



# Mambakati, inyoka yelihlatsi

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Indzawo yaseMjindini itungeletelwe ngemagcuma, emahlatsi  
netintsaba. Tatitinyenti tinyoka  
letitfolakala kulamahlatsi lakuleto tintsaba.

Kulelinye lemahlatsi kwakukhona inyoka lenkhulu kunato  
tonkhe lebeyibitwa bantfu besigodzi ngekutsi  
nguMambakati. Bantfu labanyenti bebayesaba lenyoka  
ngobe beyigwinyana, igwinya wena mbuti, wena mvu.



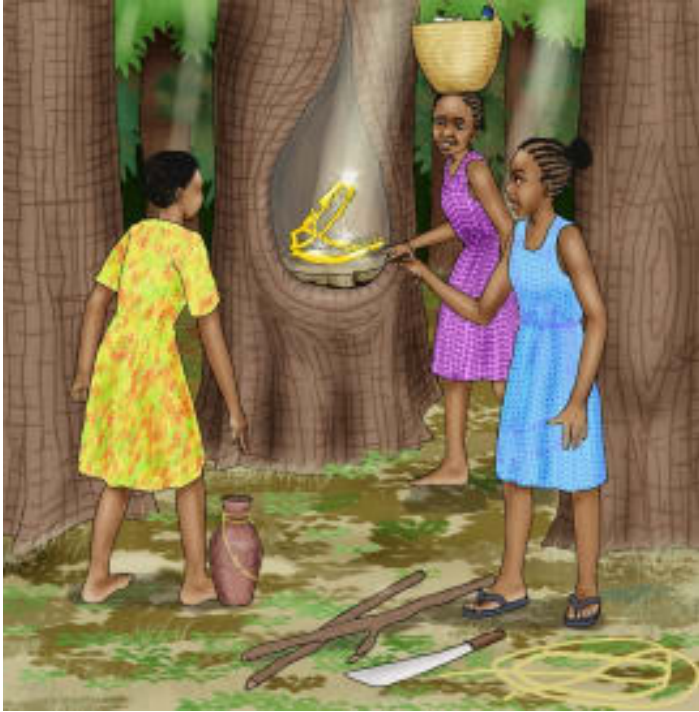
Ngalelinye lilanga boKhanyi, Khula naKhosi bahamba baya ehlatini bayewufota tinkhuni. Gogo walamantfombatana wabadvonsa ngendlebe, "Nicaphele Mambakati, inyoka lenkhulu. Ningacali nitsatse noma ngabe yini ehlatini ngaphandle kwetinkhuni." NguKhula kuphela longazange alelisise nakakhuluma gogo wakhe.



Emantfombatana aphantsa lubisi, emabhanana, bhatata nemanti. Babuye batsatsa tintsambo tekubopha tinkhuni nelizenjana lelikhaliphile lekukabha tinkhuni. Nabaya sebalibhekise ehlatini.

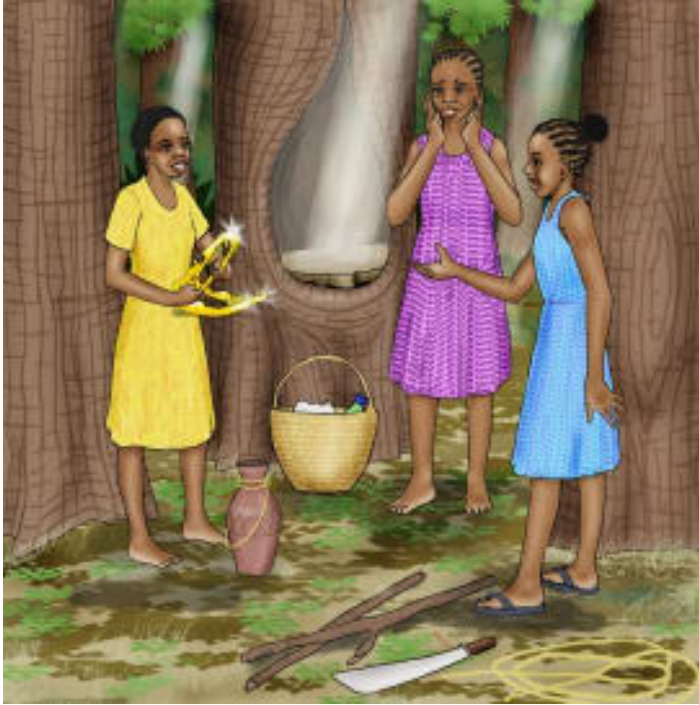


Endleleni, bebhamba baticocela babuye bahleke.  
Basaticocela, kwevakala Khanyi, lobekamdzala kunabo  
bonkhe, atsi, "Sh! Asenithule! Sesiyasondzela lapho kuhlala  
Mambakati.



Khosi uyamemeta, "Bukani, nankha ematinyo amambakati egolide. Asititsatseleni wona."

Khanyi wabakhumbuta, "Niyashesha kukhohlwa. Utseni gogo kitsi? Akakasho yini kutsi singatsatsi lutfo lapha ehlatini ngaphandle kwetinkhuni?"



Khula watsi, "Hhayi mine angikholwa ngiloko. Ngicabanga kutsi bekamane atikhulumela nje gogo, asivimbela kutsi singabi nako loko lesikufunako. Mine ngiyawafuna, ngitatitsatsela lamatinyo. Pho egolide!"

Bodzadzewabo bakhatsateka kakhulu ngaye. "Ungasho kutsi asikakukhuti," kusho lomunye wabo. Khula akazange afune kubanaka.





Ngaleso sikhatsi Mambakati wefika atewubuka ematinyo akhe. Watfukutsela kakhulu nakangawatfoli yonkhe indzawo ematinyo akhe egolide. Kusasenjalo, Mambakati weva umsindvo wemantfombatana acoca futsi ahleka. Wabhaca ngaphasi kwelidwala lelaliseceleni lapho abetawedlula khona emantfombatana.





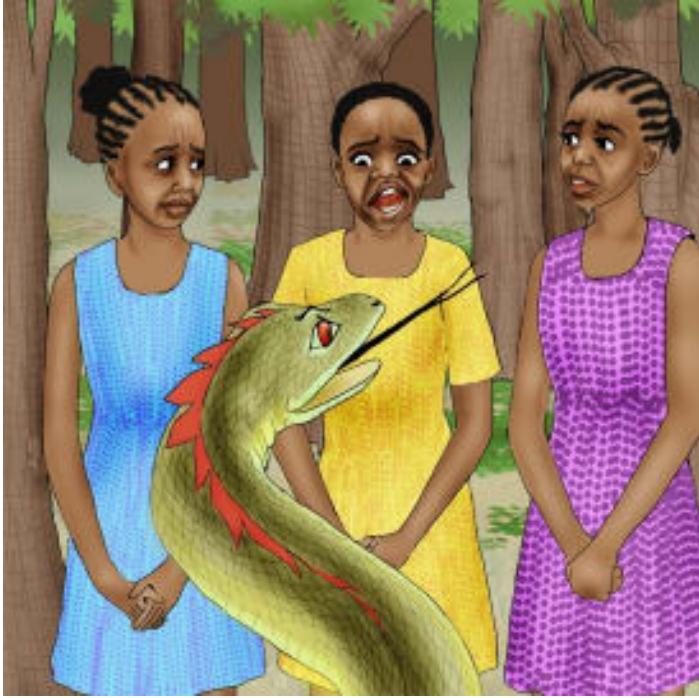
Batwala tinkhuni tabo bodzadze. Ngekuphangisa, beva  
umsindvo "Ssssss!" Baba nekwesaba base betama kubhaca.  
Nanguya Mambakati nemlomo wakhe sewuvuleke nge!  
Ulindze langamgwinya.



"Ngitjeleni kahle, ngubani lotsatse ematinyo ami egolide?"  
kubuta Mambakati ngekucansuka. Kute lowaphendvula.  
Inyoka yabona kuncono iwetfuse lamantfombatana. "Loyo  
lowatsatsile ngitamtfola masinyane. Lalelani la! Nitangiculela-  
ke, loyo lotawucula ngaphandle kwekwenta liphutsa, nguyey  
longenacala. Futsi loyo nguyey lotawuchubeka nenyandza  
yakhe yetinkhuni aye ekhaya. Kodwa loyo lotawubhimba,  
ngiyamvela!"



Kwacaca kutsi kumele acule emantfombatana. Kwacala  
Khanyi kucula.



Ekugcineni, kwacula Khula ngekwesaba. Kodwa kucula kwakhe kwaba kubi kakhulu futsi nemagama bekungasiwo. "Awukwati nje kucula kahle njengalaba labanye?" kumemeta Mambakati. Inyoka beyati kutsi nguKhula lotsatse ematinyo ayo egolide.



Mambakati akazange acitse sikhatsi wavula umlomo wakhe wagwinya Khula. Bodzadzewabo babaleka baya ekhaya bafike bacoca ngako konkhe lokwentekile.

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