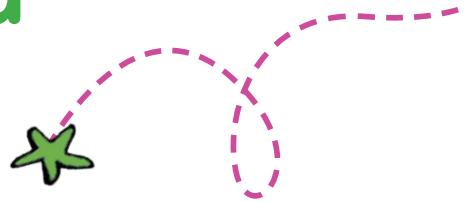


uMama uMoeng wenza Obekungalindelekile



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Kwaqala lapho uMama uMoeng enza ujamu ogcwele ibhodlela wosuku lokuzalwa lukaGogo uMoeng. UMntwana uBheka wase ethola ibhelunde lakhe eliphambili eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka. Wayefuna ukulinika uGogo ngosuku lwakhe lokuzalwa.

UMama wabeletha uMntwana uBheka ngengubo ethambile. Wase ethwala ibhodlela likajamu ehamba eqonde endlini kaGogo Moeng.

Ibhelunde loMntwana uBheka lathi *bham-bham-bham* kanti ophaqa bakaMama bona bathi *phaqa-phaqa, phaqa-phaqa* ngenkhathi ehla ngendlela ewubhuqu waze wahlangana noSipho ephuma esitolo i-Tip-Top. “Uyaphi, Mama uMoeng?” kubuza uSipho.

“Mina noMntwana uBheka siya endlini kaGogo uMoeng. Usuku lwakhe lokuzalwa namhlanje,” kuphendula uMama.

“Nginamashibusi amazambane aklamuzela kamnandi kaGogo uMoeng. Ngingeza nami?” kubuza uSipho.

“Impela,” uMama wamamatheka, baqhubeke nendlela yabo.

Iphakethe lamashibusi amazambane aklamuzelayo lathi *klamu-klamu*, ibhelunde loMntwana uBheka lalithi *bham-bham-bham* ngesikhathi ophaqa bakaMama bethi *phaqa-phaqa, phaqa-phaqa*, behla ngendlela ewubhuqu baze bafika kuMnumzane uShabalala, owayepha izinkukhu zakhe ukudla.

“Niyaphi?” kubuza yena.

“Siya endlini kaGogo Moeng. Usuku lwakhe lokuzalwa,” kuphendula uMama.

“Nginenkukhu ekhuluphele kaGogo uMoeng. Ngabe ningamnika yona?” kubuza uMnumzane uShabalala.

“Ungabe usabuza,” kusho uMama efaka inkukhu ekhuluphele ngaphansi kwekhwapha, beqhubeka nohambo oMama, uMntwana uBheka noSipho.

Inkukhu ekhuluphele yathi *kuku-kuku-kuku*, iphakethe lamashibusi lathi *klamu-klamu*, ibhelunde likaMntwana uBheka lathi *bham-bham-bham* ngesikhathi ophaqa bakaMama bethi *phaqa-phaqa, phaqa-phaqa*, behla ngendlela ewubhuqu baze bafika esitolo sombhako wasekhaya sikaNkosikazi uMakabelo.



“Kumele sitholele uGogo ikhekhe losuku lokuzalwa,” kusho uMama. Bangena phakathi. *Khence-khence*, kukhala insimbi emnyango. “Sawubona, Nkosikazi uMakabelo. Ngabe bewazi ukuthi namhlanje usuku lokuzalwa lukaGogo uMoeng?”

“O, yebo,” kusho uNkosikazi uMakabelo. “Ngimbhakele ikhekhe lekhethelo, kodwa angikwazi ukushiya la esitolo. Ningangihambisela lona?”

“Ubala lolo,” kuzinikela uMama, kodwa kwakunenkinga – uMama wayedinga izandla ezimbili ukuze aphathe ikhekhe. Ngakho, waqhamuka nesu. Wabeka inkukhu ekhuluphele phezu kwebhodlela likajamu ayelithwele. Manje wayesenezandla ezimbili ayezophatha ngazo ikhekhe lekhethelo. Baqhube ka nohambo oMama, uMntwana uBheka noSipho bephuma ngomnyango okhala insimbi ethi *khence-khence*.

Lapho uMntwana uBheka ezwa iphunga lekhekhe wanambitha, “ncam, ncam, ncam.”

Inkukhu ekhuluphele yathi *kuku-kuku-kuku*, iphakethe lamashibusi lathi *klamu-klamu*, ibhelunde likaMntwana uBheka lithi *bham-bham-bham* ngesikhathi ophaqa bakaMama bethi *phaqa-phaqa, phaqa-phaqa* behla ngendlela yobhuqu baze bahlangana noValecia.

“Ngabe nilibangisephi?” kubuza uValecia.

“Siya endlini kaGogo Moeng. Usuku lwakhe lokuzalwa,” kuchaza uSipho.

“Ngingeza nami?” kubuza uValecia.

“Ungabe usabuza,” kusho uMama, babeqhubeka njalo nendlela.

Izimbali zenza ukuthi uValecia athimule, “*Athi! A-A-Athiiii!*”

Inkukhu ekhuluphele yathi *kuku-kuku-kuku*, iphakethe lamashibusi lathi *klamu-klamu*, ibhelunde likaMntwana uBheka lithi *bham-bham-bham* ngesikhathi ophaqa bakaMama bethi *phaqa-phaqa, phaqa-phaqa* behla ngendlela yobhuqu baze babona noMnumzane Sithole elima esivandeni sakhe.

“Nilibangise kuphi nonke, Mama uMoeng?” kubuza uMnumzane uSithole.

“Siya endlini kaGogo Moeng. Usuku lwakhe lokuzalwa,” kuphendula uMama.

“Nginenqola egcwele imifino yakhe,” kusho uMnumzane Sithole.

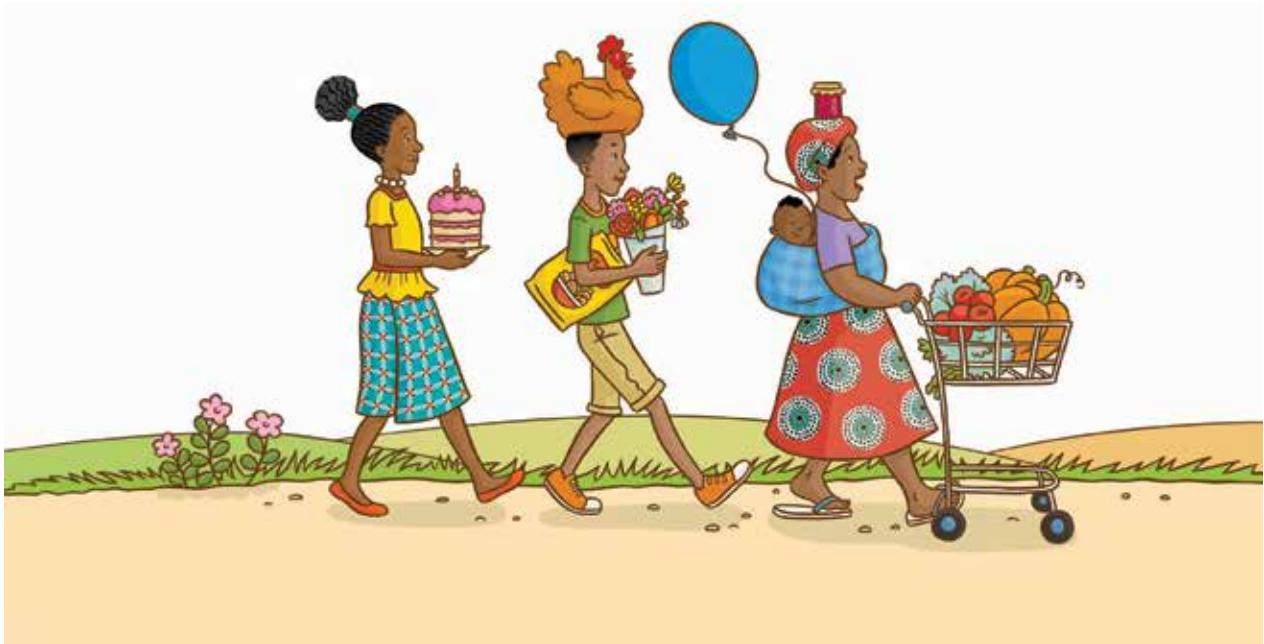
“Ngingacela nimnike yona?”

“Ush’ entshweni,” kuphendula uMama.

Kodwa manje uMama wayeseneninga ENKULU – wayesethwele izinto eziningi! Kwakumele aqhamuke neqhinga.

Waqala, wehlisa uMntwana uBheka emhlane wase ebophela inkukhu ekhuluphele ngengubo ethambile. UMntwana uBheka **WAKHALA KAKHU-U-U-LU!**

Ngakho kwadingeka ukuthi abeke inkukhu ekhuluphele enqoleni bese ephinda ebeletha uMntwana uBheka ngengubo ethambile. Wathokoza uMntwana uBheka kanti nenkukhu ekhuluphele yakuthokozela ukungqofa yonke imifino. Kodwa uMama wayengathokozile ngalokhu ngakho wabeka inkukhu ekhuluphele ekhanda likaValecia. Izimpaphe zakitaza ikhala likaValecia zamenza wathimula kakhulu futhi, “AAAAA-THIIIII!”



Akuzange kumthokozise lokhu uValecia. Ngakho, uMama wathatha inkukhu ekhuluphele wayibeka ekhanda likaSipho wase emnika nezimbali zikaValecia ukuthi azibambe. Manje uValecia wayesenezandla ezimbili ezingaphethe lutho ayengabamba ngazo ikhekhe. Kanti uMama wayesenezandla ezimbili ezingaphethe lutho ayengaqhuba ngazo inqola. Wonke umuntu wayethokozile ngakho baqhube kaGogo uMoeng.

Amasondo enqola akhala athi *nsege-nsege-nsege*. UValecia wayenokhilimu wekhekhe esihlathini sakhe ngakho ulimi lwathi *khothi-khothi-khothi*. UMntwana uBheka wanambitha, “ncam-ncam-ncam.” Inkukhu ekhuluphele yathi *kuku-kuku-kuku*, iphakethe lamashibusi lathi *klamu-klamu*, ibhelunde likaMntwana uBheka lathi *bham-bham-bham* ngesikhathi ophaqa bakaMama bethi *phaqa-phaqa*, *phaqa-phaqa* behla ngendlela yobhuqu baze bayongena endlini kaGogo.

UMama wangqongqoza emnyango wangaphambili. USipho washaya ikhwela. Wamemeza uValencia. Kodwa AKUPHENDULANGA MUNTU. UMama wadudula isicabha sangaphambili base bengena bonke. Kodwa KWAKUKHALA IBUNGEZI. Babheka ekhishini – KWAKUNGEKHO MUNTU. Babheka ekamelweni lokulala – KWAKUNGEKHO MUNTU. Babheka yonke indawo. Ngabe uphi uGogo?

UMama wathi, “Ake sivele sipheke mhlawumbe uGogo uzoqhamuka.”

Ngakho yilokho okwenziwa yibo bonke – yebo yibo bonke ngaphandle kukaMntwana uBheka. Wahlala phezu kwekhabethe lasekhishini

eduze kwefasitela walokhu ebuka waze wabona uGogo ehamba ezansi kwegquma elingumqansa.

“Gogo! Gogo!” kumemeza yena. Bonke babheka ngakhona.

“GOGO! GOGO!” kumemeza wonke umuntu kanyekanye. “GOGO!”

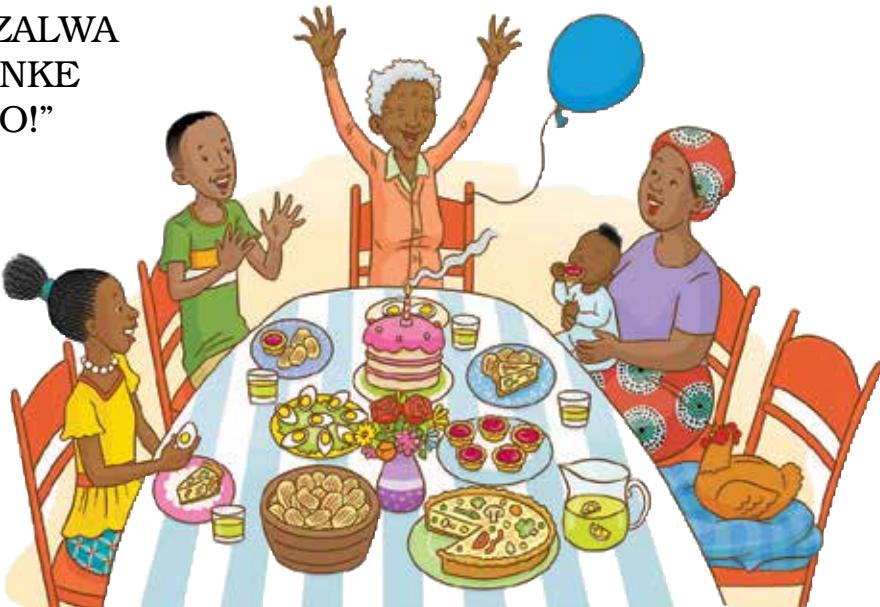
Le ezansi negquma elingumqansa uGogo wathi, “EE, EE, EE. Kukhona umuntu ongibizayo. Manje angeke ngisakwazi ukuyothenga ukudla kwakusihlwa kosuku lwami lokuzalwa.”

UGogo waphenduka wase ekhuphuka igquma eliwumqansa. Izicathulo zakhe zithi *shi-shi-i* endleni yobhuqu. Ekugcineni wafika emnyango ongemuva. Lapho ewuvula, wonke umuntu waqala ukucula iculo lokumfisela usuku lokuzalwa olumnandi.

Etafuleni kwakukhona uphaya wemifino kanye namathathi kajamu okwakwenziwe uMama, kunamaqanda asanda kuzalelwa yinkukhu ekhuluphele, ikhekhe lekhethelo losuku lokuzalwa kanye namashibusi amazambane aklamuzelayo. Itafula lalihlotshiwe ngezimbali kanye nebhelunde elihle eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka likaMntwana uBheka.

“LOLU USUKU LOKUZALWA
OLUHLE KUNAZO ZONKE
ENGAKE NGABA NAZO!”

kusho uGogo. Futhi
wayekwazi kangcono
lokhu, ngoba
uGogo wayesebe
nezinsuku zokuzalwa
okungenani
ezingamashumi
ayisishiyagalombili
noma ezingamashumi
ayisishiyagalolunye
ngaphambi kwalolu!

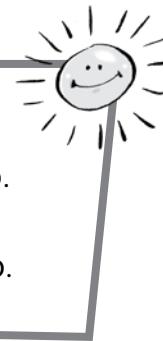


VEZA UBUCIKO BAKHO!

- Bhala uhlu lwezinto zonke abantu abazikhapha ukuze benze umgubho
- wosuku lokuzalwa lukaGogo lube ngolukhethekile. Manje-ke yengeza
- izinto ezintathu obungathanda ukuzinika uGogo uma wawukwazile
- ukumvakashela ngosuku lwakhe lokuzalwa.

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Ezibonakalayo

Khetha ingxene ye yodaba engenayo imifanekiso bese udweba isithombe sayo. Kopisha amagama odaba ahambisana nesithombe noma ucele othile ukuba akusize wenze lokhu. Namathisela amagama ngaphansi kwesithombe sakho.



Ukufunda

Fundela udaba phezulu ugxile endleleni obiza ngayo amagama anjengo-*pliff-ploff, bobbity-bob no-ting-a-ling*. Faka ukunyakazisa komzimba okuhambisana nomsindo njengoba uwasho. Uma udinga ukuba othile akufundele indaba, wena kumelwe uhlanguyele uma esho amagama wemisindo.



Ukubhala

Bhala uhlu lwazo zonke izinto ezsodabeni abantu abazenzile ukwenza usuku lokuzalwa lukaGogo luhethetheke. Njengamanje bhala izinto wena obungathanda ukuzinika uGogo uma ubukwazile ukumvakashela ngosuku lwakhe lokuzalwa.



Umsebenzi wezandla

Yenzela umngani noma ilungu lomndeni ikhadi lokuzalwa enizobe nilugubha maduzane.



Ukusebenza

Buka isithombe sikaValecia, uSipho noMama ekhasini-4. Ngamunye wabo uphetheni? Thola okuthile ongakusebenzisa ukwenza sengathi kuphethwe wuValecia, uSipho noMama. Zama ukuhamba hamba njengoValecia, ngemva kwalokho uSipho kanye noMama njengoba uphethe lezi zinto.

