



Umthiyi weemfesi



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Idamu leMhlabezi laziwa khulu ngeenyoka zemanzini. Abathiyi beemfesi banyula khulu lona leli idamu.

UMakhosini begade amsana ahlala eBhundu. Bekahlakaniphile begodu anetjisakalo. Bekafuna ukwazi yoke into.





UMakhosini nomndeni wakhe babe bahlala eduze nedamu leMhlabezi. Inengi labahlali lapha begade liphila ngokuthiya iimfesi. Abanye be bathengisa iimfesi emarageni, ngesikhathi abanye bathiyela ukudla kwaphela. Indlala begade ingaziwa kile indawo yeBhundu.



UMakhosini naye wayefisa ukubamthiyi weemfesi. Bekahlala abawa uyise bonyana amthengele isithiyo seemfesi.





Ngelanga uyise amthengela isithiyo, wathaba kwamambala begodu wathokoza. Umraro kwaba kukobana bekasaba ukukhamba ayedwa. Wabawa umngani wakhe uSitjhaba kobona akhambe naye. USitjhaba walandula. Wabawa uMkhuzelwa kodwana wala, wamtjela bonyana usaba iinyoka zemanzini.



Uzokwenza njani? Ukufuna kwamambala ukuyokuthiya akwazi ukusiza uyise othengisa iimfesi emarageni. Ukufuna ngehliziyo yakhe yoke. UMakhosini waqina isibindi wakhamba ayedwa. Waphosela isithiyo seemfesi ngedamini bese wahlala phasi eqadi kwedamu. Ngemva kwesikhathi, wabona inyoka yemanzini iduda iza ngakuye.





Wabutha okungekwakhe msinyazana wabalekela ekhaya ngaphandle kwefesi nayinye ngalelo langa lakhe lokuthoma.

UMakhosini waba namahloni ukutjho bonyana ubalekile ngombana abone inyoka yemanzini. Wathi ayikho ifesi eze eduze nesithiyo sakhe.



Ngelanga elilandelako, uMakhosini wavuka ngamasa. Waya ebanganini bakhe ukuyobarabhela bonyana bamphekelele edamini. Bala godu, bathi abafuni ukuya eduze nedamu. Basaba iinyoka zemanzini.





UMakhosini usemrarweni. Ngubani ozamphekelela? Wafunga bonyana angeze akhamba yedwa. Kodwana ihliziyo yakhe yabe isekuthiyeni iimfesi. Wabe azicabanga amthiyi weemfesi ophumeleleko endaweni yangekhabo.



UNom. Bhuda wabe amthiyi onelwazi.
Ngelanga elilandelako waya kuNom.
Bhuda ayombawa bonyana akhambe naye
ukuyokuthiya. UNom. Bhuda akhange abe
nomraro. UMakhosini wazizwa athabile
begodu anomfutho wokubamba iimfesi
ezinengi.





UNom. Bhuda wabe idamu leMhlabezi wabe alazi njengobana azazi yena. Wathatha uMakhosini wamusa kelinye ihlangothi ledamu lapho ebegade kungekho iinyoka zemanzini. UMakhosini wazizwa atjhaphulukile ngalesi isiqunto.



Baphosela iinthiyo zabo bese balinda ukubona ukusikinyeka.

Isithiyo sikaMakhosini sabonisa ukusikinyeka. Lokho begade kutjho bonyana sibambe ifesi.





UNom. Bhuda walayela uMakhosini bonyana asidose msinya.

UMakhosini wadosa isithiyo sakhe kwaphuma ifesi ehle nekulu.

UNom. Bhuda wathabula isithombe sefesi begodu wathatha nobukhulu bayo.



Isithoyo sikaNom. Bhuda naso sabonisa
ukusikinyeka. Wadosa, waphuma nebhauri.

Ngalelo ilanga, omunye nomunye wakhamba
aphethe ifesi ezandleni zakhe.





UMakhosini wadana lokha isikhathi
sevakatjho likaNom. Bhuda siphela.
Wakhumbula kobana uNom. Bhuda begade
alisizo kangangani. Bekangakathabi kobana
gadesi sele azakukhamba ayedwa ukuya
edamini.



Gadesi besele akwazi ukubamba ifesi ngamalanga.

Nanyana bekayedwa, wabe akhumbula koke uNom. Bhuda amfundise khona.



UMkhuzelwa noSitjhaba bambawa
kobana abaphe ifesi. Besele banetjisakalo
yokukhamba naye. Bebafuna ukufunda
kuye. UMaxhosini besele ayikutana
yokuthiya iimfesi ebanganini bakhe.





UMakhosini wathoma isiqhema esiqinileko sabathiyi beemfesi. Amalunga wokuthoma kwaba nguMkhuzelwa noSitjhaba. UNom. Bhuda naye waba yingcenyeye yesiqhema lesi.



Mvanje uMakhosini uthethe unongorwana wokuba mthiyi odumileko endaweni yekhabo.

Izolo begade kuliphaliswano leminyaka ngeminyaka edamini leMhlabezi. Abathiyi bakude neduze bezile.





Isiqhema sikaMakhosini sithumbe ibhigiri nemali ezinkulungwana ezihlanu zamaranda. Namhlanje basemnyanyeni obanjelwe ekhabo likaMakhosini, mnyanya wokugidinga ukuthumba kwabo.