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AbaThembu.

1 Abakwa Mabaso behla ngesilulu bafika kwazulu kubusa uSenzangakhona. Manjena akwaziwa ukuthi ayephumaphi yona lamadoda akwa Mabaso. Athena uma efika lapha kwazulu ahikwa indawo yokwakha umuzi wawo. Manjena athena uma esakhile abanesibongo esihle esenza uzulu waba nomona nabo abakwa Mabaso. Isibongo lesi esokuthi Ndaba zitha Lesisiga sesinga ziwa kwazulu kuthena ukuba afe uSenzangakhona kwabusa uTshaka. uTshaka lona waye esezonda uma kuthiwa Ndaba Zitha kwa bakwa Mabaso. Usethi uTshaka akuphele ukuthi Ndaba ezitha ku ona abakwa Mabaso neb la sekuphela ngoba phela bona babe kh ze kuzulu. Usethi uTshaka uyena uNdaba eZitha.

2. Neb la sekuphela kuba Thembu loku sho okunjalo. Uthena esuka uTshaka waye esethi kuhle ukuba basuke laba bakwa Mabaso ngoba naku bafuna ukuba yisizwe esikhulu konozulu futhi bahlala niphile kuzozulu manjena usethukathela uNgoza in osi yaba Thembu usethi kuhle bahambe nebala sebe hamba. Ngokusho kuka Tshaka waye ethi kuhle babulawe bonke siphele lesi sibongo sabo. Bezwa ngabanye abantu usebe buleka khona ngobusuku lobo ngoba uTshaka waye enga tahintshi luntweni akaylisho. Sebebeka lona enzansi kwelase Xoseni. Bathena ngokufika kwabo khona lena

3. eXoseni abahlala kahle manjena indaba ebuhlungu eXoseni ukuthi bonke abantu ab fika no Ngoza kwathiwa maba nqunywe izandla ngoba kusoleka ukuthi beze ngobubi ngoba phela uTshaka waye selibulele izwe ehla ela buse bemesaba bonke abantu emasweini manjena athena nawa Thembu ngokuthi aphume kwazulu kwasoleka esengathi azohlasela amaXosa. Manjena wakubona kukubi loko uNgoza phoke abanye bathi uNgoza waphenduka yena ugobo lwakhe ehamba no Jobe umfoka Stole. Phoke abanye bathi akamnnge esabuya uNgoza bathi uthena uma esephenduka kwelase Xoseni ungena kwelase

4. Silungwini manjena usemisa eCeceni eduzane naso Tugela. Usethi ngokubona uJobe ukuthi amacunu nawo abokile i pela usephinda emuva yena kwa zulu uthena umafika kwazulu wazibika ka Tshaka ukuthi sesehlulekile nkosi asindawo. Kuthiwa phezu kokuba amacunu ayehlupha. Kwashikhona namazimu aula abantu uTshaka usethi ku Jobe kuhle wena uhambe nempi yami uyohulela amazimu lowo nebala

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usehamba uJobe ebuya ezakhona lapha esilungwi. Usewaxosha ama-
zimu u Jobe. Uthena uma esephenduka kwazulu ka Ngoza usefumana
indodana ka Ngoza iNododa nazi izingozakhe.

Idada elibula amanzi,
Ngezimpiko ezimhlophe,
Isiqamana sami sokuphephela, kungekho ngubo uthena uma

5. esephinda wazala uJojo owelama yena uNodada. Izibongo zakhe
nazi:

Ujojo vikela amakhehla,
Isigxumu senkanka esandlomuluka, uphuhlane ephuhla
eziphandeni ezinjengezo sukela, uvezi kanonyanda,
anathibana angeze adla ukudla kwenze njani na? Okagazi
inyanga kwenzenjani wathatha intombi kungamufanele,
Nebala wathatha khona kwa Mabaso.

Kwase kuba uyena kuleyo ntombazane wamemeza wathi
ukuba ugazi ukhona ngabe udla amaThibane abakam khuphukeli manjena
uNodada usebusa ngokufa kuka yise kuthena kunjalo kwafika
uMlungu uSomusewu ewela ekoleni kuyafakazela ukuthi waye vela
khona ngoba waye khuluma isixoza. Uyena owahlela kahle phakathi
kw baka mvelase no Sithole.

6. USithole wamahlukanisela umuhlumayo njengoba nanamhlanjena
uSithole uselapha eMhlumayo. Manjena kwasekuthi abaThembu waba
nika phezu koTugela njengoba nanamhlanjena basekhona uthe uma ese
hlele kahle waveza futhi ukuthela wathi kuhle amakhosi athele
ngezimpondo zezi nyamazane nangobuhlalu phoke amaThembu namacunu
kwaku lilalisene kahle nesikhathi sika Nodada. uNodada usezala
uMgunu. uMabizela lona kwakungeyena ofanele uku inkosi.
uMgamu watha uMabizela wamufaka endlu nkulu yakwamaZwane usethi
uMganu kunina komabizela wena ozozola inkosi. Inkosi
yathuma uMabaso uMatshane ukuba alande inkosikazi eMangweneni
uninakazi Sulu.

7. Manjena kuthena uma uziSulu esahambile wayo funda kwazulu
kwase kuthi uNqamnzane wangena unina ka Kufakwezwe. Inkosi
ephethe amaThembu uthena ebuya ezi Seulu wafumanisa ukuthi ama
Thembu asamise ukufakwezwe uthena noma esefuna ukubuyela esihla-
lweni akwabe kusa lunga.

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Uthena uma uMatshene umfoka Mabaso ethi uyayiqatha ngoba efuna ukuba uzi Sulu anikwe ubukhosi bakhe namanye amadoda evunayena uzi Sulu. Usethi uzi Sulu kubona makunga liwa akuye kwenjena umfowabo angeke amahlule ngalutho noma engaba inkosi. Kuya bonakala kuthi uyi Sulu ekuhambeni kwakhe eyofunda wathola ukholo wawuzwa nomuyalo wabamhlophe akuhlalisana ngoxlo.

8. Athena kanti ama Thembu awasa bekani wase ewenza abuye sethandana kwafumaniseka nonina kaziZulu kuwumuntu ozithobaya ongafuni ukuba kungaliwa kuthena nalapha amacunu elwa kuze kuvela izindela nama Themali kwaba yena owalamula lapha noma amacunu angamulalelanga kodwa awuphonsa umulomo. Uthena ukuba ukufakwezwe abone ukuthi uziSulu ukhuluma kanjalo naye kwamujabulisa loko. Usemunika naye umoya umuhle ngokuthi yena uyazi kamhlophe ukuthi ubukhosi obomfowabo uSulu noma uyise efuna ukubaxabanisa njena kuze kube namhlanjena bayezwana uSulu no Kufakwezwe. Noma phela kunge yeke ukuvela iziphiphi i ngezinsu ngezinsuku fanele.

9. Unina kayi Sulu lona akavumanga ukuba uNqomuzana angamngena. Phela inkosikazi kayingemwa yengako uNwamuzana abeka uKukwezwe inkosi. Inyanga enkulu ka Nodada umfoka Sikakane oweye enza imilingo kwelase ba Thenjini uyena futhi owa hela impi yenkosi musukwana ilwa no Zulu kthena kuCetshwayo yabambana impi yawo amacunu aba Thembu lezi zizwe zimbili zilwa no Zulu uyebelu umfoka Sikakane ewaye lapha leyo impi kuthena ukuba ihlabane abona ama Thembu ukuthi manjena kubi ayaphela kumuka wona. uGabangaye umfoka Phakade wase macunwini walayena ukubuya wathi usazoke abone ukubamba kwembungulu ibutho lakhe phela lelo. Kuthena

10. kunajlo ngokuhlangana kwayo ya ubulalana impela kwathi uMatsheni umfoka ndlela awaye aziwa kakhulu eliqawe elikhulu lempi. Kuthiwa wathi uma uGabangaye ka Phakade ala ukuphindela emuva wamuvumela naye uMatsheni ~~ktuema~~ kuthena uma isihlangene wezwakala uMatshene ethi ngadla ngadla, kuth wa kwaze kuthiwa maka banjwe manjena ngoba esebe bulele abantu kuthiwa kanti loku k akuyi ndoda eyayinkulu impela waphenduka woma wamuncane kwathi

futhi njengoba aye mhlophe ebusweni waphenduka wabamunyama wafana no Silwane ka Phakade musukwana aba amabutho kuyothelwa ngempi ka Bambanda kuthiwa naye waphenduka wa mnyama wanjenge

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339. wanjenge lahle lomulilo nalo elingasa vuthi. Kuthena K13/21 4*

// uma seliyoshona sekuwancaca izidumbu esefana nesilwane ngempela ephenduke uhlanya manjenakuthiwa waye sevuvukile nezingalo zakhe ngendaba yokugwaza kuthikwaekuganeni wakhathala wabona ngoba uGabangaye esewile esefile naye walahla imikhonto phansi. Wathi ngibulaleni ngoba nangu uGabangaye usefile nebala bamuhlaba bamubulala. Kuthiwa bathi noma bemuhlaba wathula njena waze wa khuluma esewa wathi ngofa nina Matshene ka Zondwayo. Phakade phela uyena uGabangaye owaye fanelwe ubukhosi indodana ka Phakade kwase kutha uSilwane umfowabo. Amacunu naba Thembu bamuntu munue namaphela izimpi ziko zivele phakathi kwawo amacunu naba Thembu. Kuthena noma sekulwa amacunu odwa kwasuka yena uziSulu wayo lamula amacunu.

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