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Motse wa Maruping o dikaganyeditswe ke dithaba. Dinoga tse dintsi di dula mo sekgweng mo dithabeng tseo. Go ne go na le noga e kgolo go di feta tshotlhe. Baagi ba motse ba ne ba e bitsa Serodumo. E ne e le noga e e tshosang. E ne e metsa dipodi le dinku di feletse.

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Ilali iSinyaire ijikelezwe ziinduli neentaba. Kuhlala iinyoka ezininzi kwihlathi elikwezi ntaba. Eyona nyoka inkulu yayibizwa ngokuba yi-Unyalego ngabantu belali. Le nyoka yayisoyikisa abantu abaninzi kuba yayiginya ibimbilize iibhokhwe kunye neegusha ezipheleleyo.

Ka letsatsi lengwe Atang, Agang le Amo ba ne ba ya kgonnyeng kwa sekgweng. E ne e le bana ba motho. Nkoko wa bone o ne a ba gakolola, “Lo tlhokomeleng noga e kgolo Serodumo. Lo se tseye sepe se sengwe kwa sekgweng ntle fela le dikgong.” Amo ke ene fela o neng a sa utlwelela Nkoko wa gagwe.

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Ngenye imini u-Apiyo, u-Ajoh kunye no Atieno babesiya ehlathini beyokutheza. Umakhulu wala mantombazana wayewalumkisile wathi, “Nilumkele u-Unyalego inyoka enkulu. Ningathathi nenye into ehlathini ngaphandle kweenkuni.” U-Ajoh akazange ayihoye nokuyihoya into awayeyixelelwa ngumakhulu wakhe.

Basetsana ba ne phutha mašwi, dipanana, dipotata le metsi, e le dijo tsa tsela. Ba ne ba tsaya dithudi tse di tiileng go bofa dikgong le selepe se se bogale go rema dikgong. Mme ba tsena tsela go ya sekgweng.

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Amantombazana apakisha umphako wobisi, iibhanana, ibhatata kunye namanzi. Athatha neentambo zokubopha inyanda kunye nezembe lokugawula iinkuni. Ahamba ke aphathelela ukuya ehlathini.

Serodumo o ne a bula metlhagare ya gagwe e megolo mme a metsa Amo. Bo ausi ba bagwe ba ne boela kwa motseng ka lebelo le legolo. Ba ne ba anegela baagi ba motse ka se se diragetseng. “Ke mo kgalemetse, fa fela a ne a nkutlwelela,” nkoko wa basetsana a bua a utlwile botlhoko.

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Bimbilili! U-Unyalego wamginya u-Ajoh. Oodadewabo babaleka bagoduka bayokuxela esi senzo sibi kangaka esenzekileyo.

Wa bofelo e ne e le Amo. O ne a tshogile. A ya kwa pele mme a simolola go opela. Mme kopelo ya gagwe e ne e sa kgatlhise, ebile mantswe e se one. Serodumo a mo goelela, “Ke eng o sa opele sentle go tshwana le ba ba bangwe?” Noga ya itse gore ke Amo a tseileng meno a yona.

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Ekugqibeleni kwacula u-Ajoh. Wayenexhala kakhulu. Wathi xa eqala ukucula ilizwi latshothoza namazwi engoma akavakala kakuhle. Wakhwaza u-Unyalego wathi, “Awukwazi ukucula kakuhle njengabanye?” Inyoka yabona ukuba nguye kanye u-Ajoh owayethathe amazinyo egolide.

Fa ba le mo tseleng, basetsana ba ne ba tsaya dikgang go le monate. O mogolo mo go bona, Atang, a ba gakolola ka gangwe a re, “Didimalang. Re tsena mo tulong ya ga Serodumo.”

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Endleleni amantombazana ayehamba ezincokolela nje futhi ehleka, kumnandi. U-Apiyo owayemdala kubo bonke wavakala esithi, “Thulani. Sele sisondele apho kuhlala khona u-Unyalego.”

Agang a bitsa ba bangwe, “Bonang, meno a ga Serodumo a gauta ke a. A re a tseyeng.” Atang a ba gakolola, “Lo se lebale kgakololo ya ga Nkoko. Ga re a tshwanela go tsaya sepe se sengwe ntle le dikgong.”

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U-Atieno wathi, “Yehake, khanijonje nanga amazinyo ka-Unyalego abugolide, masiwathatheni.” U-Apiyo wababakhumbuza, “Ningalibali imiyalelo kamakhulu. Akufanelanga ukuba sithathe nantoni na apha ehlathini ngaphandle kweenkuni.”

Atang a simolola go opela ka lentswe le le edileng:

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U-Apiyo waqala wacula kakuhle akabinangxaki. Kwalandela u-Atieno, naye wacula kakuhle.

"Ke mang a tseileng meno a me a gauta?" Serodumo a botsa basetsana. Go se nne le yo o arabang. Noga e ne ya nagana go leka basetsana. "Yo o senang molato o tla kgona go opela ntle le diphoso. O tla ya gae ka dikgong tsa gagwe. Mme yo o molato, a ka se kgone go opela. O tla nna dijo tsa me malatsi a mararo a a latelang!"

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U-Unyalego wawabuza amantombazana wathi, "Ngubani othathe amazinyo am egolide?" Akuzange kubekho mntu uphendulayo. Inyoka yathi ndiza kumfumana umntu owabileyo. "Lo ongenatyala uza kucula kakuhle angayenzi impazamo kodwa lowo onetyala yena uza kuthi xa ecula kwenzeke impazamo. Uza kuba kukutya kwam kweentsuku ezintathu ezizayo!"

Amo a re, "Ga ke tshepe Nkoko. Ke nagana gore o ne a bua se fela gore re se nne le se se re batlang. Ke batla meno a gauta." Bo ausi ba gagwe ba ne ba tshwenyegile. "Amo, re go kgalemile," ba rialo. Amo o ne a sa kgathale.

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U-Ajoh wathi, "Andiyikholelwa mna into ethethwa ngumakhulu. Ndicinga ukuba ubesitsho nje kuba engafuni ukuba sizithathele izinto esizithandayo. Unomona umakhulu. Ndiza kuwathatha mna la mazinyo egolide." Oodadewabo bakhathazeka kakhulu ngale nto. "Ajoh, uze ungathi khange sikuxelele." U-Ajoh akazange abahoye.

Ka motlha oo, Serodumo a tla go batla meno a gagwe a gauta. O ne a tlala bogale fa a ne a sa a bone. Jaanong Serodumo a utlwa basetsana ba bua ebile ba tshega. A iphitlha mo tlase ga letlapa mo thoko ga tsela, mo basetsana ba neng ba ya go feta teng go boela gae.

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Kwathi kusenjalo kwathi gqi u-Unyalego ezokukhangela amazinyo akhe. Wacaphuka kakhulu akungawaboni. U-Unyalego weva amantombazana encokola futhi ehleka. Wazimela phantsi kwelitye elikhulu elalikufutshane nendlela amantombazana ayeza kudlula kuyo.

Basetsana ba ne ba rwele dikgong tsa bona mo ditlhogong ba boela gae. Ka ponyo ya leitlho ba utlwa, “Hzzzzzzzz!” E ne e le Serodumo, molomo wa gagwe o bulegile gotlhelele, a ikemiseditse go loma. Basetsana ba ne ba tshogile tota.

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Amantombazana ayethwele iinyanda entloko. Eva ngomsindo wenyoka efuthayo, “Fu-u-u-u-u-u-u-u!” Oothuka azama ukuzimela. Nankuya u-Unyalego phambi kwabo evule umlomo wakhe elindele ukuluma.