



Kgosi Mothupi Le Morwadiagwe

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Bogogolotala go ne go le kgosi e bidiwa Mothupi. O ne a dula mo ntlong ya segosi le mmakgosi le morwadiabona, kgosigadi Dineo. Kgosigadi Dineo o ne a le bontle jwa go tshwana le naledi, mme banna botlhe ba motse ba ne ba batla go mo nyala. Kgosi Mothupi o ne a batla magadi a a thibang letsatsi.

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Kudaladala, kwakunenkosi ogama layo kwakunguNdabenhle. Inkosi le yayihlala esigodlweni nendlovukazi kanye nendodakazi yayo, inkosazana ogama layo kwakunguNaledi. UNaledi wayeyinkosazana enhle. Cishe zonke izinsizwa zendawo zazifisa ukuba ziganwe yile nkosazana. Okwakunzima, inkosi uNdabenhle, okunguyise, yayifuna ilobolo elimangazayo ngenkosazana yayo.



Gaufi le ntlo ya segosi go ne go dula kgosana nngwe e bidiwa Moroka o mogolo. O ne a bidiwa o “mogolo” ka gone o ne a obamelwa ke batho botlhe ba motse. Fa o ne o sa mo obamele o ne a go tthagisetsa kotsi! E ne e se kgale mosadi wa ga kgosana Moroka a tlhokafetse ka ntlha ya malaria. Kgosana o ne a batla mosadi yo mongwe.

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Eduze nesigodlo kwakuhlala induna, uMtungwa omkhulu. Wayebizwa ngo Mtungwa “omkhulu” ngoba wayehlonishwa yisigodi sonkana. Wayebonisa ulaka kulowo muntu owayengamhloniphi. Inkosikazi yenduna uMtungwa yayisanda kushona, ithathwa yisifo soqhuqho. Manje induna yayisifuna ukuthatha enye inkosikazi.



Ka jalo kgosana e e nonneng ebile e tsofetse e, e ne ya etela Kgosi Mothupi ka maikaelelo a go ntshetsa kgosigadi Dineo magadi. Fa banna ba babedi ba ba ntse ba bua, mothusi wa mo ntlung ya kgosi, Phemelo, o ne a utlwa puisano ya bona. Phemelo le kgosigadi Dineo ba ne ba utlwana thata.

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UMtungwa omkhulu waya enkosini uNdabenhle eyozibika ukuthi yena angakhipha ilobolo elingakanani ngenkosazana yenkosi. Babhunga indaba yelobolo lenkosazana nje, umsizi wasesigodlweni, uNelisiwe, uyezwa ukuthi bathini. UNelisiwe wayemkhonzile unkosazana uNaledi.



Kgosana Moroka o ne a dumelana le Kgosi Mothupi gore o tla mo fa bontlhabongwe jwa khumo ya gagwe, go akaretsa le nalata, e le yona e neng e le karolo ya magadi. Dipaakanyo tsa lenyalo magareng ga kgosana Moroka le kgosigadi Dineo di ne tsa dirwa mo sephiring. Kgosi e ne e itse gore morwadie a ka se itumelele kakanyo e.

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UMtungwa omkhulu wathi yena angathatha uhhafu wengcebo yakhe ayinike inkosi njengelobolobo. Ngasese, kwenziwa amalungiselelo omshado phakathi kwenduna Umtungwa omkhulu nonkosazana uNaledi. Inkosi uNdabenhle wayazi kahle kamhlophe ukuthi indodakazi yakhe ngeke isijabulele lesi sinqumo.



Beke pele ga lenyalo la segosi, Phemelo ne a ya kwa go Dineo. “Kgosigadi ya me e e rategang, rrago o rulagantse lenyalo la gago le kgosana Moroka, mme lona le tla diragala mo sebakeng sa beke.”

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Sekusele isonto ngaphahambi kosuku lomshado, umsizi uNelisiwe waqonda kunkosazana Naledi. “Nkosazana yami ethandekayo, ubaba wakho uhlela ukukuganisela induna uMtungwa omkhulu. Loku kuzokwenzeka maduze, evikini elizayo.” Kuchaza uNelisiwe.



Kgosigadi Dineo o ne a maketse mme a sa itse gore a dire eng. Jaanong a akanya, “Ga ke na go nyala kgosana Moroka, monnamogolo yole yo o nonneng. Le eseng! Ke tshwanetse ke etele Lefika ke bone gore a ka se thuse pele go nna thari.” Lefika e ne e le lekau la ga kgosigadi Dineo.

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Inkosazana yathuka umhlola, yangazi ukuthi ithini futhi yenzeni. Emva kwesikhashana seyithi, “Mina, ngeke ngiganele induna uMtungwa omkhulu, indoda endala ekhuluphele kanje. Angeke bakubone loko. Kuzomele ngigijimele kuThando abone ukuthi angenzenjani.” Phela uThando kwakuyisoka lika Naledi.



Bosigo joo, Dineo a ngwega mo ntlong. Fa rragwe a ka itse gore o ya kae, o tla tenega thata. O ne a taboga mo gare ga sekgwa se se kitlaneng, se se lefifi se na le mmitlwa le matlapa, go fitlhela a goroga kwa go Lefika. O ne a fitlha a lapile, a tshwerwe ke tlala le lenyora.

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Ngalobo busuku, uNaledi wanyonyoba weqa esigodlweni. Uma uyise wayengezwa ngaloko wayezothukuthela ngokweqile. Wagijima edlula ihlathi elimnyama, eqa amadwala, imihosha nemihoshana, waze wafika esithandweni sakhe uThando. Wafika ekhathele, elambile, onyiwe.



“Moratiwa, goreng o tlile o le esi kgakala jaana ka nako e?” ga botsa Lefika. O ne a mo siela metsi mme a mo tlogela gore a ikhutse. Lefika o ne a sa kgone go itshoka fa a ntse a emetse Dineo gore a bue.

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“Hhayi-bo gugu lami, kwenzenjani? Ungathini ukuhamba ibanga elide kangaka wedwa, ebusuku lobu?” kubuza uThando. Wabe esemlandela amanzi okuphuza, wamdedela ukuba ake aphumule. UThando, wayengakwazi ukubeka isiqe phansi ngenkathi esalinde uNaledi ukuba alande indaba.



“Kgosigadi ya me e e rategang, bothata ke eng?” Lefika a botsa. Dineo a hemela kwa godimo mme ka kutlobotlhoko a re, “Rre o batla go nnyadisa kgosana Moroka yo mogolo. Mme nna nka se kgone go nyala monna yole. Lefika, ke batla go nyalana le wena le fa o le modidi. Ke ikemiseditse go sotlega. Ke a go rata.”

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“Ngitshele, sthandwa sami,” kusho uThando. UNaledi waphefumulela phezulu, wezwakala esethi, “Ubaba ufuna ukungiganisela induna uMtungwa omkhulu. Angikwazi ukugana leya ndoda embi kanjeya. Thando, noma ngabe umpofu kangakanani, mina ngifuna ukugana wena. Ngikulungele ukuhlupheka. Ngithanda wena qha!”



“Fela kgosigadi, ga ke na sepe se nka se fang rrago, o a itse gore ke mosimane wa modidi,” Lefika a lela. “Ke a itse, ke wena fela monna yo nka nyalanang le ena,” ga araba Dineo. O ne a akanya mme morago ga nako a re, “A re tsamae re ye kwa go Thabang monna wa mokoro gore a re tshedise noka. Ka mokgwa oo, re ka tshaba mme rre a ka se tlhole a re bona.”

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“Kodwa manje nkosazana, mina anginalutho, ukukhokhela ilobolo lakho. Wazi kahle, ngimpofu,” kuzikhalela uThando. UNaledi wamphendula wathi, “Ngiyakwazi loko, kodwa nguwe kuphela engingakugana.” Wake wathula isikhashana, wabe esethi, “Nginecebo, masigijimele ku Kwanda, indoda le yesikebhe asiweze sibalekele ngale komfula. Ngaleyo ndlela singeqa, ubaba angasitholi.”



Kwa ntlong ya segosi, Kgosi Mothupi o lemogile gore kgosigadi Dineo ga a teng, mme a laela bathusi ba gagwe gore ba mmatile motse otlhe. Badisa ba kgosi, masole le baagi botlhe ba motse ba ne ba batla gotlhe mme ba se bone kgosigadi Dineo. Ba ne ba boela kwa kgosing mme ba mmolelela gore ga ba a bona Dineo gope. “Tsamayang lo ye go mmatla kwa nageng,” Kgosi Mothupi a ntsha molao. O ne a tenegile.

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Emuva esigodlweni, inkosi uNdabenhle usetholile ukuthi uNkosazana Naledi usenyamalele. Usetshele izinhloli, nabantu bayo ukuba baphume bayoyifuna inkosazana. Abaqaphi benkosi, amabutho, wonke umuntu wagcwala isiganga kufunwa inkosazana yenkosi, kodwa do! Abazange bayithole inkosazana yenkosi. Babuyela emuva enkosini beyoyitshela ukuthi uNaledi akatholakali. Inkosi yabaphendula ngokucasuka, “Hambani niyocinga ehlathini.”



Fa kgosigadi Dineo le Lefika ba itlhaganelela kwa ditshitshing tsa noka, go ne ga thiba maru a mantsho. Go ne go tla pula ya matlakadibe.

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Ngesikhathi uThando noNaledi begijimela osebeni lomfula, izulu laqala lashintsha, kwaguqubala, kwaba namafu amnyama. Kwakuza isiphepho esikhulu.



Thabang rramokoro o ne ntse a baakanya mokoro wa gagwe fa baratani ba ba tla mo go ena. Lefika o ne a kopa Thabang gore a ba tshedise noka. Thabang o ne a gana, a tlhalosa gore go tla pula ya matlakadibe mme ga go a sireletsega.

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UKwanda, indoda yesikebhe wayesabophela isikebhe sakhe ngesikhathi izithandani zifika. UThando wancenga uKwanda ukuba agwedle isikebhe sakhe, abaweze. UKwanda wenqaba, wabachazela ukuthi isiphepho esinamandla sesifikile, kuzoba yingozi ukubaweza.



Lefika o ne a pateletsa mme a tlhalosetsa Thabang mabaka a bona. O ne a tsha legago mme a le fa Thabang. Fa Thabang a utlwa mathata a bona mme a bona legapa le lentle, o ne a ba utlwela bothoko. O ne a dumela go ba tshedisa noka maemo a loapi a ntse a sa dumele.

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UThando waphikelela echazela uKwanda ukuthi kungani kumele bewelele ngaphesheya. Wafaka isandla sakhe ephaketheni wakhapha igobolondo wanika uKwanda. UKwanda, ezwa indaba yabo, esebona negobolondo elibiza kangaka, wabazwela. Wavuma wagwedla isikebhe wabaweza, yize isimo sezulu sasisibi.



Thabang o ne a gogela mokoro gaufi le bona, mme a re ba palame. O ne a simolola go kgweetsa mokoro wa gagwe ka baratani ba. Fa Kgosi Mothupi le kgosana Moroka ba fitlha kwa ditshitshing tsa noka, ba ne ba bona batho ba bararo mo mokorong. Ba lemoga gore baratani ba bašwa ba tshabile.

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Ngokushesha, uKwanda wadonsa isikebhe, bagibela. Wathatha izigwedlo, waqala umsebenzi wagwedla. Kwathi inkosi nenduna befika ngasosebeni lomfula, babona nabaya abantu abathathu esikebheni. Kwabakhanyela ukuthi izithandani zeqile, yizo leziya. Umoya omkhulu waxukuzisa isikebhe, kwaba uKwanda uyehluleka ukusilawula asiqondise isikebke manje. Kwezwakala inkosi isimemeza, "Ndodakazi yami Naledi, ngicela ubuye! Ngiyakuxolela, ngeke nginijezise, wena no Thando."



Diphefo tse di bokete di ne tsa fekeetsa mokoro mme Thabang o ne a palelwa ke go o laola. “Boa tswewe-tswewe. Ke go itshwaretse. Nka se lo otlhae.” Mme go ne go setse go le thari. Mokoro o ne wa fetoga mme boraro jwa bona ba nwela mo metsing a a bogale. Go tloga ka letsatsi leo, moagi mongwe le mongwe wa motse wa ga Kgosi Mothupi o ne a letlelewa go nyala motho yo a mo ratang, mohumi kgotsa modidi.

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Inkosi yasho sekonakele. Isikebhe saketuka, bobathatu baphonseka emanzini ayenamandla. Bonke baminza. Emva kwalesi sehlakalo, wonke umuntu embusweni wenkosi UNdabenhle wakhululeka ukugana noma ukuganwa yilowo amthandayo, ocebile noma ompofu, inqobo uma bethandana.



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