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Namuhla lusuku lwekutsalwa laMbongeni,
uhlanganisa iminyaka lelishumi, ujabule
kakhulu.

Batali bakhe bamentele umcimbi.
Kutsengwe likhekhe lelihle lelinemfanekiso
webhola.

Kunyenti lokudliwako lokugcwele litafula
lekudla, emaswidi phela angeke asale
emcimbini welusuku lwekutsalwa.

Umndeni wakhe wamupha tipho,
nebangani bakhe nabo bamupha tipho.

Bonkhe bangani bakhe bebajabulele
lelikhekhe lakhe lebhola, balidla balishiya,
phela belilikhulu.



Ngemuva kwemcimbi umngani wakhe Mancoba wabonakala ahlebela Mbongeni endlebeni, wevakala Mbongeni sekatsi kuMancoba: “Kulungile mngani wami, ngitawufika uma sesicedze kukhweta letitulo, ngilekelele phela kute sicedze masinyane.”

Bakhweta titulo, babutsa nemaphepha bacedza masinyane.

Mbongeni wacela kumake wakhe kutsi aye ekhaya kaboMancoba ayolandza siphosakhe.



Make waMbongeni wevakala sekatsi:
“Yini ungaketi nesipho sakho Mancoba?”

“Ngisikhohlwe ngeliphutsa make,” kusho
Mancoba ahleka kancane.

“Usheshe ubuye wena Mbongeni ngoba
ningahlangana nalomngani wakho nidlala
ningacedzi.”



“Mbongeni ngicela ume kancane
lapha ngisayolandza lesipho sakho,”
kusho Mancoba.

Mbongeni wasala wacabanga kutsi ngabe
nhloboni yesipho umngani wakhe lafuna
kumupha sona.

Bekasolo amhlola kancane, utse
angakalindzeli lutfo nangu Mancoba
aphetse libhokisi lelincane, ingabe linani?

“Ngikufisela lusuku loluhle lwekutsalwa
mngani wami, nasi sipho sakho
ngiyetsemba utasijabulela,” asho amoyitela
Mancoba aniketa Mbongeni lelibhokisi.

Utse nakatsi uphosa liso lakhe ebhokisini,
wangakholwa loku lakubonako,
umdlwane wenja.



“Hawu! mngani wami wati ngani kutsi
bengisolo nginesifiso sekuba nenja.”

“Bengikuva uma sicoca ngetilwane kutsi
uyayitsandza inja, ngikucelele yona
kumkhulu wami lonenja lenemidlwane
lemine.”

“Ngiyabonga kakhulu mngani wami,” kusho
Mbongeni injabulo ibhalwe emehlweni akhe.



“Ngingayiphakamisa?” asho ahleka
Mbongeni kodvwa aneluvalo kancane.

“Phela inja yakho, sale sewuyitsatsa mngani
wami, mine sengicedzile umsebenti wami,”
kusho Mancoba.

“Senginalo neligama layo ngitayetsa nyalo,”
kusho Mbongeni sekabambe lelibhokisi.

“Hawu sewuneligama masinyane kangaka,”
kumangala Mancoba.

“Ligama lalenja yami ngu Chicco.”



Wacala Chicco kunyakatisa umsila wakhe
ajabulela Mbongeni.

Bekanembala lomhlophe wonkhe umtimba
bese lapha ebusweni anelibala lelimnyama.

Wevakala Chicco sekenta umsinjwana.
Mbongeni wangati kutsi kumele
atsini kulenja.

“Kumele uyicocise phela lenja yakho kute
ikwetaye kahle,” kusho Mancoba
ameluleka ngoba uyambona lomngani
wakhe ngatsi usadidekile.

“Sengiyahamba Mancoba ingabe make
utawutsini uma angibona
sengichamuka nenja.”



Watsi nakafika ekhaya Mbongeni
wahamba wayoyifihla ngemuva kwendlu.

Bekaneluvalo ngoba bekangati kutsi lenja
yakhe utayiphatsa njani.

Weva make wakhe sekambuta kutsi ngabe
sewubuyile yini? Weva ashaywa luvalo,
phela make wakhe bekangayifuni inja
ngoba atsi iyahlupha.

“Yebo make sengibuyile, buya utobona
sipho sami,” kuphendvula Mbongeni.



Wafika make wakhe wanele wabona
inja, wavele wabuta watsi: “Sipho senja?”
wabuta lombuto akhiphe emehlo angaka
ngekumangala.

“Ungisite ke Mbongeni uyinakekele lenja
yakho, angifuni kubona emangcoliso ayo
lapha ebaleni. Siyevana kambe?”

“Ngitayinakekela make ngiyatsembisa,”
kusho Mbongeni abuka phasi.



Busuku bekucala baba matima kuMbongeni
ngoba Chicco wakhala busuku bonkhe,
angafuni kulala yedvwa ngaphandle,
wagcina sekamngenisa endlini.

Chicco wagcina sekatayele kulala endlini
yakhe ngaphandle.

Wacala kukhula wabonakala
sekagijimisana naMbongeni ngaphandle.



Chicco bekadla kudla kwetinja lokufakwa
etikoteleni, bekakutsandza kakhulu.
Bebakufaka efriji uma kusele.

Mbongeni wamtsengela nematsambo
ekudlala, bekavele amphosele lona bese
Chicco uyazuba alibambe.

Uma kufanele ageze Chicco bekabaleka aye
kuyobhaca ngemuva kwendlu, bekangevani
nemanti.



Ngalelinye lilanga Mbongeni abuya
esikolweni watentela kudla kwasemini.

Ngalokutayelekile wavula efriji watfola
inyama nemsobho wavele wakufutfumeta
kanye neliphalishi, wahlala phansi wadla.

Unele kucedza kudla kwafika make wakhe
wavula efriji wevakala sekatsi:

“Ngabe Chicco sewudlile yini?”



“Cha make bengisadla kucala,” kusho Mbongeni acedzisa lokudla kwakhe.

“Pho ukuphi lomsobho wakhe bewulapha efriji?” aloku acalata ngekhatsi efriji.

Utse asuka make waMbongeni wabona lesitja besinalomsobho waChicco sisesinkini.

“YeMbongeni ufuna kungitjela kutsi nguwe lodle lomsobho waChicco?”



“Make mine bengingati kutsi umsobho waChicco,” buso baMbongeni bese buntjintjile wafisa kuhlanta konkhe lokudla.

“Yehheni! angeke phela uhlante lokudla, lokusalako sekusesiswini njengoba usutsi nje,” usho njalo make waMbongeni, ufile luhleko.

“Manje ngingagula ke?” ngaleso sikhatsi Mbongeni uzama kuhlanta kodvwa nani kuphuma kudla kwaChicco.



Ngaleso sikhatsi Chicco umile lapha
emnyango uyakhonkhotsa, umele
Mbongeni amletsele kudla bese bayodlala
njengasemalangeneni.

Wevakala sekatsi Mbongeni: “Ngate
ngasitfolo ke sipho, nyalo sengidle kudla
kwenja ingabe ngitawuphila yini?” bekeva
atenyanya Mbongeni.

Wabuye wantjintja umcondvo wakhe,
watsi “Nangabe Chicco aphila kusho kutsi
angeke ngife.”

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