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ngu Zwide; loMawewe uzalwa nguSoshangane. Phela

Soshangane ngumfowabo Zwide KoYanga.

[D.D] Ngilalele

[B.M] enhhe ---. LoThandile nje ngudadewabo.

[D.D] e---

[B.M] loMswazi uthi malume la kuloSoshangane,  
ingathi kulo Mawewe.

[D.D] Kulalele mine

[B.M] enhhe; asizwa thina kuthi ngumzala wakhe  
ubathe uyabekisa lento ingahlangani, ngoba  
akufunakali yeDlamini nawuthi ushaya into

ingahlangani; shaya into yakho ihlangane

[D.D] Ngilalele mntfaneMnguni

[B.M] Kodwake selo nguSoShangane. Chake ke,  
“Hawu Thandiye wabe sowugana kuleThonga  
kanti?”

[D.D] Wo!

[B.M] Uthi “E – wagana kulamaThonga phela.  
Sowazala.” Hawu, “e-, kepha ngoba uyise ka-  
Dludlume usekhuyiye sizakwenzenjani

[D.D] e-e

[B.M] “Owu! akuphume Dludlume ayowugeza  
Mswazi, inkosi yaMaswazi, ligama lakhe

[D.D] loDludlu--- , Dludlu---

[B.M] Dludlume.

[D.D] loDludlume ngubani?

[B.M] naba boSiganda

[D.D] Wo! \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

[B.M] enhhe. Ngibona baDludlume laba

[D.D] Sengivile

[B.M] Phela banikazi beligula labo, njoba  
ngikutshela nje kuthi baphathela thina ligula  
babageza thina labo. Indlu yeligula leyo

[D.D] ake ngiphindze ngiyibambe kahle lendzaba

[B.M] enhhe

[D.D] e- Bukhosi buyaphuma, buphuma naSoSha-  
ngane, utsi nakefika emaTfongeni, ema-  
Tfonga phindz’ayamqobelela?

[B.M] yebo phela.

[D.D] Nasamqobelele, asakhe Magudu, akhe  
le laphakhe khona

[B.M] enhhe --

[D.D] Kutsiwa beNguni baseGudu nje

[B.M] enhhe

[D.D] Kantsi sekuphindze kunebudlelwane neMaswati ngala?

[B.M] Yebo ke

[D.D] e- “eMaswati ngete ngawalahla ngobe nami angihlomisa.”

[B.M] yebo phela

[D.D] sengiphindze ngiyawahlomisa

[B.M] yebo phela

[D.D] “ngengula”

[B.M] siya ---, solosiyahlomisana.

[D.D] ngilalele Mnguni

[B.M] enhhe. Se- awu vele. Owu kant’uThandiye, uyeze iThonga kanti, igama lako ngubani bathi “NguMswazi.” “Owu, nguMswazi. Inkosi yamaThonga. Awu, usekhuyiye.” Sekukhishwa Dludlumeke. WakaMkhatshwa.

[D.D] layakumngena?

[B.M] enhhe. Kuthiwa “Mkhatshwa, Ndwandwe, Nxumalo, wena waseGudunkomo, wenogudi

nkom’enganathole, kant’abanye bagudinkomo enethole.” Bathi “Mkhatsha okhatshwe [ngezin?] nezinfishane ongazange akhatshwe, wa khatshwa ngezenzo zakhe.” Angikwazi lokuthi mine lesibongo sehlukene, angikungeni mine loko.

[D.D] Qhubeka Mntfanemnguni

[B.M] Sikuyekele loko ke, ngemahhungebantfu bafuna kubekwa, kepha abazazi kuthi babobani. Nakoke: liyakhuphukake leligula ke le liya ---, nalithenga ngeyinkomo; lizogeza

Mswazi, inkosi yemaNgwane.

[D.D] Sowufike uyahlala la.

[B.M] enhhe, njobubabona lapha, indawo laba  
nikwa yona la

[D.D] Solo basebenta loyomsebenti?

[B.M] Wo--- yebo nje, awukho futhi lomuny'u  
msebenzi.

[D.D] Ngilalele

[B.M] Nakoke Dlamini. Seyiyaphuma phela nayo  
into lesiyinikwe ngini; lefakaza kuthi  
seyizakuf'inkosi.

[D.D] Wo! lentansi?

[B.M] enhhe. Iphuma kulogogo wami ke  
uSoshangane. awu; seyibuyelemuva iMambane  
ayithiphuma namhla phela besowuyafa, cha

[D.D] e\_e\_e\_e\_

[B.M] akusilo iciniso lelo. Yase ibuyelemuva imambane,  
ibuyelemuva imambane iyashiyinduku zonke,  
ishiya kunkosana yayo uMawewe, seyibu-  
yelemuva imambane, uthi lomlando  
yabe seyibuyelemuva. Seyibuyemzini wayo  
lapha manje kuthiwa kuseJozini. Ngiko nje  
sithi singafung'uSoshangane eJozini, sisho  
ngalokho.

[D.D] Se ---, lapheJozini yayinemuti nakhona

[B.M] Ngani nanko laphezansi. Lobesikhuluma  
ngawo kaNqaba labesikhuluma khona

[D.D] ngilalele Mntfanemnguni

[B.M] enhhe, yafelakhona nje, lithuna layo nje

[D.D] eMaTfongeni?

[B.M] enhhe, yangcwatsha bakaMyeni nje yona  
Sowuyasala ke loMawewe. Kunendodana

lenye ke yakhe, nguMzila. uMzila Ka-  
Soshangane. Bayasikelana ke; likhohlwa  
Mzila, la Mawewe. Yi --- he ---

[D.D] lokungilalele mntfanemnguni ngenta nje  
soloku'kulwingqondvo iyasebenta.

[B.M] Nako ke isukelana manje.

[D.D] Sekusukelana bobani nabani?

[B.M] Sekusukelana Mzila naMawewe umfowabo  
manje; sebayabanga babangubukhosi.

[D.D] Wo! Mawewe uphi, njobe Mawewe nanguya le

[B.M] Cha phela kakangesiye wala, beka solo  
alenzansi.

[D.D] e---

[B.M] bayasukelana manje sebayabanga, babanga  
bodwa. Owu! Unebutho lakhe, phela  
umntwanenkosi waba nebutho lakhe,

[D.D] Wo! ngulowo unelibutfo lakhe?

[B.M] e\_e

[D.D] njobe senta nje nasesichemeni

[B.M] yebo, enhhe. Isukelaneke gigi! gigi!  
gigi! gidi!

[D.D] "mnaketfu---"

[B.M] thine nje nasithi sili-, thine nje silibayethe  
kusho thine, silibayethe thine, likhuzwa  
lapha kithi KaGasa; nanamhla, phela  
ngikhuluma mina into lekhona.

[D.D] Ngilalele.

[B.M] asikhulumi thine ngemahlahla, ujubema  
hlahlameva ufulele, ubesewuthi akunalutho  
langaphakathi, kanti kunelutho; sikhuluma

thine ngento lekhona; yeb'ungafulela nje

Dlamini nawufuna kufulela. Kepha ke

noma ungafulela wena, kepha kunjalo nje

[D.D] Kushito wena sicala indzaba wathi labe-

Nguni baya entsabeni

[B.M] enhhe, silahlwentabeni nje thine.

[D.D] Ngilalele Mnguni

[B.M] Manje ke \_ \_ \_

[D.D] nasebasukelana?

[B.M] awu isukelane isukelane imcithe Mawewe

Imcithe Mawewe, manj'abuye. Agijime manje

sowuya kumshana wakhe, Mswazi. "Hawu

yini malume?" "Wu, ungiphethe laph'umfo

wethu siyabanga, sibangubukhosana." "Cha,

mntakadadewethu, lengikubonako mina, ngi

bona kuthi kuncono ngibuyele kithi,

langadabuka khona, eMagudu " ---

[D.D] e ---

[B.M] "ngani ngoba ayikho into engingayenza."

Hhawu, Mswazi athi: "Hhawu, angiyizwa

ke lento malume."

[D.D] "awusahambanga"

[B.M] "awusahambanga, leni?"

[B.M] "Hhayi ingani manje siyabanga nomfowe

thu." "Hawu! angabangisa wena uyinkosi

"Awu, nakonjalo, sowungichithile nokungichi

tha, a ---- ungabusahlupheka mshana.

Sowungichithile nokungichitha, angisale ngibu

yela mine emuva."

[D.D] e \_

[B.M] athi ke “Cha! Cha! Cha! Cha! Ngeke ukubone loko.”

[D.D] nguMswati lowo?

[B.M] e-e- athi “awuyikubona loko; ngek’ukubone loko.” Hawu! Ukhiphimpimpi Mswazi; uyiphakisa malume wakhe. “Buyelan’emuva.” Babu-yelemuva. Bafike bayamshaya Mzila, hawu abamgwazanga, hawu Ngangixoxela ngunayi INgwenyama lekhona

[D.D] e-e- ngilalele.

[B.M] nayinkhosi lekhona, inkosi yaseAfrica. Hhawu bayisukela, bamsaha, bamsaha, bamsaha

[D.D] bayamdibila

[B.M] e-e bayam----

[D.D] akagwazwa

[B.M] akagwazwa; bathi ngeke bamgwaze phela ngumnakabo nkosi.

[D.D] e-e uyawu--- ufundziswa nje luswati kuts’uyedzelela

[B.M] Wafela emnceleni was Mozambiko ne Rodeshiya, lesingathi namuhla yi-Zimbabwe

[D.D] etulu le

[B.M] enhhe.

[D.D] lobowukhandza benguni nje khona le

[B.M] awubonike! uzaya ke Ngungunyane, o Ngungunya bafazi namadoda. Umganu wahlum’emini kithi, kwaMaNdlakazi, kwath-entambamo wahhohloka; uzalwa nguMzila

[D.D] Sololeligama laKaMandlakazi liyabuya

[B.M] ali hlali phela, ngeze lahlala

[D.D] Silikhandza lapha emaShanganeni

[B.M] enhhe

[D.D] Silikhandze

[B.M] KanemaShangane yini loku emaShangane  
ngithi.

[D.D] Qhubeka ngilalale

[B.M] e-e- liShangane phela, nawukhuluma  
ngeliShangane, ukhuluma ngathi thine  
bakaMkhatshwa, Shangane, ngithi, noma  
kumnyama.

[D.D] emaTfonga ngitsi?

[B.M] ndili Thonga nine, thine Shangane. Akuhluphi  
akunfihlo lapho mzala. Singuleyonto nje.

[D.D] e ----

[B.M] ngob'umuntu ongazi kuthi buThonga kusho  
kuthini akazi. BuThonga mzala kusho uku  
khanya kwelanga.

[D.D] e---

[B.M] Nibasekukhanyeni kwelanga nine, impuma  
langa. Ngiko nje kuthiwa nibaThonga; ngiko nje  
nithi, MLangeni, ngoba nibasempuma-  
Langa. Kusho kukhanya, nawubona--- ,  
buthonga ke loko; nawubona bububi nje  
busho loko. Akusiyo inhlamba. Nangith'u-  
liThonga nj'angikwethuki; nawuthingili-  
Shangane awungethuki. Manje ke

[D.D] nakugidza incwala lapha nakuya, uve  
kutsiwa akaphume emaTfonga

[B.M] Kahle phela lapho sowuyazika, unga bo zika  
leso

[D.D] Wo, sengiya ---hhm ---



[B.M] ya, asiyikhe phezulu

[D.D] e-e-

[B.M] enhhe. Manjeke, awu. Sesiye hlulile ke lempi; abuyeke bamxoxele Mawewe ke bamxoxele naMswazi. Abese uyabuza ke Mawewe; “Hhawu Mzala, ngingahlala ngithini lapha mntakadadewethu, ngoba phela wena uyinkosi lapha, ngiyinkosi nami?”

[D.D] e ---

[B.M] Athi Mswazi: “Cha, phela yemalume; uzawufulathela: sizawufulathelana.”