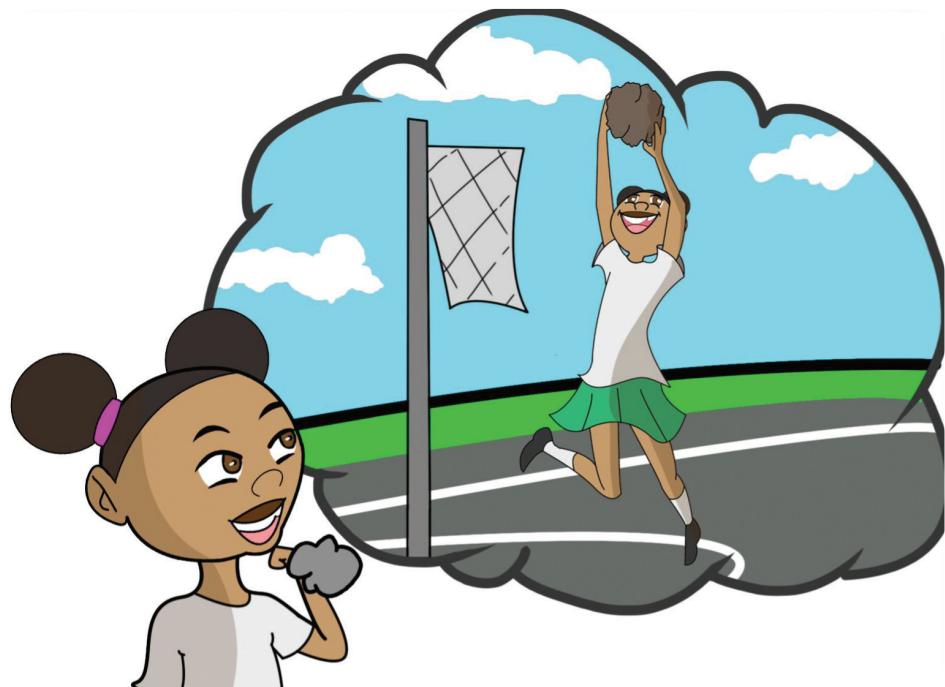
Ibhudango lakaSizwile



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“Nangikhulako ngifuna ukuba mdlali wenethibholo okhamba phambili,” uSizwile uzitjela yena ngokwakhe asendleleni ebuya etatawini ayokubukela umdlalo wenethibholo. Ukhamba eqayeqa alingisa iminyakazo ayibonileko.





“Ngelinye
ilanga nami
ngizokuba mdlali
wenethibholo,” utjela
unina.

“Bese ngubani
ozokwenza
imisebenzi
yakho yekhaya
nawumatasatasa
udlala?”

Begade kumsebenzi
wakhe ukugeza
izitja nokuthanyela
ngendlini ngesikhathi unina enza eminye imisebenzi
yangendlini.

USizwile bekhahlala abawa ukuya esikolweni
ukuyokubukela imidlalo ngoMgqibelo, kodwana
unina noyise bebamalela. USiya, umnakwabo,
uthanda ibholo erarhwako. Ababelethi bakhe
bebangamaleli bonyana akhambe ayokubukela
imidlalo.





Lokhu bekusilinga uSizwile ngombana
bekusepepeneni bonyana ipilo ilula ebesaneni.

Nesikolweni, bekubantazana kwaphela ebegade
bathanyela ngematlasini.

“Ngingenzani bonyana ababelethi bami
bangivumele ukudlala inethibholo?”





Ngelinye ilanga, uSizwile begade azibhampisela
bekaziphosela ibholo yakhe mazombe,
wathikamezwa lilizwi.

“Unekghono Sizwile. Ungathanda ukuba
sesiqhemeni senethibholo?” kwabuza uNom.
Menzi, umbanduli wenethibholo.

“Ngicabanga bonyana singathoma isiqhema
sabantazana abancani ongadlala kiso.”

USizwile wabuyela ekhabo athabile. Bekangakwazi
ukulinda ukutjela unina iindaba lezi. Kodwana
bekanesiqiniseko sokobana angeze bamlalela.



“Utitjhere wami uthi ngizokuba mdlali wenethibholo,” watjho ngephimbo elincani ngesikhathi sokudla kwantambama.

“Umdlalo lapha uphosha ibholo mazombe?” kurhuga umnakwabo, uSiya.

“Ukhulumu ngokudlala, izitja zona uzozigeza nini?” kubuza unina.

Walahlekelwa mathemba woke.

Ngalobo ubusuku, wayokulala ngehliziyo ebuhlungu ngombana begade asazi bonyana angeze bamvumela ukudlala umdlalo awuthandako.





Nangembala isiqhema
sabantazana
abancani esinoSizwile
sasungulwa.

Ngelinye ilanga,
ngesikhathi bazilolonga
ngemva kokuphuma
kxesikolo, utitjhere
uMenzi wabona bonyana uSizwile udanile.

“Umraro yini, Sizwile, uyagula?” wabuza
ngerhuluphelo.

“Ababelethi bami bacabanga bonyana
umdlalo wami lo ukudlala ngesikhathi. Angeze
bangivumele ukobana ngidlale ngoMgqibelo,”
amehlo wakhe azele iinyembezi.

“Lokho kuyadanisa ngombana unesiphiwo.
Kodwana nginesiqiniseko sokobanyana
ababelethi bakho bazokuvumela udlale
nabangakubona etatawini,” kwaytjho utitjhere.
“Ungatshwenyeki, ngizokutlolela ababelethi
bakho incwadi ngibabawe bakuvumele
bonyana udlale.”

Amezwi lawo amupha ithemba.





Iveke leyo begade afika ngemva kwesikhathi
nakabuya esikolweni ngombana begade
bazilungiselela umdlalo welanga elikhulu.
Ababelethi bakhe begade bangazi bonyana
ulilunga lesiqhema senethibholo.

USizwile bekatjhaphulukile ngencwadi utitjhere
uMenzi ayitlolela unina noyise, ebawa imvumo
bonyana adlale.

Begade angakwazi ukulinda ukufika kwabo
akhombise unina incwadi, ngesiqiniseko
sokobanyana gadesi angeze bathi awa.



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Wafika kwabo walahlela isikhwama sakhe phasi wanikela unina incwadi.

Nakaceda ukufunda incwadi wathi, “Kodwana Sizwile, sikhulumile ngalokhu ngaphambilini. Ngubani ozakusiza ngemisebenzi yangendlini? Azange ngambona umntazana olivila kangaka.”

“Mma, lo akusiwo umdlalo nje kwaphela, mdlalo wenethibholo. Begodu utitjhere wami uthi nginesiphiwo.”

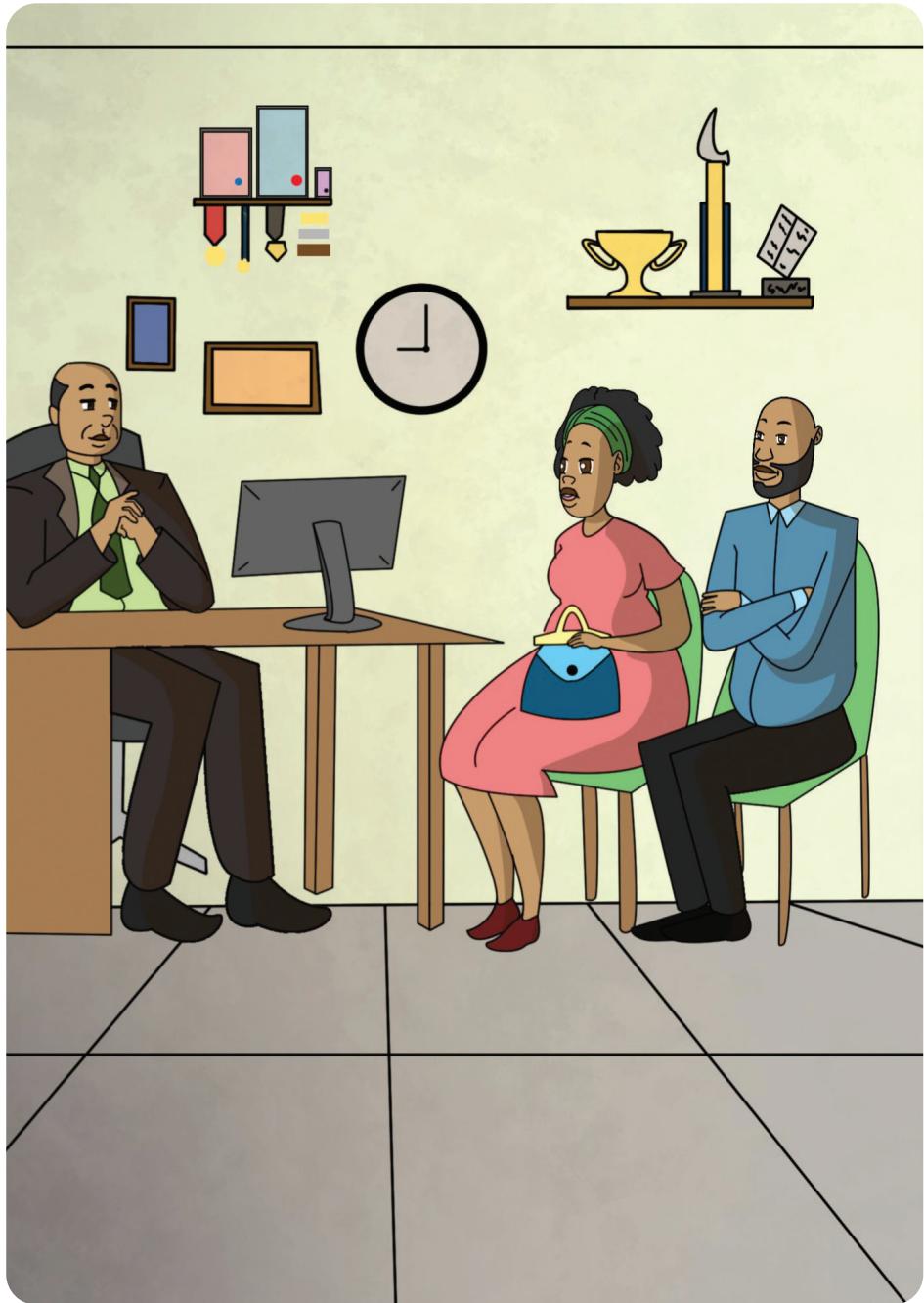
Ithemba latjhabalala kuye. Wakhamba wayokwenza imisebenzi yakhe yangendlini njengemihleni, angafuni nokuphundwa mdlalo omkhulu.



Ababelethi bakhe bahlonipha isimemo sesikolo. Bafika e-ofisini lakahlokokulu. Utitjhere wafika ngesikhathi ababelethi bakaSizwile baqeda ukuhlala phasi ngemva kobanyana babuke iimendlela namabhigiri amazombe nge-ofisini. Ngesikhathi utitjhere uMenzi aqeda ukukhuluma, uyise kaSizwile wabuza, “Ucabanga bonyana umntwana omncani kangaka angadlala emdlalweni oqakatheke kangaka?”

“Uzositola nini kuhlekuhle isikhathi sokwenza imisebenzi yakhe yangendlini? Silethe uSizwile esikolweni bonyana azokufunda, ingasi ukudlala,” k watjho unina kaSizwile angakathabi.

“USizwile unesiphiwo. Ngicabanga bonyana ananimangaza. Mupheni ithuba lokobana anikhombise,” uNom. Menzi waragela phambili nemizamo yakhe yokutjhugulula ababelethi bakhe umkhumbulo. Ngemva kwakho koke, uSizwile begade alindeleke ukujamela isikolo sakhe emdlalweni omkhulu ngoMgqibelo.







Ngelanga elilandelako ekuseni unina wathi,
“Asikhambé khona singeze safika ngemva
kwesikhathi.”

“Siyaphi, mma?” kubuza uSizwile ngokurareka.
Begade kungoMgqibelo, begodu besele amukele
bonyana uzokuphundwa mdlalo.

“Yenza msinya, Sizwile!” kukhalima uyise.

“Awudlali umdlalo namhlanje?” kubuza unina.

USizwile wathaba! Begade afuna ukuzincinza
ukubona bonyana akusilo ibhudango na.

Begade athabile ngebhesini begodu avuma
iingoma zethabo. Bekathabe kwamambala.



USizwile bekafuna ukutjengisa ababelethi bakhe ikghono lakhe. Babe bazombona kokuthoma. Wadlala kuhle. Wabonakala azimisele khulu kunangaphambilini. Begade amsinya ebholweni. Isiqubuthu sikhalima, sirhuwelela besivuma:

USizwile yingorho!

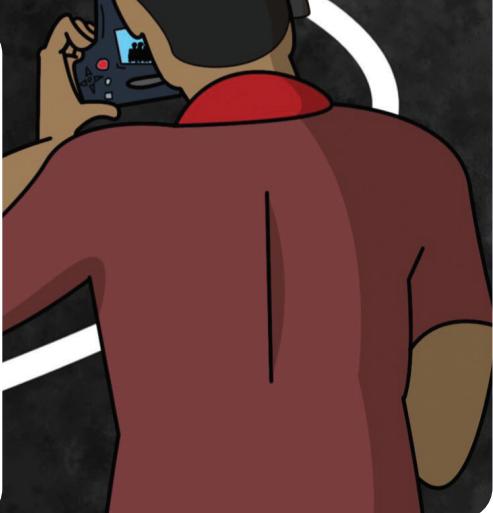
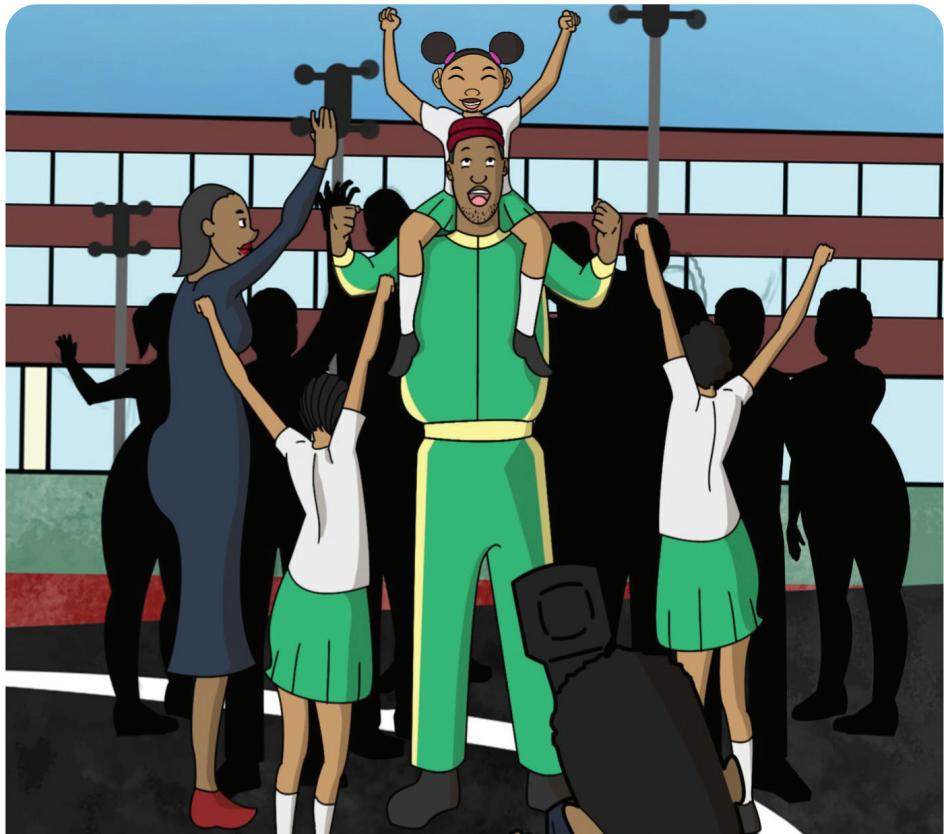
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“Mntwanami!” Unina wabe atjela woke ofuna ukuzwa.

Ababelethi bakhe akhange bakholwe amehlo wabo nababona umntazana wabo adlala kuhle kangaka. Wabe anonde aqala ababelethi bakhe abajame ngeenyawo begodu bamulonga, wazizwa anamandla ngokubuyeletweko.







Ngemuva komdlalo, isiqubuthu sabalandeli
samguga samphakamisela phezulu ngokuthaba.

Waphakamisa izandla zakhe, amomotheka.

Isiqubuthu sabantu soke sasivuma iingoma
zokuthumba.

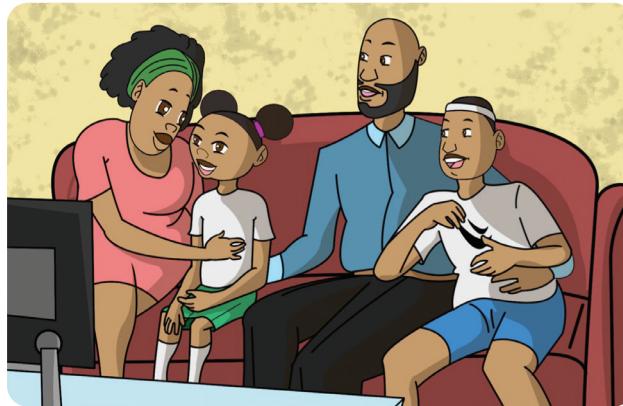
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Abahloli ebegade bazokubona umdlalo nabo babe
bathabele ukubona uSizwile wemikarisomraro
athatha amagadango amade nakaphosa ibholo.
Babe bambiza bonyana ‘mdlali wemikarisomraro’
ngombana begade amncazana kunabo boke
abadlali.

Isiqubuthu sasimangele. Yena wabe asazi bonyana
uzakukhethwa esiqhemeni esikhulu esiyokudlala
eTshwane.



“Begade ngingazi bonyana utjho lokhu nagade usithi udlala umdlalo wenethibholo, mntazanami,” uyise wathoma ikulumo leyo nabafika ekhaya.

“Incwadi le ithi sizokukhamba siye eTshwane. Siyokuphapha ngesiphaphamtjhini!” kutjho unina kaSizwile.

USiya, naye, wabe athabele udadwabo. Umndeni wakhumbula imikarisomraro yemisikinyeko kaSizwile etatawini.

USizwile kwakumthabisa ukubona ababelethi bakhe bathakasile ngalokhu akwenzako nangendlela adlala ngayo. Koke ebegade akufisa.