



Umraro esimini kagogo



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Indlu kagogo yabe ijame eduze nommango. Inesimu yemirrorho erhalelwa ngiwo woke umuntu. Emangweni oseduze kwabe kunomqasa oneswili nodelelako. Umqasa lo wabe uhlala uthonta amathe ngesimu yemirrorho kagogo. Esimini yakhe ugogo wabe atjale iimbhontjisi, amakherodi neminye imirrorho enambithako.





Wabe alandela ugogo nakayokuthelela esimini. Kufanele wazi, uSoze wabe amngani kagogo omkhulu.

Nakuphela ilanga lokusebenza esimini, ugogo noSoze, injana yakhe, bebabuyela ngekhlanya. Ugogo bekapheka imirrorho yakhe, badle, bese bayokulala.



Ngobunye ubusuku kwathi ugogo noSoze
balele umqasa wakhukhutha waya
esimini yemirrorho. Wemba umgodi osuka
emangweni uyokungena esimini kagogo.
Wakhukhutha ubandamela eduze, unande
uqala mazombe ukuqinisekisa bonyana
awubonwa.

Laguja, laguja, laguja, wevelela phezu
kwekhabitjhi. Gomoje!

Laguja, laguja, laguja, wavelela phezu
kwamakherodi. Gomoje!

Nawuqeda ukudla, wakhukhutha wakhamba.







Ngelanga elilandelako ekuseni ugogo
wafunyana bonyana amakherodi
namazambane wakhe kwenjiwe begodu
iimbhontjisi zona zihlutjwe bezadiwa.
Wazibuza bonyana ngabe mumuntu, yifene,
ikghabu nofana okhunye okwenze lokhu.
Waqunta ukukampela isimu yakhe. Ebusuku
wabe akhiyele isango ngeketani nangelogo.
Waqunta bonyana uSoze alale ngaphandle
eduze nesimu agade.

Ngobusu bokuthoma wahlala eduze
nefesidere alalele itjhada lento nofana
lomuntu olinga ukungena ngesimini. Wahlala
lapho isikhathi eside wabe wabanjwa
buthongo, asolo angezwa litho.



Ekuseni, wavuka begodu wabona bonyana isango lisavaliwe. Koke kwabe kusesenjengobana akutjhiyile, begodu bekungekho imithala. Wathelelela isimu ngokujayelekileko, noSoze aseduze naye.

Ngobusuku obulandelako uSoze walala ngendlini ngombana kubonakala bonyana isibiyelo sivikele isimu.





“Madekhethu, Soze, le mihlolo,” wababaza ekuseni abona bonyana imirorho yakhe idliwe godu. Wabhoda isimu yoke aqala bonyana kukhona lapha kunetjhuba khona esibiyelweni. Akhange abone litho.

Uthe asamangele, wabona itjhuba elincani hlangana neengodo zesibiyelo. Wathi nakatjhejisako wabona umgodi otjhingelako, omkhulu kobana noSoze angangena.



Ugogo wazibuza bonyana yini edla imirrorho yakhe. Kungaba yinja nofana ukatsu? Kodwana izinja nabo katsu azidli imirrorho ehlaza. Begodu azingeni ngemgodini!

Wanaba ngokucabanga bonyana kungaba yini engadla imirrorho. Kungaba ngumarhwarhwambana? Bayayidla imirrorho? Akanaso isiqiniseko.

Wacabanga isikhathi eside nangamandla kodwana akhange athole ipendulo. Lokhu kwenzeka ebusuku. Kungaba yinyoni? Kukhona eziba majadu ebusuku. Mhlamuhle isikhova?

Awa, iinkhova zihlala emthini. Zenza itjhada, kodwana azingeni ngemigodini. Wafikelwa mkhumbulo wokobana kungaba yini.

“Kufanele kubemqasa, Soze! Ngiso sodwa isilwana esingalingana ngemgodini lo, nesithanda imirrorho.” Wakhuluma noSoze kwangathi angaphendula. USoze wakhonkotha ngokuthaba.







Weza neqhinga lokuthiya umqasa. Wathatha amakherodi ephambili, wawabopha inyanda ngerobho bese wawabophelela enyaweni likaSoze. USoze uzakuthi nakezwa nomncani umsikinyeko werobho bese ubamba umqasa. Ngalobu ubusuku umqasa wabe ulambe khulu kangangobana wabe ungakwazi ukulinda ubusuku njengenjwayelo. Ugogo wazenzela isiselo noSoze wanaba elangeni.



Umqasa wakhukhutha weza eduze,
weqela ngesimini. Uthe nawuvusa amehlo
wabona amakherodi arhalisako abotjhwe
ngerobho. Wayidosi msinya erobheni.
Walidla ngokurhaba wabe waluma nenyawo
likaSoze. USoze waphaphama, wavuka,
wakhonkotha wabe wagijimisa umqasa.



Ugogo walandela ngentonga yakhe.
Wagijima ngemva kukaSoze. Usoze wagijima
ngemva komqasa. USoze wabe awulele
emsileni umqasa. Ngesikhathi uSoze
akhonkotha, umqasa wabe ugijima utjingga
emgodini, umsila wawo waquntuka.





Ukusuka ngalelo ilanga, umqasa waba nomsila omfitjhani. Ukufika ngaleli ilanga izinja zisagijimisa imiqasa bese imiqasa ibaleka izinja. Nanyana kunjalo, imiqasa ayikalisi ukudla imirrorho. Ngaso soke isikhathi ubona imirrorho ilunyiwe, ungaqinisekisa bonyana imiqasa ayikho kude.