



# Ishibhelani kaKulani



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UKulani noRisuna babengabahlobo.  
Babengoontanga bezakwenza itheko  
lokubhiyozela usuku lwabo lokuzalwa.

“Ndingxamele ukuvula izipho zam xa ndifika  
ekhaya,” utshilo uKulani.

“Nam ngokunjalo!” Waphendula uRisuna.



Ngosuku olulandelayo uKulani noRisuna  
bedlala kunye, wabuza uKulani, “umama  
notata wakho bakuthengele ntoni ngosuku  
lwako lokuzalwa?”



“Bandithengele ibhayisekile yejona nto bendiyifuna. Wena ufumene ntoni?” wabuza uRisuna.



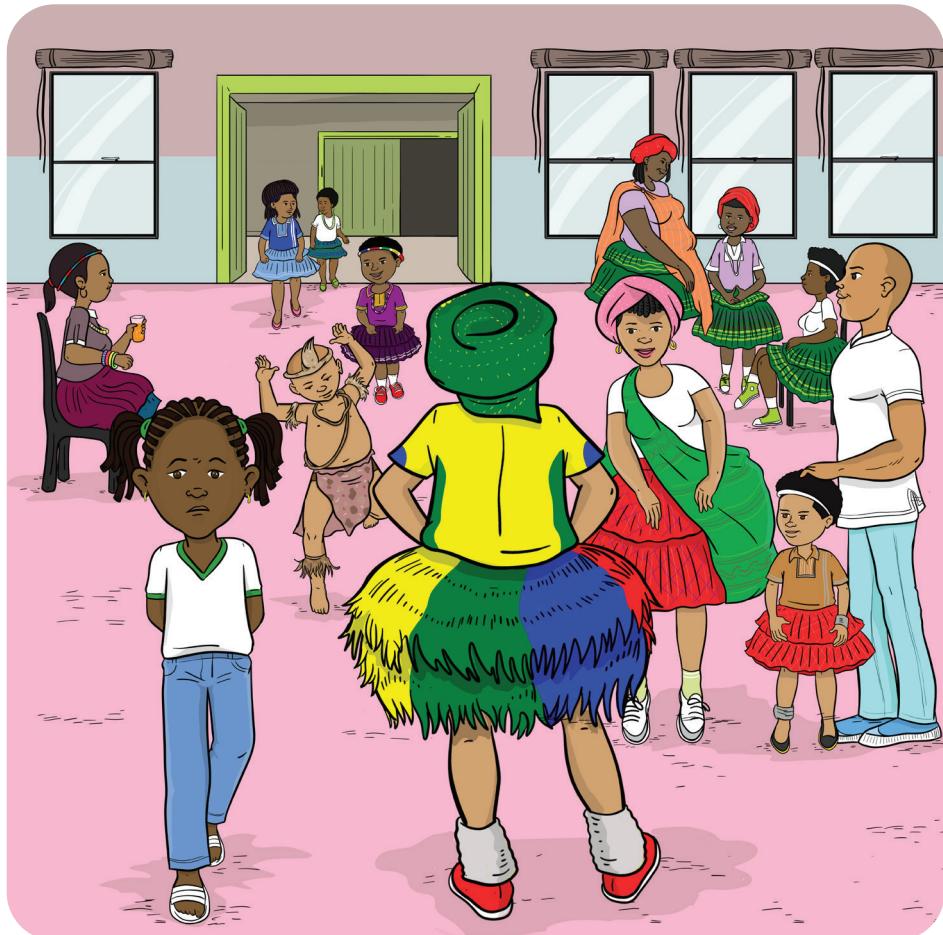
“Bandithengele *ishibhelani*,” waphendula uKulani.

“*Ishibhelani?* *Ishibhelani* yejabantu abadala hayi abantwana!” Utshilo uRisuna.



“Nabantwana bayaxhentsa nje. Umama  
uthi kufuneka sikhule siwenza umxhentso  
*weshibhelani*,” utshilo uKulani.

URisuna wahleka wahamba.



Ngosuku Iwamagugu nenkcubeko yoluntu,  
abantwana bafika kwiho lo yasekuhlaleni  
bembejembeje.

URisuna wayekhathazekile kuba yena  
wayenganxibanga shibhelani ngaloo mini.



URisuna wabona uKulani.

“Intle *ishibhelani* yakho. Ndilusizi kuba  
ndingenayo mna,” utshilo uRisuna.



“Ndifuna ukugoduka,” utshilo uRisuna  
kalusizi.

“Yima sukuhamba Risuna. Yiza undibukele  
xa ndixhentsa”



URisuna wabukela uKulani ngokuzingca  
exhentsa kamnandi enxibe *ishibhelani* yakhe.

UKulani ufumene iwonga lokuba ngoyena  
unxibe kakuhle!



UKulani wamkela ibhaso lamaso omqala.  
UKulani noRisuna bagoduka kanye.



“Ndiyazi ndiza kucela ntoni ngosuku lwam lokuzalwa olulandelayo!” utshilo uRusina.

“*Ishibhelani!*” utshilo uKulani encumile.

“Sizakutsho sikhwazi ukuxhentsa kunye.”