



# Sontfo ubamba sigebengu!



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“Ngubani lotsetse umchele wami?”  
kubuta make. “Bengiwushiye lapha, nyalo  
awusekho.”

Sontfo wasita make kufuna umchele wakhe  
yonkhe indlu. Kepha akamange awubone.





“Ngubani lotsetse imali yami?” kubuta babe ngekukhatsateka. “Bengishiye luhlavumali lolutsite lapha, nyalo alusekho.”

Sontfo wasita babe kufuna luhlavumali lwakhe yonkhe indlu. Kepha akamange alutfole ndzawo.







“Ngubani lotsetse imedali yami?” kubuta bhuti. “Beyilenga lapha, nyalo ayikho.”

Sontfo wasita bhuti wakhe kufuna imedali yonkhe indlu. Kepha akamange ayibone ndzawo.





“Ngubani lotsetse licici lami?” kubuta sesi lomdzala. “Bengilishiye lapha, nyalo alisekho.”

Sontfo wasita sesi lomdzala kufuna licici yonkhe indlu. Kepha akamange alibone ndzawo.







Wonkhe umuntu abekhatsatekile.

Babe wabita emaphoyisa.

Emaphoyisa afika. Babuka phasi, babuka etulu. Babuka ngasesandleni sesancele nese kudla.



“Asititfoli letintfo letilahlekile. Nesigebengu asisitfoli. Bantfu bashiya bufakazi. Kepha atikho tingcivito teminwe nemibhalo yetinyawo,” kusho emaphoyisa, aphelelwe mandla.



Akekho lowabonakala anendlela yekubamba lesigebengu.

“Ngitawutifola letintfo letilahlekile. Futsi ngitawusitfola nesigebengu,” kusho Sontfo.

Wabuka etulu, wabuka phasi. Wabuka ngasesandleni sesancele nese kudla.

Wase ubuka ngaphandle, wasibona sigebengu!







“Nasiya sigebengu,” kusho Sontfo, akhomba ngasefasiteleni.

Ngasesihlahleni lesidvutane, kuhleti inyoni. Bekunetintfo letinyenti letikhatimulako esidlekeni sayo.

“Bekuyinyoni, bekungasuye umuntfu! Kungako bekute tingcivito teminwe nemibhalo yetinyawo,” kusho emaphoyisa. “Usebentile, ntfombatane!”





“Wente kahle, Sontfo!” basho bonkhe  
ngentfokoto. “Usibambile sigebengu!”

