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GILLETTE: N’WANA WA MINA WA NHWANYANA

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A hi ha ku tshama etafuleni. A a tshamile emahlweni ka mina. Nsati wa mina, a tshamile etlhelo, u vutisile leswaku hikwalaho ka yini a ndzi n’wi languta ndzi miyerile, ndzi nga vuli rito.

U vutisile loko ku ri na xivangelo, xiyimo, nchumu wo karhi lowu a wu kokele mianakanyo ya mina hi ndlela yoleyo.

A ndzi dya hot dog ya mina — nchumu lowunene swinene lowu a ndzi ta va ndzi wu kuma, hambi ku ri eItaliya — naswona mahlo ya mina a ma lava ya yena. Giorgia. N’wana wa mina wa nhwanyana. Ndzi ringeta ku twisisa leswi a swi ri endzeni ka yena.

Hakunene a a ri xiphemu xa mina. Ku pfumala ku hetiseka ka mina endzeni ka miri lowu hetisekeke. Miehleketo leyi tlhariheke. Wansati.

Hi nkarhi wun’wana u yimile a ala nchumu lowu a ndzi wu vurile khale — kwalomu ka ku ndzi lulamisa, hi mahanyelo ya yena wolawo, vumunhu byebyo — naswona u ringete ku ndzi khavisa makatla kan’we-kan’we. Ku khavisa loku vamanana va ku nyikaka vana.

Kambe a ndzi ri tatana wa yena ntsena. Naswona ndzi n’wayiterile, ndzi ehleketa leswaku etlhelo ka mina a ku ri na wansati un’wana, endzhaku ka manana wa mina, loyi a nga ni ntirho lowu fanaka: ku nga ri ku ndzi sirhelela kambe ku ndzi lawula. Lexi a ku ri xiave xa mina xa vutomi.

Ndzi tivutisile leswaku hikwalaho ka yini. Leswaku moya wa mina a wu ri yini hakunene. Leswaku a ndzi yimela mani hi nkarhi wolowo. Ndzi tivutisile, hi ku tshembeka, leswaku xana a ndzi ri mani, hakunene.

Xivutiso lexi fanaka lexi vanhu lava ndzi tivaka va xi vutisaka. Lava ndzi hlayaka. Naswona kumbexana siku rin'wana, ekhonweni yin'wana ya New York, va ta ndzi vona ni kalichi, ndzi nyika vanhu hot dog mahala exitarateni — hi ntsako wa ku vona vanhu va n'wayitela ntsena. Hilaha swi tshameke swi ri hakona, ku ringana malembe ya 61. Handle ka nxavo eka munhu.

Hikuva hi mina loyi.

Nando