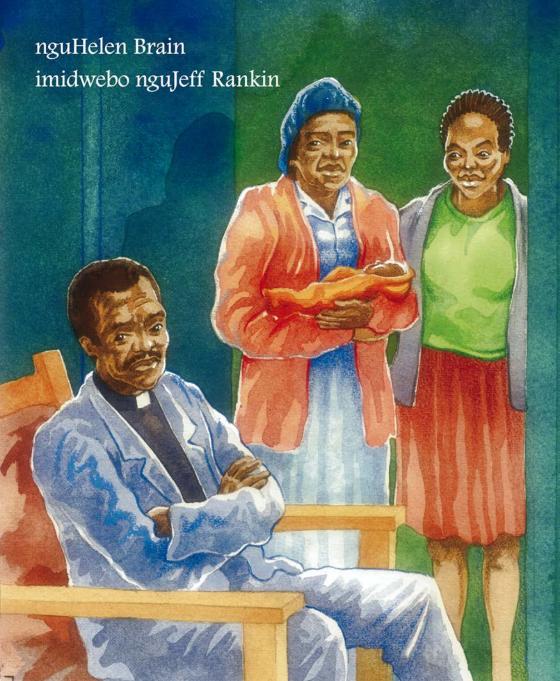
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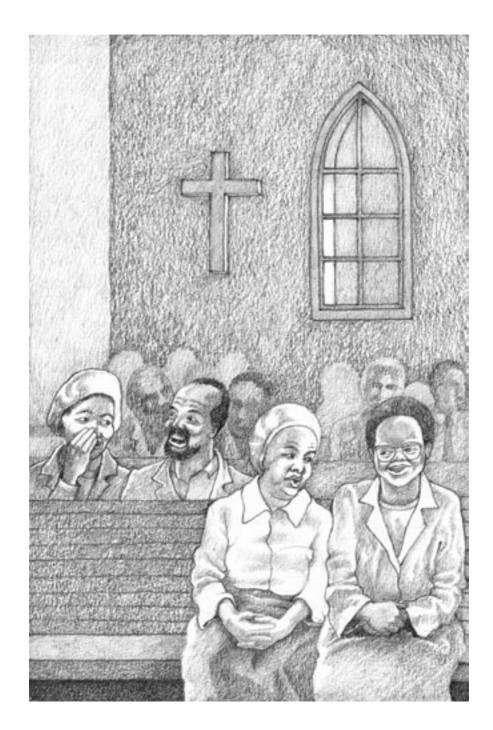
Ngenyanga ka-May, indodakazi yami yafika kumina. "Mama," kusho yona, "sengizoba nomntwana."



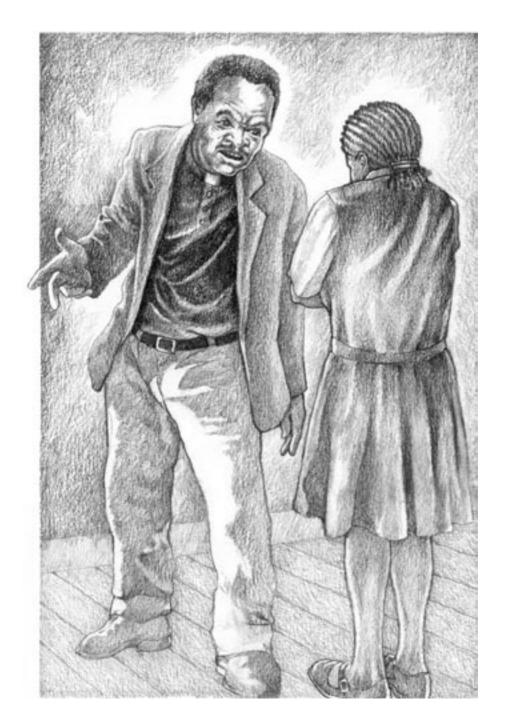
"Uneminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa kuphela," ngisho ngimuthethisa. "Yini ube isilima kanje?"



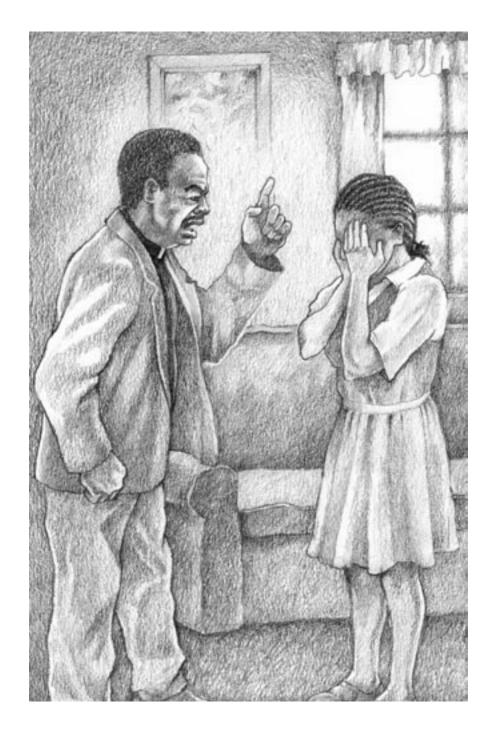
"Bazothini nje abantu ebandleni? Ubaba wakho yena nje uzothini?"



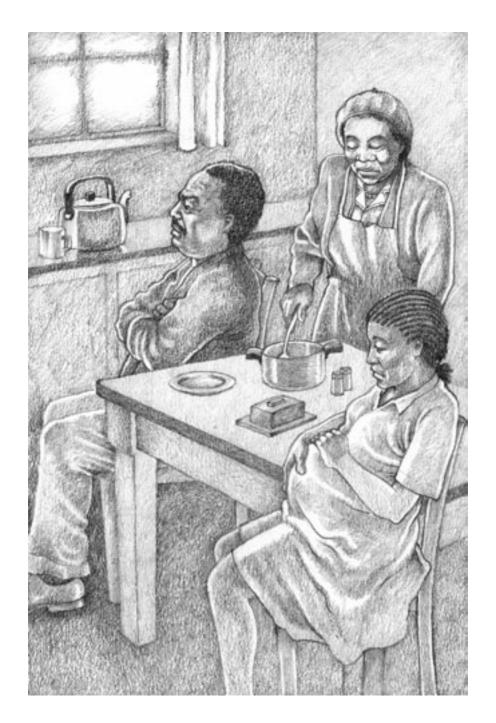
Ubaba wakhe wathukuthela kakhulu. "Ngiyajabula nje ukuthi umama wami othandekayo akasekho ukubona lento," esho emthethisa. "Ubezo phoxeka kabi."



"Wena uyingane yomfundisi. Ubungafanele ukuvumela lento yenzeke."



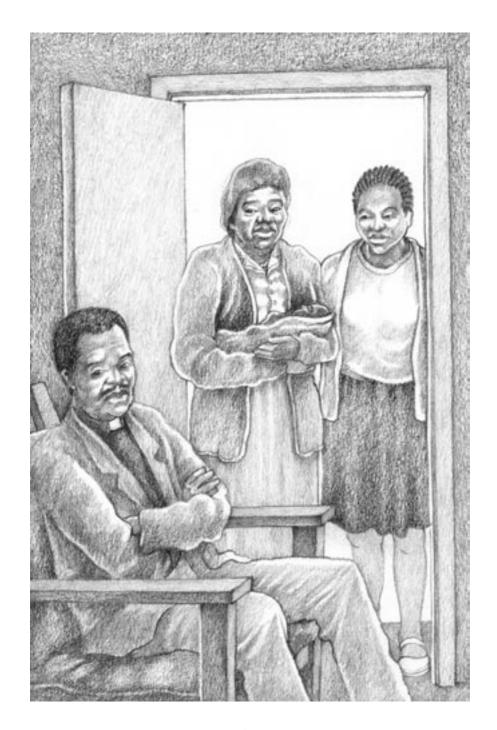
Akamkhulumisanga izinyanga eziyisi-khombisa. "Angifuni lutho oluhlangene naye," esho kumina. "Ufake lomndeni wethu ehlazweni."



Ngesonto elidlule izinhlungu zaqala endodakazini yami. Ngamthatha ngamusa esibhedlela.



Ngo-Msombuluko ngaya komlanda. Sabuyela ekhaya nomntwana. Ubaba wakhe wayesathukuthele ngokunjalo.



Kodwa noma kunjalo ngamtshengisa umntwana.



Wambuka umzukulu wakhe. Naye wavula amehlo akhe wambuka.



"Maria," esho kumina. Amehlo akhe ayegcwele izinyembezi. "Maria, lomntwana ufana nomama wami othandekayo ongasekho."

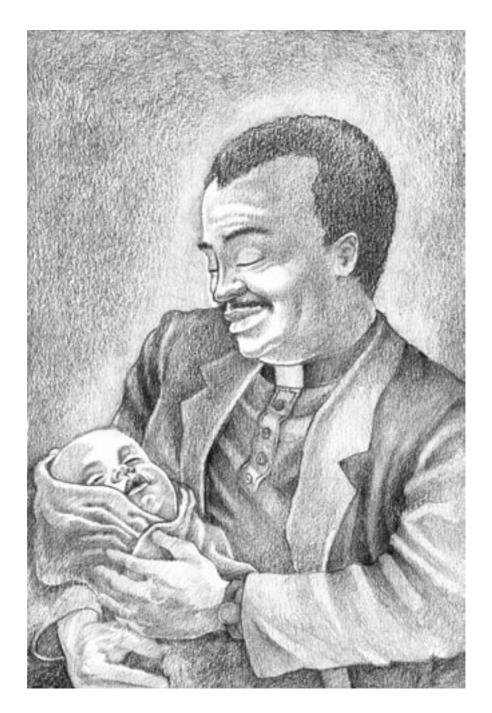


Wamqabula umntwana. Wabe eseqabula nendodakazi yethu.



"Makabongwe uNkulunkulu," kusho yena. "Sengingumkhulu."

Iyaphela



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