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1 Nendlela eya bakhona musuku
ana uIsidaka uweza uMatshene
Sithole azibulala amazimu:-
Kwathi ukuba uIsidaka a
abone ukuthi amazimu asehla
phile wathumela uMatshane u
kuwabulala. Usemunika izi
nyoni nezimpangele. Useha
thibake uMatshane usefuma
nisa nebafa amazimu egcwele
kulelonke ngamanzo. Usewa
dumela ewabulala sekubaleka
namalala asemaBeleni. Manje
na kwase kuvela indlala enku
lu impela. Abantu abakwazanga
nokuthi bazokwenzenjani. Kwathi
abanye abalinga ukuphendu
ka izigcwelegcwele babulawa.
Kuthiwa anye baze balinga u
kudla inyama yonza yomuntu
kuthiwa bafa bonke. Ilapho, labo
abalinga ukudla inyama yo
muntu. Kwamanga lisa ukutha
wona amazimu ayidla ka
njani inyama yomuntu. Uma
thana usethumela ku Isidaka

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ukuthi abantu bayafa. uTshaka
usethumela elinye ibutho okhekhe
ukuba bayoleke lela. useba nika
uzuhlambi wezinkomo. Akhekhe
babe hamba no Duzane Gabuza
usemenza induna u Matshane
Namhlanjena abakwa Gabuza
baseba ningi kuleli lakwa Lithole
Kuthena ukuba izinkomo zifike
seziphela izigcwegcwele. kwathi nga
leyodlala abantu badla ubobo
ngisho ubogo. babe wumba ubogo
lona bawomise bese begaya wona
bawube ngawo amasi. Kuthiwe
njengoba nezigcwegcwele zaziwa
ntshontsha amakonyane ziwa
udlele emahlathini. kuthi uma
impi izizingela ~~izone~~ ngezikhunde
nangamanaziko. Kuthiwa izikhumb
a babe zidla nazozanga kali
nakanjani. namathambo ayenga
bonwa. Abanye bathi ziziwa
dla kanjena ziwa bulale ziwagaye
ziwadle. Angazi noma lokhu kuyi
qiniso yini. Namaqula zaziwa
ntshontsha futhi zibaleke futhi

Manjena kwase kuphilwa ngo
kufaduwa impela emnini nase
busuku. Waze wathi umatshene
kuhle imizi yonke isondelane
kakhulu labo abangabanye
kuhle basondelane ndawonye
kuze sengathi bayazalana nabo
nebala. Ngakwenza loko kodwa
babuye bakalisana bodwa
kwabela ukuntshontsha kubo
na bodwa. Kwathi amabutho
ehlukana ngezi kathi zaku
sihlwa. Kwathi amanye elele
amanye ayelindile. Kuthi e
mini amanye ezingela wona
amazimu amanye ayebeke
ekhaya imizi nezingane. Izi
nkomo zaze luswa futhi ama
butho nezimbuzi. Kuthi ama
khosikazi alime amabele ne
zintanga nombila. Amabele
ayelinywa utila nolokwana. U
tila nusshane nezinhlamvu ezi
nkulu. Uthi umalseouthiwe a
bemnyama izinhlamvu zakhe
noma egaywa ulikhuni.

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kodwa noko uyali mela ilanga
noma libalele. nolokwana
futhi unjalo mufushane uya
shesha ukuvuthwa masishane
kunamanye amabele. kwelinye
isikhathi uma unyaka uha
mba kahle uze avunwe kabi
li ulokwane. utshwala buka
lokwana abuphuzwa. obamak
hehla. Abafana bangasangana
imiqondo yabo uma bephuza u
lokwana. Ukuyafana naye utila
unjalo uma luthole umuntu okhwa
zilyo ukugaya utshwala. kama
bele asikhonta namhlanjena
utila uyatholakala kwelabathembu
nakulabo abakhwa Sithole. Ulokwana
uvame phuko Tugela river kwelama
Thembu. Izinyoni aziwadli kakhu
lu lamabele. kamabele awumu
limela kumuntwana noma e
gula ecubuluza unikwa umnya
mbazi wawo bese uyasongela esi
swini. Nencumbe yamabele yi
nhle kakhulu kumntwana. no
tshwala futhi buhle kancane ku
bantwana.

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kukudla kwamabele yiloku: utshwala, umnyambazi; isidlakadla isangcobe, isigwamba, ujeqe, ai mahabulo, amahewu, amasi nomnunye ujeqe abathi isifocuya nezinkobe, nomncaba. Phoke loku kudla yikona amazulu nezinye izizwe zakuqala ezaziku thanda kupela. Futhi yikona okwakungini na izinsizwa nezintombi: Kuthena ukuba indlela indlule abantu futhi bafa babulawa ukudla ngoba babe ngasakutholi kahle abanye bakudla udaka bafe futhi abanye baphindela khona kwazulu. Kuthena ukuba awagede amazinnu umatshane yase uyamuhlasela eyabelungu kupi namagwane. Umatshane we phula isithembiso sokuthi anga cithi igazi wabulala abantu sengathi kubona abakwa lutho futhi. Kwezwa kala loko enkosini emhlophe yamuthumela mpi ka njena. Kwathi kuhleziwe njena kwafika ubiko kumatshane woku

thi bayamufuna abamhlophe
bayohlangana okhalweni kwakwa
nozidwathana. Umathana waye
yinjanga futhi kanti uyinkosi. u
zwa ngemithi yakhe ukuthi aba
mhlophe bafuna ukumbulala
usethi kubantu bakhe novumu
la impela kakhulu siyakube
lungu kusasa. nebala abantu
bakhe sebevumula impela ka
khulu. Abamhlophe bawacashi
sa amabutho abo. kwase kuza
inkosikazi izokhuluma nomathi
na. Isithi ukuba abakwa Sitho
babuthane siyala ukukhuluma
Isibona omunye umuntu senga
uyena eyinkosi ngoba umathana
yena waqgokisa okomfokazanya
na yena bathi noma bethi inko
si yenzani isidumaza kubelungu
akanaka. Inkosikazi isishaya
umfoka mhlongo ithi uyena e
yinkosi ukubaleka kuka Mathana
yasale ilwa babaleka abantu.
Ukuze abakwa Sithole bakhe e
hende babe nganeno lapha ngase
Mathiwane station kuqala umuzi wabo.

Yseshaleka njalo umatshana na banye abantu bakhe. Sebesala abanye. Sebekhonza kwamajola noko babuye baziphatha. Izinja ngendlaleyo zabulawa zonke yingko kwakungasa khonkotha lutho emizini ngezigewelegwele zingase zwakali ngalutho.

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