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Iphigogo beyihlela umcimbi lomkhulu
welusuku Iwayo Iwekutalwa.

Beyiloku icabanga kutsi ingawenta njani
lomcimbi wayo uhluke kunaleminye
imicimbi yelusuku Iwekutalwa.

“Yebo! Ngaze ngayitfolo intfo letawenta lomcimbi wami kutsi bonkhe bantfu bakhulume ngawo,” yasho iphigogo ivula kancane timphiko tayo itsi kujikajika.

Phela iphigogo beyatiwa ngekutigcabha, itigabisa ngetimphiko tayo letinhle letimibalabala.

“Angeke ngimeme tonkhe tilwane, ngifuna tilwane letinetimphiko kuphela, ngalesikhatsi sesidansa, sitawukhombisa buhle betimphiko netinsiba tetfu. Ngatsi sengiyabona sengivule tonkhe letimphiko tami.”



Yacala ke iphigogo kubhalela bonkhe
lefuna kubamema, tinkhukhu, emadada,
timphangela, inshi. Simemo besitsi
kumele bete nebalingani babo, bagcoke
timphahla letimhlophe kuperha, kutawuba
nemncintiswano wekudansa.

Labatawuphumelela batawutfolo
sipro lesihle. Wo! Kwasuka umsebenti
lomkhulu sekufunwa timphahla
letimhlophe.



“Mine ngiva ngicasuka kabi nyalo sekumele
ngiyotsenga timphahla letimhlophē
kube ngitatigcoka sikhashana nje,” kusho
inkhukhu itfukutsele kakhulu.

“Ngingakusita ngikupheleketele
ngiyokufunisa ngoba vele awunalo liso
etimphahleni,” kusho lidada lihleka inkhukhu.



“Mine anginayo inkinga ngetimphahla
letimhlophé kusho kona kutsi
ngitawunidlula nonkhe, ngitawube
ngimuhle kakhulu,” lidada lelo likhuluma
ngekutigcabha lokukhulu.



Kutse kusacocwa njalo, vumbu lufudvu,
“Sanibonani nikhuluma ngani ngoba ngatsi
nicakekile nje?” kubuta lufudvu.

“Atikufuni wena letindzaba, awukamenywa
kulomcimbi ngobe awunato timphiko,”
kusho inkhukhu.

“Vele ungatihluphi urike kulomcimbi awusilo
lilunga lemndeni wetfu,” kunanatela lidada.

Indzaba yalomcimbi bese kukhulunywa
ngayo, loko kwenta kutsi lufudvu lufune
indlela yokuya kulomcimbi noma
lungakamenywa.

Lwevakala lukhuluma lodywa lufudvu
lutsi: “Ngiyaya mine kulomcimbi
kute lotangivimba, batangibona
sengingekhatsi.”



“Uyativa kutsi utsini, ungafuni kuyotihlazisa wena uma ungakamenywa uyaphi vele?” kusho injamizama kubonisa lufudvu.

“Lalela la wena mnumzane yinja, angikaceli umbono wakho, angati kutsi ukhulumani, ngicela uvale umlomo wakho!”

“Ngatsi ngiyabona sebakucosha ungakadli nekudla,” yasho ihleka kancane injamihamba ishiya lufudvu lucabanga lisulokuya kulomcimbi.

Lufudvu lwacala lwenta emalungiselelo okuya kulomcimbi.

Belungafuni kubonwa kutsi lwentani, belenta konkhe ngekufihla.

“Uyati lufudvu lufuna kuyotihlazisa ngekuya emcimbini lungakamenywa,” kusho inj*a* icoca nelikati.

“Ase niyekele lufudvu luyati kutsi lwentani mine nje angifuni kuyingena lendzaba,” kusho likati.

“Ngiyakutjela wena, sitativa tindzaba ngalomcimbi,” yasho inj*a* ishiya likati.

Lwafika lusuku lolukhulu, hhayi beyidliwe ingcephu. Tangena tilwane tihamba nebalingani bato.

Lwachamuka lufudvu selunyonyoba
lutipende bonkhe buso lutivale
ngemaski, simanga ngobe belubonakala
lunetimphiko ngatsi telidada lushayela
etulu ngiyakutjela wena!



Wacala umcimbi, iphigogo yevakala
ikhwehlela kancane, yashaya ingilazi
ngesipunu yentela kutsi itokhuluma kahle.

“Ngicela kutsi wehlise lizinga lemculo,”
yasho imphangela yehlisa umsindvo phela
bekungiyo lesetinkhinobheni.

“Ngiyabonga bahlobo bami kutsi nite
kutojabula kanye nami kulolusuku Iwami
Iwekutalwa, kudla kunyenti angeke
nikucedze nangabe kukhona lokusele
nitakutfwala uma senihamba.”

Yasho ngekutigcabha lokukhulu iphigogo.
“Kwekugcina sitawuba nemncintiswano
wekudansa, lotawuphumelela nginesipho
lesihle kakhulu.”

Tikhulumi, takhuluma tibongisa iphigogo
ngelusuku iwekutalwa loluhle kangaka.

Baletsa kudla netinatfo kwaba mnandzi
kakhulu. Ekugcineni kwahlatjelelwa liculo
lekukhulisa iphigogo.



Kwase kufika sikhatsi sekudansa
phela. Imphangela yacobela tingoma
lebetingavumi kutsi ungahlala phansi.

Naku sekufika lena lets: “Jerusalema.”
Kwasukuma yonkhe indlu bonkhe bafuna
kukhombisa likhono labo.

Lwevakala lufudvu selutsi: “Ngeke phela
ngiloku ngitibambelela, ngiyafa phela
ngalengoma.”

Lwasho lungena enkhundleni Iwashona
phansi Iwabuya Iwavumbuka, selujuluke
lumanti nte, naloko letipende ngako lapha
ebusweni sekucala kuncibilika.

Kutse kusenjalo nalo lidada selivakala litsi:
“Ngicela kudansa nawe.”

Lwavumela etulu lufudvu lujabule lufile.
“Kunini ngililindzele lolusuku,” kusho lufudvu,
basho bagacana.



Lufudvu nelidada bese baphakatsi
enkhundleni babashayela tandla,
kubonakala kutsi batawuphumelela
kulomncintiswano.

Lidada belifuna kubukisa laphakamisa
lufudvu ngeluphiko.



Kwamangala wonkhe lobekakhona lapho lumphiko luwela phasi. Lwabatse lufudvu luzama kutsatsa loluphiko, Iwehluleka ngobe bese luvele ebeleni.

Kwevakala umsindvo “Hawu kantsi lufudvu lolu, lutente lidada Iwaya emcimbini lungakamenywa,” basho bafuna kulushaya.

Seluphetfwe ngulamanye emahloni, lufudvu Iwafisa ngatsi kungavuleka umgodzi lungene kuwo.

“Phuma uhambe nyalo! singakakushayi sonkhe,” kusho inshi, ifuna kulubamba ngalolu lolunye lumphiko iluphose ngaphandle lufudvu.

“Hheyi! nine kusekhaya lami lapha, kute
lotawushaya lufudvu lapha, niyangiva
kutsi ngitsini!” kwasho iphigogo ibuka
lufudvu ngeluvvelo.

Lufudvu belungenamagama beluloku
lutishayisela umoya ngalemaski yalo.
“Ngicoleleni nkhosi yami, ngiyacolisa
kakhulu,” kusho lufudvu lutikhalela.





Inja nelikati bebahlola ngelifasitelo,
bafile iuhleko, bevakala bamemeta
batsi: "Ulayekile wena fudvu uboyekela
kuya emcimbini uma ungakamenywa."

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