

Ukufuna Umfutho Wokugidanga



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Wokugidunga*
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Amakhaza wobusika adlulile.

Emzaneni weNkanyezi besele kuza ithwasahlobo.
Kungasikade izakhamizi zizokuhlangana
zizokugidinga isikhathi esitjha sonyaka.
UNkanyezi ubesele alindele ilanga lethwasahlobo
ukudlula woke amalanga wonyaka.

Ngelinye ilanga kusekuseni epholileko, uNkanyezi wezwa abantu abadala bomzana bakhulumu ngomnyanya wethwasahlobo.

“Abantu beNdlovu sebalahlekelwe mummoya wokukhuthalela ukugidinga,” kwatjho omunye wabadala.

“Singawubamba njani umnyanya weThwasahlobo ebantwini esele bakhohlwe bona kugidingwa njani?” kwabuza omunye.





UNkanyezi ubetshwenyeke khulu.

"Ilanga lizokuhlabu njani godu? Kghani silihinele
livuke ekulaleni?" wazibuza.

UNkanyezi wacabanga isikhathi eside.

"Kufanele sithole okulahlekileko," kwakhetha
uNkanyezi.

"Kufanele ngikhambe ngiyokufuna izinto
ezingaletha umfutho wokugidinga iminyanya
emzaneni lo."

Abadala bafisela uNkanyezi koke okuhle ekhambeni lakhe. Bamnikela ibhege lapho azokufaka khona koke akutholako.

UNkanyezi ubethukwe kwamanikelela kodwana waba nethemba lokuphumelela.





UNkanyezi wakhamba ilanga loke. Wakhwela imibundu nemirhoba. Waweleta ngapha komlambo wakhwela hlangana namatje ahlabako. Waweleta emmangweni othabaleleko beze wafika emithunzini yeentaba ezibomvu.

Ubusuku nabulokhu busiya uNkanyezi wafika emzaneni wamaphetheni nemibala angazange ayibone ngaphambilini. Watjela abantu abadala ngomnqopho wekhambo lakhe wokubuyisela ebujameni umfutho wokugidinga wabantu bakhe.

Umma wesitjhaba lesi wanikela uNkanyezi isipho.

Wathi emntazaneni, Sikunikela ipende le ngethando elikhulu lokubuyisela umbala womzana osele uthe lothe."

UNkanyezi wathokoza abakhulu wathatha ipende wayifaka ebhegeni yakhe.

Ngakusasa ekuseni waragela phambili nekhambo lakhe, athabe kwamanikelela ngesipho sombala.





UNkanyezi wakhamba ilanga loke, hlangana
nehlathi lemithi emikhulu. Nasele ilanga litjhinga
angasakwazi ukubona, wezwa kulila iingubhe.
Wakhambisa msinyana ajarhele lapho, ezwa
angena mummoya wokugida ngazo iinyawo
ezidiniweko.

UNkanyezi wazithola asemzaneni obizwa bona kwaBhubezi. Abantu bebahlezi bothele umlilo babetha iingubhe begodu babhina. Azange akhe ezwe umbhino omnandi kangaka.

Watjela abantu abadala ngomnqopho wekhambo lakhe wokubuyisela ebujameni umfutho wokugidinga wabantu bakhe. Abantu beBhubezi bamumema bona aphumule bese uhlala ubusuku.





Ekuseni ikosi yabiza uNkanyezi.

“Mntwanami, nasi isigubhe esikhethekileko.”
Kwatjho ikosi. “Sidlala ingoma etja ngaso soke
isikhathi nawusibethako.”

UNkanyezi wathokoza abadala wathatha isigubhe
sakhe wasifaka ebhegeni yakhe. Waragela
phambili ngekhambo lakhe, athabile ngesipho
sakhe sombhino nomgido.

Ngelanga lesithathu lekhambo lakhe, wadlula iinkomo ezinonileko, ipumulo yakhe yathoma ukunukelela.umlomo wakhe wathoma ukweqa amathe. Walandela umnuko lowo iphunga lamrhalisa wathola abantu bajamile bahlanu kweempoto ezinuka kamnandi isitjhulo.

Isitjhaba lesi besidumile ngeminyanya begodu uNkanyezi azange akhe adle isitjhulo esimnandi kangaka. Ngemva nakaqeda ukudla, watjela abantu abadala ngomnqopho wekhambo lakhe wokubuyisela ebujameni umfutho wokugidinga wabantu bakhe.





Ngelanga elilandelako, usompoto wapha
uNkanyezi iresipi eyifihlo yokupheka.

Bathi, "Ndodakazi yethu," ngamaspayizisi la,
amathumbu azokuthaba! Sikunikela isipho
sokudla okumnandi."

UNkanyezi wathokoza abadala wathatha
isipayizisi wasifaka ebhegeni yakhe.

Besele azi bonyana uphethe koke akudingako.
Ngomdladla agade anawo wathatha ikhambo
lokubuyela emzaneni weNdlovu.



Nakafika ekhaya izakhamizi zeza
kuye zizokuzwa bona uziphathele
ekukhambeni. Watjela izakhamizi
iindaba zalokhu akubonileko,
akuzwileko nakudlileko. Wavula ibhege
yakhe wakhupha koke akutholileko
njengeziph. Izakhamizi zathaba khulu
ukuthola ingcebo engaka.

Ngokuphana kwabanye nekuthazo
kaNkanyezi, izakhamizi zathola godu
umbala, umbhino negido epilwenazo.
Ummoya wokugidinga wabuyela
emzaneni weNdlovu.

