



Kati nenja babangani

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Kati nenja babangani labakhulu.

Bancuma kuvakashela umngani wabo, ntjwele
ngelilanga lakhe lekutalwa.

Ntjwele bekahlala kulesinye sigodzi.
Bekutawubatsatsa emalanga lamabili bokati
nenja kutsi bafike khona.



Bokati nenja bebenta tintfo ngendlela lengafani.
Inja beyitsandza kudla nekulala futsi
beyitsandza nekudlala kabi ngaletinye tikhatsi.

Kati bekanemusa, ephana futsi
bewungatsembela kuye. Bahlangana ekhaya
lenja kute bahlele luhambo lwabo.



“Ngimi lotawuletsa kudla kwelilanga lekucala,”
kutsembisainja.

“Mine ngitawuletsa kwelilanga lesibili,” kusho
kati.

Bakubhala phansi konkhe labatawukudzinga
kute bangakhohlwa lutfo.



“Kutawuba mnandzi kubona ntjwele madvutane. Kadze samgcina umngani wetfu,” kushoinja, ngesikhatsi iphekeletela kati.

“Ngiyabonga ngekungiphekeletela,” kusho kati.



Ngakusasa bahlangana ekuseni kakhulu kute bacale luhambo lwabo.

Bebahlabela baphindze badanse njengobe bahamba.

Ngekuhamba kwesikhatsi, baphumula ngaphansi kwesihlahla lesikhulu. “Mine ngilambile! Asidle,” kusho kati.



Inja yaphakela kudla ngekushesha etindishini letimbili. Lokudla bekugcwele emafutsa futsi kumanti.

Kati wabuta, “Ngiko yini loku kudla losiphatsele kona sobabili?”

Kati wacasuka ngobe umngani wakhe abengakaphatsi kudla lebebavumelene ngako. Akazange akudle kudla lobekuphetfweinja.



“Ulindzeni?” kubuta inja. Beyinelitsemba lekutsi kati utawuyekela kukhonona bese adle.

Acasukile, kati wabuta, “Kungani uphetse kudla lokutsandwa nguwe kuphela?” Inja beyidla iphanga kangangekutsi sitja sagicika. Konkhe kudla kwenja kwacitsekela emhlabatsini.



“Ungakhatsateki mngani wami,” kusho kati. Kati wakhapha isangweji lebukeya kahle. Wacala wadla. Inja yabuka kudla kwakati ngemehlo lavisa buhlungu.

Nakacedza kudla kati, wapakisha tintfo takhe wase utsi, “Singachubeka neluhambo lwetfu?”



Abazange basakhulumisana ngemuva kwaloko.
Sisu senja besisoloku sikhala ngenca yendlala.

Ntsambama, kati watiphakela. Wahamba
wayolala ajabulile ngekutsi abetiphatsele kudla
lokwenenele.

Inja yalala ilambile.



Ekuseni, kati watentela kudla kwasekuseni lokuncane. Inja beyisoloku igcolotele kudla kwakati.

Kati waniketa Inja kudla. Inja yatsi, “Ngicela ungicilele. Ngisuke ngaticabangela mine ngedwana.”

Kati waphendvula, “Asidle ndzawonye.” Bahlala phasi badla.



Njengobe bebachubeka neluhambo lwabo, baphindze baba bangani futsi! Bafika kahle ekhaya lantjwele.

“Lube njani luhambo lwenu bangani bami?” kubuta ntjwele.

Bokati nenja babukana bamoyitela, base bayaphendvula, “Lube luhle kakhulu.”



Kwaba lusuku lwekutsalwa loluhle mbamba.
Badla, bahlabela futsi badansa!



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