

Batsakatsi



Ibhalwe ngu Nomcebo Gloria Mshaba
Titfombe tidvwetjwe ngu Adele O'Connell

Batsakatsi

Ibhalwe ngu
Nomcebo Gloria Mshaba
Titfombe tidvwetjwe ngu
Adele O'Connell



"Sivumelwano uyafa!" kumemeta Lomasontfo. Lomasontfo ubona Sivumelwano, umntfwana wa Thalitha, uyahlanta.



Agijime aye eSitintile lapho Thalitha, make wa-Sivumelwano, asebenta khona njengemhlobisi weligumbi labothishela.

"Yini make lomkhulu, ufunani emsebentini wami?" kubuta Thalitha. Thalitha aketayeli kubona Lomasontfo amvakashela emsebentini.



“Asihambe siye ekhaya, Sivumelwano uyagula, uyafa,” kusho Lomasontfo.

Thalitha washaywa ngulolumatima luvalo. Weva asashaywa nasiyeti.

“Make lomkhulu, kwentenjani ngelitubulo lami?” kubuta Thalitha.



Ekhaya Sivumelwano solo uyahlanta.
Ubhabhalele phasi, uvale emehlo.
Thalitha angene aphoseka ekhatsi
endlini afuna kutibonela lesifo.

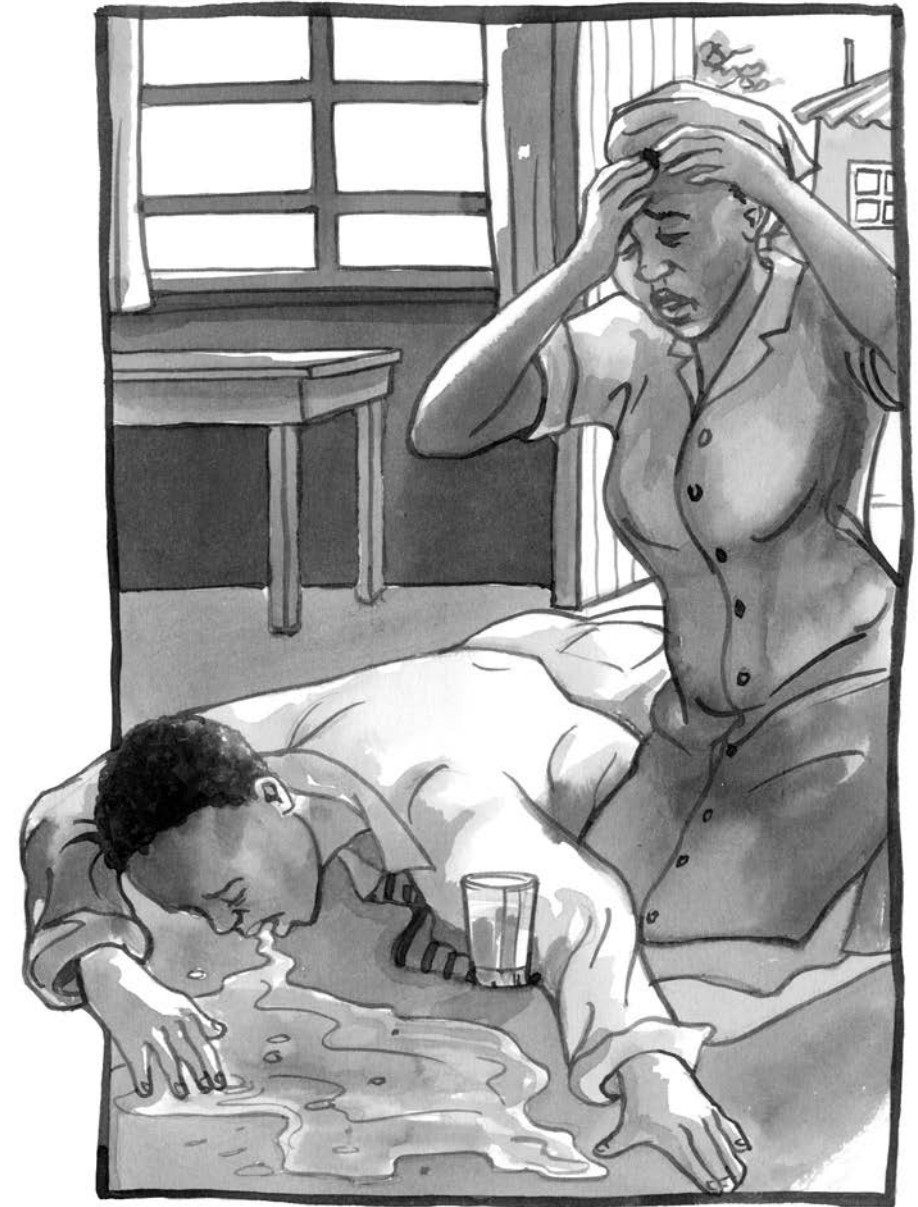


"Ngibone Sivumelwano angena,
ajikijela tincwadzi takhe phasi. Khona
lapho wahlanta," kuchaza Lomasontfo.
Thalitha afome abe manti nte.
Alinge kukhuluma naSivumelwano.
Akayitfolanga imphendvulo.



“Hhawu! Mntfwanami, batsakatsi bafuna kukubulala embi kwekuba sewufundze ngekutimisela lokungaka,” kusho Thalitha.

“Babona ngobe sewufundza libanga lelishumi. Ngitawushonaphi ngaSivumelwano wami?” kukhala Thalitha atfwele tandla enhloko. Atsi umnatsisa emanti ahluleke.



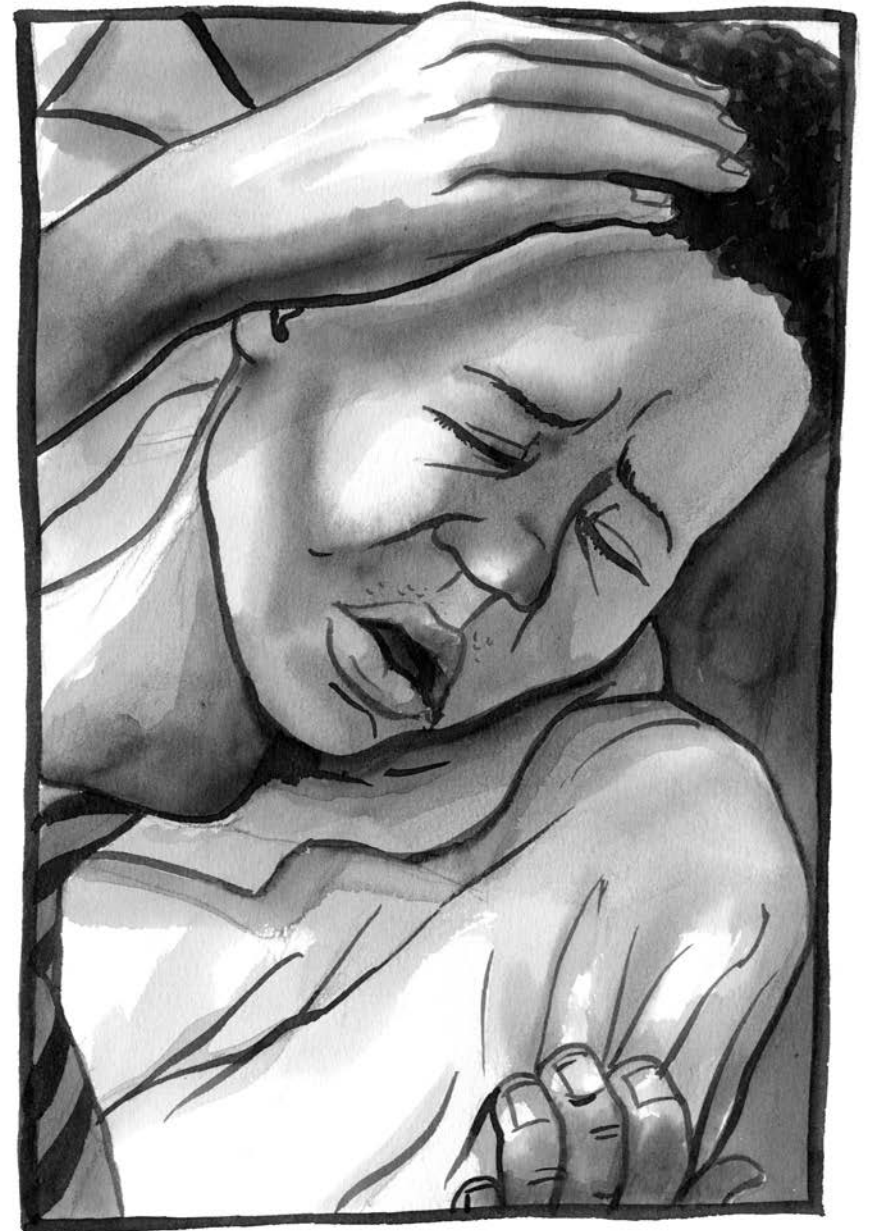
Thalitha acele imoti yamakhelwane.
Ngibo laba baya esibhedlela.



Endleleni ubamba inhloko
yaSivumelwano. Uva lizinga
layo lekushisa. Thalitha ulalisa
Sivumelwano ematsangeni. Uloku
umsula umfomo.



Sivumelwano akanyakati. Umtimba wakhe utsambile. Inhloko iyasindza nemikhono ilahleke le. Kuvakala umsindvo wekuphefemula kwakhe, "Ghr—ghr—ghr—ghr."



Yangena imoti idla emagaloni
eThemba eSibhedlela. Wehla
makhelwane wa Thalitha wabita
bonesi. Baphuma bonesi nencola
letfwala labagula kakhulu.
Bekute nesikhatsi sekubhalisa
kubomabhalane.



"Bamba ngalapha nesi," kusho Thalitha, bakhipha Sivumelwano emotweni. Bamlalisa etikwencola yasesibhedlela.



Nayiya bayishova, ingena egumbini la dokotela.

“Umntfwanami! Umntfwanami! Bafuna kumbulalelani? Udleni nje umfana wami?” kukhuluma Thalitha yedvwana alandzela bonesi.



Sivumelwano ulele utsite nja.
Ubuکهka sengatsi ufile. Tandla
tilengela phasi. Kuvakala
kuphefemula kwakhe kuncamuka,
“Ghr—ghr—ghr—ghr.” Thalitha
ume eceleni kwakhe. Tinyembeti
tiyageleta.



Dokotela lobuya e-Cuba atsatse tipopolo atibeke esifubeni saSivumelwano. "Kunuka tjwala lapha!" kusho dokotela.



Kwatsi kusenjalo Thalitha wakubona kahle konkhe lekwentekile washo akhala, "Sivumelwano! Sivumelwano! Vuka! Hhawu! Kantsi unatse tjwala awuguli!"

IYAPHELA



Siyabonga

Sibonga labantfu labalandzelako ngelusito lwabo lwekuhumusha lamabhuku:

Titus Singwane, Celiwe Manoka, Marble Mbebe, Julius Nyakane na Albert Shisane lobuya eZamokuhle Adult Centre.

Nomcebo Gloria Mashaba

Nomcebo Gloria Mashaba utalelwe endzaweni yase-Mbombela eNasipoti. Usebenta ka-Steelport uphindze asite be-Adult Centre eHlalanikahle. Utsi ufuna kusita ekutfufukiseni lulwimi lwesiswati.



Batsakatsi

First published 2000 by New Readers Publishers

Copyright © 2000, 2019, 2022 New Readers Publishers

Author: Nomcebo Gloria Mshaba

Illustrations: Adele O'Connell

Design: Lesley Lewis

Original print version ISBN: 1-86840-406-4

This publication is available under an Open Access Creative Commons licence: Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)



<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/legalcode>

By using the content of this publication, the users accept to be bound by the terms of use of the licence. You are free to share (that is, copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format) as long as you follow these licence terms:

Attribution (by): You must give appropriate credit to New Readers Publishers and provide a link to the license.

Non Commercial (nc): You can copy, distribute, display, perform, and use this material for any purpose other than commercially (unless you get permission first). Non Commercial means not primarily intended for or directed towards commercial advantage or monetary compensation.

No Derivatives (nd): If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you may not distribute the modified material. But note that simply changing the format does not create a derivative.

NEW READERS PUBLISHERS

New Readers Publishers develops and supports adult literacy and basic English Second Language skills by producing easy to read books in all South African languages for the entertainment and education of adult new readers. Many of the books are also suitable for younger readers.

New Readers Publishers is a non-profit publishing project originally started in 1991 and housed at the Centre for Adult Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban until 2014.

It is now an independent initiative which makes digital versions of New Readers Publishers books in all South African languages available online. The use of these e-versions will be free for non-commercial purposes via a Creative Commons Licence (see imprint page for more details).

How to contact us

If you want to find out more about New Readers Publishers please look at our website:

<http://newreaders.co.za>

or email us at:

newreadersdurban@gmail.com