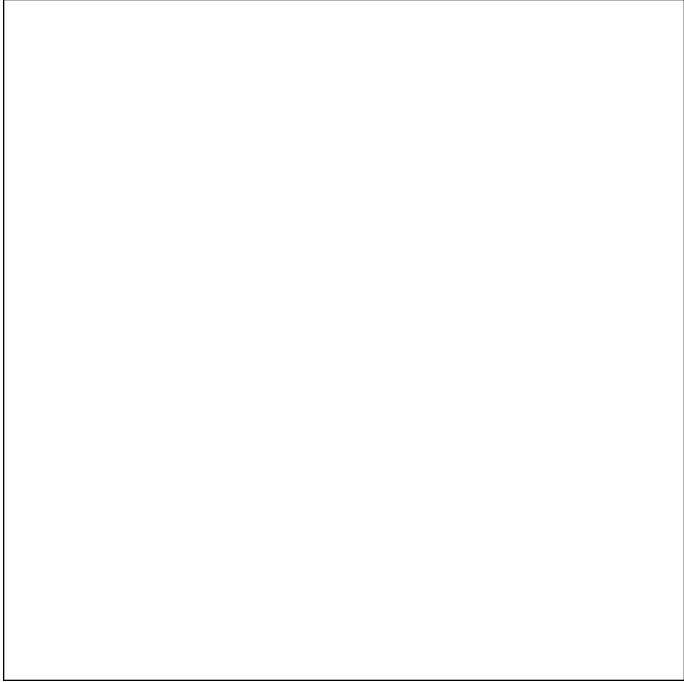


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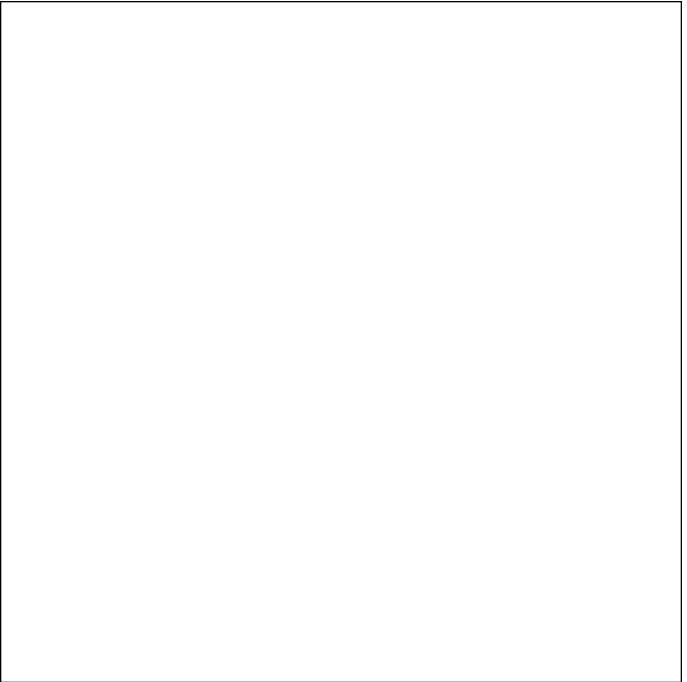
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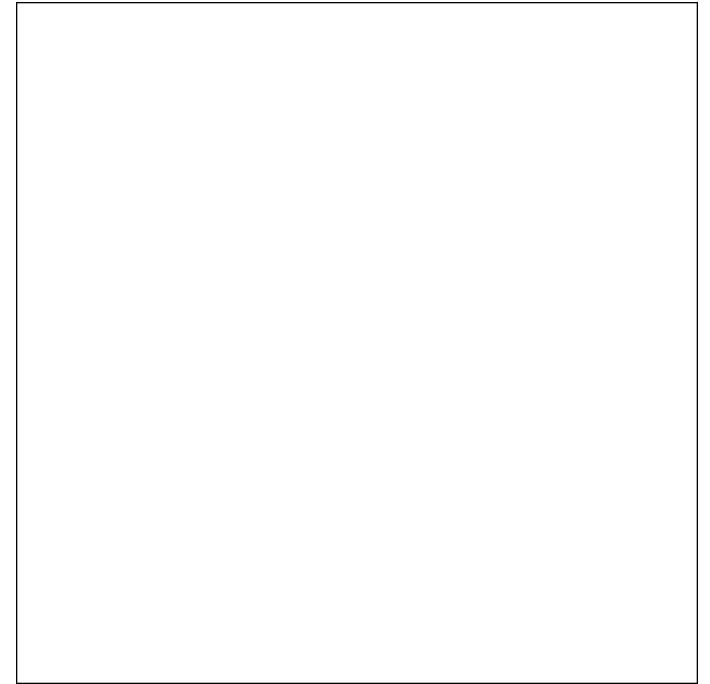
UNkukhu noShongololo
babengabangani. Kodwa babehlala
bencintisana. Ngelinye ilanga
banquma ukudlala ibhola lezinyawo
befuna ukubona ukuthi ubani
owayengumpetha.

Baya enkundleni yebhola lezinyawo
basebeqala umdlalo wabo.
UNKukhu wayeshesha, kodwa
ushongololo wayeshesha kakhulu.
UNKukhu wayelikhahlela liye kude,
kodwa elikashongololo laliya kude
kakhulu, UNKukhu waqala manje
ukukhononda.

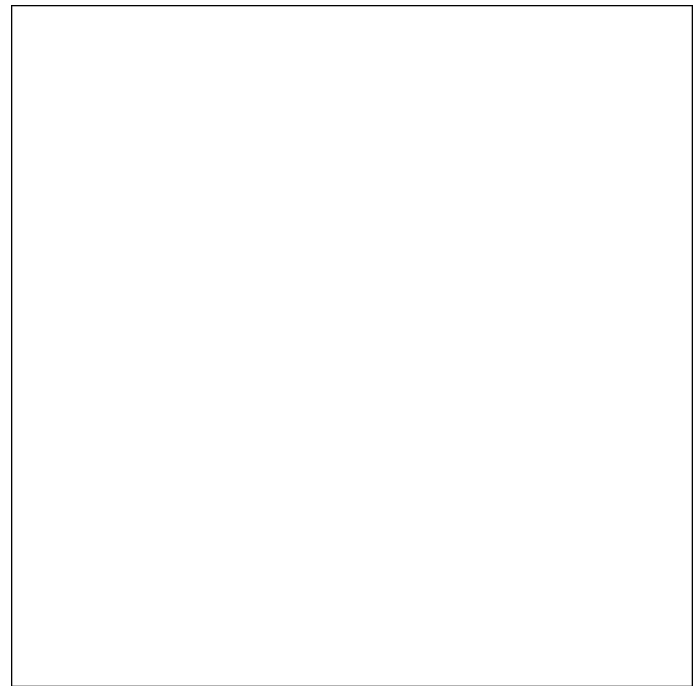




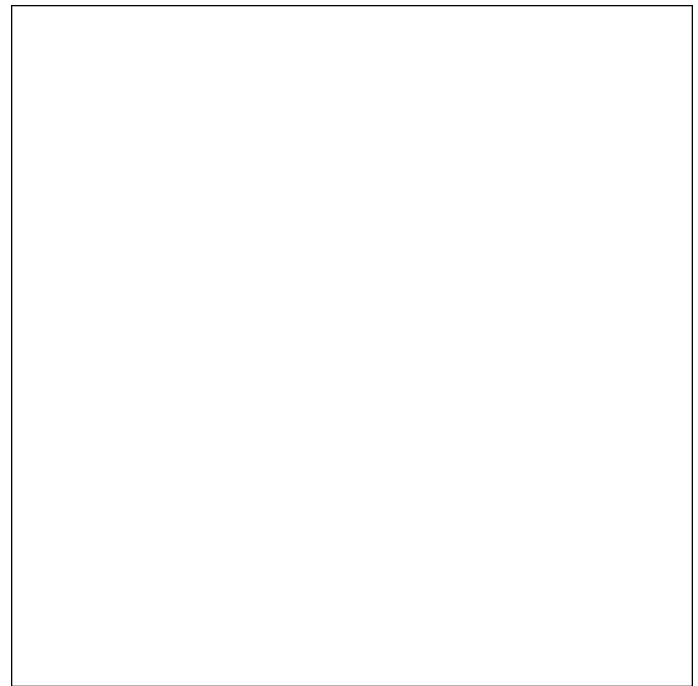
Banquma ukuba bakhahlele amaphenathi. Kwaqala uShongololo ukuba avimbe emagoli. UNkukhu wafaka igoli elilodwa kuphela. Emva kwalokho kwasekuba ithuba likaNkukhu ukuvika ukungena kwegoli.



Kusukela ngalelo langa, izinkukhu namashongololo baba yizitha.



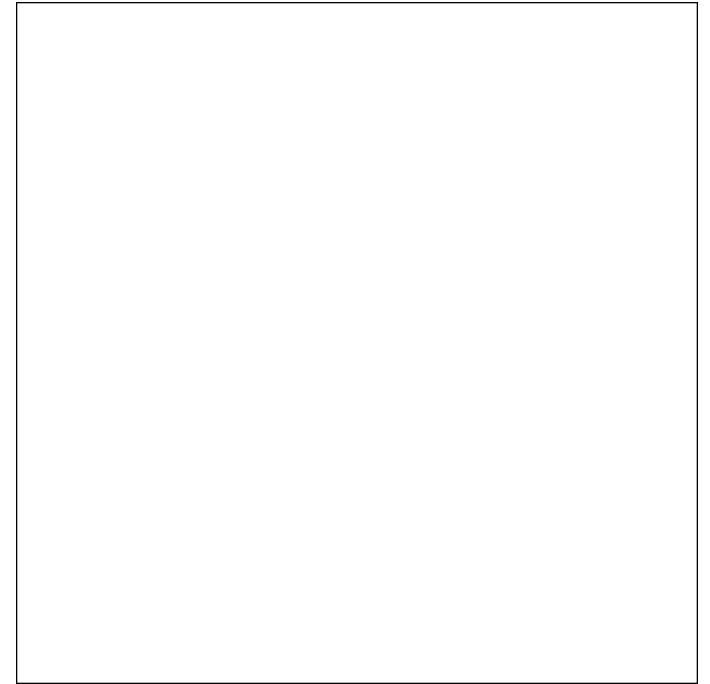
Ushongololo wakhahlela ibhola
 langena ezintini. Ushongololo
 waphceza ejika nebhola langena.
 Ushongololo walishaya ngekhande
 ibhola langena ezintini.
 Ushongololo washaya amagoli
 amahlanu.



UNKukhu wakhwehlela laze
 laphuma laqhasha ishongololo
 elalisesiswini sakhe. UMama
 Shongololo nengane yakhe
 banwabuzela bakhuphuka
 ngesihlahla bayocasha.

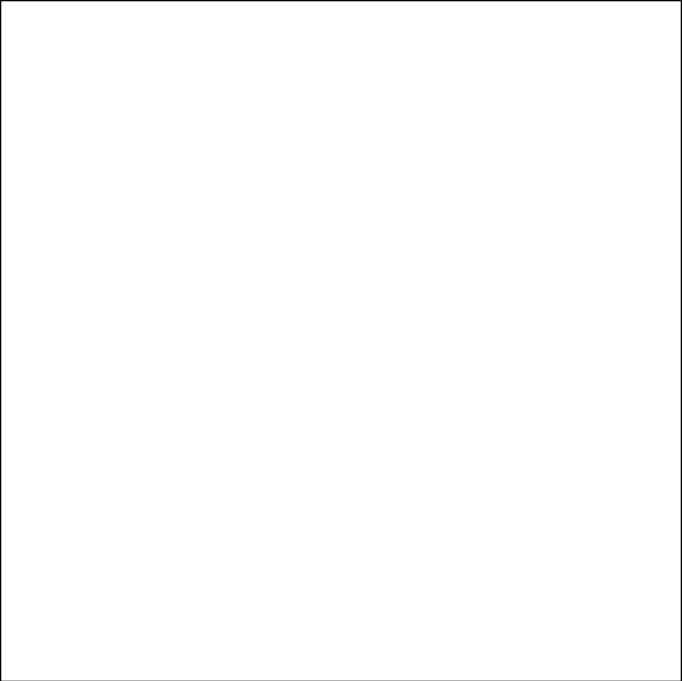


UNkukhu kwamthukuthelisa ukuthi uhluliwe. Wayengakubekezeleli ukuhlulwa. UShongololo wavele wamhleka ngoba umngane wakhe wayesexakanisekile.

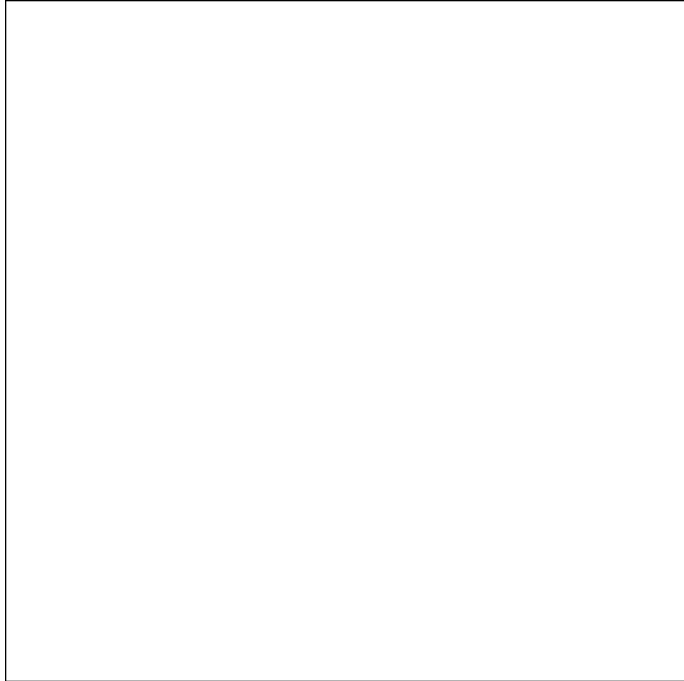


UNkukhu wagonyuluka. Wabuye wagwinya wakhafula. Wathimula, wakhwehlela kangingi. Ishongololo lalinyanyeka!

UNkukhu wayesethukuthele
kakhulu waze waligwinya
ishongololo.

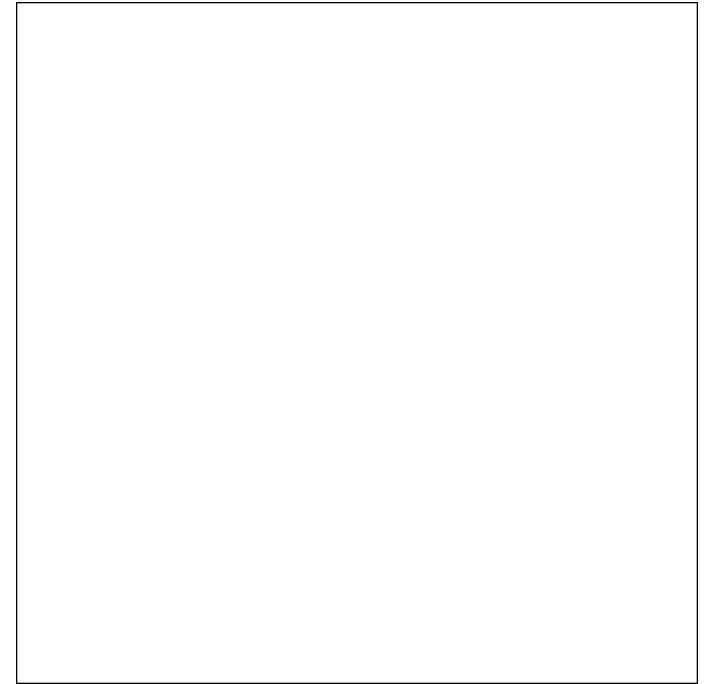


UMama Shongololo wamemeza,
"Sebenzisa amandla akho
akhethekile mtanamii!"
Amashongololo akwazi ukukhipha
iphunga elibi azenze anambitheke
kabi. UNkukhu wazizwa efikelelwa
ukucanuzela kwenhliziyo.





Kuthe uNkukhu eseya ekhaya, nwahlangana noMama Shongololo. UMama Shongololo wabuza, “Uke wayibona ingane yami?” UNkukhu akaphendulanga. UMama Shongololo wakhathazeka.



UMama Shongololo wezwa izwi elincane. “Ngelekelele Mama!” kukhala izwi. UMama Shongololo waqalaza walalelisisa, izwi laliqhamuka ngaphakathi enkukhwini.