



Umngani ongathembekiko

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Kade, inyoka nesirhwerhwe kwaba bangani
abakhulu.

Bebabangani abazwanako bayirhara
nomncamo.



Ngelinye ilanga usiRhwerhwe wathi kuNyoka,
“Mngani, kungaba njani nange singakhamba
siyokubamba ubutjhontjhwana obunonileko
obuphaphako?”

Inyoka yavuma ukukhamba nosiRhwerhwe.



Abangani babamba ubutjhontjhwana
obuphaphako babufaka emgodleni omkhulu.

UsiRhwerhwe wabamba obunengi begodu
wathaba khulu.



Nasele baya ekhaya usiRhwerhwe banoNyoka
bahlangana newoma lobubhibhi.

Ububhibhi bebuzizitha zabo.



UNyoka walila wathi, "Mngani siyasahlelwa!
Nange siloba lokhu esinakho ngesikhwameni,
angeze saba nento esizoyidla ebusuku!"



UsiRhwerhwe watjhatjhawula ububhibhi,
“Sukani endleleni nina, nakungasinjalo omunye
wenu uzakuba ngungazimbi.”

Ububhibhi babona ukobana okungcono busuke
bubaleke!



UsiRhwerhwe wamema uNyoka ukobana azokudla naye ukudla kwantambama.

“Umkami upheka ubutjhontjhwana obuphaphako obumnandi,” kutjho usiRhwerhwe ngokuzikhakhazisa.

Abangani baragela phambili nokukhuluma lokha unakwakhe lakaRhwerhwe nakapheka ukudla kwentambama.



Msinyaza ukudla besele kulungile.

Abangani bahlamba nabaqedako bakhamba
bayokuhlala etafuleni.



Msinyazana, usiRhwerhwe wakhomba epleyidini lakhe wathi, "Ukudla kwakaNyoka kunengi khulu kunekwami!"



UNyoka waphendula wathi, “Awa kuhlekuhle ukudla kwakho ngikho okunengi kunekwami!”

UsiRhwerhwe wadla ukudla kwakhe kwantambama, kodwana uNyoka beyizwe ubuhlungu akhange isafuna ukudla.



Ekugcineni, usiRhwerhwe wathi kuNyoka,
“Nangabe uzokuthuka ukudla okuphekwe
ngumkami, kufanele uphume ukhambe kwami.”



Kwaba kuphela kobungani obuhle.

Soloko kwalokho, iinrhwerhwe neenyoka
akhange zisaba bangani.



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