



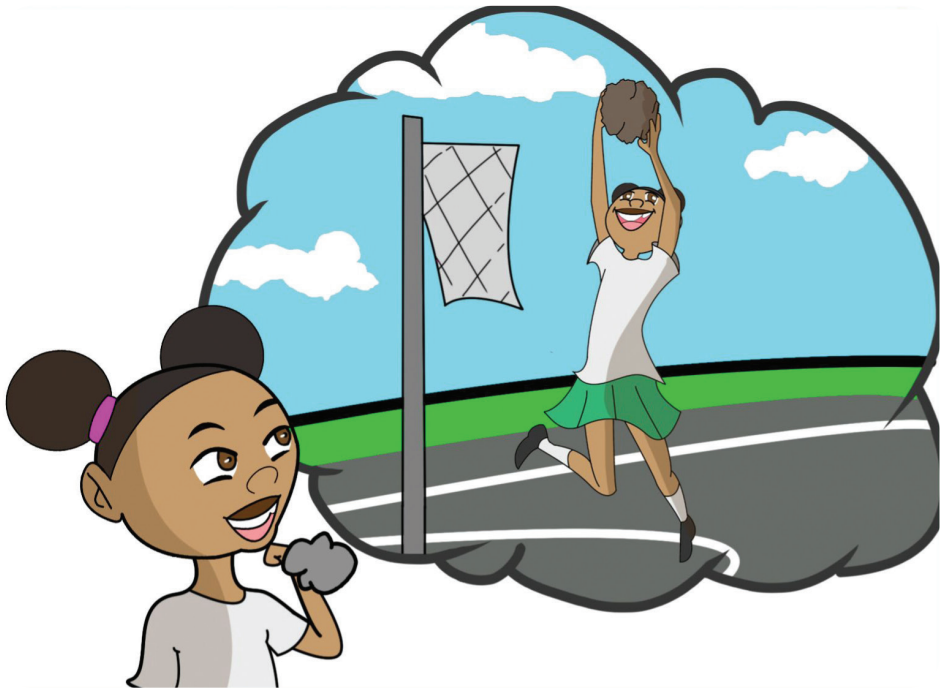
Liphupho laSiviwe



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“Uma sengikhulile, ngifuna kuba sihlabani sebhola yekuncaga,” Siviwe ukhuluma yedwa endleleni lebuya enkhundleni ngemuva kwekubukela umdlalo webhola yekuncaga. Bekagidzagidza alingisa kunyakata lakubonile.





“Ngalelinye lilanga nami ngitawuba ngumdlali webhola yekuncaga,” watjela make wakhe.

“Ngubani lotowenta imisebenti yakho uma ulibele kudlala?”

Bekungumsebenti wakhe kuwasha titja nekutsanyela indlu uma make naye enta leminye imisebenti.



Loku kwamphatsa kabi Siviwe ngobe bekucaca kutsi imphilo imalula ebafaneni.

Nasesikolweni, bekumantfombatana kuphela latsanyela emaklasi.

“Ngingentani kute batali bami bangivumele kudlala ibhola yekuncaga?”





Ngalelinye lilanga, Siviwe bekabhampisa aphosa ibhola yakhe, wafuswa livi.

“Unelikhono, Siviwe. Ungatsandza kuba secenjini lebhola?” kubuta thishela Menzi, umcecheshi webhola yekuncaga.

“Ngicabanga kutsi sicale licembu lemantfombatana lamancane longadlala kulo.”

Siviwe wabuyela ekhaya ngalelo lilanga ajabulile. Bekangasakhoni nekulindza kutsi atjele make wakhe letindzaba, kepha abekwati kutsi angeke bamlalele.



“Thishela wami utsi ngitawuba ngumdlali webhola yekuncaga,” washo ngelivi lelincane ekudleni kwantsambama.

“Umdlalo lapho uphosa khona ibhola?” kuhlekisa umfowabo, Bonga.

“Ukhuluma ngekudlala, utawucedza nini kuwasha titja?” kukhonona make.

Walahlekelwa litsemba lonkhe.

Ngalobo busuku, walala advumele ngobe bekati kutsi ngete bamvumele kudlala umdlalo wakhe lawutsandzako.





Nangempela licembu
lemantfombatana
lamancane lasungulwa,
lifaka naSiviwe.

Ngalelinye lilanga,
ngalesikhatsi baticecesha
ekuphumeni kwesikolo,
thishela Menzi wacaphela
kutsi Siviwe udzabukile.



“Kwentenjani, Siviwe, uyagula?” wambuta.

“Batali bami bacabanga kutsi umdlalo wami
kumosha sikhatsi. Ngeke bangivumele kutsi
ngidlale ngeMgcibelo,” emehlo akhe agcwala
tingembeti.

“Kubuhlungu loko ngobe unesiphiwo. Kepha
ngiyetsemba kutsi batali bakho bangakuvumela
udlale uma bangakubona usenkhundleni,” kusho
thishela. “Ungakhatsateki. Ngitawubhalela batali
bakho incwadzi ngibacele kutsi abakuvumele
udlale.”

Lawo magama amniketa litsemba.



Ngalelo viki Siviwe abefika ekhaya ngemuva kwesikhatsi lesetayelekile ngobe bebalungiselela umdlalo lomkhulu. Batali bakhe bebangati kutsi usecenjini lebhola yekuncaga.

Siviwe wakhululeka ngalencwadzi thishela Menzi ayibhalele make nababe wakhe, amcelela imvumo kutsi adlale.

Abengasakhoni kulindza kutsi afike ekhaya akhombe make incwadzi, nyalo anelitsemba lekutsi ngeke bale.







Wafika ekhaya wabeka sikhwama sakhe phansi,
waniketa make incwadzi.

Make wafundza incwadzi wase utsi, “Kepha Siviwe,
sikhulumile ngaloku ngaphambilini. Ngubani
lotawusita endlini? Angikase ngabona intfombatana
levilapha kangaka.”

“Make, loku akusiwo umdlalo kuphela; umdlalo
webhola yekuncaga. Futsi thishela wami utsi
nginesiphiwo.”

Litsemba liphelile. Wahamba wayokwenta
imisebenti yakhe letayelekile, ancume
kungaphutselwa ngumdlalo lomkhulu lolandzelako.



Batali baSiviwe basihlonipha simemo sesikolo. Bafika ehhovisi lathishelanhloko. Thishela wangena ngalesikhatsi batali baSiviwe bahlala phansi ngemuva kwekubuka ngekujabula tindondo netindzebe temidlalo letisegunjini. Uma thishela Menzi acedza kukhuluma, babe waSiviwe wabuta, “Ucabanga kutsi umntfwana lomncane kangaka angadlala emidlalweni yesikolo lebaluleke ngaloluhlobo?”

“Utayenta nini imisebenti yakhe? Siletse Siviwe esikolweni kutewufundza, hhayi kutewudlala,” kusho make waSiviwe angakajabuli.

“Siviwe unesiphiwo. Ngiyacabanga angahle animangate. Mnikeni litfuba anikhombise,” thishela Menzi akamange aphele emandla ekugucula imicondvo yebatali. Ngale kwaloko, Siviwe bekumele amele sikolo emdlalweni lomkhulu ngeMgcibelo.







Ngakusasa ekuseni make watsi, “Asambe kute singashiywa sikhatsi.”

“Siyaphi, make?” Siviwe uyabuta amangele.

BekunguMgcibelo, futsi abesavumile kutsi utawuphutselwa ngulomdlalo.

“Sheshisa, Siviwe!” kumemeta babe wakhe.

“Awudlali lamuhla?” kubuta make.

Siviwe abetsakasile! Wafuna kutincinta kute abone kutsi akaphuphi yini. Bekumnandzi ebhasini bacula tingoma tekujabula. Abejabule kakhulu.



Siviwe abefuna kukhombisa batali bakhe likhono lakhe.

Bekutawuba kwekucala bambona adlala. Wadlala kahle. Wabonakala atimisele kakhulu kunakucala. Abeshesha nebhola. Bantfu babhodla, bamemeta bacula:

Siviwe lizimu!

Siviwe lizimu!

Siviwe lizimu!

“Intfombi yami leyo!” make wakhe abetjela wonkhe umuntfu lolalele.

Batali bakhe abamange batsembe emehlo abo uma babona indvodzakati yabo idlala kahle kangaka.

Njalo uma abona batali bakhe beme ngetinyawo bamenanela, bekativa aba nemandla kakhulu.







Ekupheleni kwemdlalo, licembu lebasekeli
lamdvonsa lamphakamisela emoyeni ngenjabulo.

Waphakamisa tandla takhe, amamatseka.

Sicuku sigijima enkhundleni yetemidlalo sicula
tingoma tekuncoba.

Siviwe ulizimu!

Siviwe ulizimu!

Siviwe ulizimu!

Lizimu, lizimu!

Tintsatseli lebetihambele lomdlalo nato tajabulela
kunyakata kwemilingo kwaSiviwe uma aphosa
ibhola. Wadzimate wabitwa 'ngemdlali wemlingo'
ngobe abemncane kunabo bonkhe badlali
labanye.

Ticuku betimangele. Abekwati kutsi utawukhetfwa
kuba kulabalishumi labasetulu kuyawudlala eJozi.



“Bengingati kutsi usho loku uma utsi udlala ibhola yekuncaga, ndvodzakati yami,” babe wakhe wacala loludzaba uma bafika ekhaya.

“Lapha lencwadzi itsi siya eJozi. Sitawuphapha ngendiza!” kusho make waSiviwe.



Bonga naye bekamjabulele kudzadze wabo. Umndeni wabuyeketa iminyakato lemangalisa kakhulu yaSiviwe enkhundleni.

Siviwe wajabula kubona batali bakhe bajabulela lakwentako nekutsi udlala njani, intfo labekadze ayifisa.