



# Yikulu kimi



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Kusasa lilanga lokuthoma lakaVeli esikolweni.

“Ungithengele izambatho zesikolo, mma?” ubuza ngetjiskalo.



“Nawuqeda ukudla, ungayokubona ijinifomu yakho yesikolo,” kuphendula unina, akhomba isitjhubana esisongwe kuhle etafuleni eseduze.

UVeli watjhwamadela ukudla kwakhe.



Uveli weqa esitulweni sakhe nakaqeda ukudla bese wathoma ukuphendla izambatho.

“Ziphi izambatho zami?” wabuza aphakamisa isambatho ngasinye.



Zoke izambatho zesikolo zabe zibonakala zizikulu begodu zingasizitja.

“Zilinganise,” kutjho unina amomotheka.



Nakavela ngelawini lapha ebegade alinganisa khona izambatho ezitja, umnakwabo, uZenani, wahleka.

Uyise wahleka azifihle ngephephandaba alifundako.



“Zikulu kimi!” watjho ngephimbo elincani elifuna ukulila.

“Ungatswenyeki, sithandwa. Ngizakulungisela zona. Kusasa, uzabe umhle.” Uveli akhange azwisise unina, ngombana bekangakwazi nokukhamba ngazo.



UVeli wathatha isiqunto sokobana angeze aye esikolweni.

Walala ngehliziyo ebuhlungu begodu anomkhumbulo ohlukileko welanga lakhe lokuthoma esikolweni.



Begade asacabanga ngalokhu ngesikhathi azunywa buthongo.



“Bangani, lo umbethe amanyathelo wakayise,”  
kwatjho omunye umsana omdala esikolweni atjela  
abangani bakhe, akhomba uVeli.

“Irhembe lakhe kwangathi lirogo,” kwahleka  
omunye.



“Somabhrugu,” kwahleka wesithathu.

“UVeli wakwazi ukubamba iinyembezi ngesikhathi  
abanye abafundi bakhombana ngaye.



Uveli wagijima wayokubhaqela iwoma labesane ebegade limugwera.

Uthe nakalinga ukubaleka, wararejwa ziinyathelo zakhe ezikulu, wawa bese inyathelo linye laphapha emoyeni ngaphambi kobana liwe.



“Ngilisani! Ngilisani!” warhuwelela. Ngilokho kwaphela akwazi ukukuphimisa alila.



“Veli! Veli, vuka!”

UVeli wezwa iphimbo likanina. Wavula amehlo wakhe azele iinyembezi.



“Vuka! Kusekuseni!”

Ngambala kwakungunina.





Uveli wavuka embhedeni wakhe bese wathalaza.

Begade angekho esikolweni... Wakhululeka  
bonyana akekho esikolweni.



Wakhumbula ibhrugu likaZenani!

Wakhumbula irhembe elide!

Amanyathelo...!



“Ngi... Ngiphethwe yihloko,” kutjho uVeli,  
azigubuzesa godu.

“Veli, nanami, vuka,” kwatjho unina ngokuzithoba,  
azi kuhle bonyana yini ebegade imtshwenya.



“Qala ijiniyomu yakho yesikolo, ngiyinciphisile.”

Ngaphandle kokuvuka, wahlola angaphasi  
kweengubo zakhe. Esitulweni esiseqadi  
kombhede wakhe begade kunejiniyomu ebonakala  
ingemlinganako.



Uveli bekathabe kwamambala ngejinifomu yakhe.  
Bekangafuni nokobana unina amsize ukwembatha  
ngendlela ajayele ukwenza ngayo.



Uveli waqala phasi, walila. Nakaqala phezulu, unina  
begade aphethe ibhoksi.



Ukumoyizela kwakhe kwakudlula iinyembezi azibambileko. “Ungithengele amanyathelo,

