



Uyaphupha uThwasa!



NguGabogaisane Sikhipa



Ngobu busuku, uThwasa uguquguquka
oko, umana ejijula ebhedini. Yintoni
ingxaki?

Ufuna ukuvuka kodwa uzakuvuka enze
ntoni, ayephi ezinzulwini zobusuku?





UThwasa uhlala nomama wakhe
uMthwakazi kwilali yaseMxhalanga. Mva
nje uhlala ecinga ngeli gama walithiywayo.
Wayefuna ukwazi walifumana njani?

“Ndingabuza umama?

“Akazukuba nomsindo xa ndimbuza.”
Wazibuza imibuzo emininzi.



“Ngomso kufuneka sivuke ngentlazane, siye kwilali yaseMxhelo. Kulapho uza kuqeqeshelwa ukuba sisangoma,” Watsho ejije ubuso unina uMthwakazi. Waba buhlungu kakhulu uThwasa akuva la mazwi wazibona sele ephakathi komsi wamachiza eSintu.





“Ndiyakucela mama andifuni ukuba sisangoma. Ndiseyimveku andifuni kusebenza ngamayeza, ndifuna ukuba ngumongikazi,”



“Ungochongiwego Thwasa kanti uza
kuba siiso isangoma. Ndakuthiya ukuba
unguThwasa ndilungiselela le meko.
Lungisa uze sihambe.”





Einzulwini zobusuku, uThwasa
wavuka waqonondela phezulu wakude
ngeengcinga.

“Ingaba kukuzifaka engxakini oku? Kodwa
ndiza kumkhumbula uMama” Wathi
khwaphululu kwa oko kuloo mandlalo
uThwasa.



Kwakumnyama engafuni ukwenza ingxolo.

Thwayi, thwayi, wachwechwa ephuma endlini. “Ukuba ndinokugila nantoni, iza kwenza ingxolo!”





Endleleni, uThwasa wadibana nendoda
imkhawulela.

Swahla, swahla wazimela emva kwetyholo.

“Ngubani olapho?” Indoda yakhwaza.

“Ndim, mhlekazi,” uphendule uThwasa.

“NdinguMthethwa, uyaphi ezinzulwini
zobusuku? Awuwoyiki amarhamncwa
obusuku he, khawuleza phendula kwedini.”



“Igama lam nguThwasa ndisuka eMxhalanga
ndiyesaba ekhaya, uMama ufunu ndibe
sisangoma kodwa mna andifuni kuba
sisangoma ndicela undincede!”





“Hamb’ umke! Nina bantwana banamhlanje niziphethe kakubi. Anibahloneli abazali benu. Ndisisangoma mna kuqala. Jong’ apha, ndivumelana nonyoko kwedini. Akukho mkhwa xa usisangoma,” yatsho le ndoda ngomsindo.



UThwasa wemka ebuhlungu
engalufumenanga uncedo.

Uza kwenza ntoni ngoku?

UThwasa uva izandi ezoyikisayo
zasebusuku. Uza kuthini ukuba yingonyama
okanye udyakalashe?

Thwaba, thwaba, uThwasa uhamba
ebumnyameni ebhekabheka intliziyo ibetha
ngamandla luloyiko.





Owu hayi! hleze kuyavakala noku kubetha kwentliziyo yam.

Endleleni, uThwasa udibana nenenekazi elide limkhawulela. Walaqaza ekhangela indawo yokuzimela kodwa kungasekho thuba lakubaleka.

“Ndingu Thwesiwe, uyaphi? Thetha mfana ndimamele.”



“Igama lam nguThwasa ndisuka kwilali iMxhalanga. Ndibaleka umama ufunu ndibe sisangoma kodwa mna andikunqweneli oko. Nceda undihlangule.”





“Kukungabi nasimilo ukubaleka abazali,”
latsho eli nenekazi.

Wakhala uThwasa waza uThwesiwe
wamcebisa ukuba aye kufuna uncedo
kwinkosi uKhwalo wakwaNdwandwa.

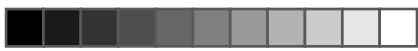
Kaloku iNkosi uKhwalo udume ngokuthanda
nokukhusela iiintsana.

Wavuya akuziva ezi ndaba uThwasa.



UThwasa wenyuka induli esiya kwinkosi
uKhwalo kwaNdwandwa enethemba
lokuba uza kulufumana uncedo. Zazisele
ziikhaphukhaphu iinyawo zakhe sele
ehambela phezulu.





Ngaphandle kuthango Iwendlu yeNkosi
uKhwalo wafumana ingwevu yexhego.
Wafika wacela ukubona iNkosi laze lamsa
eli xhego. Ufike waguqa ebongoza iNkosi
ukuba imncede.



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iMxhalanga. Ndibaleka uMama ufunu ndibe
sisangoma kodwa mna andikunqweneli oko.
Nceda undihlangule.”





Ilali yakhe yayingekude kule yenkosi yaze yampheleka ukugoduka. Bakufika inkosi yabiza uMthwakazi ukuba anike inkcazel.



“Thwasa! Thwasa! Vuka uzakushiyeka,
lixesha lokuya esikolweni.” Wathi balulu
amehlo wax huma emandlalweni uThwasa.

Yayingumama wakhe uMthwakazi emvusa
kusasa ukuba aye esikolweni.

“Tyhini yonke le nto ibiyimfeketho nje
yephupha!”

Wancuma esanga uMama wakhe uThwasa.

