Inkosi, amadodana ayo nenyoni ezinyawana ziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka

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Kudalo uKhahlamba lwalwaziwa njengeNtaba Enkulu kanti inkosi yayivame ukukhwela ifinyelele esicongweni sayo namadodana ayo ayengamawele, uKhahlamba noThukela, ukuze iwabonise uMfula Omkhulu namasimu asezansi.

"Ngelinye ilanga wonke lo mhlaba uyoba ngowenu ukuba niwubuse, futhi abantu bethu bayobheka kinina ukuba nibahole," kwakuye kusho inkosi.

Amadodana ayo ayevele anqekuze amakhanda nje uma uyise esho lokhu, kodwa athe lapho ekhula, izinto zaguquka. Ngelinye ilanga ntambama abafana bamlandela uyise benyuka bebheke entabeni njengenjwayelo; le esicongweni sentaba waphinde wabatshela ukuthi ngelinye ilanga babezobusa. Kulokhu, esikhundleni sokunqekuzisa amakhanda, bambuza uyise.

"Kodwa, baba," kuqala uKhahlamba, "ubani phakathi kwethu oyomkhetha ukuba abuse?"

"Yebo, baba," kwengeza uThukela, "ukhetha bani?"

Inkosi yamangala nje. Yayingakwazi ukuphendula amadodana ayo. Ngakho, esikhundleni sokuphendula yathi, "Ilanga seliyashona, sekufanele sihambe."

Emva kwesikhathi eside, imibuzo yamadodana ayo yayihlupha inkosi. Ebusuku, yayilokhu iphenduphenduka kanti emini, yayihlala yodwa ilokhu icabanga ngale mibuzo. Ayikwazanga ukunquma ukuthi iyiphi yamadodana ayo okwakufanele ibuse ngoba yayiwathanda womabili. Yayingakaze icabange ukuthi ngelinye ilanga kwakuyodingeka ukuba ikhethe phakathi kwawo.

Ekuseni ngelinye ilanga inkosi yabiza abeluleki bayo.

"Nkosi, usibizile," basho ngenkathi bengena bekhothama eqhugwaneni.

"Ngidinga ukwazi ukuthi iyiphi phakathi kwamadodana ami enicabanga ukuthi kufanele ibuse emva kwami," kusho inkosi.

Ababili babeluleki abane bathi, "Kufanele ukhethe uKhahlamba, Nkosi. Unesibindi futhi unamandla, njengawe."

Laba abanye abeluleki ababili baphendula bathi, "Nkosi, kufanele ukhethe uThukela. Unobuhlakani, njengawe."

Kwaqophiswana kanjalo, into eyashiya inkosi idideke kakhulu kunakuqala.

Ngalobo busuku phakathi kwamabili, ngenkathi inkosi ilele, inyoni ezinyawo ziluhlaza yandizela eqhugwaneni lenkosi yase ihlala eduze kwayo.

"Nkosi," ikhuleka.

Inkosi yagxuma yabamba umkhonto wayo. "Ubani lo ofika ebusuku kangaka?" ibuza.

"Nkosi," kwasho inyoni, "ukhathazekile, yingakho ngilapha nje yikhona ngizokusiza."

"Kodwa wena uyinto enezimpaphe nomlomo wezinyoni nje, mina ungangisiza kanjani?" kubuza inkosi.

"Ngingaguquka ngibe yinoma yisiphi isilwane, esikhulu noma esincane. Ngingakusiza," kusho inyoni.

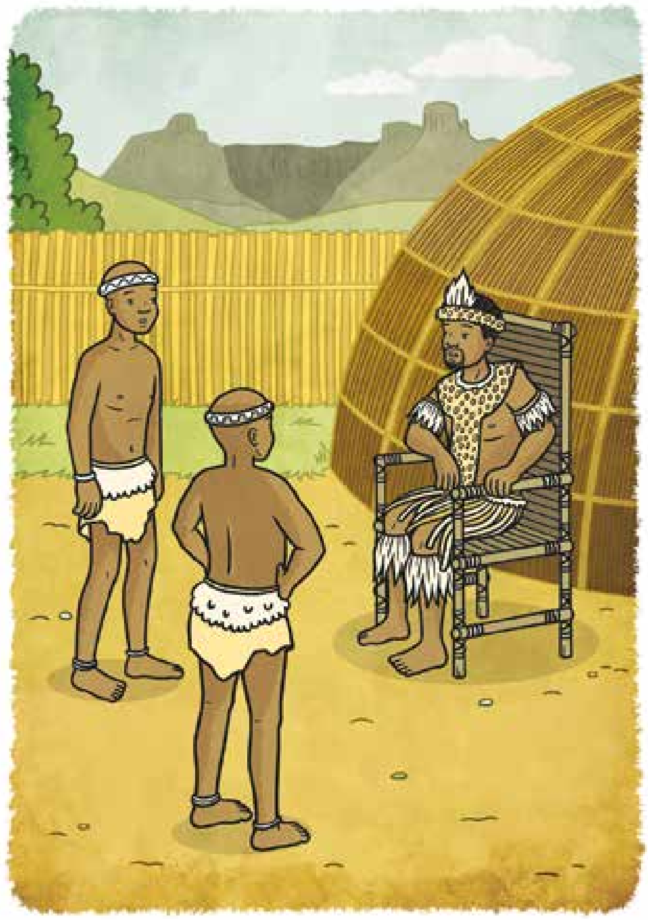
Inkosi yayihlakaniphe kakhulu futhi yayazi ukuthi akubona ubuhlakani ukuthemba inyoni ekwazi ukuphenduka ibe yinoma yisiphi isilwane. Kodwa yayisafuna ukwazi ukuthi inyoni le yayihlele ukuthi ingasiza kanjani, ngakho yathi, "Khuluma, ngilalele."

"Ngobusuku besivuno uyothumela amadodana akho kimina. Leyo eyobuya, yiyona eyoba yinkosi," kusho inyoni.

"Bese kwenzekani-ke kuleyo engabuyanga?" kubuza inkosi.

Inyoni ayizange iwuphendule lo mbuzo kunalokho yathi, "Ngethembe, nkosi enkulu, ngiyazi mina." Lapho-ke inyoni yabhakuzisa amaphiko ayo yandiza yahamba ishiya inkosi ikhungatheke kakhulu kunakuqala.

Ithe lapho ivuka inkosi ngakusasa ekuseni, yathumela ukuba ibizelwe amadodana ayo. "Ngilalelisiseni ngoba lokhu ngizokusho kanye kuphela," kwasho inkosi. "Ekuseni ngelanga lesivuno ngifuna nithathe umkhonto wami nihambe niyozingela umgankla. Ningeqeli ngaleya komhlaba wethu futhi niqiniseke ukuthi ningilethela umgankla lowo phakathi kwamabili."



"Yebo, baba," kwasho amadodana enkosi ngokuzithoba.

Ekuseni ngelanga lesivuno, amadodana avuka entathakusa aya ehlathini nomkhonto kayise njengalokhu ayewatshelile. Akekho omunye owayazi lapho ayeya khona nokuthi ayeyokwenzani ngaphandle kukayise.

Phakathi kwamabili, inyoni ezinyawo ziluhlaza yandizela eqhugwaneni lenkosi. Yafica inkosi ihlezi, ilindele amadodana ayo ukuba abuye.

"Nkosi," kukhuleka inyoni, "Ngiwafunile amadodana akho, kodwa angiwatholanga. Uwafihlile yini, nkosi enkulu?"

"Ngikhaliphe kabi ukuba ngingethemba wena, Mamlambo," kusho inkosi.

"Ini? Waze kanjani ukuthi yimina?" kwabuza inyoni, kodwa manje isho ngomsindo ohwahwazayo kunokutshiloza okwenyoni.

"UMamlambo ukuphela kwesidalwa esikwazi ukuphenduka sibe ngezinye izilwane," kuphendula inkosi.

"Cha, uyinkosi ekhaliphe ngempela! Okubi nje ukuthi manje uzohlupheka!" kusho inyoni ngenkathi ibhakuzisa iphiko layo lakwesobunxele qede iphenduka inyoka enkulu esongene yagcwala iqhugwane.

"*Ssss*! Ngabe u-u-unikele ngeyodwa yama-ma-madodana akho," kwasho lesi sidalwa sibhaxula umsila waso sizithandela enkosini.

"Angikwesabi!" kumemeza inkosi.

"Si-sizobona phela nga-ngalokho," kwasho uMamlambo ecindezela inkosi kakhulu futhi.

Ekugcineni inkosi yayingasakwazi ukubekezela. "Kulungile … sengiyanikezela … ngizokutshela …," yasho iklinyeka.

"Kwakuhle, nkosi encanyana," kubhuqa uMamlambo. "Aphi amadodana akho?"

"Ngiwathumele ukuba ayozingela. Ayofuna umgankla. Uma ungaphenduka ube ngumgankla uzowabona engena lapha eze kuwena," kusho inkosi.

Isidalwa lesi sashaya umsila waso saphenduka saba ngumgankla!

"Aphi?" kubuza uMamlambo.

Ngokushesha uKhahlamba wagulukudela eqhugwaneni waciba umkhonto wenkosi. UMamlambo wazama ukuwuvika, kodwa washibilika, umkhonto wangena ohlangothini lwakhe. UMamlambo wamemeza kakhulu kangangoba iqhugwane leli lazamazama, "Ungiphambile! Manje-ke sengizophenduka ngibe yinyoka enkulu kunalokhu!"

UMamlambo washaya phansi wabe eseguquka. Kodwa esikhundleni sokuguquka abe yinyoka enkulu, waphenduka waba yintuthwane encanyana! Intuthwane yathi pha pha izama ukubaleka, kodwa uThukela wayihlifiza ngonyawo kwabe kuyaphela njalo ngoMamlambo! Amakhosana amabili amsindisa kanjalo uyise.

"Naze kanjani nobabili ukuthi kukhona obekungahambi kahle?" inkosi yabuza amadodana ayo.

"UThukela ubehlakaniphe ngokwanele ukwazi ukuthi imigankla ayitholakali kule ndawo yangakithi, ngakho sabona ukuthi eqinisweni ubufuna ukusixosha kuze kube phakathi kwamabili, kanti lokho kwenze sasola ukuthi kukhona okushaya amanzi," kuphendula uKhahlamba.

Inkosi yaziqhenya kakhulu ngamadodana ayo. Ngosuku olulandelayo yaqamba iNtaba Enkulu ngokuthi, *uKhahlamba* noMfula Omkhulu ngokuthi, *uThukela*. Kwathi-ke uma sekuyisikhathi esifanele, yenza isiqiniseko sokuthi isihlalo sobukhosi abelana ngaso womabili amadodana ayo.

Kuze kube namhlanje, intaba enkulukazi nomfula kusabizwa ngokuthi *izintaba zoKhahlamba noThukela*.

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