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UMsongelwa bekahlakaniphile begodu
kuyindoda esebenza kabudisi.

Bekahlala amatasatasa ngawoke
amalanga. Bekathabiswa kuzuma
nokulima amasimu wakhe.

Begodu bekathanda ukwenza izinto ezihle.
Bekaziwa khulu emphakathini wakhe.



UMsongelwa bekafuye imihlobo yeenlwana ezihlukahlukene.

Phakathi kwazo bekuneenkukhu, amarhansi neenkomo.

Begodu bekafuyeinja nokatsu lezo bekazithanda khulu.

Bekanamasimu amakhulu lapho bekatjale khona imirrorho, amantongomani, isiphila nemigade.

Umphakathi uthenga imikhiqhikizo kuMsongelwa.



Ngobunye ubusuku akhange apha theka
kamnandi ngebhudango lakhe.

Wabhudanga inja yakhe igijimisa ukatsu.

Bekunelaka lokulwa phakathi kwazo zombili.

Ukatsu wabaleka masinyana bewakhwelela
phezu komuthi, ngebhadi inja akhange ikwazi
ukufikelela kukatsu.



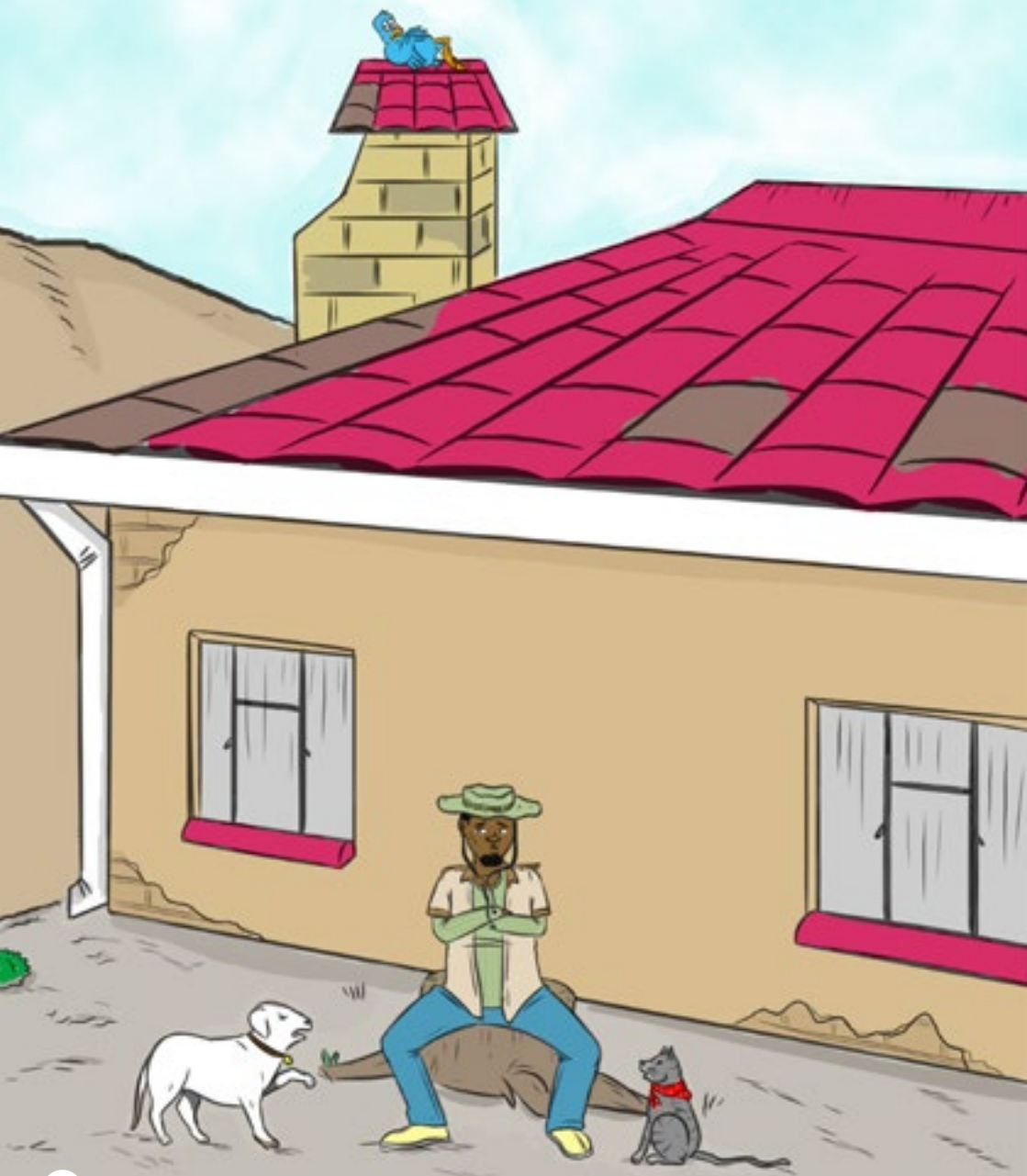
UMsongelwa wagijima ukuyokurarulula
umraro phakathi kweemfuyosithandwa zakhe.
Ebhudangweni leli, uMsongelwa ufuna ukwazi
bonyana ingabe kuyini umraro.

Inja yatjengisa bonyana ukatsu yena
akakhonkothi abantu yena okwakhe
kuhlala alele.

Inja beyithukuthele lokha nayikhulumako.

Beyizimisele ukuhlasela.

Ukatsu wavele wabaphasi bewazithulela,
kodwana azimisele ukuzivikela, nakube
iyahlasela.



UMsongelwa wenza iqhinga lokurarulula
umraro phakathi kwabo bobabili.

Wabahlalisa phasi bobabili.

Wahlala phakathi nendawo, ukwenzelela
bonyana ipi ingathomi godu.

Wathoma ngokubuzainja kobana angenza
bunjani bonyana alethe ukuthula phakathi
kwabo.

Inja, yakhonkotha ngokungakavami,
yatjengisa ngokuthukuthela bonyana
ukatsu kufanele aqotjhwe.



Naye ukatsu wanikelwa thuba lokobana
aphefumule aveze imibono yakhe.

Ngokuzithoba nelizwi elihloniphako,
ukatsu wathoma ngokuthi ukungiqotha
kwenu akusiyo indlela ehle leyo.

Masinyana ngemuva kwamagama lawo,
inja yalinga ukuhlasele ukatsu, kodwana
uMsongelwa wabakhalima.

Ngaleso isikhathi ukatsu wahlathulula bonyana
ukuqakatheka kwakhe kungekhaya.

Ngaleso isikhathi, inja beyikhonkotha begodu
ngendlela yokunyaza. Bekukumbi khulu.



Ngalelithuba uMsongelwa wazizwa kwangathi
bangamupha ubuhlakani bokuphatha
ubujamo lobu.

Watjela laba ababili,inja nokatsu, bonyana
batjho irhelo loke labo lomsebenzi wangekhaya.

Inja yathaba khulu ukuzwa ngombono lowo.

Ukatsu waragela phambili nokuphola.
Wazithulela, walalela bonyana isikhulu
sakhe sithini.



UMsongelwa wafuna ukwazi bonyana ngubani
ongathoma ukuhlathulula.

Inja yeqa masinya ikhonkotha.

Yaqala kuMsongelwa wajuguja umsila wayo,
iqale kukatsu yavula kancani amazinyo wayo
iwakhuphele ngaphandle.

Ukatsu bekalokhu athulile ahlezi phasi aqale
inja kwangathi unghwara iphasi.

Ukatsu bekazilungiselele nofana kuyini
okuzokwenziwa yinja.



Inja yathoma yazihlathulula.

Yatjengisa bonyana ngiyo ekhonkotha abantu
nabangena ekhaya bese ebusuku ithusela
iinlelesi kobana zikhambe.

Nakube uMsongelwa uya uyokuzuma, nguye
ubamba iinlwana.

Nakube iinyoka zingena ebaleni, nguye
ozikhonkothako.



Ukatsu naye wanikelwa ithuba bonyana naye atjho kwakhe.

Ukatsu wathoma ngokuhlathulula ngokuthi yena akakaphiwa ekukhulumeni.

Wabawa uMsongelwa nenja bonyana bamlandele ngemuva.

Waya ngemuva kwendlu. Lapho wemba khona imigodi ehlukeneko.

Ngaleso isikhathi uMsongelwa nenja bebathulile.

Bebazibuza bonyana ukatsu wenza ini.



Ngaphathi kwemigodi bekuneensalela
zeenlwana ezincani ngokuhlukana kwazo.

Bekuneensalela zekhondlo, zeenyoka,
zeskhwireli, iimbhadwa, nezinye.

Ukusuka lapho waya esimini yakaMsongelwa.

Nanyana bekunemigodi ehlukeneko
eneensalela ezincani zeenlwana.

UMsongelwa nenja baqalana babuzana
bonyana ngabe ukatsu wenza ini.



Ukatsu waragela phambili wathi: “angikwazi ukukhonkotha, kodwana ngiyakwazi ukwenza.

Ngikwazile ukubulala zoke iinlwana ezincani lezi enginitjengise zona.

Nakube ingizange ngikwazi ukuzibulala, amantongomani, imigade, imirrorho nesiphila ngabe zafa zoke.

Skhulu sami, bewuzokuloba khulu”.



Ukatsu waragela phambili nokukhuluma.

Wahlathulula bonyana usindise bunjani
iinkukhu kibokhozi, nezinja uzisindisile kibokhozi.

Wahlathulula imisebenzi yakhe eminengi le
ayenzako ngesikhathi sebusuku.

Wenza yoke imisebenzi le ngokuthula,
ngaphandle kokutjela nanyana ngubani.



Ukutsu waqedelela ngokuthi: Ngilala khulu
ngesikhathi semini,

ngombana ngisebenza khulu ebusuku,
ukuvikela ikhaya leli.

Nakube ngiyaqothwa, kuzokuba
nokulahlekelwa khulu”.

Nasele aqedile ukukhuluma, amehlo wakhe
besele azele iinyembezi.



Nakalokhu ukatsu akhuluma, uMsongelwa waphaphama.

Wafisa sengathi ukatsu angahlala njalo akhuluma.

Ekuseni ngelanga elilandelako, uMsongelwa walungiselela laba babili itafula yokudla.

Ibhudango lakhe lamlemukisa bonyana ngesisindo seemfuyosithandwa bonyana azilingani.

Ukusukela ngalelo ilanga, wafundisa laba bobabili bonyana baphile boke ngokuthula.

Kuze kube nanamhlanje, iimfuyosithandwa zakhe zisaphila ngokuthula.

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