

*Nomkhubulwana and a few Zulu stories
from Nongoma.*

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1 16 ngisaphila nda futhi mnumzana ngisaloba ngezinda balezo nge-
ngenda ba yentombi eyayenhle ngokumangalisayo ngemehla yenkosi
uGetshwayo.

Lentombi yayingayakwa Mthethwa isiGongosayo Ya6e esukile nge-
sia somzamba esitho sayo simangalisa kuthi na eqala ukunyathela
phanse wa6ango ukuthi umhla6athi uzotha6uka kanti cha.

Kuthwake lentombi yayithandwa ngamntanenkosi umfowa6o
kaDenuzulu kodwa yona ingayefini lendodana yenkosi eyeshela
ngokusobala nontombi futhi engayifuni ngokusobala ezinhlezuyo
za6o zehlukene nyenga mnyama nokukhanya.

Kwathi ngolinye ilanga kwafika ensezwa yakwa ebuthelazi
ivakashela udade wa6o angane kwa Khumalo kwathi emini wahamba
efuna ezentombi eshela waseyi6ona lentombi eyayiyinhle ngokumanga-
lisayo wathi esaqala uku6ona ezinkophezayo lepha iqala ukushwayiza
yome amathe nazo yesa6e ukuyikhulumisa.

2 Khepha yathula yathula yathi yeze uvalo umanqoba se6undi
kanti nentombi inele yayi6ona lensezwa yathaywayuvalo yaze yawa
phansi cha yavuka yasi yenza engethi i6ihlala phansi kanti ea
iwile yasisukuma yeza intombi nensizwa yeza kanti intombi le
isiyethandele lensezwa ifike iqale ngokukhuzela kuqala esekude
maduze ikhuzela ithizeqada uvalo ithizoni sa esi6indi yale
ikhuzela ithi:-

Sekelidi bayilake zedla obedla osokela
akukho ntombeya ganingamazane
zala6antu zeyebantwini
nongenankomo uyayithandinyama

Lentombi ya6e ifake eshungu engalweni lelishungu lalinogwayi
phakathi lelishungu ligqogqalwe ngo6uhlalo yafikake ensezwa eduze
yeshelake esisizwa yathulanje intombi kodwa eyaphendula ngalonde
ngeloku6uza ukuthi, "pho wena ungewaphi na?" insezwa yathi ngingo
wakwam 6uthelazi yasethi intombi kusiphi esigodi yathi ensezwa

kwesakwamNyamane bakhulumake kodwa intombi yona kodwa ibengalilile emlonyeni basebe hlukana njalo nensizwa isibuyela kwa dade wabo.

Kanti intombi le imboke yamthanda nokusobala futhi engasangabazenje nakungaza kante nensizwa esibombe ukuthi lentombi eyayithanda insizwale ilale ingalele ngendaba yalentombi, kuthikungakasi kahle isuke ikuseni evunule kahle ibesihamba njalo ngalelonga ahambe nomanyana kadade wabo. Kodwa uhambanxe udade wabo umuthelile ukuthi lentombi yeshelwa ngumntane nkosi ithi ensizwa akusho lutho lokho dade wethu. Isho engenandaba yakwe minye imimango.

3 6atse ukuaba bafike emfuleni wasehambanjalo umfana eseyo yebiza yeza evunule iphelele yasevisha ezenwele zayo yasivala esehlethu esayo yayisithi ukufaka evalayo ekhanda elaligqagqelwe futhi nalo lapha phandle umfana yelokhu eyincenga nayayenza engathi ayefuni ukukuya ngaba phela umfana wayengashongo ukuthi ibezwa ngubani kodwa yayezi nomfana yelokhu emiphandle eyincenga ka kanti yona iyazi yayisiphuma ithi gqabashu yathi hambaba sambe nguzwe lomhlola ongibezela wona numpela wahamba umfana wafika emfuleni kanti insizwa ichashile gesiqhushu khonalapha geseyebingelelu intombe evuma njalo.

Ibese ithi ensezwa ngitshela elami mntanethu ngehamba ilanga selishonile intombile engabe iqhuba kakhulu insizwa bese ilehlwetha iva ekhanda lentombi kwasekuphelenjalo zasezithandene izinto zabantu le nsezwa kwabesengathi uyathutha ilele esebuthongweni yasika emtshela udade wabo wajaqula wafa naye udade wabo.

Yathi ukoke ikuzwe lokho endodana yenkosi yathukuthela yafa yathi, "Wo! he! Yekesekhumbasenkabi ukudliwa yenundu" Lokhuphela kuyekuthi yekalentombi enhle kangaka ukugoma umfokazana.

Yaso ingasenakwenza lutho intombi esihambe amagcino bangananake bathola engane ingamalayo kwabangu Sibangiwe ngoaba unina weyegangwa ngumntasenkosi. eyaphela lapho indaba yentombi eyabunhle ngokumangalisayo.

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Nanake undaba engithanda ukukuxoxela yona dokotela enganguxokelwa nguabamkhulu abambeza ngokuthi ulebutho lamaphela unemunyaka engamashumi eyeseboza nantothu.

Impi yamajalimane uthi yena yamfixa esengumfanyana kodwa oseqinaqinile yenake wayesekenza kuwo amajalimane athi yaba fixa impi bona ubamkulu yena yamfica abambe amahashi yasethi ungawaphi amfani wathulanje.

Kanti uthwele isigqoko abefanele ukusethwa ngalezensuku zempe. Phela lesisi gqoko sinenobolo yena wasiphiwa ngumlungu wake. Kwathi akumugale ngenhlamva ababuye bamyeke kodwa amahashi bahamba nawo.

5 Wathi ukuaba asuke lapho wathi ukuhamba hamba wa hlangana abalungubakhe wasebatshela yonke indaba basebesola kodwa babuyebabeyadleleni ngoba babemethembile. abasebeya naye empini yalwa yalwa impi kwasuka egisi elethile lathi luyamesula ngenhlamvu kephake ngexaxa nangomusa wenkosi wasinda wathi ukugcwaca kakanenje inhlamvu yamuka nesigqoke wasinda. Kuthiwa makuyiwe empini kuthiwe ezenganeni zingabosho ukuthi sekuhlalwa emigedeni kuthiwe azothi zelala ekhaya. Kusapheleleke maqondana nezendaba.

Ngesazoke ngithi qabuqabu mamayelana namaseko akithi kwa Zulu kwakuyayekuthi umakukhona enhlava, kumenywe onke amanto mbazane akulesosigodi kunqunye ilangala ayokhala ngalo kumomkhubu lwane.

Lithi lenganqunyava ilanga amantobazane alale elungile maqondana nezabatho ayozembatha ngobaphela umakuyokhalwa kuNomkhubulwane akugqokwa wona amabayi kephakum Siowa amambeshu amantombazana njalo.

Avuke ekuseni kusempondo zamthini ayovulela izinkoma azikhiphe ionizi yonke yakuleso sigodi bese behamba nazo, kuse sekomile nje ezibayeni besebazike ukuthi amantombane ayokhala kunomkhubu lwane.

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Kuthi emini impela ezenkomo sekufanele ukuba zebuye enhlazane besebeza abafana sebelande ezenkomo kufikwe maqede kuliwe ngempela amantombazane eqoba nazo abafane nabobesefuna kulino ngempela nxekwehlulwe abafana zengayi emakhaya kodwa uma ehluliwe amantombazane bazithathe.

6 Amantobazaneke wona azokuzangemuva ehamba ehlabelela edlule kuyayonke imizi lapho kuphume khona ezenkomo ehamba ehlabelela engam lawo lokukhala kuNomkhubulwane elithi:-

Sesize nonkhubulwane siseze,
aphe amaBelomana sesize,
aqedwa yenhlava seseze,
idlephela siseze.

Bahlabelelanjalo buyasina uma sebefike emzini basine kuyayonke emizeni yonke. Gese ehlangana ndawonye abe kulethwa ukudla sebedla bonke ndawonye besebahlabelele fuhi beshaya endlamu Gese uhlukana njalo.

Emuvakwalokho inkhava isizophelake nempela inhlamva phela sekuzothiwa idlewephela ngaye unomkhubulwane. Iphela lapho.

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