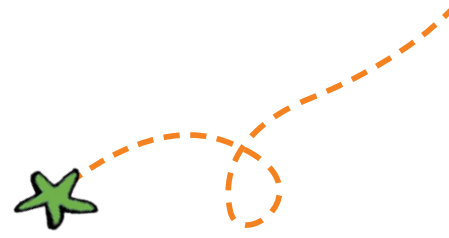


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“Ngifisa sengatsi ngabe akukafaneli kutsi ngiye esikolweni namuhla,” kwasho Bhuti Mgwaja ngesikhatsi avuka. “Ngifisa sengatsi ngingahlala ekhaya futsi ngilale lilanga lonkhe.”

Ekhishini Gogo Mgwaja bekaphishekile enta umdoko. “Phangisani, bantfwana,” wamemeta. “Libhulakufesi selilungile.”

“Ngiyeta, Gogo,” kwasho Sisi Mgwaja azuba aphuma embhedzeni. Sisi Mgwaja bekafuna kuya esikolweni njalo nje.

“Ngitiva ngingaphilile kahle, Gogo,” kwasho Bhuti Mgwaja. “Inhloko yami ibuhlungu futsi nemilente yami ibuhlungu nemphimbo wami ubuhlungu futsi ngisho nengcoza yami ibuhlungu.”

Gogo weva inhloko yakhe watsatsa nelizinga lekushisa. “Kute lokonakele kuwe,” washo njalo. “Manje vuka futsi ugcoke.”

Bhuti Mgwaja waphuma embhedzeni. Masinyane wajikijela ticatfulo takhe tesikolo ngelifasitelo. “Angitiboni ticatfulo tami tesikolo,” wamemeta. “Ngeke ngiye esikolweni ngoba angikatitfoli ticatfulo tami tesikolo.”

Sisi Mgwaja abembonile. “Wena sikhohlakali semgwaja,” wamtsetsisa. “Utifihlile. Nyalo sheshisa. sitawuphuta kufika.”



Bhuti Mgwaja wadla umdoko wakhe. Wabese uyahamba uyohlala emthoyi. “Sisu sami sibuhlungu, Gogo,” wakhala. “Kunebuhlungu esiswini sami. Ngeke ngikhone kuhamba ngiye esikolweni.”

Gogo weta nelibhodlela lakhe lelikhulu lemutsi lobabako. “Mina-ke,” kwasho yena, “natsa tibili tipunu letinkhulu taloku kutawusilungisa lesisu sakho.”

“Cha, cha, cha!” kwamemeta Bhuti Mgwaja. “Sisu sami sesincono nyalo.”

“Sale nihamba-ke,” kwasho Gogo, abanika kudla kwabo kwasemini kwesikolo. “Nyalo nifundze ngekutimisela, nibuye ekhaya nihlakaniphile.”

Bhuti Mgwaja watotoba emvakwasisi wakhe. Wakokola futsi wazuba wabuye wadansa wabuye futsi wagabadvula yonkhe indlela aya esikolweni, kodvwa yena wakhasa emgwacweni acasukile nje. “Angifuni kuya esikolweni,” wavungama. “Ngifuna kuhlala ngisembhedzeni.”



Masinyane nje befika emagedeni esikolo. “Sala kahle Bhuti,” kwamemeta Sisi Mgwaja, agijima angena ngekhatsi.

Bhuti Mgwaja wabuka emaceleni. Kute labembukile. Ngekushesha wabhaca emvakwelihlashana. Wahlala lapho, wanganyakati futsi kwate kwakhala insimbi babese bonkhe bangena ngekhatsi esikolweni. Yena-ke wase uyagijima ubuyela emuva ekhaya. Wangena ngelifasitelo lasekamelweni lekulala watigoca embhedzeni wakhe. Masinyane nje abesalele lobukhulu butfongo futsi asahona.



Ngensimbi yelishumi nakunye, Bhuti Mgwaja besekumdzinile kulala. Abesanesitunge. Wahlola ngaphandle kulomnyango wasekamelweni lekulala. Abekuphi Gogo? Yelele. Abehleti ekhishini anatsa litiya naMake Mbila wakamakhelwane. Bhuti Mgwaja waphefumula kakhulu. Bekuvilaphisa kulala embhedzeni lilanga lonkhe.

Ngensimbi yelishumi nakubili Bhuti Mgwaja bekomile. Wahlola ngaphandle kulomnyango wasekamelweni lekulala. Uphi Gogo? Hhayi bo. Bekabhaka sinkhwa ekhishini. Bhuti Mgwaja waphefumula kakhulu. Bekafuna emanti atonatsa nemuntfu latawudlala naye.

Ngensimbi yekucala Bhuti Mgwaja waphindza wahlola futsi. Ngalesikhatsi Gogo Mgwaja bekakhuluma naMfundisi Mphungushe. Mfundisi Mphungushe bekadla incenye yesinkhwa saGogo lesibhakwe ekhaya. Leliphunga lesinkhwa lenta umlomo waBhuti Mgwaja wavuta ematse. Wafisa kutsi angatfola lesinkhwa saGogo, sishisa siphuma ehavini. Bhuti Mgwaja waphefumula kakhulu.

Ngensimbi yesitsatfu Sisi Mgwaja wabuya ekhaya ashayela etulu. Bhuti Mgwaja wazuba waphuma ngelifasitelo lakhe weta agijima emyango wangembali emvakwakhe. “Sawubona, Gogo,” wamemeta. “Sengisekhaya, ngibuya esikolweni.”

“Bekulilanga lelibe lihle ngalokwendlulele,” kusho Sisi Mgwaja. “Sibe nesifundvo sekudvweba nemdvwebi wangempela. Sifundze kudvweba emakhomikhi. Futsi thishelanhloko wetfu uyashada. Ute netinatfo nelikhekhe nemashibusi kwawonkhe umuntfu. Bekumnandzi, akunjalo, Bhuti?”

“Yebo, yebo,” kwasho Bhuti Mgwaja. Inhlitiyo yakhe beyicwila. Hhayi, cha. Lilanga linye nje ahleti embhedzeni batfole likhekhe esikolweni!

“Nhloboni yelikhekhe lolitfolile, Bhuti?” kwabuta Gogo.

“Belileshokoletshi,” Bhuti Mgwaja wacamba emanga. “Likhekhe leshokoletshi ne-ayisingi yekharameli nematjerisi ngetulu.” Ngifisa kwangatsi ngabe bengiyile esikolweni, kucabanga Bhuti Mgwaja. Ngifisa sengatsi ngabe ngiyitfolile incenye yalelikhekhe.

Kusenjalo kwanconcofwa emnyango. Bekume thishela waBhuti Mgwaja, Nkhosatana Gundvwane. Bekaphetse lipuleti lelinelucetu lolukhulu lwelikhekhe lelitsandzekako.

“Sawubona, Gogo Mgwaja,” kwasho yena. “Ngive buhlungu kakhulu kutsi Bhuti Mgwaja bekagula ngalililanga lelikhetseke kangaka kangabobe ngimbekele lucetu lwelikhekhe. Sewunjani yena? Ngabe sewutiva ancono?”

Hhayi cha. Nyalo Bhuti Mgwaja usenkingeni. Wagijima waya ekamelweni lakhe lekulala, wazuba waphuma ngelifasitelo wahamba wayobhaca esihlahleni lesisebaleni.

“Nanguya,” Sisi Mgwaja watjela Gogo. “Ubhace esihlahleni samangoza.”

Gogo naNkhosatana Gundvwane bema ngaphansi kwalesihlahla. “Ube ngumgwaja lokhohlakele kakhulu,” kwasho Gogo angadlali. “Ubaleke esikolweni.”

“Ngiyacolisa, Gogo. Ngiyacolisa, Nkhosatana Gundvwane,” kwakhala Bhuti Mgwaja. “Ngicela ungangitfukutseleli.”

“Kufanele sikufundzise sifundvo,” kwasho Gogo. “Angati nje kutsi kufanele senteni.”

“Ngiyati,” kwasho Nkhosatana Gundvwane. “Yini ungangenteli inkomishi yelitya, bese sidla lolucetu lwelikhekhe leshokoletshi lelimnandzi kangaka. Loko kutamfundzisa kutsi kubaleka esikolweni kukhohlakala lokukhulu kakhulu.”

Ngako-ke Gogo wabasela ligedlela, wabese Nkhosatana Gundwane yena utsatsa tipunu letimbili babelana lolucetu lwelikhekhe. Umlomo waBhuti Mgwaja wavuta ematse nesisu sakhe sakhala tilo, kodwa bekute likhekhe lakhe. Bekute ngisho nalencane invutfuluka.



Kusukela ngalelo langa, Bhuti Mgwaja akazange aphindze abaleke esikolweni. Ngisho nakanye. Kuhlala embhedzeni lilanga lonkhe nje kwakungesikuhle!

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• **KHOMBISA LIKHONO LAKHO LEBUCIKO!**



- Asewucabange kutsi Bhuti Mgwaja wancuma kwentela Nkhosatana Gundwane likhadi, labetamnika lona ngakusasa nakaya esikolweni. Yini labekangabhala kulelikhadi? Tjela bantfwabakho kutsi abente lelikhadi.
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Lokubukwako

Hlukanisa lishadi leliphapha emkhatsini. Kulinye luhlangotsi, dweba sifombe saloku Bhuti Mgwaja bekacabanga kutsi kutoba ngiko ngekuhlala ekhaya nakabuya esikolweni. Kulelinye luhlangotsi, dweba sifombe sendlela lebekutaba ngiyo mbamba.



Kufundza

Ungatiifola yini tizatfu letintsafu Bhuti Mgwaja latitjela Gogo ngekutsi kungani angakayi esikolweni? Fundza loku ngeliphimbo leliphasi locabanga kutsi Bhuti Mgwaja bekangalisebentisa.

Nguliphi liphimbo lebelingasetjentiswa nguGogo kukhuluma naBhuti Mgwaja ngesikhatsi asabhacile esihlahleni samangoza? Fundza loko lakushilo kuye usebentisa leliphimbo.



Kubhala

Uyobe uphatfwe situnge nangabe usekhaya? Yini lotsandza kuyenta nangabe usekhaya? Sita Bhuti Mgwaja kutsi angativa abhorekile ngekwenza luhlu lwetintfo langetama kutenta ekhaya.



Umsebenti wetandla

Cabanga Bhuti Mgwaja ukhetse kwenta likhadi entela Nkhosatana Gundwane, lebekatomnika lona nangabe aya esikolweni ngelilanga lelilandzelako. Kungenteka yini labekayibhale kulekhadi? Yenta lelikhadi.



Kulingisa

Coca indzaba leyenteke mbamba nobe yekuticabangela ngesikhatsi uhleli ekhaya ubuya esikolweni.