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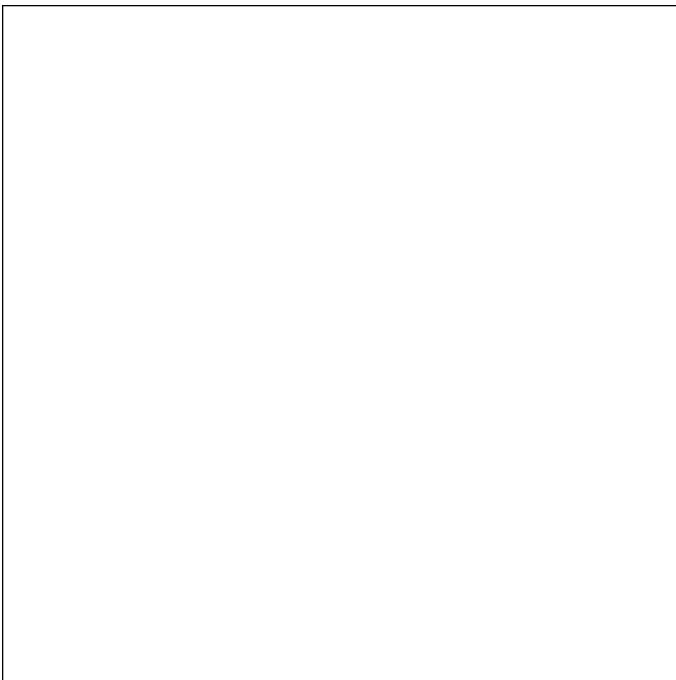
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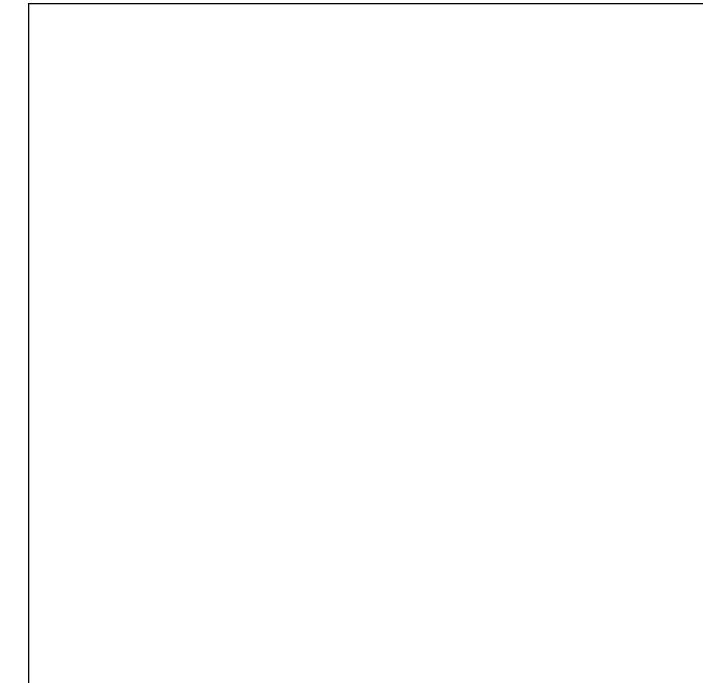
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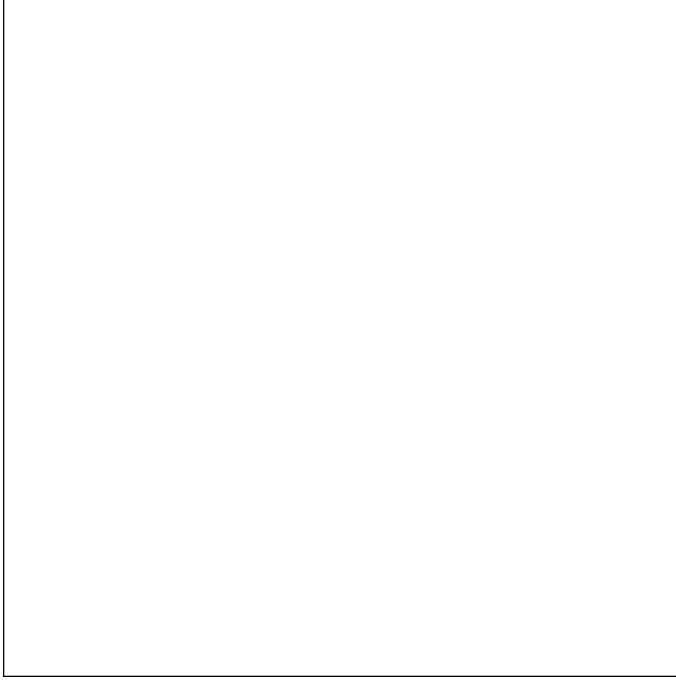
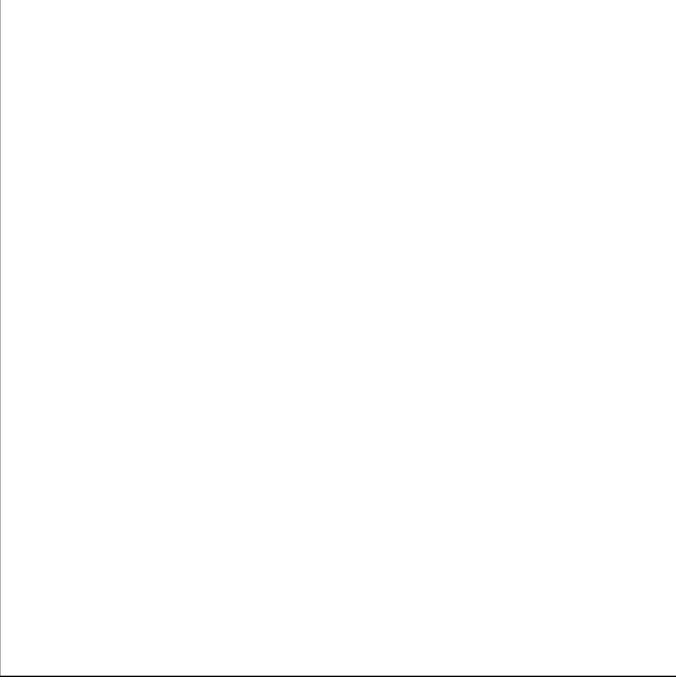
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Emandulo amantombazane
amathathu ahamba ayotheza.

Ilanga lalishisa kakhuilu base behela
emfuleni ukuyobhukuda. Badala,
betheleana ngamanzí ngesikhati
bebhukuda.

Inja yavéle yabona njé ukuthi
Nnozibele wayeyicuphile. Inja
yagijima imfuna. Kodwa abafowabo
kanozibile babeyle nezinkuu
izinduku. Inja yabaleka yaphindela
emvua, ayiphindanga yabonakala
kusukela ngalelo langa.



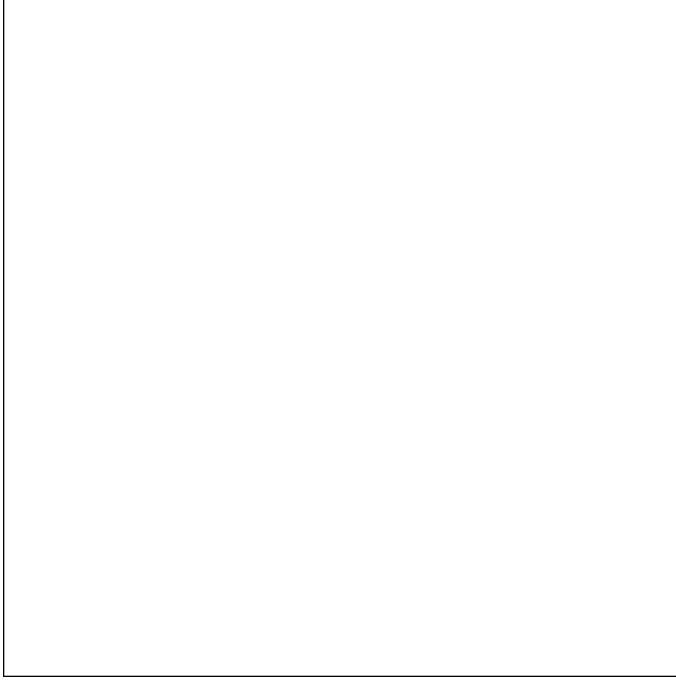
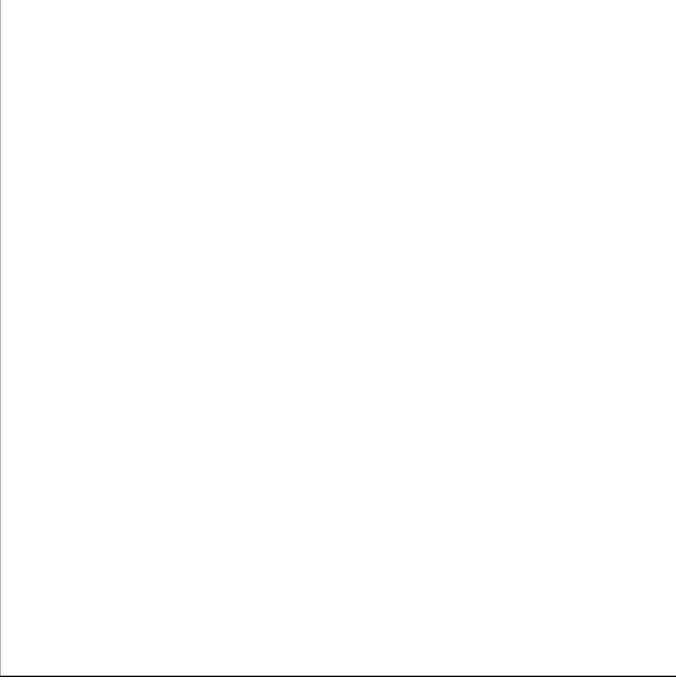
Kusenjalo babona ukuthi isikhathi sase sihambile. Baphuthuma bephindela emakhaya.

Yathi inja ibuya, yafuna uNozibe. "Nozibe, ukuphi?" imemeza. "Ngilapha ngaphansi kombhede," kusho unwele lokuqala. "Ngilapha, emva kwesivalo," kusho unwele Iwesibili. "Ngilapha, esibayeni," kusho unwele Iwesithathu.

ekhayā nōgōkushēsha.

esibayēni. Wāsē wābaleka wāya
emvā kweśivalo, wābeka olunye
komphēde, wābeka olunye unwēle
unwēle olulodwa nōgaphanisi
ezintathu ekhananda lākhe. Wābeka
nōzibēle wātthātha izinwēle,
ISikhāshana nījē inja isihambille,

Bāthi sebēsondele emakhayā,
nōzibēle wāzithinīta emdāleni
wātholā ukuthi umgēxo wākhe
wāwungēkho. Wāyewukhōhlīwē!
“Ngicela nīngiphēlēzēle bāndīa!”
ebancenaga. Kōdwa abangane bākhe
bāthi sekuhlwile.

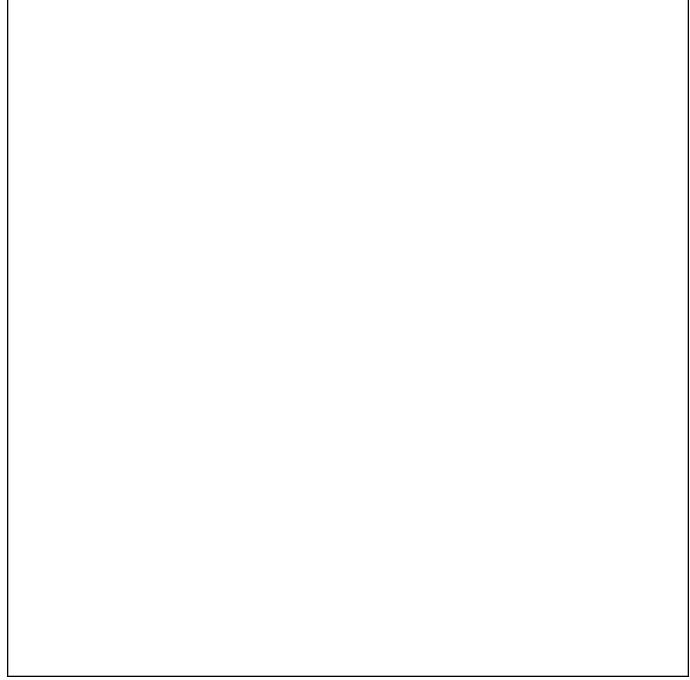
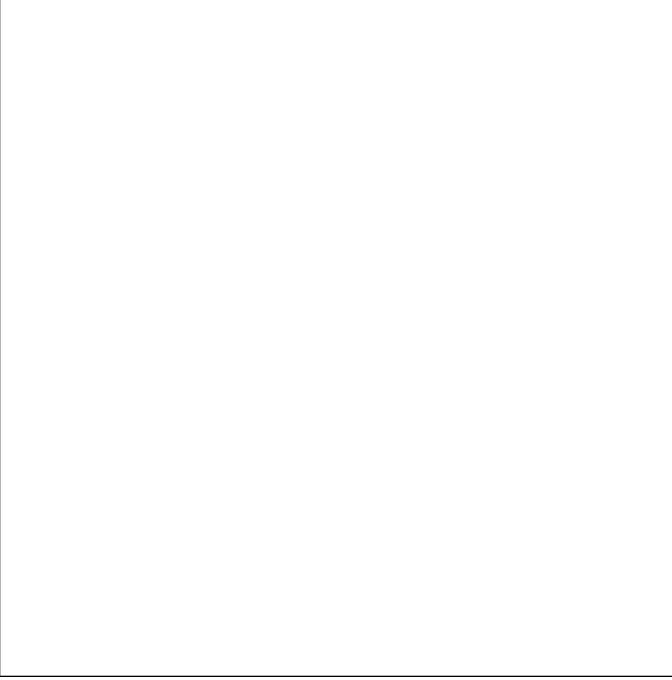


UNozibele waphindela yedwa emfuleni. Wawuthola umgexo wakhe waphuthuma ephindela ekhaya. Kodwa endleleni waduka ebumnyameni.

Zonke izinsuku wayepheka, ashanele, futhi ayiwashele inj. Ngelinye ilanga inj yathi, "Nozibele, namhlanje ngizovakashela abangane bami. Shanelia la endlini, upheke bese uwashe izingubo zami ngaphambi kokuba ngibuye."

Ijja yathi, "Ngindalale umbhede!"
Nozibele wathi, "Angikaze
ngendalale injaj." "Ndala ngale
kwaloko ngizokulumai!", kusho injaj.
Nozibele wavyakhuona, wafika wangqongqozza
emnyango.

Budamma wabona ukukhanya
okwakudhamuka endlini. Washesha
wayakhuona, wafika wangqongqozza
emnyango.



Wamangala kakhulu ukuthi kwavula injá, yathi “Ufunani la?” “Ngidukile ngicela indawo yokulala,” kusho uNozibe. “Ngena ngaphakathi, ngale kwalokho ngizokuluma!”, kusho injá.
UNozibe wangena ngaphakathi.

Inja yathi, “Ngiphekele!” “Kodwa angikaze ngiyiphekele injá,” kuphendula uNozibe. “Phela ngale kwaloko ngizokuluma!” kusho injá.
UNozibe wayiphekela injá.