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s(748) Usigweje nabantu bakhe - Hlathikhulu (Waschbank)

Usigweje lona waphamuka eSwazini. Wayeyi ukosi encane ngaphansi kuka Sobuza. Naye wayenelakhe igenbu labantu ayelibusa. Kuhambe kwahamba usigweje wezwa ngabafundisi abamhlophe ababe shumayela iwangeli elingawele. Naye wafisa ukuba bafike eSwazini bazoshumayela khona. Umfundisi ezwa ngaye kwakungu Mneli owayehlala oSuthu.

Ngelinye ilanga wahamba waya kuye uMneli oSuthu. Waya wafika khona oSuthu, babonana naye umfundisi, wabika eze ngakho usigweje. Bezwana impela. Waze wasuka uMneli bayakhona eSwazini naye usigweje kelu. Indlela yabo yayihanjwa ngezingola.

Usigweje wansondo welunga isiphosiso ngokuba alande umfungu eze eSwazini ngaphandle kwemvume kaSobuza inkosi enkulu. USobuza wakukuka ngolunye uhlangothi lokho ngoba phela wacabanga

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ukuthi usigweje wayesefuna ukuzenza inkosi engaphezu kwakhe. Wakubuka kuyingozi. Wase eseemanga isu lokumbulala kanye nomfundisi wakhe uMaeli. Wase ephaka impi iya kobulala usigweje nabantu bakhe kanye nomfuyo wansondo!

Ithe impi yenkosi enkulu isiqonde khona enabaleni omzi wenkosi usigweje, kwenzeka into engandile eyasindisa impi kasigweje. Kwenzeka lokhu:

Kwakukhona isilulu esasinomunkila phakathi. Kukhona nembuzi phakathi idla umunbila lowo. Ithe ukuba izwe izigi zempi, yazama ukuphuma. Ithe ithi iyaphuma, yagaseka ngezimpondo etalengeni weselulu ingakaphumi ngomzimba wonke. Sase siqinqika isilulu, siqonda ngasemfini kalobuza. Impi kalobuza yethuka yafa luvalo ibona umkhlolo lugazuge

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iwubone. Yabaleka yonke ekaSobuza, yadazuka yagcwala izinkalo zonke. Yasinda kangalo ekaSobuza kweka Sobuza.

Umfundisi noSigweje bese bekona kufanele ukuba bahambe ngoba bengendawo laphi enkosini enkulu. Nempela bahamba nabantu abaningi ababengabalandeli babo. Basuka bagonda oPongolo, bedula bagonda emnyuleni ogama lagro "Ubivana" bafika bakha phakathi kwesizwe saba Nguni ngoba phela abeNguni baba khe enkhulu imizi lena.

Amalwazi lana ayehamba nezinhle izintombi. Phela ezamalwazi azidlalo ebuhleni! Kwabe awazibonile amabutho nezinsizwa zabeNguni!

Ajuna ukugqomisa ezintombini zamalwazi. Amalwazi athi ukuba akubone lokhu, asecamanga ukuthi abeNguni bazokahlasela. Ngakho asecamanga ukuhamba adlulele phambili.

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Umfundisi waqhubekela phambili nelinye igembu eseqonde eMgungundlovu kwabanye abafundisi abase bekhona ngaleyonkathi. Phela ngaleosikkathi abantu base Driefontein (near Ladysmith) base bephuenzekile.
Wahambake ebange khona eMgungundlovu wehla njalo eSwazini wawela uMginyathi (Buffalo River) wedula ngase Dundee.
Wahamba wagewafinyelela lapho ayeqonde khona na bantu bakhe.
Phela ngaleukathi basebehlukene no Sigweje ngoba yena wasala Bongolo nelinye igembu.

EMgungundlovu abantu nakhona base bephuenzekile ngaleyonkathi.
Abantu abasebekhona kwakunjilaba:- Nkamalala, Zondi, Zuma. Amaswazi afike ahlala eMbube ngase Richmond.

Emva kwesikkathi naye uSigweje wehla walandela umfundisi wakhe.
USigweje naye wabehamba nabantu bakhe. Ngoba uMoeli wayewathanda amaswazi wafisa ukuwathengela indawo.

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Wazama. Waphumelela, wawathengela. Watheinga lapha kwakhe khona abantu bakwaSlathikhulu namtlanjena Waschbank ngomnaka 1871.

Wasuka uMneli ekungundlovu namadoda ayisishiyagalombili (8) ukuba bazokona indawo ethengiweyo. Amadoda afike alithanda, eleniswa yilona. Kutheke ngawo unyaka 1871 basuka abantu bakaSigweje baya khona kwaSlathikhulu.

USigweje noMneli benza isivumelwano enwa kokuthengwa kwendawo. Ngokubona kwakhe uSigweje umsebenzi ongaka awenzelwa uMneli, wathi, "Mfundisi, shono iholo lakho ngokungenzela umsebenzi ongaka". Waphendula uMneli wathi cha akafuni holo lalutho kuphela ufuna isiza kwakhiwe kuso indlu emhlophe lapho kuyosontelwa khona isizwe sakhe sidumise uNkulunkulu. Lendlu phela wayakha ngoba ekhuphula uhambo lwako

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olujingozi nencancamezela esaphuluka kuyo. Wathi ufuna nabantwana bafundele kuyo.

Nempela usigweje wayakha leyondu yesivumelwano sako noMuli. Ngikhuluma njena ziyo lena okufundela kuyo izingane zesikole, futhi kusontelwa kuyo. Usigweje wakukofha loku ukuthi akukho futhi elinye isonto eliyoba khona phakathi kwalendawo ngaphandle kwe "Bantu ~~Presby~~ Presbyterian Church of S. Africa".

Kuyamangalisa ukuzwa umgondo ophakeme kawgaka kasigweje njengo muntu owayengafundile naka new.

Futhi usigweje wathi kalelizwe kuyohlala ngisho negintombi ezeziphelelwe imendo zibuye kulo. Nawa engahlalanga sikhathi eside ekubuseni kwakhe usigweje, kepha igama lakhe lidumile kakhulu ngenka yenhlakanipho nengondo ekhaliphileyo ayenayo.

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wazala "umbango" owanyala uNicholas.

Osadla amabele emadodaneni akhe usigweje uMoses Kunene okudanambla loku sekp ngunyena yedwa umuntu omdala nowazi kahle lonke uhambo lwabo nemisebenzi kayise.

Kendawo kasigweje kwakuzindawo enkle kabi ekufuyeni impahla ngoba injalonje ibanzi kabi. Kodwa sekwathi ngokunningana kwempahla nenizi selaba amagebugebu, namagadule, kwathi sina izindonga namatshe.

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