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Notes about Swazi of Washbank.
K 13/21 and Swazi customs
in general.

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Abakwa Laziya.

Lesi esinye isizwe esasizimele ngokwaso. Sasekhelene na-aqadi, ayebuswa uDube indodana kaSilwane, kanjila kangotoma esinye isizwe esasakhelene nalaba bakwa Laziya bakampunya kalusoso esakwa nyuswa. Namhlanjena zonke lezizizwe sezahlukana zalwazodwa.

Kwathi ukuba uSomsewu amukhuze uMpande musukwana eyokhalela aMangwane ukuthi angalwi nama Ngwane, nebala yalalela inkosi uMpande. Kuthena ukuzwa ukuthi aMangwane ayabanga waqala ukuhlaselele izizwe ezincane ngoba ezingela ubukhosi bakwa Ngwane. Ngale nkathi isizwe sakwa Laziya gasibuswa uMpunzane kalusoso. uMpande wayesemuzini wakhe eNjikini wayese vema impi yakhe. Nebala yase iyabuthana kuyena emini. Kwathiwa ayihambe iyohlala kwadlula izinyanga ezimbili.

Kuthena isiwabiza amabutha yase ithukuthele inkosi ngoba yathulela isigijimi kuMpunzane, ukuthi kuhle athumele amabutho, nezinkomo kuyona ukuze imusize ezingozini, nase zandleni zika Dube ngoba wayeseke walwa naye uMpunzane uDube. Kodwa wehlulwa uMpunzane. Noko uDube wamuyeka uMpunzane akamucitha nesizwe sakhe. uMpunzane wenqaba ukukhipha izinkomo namabutho. Impi kaMpande yakhetha enhla nantaba lapho kulele khona wonke amazulu.

Kwathi sekuphelile ukukhetha kwase kuphakwa impi njalo. Kuthena ukuba iphaliwe yanikwa uMaphitha. uMaphitha yamulayeza inkosi ukuba impi ayenze imzila embili futhi ibambe kanye kanye ingabukelelani. Nebala uMaphitha wayikhipha imizila embili enye yewusa uTukela. Kuthena kusa kwezwakala, yahloma neka Mpunzane, pho yayingasa hlomeli ndawo. Yabambana enhla norngeni lapha yashukana isikhasana yehlulwa lena kaMpunzane. Wase uyemuka njalo esebeka kwaNgwane.

- 4 Kuthena ukufika khona yara rukela inkosi yamaNgwane, yajabula kakhulu ngo Mpunzana. Weza nabantu abaningi impela ukuyo khonza kwaNgwane. Inkosi yaso ibakhethela indawo phezulu obonjeni. Inkosi uSwazi uthena uma etefa wase uyaxabanisa, njengoba ubukhosi babufanele umbilini indodana yakhe enkulu, yena wabunika uludonga indodana encane. Umbilini wayengekho ekhaya, wayesaxabana noyise uSwazi wase uyemuka ekhaya. Kodwa uludonga wayesemuncane wase banjelwa ukdwardwe isikhunala sakhe. ukdwardwe umfowabo kaSwazi. Ngalesi sikhathi ukdwardwe wahlasela izizwe eziningi enzela ukwandisa wona urubuso wamaNgwane. Wahlasela abaFedi abeSuthu, namaThuni nabakaSiyoka bakaMfantshu kaThobela.
- 5 Nozulu washaywa uvalo ngarandla amaNgwane. Kuthena ukuba abakwa Maziya balubone loludumo babalekela khona. Uyena ukdwardwe owabeka laba bakwaMaziya obonjeni phezulu. Manamhlanjena uyakuba fumaniisa khona obonjeni laba bakwaMaziya. Isikhulu esibambele inkosi yamaNgwane uSaphaza kaBudle.

- Kwathi ngesikhathi ukdwardwe sekufanele ukuba aphume esikhundleni sobukhosi akabe asathanda. Wafuna isu lokubulala uludonga. Wenza isu wathi kuhle kuphise utshwala emzini wakhe eMkanini, nebala wamubiza naye uludonga ukuzophuza. Kanti usethumele kuMacebo khabele inceku yakhe ukutshena uSijana
- 6 Thabede induna ukulala nebutho endleneni balalele uludonga. Kuthena umaselishona waphuma ehamba naradoda amabili uludonga uThunjwa noZozo. Base bephuzile kakhulu impela. Kuthena uma bavele umfula uSuthu yababulala impi kaSijama. Wafakanjalo uludonga engazange abuse. Kuthena ukuba umbilini ezwe ukuthi ukdwardwe ubulale umfowabo, wathukuthela, wahlangana namanye amadoda akwaNgwane, athukuthela ngesenzo esenziwa ukdwardwe ukubulala uludonga. Wakwela uBombo wathola bona akwaMaziya, ukuba kubulawe ukdwardwe. Wayesekhona uMpunzana. Uyena uqobo cwaphaka impi. Yavinbezela ekuthatha kokusa emzini

7 kandwandwe eikanini lapho yabulala akwasala lutho, kodwa
 undwandwe waphuma waye, wafinyelela eadlangeni, noko impi
 yamulandela yaye yamufumanisa lapho. Aithena noma esecela uxolo
 undwandwe ababe besarvunela. Amazwi kandwandwe awokuthi "ukuba
 bengazi ngabe ngingakwamukela nga Mpunzane". Umbeki wenkosi
 kabusi nayo". Washo barubulala.

 Kwathi esefile undwandwe kwase kubusa umbilini lapho kwase
 kuhamba unyamayenja ngokubanga nombilini. Maningi amaSwazi
 amuka kwaNgwane ayokhonza kwazulu. Lana ayakhe ngehla nezwe
 lakwazulu ayebizwa ngokuthi amankengane abeqaqele endulo kulolonke
 leli lase ngcaka nelase Badeni ngase Dumba yiwoke amankengane
 8 kaNyamayenja. Yiwona eyeloku efika ezokhonza ukupande kwazulu.
 AmaSwazi angena kakhulu kwazulu kubusa ukupande engena ngokukhonza
 komhlaka, kolukwazi, kokabayi nako Diyikana kahlakanyana wase
 ma-batheni. Nazi izibongo xalawo maSwazi ayefika kwazulu.
 Nkabinde, Kubika, nkambule, zondo, Mpunsula, Dkamini, Nkosi,
 Mhleko, Vilakazi, Mdululi, Mgomezulu nezinye eziningi. Nanka ama-
 Swazi afika kanye kanye enkosini ezokhonza kwazulu. uDlamini
 wakwankosi. Phela laba abakwa Dlamini behlukene kaningi, laba
 abakwaDlamini abangenhlakwase Tilidi kakusiyena uDlamini Nkosi.
 ngomunye njena uDlamini owadabuka kwazulu. uDlamini Nkosi wasuswa
 9 umbango kwaNgwane. Omunye umbango wenziwa uSidubela kanye
 noMalambule kaSobuza kanye noThekwane naye unyamayenja kaSobuza.
 Lonake uMalambule uyise kaMaloyi awakhe empenwane obutho lakhe
 nguno Khenke. Kwathi ukuba ukupande ezwelombanga wathumela impi
 enkulu ukuyosiza anadodana kaSobuza embangweni wawo. Ngalenkathi
 kwakubusa umbilini abanye bathi kunge nkathi kubusa umswazi
 kwathi ukuba anqobe ukupande wabehlukanisela izindawo abakaSobuza
 abantwana:-

- 1 uSidubela wamunika abaqulusi
- 2 uNodakada wamunika unyamane
- 3 uMalambule wamunika uhamu
- 4 uThekwane wamunika uMasiphula
- 5 unyamanyenja wamunika uLukwazi

Kuthena emvakaloku wavela futhi umbango khona eSwazini, kuba nga u-bilini noLudonga iyengoba sengishilo. Nayeke walandela uMalambule uyise. Ynake wa nikwa uDiyikana kahlakanyana kwelase Dumba. Omunye uruzi kahlakanyana owase Nyathini cwawakhe eLanzini. Kuthena noma eseyokulwa no Mdwandwe wabephuma khonalapha u-bilini.

AmaSwazilana yiwona afika nokwenziwa ngomdokwe, incwancwa kwazulu yayingaziwa incwancwalena. Namhlanjena semaningi amaSwazi aseyizinzule kwenza umbango wabantwana benkosi. Kwathi namaqhawe amakhulu akwa ngwane emuka aya kwazulu, njengo lumu awayedume kakhulu impela kwazulu, kanti yena wayeli Swazi. Waze wa butha ibutho lakhe ngobuqhawe bakhe uhunu wakwamdialose. Ibutho lakhe kwakuwukandampemu. Kwathi ukuba afe umdwandwe kwase kubusa yena u-bilini. Kuthena esangena esikhundleni sobukhosi, amaNgwane awaze amuthanda, afuna ukuzubulala. Kodwa wathi ngokubaleka kwakhe waphumelela. Kuthe una esehambile kwase kukhethwa umbandeni yenabelu kaSwazi. Yenake umbandeni wayeyisi akwa ethanda utshwala kakhulu okwenza abelungu bazeba thola izwe lase Swazini. Kwathi amaSwazi ase andanezwe lakwanguwane.

Ukwanda kwamaNgwane umhlaka wafika wakha umuzi wase Zisayini awasuka kwaDukuza. Yonke eminye isizalwa Zisayi. Sekuvela owase ningeseni, nowase Zizweni, nowase Kudubeni, nowase Nkambule nowase Makwathuni pansi kuka Ngongwane. Misingi imizi eyavela

eminye. Kwathi umuzi wase Shingane wabekwa eSikhur e. Kwathi u-
 Sekethwayo kaMhlaka wazala uSwazi tunge yona belu inkosi yama-
 Swazi, wasala uZidunge, noGininiza noMbalambule nabanye abaningi.
 Oyena awayinkosana kuSekethwayo uZidunge, kodwa wayengeyona indoda-
 na yokuqala kuyise, Inkosana izalwaphela inkosikazi, Emuzini
 womfokazana inkosikazi umfazi wokuqala. Koswa emizini yanakhosi,
 nezikhulu kakunjalo. Muye kuthi umntwana wenkosi kube uyena ozala
 inkosana, nona kungeyena umfazi wokuqala. Njengoba wayezalwa
 isikhulu uZidunge waba inkosana kuyise.

- 13 Inkosi uSigweje yaba kwaKunene. Laba baphuma kwamahamba
 njengoba namhlanjena sebakhe kuleli lakwaHlathi kwelase Waschbank.
 Bemuka eSwazini ngesikhathi uMbalambule exabene noSwazi. Kwathi
 ukuba uMbalambule abalekele kuSigweje wase ethukuthela uSwazi
 esehlasela yena uSigweje. Yingako emuka kwelase Swazini njena
 uSigweje:

uSigweje noMkambule babezalana. Laba baka Mkambule badumisa
 isithakazelo sokuthi (Mncube) kwathi inzalo kaMadonsela yona
 yaduma nesithakazelo sokuthi Kunene. uSigweje lona uyena inkosana
 kwabakwaMkambule.

- 14 Abaningi akwaKunene nabakwaMkambule, nabakwaMncube, Madonsela
 sebakha phezulu emcome kusukela eDudusini kubange ngase Nquthu,
 abanye nampa kwaHlathi kwelase Waschbank. AbakwaMadonsela
 bacitheka kwelassenhla sebandile impela, izinsika zabo zingase
 eMkhondo nase Ngcaka. Kuyabonakala ukuthi uSigweje engaka yikwa-
 Hlathi wakhe wabeka emuva eSwazini evela eMkhondo. Kuthike
 ufowabo uMkambule walewusa ingasekho indlela yokuhlangana no-
 Sigweje. uSigweje wakha umuzi wakhe phansi kweNhlomomnya.
 Ngu yena owaye lima izifundazo Bivana. Namhlanjena leyo ndawo
 kaSigweje kuse Mbalambala.

- 15 Kwathi dukuduku izinsuku zombuso wakwaKunene kanye nabakwaEdonsela zasonywa njenge cansi. Kwathi ukuxoshwa kuka Mzilikazi, ebalekela uTshaka izwe lase liyanyakaza. uMzila kaMzilikazi wahamba kwelase Langwaneni, waye wadundubala kwelase Zingweni ngase Filidi eqonde ngakwaThili eNgabeni kaHawani. Uyenake lona owadungadunga uMbuso kaSigweje kwaba ukucitheka kwawonjalo. Kwathi impi enkulu kaSigweje wayithumba uMzilikazi kaMashobane, wahambanayo. Yena uSigweje wacasha emgedeni wase Mhlongomi ya nempana encane. Kuthena emvakwaloko uSigweje wemuka impela walishiya elase Bivane.
- 16 Kwakungasenkulu nga impela, mpela ngendaba yezimpi zikaTshaka, uTshaka lona wayelwa nomdandwe owayebuswa uSikunyana. Kwathi uma esebaleka uSigweje, wabeka eMajuba. Kwaphinda futhi walahlekelwa abantu abaningi. Kwathi abaningi laphindela emuva kwelase Swazini, bawela uPhongolo baqonda kwelase Mhlongamvula. Kwathi ukuba afinyelele eMajuba ababe besahlangana abantu bakaSigweje. Kwathi uVilana oyena wayeyinduna nkulu wamhaphuka sebekhona kwelase Majuba. Yena wemuka wawela uMkonto lapho wase uyakhe. Yingako namhlanjena sewizwa kukhona abantu bakwaVilana. Yena uVilana wayeyinduna enkulu yenkosi uSigweje. Isibongo sikaVilana wakwaMacube.
- 17 Kwathi abanye futhi abakwaSigweje, esemuka futhi ephuma eMajuba yaselela iKhonselana eminingi, yemuka nayo yabeka kwezinye izindawo. Naye ukhambule uqobo lwakhe uze wamuka sekufika uMhlaka kaDikane, uyise kaSekethwayo wakwaMdlalose. Umuzi kaSekethwayo wakwakhambule waqanjwa ngegama lenke ngane ukhambule awobe akhekhona ngesikhathi esiphambili. Kuthi emvakwaloku umbuso kaSigweje waphela, selihanjwa izinja namhlanjena. Yona inzalo yakhe uSigweje yiningi yandile futhi nezwe lonke ikakhulu kuleli lase nhla. Enyoinzalo yakhe nansi kuleli lase waschbank kwelase Natal. Oyena obusayo uNicholas Kunene.

18 Njengoba ngishilo laba abakwaKunene bahamba baye baphenduka lena kwelase Mgungundlovu eYideni. Babe hamba noMfundisi uMnini omuhlophe esuka nabo ngaseFilidi. uthena ukufika uMnini wabonana noPotolozzi andries Pretorius. Kuthena uku a bathi ukuhlala babuye bemuka abakwaSigweje beza kuleli lakallathi kwelase Waschbank. Kuthe kunjalo engasekho uSigweje kwase kubusa indodana yakhe Iyona esizala uNicholus. okade ebanjelwe umfowabo yise uRobert uphumenaye esekhulile uNicholus ngo 1939.

19 Izipongo zikaSigweje.

uMlambo kandlela yenyathi Uqwababa zine zinyembezi uMkona ovikela isibili. uMshishilizi kwezikude, uMadelu uyise nonina, uma mukhulu, wemuka nabamhlophe, abanhlebe zikhanya ilanga.

uMafukameli ngokufukamela uMalambele. Indlela azibanjwa ziye sabeka.

uMlambo ogcwala semuka, emnye igwala yakhile uMlambo ezane zikhukhula.

uGweje omhlophe nguya mesabi.

usikhundla siyayetha, bamuzingela ngazonke izindlela okangwane.

20 uSonnzodwasa wazodwa abakwabo bamufela umona, ongenakufa ngamadliso, uyakufa ngamaloyo. Inyoni kangwane eyakhele emaweni, ezinye zakhele emithini.

Alima ngensimba yaradoda uMondli wabalambile.

Umzaca okomba amaNgwane uMwelela kwelanga phesheya, kwe gwa nengavavuma, uzinsonge zingaphesheya kwoMzinyathi.

Alidwala libushелеlezi ngi yalesaba, lemukise omame. uVezi owadla ozivezayo, nezika mewazi ka yise, wadla ezika Msheshe,

abeSuthu basale bemangele.

uma hamba emangala akandaba nguyanesaba elahla omame nobaba.

21 uSigweje ekhanda ukudla.

Kuthena ukuba abeke emajuba wahlangabezana nendlala.

Kuthiwa wayehla kaniphile impela efana nawo amakhosi akwangwane ngoba nawo ayakwazi ukulinisa izilu. Njengoba futhi lona naye waye ngowase Swazini, engomunye wabenkosi, waye namasu amaningi emithi. Manamhlanjena amaSwazi ayawazi umuntu wokukhanda amabele. Basa kulawa abantu kukhandwa amabele.

22 Naye uSigweje wafumanisana nendlala enkulu emajuba ebalekela uTshaka. Wabulala abantu abaningi enza ukhando wokudla wayenzela ukuba ukudla kucume kubekuningi. Nempela kwaba kukuningi njengoba kwakulinywa ngemikhona amasimi amancane kodwa kwathi kanti abantu sebephelile abanye babo baphenduka amazimu, badla abanye ngenxa yendlala kodwa kwathi ukudla kungaba kuningi baqoqana ndawonye enkosini yabo futhi uSigweje. Waze laphela yena uSigweje, kanti kuye kubizwe inyanga izokhanda. Kwathi ukubona nexingane sezifa iyona indlala, ngobaphela izinkomo zenuka nozilikazi kanye nabanye abantu bakwaSigweje yona inkosi isicashe emgedeni. Kwabizwa amadoda ayesekhona esasele nenkosi ukuba afune abantu bokukhanda ukudla, kwafunwa amadoda amnyama 23 amahlanu, kanti kuye kukhandwe ngomuntu emunye, kodwa lomkhondo wawumkhulu. Lomkhuba kuthiwa wawuthola kwazulu uSigweje.

Nokuvimba izinyoni wakuqala khona lapho uSigweje. Nawo lomkhuba wawuthola kwazulu kwathi ngokubona amabele ezahle, nokwesaba amazimu ayeseqede abantu bakhe, walikhumbula isu lokwimba izinyoni.

Okuvimba loku kwinjwa uma amabele esethelile, engakomi lapho izinyoni.

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zisawathanda kakhulu. Kuye kufunwe ixoxo liqaqwe bese kuthakwa izinsizi nalo ixoxo selishisiwe. Kufunwe elinye futhi ixoxo, nezikhoba zamabele sekuzofakwa ndawonye esigujini kushiswe, kushiselwe khona ensimini. Kuzakuthi abase khaya bazile ukugeza ubuso nora izandla, nora uzimba, nezingubo zingagezwa izinsuku ezinhlano. Kuyakuthi umasekuyo lahlwa izinyoni kuvukwe kusemnyama kubekwe ensimini, kuyokhiwa zona izikhoba okwesibili. Sizizolahlwa kude impela ngalapho amasimu engekho ngakhona. Nabantu sebezobala ukuyeka ukuzila nokulendwa sekuyekwa nezinyoni sewukunqanuka kwazo ukudla amabele.

Amasimu akhandiwe anokudla okubulalayo, kufuneka ukuba umuntu abuye akwelaphe ukudla, ukuze kunqabulalisi izisu. Phela kusukeku fakwe amafutha omuntu, yingako kusuke kubulale eziswini zabantu. Ziningi izindlela zokwelapha ukudla.

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Amagqawane kwaMdlalose.

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Kuze umuntu abonakale ukuthi uyiqhawe waye suke ehlabene empini enkulu, kwafa abanye yena waphumelela. Uma esevumula yena usezofaka iziqu zobuqhawe abonakale ngako ukuthi yena uyiqhawe kunabanye. Kwaye kuthi nasempini bamubone ngako ukuthi ubani uyiqhawe, usezokwesatshwa. Isigcino sakhe uzobayinduna. Umuntu wayengaputholi ubuduna angabonaze ayilwe impi ahlabane futhi. Nezibongo wayezithola kanjalo umuntu ngokuhlabana. Nazo izibongo zakhe zizolandela imisebenzi yakhe nora esebongwa abanye, nezinduna, nayo inkosi iyalazisa iqhawe. Inkosi yayiwaxoshisa izinkomo amagqawane, abanye kuthiwe izilomo. Mazike izilomo zamaNgwane.

Uziza noMdoni kaNontanda. Ingonyama edla izinwele zabeSuthu nezabalondolozisi, uGongoda induna kaMbobo uLakhomba umuntu ngentonga.

Amhlathi ama kvabaswa ngawo.

Umlilo awupheli, ushisa aradoda nezinsizwa. Uma shikizela,
umadumela kwabonakala, indlela yavela.

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Zibongo zeGundwane.

Bathi uligundwane, uligundwane bebona ukukhophokhophoza
kwezambane,

kanti ungumahlala enhloko egundile.

Inhloko ngamabomu obala qekelele, bathi belala ubenyuka.

Uzocosha samvuthuluka,

Isala ezitsheni zawa amakhosi uliphuya ungumahoba wengosi
ubobolani engodini wegundane wanyamalalisa okombane?

Umehlwana acijile-nje zowaqondisa,

kuphele insangu yokuphuphisa, ufunda ukubeka indoda ebunjini.

Ufunda ukwika induku eravini. Nya! gembegwe wawa ngenhloko.

Yini engodini ukusithela ngenhloko?

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Ududwa mashiya ukudinga ubuthongo,

Sithi silele ubuguduza emsamo, uqeda abantu izinyawo belele
baqabuka bevuka baphelile,

Yini ubugwala ngesokulala?

Bamba ezakho uvelo bala.

Sibona insizwa ukuphonsa induku,

lyiphonsa enhloko kwethuka amathuku.

Yini gundwane ubumpempempe

Ubagwala abaziwa kons empe

yona igadla ikhale igijima,

uzwe ngomoya ukuswakama,

Indlu yegugu injalo iyanetha

Usanda ngomloro, umloro uyanetha.

Hlala ungaphumi gwala ndini

Manyenyeza nswi! Nswi!

Tela khona lapho gwala ndini!

Mpumputhe ayiboni

ibona ngokuhlwa.

31 Wango umadevu ikati, ikati, lakwethu.

Kade uziqopha izingubo zethu,

phuma gwala ndini emgodini?

Sobona ukuhlala uzufele emgodini

Sondela sikunqume izixhanti

Wangenwa ingebe wadla samhlathi.

Iphi eyakho siyishaye arangwevu

aphele kwalapha amakhefu.

Imboxi nguwe belu gundane

Ulishayakhothe wegundane,

Bathi "Umthakathi wangena ekhaya",

Isisusa sengoma beyikaya,

Kanti umacakula injobo nguwe,

Umacakula sidwedwe sigege nguwe;

Sebexabene bodwana bunikilili

Umuzi ukuchitheka buxhiphilili!

Hamba gundane maquba aquluse

nyawo zinyathela zibancamise

nyawo zakhekwa zakhetha anabala

Mlomo wala aahlanya ukwela obala

Hamba gagajana maqina ngenhloko

32 wena owafunda walina ngenhloko

Omanye basala babambe isisu

Mashaya aqothule badinge ilisu.

Izibango zika Mada Inkosaz

eyayirhlophe inhle yakhalisa amakhosi onke ngesikha.

Umhlekezi ofana nelanga liphume,
 Ilanga liphuma empumalanga,
 Linqamula lize liyoshona entshonalanga.
 Ubaqa olumhlophe kwezimnyama,
 Ubaqa olukhanye kwaxabana izizwe zodwa.
 Olukhanye luphesheya phezu obonjeni kwezwakala.
 Wena owehlula imilomo ngemilomo. Uma wela iziziba
 zigwele, waze wacusha nasemagagasini.
 Oqamuke kwakhanya ezintabeni,
 kwaze kwakhanya nasezigojanaaneni
 33 Mina ngiluqabuke selimise ezintabeni ezimbili
 Omagwe Nonyathi kwasha iziziba orame basale osizini.
 Ungwane wasukumela phezulu,
 Wawubula umlilo, obubaswe uzulu.
 Kosazana umazwi amnandi,
 Unjengesigcaki samakhehla,
 Kanti futhi ungumuthi wogwazi,
 Indlela sesiyoyibuza kuwena
 sibani sika mpephetha.
 Esiguduzisa amahlanze nezigede,
 Iye isiweze umfula uSuthu.
 Uzulu sesiyomklabela umkhosi
 sesibuya nawe phambili kwezikude izintaba.
 Yeka lentokazi yana mpephetha
 ibukeka bo! Ihambela phezulu
 njengeqhawe. Ingasathendele lona
 licasha esithubeni,
 lakungeko meno nasedindi sokusithela.
 34 Ukasifileli ongasibonda somfimbithi,
 Sona siphasa indlunkulu yomazi,
 Size siphase amalawu namaxiba awo.

Ngike ngahambela ebandleni lamadoda,
 ngamfica unada.
 Ubeninga nawo izindaba ezinkulu,
 Ewabeke ezinhlamvini zamehlo.
 ngoba phela ngu mathibela,
 Othibela izinkunzi zakhothama,
 Ngikakhe ngibona umhlola,
 ngingakaze ngizibone izinkuzi zikhothama,
 Kungase kugcine elakhe njalo.
 ngabuye ngamfica esixukwini somame,
 Blandisana nabo unyekeliso
 ngaphinde ngamufica esixukwini
 so dade nabafo,
 Uyisimanga wena umhle njenge langa
 libantu bakhe, umhleleki.
 Uyadela umhleleki yena ayilo
 konke ngapha, lubedla koggayinyanga.
 ngapha, ngumngoma kazi ezangomeni.
 35 ngapha, uzomfica ehuba esidla ngaleni sabahai,
 Ngephimbokazi lakhe.
 Sikhumba esimhlophe, ube umnyama ngenhliziyo.
 Ndlondlokazi emehlo abukhali,
 Engibeke qede ngajiyela umgodi wokucasha,
 Ngisale sengisithela ngesithupha
 Okuwe sikhundlwane sakoka maliwase.
 Sikuthanda sikwesaba ndlondlokazi,
 mehlo anzima uyesabeka wena.
 Nkosazane uyesabeka
 waphethe waphetha
 izihlangu zamadoda zawa phansi.
 ungwane ephelele uyesabeka
 Nkosazane umazwi amnandi
 unjenge sigcaki sarakhehla

kathi futhi ungumuthi wokwazi.

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Izinsuku zokuzila.

Abantu bakuqala amagwane, narazulu ayenezinsuku zokuzila. Izinsuku lezi babezilandelisa ngokuziqopha kwakugawulwa induku iqoshwe mihla yonke. Nomabebuya emsebenzini wabe lungu sebesebenza babe qopha izinduku ukuze izinsuku zabo bazikhumbule. Nayilowo wayene ndukuyakhe. Kuyothi umuthu angaqeda izinsuku ezinamashumi amathathu azike ukuthi useqede inyanga. Kuzakuthi nakwenye inyanga kube njalo.

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Nabo abesifazane abakhulelwe babenzanjalo. Bonake babeqopha izintunga zendlu njalo ekupheleni kwenyanga koze kufike lolo suku lokuba abelethe. Phela amagama ezinsuku ayengaziwa, afike nabahlophe wona. Njengoba sithi namhlanjena kukhona iSonto, noSombuluko, nezinye izinsuku. Into eyayaziwa kuqala ukuthi izolo, kuthangi, namhla, kusasa, ngomhlomunye kuphela. Mezinyanga zazibadida impela. Unyaka wawuqala ukwethwasa kwehlobo, uze uphele ekuheleni kobusika. Kwakungenje nga namhlanjena lapho unyaka sewe hlukeno kathane. Nabo abakuqala babenezinsuku zokuzila njengoba nanamhlanjena sinazo. Izinsuku zokuzila

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kwakuthiwa ezimnyama zona noko ezinye zalezi izinsuku zisakhunyulwa nanamhlanjena. Nxa inyanga ifile kwakuba khona usuku olulodwa engabonwa ngalo, kuthi ngakusasa kuse ibonakala entsha. Ngalolusuku inyanga ingabonakali, kwakuthiwa alumnyama kuzilwe ngalo. Nempi yayingaphumi, nentombi uma iyogana yayingaphumi. Kwakwaziwa ukuthi linesinyama uma kukhona okwenziwayo. Noma umuntu ezohamba ngalolusuku waye engaphumi ngoba usuku lamashwa lelo. Kwakuzilwa impela ngalolusuku lize lendlule.

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Olunye usuku lokuzila kumsukwana kufiwe. Nxa kufe umuntu, izihlobo zakhe zonke zazizila zinaphathi ngisho nomncane umsebenzi kuze kuphele izinsuku noma zibantathu, kuyenjalo ngobukhulu

bomuntu. Uma kuwumntwana kwakuzilwa noma usuku njalo njena. Kwakuthi uma umuntu efe namhlanjena kuyekwe wonke umsebenzi engabe iyenziwa ngaleso sikhathi. Nonakhelwana babuye bonke emusebenzini.

40 Kwakuye kuthi ngakusasa kube usuku lamakhubalo. Lamakhubalo ayedliwa yilabo abazalo kuphela. Izihlobo zazaziswa nasishane. Kwakuthi noma zedlule lezonsuku zokuzila uma umbiko ufika kwaba kude bazile ngalelo suku lombiko noma sekwaphele unyaka. Kwakwazi-
41 swa ukuthi uma umuntu engakwenzanga loko wovelelwa amashwa, nezingozi ezimbi impela. Namhlanjena lolusuku lusohlonishwa kakhulu impela. Kwakuwusiko ukuthi owesifazane ofelwe indoda agunde isicolo. Namhlanjena owesifazane ofelwe indoda akagundi ekhanda. Uma esekhumulile uyaphuca ekhanda. Kwakuthi nesidwaba
42 asihlanakazele. Wayengagani kuze kuphele izinsuku lezo ezifanele, imnyaka ewu (3) emithathu kande angenwe, esekhumulile.

Indoda yona uma ifelwe yinkosikazi ibihlala izinyanga eziyisithupha noma unyaka ubemunye bese iyaganwa. Nayoke indoda ibigunda ikhanda nesilevu. Kwakuye kuthi emva kwezinyanga ezimbili kwenziwe ihlambo. Olunye usuku lokuzila, kwakuwusuku ngamhla kuwisizulu. Kwakuthi kungawisa nomakancane isicotho kuyekwe ukuhlakulwa emasimini, noma ukuyolima emasimini. Kwakuthiwa umakungahlonishwanga izulu liyokona. Umfelokazi waye ngangani
42 esibayeni sezinkomo, aze akhumule. Uma efumanisa izinkomo zidla wayenga zidabuli. Uma angazikhyaya lezonkomo zazibalula zisheshe ukubabalala ebusika. Futhi kwakwaziwa ngokuthi kuyazixhwalisa izinkomo loko. Uma umfazi esadakubeletha wayengangeni esibayeni aze athole umuthi amukiselwa kande angene. Uma umfazi esekhulelwe waye engangeni esibayeni, uma umfazi eyeshintshini wayezila angangeni esibayeni. Wayengayenzeli indonda ukudla aze aqede lezo nsuku zakhe xokuzila.

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uPhandane Kunene

Ukhala isililo ngokufa kwezwe lakwa Sigweje musukwana bemukha eMajuba. Lapho uSigweje wayesephelelwe abantu abaningi. Njengoba abanye baphenduka izigcwelegcwele, abanye bemuka bamushiya baphindela emuva, abanye bakhonza kwamanye amakhosi. Iningi labo bamuka noMzilikazi ebalekela uTshaka. Nasoke isililo sikaPhandane:-

Wo, he! lafa elakithi kwa

Ngwane! lafa nobuhle balo

bonke! lasala namagwala,

abafazi!

Izwe Lenkosi! ladliwa amanqe

odwana; Izinkomo zaphangwa

amanqe,

ukudla kwadliwa amanqe

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konke kwadliwa manqe.

Inkosi yasala imangele,

Inkosi yaphenduka umfokazana,

lafa elengonyama akwabalutho.

Jabula ngwane ekhaya;

Ngiyawazisa umbangowabantwana,

Owasisisusa ekhaya kwaNgwane.

Jabulani zitha zenkosi, niphumelele

namhlanjena nidla ngolwethu oludala,

nina nisadla ngodala.

Wafa wena wenkosi, woselwa.

Yeka kwelakhithi kwaNgwane.

Mabutho, mabutho,

nanithini kantina?

nalahla owenkosi

Khala nkomo yakwaNgwane

- 45 Kungasekho ukuya ndawo,
 Kusho mina Phandeni wenkosi.
 Yeka kithi kwahlathi,
 Sasidla ngoludala Ngwane.
 Yeka ukuba sasazi!
 Saphelala oboyeni, Ngwane
 Izinkomo zenkosi,
 Zazidla utshani benkosi,
 zikhuluphele ezenkosi,
 Zodla amabutho ayo,
 Futhi zondla nayo, nabantwana,
 nawo mame, ziphi Ngwane namhlanjena?
 Amahlathi amahle,
 Notshani obuhle;
 Indlala sasingayazi,
 Ukomisa kwakungaziwa,
 Amadlelo amahle,
 Nempilo emnandi, enhle.
 Insimbi siyikhanda,
- 46 Amabaxa siwabaza,
 Izigqiki nezingqoko sizenza,
 Amacansi baweluka oranu,
 Izinkamba zibunjwa omanu
 Ngwane nina benkosi liyobuyamini na?
 Ukugweba, nokwebuka akwaziwa,
 Ubuvila abaziwa,
 Abamhlophe, abandlebe zikanya
 ilanga asibazi,
 Abathakathi asibazi,
 Intelo yayingekho kwangwane.
 ..o, he! lafa elihle kahle
 kakhulu Ngwane,
 Lafa nobuhle balo bonke

Lafa lasala nobugwala,

Nobunja bodwa.

Kwangwane vukani, nibone umhlola.

- 47 Lamazwi wathi ewasho uPhandeni inkosi yaye isikeyabiza umkhandlu wabantu bayo, isibazisa ukuthi kuhle kuyokhonzwa kwabamhlophe. Abantu bayo benqaba bathi ingathi laba abamhlophe bayathelisa na? Singaya kanjani kubona thina na? Abanye bathi akuphindelwe emuva kwangwane. Inkosi yenqaba yathi ngingabe sengiyozibulala. Yayisho ngoba yahamba ixabene noMswazi. Kuthiwa kwasuka esikhulu isililo emadodeni. Kwathi kanti sebaphelile bonke, bafisa ukuphela bonke bathinya. Izwilabo bathi, "sofa sonke siphele sithi nya". Inkosi yabayeka, kodwa ubuhle
- 48 babafundisi abamhlophe base busobala, abanye sebe bubonile. Kodwa ngokwala kwabantu bakhe, waphindela emuva khona eSwazini kodwa kuthiwa akamange esaphila ngoba wayeseba ukuthi inkosi izakumubulala ngesenzo sakhe sokwe lekelela uMalambule. Kodwa iqiniso lakhe alitholakali kahle ngoba abanye bathi wafela ondini ethi ufuna umkhondo kaMathiwane ngoba inzalo yakhe uMathiwane yiyiloku izwakala ukuthi ikhona eyasala phansi kondi, noma yena phela uMathiwane abuye waphindela kwazulu lapho afela khona.

- 49 uLangethe inkosi ya Kwangwe

Kwathi kanjalo, naye uLangethe, wemuka kwangwane, njengo Mathiwane owabuye wahlubuka ubukhosi bakubo kwangwane. Nayeke uLangethe wahlubuka wakha ngase Hlobane. Njengoba phela labuye labusela uMkhabayi leli lasebaDulusini khona belu kwelase-Hlobane abeke eningizimu kwaku khona indawo lapho uLangethe esabusa ayehlala khona. Kwakuna matshe ayezinqabazakhe zoku kwakuthi nomahlola impi yamaSwazi ahlalakhona uLangethe. Yiwona, amawa aseHlobane ayewumngede wakhewokucasha. Lamatshe ayefana netshe lapho uBabada kaMancinza acasha khona mhlaelwa nabelungu engavumi ukuthela imali yarakhanda.

Lesisisizwe samangwe kaLangethe sasakhiwe yilaba abakwaZwane
 abakwaNsele abakwaMazibuko nabanye bezinye izibongo. Koswa lezi
 engizibalelapha yizona zazinkulu. Abanye futhi bawo amangwe ababe
 ngase Magoda ngase Mthonjeni wawo abakwaKhanyile. Baboke
 51 babeyisizwe abakwa khanyile laba. AbakwaNsele laba iningi labo
 abakudabuka emangwaneni. Behlukene kabili kukhona abangamangwe
 okudabuka, kukhona unsele ubangugwayi. Labake bakwa Bangugwayi
 bafike nabase Mangadini kuleli lasenhla muva njena. Bafika
 nombobo kaMdlophi, kanye nonhlaka kaDikane wakwaMdlalose.

laba amangwe ayebuswa uMathiwane ka Gwembeshe isibongo sabo
 kunga bakwa Sangweni. Izibongozondabu kumangwe esakwa Sangweni,
 neSakwa Luhlongwane, nonhlongwane. Kusobala ukuthi naphezu kakwa-
 hlokana kwezibongo amangwane nawo amangwe badabuka ndawonye.
 52 Ukufakaza ukuthi amangwe namangwane badabuka ndawonye yingoba
 izibongo zaboziyafana nxazombili. Abanye bathi laba amangwane
 bazalwa yinkosana yamangwane, amangwe azalwa ikhohla ngakoke ama-
 ngwe awuphume lamangwane. Namazwe amangwe namangwane babekhelene
 ngoba amangwe ayakhe ehlobane, encikine naye umngwane. Nomaphela
 babephila ngokulwa njena.

umangethe akwaziwa ukuthi washona ngaphi. Abanye bathi
 wafa esewele umzinyathi eserukile lapha kuleli laseHlobane. Kusoba-
 la ukuthi kungayiqiniso ngoba amangwe nanka phansi kondi.
 53 Ngendaba yamangwane, ngabe akamukanga umangethe ngoba yayiyayi
 buye iphele, noma amangwe ayehlale ehlulwa njalo. Kodwa ayeloku
 equbeka anda kancane ephura ebeka emfolozi emhlophe njengoba naye
 umangethe wafa esewele umzinyathi. Kodwa kwathi ngokufika kukazulu.
 Kwathi ngenkathi uzulu exosha uMathiwane yena umangethe wamubukelela
 wamuhleka. "Inxeba lendoda alihlekwa". Luthena kunjalo
 uDingane wahlasela yana umangethe. Babakheleni. Kwaba ukumuka
 kwamangwe kwelaseHlobane. Kuthiwa wake walinga ukulwa umangethe
 Kwafumani seka ukuthi uzulu unamandla

54 Impi yamaSwazi akaZulu nabelungu. AmaSwazi akhonza kwazulu.

Awelase nhla abelungu bagcwala lonke izwe. Kuthe abanye bese zinhlonga abanye babenyusa iDudusi begudla uThili beqonde kwankambule. Abanye nampaya entombe. Ese ntombe isibambana ne-bade liholwa ngu:-

55 Mbotshana Zokhahlamba, umancishwa ishoba ngu Anyamana ezalwa ngu ngqengelele aze aliphuwe nguMbangulana umthakathi. Ngubilinlowo awalwa entorbi. Wangena ngemvula enkulu entombe. Isibambana lapho ubilini evimbezele abalungu efuna ukubuqa abalungu ikanu labo. Kwathi ukuba eyabelungu ishise yemuka ekambilini. Ngisho ukuthi abelungu abanye babo baqonda kwankambule abanye baya entombe. Laba abakwankambule bafike qede bamba imusele yokucasha bakha izibaya abalwa bekuzo. Sebecitheka zonke izinkalo kubabomvu amabantshi enkasa ehamba phansi. Babebodwa abagibele amahlashi, nabangumuzila omkhulu. Mezinhloli zabo zigibele wona amahlashi. Kwakukhona nombayimbayi awawudonswa amahlashi. Kwathi kanti eyabelungu imuzilazila, kwathi lena ehamba ezinhlonga yawelela eNcore qede yazoshaya eNkande. Isiye yusa insengeni iqonde enazinika Seketwayo ezizweni.

56 Kwathi ukuba ifike ezizweni yafumanisa kungasekhomuntu seyikhukhulile lena yamaNgwane. Mezingane nabafazi kungasekholutho sebeqonda kwaNtabankulu, nakwangenetsheni lena eMahlathini. Izinkomo zona sezidla esikhaleni Sengonyama. Kwathi izinkomo zakwa. Nkambule, nezakwamakhathini zacishe ukudliwa zona. Kwathi zithathwa ziyofihlwa kanti nampa abelungu abayizinhloli bayazibona lapho bezishonisa ngakhona. Zehla kwamqongwane abelungu bezibona. Kwathi ukuba abaziqubayo babone ukuthi nampa abelungu, sebezinquma kabili, ezinye bezishiya. Kwathi kanti

57 nezinhloli ziyazibona zesaba ukuzi khalima ngoba impi yayise
 kwathangeni entaba. Lempu belu yibo abantu bakulo lonke
 lelilase kakhatheni. Omunye umdlalose isiqu sakhe ukwamseku
 le enzansi.

Amazibuko lana abelungu bababona ngoba laba bakwamdlalose
 yibona abawelayo beyogela. Laba bakwamkambule babeholwa nguhamu
 nomthonga. Kwathi uruzila wabanyama owewusa enSengeni
 wawuholwa ngu mkhothisi wasemaNgweni naye ekade ewela. Ngiyena
 u kothisi awabakweza phezulu ellobane waba khombisa intuba
 58 entabeni ngoba yayinamawa inga kwelwa yonke indawo. Abelungu
 Bona sebekhuphuka enSengeni benyusa uDedemude bezowela i filozi.
 Kwathi uma sebe sezindongeni maqondana naseSilweni, sebedubula
 abamhlorhe. Bedubula ostuzwa. Kwathi ukuba abantu bezwe
 izinhlamvu babeka kwabantu abelungu sebekhuphuka enSengeni
 abelungu benyusa uDedemude sekendlula beqonde entendeke bendlula
 baphikelela khona enlobane yase ikvela phezulu enkangala zase-
 lobane yalala khona eyabelungu. Kuthena kusa ngakusasa sabona
 59 izinhloli sezigwele wonke ama gangana wonke lana phezukwethu
 kuqongwana, nezingweni. Kuthi kusenjalo wavela u antshonga
 umfowakwaKeswa, wahamba waqonda kwamkambule eyohlola, wayengathu-
 nywanga wazisukela njena. Wayegibele inkabi yehashi emhlophe,
 ebizwa ngokuthi uMayime uphethu esompheme, wayegaxe nemigaxo,
 yezinhlamvu. Waye ngiyukwenza lutho kanti eyogolomba abelungu
 enzela yikhona bezo casuka bamkandele baye bamfikise phakathi
 nempu yikhona lena esemaceleni impi yabantu iyovuka ibagwaze
 60 abelungu. Kwathi elinye ibutho lama bobo lamulandela
 u antshonga lithu lingafika kwamhlilwana lama lamubuka u antshonga
 waqonda khona esikanisweni sabelungu yena. Kwathi ukuqamuka
 wababona abelungu wadubula kwathi ukuba bamubone bamusukela
 ngamashu kude kude naye bemudubula.

Kwathi ukuba ehlele amaGoda bamuyeka abelengu base bephinda emuva. Walehla ikhashi lakhe waphumula kancane kuthena bengena ekamu wayeselapha futhi uLantshonga, nehhashi lakhe. Kuloku bannxosha bamuweza aLagoda. Iathi lingashona wase uyabuya.

61 Kwasa ngakusasa sekulwa eyaseHlobane. Kwasekuqamuka impi yakwazulu ngase Ningiseni, lempi yayiholwa uNyamana kandabuko kuqodwe kwaNkambule, kayaziwa lena eyaseHlobane. Kwathi ukuzwa kala ukuthi nani impi kwasekuqamuka ukhandampemo u no ve kabili.

kuthena ukufika kwengobamakhosi nokhandampemvu kanye nove kwezakhala ukuthi impi isilwile isinganeno kwaseHlobane. Kwathi ukuba uSwazi ngisho indodana yakhe u bilini afike yachitheka eyabelungu yabaleka yemuka kakhulu.

62 Kwathi umabe baleka abelungu bazithela kungobamakhosi nove. Babagwaza njalo abelungu bacishe ukuphela. Abanye basinda babeleka impela kakhulu. Kwathike laba abasala babeka ezinkanisweni kwaNkambule. Kwathi impi yabantu yabaxosha yabaweza aLagoda yase iyabayeka yaphinda emuva.

63 Njengoba lena eyabamhlophe yayi hamba nabantu abamnyama, kwathi kanti abelungubamahhashi basindile abanye babo ababe hamba ngezinyawo baphela bonke khona lapho eHlobane. Abanye babo balinga ukubaleka abasiza lutho yaba vimbezela ndawo zonke. Baphela iwona umkhonto. Kwathi naba baleka bebeke ezingweni bahlangana naLakhwathini abagwaza baphela abamnyama ababe hamba nabamhlophe lapho. Abantu babebazonda kakhulu abantu abamnyama abasiza umlungu. Ukuba abantu bahlabana du ngaleyo mpi kwaze kwahlabana umfazi eLakhwatheni. Isibongo salomfazi ngukaLweni igamalakhe uSontiwe. Uyena owabulala inkosi yakwaDube eyayisiza abamhlophe.

Lona uka aweni wayesengedeni yena kungowase zingweni
 64 Wayesengedeni kwazikhali ecashele yona impi. Kwathi ebona wabona
 indoda ifika ikhefuzela igqoke ijazi yayijuluke isimanzi lendoda
 ikhefuzela impela. Yathi kuye, "Lame kuhle ungisize usa usungi-
 fihla ngibe umuntu wakho". Kuthe ukuzwa loku uka Laweni wavuma
 ukuyifihla indoda nayoyajabula impela indoda. Kuthe ihlezi
 enganazele yezwa ngembazo ekhanda, wawuyayoqeda njalo indoda
 umfazi yafa khona lapho. Bababaza abantu bonke ukubona umfazi
 ebulele indoda bamuqamba izibongo umfazi bathi:-

unogqika, nogqiza ngamawisa,
 ungwadla phangela
 65 "u nyayiza, uNokhamela
 umuntu ngomhlandlathi".

Kuthiwa waphangela uNyayiza umntanakhe, ngoba yena unina
 usehlabene kuqala. Lomfazi umfazi obegiya unasekugiywa kwa-
 Mdlalose zazimbongela zonke izingwazi ngoba ziyamazi. Naye
 ubevunyelwa ukuvunula njenga madoda. Wahanjiswa wasiwa enkosini
 ukuba iyomubona lomfazi. LamaSwazi engikhuluma ngawo, amaSwazi
 akwazulu. Njengoba ngishilo ukuthi amaSwazi asakazeka nezwelonke
 ngendaba yombango wabantwana benkosi. umpande inkosi
 yakwazulu eyabalamula.

66 Lomfazike wasiwa enkosini uCitshwayo. Yathi inkosi akayixoxe
 indaba wayixoxa umfazi lendaba. Inkosi yamangala ukuzwa umfazi
 onesibende obulala indoda. Yabuzisisa inkosi yathi, "wayibulala
 impela indoda"? Wavuma owesifazane. Yase imuxoshisa izithole
 izine, inkosi yajabula

ngaye impela. Wagiya khona ondini uma inkosi isimnika lezizinkomo.
Wase ethola izinqu lomfazi.

67 Igalempi yase ilobane kulapha u bilini akhukhumala khona.
Yena owenkosi u bilini wahlabana kakhulu ngisibamu, wabulala
isizwe sabantu. Abanyeke nabo bahlabana ngomkonto. Kulempi
kwahlabana umfoka Inqandi uSishishiliwabulala induna yama,
yezitha. Kwahlabana uSasha kaDangazela wakwaMlalose, waye ngu
Mlalose wase baqulisini abakhuphuka noMkabayi. uSasha uthe
egijima kuxoshwa abelungu namakhafula wafica umlungu oseqede
impi cyigwaza ngomkonto wesilungu insabula, abanye bathi
yisipeleti. Omkonto waphiselwa emlonyeni wesibamu. Umlungu
lo kasadubuli, usegabe ngesipelete. Ufike qede wema wabanda
ngetshe lechoba, kuti ngaphambili lapha wala umkhwani ngomkonto
68 wakhe, izinsizwa sezidindi lizile ebezithi ziyazazi. Sesibeje
sabomvu isikoshi sansondo sifake udidla kwaso, abanye abelungu
setefile, kwathi abanye babaleka ngalahhashi.

69 Wafika kunjalo uSasha kaDangazele. Uya kuye umlungu, uza
nezinye izinsizwa. Uma bethi bayaciba, umkhonto uyambiza
ubekela, umlungu ewuvika nge sabantu. Uthi, uSasha, "ngezwa
ngifikelwa ligwebu lokucasuka ukuthi singamushiya evele umlungu na?
Ngaziphonsisa okwempukane iziphosa obisini, ngafika ngenhla
ngehla ngewisa namathinzane esihlangu, ngasuka izigaqa ngaye
ngahlala kuye amahlanze, ngawuphonsa emuhlonbe. Wavima
phansi ngazibonga phezu kwakhe.

Safa isikoshi sesizendlalele nokho. Waziswa kakhulu uSasha
ngo bilini noSikhobobo ngobuqhawe bakhe. Abantu abakhulu
kasisho x ukuthi bona batengahlabani, kodwa babehlabana kakhulu
ngomjikijelo wesibamu. Ingani kabayishiya nga impi omwazi,
noMuzwa noZidunge. uMankayiyana yena waziwa kakhulu ukuthi
yingwazi, engadubuli ngasibamu. Ukhalo lapha kwaphela khona
abantu abamnyara x yilolu alusuka eMntendekaluzi eMakhwatleni.

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Yila ho kwahlabana khona, "ukati elibeje kwathashana, u ngwaza ayilinde," umonashashi kaGxobela wakwalasondo, owaphanga unlungu entombe nakwathashana. Kwathi ukuba kuhlwe labeka izulu, kwathi cwaka. Ngakusasa wayethi umuntu isalwa ezinkalweni, umuntu ezwa kuthi "qhu" kante kuqhuma amathumbu aradoda. Amathumbu lana athi angashwa lilanga akhukhurale ngoba nakhu ahlezi obala umuntu uqhahliwe. Asezode ezwakala emini eqhuma zonke izinkalo.

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Kuthiwa eli elase akhwatheni lamila uqunga lathi vumbu lonke izwe, lalivundiswa zidumbu. Kwathi nyakana lishayo, umlilo waduma wabamba izulu njenga lapho usha esishozini lapho kwehlela khona izulu. Kwa bamhlophe ku amathambo ezinkalweni emahlungwini. Nasezinkalweni zakwa Mkambule abamhlophe ku amathambo engobarahlosi no ve abaqedwa ngama ngisi.

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Ungilija uthi kungalelola ngamhla bekhuphuka entabeni ngenhla kwase akhwatheni kade begwaza abantu abamnyama ababelamba nabelungu ababili. Omunye uruntu wagijima njalo umkhonto unio emhlombe, akwaziwa nga ukuthi ugwazwe ubani lowo. Kwathi kunjalo sezwa isibamu siqhuma kwaba ukucasha kwethu lapho salalelisisa ukuthi sisho ngakuphi. Kuthe kunjalo asabe sesezwa lutho kwathula kwathi nya. Sathi sibona kwakuqamuka uzibebu. Wawehamba nehlanzana lamadoda agibele amahashi usesibengelela, usebuza ukuthi, "uphi umbilini kasewazi na?" Sathi ukhona. Wabuza ukuthi, "uhlabane kanjani yena na?" Sathi ubulele izwe wathi akasizi lutho ukuhlabana kwakhe ngoba ulibele abantu abamnyama (esho ababehamba nabelungu) wathi mina ngilabene nabelungu. Nempi eyayiliva eyasemlobane eyakwankambule ayika thintwa yona. Usethi uzibebu, "nazi izibamu zami engizidle kvabamhlophe". Zazizintathu namahashi athathu. Wathi nomshena umbilini ukuthi ngimahlule mina. Wawuyahamba njalo ewusa e akhwatheni. Kwaku nyena lona owasethusa ngesibamu edubula ubala efuna ukubona ukuthi sizokwe nzenjani thina. Wabuza umnyamane nempi samuladula sathi, "asimazi ndabe zetha".

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