



UKatsu noNja babangani

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UKatsu noNja babangani abakhulu.

Bathatha isiqunto sokukhamba bayokuvakatjhela umngani wabo, uDzinyani ngelanga lakhe lokubelethwa.

UDzinyani bekahlala kwesinye isigodi. Kuzokuthatha uKatsu noNja amalanga amabili ukobana bafike khona.



UNja noKatstu bebaziphethe ngeendlela ezihlukileko.

UNja bekathanda ukudla nokulala kwesinye isikhathi bekaba nakho ukuganga.

UKatsu bekanomusa, anezwelo begodu bekungathenjelwa kuye.

Bahlangana endaweni kaNja ukobana batlame ikhambo labo.



“Ngizakuletha ukudla kwelanga lokuthoma,” kutjho uNja ngokuzinikela.

“Mina ngizakuletha kwelanga lesibili”, kutjho uKatsu.

Batlola koke phasi ukobana bangakhohlwa.



“Kuzokuba mnandi ukubona uDzinyani msinya.

Sekusikhathi eside nokho singasamboni umngani wethu,” kutjho uNja nakaphekelela uKatsu ekhaya.

Ngiyathokoza ukobana ungiphekelele,” kutjho uKatsu kuNja.



Ngelanga elilandelako, bahlangana ekuseni khulu ukobana bathome ikhambo labo.

Bebakhamba bavuma bagida indlela yoke bathabile.

Ngemuva kwesikhatjhana, baphumula ngaphasi komuthi omkhulu. "Wu! Sengilambile! Yewize sidle," kutjho uKatsu.



Msinyazana uNja waphakela ukudla ngeenkotlelweni ezimbili. Ukudla kwakunamafutha begodu kumanzana.

UKatsu wabuza, “Ingabe kukudla osithengele ukobana sikudle sobabili?”

UKatsu bekasilingekile ngombana umngani wakhe akhange eze nokudla abavumelene ngakho. Akhange adle ukudla kwakaNja.



“Alo kubayini ulindile?” kubuza uNja. Wabe anethemba lokobana uKatsu uzakulisa ukubalabala adle.

Ngokusilingeka, uKatsu wabuza, “Kubayini uze nokudla okuthandwa nguwe kwaphela?”

UNja wadla msinya bekwawa nesikotlelo.

Koke ukudla lokha kwakaNja kwaphalakela phasi ehlabathini.



“Ungatshwenyeki mngani,” kutjho uKatsu.

UKatsu wakhupha amasanghweji amahle khulu.

Wathoma wadla. UNja waqala ukudla kwakaKatsu akurhalela.

UKatsu nasele aqede ukudla, wapaka bewatjela uNja wathi, “Singaragela phambili nekhambo lethu?”



Akhange basakhulumisana indlela yoke.

Amathumbu kaNja athoma ukulila.

Ebusuku bamhlokho, uKatsu waziphakela ayedwa.
Wakhamba wayokulala athabile ngombana bekeze
nokudla okwaneleko.

UNja walala ngendlala.



Ekuseni, uKatsu wazenzela ukudlana kwekuseni okuncazana. UNja wabhalelwa kuzibamba wasoloko akakamale ukudla kwakaKatsu.

UKatsu wapha uNja okhunye ukudla.

UNja wathi, “Ngibawa ungilibalele. Ngibe namarhamaru ngazicabangela ngingedwa.”

UKatsu wamphendula wathi, “Buya sizokudla soke.”

Bahlala phasi badla.



Nabaraga ngekhamba labo, besele babangani godu!
Bafika endlini kaDzinyani ngesikhathi.

“Libe njani ikhamba lenu bangani?” kubuza uDzinyani.

Baqalana bamomotheka, uNja noKatsu baphendula bathi, “Belimnandi khulu.”



Kwamambala kwaba mnyanya omkhulu welanga
lamabeletho.

Badla, bavuma bagida!



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