



John Kani, ucale e-Snake Pit wagcina ngekuba yiNkhosi

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Lencwadzi yetindzaba imayelana naBonisile John Kani.

Watalwa ngamhlathi-1943 eNew Brighton, edolobheni laseGqeberha. Kusukela asemncane, bekatsandza kulingisa kanye netindzaba.

Lomfana waseMphumalanga Kapa wakhula waba ngumlingisi, ngumbhali, kanye nemcondzisi lodvumile emhlabeni!



Gogo waJohn nguye lowametayelanisa nemhlaba wetindzaba.

Bekamcocela tinganekwane letinyenti futsi wamfundzisa nendlela yekucamba tindzaba. Njalo kusihlwa, ngaphambi kwekuyolala, gogo waJohn bekamcocela tindzaba.

Bekutindzaba letesabisanako letimayelana nemtsakatsi lonematinyo lomadze kanye netinzipho letindze!

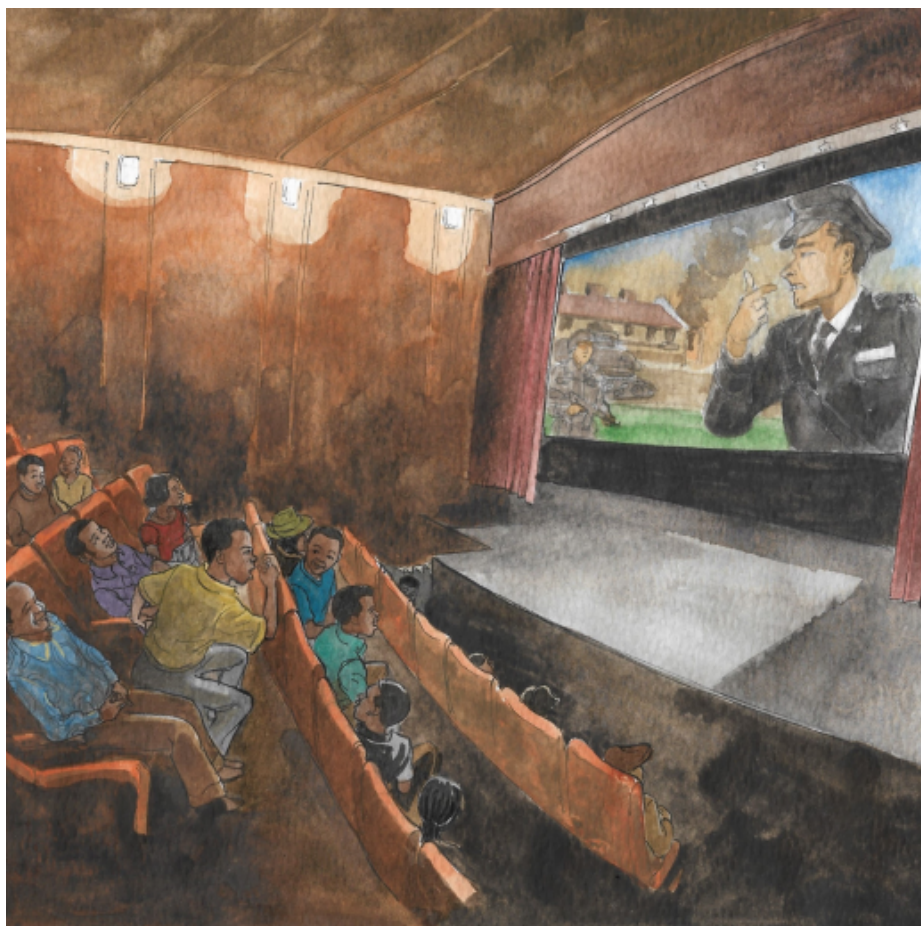


Ngalelinye lilanga, gogo waJohn wamcela kutsi amcocele indzaba.

Wacala ngekutsi, “Kwesukasukela, bekunesalukati lebesihlala njalo sifuna kutsi bantfwana basicoccele tindzaba!”

John wakujabulela kucoca tindzaba. Wacala kulingisa imidlalo esikolweni.

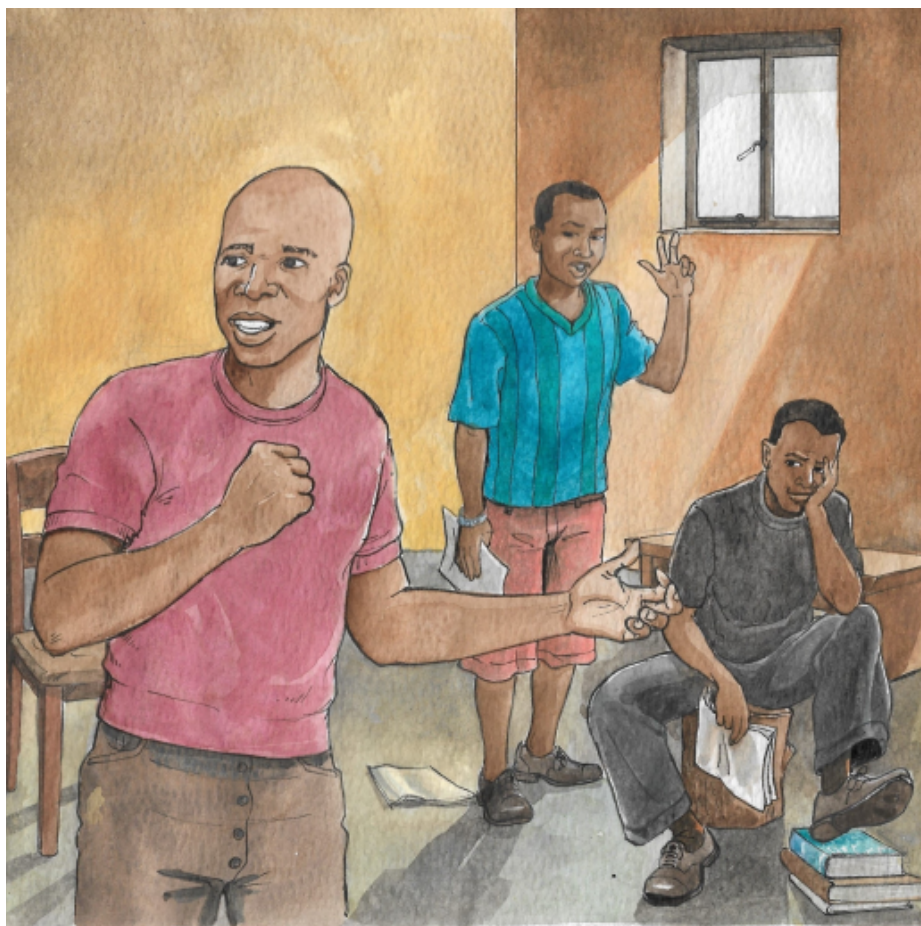
Umdlalo yindzaba ledlalwa balingisi.



Balingisi bangantjintja emavi abo futsi batente bantfu labehlukehlukene. Badlala tonkhe tinhlobo tebalingisi emdlalweni nakumafilimu.

Ngesikhatsi asemncane John, bekabukela emafilimu kanye nebangani bakhe labebangasicondzi kahle siNgisi.

John bekatolikela bangani bakhe tinkhulumiswano tesiNgisi, letidlalwa balingisi labehlukehlukene.



Ngemuva kwekucedza Sikolo Semabanga Laphakeme, John wasebenta efemini. Waphindze wajoyina licembu lebalingisi, lebebasebenta kuleminye imisebenti. Labanyenti babo bekubalingisi Labamnyama.

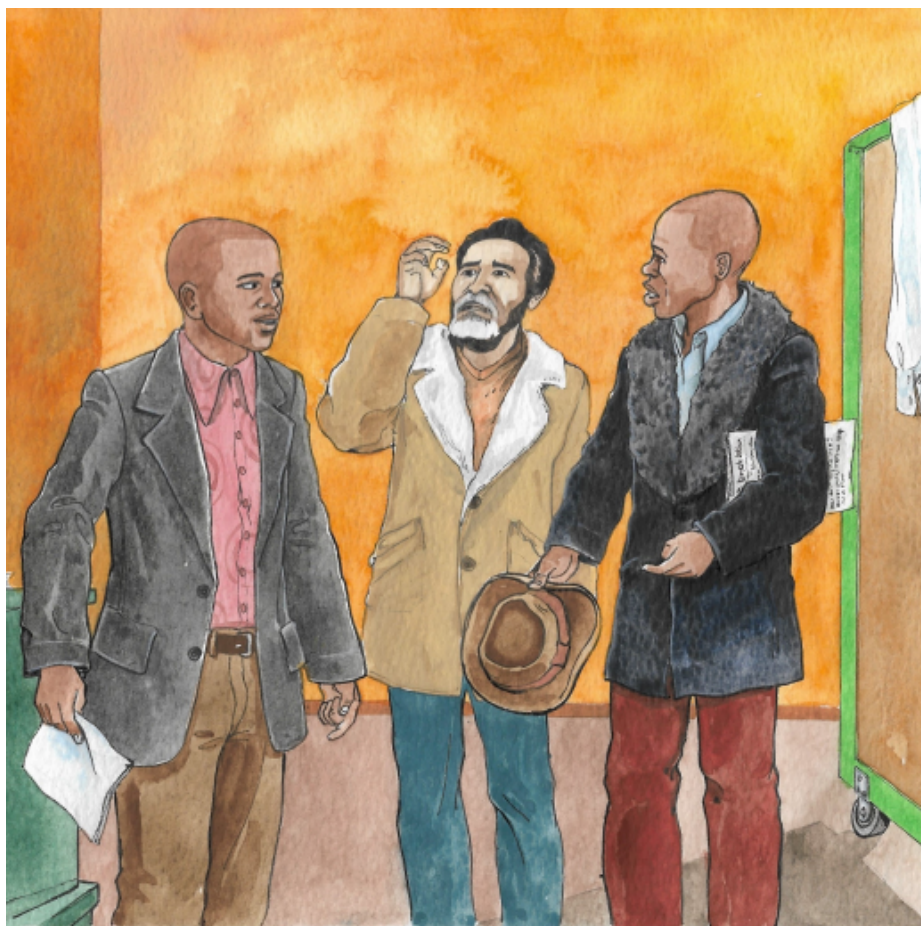
John watsi: “Besingetulu nje kwekuba licembu ledrama. Besingemasotja esiteji. Besisebentisa likhono lekukhuluma ngalokumelene netintfo letimbi.”



Ngaleso sikhatsi, John waba ngumngani lomkhulu wemlingisi Winston Ntshona. Bacala kwenta imidlalo ndzawonye.

Baba secenjini ledrama lelibitwa ngekutsi yi-*Serpent Player*.

Lelicembu lacala kudlala emgodzini wetinyoka longenalutfo wase-zoo yaseGqeberha. Yingako bebatibita ngekutsi ngema-*Serpent Player*.



Ema-*Serpent Player* ahlanganiswa ngu-Athol Fugard, lomunye umlingisi kanye nembhali. Athol, John kanye naWinston basebenta ndzawonye kute bente imidlalo lemibili lebalulekile ekucaleni kwema-1970.

Lemidlalo beyimayelana nemiphumela yelubandlululo kubantfu Labamnyama.

Lemidlalo beyibitwa ngekutsi yi-*Sizwe Banzi is Dead* kanye ne-*The Island*.



I-Sizwe Banzi is Dead imayelana nemitsetfo yabomatsi, ngesikhatsi bantfu Labamnyama bekudzingeka baphatse bomatsi lababitwa ngekutsi bodomupasi. Sizwe Banzi bekangakwati kusebenta ngobe bekangenayo imvume kudomupasi wakhe.

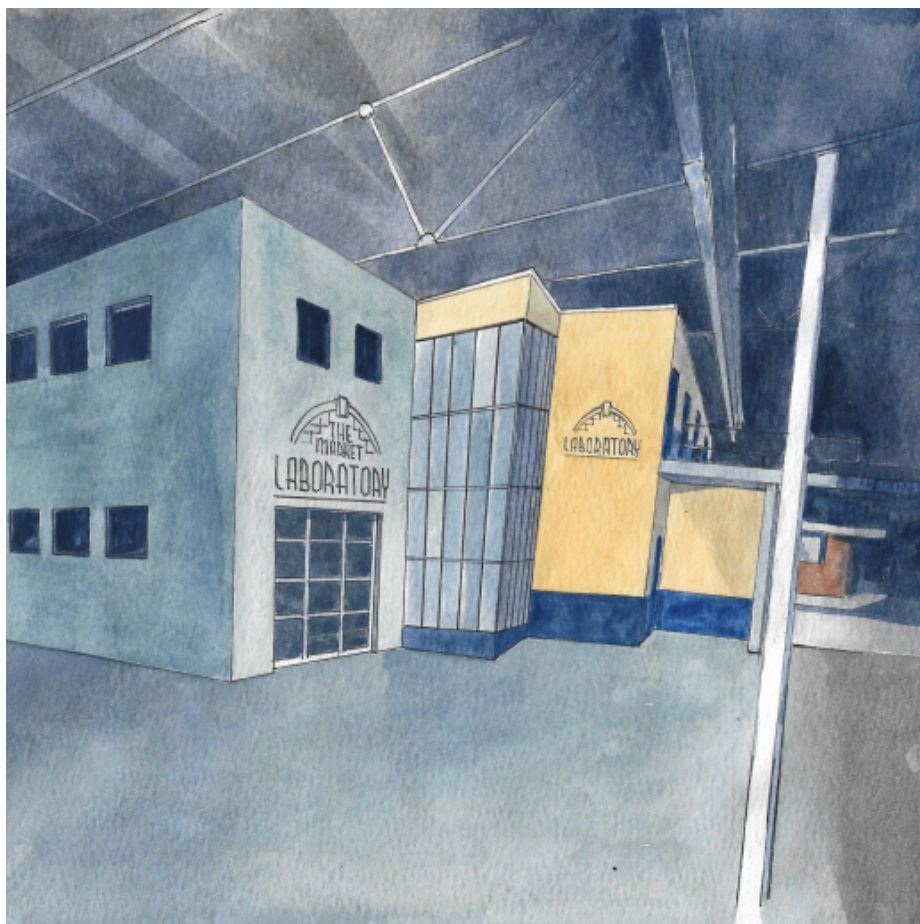
I-The Island imayelana nemadvodza lamabili lase-*Robben Island*, ejele lelidvumile letiboshwa tepolitiki.



Nge-1975 eNew York, John naWinston bawina
ema-Tony Award nge-Sizwe Banzi is Dead' nange-The
Island.

I-Tony Award ngumklomelo lobalulekile emaveni
emhlaba wekuhlonipha kudlala enkhundleni yemidlalo
yasesiteji. (Imidlalo idlalwa enkhundeni yemidlalo
yasesiteji).

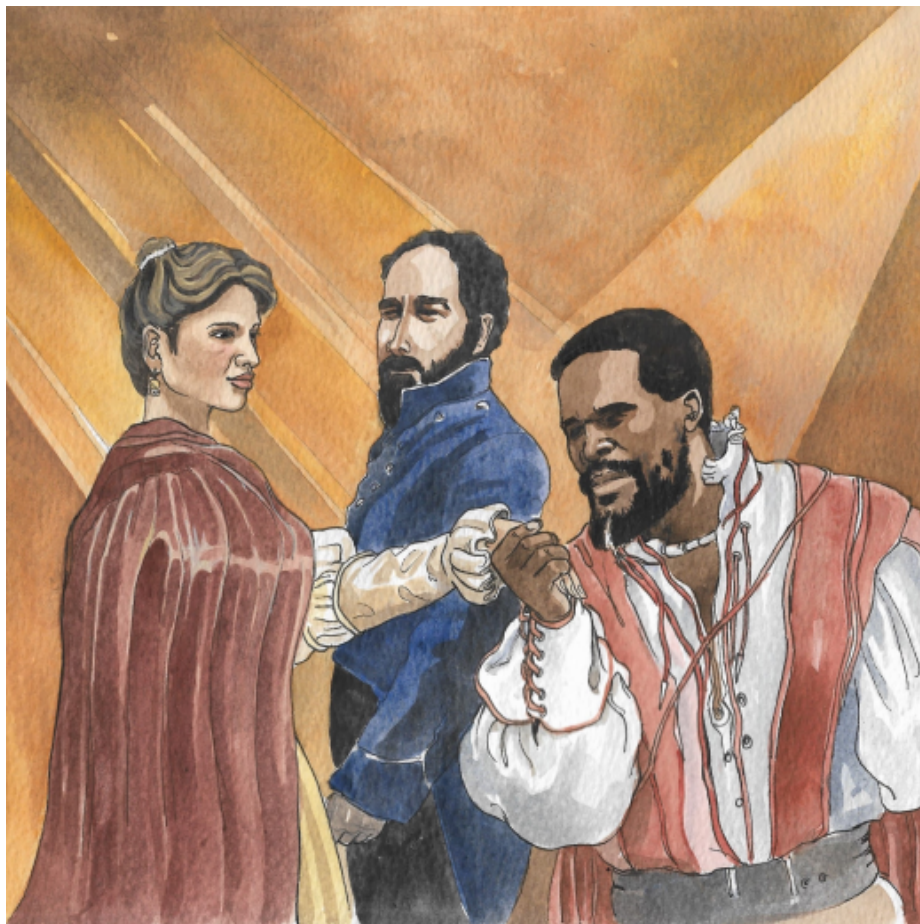
John wacala kusebenta nemcondzisi wenkhundla
yemidlalo yasesiteji lobitwa ngekutsiwa nguBarney
Simon.



John naBarney becalisa i-*Market Theatre Laboratory*,
leyincenye ye-*Market Theatre* yaseJozi.

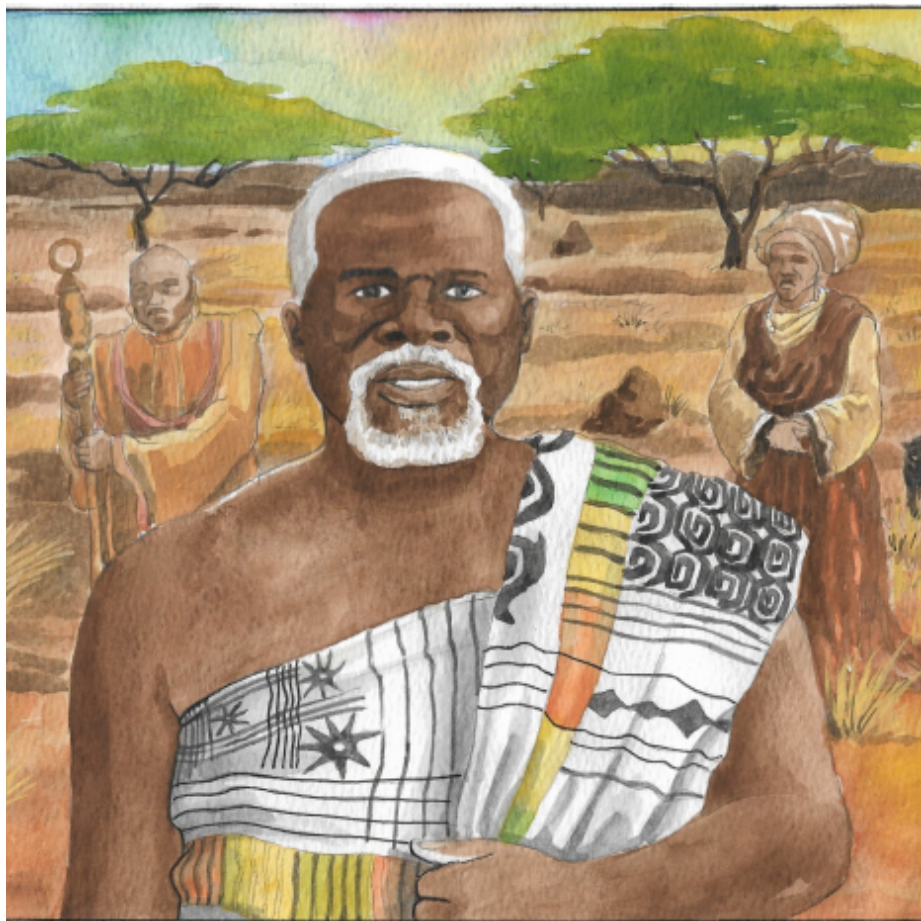
Le-*laboratory* icecesha bantfu labafuna kusebenta
enkhundleni yemidlalo yasesiteji, ikakhulukati
ngekulingisa.

Nge-2014, i-*Market Theatre* yantjintja ligama
lenkhundla yayo lenkhulu lase liba yi-*John Kani
Theatre*, ngenhloso yekumhlonipha.



Nge-2002, John watibhalela umdlalo wakhe wekucala. Bewubitwa ngekutsi *Nothing but the Truth* futsi ususelwa kulokwenteka eNingizimu Afrika ngemuva kwelubandlululo.

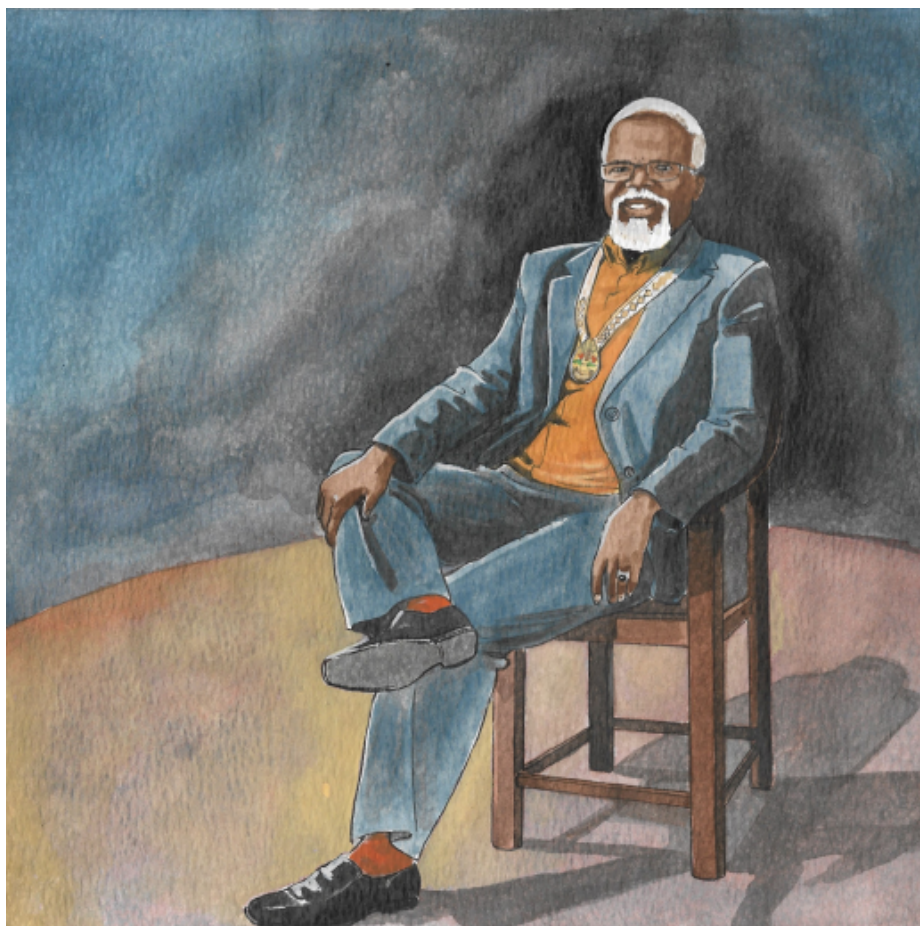
Eminyakeni leyengcile, bekadlala tinhlobo letinyenti temidlalo, kuhlenganise nalotsi *Othello* waWilliam Shakespeare, kanye nalotsi *Miss Julie* wa-August Strindberg.



John waphindze wadlala eluchungechungeni lwemidlalo yamabonakudze kanye nakumafilimu.

Nge-2016, wadlala ku-King *T'Chaka of Wakanda* efilimini lelitsi *Captain America: Civil War*.

Eminyakeni lemibili kamuva, wacala kudlala ku-King of *Wakanda* efilimini lelitsi *Black Panther*. John wasebentisa siXhosa njengelulwimi lwaseWakanda!



Nge-2005, John waklonyeliswa nge-*The Order of Ikhamanga* nguHulumende waseNingizimu Afrika.

Lomklomelo uhlonipha imphumelelo emisebentini yekucamba, kungaba senkhundleni yemidlalo yasesiteji, imibhalo, umculo, noma buntsatseli.

Lamuhla, John usabhala, usalingisa, futsi usavelele etinkhundleni temdlalo wasesiteji.

—Naku lokushiwo nguJohn Kani mayelana nemphumelelo yakhe:

1. “Inkhundla yemidlalo yasesiteji, kubhala kanye nekudlala kungente ngaveta lokwenteka ngekhatshi kimi, ekujuleni kwemphefumulo wami.”
2. Ucabanga kutsi usho kutsini ngaloku? Coca nalabanye ngaloku.

—Imibuto

1. Ngubani lowakhutsata John Kani kutsi acoce tindzaba? Kungani usho kanjalo?
2. Chaza kutsi labantfu laba yini labayentako enkhundleni yemdlalo wasesiteji: umlingisi, umbhali, umcondzisi.
3. Lasuselwa kuphi ligama lelicembu ledrama lelibitwa ngekutsiwa yi-*The Serpent Players*?
4. Tfola kutsi likhona yini licembu lasenkhundleni yemidlalo yasesiteji emmangweni wakini.
5. Balingisi bemidlalo badvuma njani emsebentini wabo?
6. Uyini umbono wakho ngemsebenti webalingisi bemidlalo newebaculi?
7. John Kani utsi, "Besisebentisa buciko kuze siphikise tento letimbi." Ngukuphi lokubi labakhuluma ngako?
8. Ucabanga kutsi yini leyente bantfu basebentisa buciko kuze bakhulume ngebubi lobusemphakatsini?

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