



Urhabele ini, Wenzile?



Bomikazi Njoloza





Kukurukugu! Kwalila umkukurumbu, uvusa uWenzile ebuthongweni bakhe.

Kwabe kungeLesihlanu ekuseni, ilanga elithandwa nguWenzile.

Umkhumbulo wakhe begade sele usemahlelweni wakhe wangamadina.





Weqa embhedeni bewapheze ukutshinyeka ingogoriyana.

Wabe azimisele ukuqalana nemisetjenzana yelanga nomsebenzi wesikolo. Wabe athakasile, angasakwazi nokulinda.

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Wazilahlela ngebhadini bese waqopha
ngokurhaba!

Wawarhaba woke amalungiselelo wakhe
wesikolo.

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Wakhamba ngokurhaba ukwenzela bonyana abe ngewokuthoma endaweni yokuthandaza. Wapheze wakhutjwa.

“Nange ngingarhaba, nginesiqiniseko sokobana nelanga leli lingarhaba nalo,” uWenzile wacabanga, aziqinisekisa.

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Ngetlasini, wawurhaba umsebenzi wakhe wesikolo. Wabe angewokuthoma ukuqeda iimbalo, nanyana begade enze ubutjhapho kokhunye. Begade afuna nje bonyana ilanga lesikolo liphele.

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Emaswapheleni, isimbi yokugcina yalila.
UWenzile wathi tinini esangweni lesikolo,
wapheze waduleka phasi.

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Unina wamhlangabeza kabuthaka.

“Khambisa, mma sikwazi ukufika msinyana!”

Unina wamthembisa ukumusa edamini
ayokuyokududa nobomzala bakhe.





Weqa wabandamela ngokurhaba. UWenzile wabe angasakwazi ukulinda, lokha ikoloyi nasele izokujama eduze nedamu.

Wafaka inyawo lakhe kancani ukuzwelela bonyana amanzi amakhaza kangangani.

Thwahla! Weqela ngemanzini.

Wathi nakaqeda ukweqela, wezwa itjhada engasuthi libetha umlozi ngesikhathi amanzi angena ngeendlebeni.

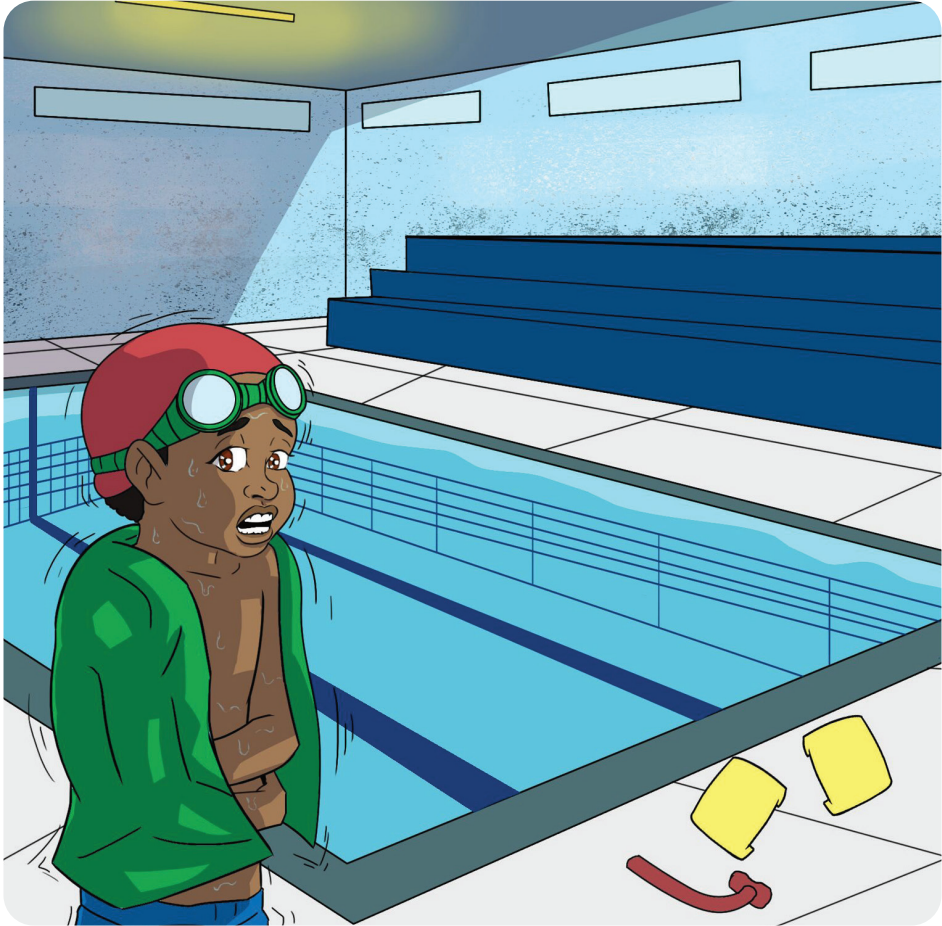
Wabe athuthumela ngamakhaza.

Inyawo lakhe lithe amanzi afuthumele, kodwana isifuba sakhe sathi amanzi amakhaza mpo.



Wabuyela ekoloyini agongobele begodu
aswabile.

Unina wamunikela etja, efuthumeleko
nenoboya ithawula ukobana azisule ngayo.





Warhorha iinyawo nakafika ekhaya,
wazumeka khona esofeni bewalala
khonokho.

UWenzile wabe angakadinwa kududa.
Iye! Wabe adinwe kurhaba yoke into
ayenza ngalelo langa, begodu waphetha
ngokungaqedi nakhunye kwakho kuhle.