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Udadewethu uSello akaziva izandi.

Uthetha ngezandla.

Xa sivuka siyabulisana.

Senza imiqondiso ngezandla sisithi, “Molo.”

Xa sityisa iintlanzi zethu, uSello uthetha nazo ngezandla.

Uthi, “Molweni, ninjani?”

Uthetha nazo ngeNtetho Yezandla.

Xa kukudala ndilinde ngaphandle kwegumbi langasese, ndiye ndidanyazise isibane kaninzi.

Ngaloo ndlela ndithi kuSello, “Kungena mna ngoku!”

Sitshayela isituphu sincothule nokhula egadini.

Ndithi kuSello ngezandla, “Jonga, umnyiki omncinci!”

Sifunda ngeminyiki esikolweni.

Ekuhambeni kwexesha kwangale mini umama uyasithuma.

Uthetha ngezandla athi, “Ndicela nithenge ubisi neswekile, ndiza kubhaka ikeyiki.”

Xa sifika endleleni, ndiqalisa ukuwela. USello undibamba engalweni. Uthetha nam ngezandla athi, “Yima! Kufuneka uqale ujonge!”

Evenkileni siyohlukana. USello ukhangela iswekile, mna ndikhangele ubisi.

Iswekile iphezulu kakhulu, uSello akafiki. Ucela umntu omdala ukuba amncede.

Kodwa lo mntu mdala akayiva iNtetho Yezandla.

USello umbhalela umbuzo wakhe kwinto yokubhala ayiphetheyo.

Ekhaya sibhaka ikeyiki nomama.

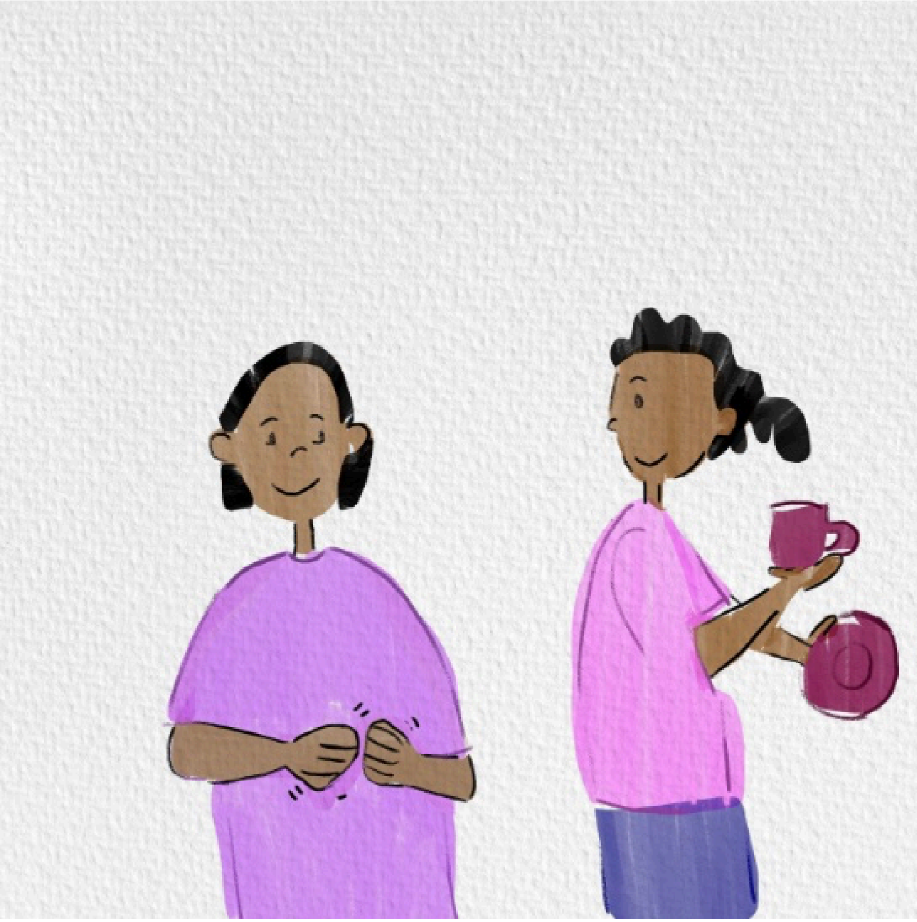
Xa ipholile siyayihombisa.

“Imnandi!” uSello utsho ngezandla njengoko esitya into yokuhombisa ikeyiki.

Senza iti size sinike umakhulu.

Umakhulu uthetha ngezandla athi, “Enkosi.”

Udadewethu uphendula ngezandla athi, “Kulungile.”



Emva kokuba kuphungiwe siqoqosha itafile.

USello uthetha ngezandla athi, “Nguwe ohlamba izitya!”

Ngobu busuku, sangana ngaphambi kokuba silale.

Sithetha ngezandla sithi, “Ulale kakuhle.”

INtetho Yezandla:

INtetho Yezandla lulwimi olusetyenziswa ngabantu abangevayo. Kodwa wonke umntu angayifunda.

INtetho Yezandla iyafana nazo zonke iilwimi, qha ayinazandi.

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