



Balekelela mkhulu kuphola



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Sikhatsi sebhulakufesi.

Umndeni uhleli etafuleni. Ulindzele mkhulu
kutsi naye ahlale.

Awu! Mkhulu uyashelela uyawa! Ulimele
umkhono wakhe kabi.



Mkhulu sewufikile esibhedlela.

Dokotela walungisa ematsambo emkhono.

“Kumele uhlale esibhedlela emalanga lambalwa, Mkhulu,” kusho dokotela.

Mkhulu sewukhulile, kutawutsatsa sikhatsi kutsi aphole kahle.







NgeMsombuluko, gogo naMbali bafika
esibhedlela kutewukhulekela mkhulu.

“Umkhuleko wetfu utawusita kutsi uphole,”
kusho Mbali.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho mkhulu.



NgaLesibili, make naFana baletsela mkhulu
ema-apula nemabhanana.

“Titselo titawusita kutsi uphole,” kusho Fana.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho mkhulu.







NguLesitsatfu, babe naMbali baletsela
mkhulu libhuku lekufundza.

“Kufundza kutawusita kutsi uphole,” kusho
Mbali.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho mkhulu, atsatsa
libhuku.



NguLesine, malume Musa naFana baletsela mkhulu umsakato.

“Kulalela umculo kutawusita kutsi uphole,” kusho Fana.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho mkhulu.







NguLesihlanu, dokotela ubuka umkhono wamkhulu.

“Umkhono wakho uphola kahle, mkhulu. Ungabuyela ekhaya. Kepha kumele ubuye ngeMsombuluko utewuhlolwa,” kusho dokotela.

“Ngiyabonga,” kusho mkhulu.



Mkhulu ukulungele kuya ekhaya!

Babe naFana basesibhedlela balandze mkhulu.

“Bonkhe ekhaya bajabulile kutsi uyabuya, mkhulu!” kusho Fana.







Ekhaya, Mbali, make, gogo namalume Musa
balungiselela kwemukela mkhulu.

Gogo ubhake likhekhe.

Malume Musa wosa inyama.

Make uletsa emapuleti etafuleni.

Mbali ufutsa emabhaluni.



Mkhulu ubuyile!

Bonkhe bajabulile.

“Ngiyabonga, mndeni wami,” kusho mkhulu.
“Lutsandvo lwenu lungisitile kutsi ngiphole!”