

Inja ka-Akani

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Lokha umengameli weSewula Afrika nakamemezela bonyana enarheni kuzakuba nokuqintelwa kwamakhambo, ababelethi baka-Akani bebazi bonyana uzokuba nesizungu nakasekhaya. Esikolweni u-Akani bekadlala nabangani bakhe; bekafunda amagama amatjha nokutlola nokubala kutitjhere wakhe. Ababelethi baka-Akani bacabanga iqhinga lokumlibazisa: bamtholelainja.

“Uzoyithiya igama uthi ngubaniinja yakho?”

kwabuza unina ka-Akani.

“Kwanje angazi,” kwatjho u-Akani.



Ngelanga lokuthoma lokuqintelwa kwamakhambo, u-Akani nenja bathoma ngokudlala engadini yekhobo, bagijima u-Akani wabe waphelelwa mummoya. Basuka lapho bayokuhlala ngelawini lika-Akani. Ukusuka efesdereni bebakghona ukubona imibhotjhongo yoku-pholisa isitetjhi segezi esidala kudanyana. Imibhotjhongo le yabe ipendwe ngemibala ekhanyako.

Inja yathoma yabubula no-Akani wayibhambatha kam-nandi. Yathoma yabhula umsila ngokuthaba okukhulu. U-Akani wabuza, “Kwenzenjani, nja?” Ungakholwa? Inja yaphendula ngelizwi elikhulu! “Esikhathini sakade...”.

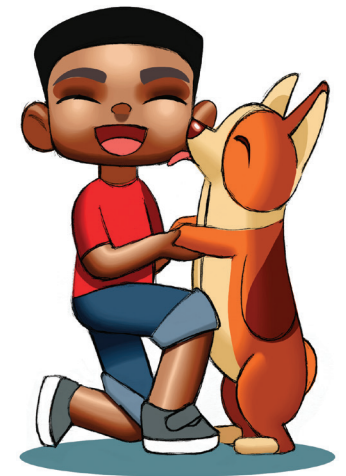


U-Akani wacabanga bonyana ulahlekelwa yingcondo. Watjhidela eduze nenja. “Utheni?”

Inja yalungisa iphimbo. “Esikhathini sakade,” kubuyelela inja, iqale ngehlangothini lemibhotjhongo. U-Akani walalelisisa lokha inja nayithoma indatjana yayo.

“Ngesewula yeJohannesburg kwakunemibhotjhongo emibili ephakamileko. Yayipholile. Ngitjho, ukuphola khulu. Yayipholisa imibhotjhongo ye-Orlando Power Station bekube ngomnyaka we-1998. Yase itjhugululwa iba mibhotjhongo yeendatjana ekungeyomuntu wo ke weSoweto: imibhotjhongo yeSoweto. Iindatjana bezipendwa ngeenthombe mazombe. Iinthombe lezi zazihlala zitjhuguluka kanengi. Kesinye isikhathi iindatjana ebezicocwa bekungezika Nelson Mandela, ikutani ekulu yesitjhaba. Kesinye isikhathi bebacoca zomvumo nabantu abagida khulu. Kesinye isikhathi bebacoca iindaba ezimayelana neJohannesburg, iDorobho leGolide,” kwatjho inja.

U-Akani wabe azele ithabo elikhulu wabuza inja bunqopha: “Ingabe uyinja yomlingo?” inja yatjhidela ku-Akani, yakhotha imihlatjhanakhe enonileko yabe yahleka ihleko lenja.



“Ngiyinja ecoca iindatjana,” kwatjhoinja.

U-Akani wathaba khulu beweqa embhedeni wagida igido lokuthumba. Inja yabukela, ibhula umsila uya le nale, le nale. U-Akani wahlala phasi godu.

“Kulungile, njanyana, ngibawa ungi-cocele enye indatjana?” wabawa.

“Kufanele ungenzele okuthileko maqangi,” kwatjhoinja.

“Nofana khuyini,” kuthembisa u-Akani.

“Wena ngitjela okufunako.”

“Kufanele ungi-phe igama,” kwatjhoinja.

U-Akani waqala ngaphandle ngefesidere wathula isikhatjhana. Kusenjalo, nakabona imibhotjhongo ikude le, wafikelwa mbono.

“Orlando,” kwatjho u-Akani, aqala afuna ukubona bonyanainja iyalithanda igama layo elitjha na. Inja akhange itjho litho kwesikhatjhana. Yasuka lapho yeqa embhedeni, yabetha umule osangoma, yenza nokufana negido lokuthumba. Yabe ilithanda igama layo.

“Orlando,” kwatjho u-Akani.

“Ngibawa ungi-cocele indatjana.”

“Esikhathini sakade...”

kwatjho uOrlando, athatha indawo yakhe eduze no-Akani phezu kombhede.



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Izinto esingakhuluma ngazo

Inga-kghani izinja zinelimi ezilikhulumako? Nazinganalo, alo zikhulumisana njani? Yini oyikhumbulako lokha nabesinokuqinteliswa kwamakhambo kokuthoma? Ngimiphi imihlobo yezinto ozenzileko ngesikhathi sokuqinteliswa kwamakhambo?



Ukubonakala

Dweba isithombe saka-Akani no-Orlando badlala bobabili etonini.



Ukufunda

Iba ngufokisi wendatjana! Thola amagama endatjaneni akutjela bona:

- ★ ikumba ka-Akani yokulala inefesdere
- ★ u-Akani bekanomusa enjenakhe
- ★ unekareko endatjaneni inga-kghani emtjele yona
- ★ wathiya inga-kghani ngemiBhotjhongo yeSoweto.



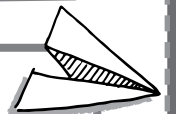
Ukutlola

Wasiza u-Akani ukuthi angadondi ngesikhathi sokuqinteliswa kwamakhambo. Watlola irhelo leemphakamiso zezinto eziSusa ukuDonda zokobana unghahlala njani amajadu ekhaya.



Ubukghwari

Zakhele indatjanakho yombhotjhongo. Thola ibhoksi lekhadbhoksi elide nephepha elaneleko ukobana lilivale kiwo womane amahlangothi. Dweba namkha penda isithombe sendatjana ephepheni. Namathisela isithombe sendatjanakho ngedlhu emahlangothini webhoksi lekhadbhoksi.



Ukwenza

Qedelela indatjana u-Orlando athoma ukuyitjho ekugcineni kwethi *Inja ka-Akani*.

