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Namuhla usuku lokuzalwa lukaMbongeni.
Uhlanganisa iminyaka eyishumi. Abazali bakhe
bamenzele umcimbi. Bamthengele ikhekhe
elimise okwebhola.

Kunokudla okuningi etafuleni lokudlela, kufaka
phakathi amaswidi, okuyisidingo lapho
kunomcimbi wosuku lokuzalwa.

Umndeni wakhe ubumupha izipho, abangani
nabo bamuphe izipho. Bonke abangani bakhe
babejabule ngekhekhe elimise okwebhola.
Balidlile ikhekhe kodwa, ngoba lalilikhulu,
abakwazanga ukuliqeda.



Ngemuva kwemigubho, umngani wakhe, uMancoba wahlebela uMbongeni okuthile, ephendula uMboneni wathi: “Kulungile mngani wami, ngizofika uma sesiqedile ukupakisha izihlalo, ngisize ukuze sikwazi ukukuqeda ngokushesha lokhu.”

Baqoqa izihlalo, bathatha wonke amaphepha nangempela bakuqeda ngokushesha lokhu.

uMbongeni ucele imvume kumama wakhe yokuthi ayolanda isipho sakhe endlini kaMancoba.



Umama wakhe wambuza: “Kungani ungalethanga isipho sakho Mancoba?”

“Ngisishiye ngephutha mama.” kuphendula uMancoba ehleka kancane.

“Kumele ubuye ekhaya masinyane Mbongeni ngoba uma wena nomngani wakho nihlangana niyodlala kuze kuhlwe kakhulu.”



“Mbongeni, ngicela ungilinde lapha ngenkathi ngisayolanda isipho sakho,” kusho uMancoba.

UMbongeni wasala, futhi wayezibuza ukuthi umngani wakhe umphathela isipho esinjani.

Wayelokhu elunguza umngani wakhe, kuthe kusenjalo, kwaqhamuka uMancoba ephethe ibhokisi elincane. Yini ngaphakathi ebhokisini?

“Sikufisela usuku lokuzalwa oluhle mngani wami, nasi isipho sakho, ngiyethemba uzosithanda,” esho emoyizela.

UMancoba unikele isipho kuMbongeni.

Lapho ebheka ebhokisini, wayengakukholwa akubonayo: umdlwane!



“Mngani wami! Wazi kanjani ukuthi kade ngangifunainja?”

“Ngikuzwe ngosuku lapho besikhuluma ngezilwane ukuthi ufuna ukuba nenja ngoba uyazithanda izinja. Ngicele lo mdlwane kumkhulu wami onenja enemidlwane emine.”

“Ngiyabonga kakhulu mngani wami,” kusho uMbongeni ubuso bakhe buchichima injabulo nenjabulo.



“Ngingawucosha umdlwane?” Kubuza uMbongeni ehleka kancane.

“Le yinja yakho, ithate mngani wami, umsebenzi wami usuphelile.” kusho uMancoba.

“Nginegama layo, ngizoliqamba manje,” kusho uMbongeni ebamba ibhokisi.

“Ngempela, unegama lomdlwane ngokushesha okungaka?” kubuza uMancoba ngokumangala.

“Igama lenja yami nguChicco.”



U-Chicco waqala watshikizisa umsila ejabulela ukuba noMbongeni. Unomzima omhlophe nebala elimnyama ebusweni.

UChicco wenza umsindo othambile. UMbongeni wayengazi ukuthi uzothini kumdlwane.

“Kumele ukhulume nomdlwane wakho ukuze ukujwayele,” uMancoba weluleka umngani wakhe ngoba uyabona ukuthi udidekile.

“Sengiyahamba manje Mancoba, kazi umama uzothini uma esengibona ngiza nomdlwane.”



Ngenkathi uMbongeni efika ekhaya, wafihla umdlwane ngemuva kwendlu.

Wayesaba ngoba wayengazi ukuthi uzowunakekela kanjani umdlwane wakhe.

Wezwa umama wakhe embuza ukuthi ubuyile naa? Wethuka ngoba, umama wakhe wayengafuniinja, wathi injinzi ziyahlupha.

“Yebo mama, sengibuyile, woza uzobona isiphosami,” kuphendula uMbongeni.



Wafika umama wakhe, lapho ebona umdlwane, wathi: “umdlwane njengesipho?” ebuza ngamehlo akhe ephumele ngaphandle ngenxa yokumangala.

“Ngiyacela Mbongeni, uyinakekele kahle Inja, angifuni ukubona udoti wenja noma kuphi egcekeni. Uyangizwa?”

“Ngizoyinakekela inja mama ngiyakuthembisa,” kusho uMbongeni ngamehlo akhe ebheke phansi.



Ubusuku bokuqala babunzima kuMbongeni ngoba, uChicco wayekhala ubusuku bonke. UChicco wayengafuni ukulala yedwa ngaphandle, ngenxa yalokho, uMbongeni wagcina emngenise endlini.

Ekugcineni, uChicco wakujoyayela ukulala endlini yakhe, ngaphandle. Waqala ukukhula futhi wabonakala egijima noMbongeni.



U-Chicco ubedla ukudla kwezinja okuvela emathinini, wayekuthanda kakhulu lokhu. UMbongeni, wayefaka ukudla okusele esiqandisini. UMbongeni wamthengela amathambo, namathoyizi wayemjikijela ngawo bese uChicco egxuma awabambe.

Lapho kufika isikhathi sokuthi uChicco ageze, wayehamba ayocasha ngemuva kwendlu ngoba wayengathandi.



Ngelinye ilanga uMbongeni ebuya esikoleni, wazilungiselela ukudla kwakhe kwasemini. Njengenjwayelo, wavula isiqandisi, kulokhu watola isobho linamathambo, wakufudumeza lokhu kanye nophuthu, wahlala phansi wadla.

Lapho eqeda ukudla, kwafika umama wakhe wavula isiqandisi wabe esebuza: “Ingabe uChicco usedlile?”



“Cha, bengisadla ngaphambi kwakhe,”
kuphendula uMbongeni eqedela konke ukudla
kwakhe.

“Manje liphi isobho likaChicco ebengilibeke
efrijini?” wabuza ngenkathi ecinga efrijini.
Ngesikhathi eqalaza, wabona ipuleti
ebelinesobho likaChicco, libekwe ngaphakathi
kusinki.

“Mbongeni, ufuna ukungitshela ukuthi nguwe
odle isobho likaChicco?”



“Bengingazi ukuthi yisobho likaChicco,” ubuso bukaMbongeni babushintshile , wayefisa sengathi angakuphalaza konke ukudla.

“Hhayi bo! Ngeke uhlanze lutho, vele ususuthi kanti nokudla manje kusesiswini sakho,” kusho umama kaMbongeni ngenkathi ehleka.

“Kuzokwenzekani uma ngigula?” Ngalowo mzuzu uMbongeni ubesezama ukukuhlansa ukudla, kodwa lutho ukuphuma.



Ngaleso sikhathi uChicco wayemi ngasemnyango, ekhonkotha, elinde uMbongeni ukuthi amlethele ukudla kwakhe ukuze kuthi emva kokudla, yena noMbongeni bakwazi ukuyodlala.

UMbongeni abe esthi: “Olunye uhlobo lwesipho sokuzalwa, bheka manje njengoba sengidle ukudla kwezinja, kodwa ngizophila?” Wayezizwa kabi.

Wabe eshintsha umqondo wathi: “Uma uChicco esaphila, kusho ukuthi ngeke ngife.”

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