



Umlobi



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ULwandle yinkwenkwe ekrelekrele efuna ukwazi yonke into. Yena nosapho lwakhe babehlala kufuphi nomlambo iDihlabeng eFreystatha. Lo mlambo wawudume ngokuba neenyoka ezihlala kuwo. Nangona kunjalo ngoyena uthandwa kakhulu ngabalobi.





Inkoliso yabemi bale ndawo yayixhomekeke ekulobeni. Abanye babeloba ukuze kubekho into etyiwayo kumakhaya abo. Abanye babeloba baze bayokuthengisa iintlanzi emarikeneni.



ULwandle wayenqwanela ukuba ngumlobi. Wayedla ngokucela uyise amthengele iintonga zokuloba. Nangona babengamahlwempu uyise wayesoloko emthembisa ngokwenza njalo. Kwakuye kuthi xa kufika usuku lokuloba engekazithengi abeke olunye usuku aza kuzithenga ngalo.





Ekuhambeni kwexesha uyise ude wamthengela iintonga zokuloba. Kwasuka kwavela enye ingxaki. ULwandle wayesoyika ukuya kuloba yedwa. Wacela abahlobo bakhe uMahlatsi noNgqiqo ukuba bamkhaphe. Bobabini abazange bavume basuka bamisa ngokoyika iinyoka ezinobungozi ekwakubaliswa ngazo kulo mlambo.



Uza kuthini ngoku uLwandle?

Wayefuna ngamandla ukuloba ukuze akwazi ukuncedisa utata athengise iintlanzi emarikeni naye. Wazicenga wahamba yedwa ukuya kuloba. Wathi esahleli esafake intonga yokuloba emanzini wathi ntle ngenyoka idada isiza nganeno. Wacinga amazwi kaMahlatsi noNgqjjo.





Wagxabhagxabhisa waqokelela konke okwakhe wathi ngqe ukugoduka engekabambisele ntlanzi. “Hayi bo Lwandle, awubambisanga nokuba inye intlanzi ngosuku lwakho lokuqala?” wabuza uyise emangalisiwe. ULwandle waba neentloni ukuchazela uyise isizathu sokuba ubesoyika ukulunywa yinyoka. Waphendula ngelithi, “Hayi tata akukho nokuba inye intlanzi ethe yasondela kwigwegwe lakhe.



Ngemini elandelayo uLwandle wavuka ngonyezi waya kucenga uMahlatsi noNgqiqo ukuba baye kuloba naye. Bala kwaphela besithi abanakuzisa kwityhefu yeenyoka zomlambo bezazi. Babeneedyudyu beziqonda nje ukuba abanakuze balunge naphantsi kwayiphi na imeko.





Yamenza waba nesigqokru uLwandle le nto ejika jikana nayo. Wayengenabunganga bokuzihambela yedwa noxa intliziyo yakhe yayinegugu. Wayezimisele ukuloba ezibona engumlobi ophumelelayo kule lali yakhe.



Wagqiba ukuba makaye kucela uMnumzana Ngweya owayengomnye wabalobi kule lali. UMnumzana Ngwenya wayithakazelela le nto baze bahamba kunye. ULwandle waziva onwabile wazimisela ukuba akayi kuhamba engabambisanga nokuba yintlanzi enye.

UMnumzana uNgwenya wayengumlobi onamava elazi eli dama njengomva wesandla sakhe. Wabonisa uLwandle icala elalingenazo iinyoka baze balungiselela ukuloba khona. Yamenza wachulumanca ngakumbi uLwandle lento. Wayesazi ukuba ngoku akazukuba naxhala lokunqolwa yinyoka esaloba.

Bobabini baphosa iintonga zokuloba bafaka amagwegwe kwiziphelo zemitya yokuloba.





Bahlala
umzuzwana
belindle.
ULwandle wabona
umtya wentonga
ushukuma.

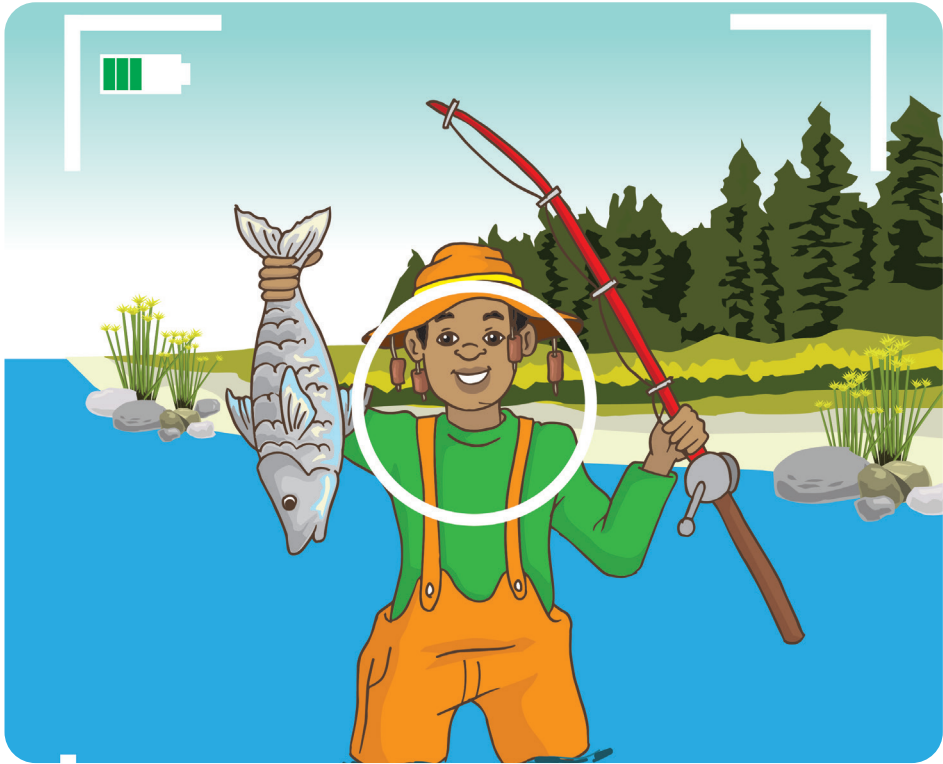
“Jonga Lwandle,
ndicinga ikhona
into oyimbabisileyo,

ngoku kufuneka utsale, ubophe, utsale
ubophe, uzame ukuba ingaphuncuki.”
Watsho uMnumzana Ngwenya.

“Ndenze ngolu
hlobo Mnumzana
Ngwenya?”
wabuza uLwandle
emaxhaphetshu.

Eneneni uLwandle
watsala, wabopha
kanti ubambisele
intlanzi enkulu.



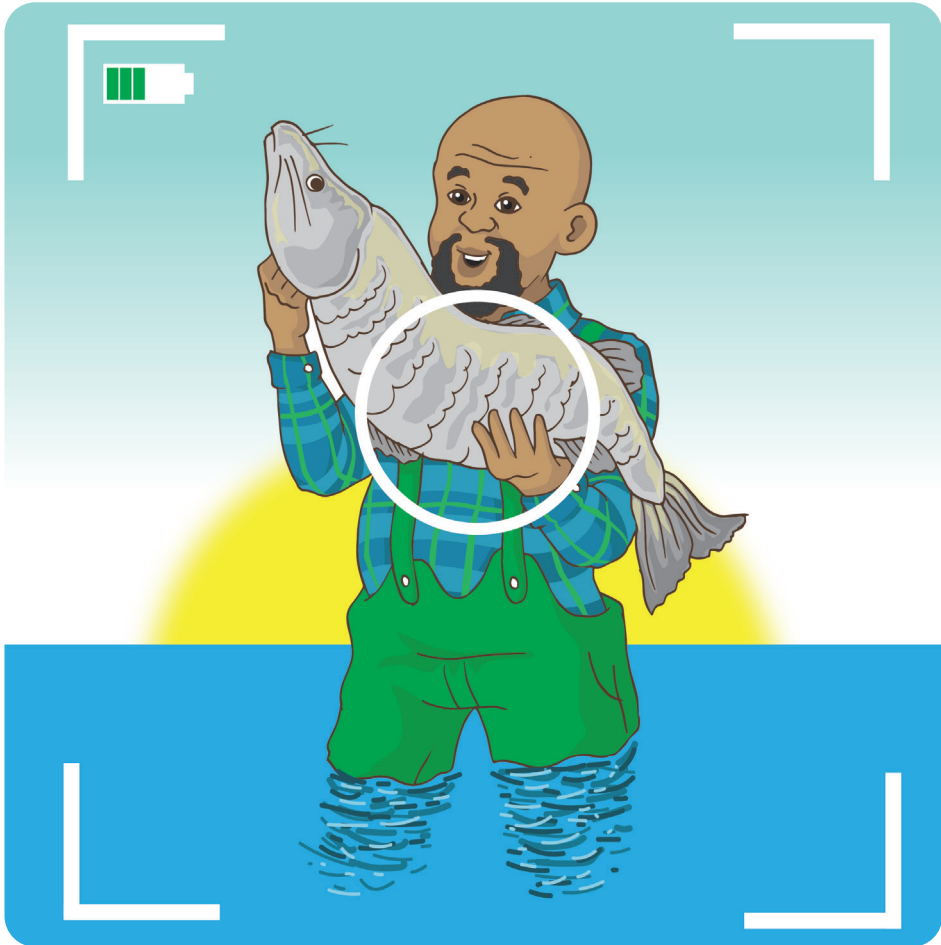


UMnumzana Ngwenya wakhupha iselufowni yakhe wathatha umfanekiso wentlanzi. Wathatha neminye imifanekiso kaLwandle ephethe intlanzi enkulu. Wathatha nento yokulinganisela efuna isisindo sentlanzi leyo. Wakuza akayeka akubona ubungakanani bayo.



Kuthe kusenjalo babona intonga
kaMnumzana Ngwenya ishukuma.
Wabaleka naye wayibamba, watsala
wabopha kwaphuma enye intlanzi
ekwankulu. Wavuya kuba kuzo zonke iintlobo
zeentlanzi, le uyithanda kakhulu.





Wayevuya kakhulu kuba kulo lonke uhlobo lwentlazi, le wayeyibambisile yeyona yayithandwa kakhulu kule ngingqi. Yaba lithuba likaLwandle lokuba athathe umfanekiso kaMnumzana Ngwenya nentlanzi yakhe. Bagoduka bephethe ezo ntlanzi.



Endleleni egodukayo uLwandle wayehambela phezulu ubuso bakhe bukhazimla enolona ncumo luqala esidleleni luye kwesinye. Wayecinga ngebhongo likayise lale ntlanzi. Wayenomfanekiso ngqondweni wakhe xa emana esiya kuloba yedwa.





ULwandle ngoku wayengumbambisi weentlanzi owaziwayo ethengisa nasemarikeni. Wayesithi xa uMahlatsi noNgqiqo becela iintlanzi abakhumbuze ukuba bala ukuhamba naye esithi nabo ngebengabalobi abanamava ngoku.



ULwandle
wayeyintshatsheli
yokuloba
kumakhwenkwe
alingana naye.
UMahlatsi noNgqiqo
baba nomdla
wokuzimanya naye.

Bafuna abafundise ukuloba. ULwandle
waqala ngokuthi eyonanto iphumelelisa
ukuloba sisimilo esihle, umondle, imbeko
nothando. Waqokelela namanye
amakhwenkwe engingqi wawafundisa ukuba
abe ngabalobi.

Wacela uMnumzana
Ngwenya kuba naye
abe ngumluleki
weli qela ukuze lazi
iimfihlelo zeendawo
zokuloba nokuba
ezona ntlanzi zinkulu
zibanjiselwa njani.





ULwandle wafumana ithamsanqa
lokuwongwa njengoyena mlobi usakhulayo
nonendumasi kukhuphiswano lonyaka.
Olu khuphiswano lubandakanya abalobi
abasuka kwiingingqi ezimelene nabo
nakwezinye iziphaluka zeFreystatha.





Kwakukho inginginya yabantu waze uLwandle wafumana indebe nemali engangama-R5000. UMnumzana uNgwenya nosapho lukaLwandle bavuyisana naye kumnyhadala wokubhiyoza owabanjelwa ekhaya.