



Umntazana okhaliphileko



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ULindo wabe amntazana okhaliphileko.
Begade akwazi ukucabanga msinya. ULindo
wanikelwa ihlelo lokutjala. Wabe afuna
ukutjala utjani kwabo.





ULindo akafuni bonyana abanye abantu bamsize.



Kwamambala wabe ayikwekwezi ekhanyako netlasini lakhe. Wabe amsinya khulu ngokwenza irhubhululo nagade afuna ukwenza izinto.





ULindo waya ebulungelweni leencwadi.
Warhubhulula ngencwadi yeentjalo.
“Incwadi le, ngeentjalo izangikhombisa
iingaba ezifaneleko,” wakatjho lokho
acabanga ngeengaba azazilandela
nakatjalako.



Wathola incwadi enembako ezamsiza.
ULindo ukhaliphile. Wayifumana msinya
khulu, begodu athabile.





ULindo wasusa ikhula, kodwana anganabo utjani. Wakateleleka ukuthatha kilokho akongileko.

“Ngizakusebenzisa imali ubaba angibulungele yona.”



Wathenga utjani wabutjala. Utjani
lobu babe bumamitha amahlanu
ubude begodu bumamitha amathathu
ububanzi. Wathoma ngokuthelelela utjani
abutjalileko. Wasebenzisa ithunga ebegade
lineembotjana. Ingadi yaba yihle ngotjani.





Utjani bathoma ukukhula. Baba hlaza
begodu bababuhle. Ngemuva kwamalanga,
walemuka bonyana kuneenunwana engadini
yakhe.

“Lokhu kuzokona ingadi yami.”



Akanaso isihlahla sokubulala iinunwana.
Akanayo imali yokusithenga. Uzokwenza
njani? Angakwazi ukubulala iinunwana
ngamanzi abilako? Lokhu kuzokubulala
utjani abutjalileko.





Godu, wathatha incwadi yeentjalo.
“Izangivula ingqondo. Ngizabutlhogomela
utjani bami.”

Kokuthoma uLindo watjheja ikhasi
elinokumumethweko. Wathola ikhasi
elihlathulula bonyana uzibulala njani
iinunwana.



ULindo wathola indlela yokobana angazenzela njani sakhe isihlahla sokubulala iinunwana.

“Incwadi le iyazwisisa bonyana ngirhabile. Inginikela loke ilwazi engilifunako. Namhlanje, iinunwana lezi zizangazi bonyana ngingubani.”





Ukuzenzela sakho isihlahla sokubulala iinunwana kulula. ULindo wafunda lokhu encwadini. Udinga izinto ezilandelako: Kokuthoma, faka amakopi amane wamanzi ngesiphathini. Bese ufaka iingobho ezihlanu zesibha sezitja.



Ukwenzela kobana isihlahla sokubulala iinunwana sanele, uLindo wangezelela amanani. Wafaka amakopi amasumi amabili wamanzi ngethungeni.





Gadesi uLindo kufanele afake isibha sezitja.
Ngizokuthoga esingangani?

Wathoma ukubala:

Amakopi amane – iingobho ezihlanu

Amakopi abunane – iingobho ezilisumi

Amakopi alisumi nambili – iingobho ezilisumi
nahlanu



ULindo waraga nokubala bewafika
emasumini amabili wamakopi.

Lokhu kuzokwanela. ULindo gadesi
wanelisekile.





Sebenzisa ibhodlelo lokufafaza.
Wanyenzeza loke itatawu lapha kunotjani.
ULindo wanyenzeza utjani kathathu ngeveke.



Utjani bakaLindo gadesi sebuthoma
ukubahlaza. Buyakhula begodu bubabuhle.
Buba butjani obuhlala buhlaza. Utjani sele
bufuna ukukerwa.





ULindo wafuna isikero esikhulu. Wahlala phasi etjanini wathoma wabukera. Maye! Utjani buhle begodu buyalingana. Buhlala buhlaza.



ULindo uthabile. Utjani bakaLindo buhle.
Umntazana okhaliphileko uphumelele.
Gadesi unguLindo ikwekwezi ekhanyisako!

