



Intombazana ehlakaniphile



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UPhiwile wayeyintombazana ehlakaniphile.
Wayecabanga ngokushesha.
UPhiwile wanikezwa umsebenzi wokutshala.
Wayefuna ukutshala utshani emzini wakubo.





UPhiwile wayengalufuni usizo lwabanye abantu.



Wayehlakaniphe kakhulu ngisho nasekilasini lakhe. Wayenamandla futhi angesabi. Wayeshesha ekucwaningeni uma efuna ukwenza izinto.





UPhiwile wavakashela umtapo wolwazi wesikole. Wafuna incwadi ephathene nezokutshala.

“Lencwadi ephathelene nezokutshala izongikhombisa izindlela ezibalulekile,” wakusho lokho ecabange izindlela ezilandelwa uma kutshalwa.



Wathola incwadi efanele, ezomsiza. UPhiwile wayehlakaniphile. Wayithola ngokushesha, wajabula.





UPhiwile wakhipha ukhula, kepha wayengenabo utshani.

Waphoqeleka ukuthi athathe emalini azongele yona.

“Ngizosebenzisa imali engiyibekelwe ngubaba.”



Wathenga utshani wahlanyela.
Ingadi yayingamamitha ayisihlanu ubude,
namamitha amathathu ububanzi. Waqala
ukunisela utshani abutshalile. Wasebenzisa
ithini elalinezimbobo. Ingadi kaPhiwile yaba
yihle ngotshani.





Utshani baqala ukukhula. Babaluhlaza,
bubuhle. Ngemuva kwamalangana, wabona
ukuthi kukhona izinambuzane engadini.
“Lezinambuzane zizomoshisa utshani bami.”



Akanawo umuthi wokubulala izinambuzane.
Akanayo nemali yokuthenga.
Uzokwenzenjani? Angabulala izinambuzane
ngamanzi abilayo? Kuzofa notshani
abutshalile.





Waphinde wathatha incwadi ephathelene nezokutshala.

“Izovula umqondo wami. Ngizobunakekela lobu tshani.”

UPhiwile waqala ngokubheka uhla lokuqukethwe yilencwadi. Wathola ikhasi elikhuluma ngokuthi zibulawa kanjani izinambuzane.



UPhiwile wathola indlela yokuzenzela umuthi wokubulala izinambuzane.

“Lencwadi iyabona ukuthi kuyaphuthuma. Inginikeza lonke ulwazi engiludingayo. Namuhla, zonke izinambuzane zizongazi kahle.”





Kulula ukuzenzela umuthi wokubulala izinambuzane. UPhiwile wafunda konke lokhu encwadini. Udinga lokhu okulandelayo: Qala ngokuthela izinkomishi zamanzi ezine kujeke. Bese ufaka izipunu eziyisihlanu zensipho yezitsha engamanzi.



Ukuze umuthi wanele kahle, uPhiwile kuzomele engeze inani lalezinto. Wathela izinkomishi zamanzi ezingamashumi amabili ebhakedeni.





UPhiwile kuzomele athele insipho engamanzi.
“Ngidinga engakanani?”

Uqala ukubala:

Izinkomishi ezine- izipunu eziyisihlanu

Izinkomishi eziyisishiyagalombili- izipunu eziyishumi

Izinkomishi eziyishumi nambili- izipunu eziyishumi nesihlanu.



UPhiwile waqhubeka wabala waze wafika
ezinkomishini ezingamashumi amabili.
Lokhu kuzolunga. UPhiwile waneliseka.





Sebenzisa ibhodlela lokuchela. Chela yonke indawo enotshani. UPhiwile wachela utshani zonke izinsuku, amasonto amathathu.



Utshani bukaPhiwile baqala ukuba luhlaza.
Bakhula baba buhle. Utshani obuhlala
buluhlaza. Lotshani badinga ukugundwa.





UPhiwile wafuna isikelo esikhulu. Wahlala phansi otshanini waqala ukubugunda.

Ha! Utshani buhle futhi buyalingana. Utshani obuhlala buluhlaza.



UPhiwile wajabula. Utshani bukaPhiwile
babubuhle kakhulu. Lentombazana
ehlakaniphile iphumelele.
Waba nguPhiwile inkanyezi ekhazimulayo!

