



UStovi noStali



NguNobom Mkondweni





Ihlathi laseBobo lihlathi elikhulu, linemithi emininzi exineneyo. Kweli hlathi kwakukho iindidi zonke zezilwanyana, neentaka. Kwakukho neentaka ezimbini, uStovi noStali, ezazingavani kwaphela.

Ingxabano yazo yaqala ngokuba wathi uStovi evela kuqokelela ingca yokwakha indlwane, wafika uStali nabahlobo bakhe behleli emthini wakhe. Babeyazi ukuba ngumthi awayeyalezile ukuba uzakuzakhela kuwo.





Abazange bafune ukusuka xa wayebacela.
Yaba buhlungu intliziyo kaStovi. Basuka
bamane behlekela phezulu kangangokuba
kwakude kushukume namasebe omthi.

Wayengayazi ukuba bahleka ntoni. Kwakucaca
ukuba babemncitha, befuna athethe.



Akazange afune ukuthetha, wasuka wathutha ingca yakhe waya komnye umthi. Waqhubeka wakha indlwane wayigqiba. Akugqiba waya kudlala nabahlobo bakhe.

“Andisafuni nokumbona laa Stali nabo bahlobo bakhe kakade. Bandiphazamisile ndizama ukuzakhela indlu.” Watsho uStovi kubahlobo bakhe.





“Bekutheni uze ungabashiya uye komnye umthi?” Wabuza uNtakazana.

“Ekugqibeleni ndenze loo nto ndayakha ndayigqiba indlu yam, intle nizakuyibona kungekudala.” Watsho uStovi. Kwathi besancokola beva ngesandi esothusayo.

Grrr-rrrrr-rrr....

Kwenzeka ntoni?” Babuzana.

Gr-grr-grrrr-grrr-grrrr!



“Bagawula imithi.” Watsho uStovi.

“Kubonakala ukuba bazimisele ukuyigawula yonke. Bahamba ngeeteletele ezinkulu,” wahlomla uNtakazana.

“Loo nto ithetha ukuba asizukuba namakhaya,” woleka uSikhova.

“Kufuneka sizame ukuyinqanda ingaqhubekeki le nto,” watsho exhalabile uStovi.





“Masikhe sibize zonke izilwanyana, sizame ukuyinqanda le nto” wacebisa uSikhova.

“Izilwanyana zithe saa, siza kusokola ukuzifumana zonke kwangethuba xa sisodwa,” watsho uNtakazana.

“Singacela ooStali nabahlobo bakhe baqale kwelinye icala lehlathi,” wacebisa uSikhova.

“Unotshe! Andisokuze ndicele uncedo kubo mna,” watsho uStovi equthe umlomo.

“Siza kuncediwa ngubani ke?” Wabuza uSikhova?



Grr-ggrrr-grr-grr! Gqum! Savakala sikufuphi kuna kuqala isithonga sabothusa bonke ngakumbi. Abagawuli bemithi babengawuyeki umsebenzi wabo. Babesele beyigawulile imithi emininzi.

“Masohlulelane, abanye mabaye kwela cala lihlala iindlovu, abanye baye kule miqolomba ilapha ehlathini,” watsho uSikhova.

“Ngubani ozakuya kubiza ooStali?” Wabuza uNtakazana. “Bayekeni, sizakuzenzela lo msebenzi,” waphendula uStovi. “Likhaya lethu sonke eli ligawulwayo, Stovi. Xa ungafuni sincedisane sizakulisindisa njani?” Wabuza uSikhova.





“Asiceli mvume kuwe, Stovi. Awunguye umphathi wethu. Mazibizwe zonke izilwanyana zizokuncedisa” watsho uNtakazana.

“Stovi, masicele uncedo kooStali yingxaki yethu sonke le,” watsho uSikhova.

Wade wavuma ukumamela uStovi wacela uxolo.

“Ewe kunjalo, likhaya lethu sonke eli. Kudingeka ukuba sincedisane ukulikhusela. Ndiza kuya kubacela ngokwam ooStali nabahlobo bam basincedise.”



Kwathi qhu saa ingulowo esiya kwelakhe icala eyokufuna uncedo. Wafika uStovi kooStali sele ekhefuzela wabaxelela ngengxaki ebafigeleyo bezizilwanyana zehlathi.





“Ndicela sisebenzisane ukukhusela amakhaya ethu. Enye nenge siza kuyixoxa sele siwugqibile lo umsebenzi,” watsho uStovi.

Wabakhuthaza uStali abahlobo bakhe ukuba balandele uStovi. Balandelelana ukuya kulo ndawo imithi yayigawulwa kuyo.



Bafika sele ezinye iintaka zifikile. Zavuya zakubona uStovi ehamba noStali bevuyiswa kukuba bevana kwakhona.

Zonke iintaka zazisazi ukuba nguStali owayethanda ukhulupha uStovi amgezele.

UStovi wakhwela emthini omde ukuze zonke iintaka zimbone. “Zintaka zakowethu, sijongene nengxaki enkulu esichaphazela sonke. Nanjengoko senivile ngababephume ingqina, kufike abantu bagawula imithi anamakhaya ethu,” waqhubekeka uStovi.





Grr-rrr-rrr-rrr. Wavakala umtshini ugawulwa kwakhona.

“Singanceda njani?” wabuza uStali sele emaxhaphetshu. “Ngoku kufuneka sikhawuleze siqokelele zonke izilwanyana zeli hlathi. Masiye kwiinkalo zonke zehlathi sibize izilwanyana zonke zize kumhlangano omkhulu ongxamisekileyo.” Watsho uStovi. “Makuphangiswe ke siphinde sidibane kwakule ndawo sikuyo,” waqhubeka uStovi.

Zazizimisele ukusebenzisana iintaka.



Zagxalathelana ukufika izilwanyana neentaka zibuya sele zithe ngcu kwimiqolo yooNdlulamthi nooNdlovu . Zavumelana ngamxhelo mnye izilwanyana ukuba zibagxotho abagawuli. Zacebisana ukuba zingenza njani. UStali noStovi babebambisene ukuqhuba loo ntlanganiso.





Babesele besondele kakhulu abagawuli bemithi.
Bokhwankqiswa kukubona ingqungquthela
yezilwanyana zonke zehlathi bayeka
ukugawula. Bathi bothuke njalo, babona
zigungqa izilwanyana zijolise kubo.

Izilwanyana ezinamendu nezinkulu zabekwa
ngaphambili ukuhlasela utshaba.



Izilwanyana ezide zazisemacaleni zaze ezinamandla zama ngasemva. Iintaka zithe ngcu phezu kwezilwanyana ezinokuzithwalela nezinamandla. Ezinye zazibhabhela phezulu zilungiselela ukuphephezela phezu kwabagawuli zibaphazamise. Zonke zazime ngobume zilinde uStali azixelele ukuba zingahlanganisa njani.

“Nikhumbule maqela, oku sikwenzela nje ukubothusa bayeke le nto bayenzayo. Akufuneka kubekho namnye kubo owonzakalayo,” watsho uStovi.





“Phambiliiii! Kuboooo!” Wakhwaza watsho uStali. Zasuka ngaxeshanye izilwanyana zisenza ingxolo enkulu. “Kwenzeka ntoni madoda!” Wabuza omnye umgawuli.

Zange kubekho mgawuli uphendulayo. Yasuka yaba nguwashiywa ukuya kukhwela kwiinqwelo-mafutha zabo. Zange baphinde bajonge ngasemva.

“Halala! Halala!” zatsho izilwanyana zivuya. Siphumelele kwiphulo lethu lokusindisa ikhaya lethu. Yaba yimincili namakhwelo ovuyo kwizilwanyana ziziva zikhuselekile.



“Ndithi mandithathe eli thuba ndibulele iintaka ezithe zasazisa ngalo monakalo uphantse wenzeka,” watsho uNdlovu.

“Nathi sinedwe nguStovi nabahlobo bakhe,” waphendula uStali.

“Kumnandi xa sisebenzisana zilwanyana zakowethu,” watsho uMfene.

Zahamba zisiya kumakhaya azo izilwanyana ezininzi. “Ndiyabulela kuwe Stali nabahlobo bakho kuba niye nawenza lula lo msebenzi,” watsho uStovi.



“Ndiyabulela nam kuni ngokusincedisa.
Ndiyaxolisa ngendlela nam endikuphatha
ngayo,” watsho uStali.

“Ndiyilwamkela uxolo nombulelo wakho Stali,”
watsho uStovi.

UStovi noStali bafunda ukuba xa kukho
intsebenziswano kubakho impumelelo.
Zasondela kubo iintaka zabaphakamisela
phezulu zicula.

“UStovi noStali ngamaqhawe ethu,
ngamaqhawe ehlathi lonke liphela.”