

Inja ya-Akani

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Ngasikhatsi mengameli waseNingizimu Afrika amemetela kutsi kulelive kutawuba nekuvalwa kwemisebenti nekuhamba kwebantfu, batali ba-Akani bati kutsi utawuba nesitunge ekhaya. Esikolweni, Akani bekadlala nebangani bakhe; bekafundza emagama lamasha nekubhala nekubala kuthishela wakhe. Batali ba-Akani bacabanga lisu lekumgcina angenasitunge: bamtfolela inja.

“Litsini ligama lotayibita ngalo inja yakho?”

kwabuta make wa-Akani.

“Ngisengakati kwanyalo,”

kwasho Akani.



Ngelilanga lekucala lekuvalwa kwemisebenti nekuhamba kwebantfu, Akani nalenja badlala engadzeni yabo kwekucala bagijima waze Akani waphelelwa ngumoya. Babese bayohlala ekamelweni la-Akani. Nabasefasitelweni bebakhona kubona khashane emathange lamibhoshongo ekupholisa esiteshi lesidzala sekuphehla gezi. Lamathange lamibhoshongo bekaPendwe ngemibala legcamile.

Lenja yacala yashaya umkhulungwane ikhala kabuhlungu wase uyayiphulula Akani ngesineke. Ngaleso sikhatsi yacala yajikitisa umsila wayo ngalengkulu injabulo. Akani wabuta, “Yini wena, yinja?”



Ungakukholwa? Lenja yaphendvula ngelivi lelikhulu! “Kwesukasukela...”

Akani wacabanga kutsi sewuyahlanya. Wasondzela kakhudlwana kulenja. “Utsiteni?”

Lenja yavula umphimbo wayo. “Kwesukasukela,” lenja yaphindza, ibuke-ngco kulamathange lamibhoshongo. Akani walalela ngekucopehela ngalesikhatsi lenja icala lendzaba yayo.

“Eningizimu yeliJozi bekunemathange lamibhoshongo lemidze lamabili. Bekamahle. Ngisho kuba mahle ngekweliciniso. Bekungemathange lamibhoshongo lapholisako Siteshi sekuphehla gezi sase-Orlando kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka we-1998. Abese ayantjintja aba yimibhoshongo yetindzaba taseSoweto yonkhe: Emathange Lamibhoshongo aseSoweto. Tindzaba betipendwa etitfombeni lebetiwatungeletile. Letitfombe betihlala tintjintjwa ngetikhatsi ngetikhatsi. Letinye tikhatsi letindzaba beticocwa betitaNelson Mandela, lichawe lelikhulu lesive. Letinye tikhatsi betikhuluma ngemculo nebantfu labadansa ngendlela lengatayeleki. Letinye tikhatsi bebacoca tindzaba ngeliJozi, Lidolobha leLigolide,” kwasho lenja.

Akani bekajabule ngendlela yekutsi wayibuta lenja wayicondza-ngco: “Uyinja yemlingo yini wena?” Lenja yasondzela kakhudlwana ku-Akani, yakhotsa tihlatsi takhe letiyindingilizi yabese ihleka luhleko lwenja.



“Ngiyinja lecoca tindzaba,” kwasho lenja. Akani wajabula kakhulu wazupha wehla embhedzeni wabese udansa umdanso wekuncoba. Lenja yabukela, ijikitisa umsila wayo uya ngalapha nangalapha, ngalapha nangalapha. Akani wahlala phansi futsi.

“Wo, njana, ungangicocela yini lenye indzaba?” kwabuta yena.

“Kufanele ungentele intfo letsite kucala.” kwasho lenja.

“Noma yini,” Akani wetsembisa. “Mane ungitjele ini.”

“Kufanele ungetse ligama,” kwasho lenja.

Akani wabuka ngaphandle efasitelweni abindzile kwesikhashana. Ngemuva kwaloko, abona lamathange lamibhoshongo khashane, waba nembono.

“Orlando,” kwasho Akani, abuka kutsi lenja iyalitsandza yini ligama layo lelisha. Ngaleso sikhatsi wazupha esuka embhedzeni, amemeta ngenjabulo kungatsi uhlabela liculo, wabese wenta lokufana nemdanso wekuncoba. Walitsandza ligama layo.

“Orlando,” kwasho Akani. “Ngiyacela ngicocele indzaba.”

“Kwesukasukela...” kwasho Orlando, atsatsa indzawo yakhe eceleni kwa-Akani embhedzeni.

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Imibono lokungakhulunywa ngayo

Tinja tinalo yini lulwimi? Uma ngabe tite, tikhuluma kanjani?

Yini loyikhumbulako ngalesikhatsi kumiswa kwekucala kusebenta nekuhamba?

Ngutiphi tintfo lotentile ngesikhatsi sekumiswa kusebenta nekuhamba?



Lokubukwako

Dweba sifombe sa-Akani na-Orlando badlala sikanye engadzeni.



Kufundza

Bani ngumseshi! Tfola emagama kulenzaba lakutjela kutsi:

- ★ likamelo lekulala la-Akani linelifasitelo
- ★ Akani bekayinja lenemusa
- ★ unenshisekelo ngalenzaba leyacocwa yinja yakhe
- ★ wetsainja ngeMibhoshongo yaseSoweto.



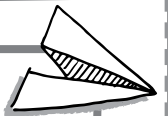
Kubhala

Sita Akani angadliwa situnge ngesikhatsi sekumiswa kwemisebenti nekuhamba. Bhala luhlu lwemibono mayelana neTintfo Tekucedza Situnge ngekutsi ube matasatasa ekhaya.



Umsebenti wetandla

Takhele wakho umbhoshongo wenzaba. Tfola libhokisi lelikhadibhodi lelidze neliphepha lelenele lekulivala tonkhe tinhangotsi. Dweba noma upende sifombe sendzaba ephepheni. Namatsisela sifombe sakho sendzaba etinhangotsini talelibhokisi lelikhadibhodi.



Kulingisa

Cedzela lenzaba Orlando lacala kuyicoca ekugcineni *Inja ya-Akani*.

