



BoLihle naLwandle baseNyakatfo Kapa bavakashele umzala wabo, Lina.

Lina uhamba nabo bayobona timbali endzaweni lebitwa ngekutsi yiNamaqualand.



Lamantfombatane ayamangala!

“Yonkhe indzawo igcwele imibala legcamile!” kubabata Lwandle.

Lina uyamomotseka, “Makucala intfwasahlobo, kuvela timbali letinyenti lapha.”



Lina uyachubeka, “Nasekunetimvula, nemazinga ekushisa ayenyuka, bese kumila timbali yonkhe indzawo.”

“Ngesikhashana nje, lendzawo lete lutfo iyashintja ibe yinsimu yetimbali.”



“Entfwasahlobo, make wetfu utjala inhlanyelo engadzeni.
Pho ngubani lotjale letimbali lapha?” kubuta Lwandle.

Lina uyaphendvula, “Leti timbali tesiganga, kute lotitjalile.”



“Lana eNamaqualand kukhona tinhlobonhlobo letinyenti tetitjalo, tilwane, kanye netinambutane,” kusho Lina.

“Ngicabanga kutsi ligama laloko yi-*biodiversity*,” Lihle uyakhumbula.

“*Bio-what?*” kubuta Lwandle.



“Yebo, i-*biodiversity* ngulapho kunetintfo letehlukahlukene letiphilako endzaweni yinye,” kuphendvula Lina.

“I-*Biodiversity* yenta imvelo iphile kahle,” kusho Lihle.



Lamantfombatane engca umelusi loweluse timvu takhe.

“Mmeee!” kukhala timvu.

“Mmeee!” kulingisela emantfombatane.

“Tinyenti timvu letitalwa entfwahlobo,” kuphawula Lihle.



“Tilwane letinyenti tiyatala nobe tichamisele emacandza entfwasahlobo,” kuvuma Lina.

“Ngiyabatsandza bantfwana betilwane! Konje icala nini vele intfwasahlobo?” kubuta Lwandle.



“Kulukhuni kusho ngalokucondzile kutsi sikhatsi semnyaka sicala nini,” kuphendvula Lina.

Ubese uyachubeka, “Kepha sicala kubona timphawu tekucala tentfwasahlobo ngeNyoni.”



“Simo selitulu sicala kufutfumala, bese kucala netimvula,”
kusho Lina

“Ngekushesha ngemuva kwaloko, lolugwadvule luyashintja
lube yingadze yetimbali tesiganga,” kumoyitela Lihle.



—Imibuto

1. Bakuphi boLihle naLwandle? Tfola lendzawo ebalaveni.
2. Ngusiphi sikhatsi semnyaka lesi?
3. Kwentekani kulesikhatsi semnyaka?
4. Intfwasahlobo yasenzaweni lohlala kuyo iyafanana yini nalena nobe yehlukile? Chaza.
5. Titjalo tidzinga ini kute tikhule?
6. Ngusiphi sikhatsi semnyaka lositsandza kakhulu? Kungani?