



Umlilo!



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Ugogo upheka isiju semirrorho samadina.
Uphekela isizukulwana sakhe uLwethu
nabangani bakhe. Upheka emlilweni ngepoto
ekulu enzima.

Abesana badlalela eduze ngeenkoloji zabo.



Kunomoya obetha kancani.

Ngokuphazima kwelihlo, kuba
nesivunguvungu!

Isivunguvungu siphephula umlilo siwuphosela
emoyeni.





Isivunguvungu siphephulela umlilo emfulelweni wendlu.

Ugogo nabesana baqala ngesizi umfulelo uthungeleleka ngomlilo.

“Lokhu kuyarhaba! Sidinga irhelebho elirhabako!” kutjho ugogo.



“Besana, rhabani niyokubawa irhelebho kibomakhelwana! Sifuna amanzi amanengi ukucima umlilo!” kulayela ugogo.

Ulinga ukwehlisa amaphaphu.





Abesana abathathu bagijima ngebelo basiya emahlangothini ahlukahlukeneko. Bagijima batjhiya iinthunzi zabo.

“Umlilo! Umlilo! Rhelebhani! Rhelebhani!”
kurhahlawula uLwethu.

“Umlilo! Umlilo! Rhelebhani! Rhelebhani!”
bayarhuwelela abangani bakhe.



Ngetjhuu bekunabantu abanengi emakhaya.

Abomakhelwana beza ngokurhaba namathunga anamanzi.

“Kuzokulunga, Gogo! Sizowucima umlilo!” bayamduduza.

Balwa nomlilo. Bathela amathunga amanengi wamanzi emfulelweni ukucima umlilo.





Emaphethelweni umlilo uyacima.

Ugogo uthokoza abomakhelwana.

Bese wasingatha uLwethu nabangani bakhe.

“Ingozi idlulile. Ngiyathokoza ukubiza irhelebho ngokuphazima kwelihlo!” kutjho ugogo. “Ngirhuluphelela kobana akhange kwenzeke, ngetjhudu elihle, siphephile!”