

An artistic illustration of two birds in a forest at night. In the foreground, a small brown and white bird with a white stripe above its eye is perched on a branch, looking towards the left. In the background, a larger owl with large yellow eyes is perched on a branch, looking towards the right. The scene is filled with green leaves, some with yellow and orange autumnal tints, and numerous small, glowing yellow and orange lights that create a magical, ethereal atmosphere. The title text is overlaid on the left side of the illustration.

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Kwakhe kwabakhona inyoni encani ebizwa
ngonondlwana.
Unondlwana lo kwabe kuyinyoni encani yehloko
ezotho ehlala ehlathini eliloyiweko.



Ngamalanga ekuseni, unondlwana wabe avuka
akhambe nomhlambi wabanye abonondlwana
abafana naye bayokufuna ukudla.



Umhlambi lo wabe ukhamba uyokufuna iintanga, iintjalo neenunwana zokudla. Kwakungananto ekhethekileko. Kungafani nevuba elabe liphaphela phasi ngomlomo walo omude lidobhe ifesi ngesikhwama salo somphimbo esikhulu lizokwazi ukuzalisa amathumbu walo amakhulu.

Umlomo kanondlwana wabe umncani, begodu nokudla kwakhe kukuncazana.

Kwakungekho owabe azitshwenya ngokukhanuka isakhiwo sakhe.



Ingonyanakhe yabe ithambile begodu izwakalela phasi. Kwakungananto ekhethekileko. Ingafani nenghanghani elalithusa neenlwana ezikulu.

Iphimbo lakanondlwana lalingu tswi-tswi omncancani khulu.

Kwakungekho owabe azitshwenya ngokulalela ingoma yakhe.





Umhlambi lo wabe uziphaphela kamnandi lokha
nawuzakubona ikhozi!
Ikhozi labagijimisa, nabonondlwana babaleka bayokubhaca.
Unondlwana wabhaca ngaphakathi komuthi, ikhozi lalinga
ukumlalamela.

Ngetjhu, ikhozi labe lilikhulu lingakghoni ukungena ngemthini,
ngalokho lalisa.

Unondlwana wahlala lapho aqhaqhazela. Inyoni enebelo
elingaka, wacabanga.
Ngifisa kwangathi ngingaba namandla njengalo. Kunalokho,
ngiyinyonyana ebuthakathaka, begodu ikhozi lingangenza ukudla
kwalo!

Ngemva kwesikhathi, boke abonondlwana sele
baphephile, baphapha ndawonye baye ekhaya.



Unondlwana bekasathukiwe, waphumela ngaphandle afuna ukubetjhwa mumoya.
Wabe asilingekile acabanga ngendlela kungasimnandi ngakho ukuba ngunondlwana omncani.
Wabe atjharagene begodu angakatjheji lapha aya khona.
Kusesenjalo, watjhayisa into ethambileko nenoboya.
"Bababe, khuyini lokhu kwanje?" wakhuya.



Uthe nakaqala phezulu wangakholwa amehlwakhe.
Kwakusidalwa esirarako angakhange khekasibone!

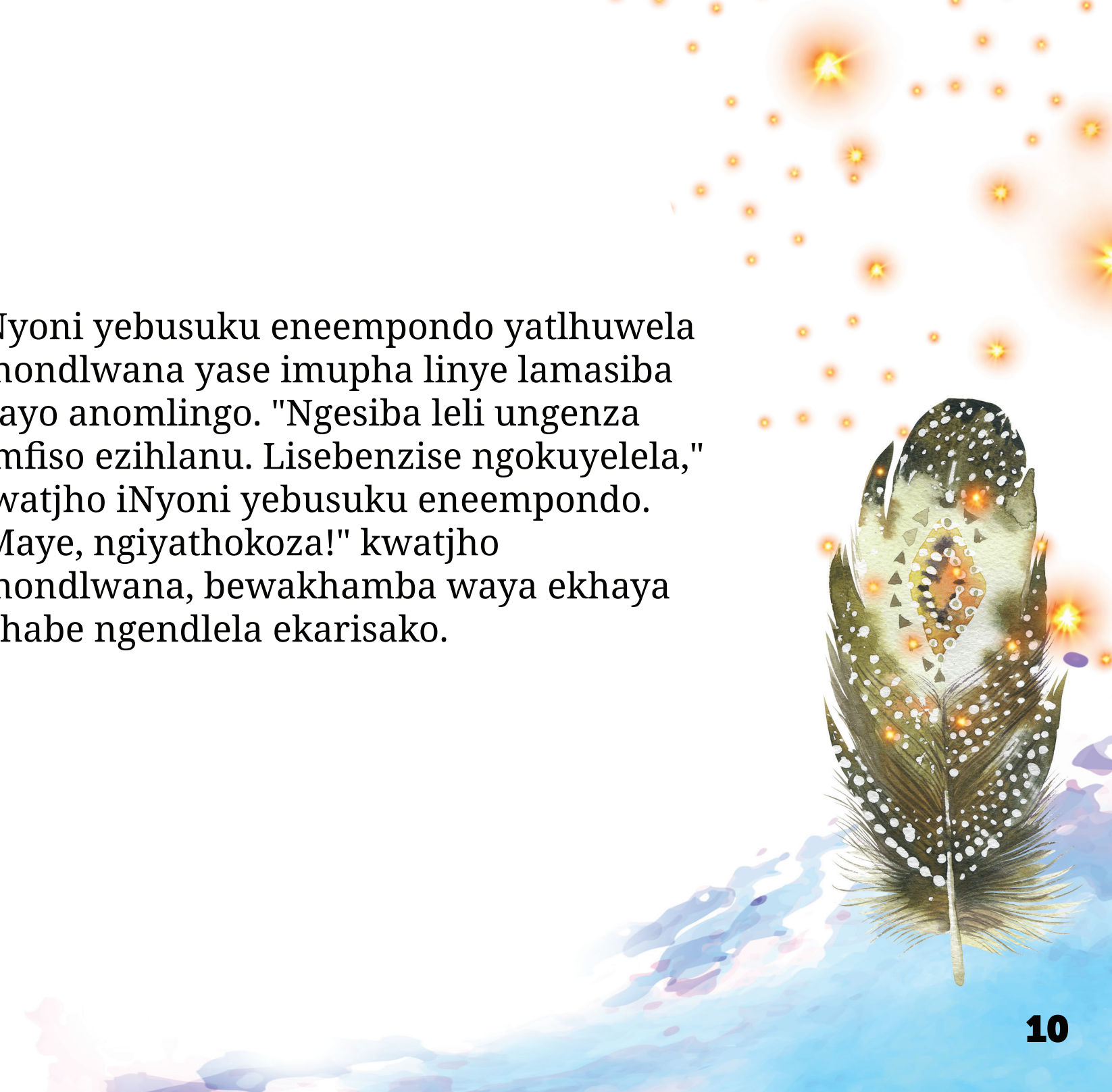
Kwabe kuyiNyoni yebusuku eneempondo, inyoni yeensiba ezifeza iimfiso.





“Nyoni yebusuku eneempondo, ngiyarabhela, ngibawa ungiphe isiba lakho linye,” kwarabhela unondlwana.
"Kubayini ufuna isiba lami?" kwabuza iNyoni yebusuku eneempondo.
Unondlwana watjela iNyoni yebusuku eneempondo ngendlela apheze wadliwa likhozi ngayo.
Wahlathulula ubuhlungu bokuba ngunondlwana onganalitho elikhethekileko.

INyoni yebusuku eneempondo yatluwela unondlwana yase imupha linye lamasiba wayo anomlingo. "Ngesiba leli ungenza iimfiso ezihlanu. Lisebenzise ngokuyelela," kwatjho iNyoni yebusuku eneempondo.
"Maye, ngiyathokoza!" kwatjho unondlwana, bewakhamba waya ekhaya athabe ngendlela ekarisako.





Nakafika ekhaya, wacabanga
bonyana angafisa ini
yokuthoma.

Iinsiba ezihle
ezibukhobe
njengezeflamingo,
kwaqunta unondlwana.

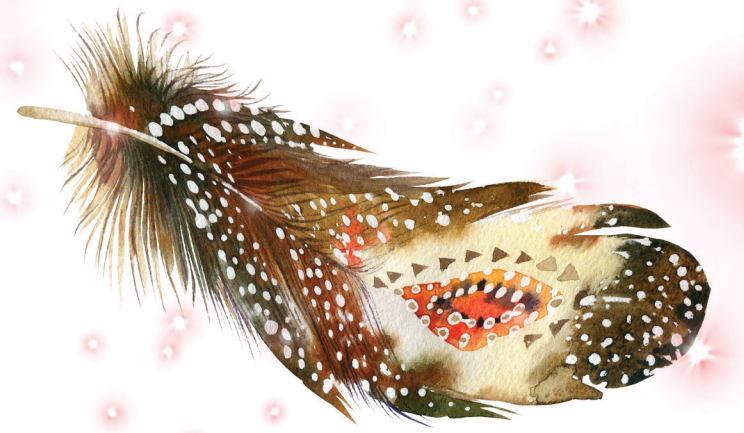
"Ngehliziyo yami yoke, ngifisa ukuba
bukhobe njengekholwasi," watjho.

Ngokomlingo, unondlwana waba mbala obukhobe!
Wabe awuthabele umbala wakhe lo, sele arhabele
ukukhombisa umhlambi wakhe.

Ekuseni, unondlwana wapharuma
pharuma aveza iinsiba zakhe.
Abonondlwana abanye barareka.

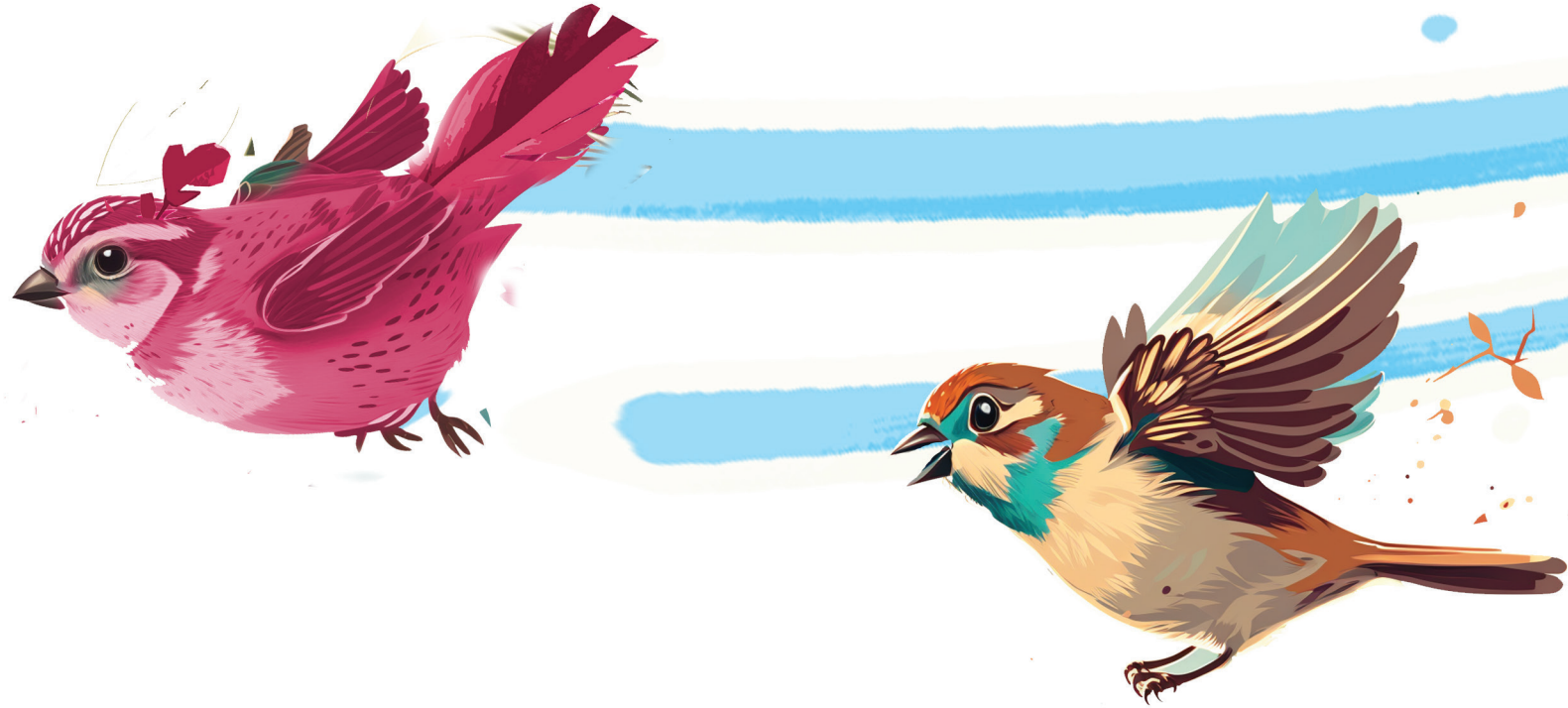
Nanyana bebangafuni, umhlambi
lo wakhamba nonondlwana
ukuyokufuna ukudla.

Unondlwana wazizwa kamnandi
khulu iinyoni ezinye nazimqalako.





Iinyoni zathi nazisafuna ukudla, kwavela ikhozi godu.
Abonondlwana barhatjheka bafuna iindawo eziseduze
zokubhaca.



Umbala obukhobe kanondlwana wabe utjhejeka,
ikhozi labona lapha babhace khona.
Lehla ngebelo lingophe phasi kodwana lakhuthela inyoni
yinye eduze.



Umhlambi lo wadinekela unondlwana wamtjela bona angekhe
usakhamba naye godu.

Ngaphakathi ehlathini, unondlwana wafumana umhlambi wamaphigogo amahle.

Waqala amaphigogo wakareka. Waqunta bonyana ufuna umsila onemibalabala nesihlohlo esihle lesi. Kwaba sifiso sakhe sesibili leso.



Unondlwana wathoma wazizwa abonakala kokuthoma epilweni yakhe. Iinyoni zoke zazimqala zikarwa ziinsiba zakhe. Wazizwa azikara ngeensiba zakhe ezihle akhamba ngokuzikhakhazisa.

Msinyazana imilenzana kanondlwana yadinwa kurhorha umsila wakhe obudisi.



Akusimraro, wacabanga ngesikhathi adlula umhlambi weenciliba.
"Ngehliziyo yami yoke, ngifisa ukuba nemilenze neempiko eziqinileko njengenciliba," watjho.

Njengesifiso sakhe, unondlwana wafumana imilenze neempiko eziqinileko njengenciliba.



Watjhejeka kizo zoke iinyoni,
nabokholwasi babonakala
barhalela imilenze yakhe emide.

Unondlwana waphathwa yindlala.
Kwakuthatha amandla amanengi
ukuthwala iimpiko ezikulu nokuba
nemilenze emide.

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Wathi nakakhambako
wahlangana nomhlambi
wamavuba, wakhumbula.
"Arha-ke, ngikho lokhu
engikufunako!" watjho.
Ngehliziyo yakhe yoke,
wafisa ukuba nomlomo
omude, isikhwama
sompnimbo
esikhulu, namathumbu
angafaka ukudla
okunengi, njengevuba.

Kwamambala, waba
nomlomo omude,
isikhwama somphimbo,
namathumbu amakhulu.

Wakhamba waya echibini
ayokufuna ifesi.





"Haa-haa, ha-ha," kwavuma inghanghani lidlula.
Nanzo! Kade ngifuna ukuvuma ngalendlela, kwacabanga
unondlwana.
Ngehliziyo yakhe yoke, wafisa ukuba nephimbo lenghanghani.
Khonokho, unondlwana wakwazi ukuvuma njengenghanghani.

Wafika echibini wazibona ngemanzini.
"Haa-haa, ha-ha," warhuwelela, wazithusa naye.



Wabanga itjhada
kangangokuthi iimfesi zabaleka
zoke, akhange abambe litho.



Wabuyela ekhaya alambile,
adiniwe begodu anesizungu.
Umhlambi wabonondlwana
bekhabo waphapha wadlula
kuye, wabona indlela
abathabe ngayo baphapha
ndawonye.

"Qala umhlambi uthabe
kangangani! Bavuma ingoma
emnandi kangaka.



Banetjhu du ngokuba neentjhom i
abaphapha nazo nokudla
okunengi," kwatjho unondlwana.

Ngaleso isikhathi, walemuka bonyana wenze iphoso.
"Ngehliziyo yami yoke, ngifisa ukuba ngunondlwana godu,"
watjho.

Wamangala nakungenzeki litho. Maye mina! wacabanga. Wabe
asebenzise iimfiso zakhe ezihlanu zoke!
Kwatlhogeka bonyana afumane iNyoni yebusuku eneempondo.



Ngemva kokuyifuna isikhathi eside, wayifumana.

"Nyoni yebusuku eneempondo, ngibawa ungenze unondlwana godu,"
kwarabhela unondlwana.

"Kubayini ufuna ukutjhugulukela emva?" kwabuza iNyoni yebusuku
eneempondo.

"Ngehliziyo yami yoke, ngifuna
ukuba ngimi!" kwatjho
unondlwana.

"Wo, ufumene amagama amlingo," kwatjho iNyoni yebusuku
eneempondo. "Ugcine ulemukile indlela okhetheke ngayo."
Ngalawo magama womlingo, unondlwana watjhuguluka waba
nguye godu.

Wabuyela emhlambini wakhe waphila kamnandi kwanaphakade,
abhula iimpikwana zakhe ezincani afunana nokudla
anabonondlwana abanye abapheze bafana.

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