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yaniqilikela

[B.M] akusibo buqili

[D.D] babuka kutsi nitawutsi ningahlangana, nani-  
hlangana ngesifuba bese kuyonakala.

[B.M] ya, akusibo bucili

[D.D] ya, basebatsi kasikhweshe kancane  
sibaqedzemandla

[B.M] Cha, akusibo bucili

[D.D] Ngilalele, Mnguni

[B.M] Kube man'abashisanga kudla wena Dlamini, ngasiyayivu-  
ma. Loku lokwenza kuthi singayivumi kwashi-

swa nakudla; ngikoke thina sike siyikhanu-  
ke nje kuthi, kungathi zingake sesibuyelane.

[D.D] usho njalo?

[B.M] e.e Kungathi zingake seyibuyelane, kungathi  
zingake seyibuyelane.

[D.D] ayikhona asendlule, Mnguni, asesichubeke

[B.M] e.e asendlule, ngoba ngazuthi ingasuke  
ingiphathe kabike nawukhuluma kanjalo.

[D.D] asichubeke nayo

[B.M] sebashisa ke, bashisa lokudlake, bashisa  
lokudla ke, bashisa lokudlake, bashisa lokudla  
ke ..., Sekutholakala kuthi asisenakudla ke  
thina ke, sebasishisele kudla; ngukoke  
njelapha sifike bese siyaba diskhwalfaya  
khona, kuthi cha, beniyiwinile yona. Kodwa  
kube kukhona umuntu oyiqhawe mpela,  
angatidiskhwalfaya lento ayisebenzi.

[D.D] Ngilalele Mnguni

[B.M] into engasebenzi, ya ngani ngoba sesihla-  
ngana nabonje thina asinakudla, keph'uthi  
lomlando sashayana nabo iyinsukezinti

[D.D] Nibambene?

[B.M] e-e; sesinganakudla

[D.D] busuku nemini?

[B.M] aku! aku!

[D.D] besutsi bona?

[B.M] Oh yes; uthi lomlando kwalala idumbu  
nhlangothi zombili. Kwakugenqe phezu  
kwegazi [nhlangothi] zombili. Oh yes

[D.D] Kubunikiniki?

[B.M] Oh yes, bayazi nabo; niboke nibabuze,  
kant'anibabuzi? Niyabesaba? Nibesabani?  
Nesabumuntu? yini umuntu?

[D.D] lapha Kwakukha sikhali kutsi "ngadla!"

[B.M] Oh yes!

[D.D] Kuthi "ngadla!"

[B.M] Yes!

[D.D] "ngadla!"

[B.M] Yes!

[D.D] "ngadla!"

[B.M] bathi, uthi lomlando wafisa, Shaka kubona-  
na noSoshangane, kepha wangafisi kahle.

Wathi "ngoba ngiyazi kuthi ngiyowusala  
lapha, kabonkuzemnyama", sibe-  
nkunze'emnyama thina.

[D.D] e- Mntfanemnguni, Shaka abegalela  
Shaka ---

[B.M] e-e- bekagalela ---

[D.D] abetsi nakagalela, efikile'jaheni, ngoba  
abengatfumeli Shaka akufika yena matfupha.

[B.M] Kepha akafikanga kuSoshangane kepha bekhona  
layibothweni, wamesaba; akayanga.

[D.D] [Laughing]

[B.M] hambubabuze, uyesaba? Wo, singakubuzela  
thina nangawuyabesaba wena

[D.D] yeyi, uyangivisa yini lendzaba?

[B.M] Wabesaba. Wathi kanti sowufikile ku-  
Soshangane, wafisa ngenhliziyo; uthi  
lomlando wafisa ngenhliziyo, kepha  
angafisi ukumbona, ngoba azi ukuthi

nangahl'ambone, angahl'asale lapha;  
bekakwazi loko.

[D.D] e-kukhula kwaSoshangane ---

[B.M] Hha! yayisukile emhlabathini lendoda,  
ingakhulanga nangomzimba kepha bathi  
yayibamb'inkunz'emnyama yodwana, ngiko  
nje bathi "inkunzemnya", sibenkunze  
mnyama nje thina KwaMandlakazi, inkunze  
mnyama KwaMandlakazi nje, yithi.

[D.D] ayibamba yedwa inkunzi lemnyama?

[B.M] Yes! Yes! ayiphakamise yedwa ayithi  
sibenkunzemnyama thine, inkunzemnyama.  
Nawufuna nje inkunzemnyama, ubofike  
ubuze kuthi benkunzemnyama ngubaphi,  
bokutshela bathi unkunzemnyama Kwa-  
Soshangane; benjemnyama yaKaboZwide  
Ko Yanga, benjemnyama leyo.

[D.D] Utangivusa lusinga MntfaneMnguni  
nawukhuluma kanjena.

[B.M] asiyixoxe kahle ngoba lendaba ifanelwe  
kubonwa bant'abadala

[D.D] asiqhubeke

[B.M] asiyikhulume kahle.

[D.D] utangivusa lusinga

[B.M] Manje ke nase kwenzeka ke, enhhe

seyisiphatha ke lempi, ke sibona kuthi cha  
lempiyasehlula, ngani ngoba nako njalo  
asisenakudla, sesingabantu nje, asisenakudla

[D.D] Sowubuyile Shaka manje?

[B.M] e-e Ukhona, hhawu sowufikile, sabona

nathi kuthi awu cha --

[D.D] akasatfumelanga, sowu --

[B.M] bekavel'akhona. Sasiduma naye nje,  
bekavel'akhona, bekalaphakathi. Sake samhla  
ba mosi. Wafa anelinxeba nje lethu.

Azang'abe nelinxeba kwabany'abantu,  
kepha kithi wafa analo. Yes, ubokubabuze

[D.D] Shaka unalo linxeba laKaZwide?

[B.M] Yes unalo, ubokubabuze ukuthi Shaka  
wabanalo yini inxeba lethu; unalo lethu;  
wafa analo nje leth'inxeba, asowuthule

Dlamini, sowube liNgwane ngikuxoxele kahle, ngobe nine  
MaNgwane nibantu lenithatha kahle izinto

[D.D] Ngilalele mntfanemnguni

[B.M] Manje ke yasuka. Yathi ke kube isidudule  
ke impi manje, seyisithatha manje, seliya-  
phuma ke lelibutho leli, bathi lindlazana,  
akusilo lindlazana, wathatha lonke libutho  
uSoshangane lelikhona; wamthatha nalo-  
mntwana KaZwide KoLanga labathi  
nguSomaphunga, wahamba naye, wehla  
naye waya lenzansi. Kwathathwa nalendu-  
ku yaZwide KoYanga, yabeseyinikwa  
nangu uSoshangane. Nalo Zwide KoYanga  
wathi bathi, bathi bona babuyele laba-  
KaZulu, angisho sebahuba namahubo  
abawahuba kithi

[D.D] e- lalababeweva kini

[B.M] e-e, yeboke bathi ke manje bomjuma ke manje  
boze bambulale. Wasol'uZwide ukuthi "Hhayi

khona, hhayikhona, amazwi akusiwo

awami, “waphuma ---

[D.D] Wo! akengiphindze ngikuvise kahle,

singabalekelani; titsi beti ---, tibambene nje

Zwide uvele uselekhaya?

[B.M] Usekhaya Zwide.

[D.D] Ufukeme?

[B.M] Ufukeme, lphume nemfowabomncane

[D.D] e\_tibambene lena, utsabeyive

Soshangane kuts’imatimba, akabasabuyelekhaya?

[B.M] akabasabuyelekhaya.

[D.D] Sowuhhebhula libutfo?

[B.M] enhhe, kepha wabathatha labantwaba Zwide

KoLanga wamthatha lo

[D.D] watsi “laba bomnaketfu ngete ngabashiya.”

[B.M] ya, labo ya, wabathatha labantwabaZwide

KoYanga

[D.D] Nang’ashona nabo entansi.

[B.M] e-e bantwabomfowabo

[D.D] Ngilalele, qhubeka nayo

[B.M] Asibo bomfowa, asibo bomnakabo, banta-bomfowabo

[D.D] Qhubeka nayo.

[B.M] Wasuyabathatha ke, sowuthatha loSomaphu-

nga sowuhamba naye. Nas’ahamba naye,

yaphuma nalenkosi yabashiya labakaMa-

geza; akubahluphanga ke bona, laba

boZwide, ukuba ubukhosi buthathwe umfo-

wabo, akuzange kumhluphe ngisho enhlizi-

yeni. Nanamhla naloku akubahluphi futhi,  
yeDlamini. Angizwa ukuthi nikuthathaphi lokuthi  
kuyabahlupha, akubahluphi bo! Bonanje  
inkosi labayimisa bona, bazi kuthi ubukhosi  
babe sebuthathwa uSoshangane, ngoba, babu  
vele bumsikaza, Kwaku vele kuliphosa  
kubekwa. Manje bona akubahluphi enhlizi-  
yweni yabo, ngisho noma balele  
labalele khona walala ngokuphumula  
uZwide, akukho lokwamhlupha. Kuphela  
nje washaya sifungo lasifunga, wathi  
“ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi abantu  
bakwaNdwandwa abay’uwuphela; bo banje  
nganankha’matshe.”

[D.D] Ngiseta mntfanemnguni, kukhona lapho  
seyingihisha khona manje. Naba laba, ekhwe-  
sh’ uSoshanage

[B.M] enhhe.

[D.D] abaleke

[B.M] enhhe

[D.D] Sengikuva utsi sebayeta lelibutfo laShaka

[B.M] enhhe

[D.D] Selita selihlabelela letingoma tekunqoba,  
sebaqondze kutawuvimbetela laba,

[B.M] yeboke

[D.D] angati noma bengikuva kahle yini?

[B.M] yebo-ke, yebo-ke.

[D.D] awuqhubeke nayo khona lapho.

[B.M] Phela lapho wabe sowuyaphuma loZwide  
KoYanga, abazange bambamba Zwide  
ukumbulala, abazange bambulale. Wayiba-  
lekela, abazange bambulale. Azang’asabulawe

wayibalekela, wayiphumela, wayibalekela  
Zwide. Akumhluphanga loku kuduka kwakhe  
loyinje wasowuthatha labantwabakhe sowu  
hamba nabo. Akumhluphanga loku kuduka  
kwakhe.

[D.D] Utsi ke uyamkha, uyahamba uyakulela,  
liphi leli laya kulo?

[B.M] Hha-.. uyaphuma, hha-- uyaphuma u-  
Soshangane.

[D.D] Uphuma uyakuphike Soshangane?

[B.M] Uphuma uyenyuka, uyenhla, sesiya kini  
leMathongeni, ngob'uyithonga phela, Dlamini.  
Sesiphuma siyehla siya lekini. Ngiyamangala  
mina, asewuhlale, Dlamini, sengikuxoxele,  
ngoba ngiyabon'ukuthi ufun'ukwazi,

[D.D] Ngilalele

[B.M] Nawufun'ukwazi ke, thula sesikuxoxele.  
Ngiyamangala mina nawumuzwa bathi ngesheya  
koPhongolo lizwe la KaZulu, sasilitholaphi  
lelolizwe, lizwe laMaThonga; asizange  
sesibe amaThonga thina. Amathonga awubu-  
khosi lobamiswa wuNkulunkulu ngokwawo,  
asihlangani ndawo kuthi noma mhlawumbe  
amaThonga angabanye yini abaqhekezwa  
kithi, asinako thine loko. Asinako thine  
emlandweni wakithi loko.

[D.D] Nine kanihlangani nemaThonga?

[B.M] Chake

[D.D] Ngikhuluma ngebakaZwid' angikhulumi  
nebaKaZulu

[B.M] e-e



[D.D] nangikhuluma ngebaKaZulu, ngikhuluma nge-  
ntalelwana yaSenzangakhona.

[B.M] enhhe, akusiso nesibongo sami futhi

[D.D] Nangikhuluma ngebaKaZwide, ngikhuluma  
ngentalelwane yaKaZwide.

[B.M] yaKaNdwandwa

[D.D] yaKaNdwandwa

[B.M] yebo

[D.D] anihlangani nine neMaTfonga?

[B.M] Chake, nalabakaMageba --

[D.D] kodvwa nasenibaleka senibalekela  
ebuTfonga?

[B.M] sibalekel'ebuThonga

[D.D] liphETFwe ngubani lelasebuTfonga?

[B.M] Nasifika laphebuThonga thine silithola  
selithwelwe ngunaba baNgwanaza, hhayi