



Umusa kaMaṭodzi

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Kwakukhona intombazane igama layo kunguMaṭodzi.

UMaṭodzi wayehlala nomama nogogo wakhe.



Ngelinye ilanga, umama wakhe wamthuma ukuba ahambise umbiko kumalume kazi wakhe owayehlala kwenye indawo.

“Ubohamba ngendlela esivame ukuhamba ngayo,” kusho umama wakhe emkhumbuza.



Nebala uMaṭodzi wahamba ngendlela ababevame ukuhamba ngayo uma beya kwamalumekazi wakhe. Wafika wawedlulisa umbiko.

Esesendleleni ebuyayo, wezwa izwi elikhulumela phansi lithi, “Ngicela ungisize.”



UMatodzi waqalaza wabona inkosikazi eyayilele eceleni komgwaqo.

Wayibingelela futhi wayibuza, “Ulaleleni lapha?”



Inkosikazi yaphendula yathi, “Ngiphelelwa amandla futhi ngiyagula kanti ekhaya kusekude kakhulu.”

UMatodzi wazizwa enozwelo nenkosikazi.



Wathi kunkosikazi, “Ngizohamba nawe ngiye ekhaya kithi ngoba kuseduze.”

UMatodzi wayilekelela inkosikazi ukuthi isukume. Bahamba kancane baze bayofika kubo.



UMatodzi nomama wakhe kanye nogogo wakhe bayinakekela inkosikazi yaze yaba ngcono.



Yabonga kakhulu inkosikazi ngosizo abayinikeza lona.

Yamncoma uMaṭodzi ngesibindi sakhe nokukwazi ukunakekela abanye abantu.



Inkosikazi yathi kuMaḁodzi nomndeni wakhe,
“Angisoze ngakhohlwa eningenzele khona.

Emva kwezinsuku ezintathu, ngifuna ningitshele
izinto ezimbili eziyizifiso zenu.”



Emva kwezinsuku ezintathu, uMaṭodzi nomndeni wakhe bayitshela inkosikazi ngezifiso zabo ezimbili.

Isifiso sabo sokuqala kwakungukuba bathole umuzi omuhle.



Isifiso sabo sesibili kwakuwukuthi nathole ihlathi eliseduze nomuzi wabo ukuze bangayi kude uma beyotheza.

Zombili lezi zifiso zabo zafezeka, njengoba inkosikazi yayithembisile.



UMatodzi nomndeni wakhe baziphilela impilo emnandi emzini wabo omuhle futhi onehlathi eliseduze.



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