



Luhambo lwaXikochimani

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Xikochimani wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ngalelolanga.

Waba ngumuntfu wekucala esikhumulweni semabhasi kanye nesematekisi.

Lolu bekuluhambo lwekucala lwaXikochimani ayedvwa.



Bekaya kamkhulu wakhe, Galela, losedolobheni.
Kusenjalo, indvodza yabita emagama etindzawo
Xikochimani latatiko.

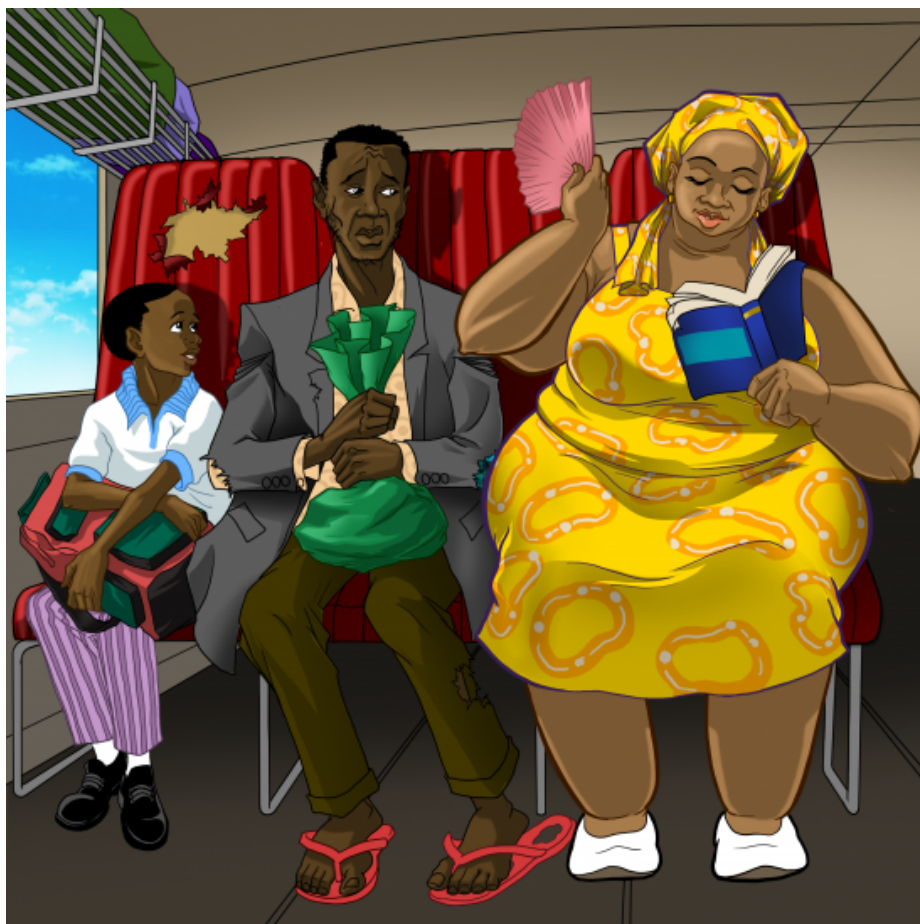
“Wota, ibhasi seiyahamba!” kusho indvodza.



Ibhasi bese igcwala. Xikochimani wema alindze kutsi kubitwe inombolo yelithikithi lakhe.

Bekunemfana lovimbe emnyango webhasi.

Xikochimani wativa aphelelwa kubeketela.



Xikochimani wahlala wabuka ngasefasitelweni,
eceleni kwaRhulani kanye nemkakhe
Madzivandlela.

Bekushisa ngendlela lecakile ebhasini.



Bositolosi yandzinda bebangena
ngekulandzelana ebhasini, umsindvo wabo
uvala tindlebe!

Bebatsengisa bonamunedi, bobhanana,
emaswidi, inyama, kanye nalokunye kudla
lokulula.



Madzivandlela wakhipha imali esifubeni sakhe kute atsenge titselo endvodzeni lenebuso lobumoyitelako.

Wabeka phansi incwadzi yakhe wase ucala kudla nekutijabulela.



Kwangena ebhasini umshayeli webhasi.
Wabingelela bagibeli. “Khululekani nijabulele
luhambo lwenu,” asho kubo bonkhe bagibeli.

Xikochimani waphindza onkhe emavi emshayeli!



Indlela leya edolobheni beyiyindze futsi inemajika.

Xikochimani bekajabulela kubuka kuntjintja kwekubonakala kwendzawo njengobe ibhasi ihamba.



Bekuloku kushisa kakhulu ebhasini ngalesikhatsi lilanga liyoshona. Bagibeli bebajulukile futsi betela.

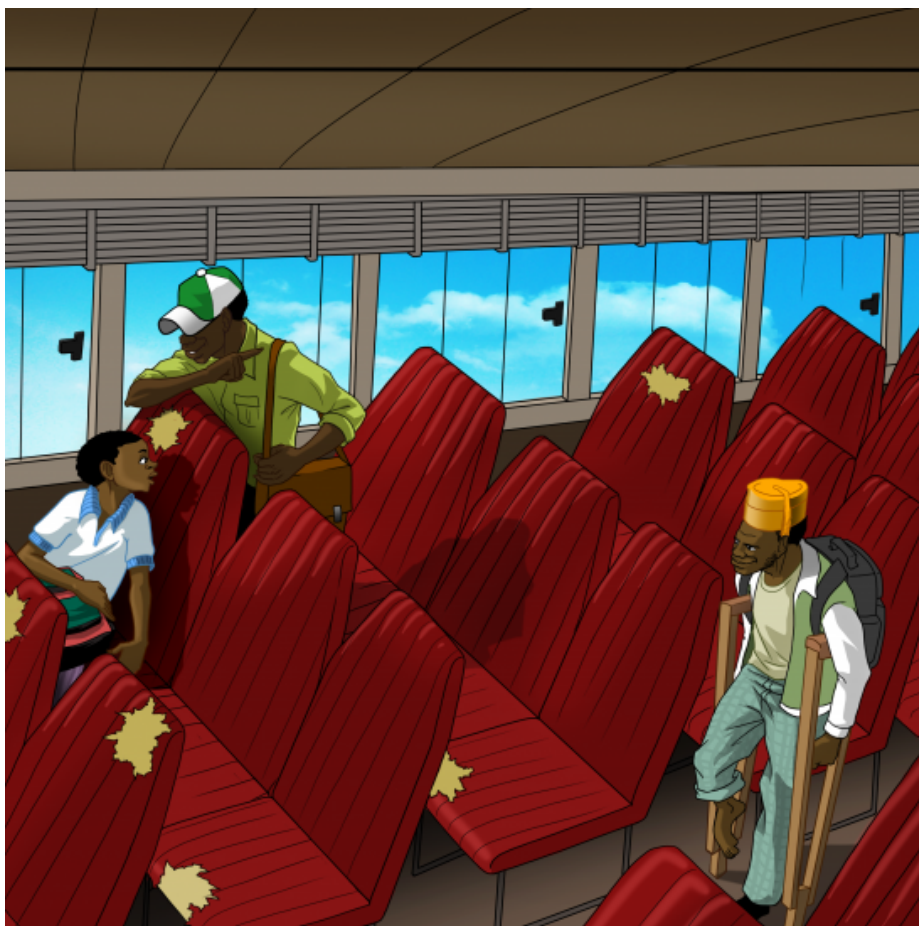
Rhulani bekankonkoshele sikhwama sakhe njengobe bekasalala.



Ngesikhashana boXikochimani, Rhulani, kanye naMadzivandlela bonkhe bese balele.

Madzivandlela wahona kakhulu.

Balala hhu butfongo njengobe ibhasi beyihamba busuku bonkhe.



Kwaba nesandla lesinganyakatisa kancane
lihlombe laXikochimani. Ekugcineni wavuka.

“Lesi siteshi sekugcina, kantsi uya kuphi?”
kubuta indvodza lengemuva kwaXikochimani.



Xikochimani wehla ebhasini.

Kute buso labetayele labubona.

Wakhuluma yedvwana, "Mine
nginguXikochimani waseRhulani, eGalela,
eXihimu. Ngiya ekhaya lamkhulu wami."



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