

Isipoki esigqoke amaphijama kaGogo

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U-Onke wayelele zwi embhejaneni wakhe omncane, egunjini lakhe lokulala elincane, endlini ayehlala kuyo noMama, noBaba, noGogo, kanye nenja yakhe encane ebizwa ngoMdlwane. UMdlwane wayelele engutsheni ebomvu ezinyaweni zombhede ka-Onke. Wayehona kancane futhi ephupha ngokubamba izinkwe epaki.

Kusenjalo u-Onke wezwa umsindo omkhulu wase evuka ethukile. Wazimboza ikhanda ngengubo. “Ngifisa sengathi kungebe inunu noma yisipoki esisabekayo. Angizithandi izipoki,” kusho yena, eqhaqhazela.

PHAHLA! “Nanso futhi,” kusho yena, ezama ukuqina isibindi. “Kumele ngithole ukuthi yini eyenza lowo msindo.” Ngakho-ke u-Onke wathatha ithoshi leplastiki eliluhlaza okotshani ayeligcina etafuleni eliseceleni kombhede, wase elikhanyisa elizungezisa igumbi.

“Ngabe ucabanga ukuthi lowo msindo wenziwe yisipoki?” kubuza u-Onke kuMdlwane. U-Onke wamumbambatha ekhanda.

HHOO! HHOO! Kwezwakala umsindo omusha owawuvela ngaphandle.

“Ngabe yisipoki yini leso?” kubuza u-Onke, ekhanyisa ithoshi lakhe efasiteleni.

Kwakukhona into enkulu, ekhuluphele ensundu, embozwe yizimpaphe, enomlomo ophuzi, eyayihleli egatsheni ngaphandle. U-Onke wahleka wase ethi, “Akusona isipoki. Yisikhova nje esihleli esihlahleni. Kodwa ngiyafisa ukwazi ukuthi yini le eyenza umsindo wokuphahlazeka?”



HHOO! HHOO! Isikhova esikhulu sanweba amaphiko aso sase sindiza siwela ingadi.

“Izikhova zizingela amagundane nezingoso ebusuku, yingakho abantu bengaziboni nhlobo. Kuyinhlanhla enkulu ukubona isikhova,” kusho u-Onke. “Ngabe akunjalo, Mdlwane?”

Kodwa uMdlwane wayelele ethe zwi, ngakho u-Onke wahlkihla isisu sakhe esincane esinoboya wase ehona wase ephendukela engutsheni yakhe ebomvu.

“Mhlawumbe umqondo wami udlala ngami nje,” kucabanga u-Onke. Kodwa kusenjalo wabona okuthile okumnyama nokwesabekayo ekhoneni legumbi. Kwakubukeka sengathi yinunu enkulu enamaphiko okhozi namazipho ebhubesi kanye namazinyo amade afana nawentibane.

“Ngabe yisipoki lesi?” kusho yena, ekhanyisa ithoshi lakhe ekhoneni legumbi. U-Onke wahleka lapho ebona ukuthi empeleni kwakuyini. “Yizingubo ezingcolile nje ezilenga esitulweni. Bekufanele engabe ngizibeke ngendlela uMama ayethe ngizibeke ngayo. Akunjalo, Mdlwane?” Kodwa uMdlwane wayesalele ethe zwi.



“Kodwa ngabe ubuyini lowo msindo wento ephahlazekayo owenzeke phambilini?” kusho u-Onke. *PHAHLA!* Wezwa umsindo futhi wase eqhaqhazela. “Kufanele ukuthi yisipoki lesi,” kucabanga yena, “futhi kuzwakala sengathi sindiza emoyeni ngaphandle kwegumbi lami.”

U-Onke wayezama ukuziqinisa isibinjana, noma amadolo akhe ayeqhaqhazela njengojeli. Walunguza ngemva komnyango wegumbi lakhe lokulala, wase ebheka ephaseji elimnyama.

Kodwa kwakungekho lutho lapho, kwakukhona izicathulo zabazali bakhe nje eduze nodonga, kanye nendishi yamanzi kaMdlwane kumata omncane. U-Onke wanyonyoba kukhaphethi ephaseji, wadlula igumbi lokulala labazali bakhe, wase elunguza ekhishini.

“Isipoki!” esho ememeza, ekhanyisa ithoshi esithunzini esimnyama esime eduze kwesitofu. Isipoki sasigqoke amaphijama aluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka anezimvu kuwo.

“Amaphijama kaGogo lawo,” kusho u-Onke. “Uwantshontsheleni amaphijama kaGogo, Sipoki?” U-Onke wakhanyisa ithoshi lakhe ukuze abuke ubuso besipoki. KwakuwuGogo!

“Onke,” kusho Gogo, esekhamisile nje ngenxa yokwethuka. “Waze wangethusa. Bengicabanga ukuthi uyisipoki.”

“Bengicabanga ukuthi *nguwe* oyisipoki,” kusho u-Onke, egigitheka. “Wenzani ekhishini ebusuku kangaka, Gogo?”

“Bengingakwazi ukulala,” kusho uGogo, “ngakho-ke ngize ngeza ekhishini ukuze ngizitholele ubisi olushisayo kanye namabhisikidi. Ngabe ufuna ukuzitholela okokubamba umoya kwaphakathi namabili nami?” U-Onke wamamatheka wase enqekuzisa ikhanda lakhe.

Ngakho yena kanye noGogo bahlala etafuleni lasekhishini bexoxela phansi bedebegcobhoza amabhisikidi aklamuzelayo ezinkomishini ezinobisi olushisayo. Base bezenzela isemishi elithosiwe abazokwabelana ngalo, eline-*ham*, ushizi, utamatisi, kanye nolethisi oluhlaza omusha.





Lapho sebeqedile ukudla nokuphuza, baxubha amazinyo abo okwesibili ngalobo busuku. U-Onke wabe esefisela uGogo ubuthongo obumnandi wase ebuyela egunjini lakhe lokulala. Lapho evula umnyango, uMdlwane wagxuma wase ekhonkotha.

“We Mdlwane,” kusho u-Onke, emumbambatha ekhanda, “yimina nje. Ngabe ubucabanga ukuthi ngiyisipoki?”

UMdlwane wakhotha ubuso bakhe wase ephenduka engutsheni yakhe ebomvu.

“Ngisombulule impicabadala kusihlwa nje. Ngabe ubukwazi lokho, Mdlwane?” kubuza u-Onke.

Kodwa uMdlwane wayesezigoqile wase evala amehlo akhe.

“Kubukeka kuyisu elihle lokho,” kusho u-Onke. “Ulale kahle, Mdlwane.”

VEZA UBUCIKO BAKHO!

Inja ka-Onke, uMdlwane wayephupha. Khuthaza izingane zakho ukuthi zidwebe isithombe sikaMdlwane elele bese uzicela ukuthi zifake ibhamuza lomcabango elinesithombe esikhombisa lokho uMdlwane aphupha ngako.



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Ezibonakalayo

Inja ka-Onke uPuppy ibiphupha. Dweba isithombe sikaPuppy ezunywe ubuthongo bese udweba ifu elikhombisa ukucabanga elinesithombe esibonisa ukuthi yini uPuppy abephupha ngayo.



Ukufunda

Yiba umphenyi wendaba! Thola amagama endatshaneni angakutshela ukuthi:

- ★ ekuqaleni kwendaba u-Onke ubesewaxubhile kakade amazinyo akhe ngaphambi kokuthi ayolala
- ★ u-Onke ucabanga ukuthi ubengase azizwe esaba kancane ukube bekazi ukuthi yini ebibanga umsindo omvusile
- ★ wazizwa esaba ngesikhathi ebuka phansi ephaseshi elimnyama
- ★ wacabanga ukuthi isipoki besigqoke amaphijama kagogo
- ★ uPuppy wayezumeke zwi embhedeni ka-Onke sonke isikhathi u-Onke ayesekhishini ngaso.

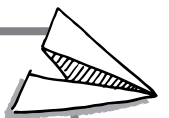
Ukubhala

Bhala indatshana yakho eyethusayo ephathelene nokuthile okwenzeka ebusuku.



Umsebenzi wezandla

Yini ongathanda ukuyidla njengesidlo esilula phakathi kwamabili? Sebenzisa inhlama yokudlala noma ubumba ukuze uzenzele ukudla okulula kwaphakathi kwamabili.



Ukusebenza

Zingaki izindlela ezihlukahlukene ongazithola zokuba isipoki esethusayo? Gqokani njengezipoki bese niyashintshana ekuthusaneni. Ucabanga ukuthi izipoki ezinomusa ziphathana kanjani? Kulingise lokhu.

