



Intfombatane lehlakaniphile



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Phiwile yintfombatane lehlakaniphile.
Abecabanga masinyane. Phiwile waniketwa
umsebenti wekuhlanyela. Phiwile abefuna
kuhlanyela tjani ekhaya kubo.





Phiwile abengafuni labanye bantfu bamsite.



Abehlakaniphe kakhulu ngisho naseklasini lakhe. Abenemandla futsi angesabi. Abenta lucwaningo masinyane uma afuna kwenta tintfo.





Phiwile wavakashela umtapotincwadzi wesikolo. Wafuna libhuku leliphatselene nekuhlanyela.

“Lelibhuku leliphatselene nekuhlanyela litawungikhombisa tinyatselo letibalulekile.”
Wakusho loko acabange tinyatselo letilandzelwa uma kuhlanyelwa.



Watfola libhuku lekumsita lelifanele.

Phiwile abehlakaniphile. Walitfola masinyane,
watsakasa.





Phiwile wasusa lukhula, kepha akanabo tjani.

Waphoceleka kutsi atsatse emalini latigcinele yona.

“Ngitawusebentisa imali lengibekelwe ngubabe.”



Watsenga tjani wahlanyela. Ingadze yayingemamitha lasihlanu budze, nemamitha lamatsatfu bubanti. Wacala kunisela tjani labuhlanye. Abesebentisa sikotela lesinetimbobo. Ingadze yaPhiwile yaba yihle ngetjani.





Tjani bacala kukhula. Bebuluhlata bubuhle.
Ngemuva kwemalangana, wabona kutsi
kunetilokatane engadzeni.
“Loku kutawumosha tjani bami.”



Akanawo umutsi wekubulala tilokatane.
Akanayo nemali yekutsenga. Utawenta
njani?” Angabulala tilokatane ngemanti
labilako? Kutawufa netjani labuhlanyelile.





Futsi, watsatsa libhuku leliphatselele
nekuhlanyela. “Litawuvula umcondvo wami.
Ngitawubunakekela lotjani.”
Phiwile wacala ngekubuka luhla
lwalokucuketfwe ngulelibhuku. Watfola likhasi
lelikhuluma ngekutsi tilokatane tibulawa njani.



Phiwile watfola indlela yekutentela umutsi
wekubulala tilokatane.

“Lelibhuku liyavisisa kutsi ngijakile.
Linginiketa wonkhe umlayeto
lengiwudzingako. Lamuhla, tonkhe tilokatane
titawungati kahle.”





Kulula kutentela umutsi wekubulala tilokatane. Phiwile wafundza konkhe loku ebhukwini. Udzinga loku lokulandzelako: Cala ngekutsela tinkomishi temanti letine ejekeni. Bese ufaka tipunu letisihlanu tensipho yetitja lemanti.



Kute umutsi wanele kahle, Phiwile kumele angete tibalo taletintfo. Watsela tinkomishi temanti letingemashumi lamabili ebhakedeni.





Phiwile kumele nyalo atsele insipho lemanti.
“Ngidzinga lenganani?” Ucala kubala:

Tinkomishi letine- tipunu letisihlanu

Tinkomishi letisiphohlongo- tipunu letilishumi

Tinkomishi letilishumi nakubili- tipunu
letilishumi nesihlanu.



Phiwile wachubeka wabala wadzimate wafika etinkomishini letingemashumi lamabili. Loku kutawulunga. Phiwile waneliseka.





Sebentisa libhodlela lekufata. Fafatela yonkhe indzawo lenetjani. Phiwile wafafatela tjani onkhe emalanga emaviki lamatsatfu.



Tjani baPhiwile bacala kuba luhlata. Bakhula baba buhle. Tjani lobuhlala buluhlata. Lotjani badzinga kujutjwa.





Phiwile wabuka sikelo lesikhulu. Wahhlala phansi etjanini wacala kujuba.

A! Tjani buhle futsi buyalingana. Tjani lobuhlala buluhlata.



Phiwile wajabula. Tjani baPhiwile bebubuhle kakhulu. Lentfombatane lehlakaniphile iphumelele. Waba nguPhiwile inkhanyeti lekhatimulako!

