



UBuhle noThuthumbo



Ntombizanele Nkence



Iinyoni ezimbili zabe zihlezi emthini. Enye yabe inguBuhle, enye inguThuthumbo.





“Ngilambile, Buhle,” kubalabala uThuthumbo abethanisa amaphiko wakhe amancani.

UBuhle bekasaqale esibhakabhakeni elangeni elibonakala lithe bha ngomkhanyo.



UThuthumbo wanabisa amaphiko wakhe
waphapha ngombana begade alambile,
watjhiya umnakwabo, ebegade athakasela
ilanga.





Ngemva kwesikhathi, uBuhle walemuka bonyana uThuthumbo wabe angasekho eqadi kwakhe.

Wakhumbula bonyana besele kusikhathi sokudla, begodu uThuthumbo wabe angakhange akhambe yedwa ukuyokufuna ukudla ngaphambilini.



Ngamaphiko wakhe amakhulu, waphapha wayomfuna.





Wabona ezinye iinyoni zidobha ukudla emehlelweni.

“Akhange nibone inyoni encani igama layo nguThuthumbo?”

“Tswi tswi...”

Ezinye iinyoni akhange zimbone uThuthumbo.



Ngamaphiko wakhe amakhulu, waphapha wayokufuna uThuthumbo.

Wabona amadada eduze nedamu, bese wabuza.

“Akhange nibone inyoni encani igama layo nguThuthumbo?”

“Kwa kwa...”

Amadada akhange ambone uThuthumbo.





UBuhle otshwenyekileko wabona umzoba kudanyana. Wabandamela. Waba nethemba njengombana asazi bonyana uThuthumbo uyawuthanda umzoba.



Njengokucabanga kwakhe, nangambala
uThuthumbo wabe adla umzoba.

UBuhle wamomotheka ngaphakathi
nakabona uThuthumbo. Wazibonela
bonyana akasese yinyoni encani gadesi
kodwana sele ayinyoni ekhulileko. Sele
akwazi ukuzizumela ngokwakhe.





UThuthumbo wamomotheka nakabona
uBuhle.

Bobabili badla umzoba bebasutha, bavuma.

Basuka lapho baphaphela phezulu,
uThuthumbo adosa phambili.



Besele kusentambama nababuyela
endaweni yabo abayithandako. UThuthumbo
wacocela uBuhle ngekhambo lakhe.
Bobabili bebathabile.

