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Ngolunye uLwesihlanu olukhethekile, ubaba ka Yusuf uyagqoka ngaphambi kokuba kube nokukhanya okukhanyisa isibhakabhaka. Ugqoka ibhantshi lakhe lokumvikela ezimeni ezahlukene zezulu kanye nekepisi lewuli elimboza izindlebe zakhe. Uvalelisa umfana wakhe. Amehlo ka Yusuf ayakhanya ngesikhathi uBaba ethi, “Lolu usuku lapho ngizobamba khona inhlanzi bese futhi ngiza nesipho sakho ekhaya.”



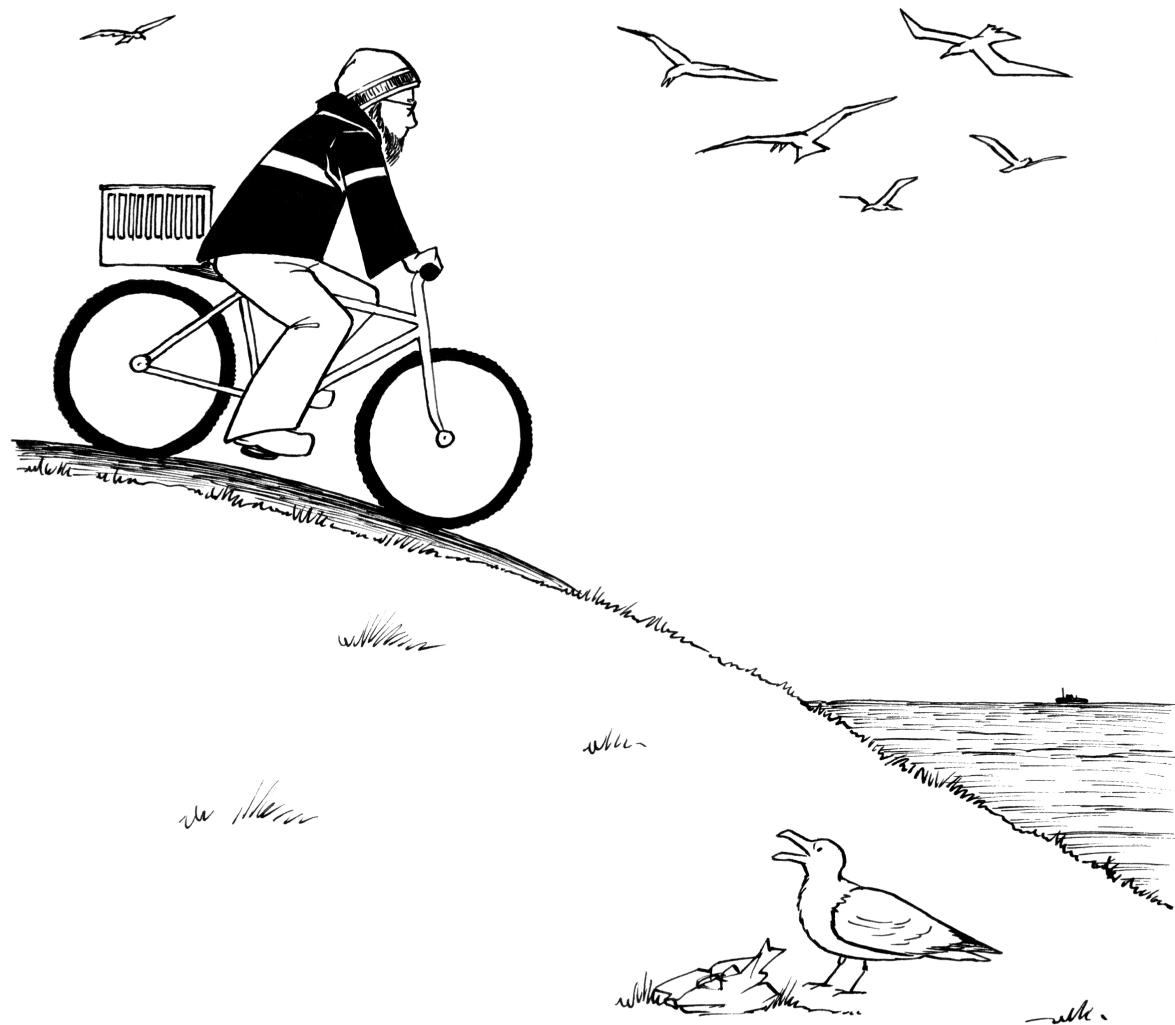




Inhlanzi kanye nesipho? O, kazi kuzoba
yini? UBaba wehla ngebhayisikili eqonde
eMuizenberg Beach. Nsege-nsege, kukhala
amasondo, eshosholoza ebheke e-Surfer's
Corner.

Izinyoni zasolwandle zizungeza
esibhakabhakeni. “Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i?”
kukhala zona. “Uzomphathelani uYusuf?”

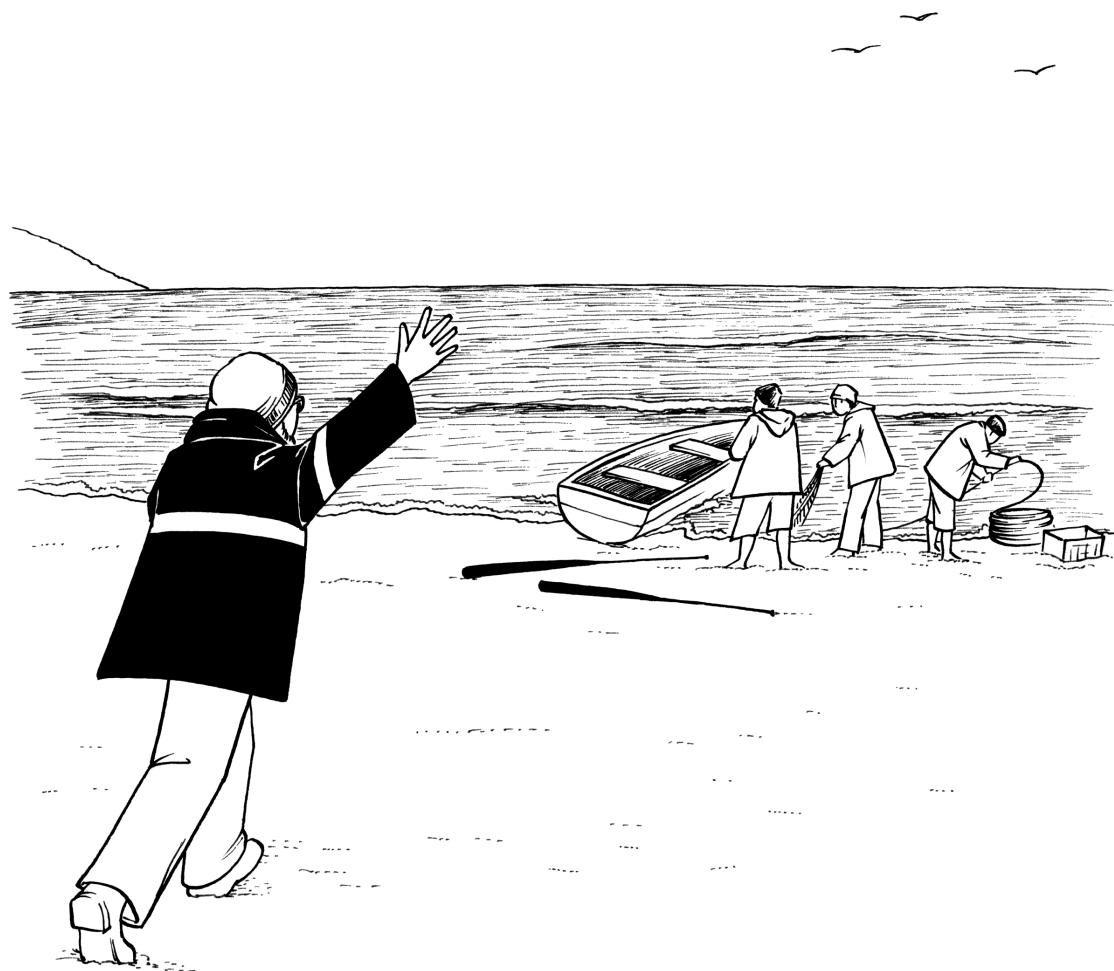
UBaba ushaya insimbi yakhe. “Lindani ukuze
nibone ukuthi kuzoba yini!”

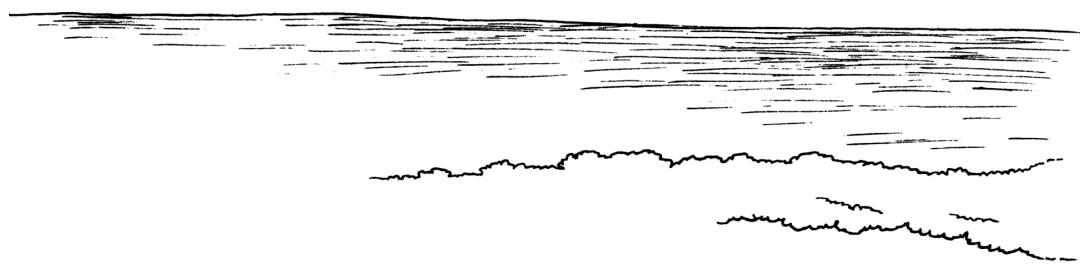




Abadobi babheka ukuphuma kwelanga. Bahlola amanethi abo. Babheka namaphini okugwedla abo. Balalela umoya. Badonsa izikebhe zabo bazifake emanzini. Umkhulu kaYusuf, uMkhulu uSalie, wayengumdobi odoba ngamanethi. Ngaphambi kwakhe, uBaba kaMkhulu wakhe uRidwaan, naye wayelwazi ulwandle.



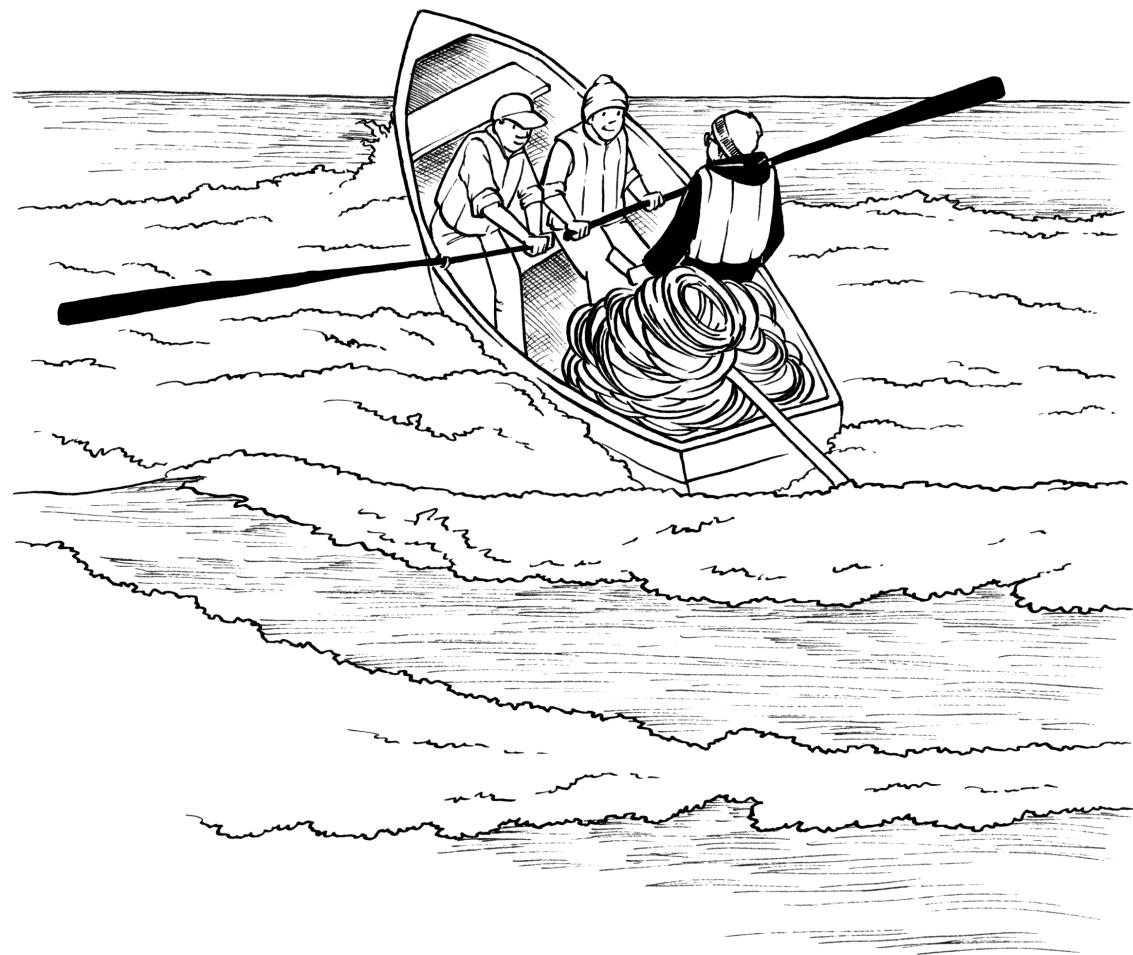




Isikebhe singena emagagasini. Izingalo zikaBaba
zelulekela emaphinini okugwedla. Umlenze
wakhe ugaxele ngasohlangothini lwesikebhe.
Intambo yakhe iyadonseka, izinyama zakhe
zasemhlane ziyanyakaza.

UBaba uyacula ngesikhathi esebenza, “Yehlisa
bes’ uyaluzisa. Thol’ inhlanzi. Donsa-ke bes’
uyibamba. Ungab’ usayeka.”







Usuku lonke uYusuf ubheka esibhakabhakeni.
Siyakhanya, asinamafu futhi akukho moyo.
Inhlanzi kanye nesipho! Kazi uBaba uzobe
ephetheni lapho ebuya olwandle? Uke aphathe
igobolondo elihle. Ngesinye isikhathi kuba
yibhodlela eliluhlaza okotshani elihlanzwe
amagagasi.



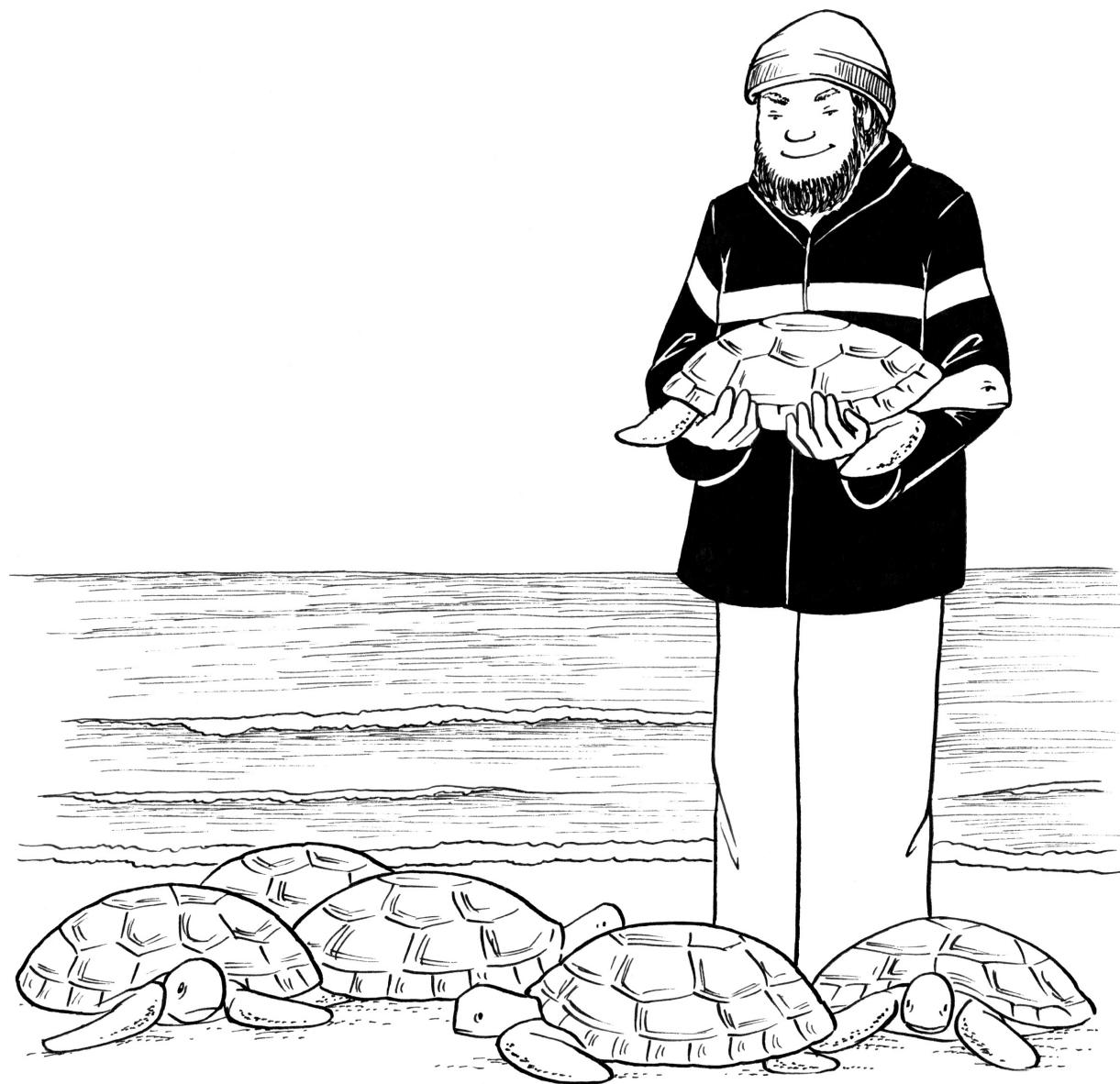


Ngezinye izinsuku ubaba ka Yusuf uza nendaba. Njengalapho bathola khona izimfudu zasolwandle esihlabathini, amakhulu azo ekhafulwe ulwandle ngenxa yesiphepho.

“Ini-i-i? Ini--i? Ini-i-i?” kukhala izinyoni zasolwandle. “Nizokwenzani ukuze nisize izimfudu?”

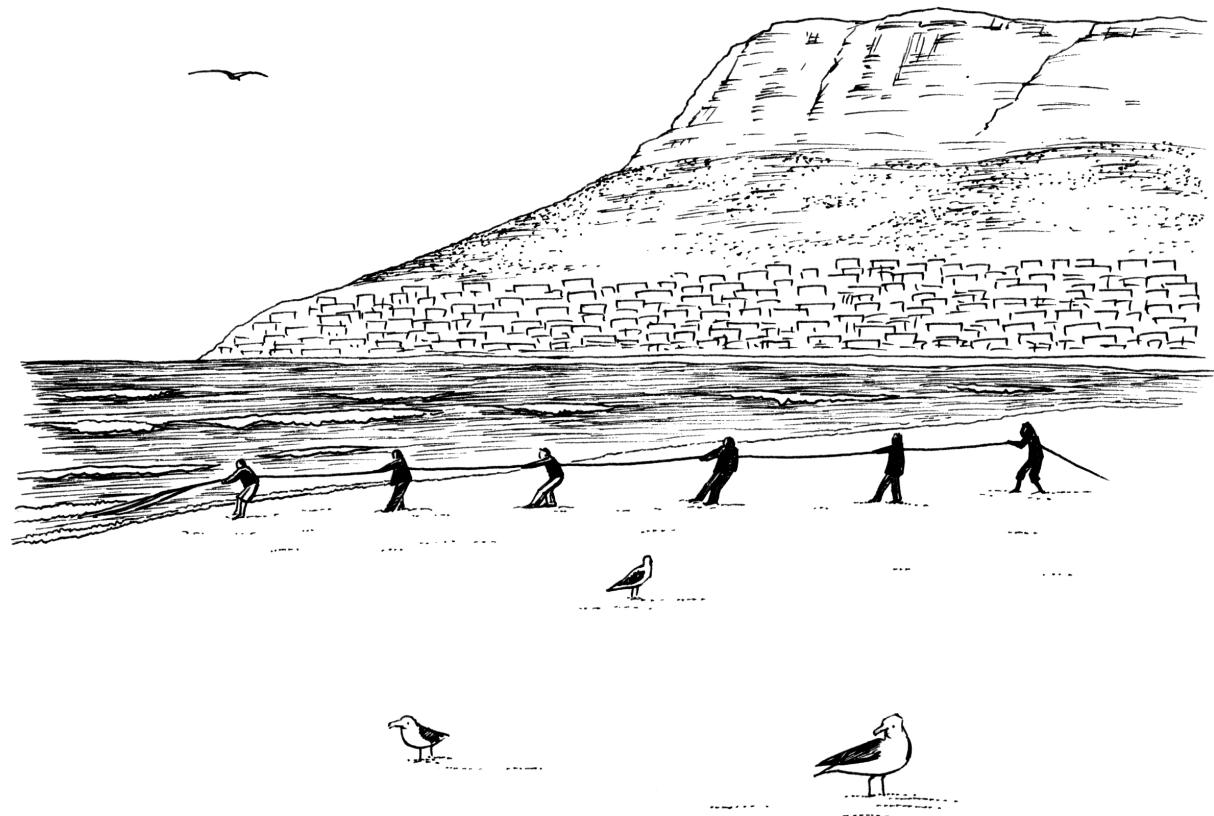
UBaba wathi, “Sazihlenga lezo zimfudu, ngizokutshela nje ngingakufihleli. Sazibuyisela olwandle, ngisho nolokugcina imbala.”







UBaba uhlale eza nengoma. Ucula ingoma
lapho edonsa amaphini. Ucula ingoma
ngesikhathi edonsa amanethi. Ucula ingoma
lapho egoqa izintambo. Ucula ingoma
ngesikhathi eseya ekhaya ngebhayisikili.
“Yehlisa bes’ uyaluzisa. Thol’ inhlanzi. Donsa-ke
bes’ uyibamba. Ungab’ usayeka.”





UGogo uSafiya ufuna inhlanzi, ‘umsilophuzi’, emnandi ekhuluphele esidlweni sakhe sakusihlwa. UMama ufuna ingubo entsha.

“Ungazikhohlisi,” kusho uGogo. “Uzobe unenhlanhla uma engabamba nenkalankalana yodwa le. Akusaphathwake njengoba kungoLwesihlanu lokudoba izinhlanzi nje, okuthiwa ‘olwemisila yezinhlanzi’. Akusenazinhlanzi eziningi ezingatholakala olwandle.”

UYusuf ubamba isandla sikaGogo. Banqamula umgwaqo ezindlwaneni zababhukudayo. “Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i?” kukhala izinyoni zasolwandle zihlezi phezu kophahla olunombala ogqamile. “Sizoba yini isidlo sakusihlwa?”





Ngonyaka odlule abadobi balwa nabantweza
ngamabhodi emanzini.

“Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i?” kukhala izinyoni
zasolwandle.

“Ulwandle lubanzi, lwanele wonke umuntu,”
kusho uBaba kaYusuf. Wabakhombisa imvume
yokudoba okwakungekaMkhulu uSalie.
“Amagagasi ngawabo bonke abantu. Amanzi
amahhala.”







UGogo uSafiya ubuka ngezibukakude zakhe,
iminwe yakhe igobile, akasakwazi nokulinda.
Kukhala insimbi exwayisa ngoshaka.
Abebebukuda babalekela esihlabathini
bathathe amathawula abo. Abebentweza
ngamabhodi babalekela osebeni begodle
amabhodi abo. Bageza emashaweni bese
bekhumula izingubo zabo zokuhlamba
ezimanzi.

“Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i?” kukhala izinyoni
zasolwandle. “Ngabe uBaba kaYusuf uzoya nani
ekhaya oluphuma olwandle?”







Ubaba kaYusuf nomalume wakhe kanye
nabazala bakhe bayabamba bese bedonsa.
Kukhona ushaka omncane obambekile.
Uyaphenduphenduka bese uzishayisa
emagagasini. Ubaba kaYusuf uthukulula
amanethi, eculela ushaka, “Yehlisa bes’
uyaluzisa. Thol’ inhlanzi. Donsa-ke bes’
ubamba. Ungab’ usayeka.”

Ekugcineni lapho ushaka usukhululekile
utshuza ubuyele emagagasini, ushiya
umsilophuzi owodwa okhuluphele enethini.
Akeve ezojabula uGogo Safiya!





Amadoda akhipha isikebhe emanzini bese esonga amakhebuli. Bese kuba khona okusanxantathu okuqinile okumhlophe okubambeka emunweni kaBaba.

“Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i? Ini-i-i?” kukhala izinyoni zasolwandle. “Umphatheleni uYusuf?”

Lapho kushona ilanga, uBaba uphendula izinyoni zasolwandle, “Izinyo likashaka eliletha inhlanhla lomfana wami.”

Ekhaya uYusuf uphakamisa isipho sakhe asibhekise ezinkanyezini.









