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Iguqulelwe nguNontsikelelo Ntusikazi

Umntwana uhamba nomakhulu wakhe,  
baya ecaweni. “Ecaweni, umakhulu  
bambiza ngokuba ngumfundisi. Ayikholeleki!  
Umakhulu unegama elitsha – umfundisi.  
Ecaweni umakhulu ufunda  
ibhayibhile aphinde acule  
kunye nebandla.



Ngoku sisuka ecaweni nomakhulu,  
siyahamba siya esikolweni.  
Esikolweni, umakhulu ubizwa ngokuba  
ngutitshalakazi. Ayikholeleki! Umakhulu  
unegama elitsha, nguTitshalakazi.  
Esikolweni, umakhulu ufundisa  
abafundi ukufunda, ze bona  
abafundi bafundele  
utitshalakazi.



Ngoku, mna nomakhulu sisuka esikolweni, siya evenkileni. Evenkileni, umakhulu bambiza ngokuba ngumthengi. Ayikholeleki! Umakhulu ngoku unegama elitsha, Umthengi. Evenkileni, umakhulu uthenga iilekese, isonka, umgubo wombona, isipinatshi, inyama kunye neti.



Ngoku, mna nomakhulu sisuka evenkileni siya kutyelela umakhulu uNogengile ongumhlobo kamakhulu. Sithe sakufika kwamakhulu uNogengile, umakhulu wabizwa ngokuba ngusiyazi. Umhlobo wakhe uthi umakhulu ungumntu oxela okuza kwenzeka kuba xa ethe ngomso kuza kuna imvula, iyana nyhani. Umakhulu uyakwazi ukuqikelela into eza kwenzeka.



Ngoku, mna nomakhulu sisukakwamakhulu uNogengile siya emtshatweni. Emtshatweni, umakhulu ubizwa ngokuba nguNonkazimlo welali yethu. Ngemini yakhe yomtshato, umakhulu wayenxibe ilokhwe entle enezinto ezimenezelayo. Emtshatweni wakhe umakhulu, waviwa exelela abantu ukuba yena ufana nelanga kwilali yakhe.

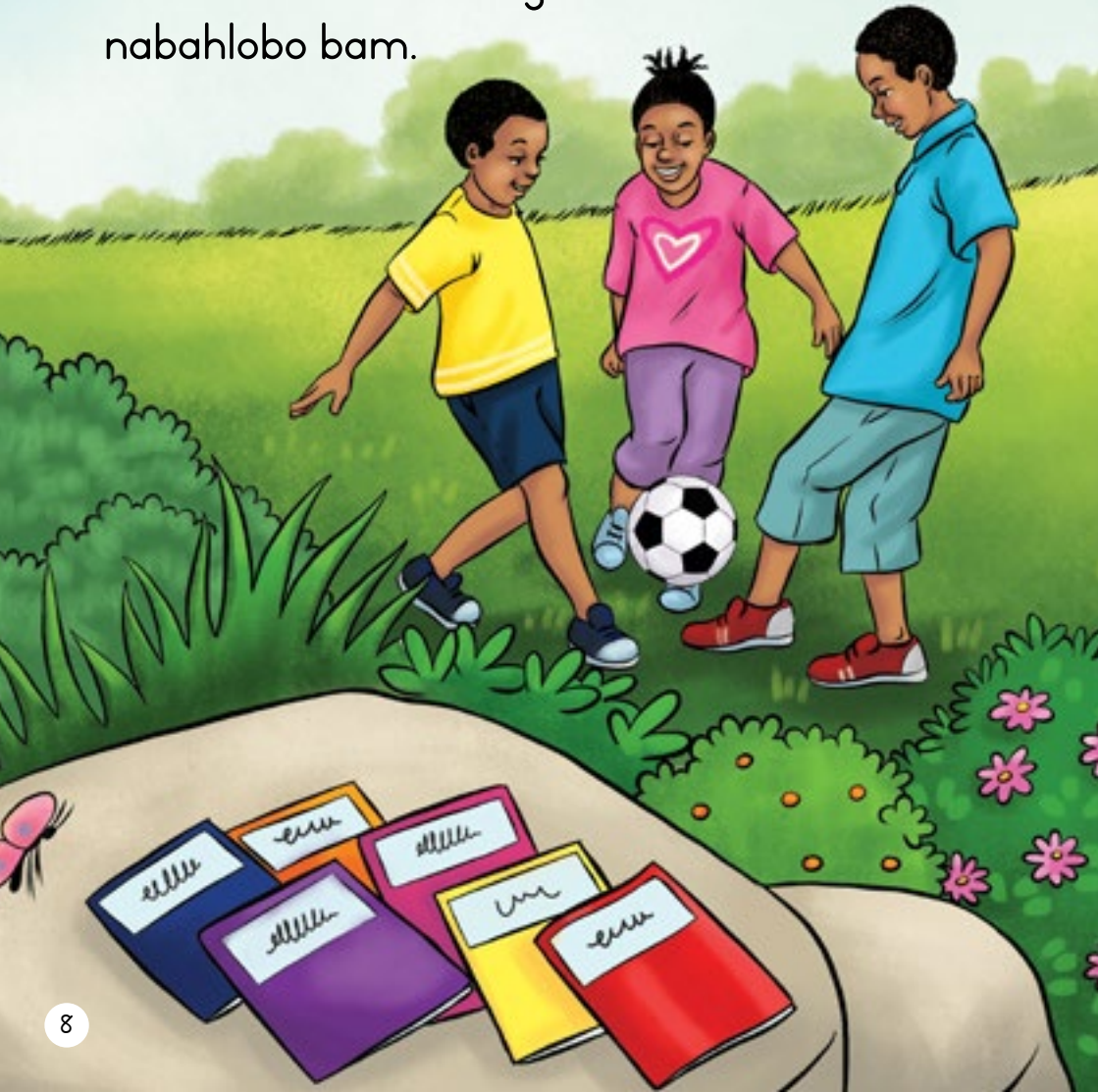


Ngoku, mna nomakhulu sisuka emtshatweni siyagoduka. Xa sifika elalini wonke umntu ubiza umakhulu ngokuba nguMhlali. Eli ke igama walifumana mhla waxelela abantu belali ukuba abazali bakhe ngabantu bokuqala ukuhlala kuloo lali. Abantwana baqalisa bacula ingoma: “Umhlali—oyena mhlali ufikile ekhaya.”

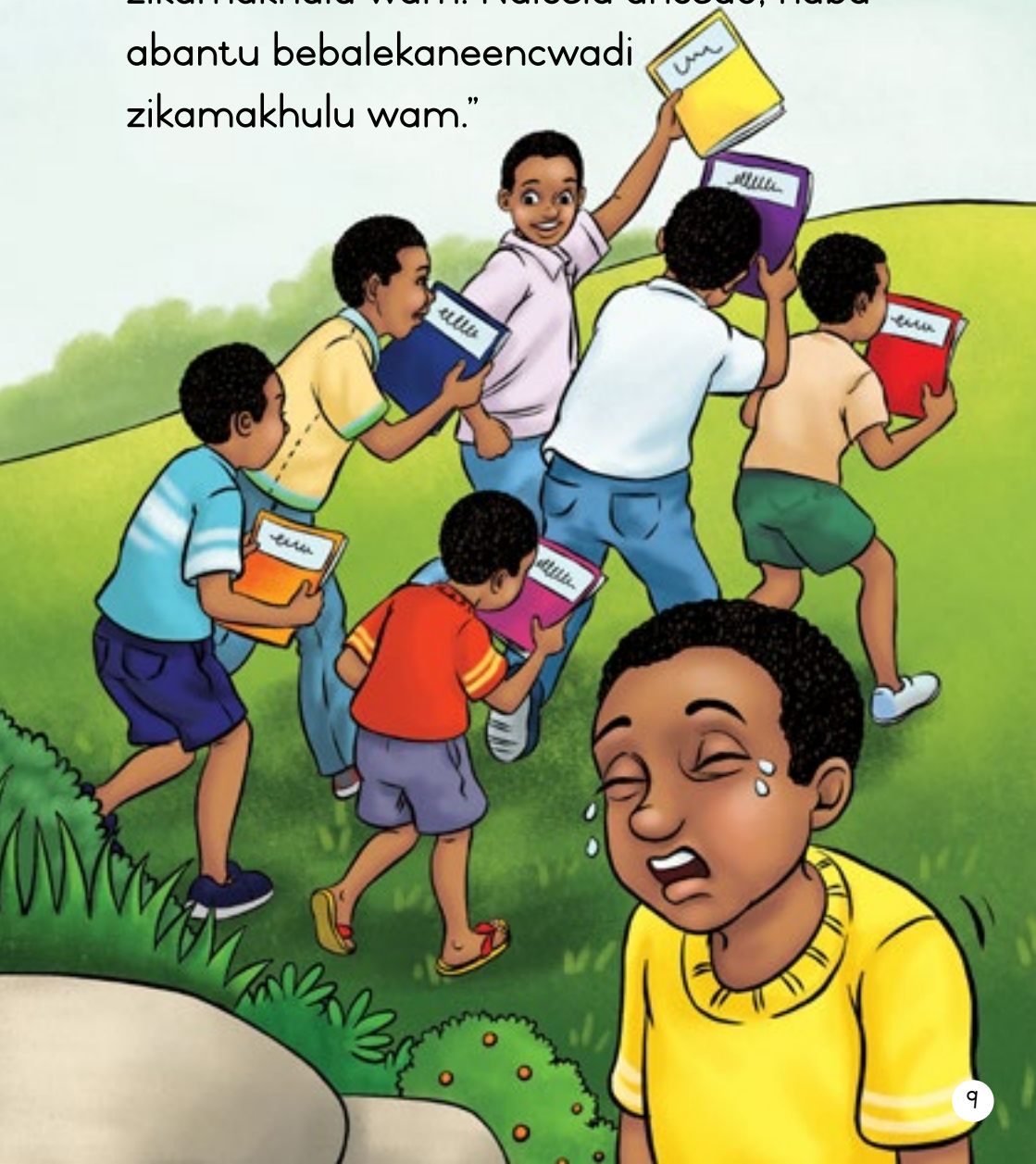




Umakhulu ubhala iincwadi ezimalunga namagama akhe onke. Ndifunda iincwadi ezibhalwe ngumakhulu. Ngenye imini ndathi ndisafunda, ndabona abahlobo bam bedlala. Ndaye ndagqiba ukuba khe ndizibeke iincwadi ndiye kudlala nabahlobo bam.



“Ncedani! Ziphi iincwadi zikamakhulu wam?  
Iincwadi zikamakhulu wam zinyamalele.  
Ncedani! Abantu bazibile iincwadi  
zikamakhulu wam. Ndicela uncedo; naba  
abantu bebalekaneencwadi  
zikamakhulu wam.”



Umakhulu wam unomsindo.  
Kudala endixelela ukuba umntu akakwazi  
ukufunda ze aphinde adlale.  
Akwaba bendimmamele umakhulu, ngoku  
iincwadi zinyamalele.  
Umakhulu uthi mandizikhangele de  
ndizifumane.



Intliziyo yam yaba buhlungu kakhulu,  
ndacinga ukuba ndiye phezu kwentaba  
kuba yayingathi ndiza kuwa. Ndeva umntu  
endibamba, endikhusela ukuba ndingawi  
ndenzakale. Ndalaqaza ze ndabona  
umakhulu wam eziphethe zontandathu  
iincwadi. Sawolana waze umakhulu  
wagxininisa kwakhona into  
awayeyithethile kum:  
kufuneka kubekho ixesha  
lokufunda nexesha  
lokudlala.



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