

# Ukumkani, oonyana bakhe nentaka enonyawo oluzuba

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Kudala uKhahlamba lwalusaziwa ngokuba yiNtaba eNkulu waye uKumkani wayedla ngokuyiqabela aye encotsheni noonyana bakhe abangamawe, uKhahlamba noThukela, ukubabonisa uMlambo omKhulu namasimi ngasezantsi.

“Ngenye imini lo mhlaba uya kuba ngowenu ukuba niwulawule yaye abantu bethu bawukhangela kuni ukuba nibakhokele,” wayesakutsho ukumkani.

Oonyana bakhe babenqwala akuthetha oku, kodwa ngokuya behkula, zatshintsha izinto. Ngenye injikalanga amakhwenkwe alandela uyise ukunyuka intaba njengesiqhelo, waza encotsheni wabaxeleta kwakhona ukuba ngenye imini bakuze baphathe. Kweli tyeli, endaweni yokunqwala nje, bambuza uyise.

“Kodwa, bawo,” waqalisa uKhahlamba, “ngowuphi apha kuthi oya kumnyula ukuba aphathe?”

“Ewe, bawo,” wongeza uThukela, “ngowuphi apha kuthi omthandayo?”

Wamangala ukumkani. Zange abe nakubaphendula oonyana bakhe. Endaweni yoko wasuka wathi, “Ilanga liyatshona, masihambeni ngoku.”

Kwaba lixesha elide, imibuzo yoonyana bakakumkani imkhathaza. Ebusuku, wayeguquguquka aze emini ahlale yedwa ecinga ngale mibuzo eyiphethuphethula engqondweni. Wayengakwazi ukuthatha isigqibo sokuba ngowuphi koonyana bakhe oya kuphatha kuba wayebathanda bobabini. Wayengazange acinge ukuba ngenye imini kwakuya kufuneka ekhethile phakathi kwabo.

Ngantsasa ithile ukumkani wabiza abacebisi bakhe.

“Kumkani, usibizile,” batsho ngelixa bengena endlwini benqwala.

“Ndifuna ukwazi ukuba ngowuphi koonyana bam enicinga ukuba kumelwe ukuba aphathe emva kwam,” watsho ukumkani.

Ababini kubacebisi abane bathi, “Kumelwe ukuba ukhethethe uKhahlamba, Kumkani. Ukhaliophile kwaye womelele, njengawe.”

Abanye abacebisi ababini baphendula, “Kumkani, kumelwe ukuba ukhethethe uThukela. Unobulumko, njengawe.”

Bathetha apha bathetha phaya, into leyo eyashiya ukumkani edideke nangaphezu kwakuqala.

Ngobo busuku ezinzulwini zobusuku, xa wayelele ukumkani, intaka enonyawo oluzuba yaphaphazela yangena endlwini yakhe yaza yahlala phantsi ecaleni kwakhe.



“Kumkani,” yatshioza.

Watsiba ukumkani wathi hiasi umkhonto wakhe.

“Ngubani ofika ebusuku kangaka?” wabuza.

“Kumkani,” yatshioza intaka, “unengxaki ndaye ndilapha ukuba kukunceda.”

“Kodwa uziintsiba nomlomo kuphela, ungandineda njani?” wabuza ukumkani.

“Ndingazitshintsha ndibe siso nasiphi na isilwanyana, esikhulu okanye esincinci. Ndingakunceda,” yatshioza intaka.

Ukumkani wayesisiluko waye esazi ngcono kunokuthemba intaka eyayinokuzitshintsha ibe zezinye izilwanyana.

Kodwa wayefuna ukwazi ukuba intaka yayiceba ukumnceda njani ngoko ke wathi, “Thetha, ndiphulaphule.”

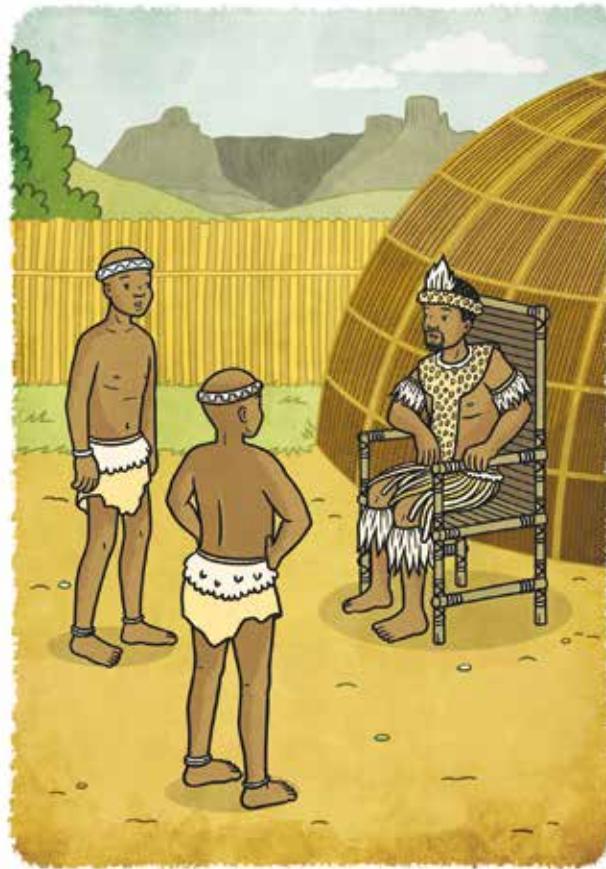
“Ngobusuku besivuno uya kuthumela oonyana bakho kum. Lowo ubuyileyo, uya kuba ngukumkani,” yatsho intaka.

“Kuya kwenzeka ntoni kulo ungabuyanga?” wabuza ukumkani.

Intaka ayizange iwuphendule lo mbuzo yaza endaweni yoko yathi, “Ndithembe, kumkani omkhulu, ndazi luhulu.” Yaza intaka yaqhwaba amaphiko ayo yabhabha yemka ishiya ukumkani edideke nangakumbi.

Wathi ukumkani akuvuka ngentsasa elandelayo, wathumela ukuba kubizwe oonyana bakhe.

“Ndiphulaphuleni kakuhle kuba oku ndiza kukuthetha kube kanye,” watsho ukumkani. “Ngentsasa yesivuno ndifuna nithathe umkhonto wam niyokuzingela iqhude. Ningaphumeli ngaphaya kwemihlabu yethu nize niqiniseke ukuba iqhude elo nilizisa kum ezinzulwini zobusuku.”



“Ewe, bawo,” batsho oonyana bakakumkani ngokuzithoba.

Ngentsasa yesivuno, oonyana bavuka ngaphambi kokuphuma kwelanga baya ehlathini nomkhonto kayise njengoko babeyalelw. Ngaphandle koyise akukho mntu wumbi wayesazi ukuba babesiya phi nokuba babesiya kwenza ntoni na.

Ezinzulwini zobusuku, intaka enonyawo oluzuba yaphaphazela yangena endlwini kakumkani.

Yamfumana ukumkani engalalanga, elinde ukuba oonyana bakhe babuye.

“Kumkani,” yatshiyoda intaka, “ndibakhangele oonyana bakho, kodwa andabafumana. Ubafhilile kusini na, owu kumkani omkhulu?”

“Ndazi bhetele kunokukuthemba, Mamlambo,” watsho ukumkani.

“Njani? Waze njani ukuba ndim?” yabuza intaka, kweli tyeli isitsho ngomfutho ongenambla endaweni yokutshiyoda.

“UMamlambo kuperha kwsidalwa esikwaziyo ukuzitshintsha sizenze ezinye izilwanyana,” waphendula ukumkani.

“Eneneni, ungukumkani onobulumko ngokwenene! Kubi kakhulu ke kuba kuza kufuneka uve ubuhlungu ngoku!” yatsho intaka iwangawangisa iphiko layo lasekhohlo itshintsha iba yinyoka enkulu ezisongileyo eyazalisa indlu.



“F-f-f-f! Ubumelwe ukuba un-nc-ncame omnye woonyana ba-a-a-kho,” satsho isilwane sibhula ngomsila sizibhijela kukumkani.

“Andikoyiki!” wakhwaza ukumkani.

“S-s-s-sawubona ke ngaley,” watsho uMamlambo emminxa ngokuthe nkqi ukumkani.

Ekugqibeleni ukumkani zange abe sakwazi ukunyamezela ngakumbi. “Ndi … yanikezela … Ndizakuxelela …,” wakrwtshika.

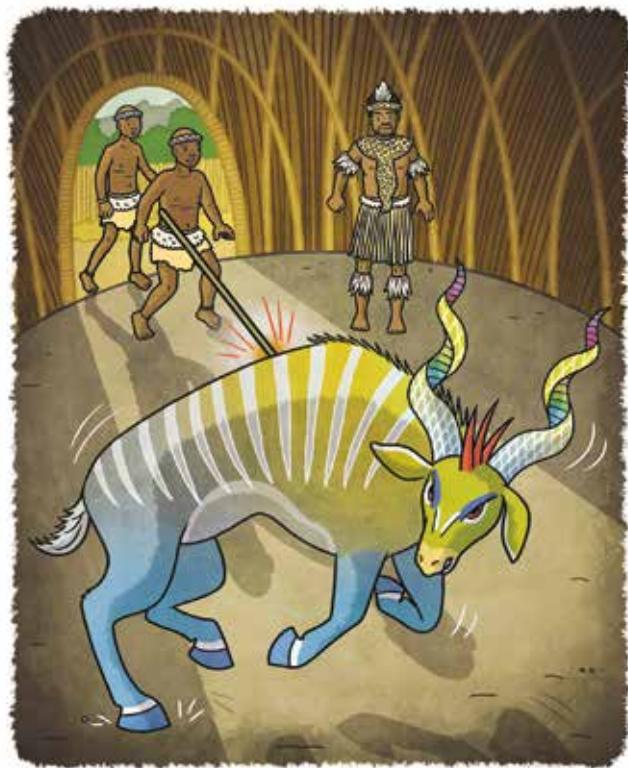
“Kulungile, kumkani omncinci,” wasineka uMamlambo. “Baphi oonyana bakho?”

“Ndibathume ukuba bayozingela. Bakhanga iqhude. Ukuba uyazitshintsha ube liqhude uzawubona baza kuza kuwe,” watsho ukumkani.

Isilwane sabhula ngomsila waso phantsi sajika saba liqhude!

“Baphi?” wanyanelisa uMamlambo.

Ngesaquphe uKhahlamba wagibiseleka endlwini waphosa umkhonto kayise. UMamlambo wazama ukuphepha, kodwa watyibilika waza umkhonto wabinza ecaleni lesilo. UMamlambo wakhwaza kakhulu kangangokuba indlu yashukuma, “Undiqhathile! Ngoku ndiza kutshintsha ndibe yinyoka enkulu nangaphezulu!”



UMamlambo wangqisha phantsi watshintsha. Kodwa endaweni yokutshintsha abe yinyoka enkulu nangakumbi, wajika wayimbovane encinci! Imbovane yazama ukubaleka, kodwa uThukela wayityumza ngonyawo yasisiphele sikaMamlambo eso! Iinkosana ezimbini zazimsindisile uyise.

“Naze njani nina nobabini ukuba ikhona into engahambi kakuhle?” ukumkani wababuza oonyana bakhe.

“UThukela ubo nobulumko bokwazi ukuba amaqhude akanakufumaneka kulo wethu umhlaba, ngoko ke sazi ukuba ufunu singabikho kude kube sezinzulwini zabusuku kwaye oko khange kubonakale kulungile,” waphendula uKhahlamba.

Ukumkani waba nebhongo ngoonyana bakhe. Ngosuku olulandelayo wathiya iNtaba eNkulu igama lokuba nguKhahlamba waza uMlambo omKhulu wawuthiya ukuba nguThukela. Yaye ngexesha elifanelekileyo, waqinisekisa ukuba oonyana bobabini bayabelana ngobukumkani.

Kude kube namhlanje, intaba enkulu nomlambo zisaziwa ngokuba ziintaba zoKhahlamba noThukela.

# Yenza ibali linike umdla!

Nazi iingcebiso onokuzisebenzisa kwibali elikwiphepha loku-1 kuye kwele-3 nabantwana eklasini yakho na-/okane kwiklabhu yokufunda. Khetha iingcebiso ezilungelana neminyaka nemidla yabantwana.

- ★ Kuxwebhu Iwephepha, zoba umfanekiso wekumkani uze ubhale, "KUFUNWA UKUMKANI OMTSHA." Njengendlela yokutshayelela ibali, bonisa abantwana iphepha uze uthi, "Ukuba ubunokukhetha ukumkani omtsha, ubungafuna ukuba abe njani?" Bakhuthaze abantwana babelane nabanye ngezimvo ngokuba zeziphi iimpawu abacinga ukuba ukumkani umelwe ukuba abe nazo, banike nezizathu.
- ★ Emva kokuba ulifundile ibali, xoxani ngesizathu sokuba ukumkani akhethe ukuba kuphathe oonyana bakhe bobabini. Cela abantwana babelane nabanye ngezimvo zabo kule nto baze

bacebise ukuba ngebabetheni bona ukuba babengukumkani.

- ★ Cebisa abantwana ukuba bazobe indawo ebalini apho uMamlambo etshintshe waba yimbovane okanye nayiphi na indawo abayithandileyo ebalini.
- ★ Nika abantwana udongwe okanye intlama yokudlala bayisebenzise ukubumba esinye sezilwanyana uMamlambo awayetshintsha abe zizo ebalini.
- ★ Nikunye nabo linganisani ibali. Bavumele abanye abantwana bakhethe ukuba ngumlinganiswa osebalini – ukumkani, uKhahlamba, uThukela, abacebisi bakakumkani abane noMamlambo eyintaka, inyoka, iqhude nembovane. Abanye abantwana mababe ngoonobalisa abafunda ibali logama abanye abalinganiswa belilinganisa.

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