



UNtombi ubamba isela!



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*Umakhambadobha
yinyoni ethanda izinto
ezirhanyazelako!*



“Ngubani othethe amadimidi wami?” kubuza unina. “Ngiwabeke lapha, gadesi aqimele.”

UNtombi usiza unina ukufuna amadimidi ngendlini. Kodwana akawatholi koke.





“Ngubani othethe imali yami?” kubuza ubaba. “Ngibeke ubuloso lapha, gadesi buqimele.”

UNtombi usiza ubaba ukufuna ubuloso ngendlini. Kodwana akabutholi koke.





“Ngubani othethe imendlela yami,” kubuza umfowethu. “Ngiyibeke lapha, gadesi iqimele.”

UNtombi usiza umfowabo ukufuna imendlela ngendlini. Kodwana akayitholi koke.





“Ngubani othethe icici lami?” kubuza udade.
“Ngilibeke lapha, gadesi liqimele.”

UNtombi usiza udade ukufuna icici ngendlini.
Kodwana akalitholi koke.





Ubaba udosela amapholisa.

Amapholisa eza.

Aqala phezulu begodu aqala phasi. Aqala ngesinceleni begodu aqala ngesidleni.



“Asitholi izinto ezilahlekileko. Begodu asitholi nesela. Akunamifuziselo wezandla nofana imifuziselo yeenyawo,” kukhuluma amapholisa.



“Ngizozifumana izinto eziqimeleko.
Ngizolifumana isela,” kukhuluma uNtombi.

Waqala phezulu begodu waqala phasi.
Waqala ngesinceleni begodu waqala
ngesidleni.

Nakaqala ngaphandle, wabona isela!

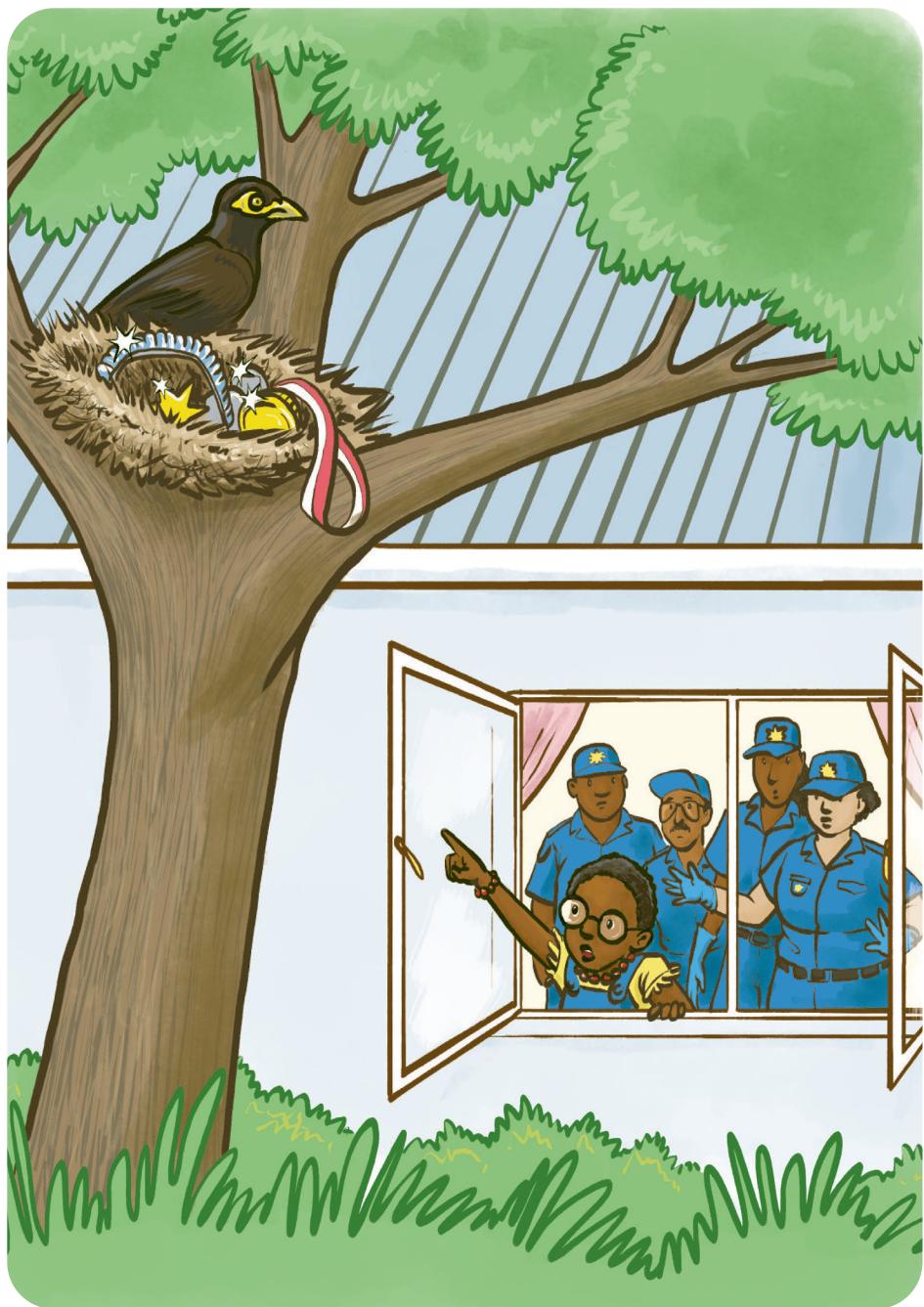




“Nantiya isela,” kukhuluma uNtombi,
ukhomba ngaphandle.

Emuthini oseduze bekuhlezi
umakhambadobha. Isidleke sakhe
besinezinto ezimanyazelako.

“Begade kungumakhambadobha!
Kungakho bekungekho imifuziselo yemino
neyeenyawo!” kukhuluma amapholisa.





“Wenze kuhle, Ntombi!” kukhuluma woke umuntu ngendlini. “Ubambe isela!”

