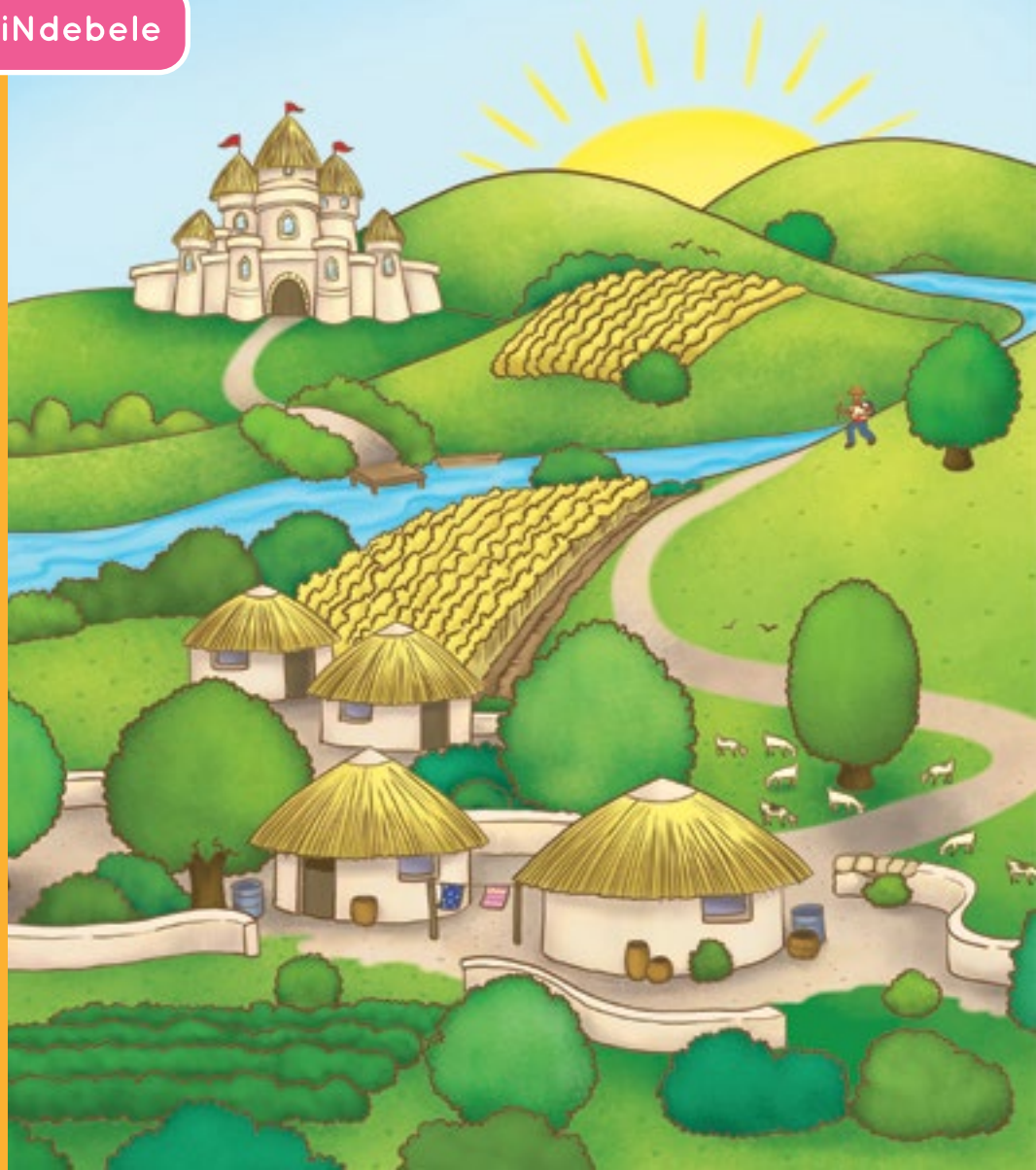




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Unomzana uSbhuku bekahla nomma wakwakhe nabentwana abane, Abentazana ababili nabesana ababili. Bekumndeni osebenza ngokuzikhandla, Bebaphila ngokuzisebenzela emasimini.

Bebaneembuzi eziimbawwa neenkukhu zokufuywa. Abentwana babo bebazibophelele efundweni begodu bebasiya esikolweni ngasosoke isikhathi. Munye wabesana, uSibusiso, bekafuna ukufundela ukuba mtjhayeli weemphaphamtjhini. Bekazimisele khulu bonyana azibone aphendule ubujamo bomndeni wekhobo.



Abantu bagcina bambiza uNomzana uSbhuku ngombana ngasosoke isikhathi bekakhamba aphephe isibhuku esandleni, bekanehliziyo encani athanda nokuthethisa abantu ngasosoke isikhathi.

Nakungenzeka bonyana abangani bakhe bamkwatise, uzamuzwa asithi, "Ngizakubetha ihloko yakho ngesibhuku sami lesi, awungazi kuhle mina," abangani bakhe bazamhleka ngombana akazange akhe abethe namunye umuntu ngesibhuku sakhe.



UNomzana Sbhuku bekavuka njalo ekuseni,
ayokusebenza esimini yakhe. Bekatjale isiphila,
amantongomani nemirrorho ehlukehlukeneko
esimini yakhe. Okwakumtshwenya
kwakusisomiso, isimu beyomile nezulu lingani.
Bekahlala acabanga indlela yokuthola amanzi.
Ngelinye ilanga wazitjela bonyana:



“Nangingemba umgodi otjhingako begodu ovulekileko, mhlawumbe ngizakwazi ukuthola amanzi engingathelelela ngawo isimu yami,” bekatjho lokhu kwangathi uthatha izinto zokwemba, utjhingana lapho acabanga bonyana uzakuthola amanzi khona.

Wathoma ngokwemba umgodi ekuseni. Abantu abadlulako bamqala kwangathi babona indoda yehloko engathathiko, bazitjela bonyana kwangathi kukhona okungakalungi kuNomzana uSbhuku.



Msobo uyangibonisa “ kutjho uJiyana, uyangibonisa bonyana ngibona ini, uSbhuku lo kwangathi ulahlekelwa mkhumbulo, Kuza bunjani bonyana ayokwemba umgodi emangweni nakutjhisa kangaka,” kwatjho uLamula, omunye wabangani bakaSbhuku.

“Nami ngicabanga bonyana mhlawumbe kukhona okutjhodako ehlokweni yomngani wethu,” uJiyana angezelele. Bafe ziinhleko bobabili. Ngibona okungcono siye siyokukhuluma naye njengomngani wethu, kobana sizwe bonyana uhlose ukuthola ini ngento ayenzako le” kwatjho uLamula.



USbhuku wezwa koke bonyana abangani bakhe bayamhleka begodu, Bacabanga bonyana uhlanganyelwa yihloko. Lokhu kwamkhuthaza khulu bonyana embe khulu ukuthola amanzi.

Ngelinye ilanga, nakalokhu asemba, wezwa kwangathi ubetha ilitje elikhulu. Waphumula, kobana akwazi ukuqala kuhle ilitje leli.

Wabona okungcono bonyana angalibethi ngamandla ilitje, kodwana esikhundleni salokho, wabetha mazombe nelitje kobanyana alisuse kuhle. Nakalokhu araga nomsebenzi wakhe, hayi bo! Kuyini lokhu akwembako, mhlobo muphi welitje leli, amehlo wakhe avuleke woke, aqale elitjeni.



“Kuyini lokhu, mhlobobani welitje leli,” uSbhuku wakhulumela phasi aqale ngapha nangapha, ahlola bonyana akekho ombonako bonyana uqale ini.

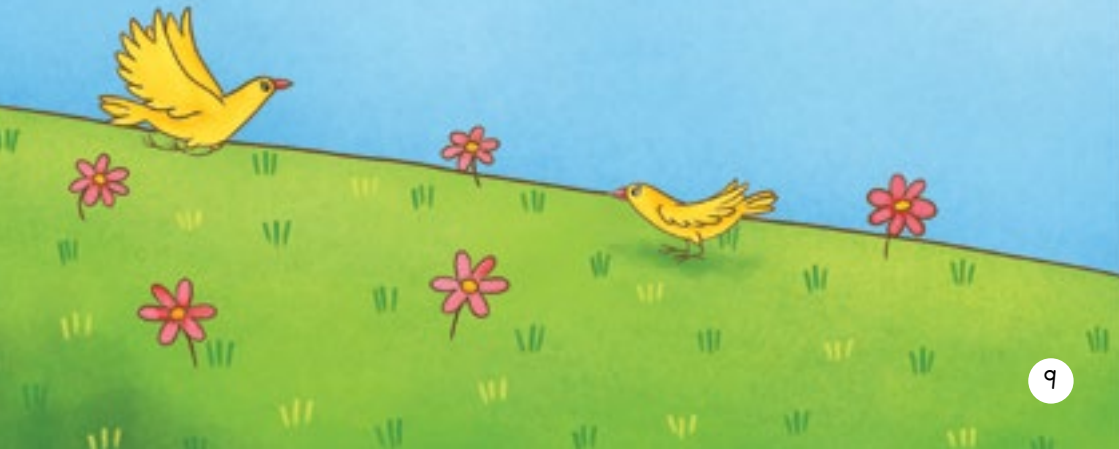
Waguqa ngamadolo wathoma wasebenzisa izandla zakhe ukwemba ilitje elifihlakaleko. Bekulilitje eliphazimako begodu, beliphazima nanyana limbozwe yihlabathi. Wathatha irharafu yakhe, wemba ilitje loke.



Nanyana bekangazwisi bonyana
mhlobo bani welitje lo, bekabona
bonyana mhlobo ongakajayeleki welitje.
Walithatha walibeka esikhwameni sakhe
sokubhebhulwa.

Wabethwa livalo wezwa namandla wokwemba
amanzi aphela. Wathatha isiquntu sokobanyana
okungcono abuyele ekhaya, ukuze aliqale kuhle
ilitje leli.

Wahlala phasi isikhatjhana, wakhupha isidlo
sakhe semini, 'amarhewu' wawasela.



Lokha nakasahlezi phasi, uJiyana weza kuye wathi, "Kuyini okungakalungi mngani wami, udiniwe, kuyini lokhu okwenzako ngombana izulu alini, liphi idamu lakho olembako elizokuzaliswa mamanzi?"

"Iseluleko sami kuwe kukobana ujame ngento oyenzako, abantu bathi ulahlekelwe mkhumbulo."



“Konjephana, sewulikhohliwe ibizo lami, Jiyana? Ufuna bonyana ngikuphihlize ngesibhuku sami khona nje,” watjho njalo wadobha isibhuku sakhe.

“Kanti awusadlaliswa mngani wami, bengikudlalisa,” kutjho uJiyana akhamba. USbhuku wabona bonyana kungcono akhambe aye ekhaya ngombana ngekhe asakwazi ukwemba umgodi godu.

USbhuku wafika ekhaya wangakhulumisa muntu watjhinga ngendlini yakhe yokulala, wafika wavula isikhwama sakhe sakade wafihla ilitje lakhe, Wakhwela phezu kombhede wacabanga bonyana uzokwenza ini ngelitje lakhe, ugcine angakayitholi ipendulo wazumela walala.

Wezwa nasele bamvusa bonyana eze azokudla ukudla kwakhe kwentambama.

USbhuku wagcina asele asabelana nomkakhe ngefihlo yelitje. Walihlanza ilitje, kwaba sebaleni bonyana yigolide.

Wabona okungcono kobana angasaragela phambili ngokwemba umgodi wamanzi ngombana abangani bakhe sele bambiza bonyana ulahlekelwe mkhumbulo.



Indaba mayelana noSbhuku bonyana unelitje legolide, kungombana umkakhe, wabelane ngefihlo nomngani wakhe, yakhamba bunjalo indaba.

Abangani bakhe bathi nebambuza ngegolide, waphika yoke indaba wathi akazi bonyana bakhuluma ngani.

Ngelinye ilanga iinduna zekosini zeza zazokutjela uSbhuku bonyana ikosi izwile bonyana uthole igolide.

Ikosi yathi izokwakhela uSbhuku indlu etja, abe anikelwe nanyana yini yena nomndeni wakhe abayifunako.

Ikosi izakuthumela induna yayo bonyana iyomthatha, azokunikela ikosi igolide ngombana wembe igolide endaweni yakhe.

Umlayezo lo azenge wamphatha kuhle uSbhuku.
Ngetjhudu elimbi bekungekho angakwenza.
Ukwakhiwa kwathoma emzini wakaSbhuku,
kwafakwa ifenitjhara etja, iinduna zekosi
bezihlala zigade umuzi wakaSbhuku.

Babathengela izembatho azitja, ipilo yakaSbhuku
nomdeni wakhe yabayihle khulu, izinga lepilo
yabo lakhuphuka labangcono.



Woke umuntu bekafisa ukuba lilunga nomndeni wakwaSbhuku. "Baba ngabe uyazi bonyana igolide yakho le iyimali engangani, lokhu okwenzelwe yikosi kuncani khulu," kutjho uMlungisi indodana ekulu yakaSbhuku.

"Msanami, wazini, usesemncani. Ucabanga bonyana ngathana azange ngithole igolide le, ngabe sinakho koke lokhu esinakho lapha ekhaya. Nakhona nje, angizwisisi bonyana kubayini ilitje eliphazimako lingenza ikosi ingithengele izinto ezinengi kangaka," kutjho uSbhuku.

"Kungaba ngcono baba ngikhambe nawe ngibone bonyana kuzokwenzeka ini. "Awa msanami ikosi khenge itjho kobana ngize nomunye umuntu."

Lafika ilanga lokobana uSbhuku azokuthathwa, nangabe uya ekosini, ukhamba ngesikepe, ngombana uyama umfula. USbhuku waphekelelwa masotja webukhosini, bekaphethe isikhwama esinegolide yakhe.

Lokha nabaphakathi komfula, USbhuku wakhupha igolide yakhe ngombana afuna ukuyisula. Bekathabe khulu ngombana bekaphethwe njengesitatanyiswa.

Ngitjho neenduna zekosi zazifisa ukufana noSbhuku.



Nanguya uSbhuku sekadlalisa igolide yakhe ayiphosela phezulu abuye ayibambe, ngombana uthabe khulu akazi bonyana enze ini.

Angakalindeli, igolide yaphunyurha ezandleni zakhe kanti uhlalele ngacadi kwamanzi, wezwakala sele arhuwelela asithi, "Igolide yami," iwele ngemanzini.

USbhuku wathi, "Mtjhayeli, jamisa isikepe ukuze ngiyokuqala igolide yami." Lokho ngeze kwenzeka, nawe uyabona bonyana umfula uzele amanzi begodu kuneengwenya emfuleni lo, asifuni ukufa," kwatjho omunye wabatjhayeli besikepe.



Njengoba bakhuluma nje, sebatjhidele
esigodlweni sekosi, kuyabonakala bonyana
ikosi yenze umnyanya omkhulu wokwamukelwa
uSbhuku negolide yakhe.

Ngesikhathi leso uSbhuku ubethwa livalo ufisa
kwangathi naye ngabe aziphosele ngemanzini.
Sifikile isikepe behla boke.

Iinduna zibambe uSbhuku ngezandla
aphekelelwe ekosini aphethe isikhwama
esinganalitho.



Nazo iinduna sezithukiwe ngombana ziyazi bonyana kwenzeke ini ngegolide. Angeniswe ngendlini lapho ikosi imlindlele khona.

“Ngiyakwamukela nomzana uSbhuku lapha ebukhosini, ngikubizela bonyana ngizokubona igolide olithole ephasini lami ngitjho ehlabathini yami,” kwatjho ikosi izele ithabo elimangazako.

“Unganginikela yona nomzana wami bese sithaba nawe njengombana sikwenzele umnyanya omkhulu kangaka.”



“Iphi igolide nomzana Sbhuku?” kwatjho ikosi llula isandla ifuna ukwamukela igolide. linduna zona zavele zaqala phasi zithukwe khulu ngombana kungenzeka bonyana uSbhuku abotjhwe ngombana alahle igolide.

Afake isandla esikhwameni sakhe uSbhuku sibuye singakaphathi litho, akhohlele kancani. “Kosi yami kwenzeke iphutha lapha, igolide liwele ngemfuleni,” sele athuthumela uSbhuku.

Ikosi yamane yatjhuguluka ebusweni, yathukuthela khulu. “Bewuyaphi ungakaphathi igolide, mina angifuni wena, bengifuna igolide.”

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