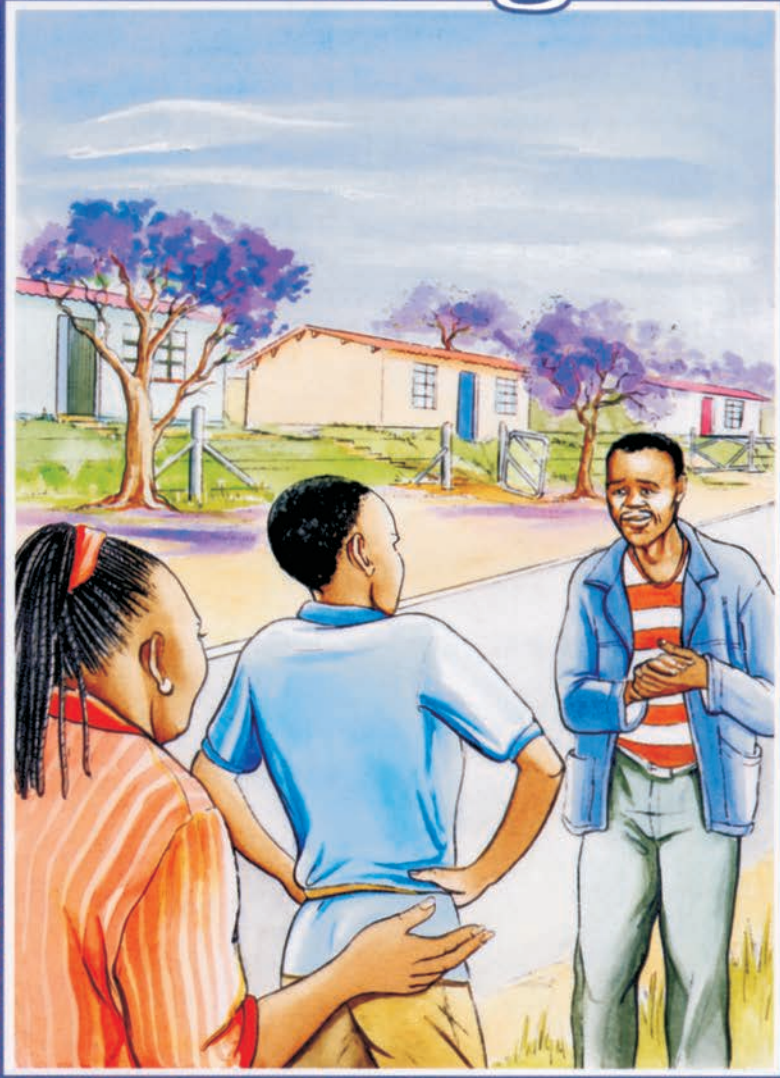


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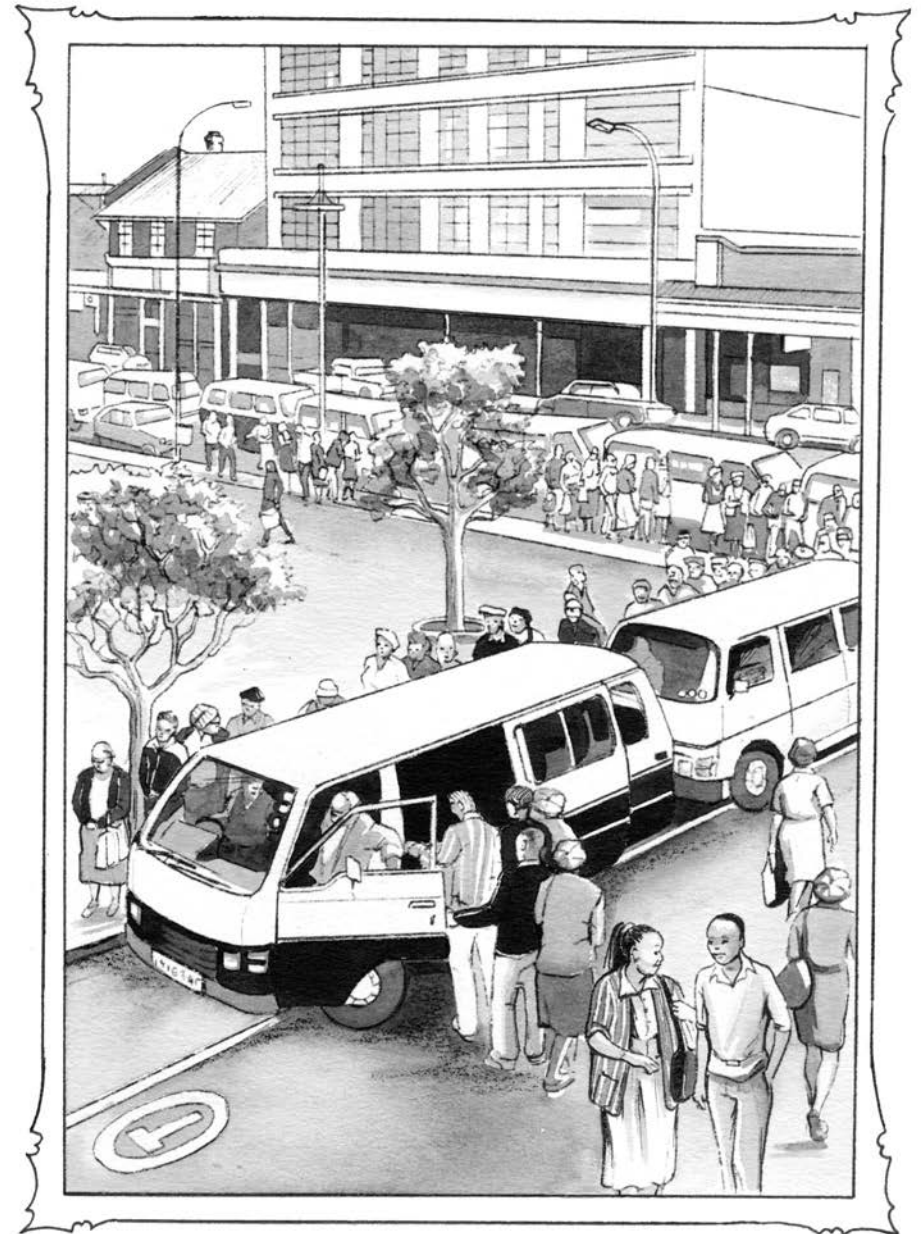
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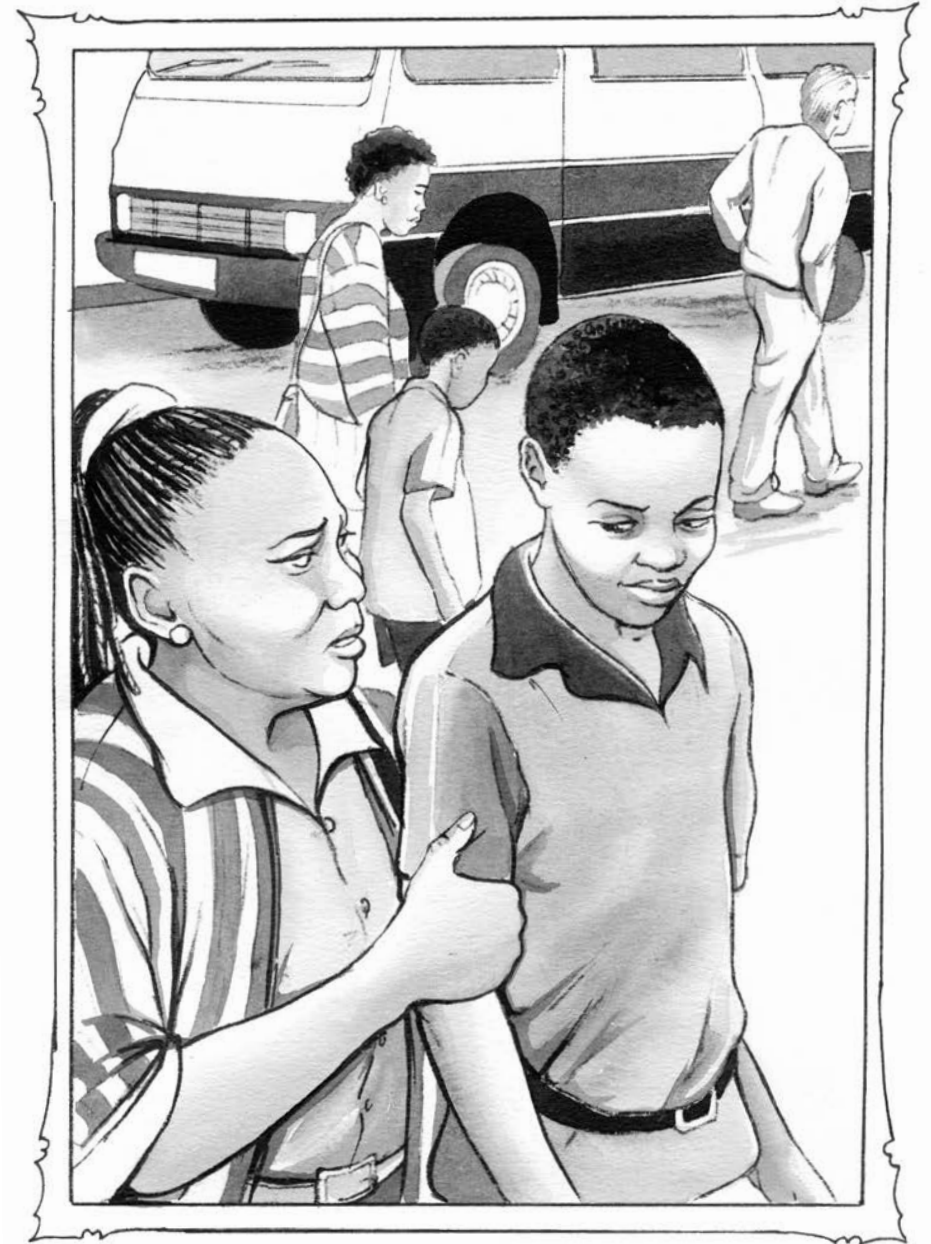


Kusemini ekulu, ilanga litjhisa bhe ePitori. Abantu abasibanengi babulala inyoka. UNaBungela nezibulo lakhe uMnyazwa, nabo bahlangana nenengeli.



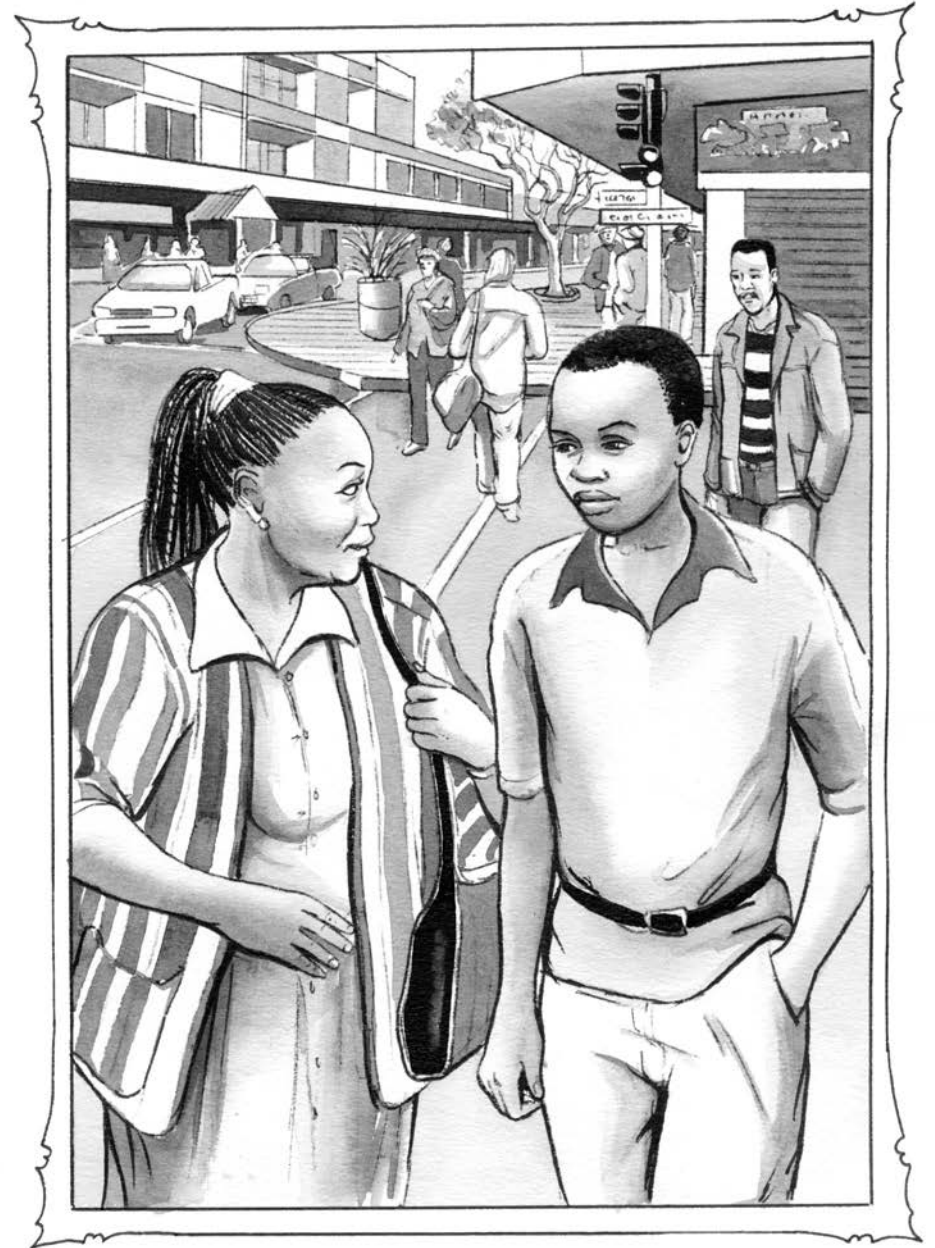
Yinye into egugunya uNaBungela.
"Uthi umuntu uzak'lala aziqedile
iinkolodwezi na?" uzibuza ngehliziyo.

"Mnyazwa, yonambe sikhambel!
Kuhlwile," kukgharameja
uNaBungela.



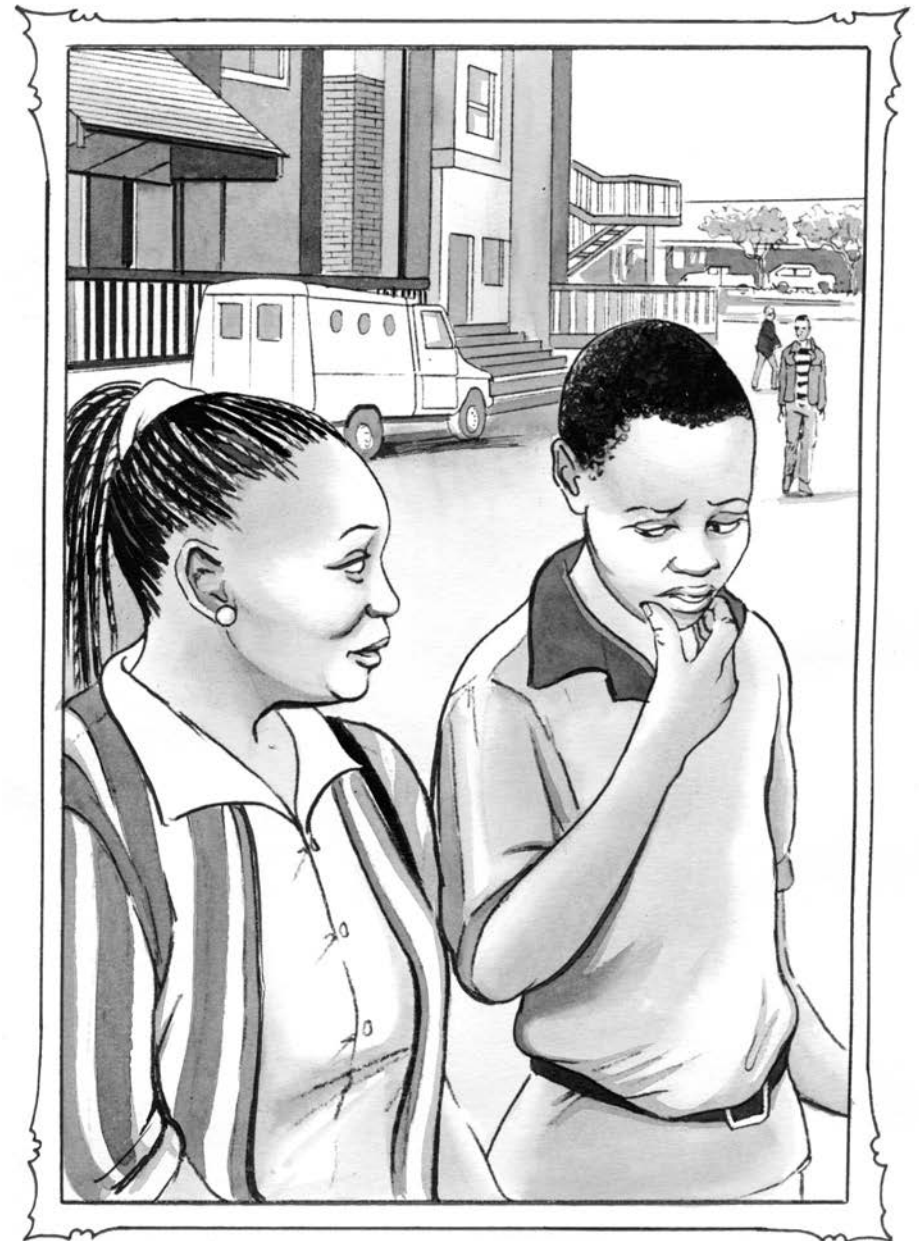
Bakhamba-nje kunomunt' omude
osolisako, oza ngemva kwabo.
Nanyana uNaBungela enza sengathi
akamboni lomuntu onzima kangaka,
nabaya ngapha naye nangu.

"Nokho ubusobu kwangathi
ngiyabufanisa," kucabanga
uNaBungela.



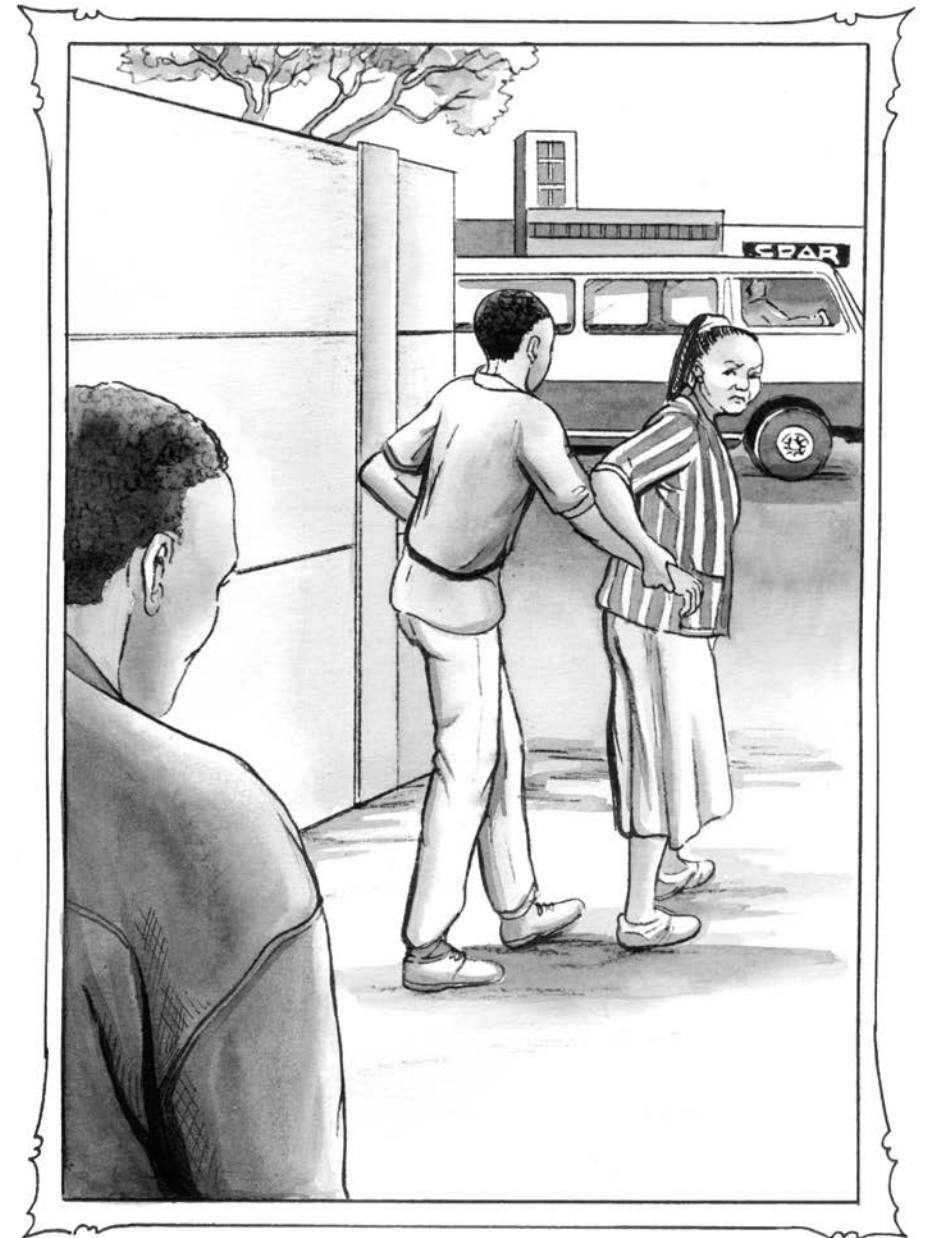
"Mma, utitjhere Mahlangu uthe
uzosiqotha nasingezi nemali yesikolo
ngomVulo," kutjho uMnyazwa
ngehlonipho nangokwesaba.

"Kulungile mntanami, imali
sizayidosi ebulungelweni nasifika
eMarabastada," kuphendula
uNaBungela.



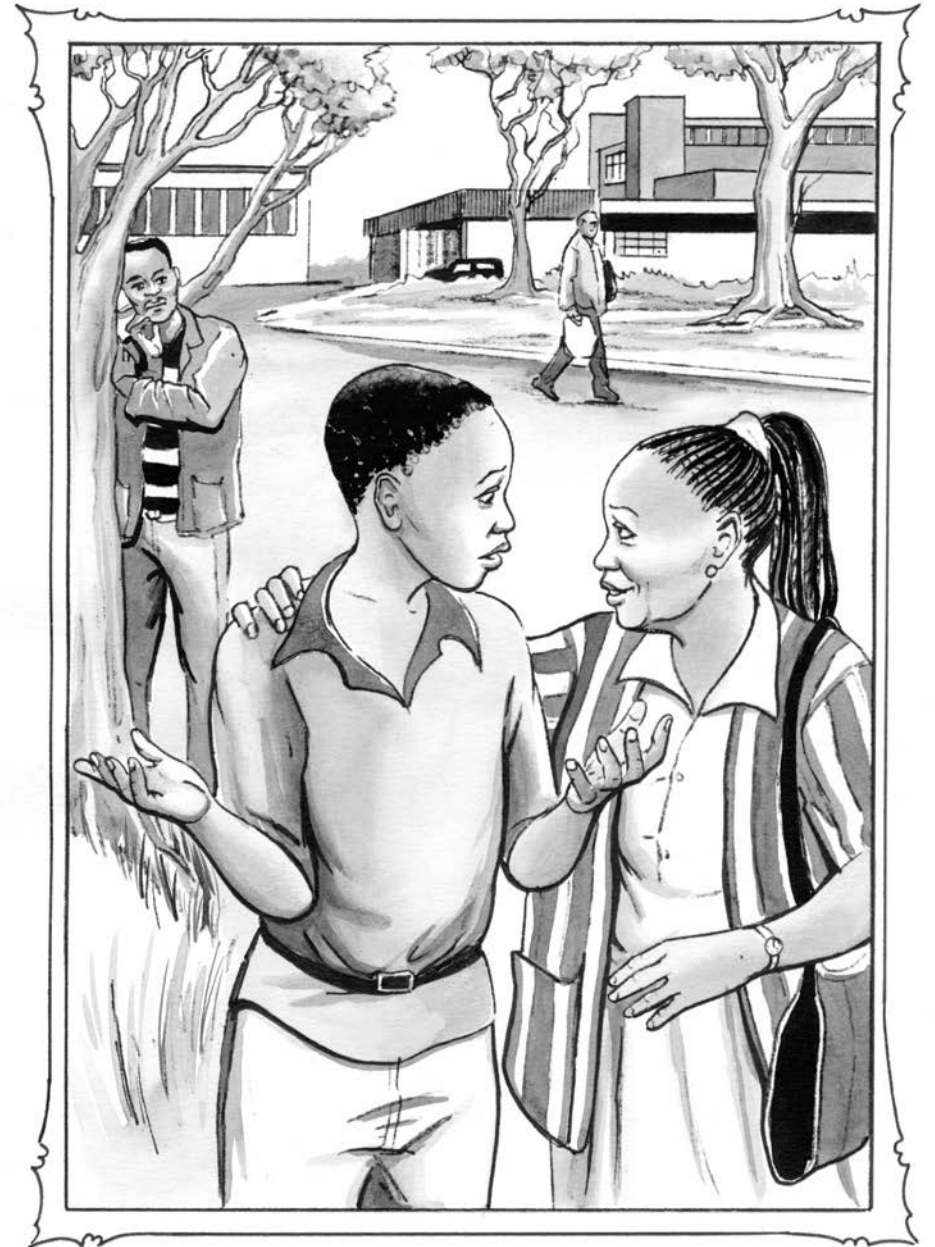
UNaBungela banoMnyazwa bangene istrada esingaphithizeliko. Bathole bona umuntu loya usabalandela ngemva. Athome ukusola uNaBungela.

"Mnyazwa sengathi kuza nokonakala kwanjesi. Asenze sikhambe," kutjho uNaBungela.

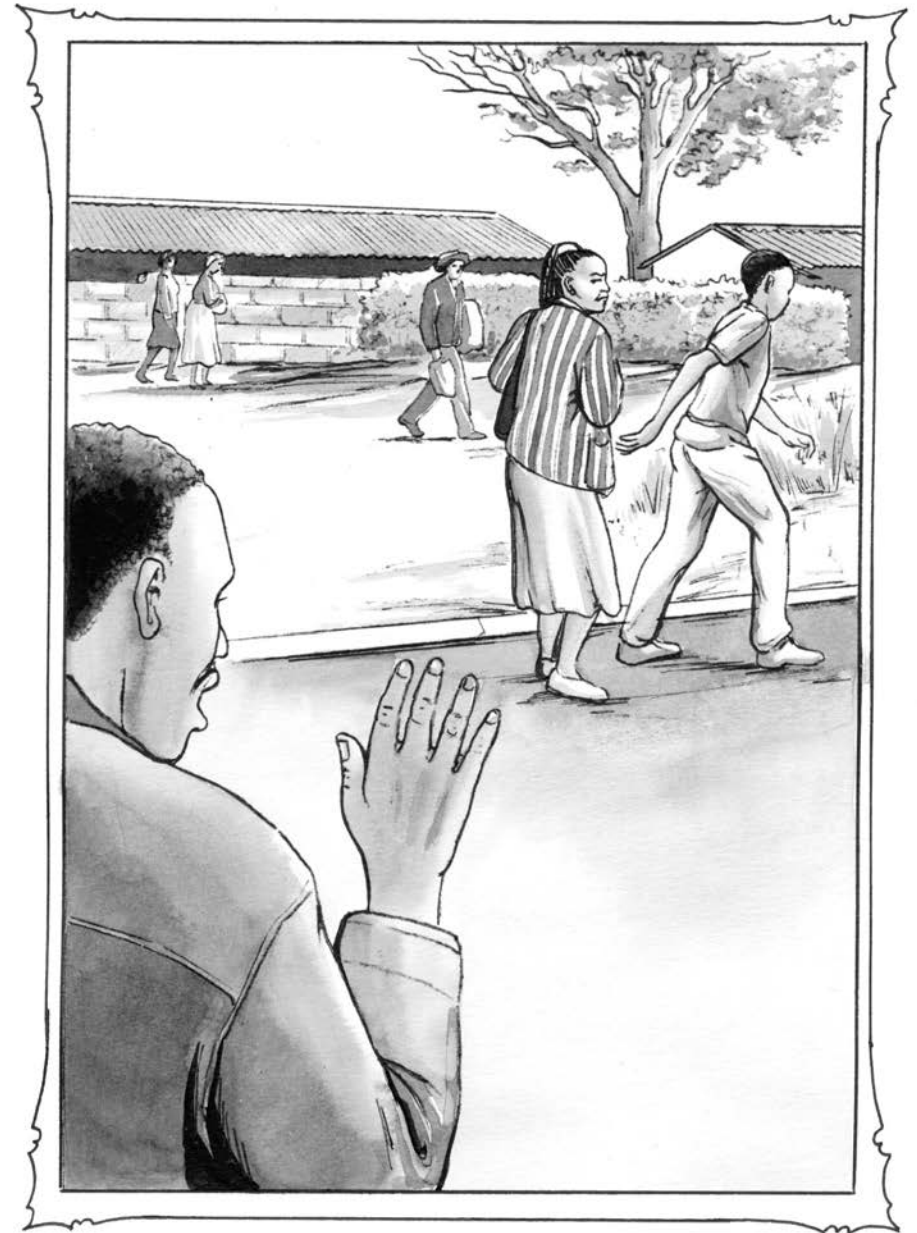


"Umma kanti utshwenywa yini?"
kubuza uMnyazwa.

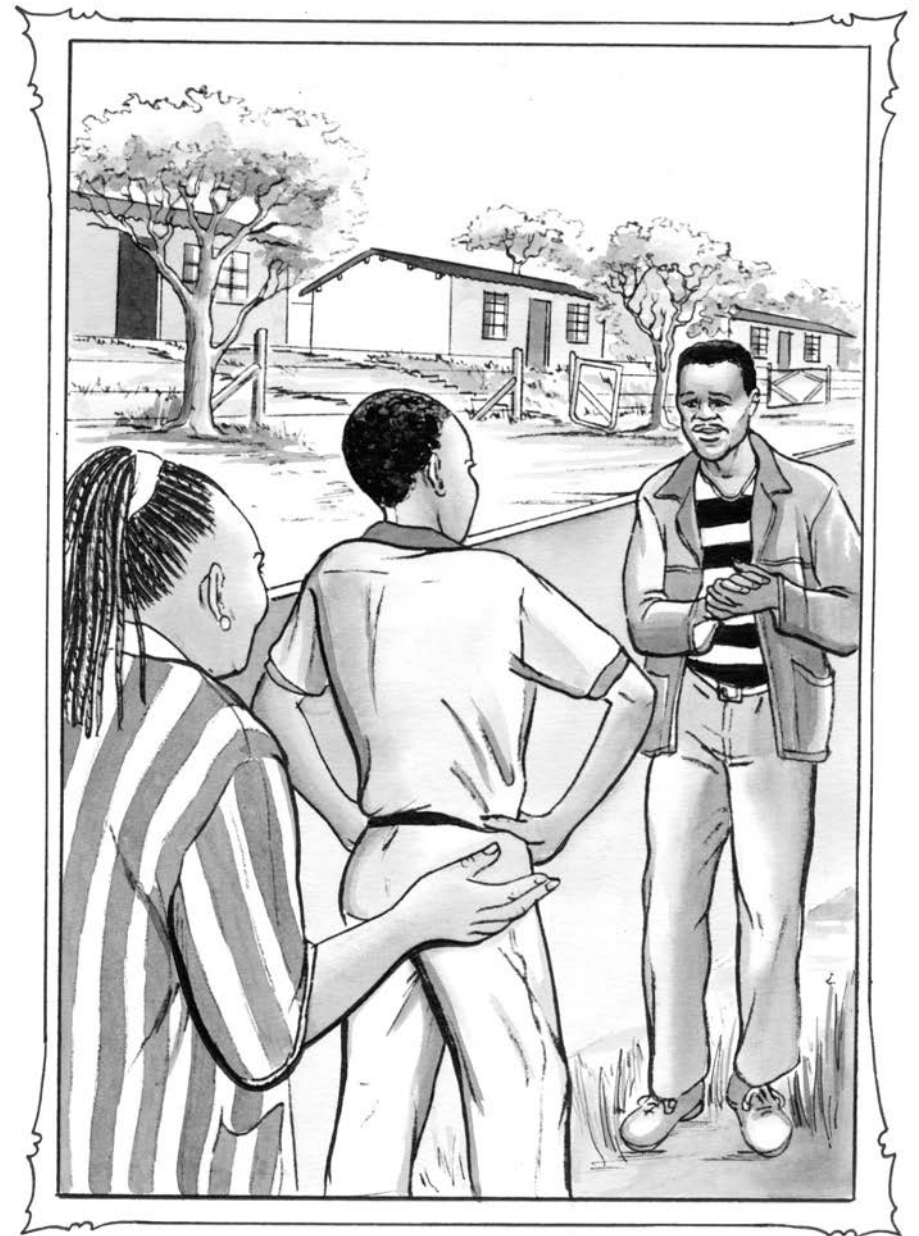
"Awa mntwanami ngifuna ukubanjwa
yihloko," kuphendula uNaBungela,
banqophe eMarabastada.



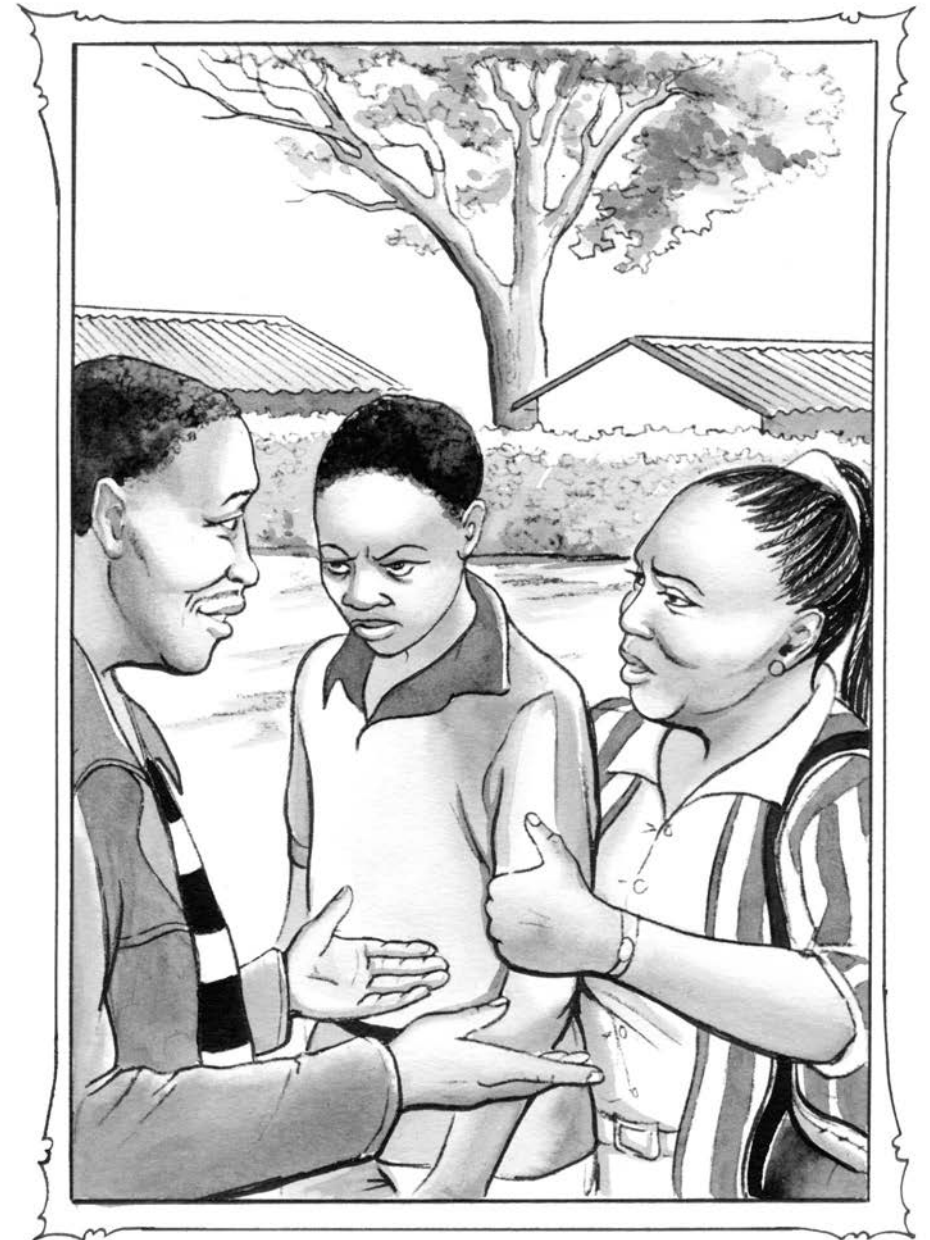
Ngemva kwabo solo sisabonakala
isithunzana somuntu wembhaji.
"Heyi...! Heyi...!" kurhuwelela indoda
leya. "Akhe nijame ngifuna ukubuza."



"Ubuzani baba ngombana thina abe
sihlali la?" kuphudlha uNaBungela
sele athoma ukufoma. UMnyazwa
abandamele eduze nonina azitjele
bona uzoyibamba indoda le.



"Mina mma nginguMadzela, ngihlala eWaterval. Ngatjhiya umntwana asesemncani eMiddelburg ngonyaka we-1982. Ye-ke noma sebathi abantu bayafana, ngiyakwazi wena. Awusuye uNofanezile wakwaMahlangu?" kubuza indoda le ethi inguMadzela.

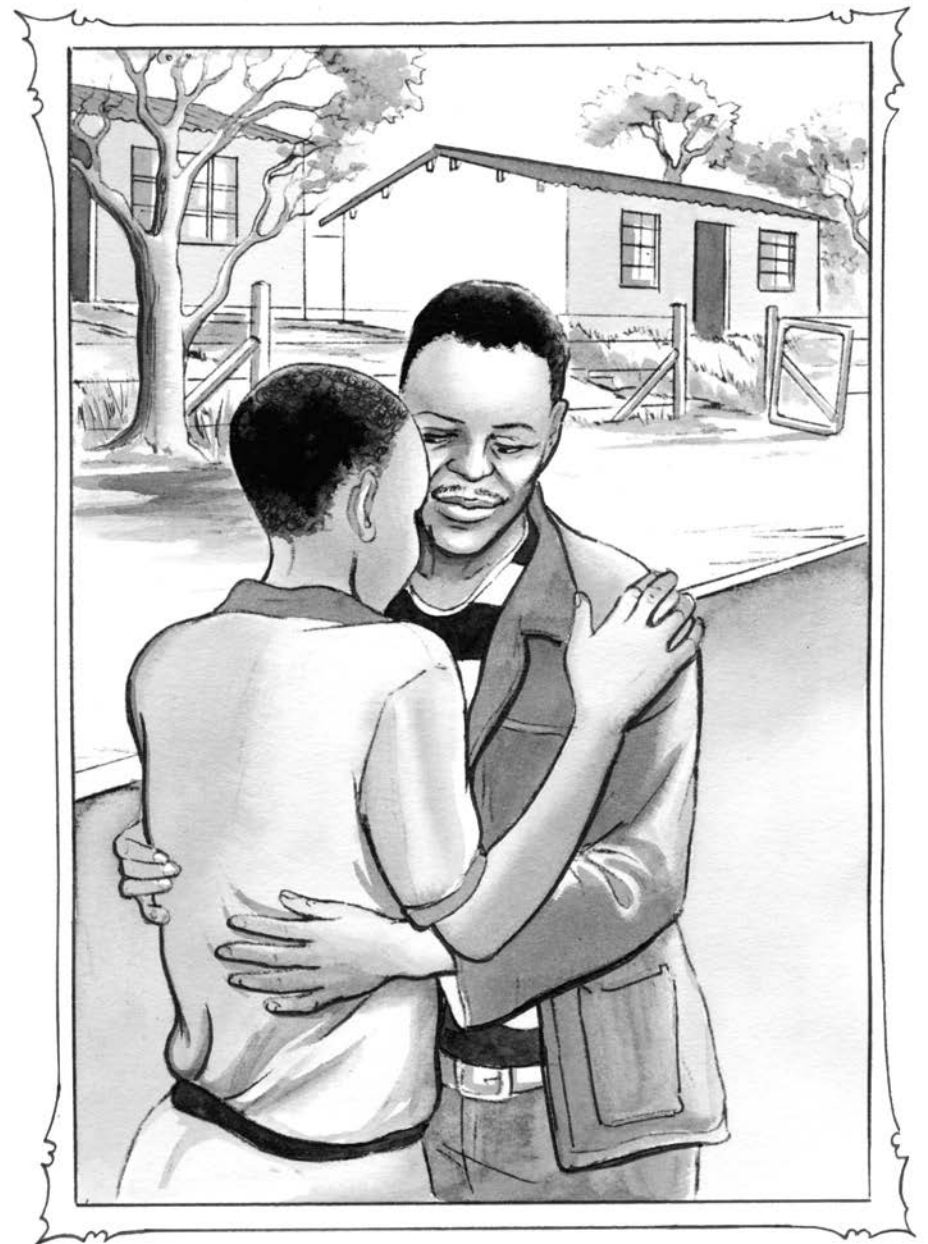


"Ha... wu! Maye mina bo! Nguwe lo owangenza isinothongwana? Madzela angisakwazi utjhugulukile. Wangitjhiya nomntwana asesemncani namhlanje sele aneminyaka eli-18," watjho njalo wabe waduleka phasi uNaBungela.



UMnyazwa wathula, wabe wehlelwa
Ziinyembezi agonana noyise.

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