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Lena yindaba kaBonisile John Kani.

Wazalwa ngonyaka ka-1943 endaweni yaseNew Brighton edolobheni laseGqeberha. Uthando lwakhe lokudlala esiteji nokuxoxa izindaba lwaqala esemncane.

Lo mfana waseMpumalanga-Kapa wadlondlobala waba umdlali wasesiteji, umbhali kanye nomqondisi wemidlalo odume umhlaba wonke.



Ugogo wakhe nguyena owaqala ukumxoxela izindaba.

Wayemxoxela izinganekwane futhi emfundisa nokuthi izindaba zixoxwa kanjani.

Njalo kusihlwa ngaphambi kokuba balale, ugogo wayexoxela uJohn izindaba.

Kwakuyizindaba ezesabisayo, ezinye zixoxa ngabathakathi abanamazinyo amade nezinzipho ezinde!



Ngelinye ilanga ugogo wacela uJohn ukuthi kube nguyena omxoxela indaba.

Wayiqala indaba yakhe uJohn wathi, "Kwakukhona ugogo owayethanda njalo ukuthi izingane zimxoxele izindaba!"

UJohn wayekuthakasela ukuxoxa izindaba. Waqala nokudlala emidlaweni yasesiteji esikoleni.

Umdlalo wasesiteji indaba elingiswa abadlali.



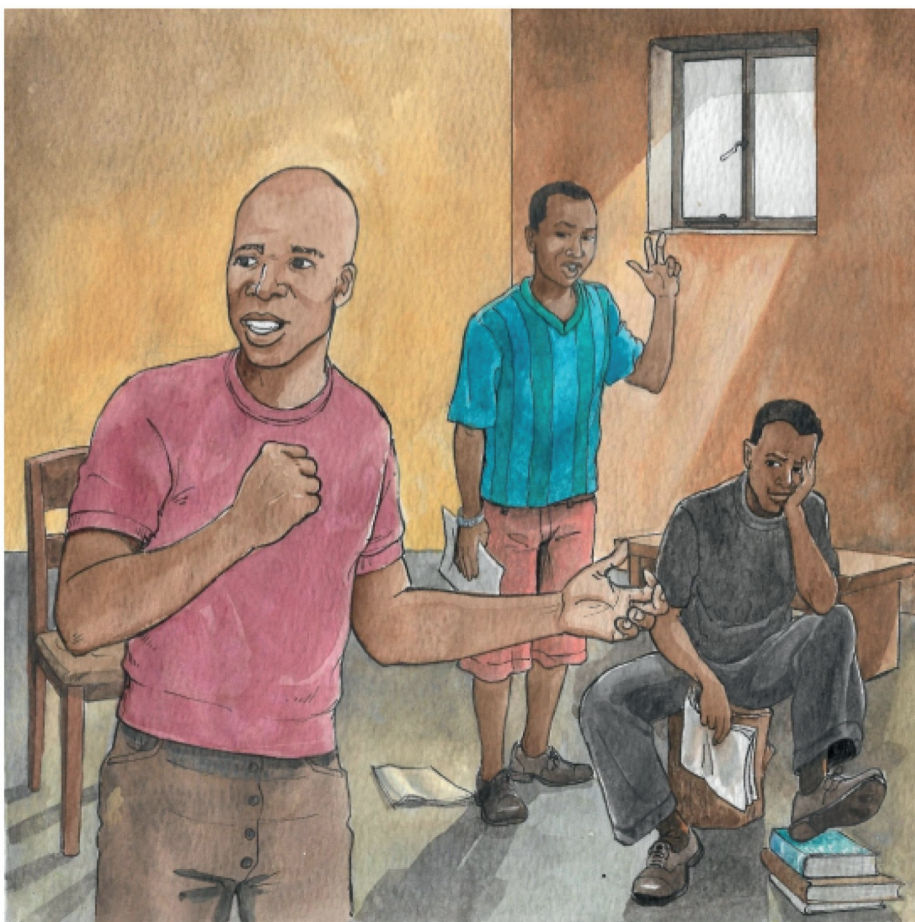


Abadlali basesiteji bangashintsha amazwi abo ngesikhathi belingisa ukuba omunye umuntu. Badlala balingise zonke izinhlobo zabalingisi emidlalweni noma kumafilimu.

Ngesikhathi esemncane uJohn wayebuka amafilimu nabangane bakhe ababengaluqondi kahle ulimi lwesiNgesi.

Wayebahumushela abangane bakhe okukhulunywa ngesiNgesi azenze abalingisi abahlukene.





Wathi angaqeda izifundo zakhe esikoleni samabanga aphezulu, wahamba wayosebenza embonini.

Wajoyina amaqembu abadlali basesiteji ababesebenza kweminye imisebenzi. Iningi labo kwakungabadlali basesiteji abaNsundu.

UJohn wake wathi, "Sasingebona nje kuphela abadlali bomdlalo.

Sasingamasotsha esiteji.

Sasisebenzisa ubuciko ukukhuluma kuzwakale ngezinto ezingalungile."



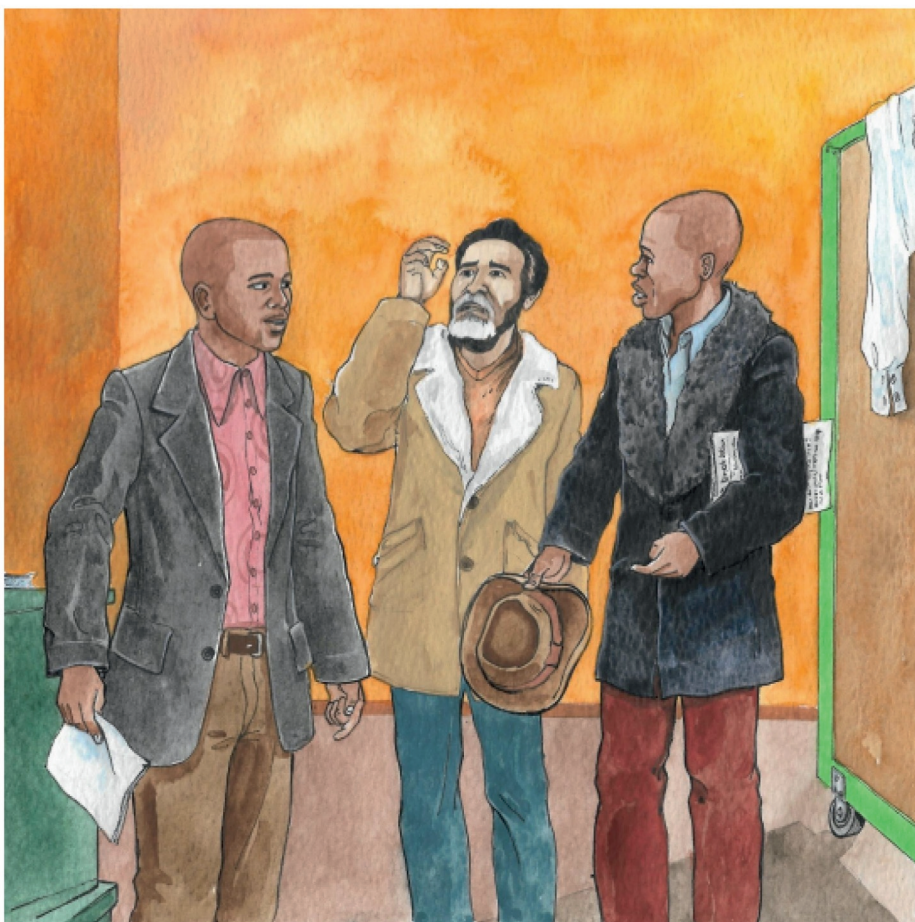
Ngaleso sikhathi uJohn waba ngumngane omkhulu womdlali uWinston Ntshona. Baqala ukuqamba imidlalo yasesiteji ngokusebenzisana.

Babeseqenjini labadlali ababezibiza ngokuthi *iSerpent Players*, izinyoka phela.

Umdlalo waleli qembu wokuqala bawudlalela endaweni eyayakhelwe izinyoka eZu yaseGqeberha.

Yingakho nje babezibiza ngokuthi bangama *Serpent Players*.





Iqembu labadlali basesiteji *iSerpent Players* lalihlelwa ngu-Athol Fugard, omunye ongumdlali wasesiteji nombhali wezincwadi.

U-Athol, uJohn noWinston basebenza ndawonye ukuqamba imidlalo yasesiteji emibili eyavelela ngasekuqaleni kweminyaka yawo-1970.

Le midlalo yayixoxa ngemiphumela yobandlululo kubantu abaNsundu.

Le midlalo yilena, i '*Sizwe Banzi is Dead*' nalona othi '*The Island*'.





Umdlalo obizwa ngokuthi '*Sizwe Banzi is Dead*' uxoxa ngemithetho yamapasi, lapho abantu abaNsundu kwakufanele bahambe bephethe incwajana kamazisi ebizwa ngepasi.

USizwe Banzi okuxoxwa ngaye, ngeke akwazi ukuthola umsebenzi ngoba akanikeziwe imvume yokusebenza epasini lakhe.

Lona othi '*The Island*' uxoxa ngamadoda amabili aboshwe eRobben Island okuyijele elidumile okuboshwa kulo iziboshwa zepolitiki.



Ngonyaka ka-1975 edolobheni laseNew York eMelika, uJohn noWinston bazuz indondo *iTony Awards* ngale midlalo yabo emibili, *i'Sizwe Banzi is Dead'* ne *'The Island'*.

*ITony Award* indondo ebaluleke kakhulu emhlabeni wonke jikelele futhi izuzwa kuphela abadlali abadlala ngokuvelele esiteji.

(Imidlalo idlalelwa esiteji.)

UJohn waqala ukusebenza nomqondisi wemidlalo yasesiteji uBarney Simon.



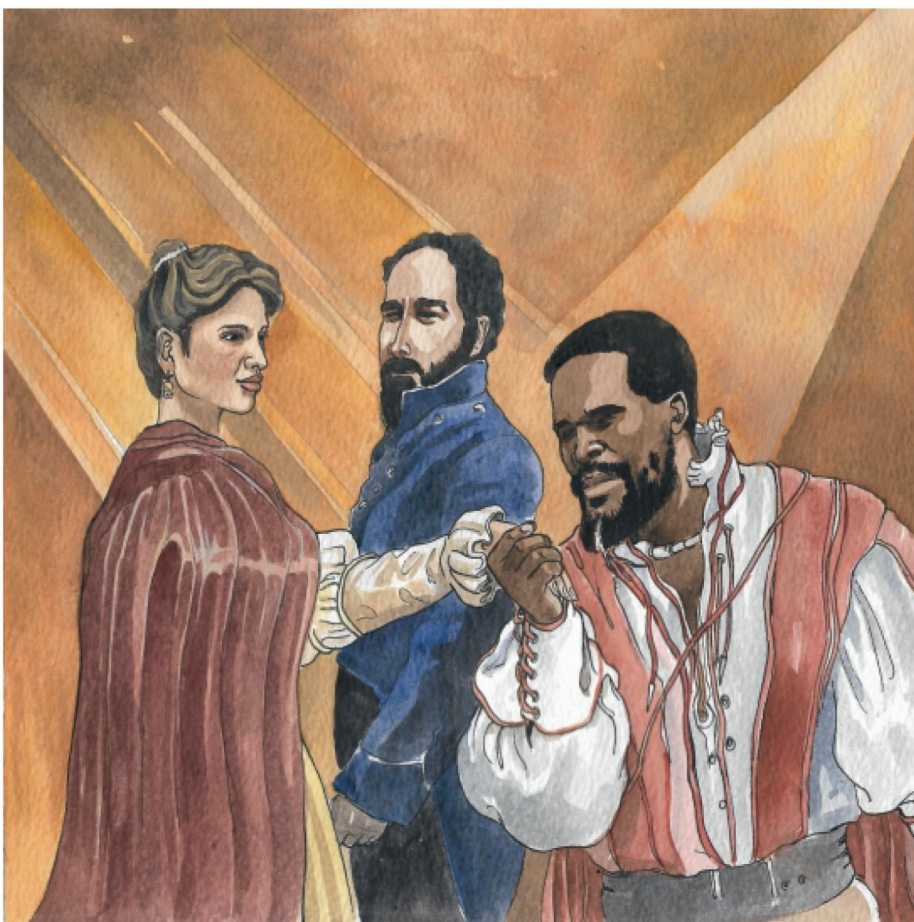


UJohn ehlangene noBarney basungula indawo yokuqeqesha amakhono asesiteji *iMarket Theatre Laboratory*, eyingxenywe yendawo okudlalwa kuyo imidlalo yasesiteji eseGoli *iMarket Theatre*.

Le ndawo iqeqesha abantu abafuna ukusebenza esiteji ikakhulukazi abadlali.

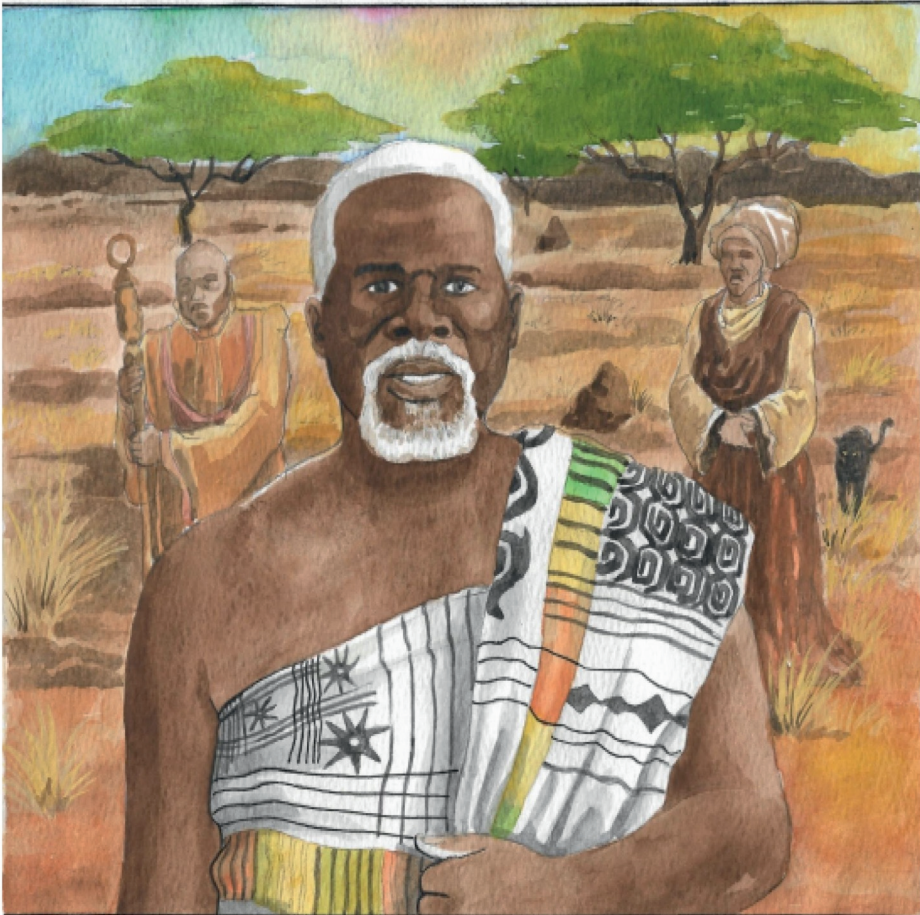
Ngonyaka ka-2014 igama lale ndawo lashintshwa laba *iJohn Kani Theatre*, ukuhlonipha yena uJohn Kani.





Ngonyaka ka-2002 uJohn wabhala umdlalo wakhe wasesiteji wokuqala eyedwa. Ubizwa ngokuthi '*Nothing but the Truth*' kanti uxoxa ngesimo seNingizimu afrika emva kombuso wobandlululo.

Eminyakeni eminingi uJohn usedlale emidlalweni enhlobonhlobo, kubalwa kuyo *i'Othelo*' ebhalwe nguWilliam Shakespeare, ne'*Miss Julie*' ka-August Strindberg.

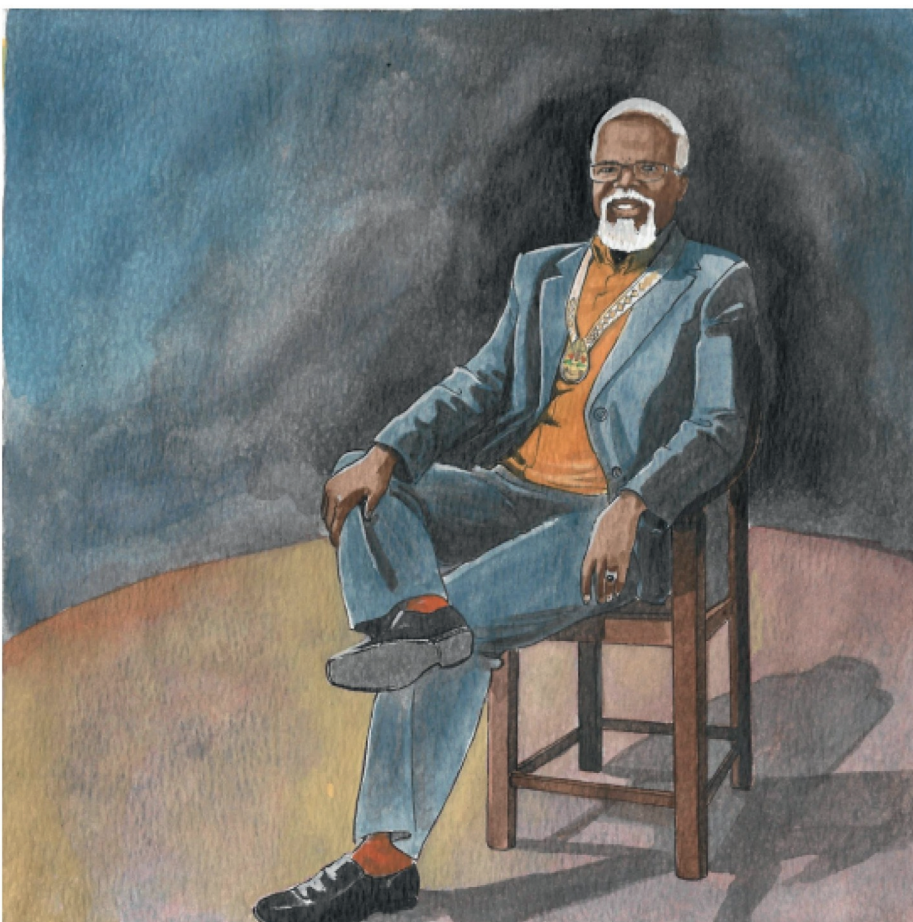


Waphinde wadlala nesemidlalweni yeTV ewuchungechunge nakumafilimu. Ngo-2016 wadlala indawo ka *King T'Chaka of Wakanda* kufilimu i-*'Captain America: Civil War'*.

Eminyakeni emibili emva kwalokho waphinde wadlala indawo ka *King of Wakanda* kufilimu i-*'Black Panther'*.

UJohn wenza ulimi lwesiXhosa kube wulimi lwaseWakanda.





Ngonyaka ka-2005 uhulumeni waseNingizimu Afrika wamhlonipha ngokumklomelisa ngendondo eyaziwa nge *The Order of Ikhamanga*.

Le ndondo inikezwa umuntu ovelele emkhakheni wokuqamba njengemidlalo yasesiteji, imibhalo, umculo kanye nobuntatheli.

Kuze kube namhlanje, uJohn usengumbhali, umdlali wasesiteji futhi usavelele kumhlaba wasesiteji.





—Nakhu uJohn akusho ngezinto asezizuzile:

1. “Imidlalo yasesiteji, ukubhala nokuba ngumdlali kwenza ukuthi ngikwazi ukuxhumana nalokho okungaphakathi kimi nasemphefumulweni wami.”
2. Ucabanga ukuthi uchaza ukuthini ngalokhu? Xoxa ngakho nabanye.



## —Imibuzo

1. Ngubani owafundisa uJohn ukuxoxa izindaba? Kungani usho njalo?
2. Chaza ukuthi laba bantu benza msebenzi muni emidlalweni yasesiteji: umdlali, umbhali, umqondisi.
3. Lalisuselwaphi igama labadlali basesiteji elithi, *'The Serpent Players'*?
4. Thola ukuthi likhona yini iqembu lemidlalo yasesiteji emphakathini wakini.



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