

**CONCETTA LA MAZZA**

**Ngaphaya  
kwesibhakabhaka  
esiluhlaza**





## **Ibhayografi**

*UConcetta La Mazza wazalelwa eNovara di Sicilia ngo-1936, intombi endala kaDomenico La Mazza kunye noTeresa Correnti. Ngo-1950, emva kwexesha elibuhlungu "lokuphathiswa" kumakazi wakhe, wajoyina abazali bakhe eDomodossola, apho asahlala kunye nomyeni wakhe uGiuseppe. Unabantwana abathathu: uArmando, uLuciano noDaniela. Kutshanje umnqweno omkhulu wokukhumbula ubuntwana bakhe eNovara uye wangena engqondweni yakhe kwaye naku ukuzalwa kwale diary esondeleyo, yobuqu, kodwa igcwele amabali kunye neembekiselo kubume belo xesha: idolophu, amaphandle, abantu, imikhwa, izithethe zaloo mmandla kwiminyaka emnyama yeMfazwe Yehlabathi yesiBini.*



## Amandla aphambili okubhala



*U-Concetta omncinci uphathiswe oomalume bakhe kwaye wanyanzelwa ngokuchasene nentando yakhe ukuba ahlale eCastrangia kwindawo ekude nedolophu kunye nabafundi afunda nabo. Ngaloo ndlela uhamba ngeVia Crucis yakhe yobuqu eyedwa kwiminyaka enzima yemfazwe ephakathi kwendlala, ukungaqondi kwexesha, iinkolelo nokuphathwa kakubi. Emva kwemfazwe ukufuduka okungenakuphepheka kunye nesiqalo esinzima ngokwemvelo ukuya emantla.*

*Konke oku kuxelwa ngokujongwa kwentombazana encinci ephinda iphinde ibuyele kwinkumbulo yayo izigaba zokukhula kwayo kwaye ethi ngokuhlaziya okumangalisayo kunye nomtya ofihlakeleyo wokuphoxa usinika ukonwabela ukufunda-ekugqibeleni-ibali elingumfuziselo wosapho lwethu, ekwaziyo ukusishukumisa ngokunzulu kwaye eyeyethu sonke.*

*Kule noveli emfutshane nguConcetta La Mazza, ukubhala kuguqula yonke imigaqo kwaye ibuyele kwimvelaphi, ikhululekile kuyo nayiphi na i-schematism esemthethweni, eqhutywa yi-arcane yangaphakathi yamandla, iba ngumlambo ovuthayo ogqithisa yonke into, yimvula yomphefumlo.*

*Amanani oomalume, u-Antonia noMichele, abakhunjulwayo, njengokuba umfanekiso weNovara uhlala ungenakulibaleka, unobubele, ugubungela kwaye umnandi njengoko unzima kwaye unzima.*

*Ekugqibeleni, ukuguquka okunzima ukuya ebusheni xa kungenakulungiseka kwenzeka, kodwa i-Concetta encinci ayinikeli kwintlekele ebuhlungu, ngenxa yesibindi sakhe kunye nethemba elingagungqiyo kwikamva, ngenxa yamehlo akhe akwazi ukujonga ... isibhakabhaka esiluhlaza!*



*"Ingxaki yaqala kum. Isenokuba yayiyimini eshushu, kwaqala ihlobo lika-1938, ndandineminyaka emibini ubudala waza umakazi weza kundilanda. Kwi bhegi yelaphu wafaka iblukhwe ne panty ezimbini, wabe engazi yonke into ndaphuma endlini yam. Ndandimncinci kangangokuba andizange ndiyiqonde into yokuba iVia Crucis yam yayiza kuqalisa ngaloo mini."*

# Ngaphaya kwesibhakabhaka esiluhlaza

## Isahluko sokuqala - Indlu kayise



Ngoku linxuwa elidala elingahlali bantu, lifuthaniswe ziintambo zentambo kwaye lidlavulwe ngamanundu kodwa, kwakudala, eNovara, idolophu elele phantsi kwenqaba enkulu kwiintaba zaseMessina, kwi-alley kwisithili sase-Engia kwakukho indlu kufutshane. umthombo. Ucango lwangaphambili lwavulwa kwizinyuko zangaphakathi ezikhokelela kumgangatho wokuqala apho kwakukho igumbi elincinane elineplanga leplanga: yayiligumbi lokulala. Unyukele phezulu kwaye kukho ikhitshi, ukuba ungayibiza kanjalo. Kwenye ikona kwakukho ilitye lelye apho kubaswe umlilo kunye ne-iron tripod eyayisetyenziselwa ukubeka imbiza yepasta. Ngaphambili, ixhonywe eludongeni,

imnyama njengepitch, ifosholo yomthi, i-sieve ezimbini, enye encinci kunye nenye enkulu, i-oven yokubhaka isonka, ecaleni isifuba esibolileyo esinesiqingatha, itafile, "i-furrizzi" ezimbini kunye nezinye i-rickety. isitulo. Ekugqibeleni kwakukho igumbi, elinebalcony encinane ejonge endleleni, apho kwakungekho gumbi lokulala elinye. Loo mngxuma yayibubukumkani apho kwakuhlala utatomkhulu, owayengumhlolokazi ngowe-1934. Kwakhiwe indlu yangasese yamatye enesivalo somthi phantsi kwezinyuko. Ekubeni kwakungekho mijelo yogutyulo, le yokugqibela imele ukuba yayinceda ekunciphiseni ivumba elibi elaliphuma. Ngokwemvelo le ndlu yayingenawo amanzi amdaka nombane, ubutofo-tofo ababengenabo noobaron ngezo mini. Ecaleni kwayo kwakukho isango leplanga elikhokelela kwifama apho iinkuku zazithe ngcu phezu kweenkuni.

Kule kona, ngaphandle kwelizwe, umama wam owayengumthungi wayehlala kunye notatomkhulu, oobhuti ababini kunye nodade wabo, bonke abadala kunaye, babetshatile kwaye bahlala eNovara. Umama waye blonde, ebhityile, ebhityile ngomzimba, eneempawu ezicekethekileyo kwaye eyona nto yayiphawuleka ebusweni bakhe, imhlophe njengobisi, yayingamehlo amabini amakhulu aluhlaza, phantse ehlala esoyika kwaye elusizi. Mhlawumbi ukufa kukanina ngesiquphe, xa wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabini anesine, kwaba ngunobangela wobuthathaka bakhe bomzimba nokuziphatha.

Kwiminyaka embalwa emva kokusweleka kukamakhulu, umama wam, ebulela ukungenelela komnye wabafazi bakhe, wadibana noPrince Charming wakhe. Utata wayephuma kwintsapho ebekekileyo yaseBadiavecchia, eyayinevenkile ethengisa icuba kunye nokutya. Yayilusapho lwabasebenzi abakhutheleyo, kwaye utata, ngokweengxelo zonke, wayeyindoda ebukekayo, omde, emnyama, ezithembayo kwaye eyindoda ekhutheleyo. Wayehlala



kwidolophana ekude nedolophu: wayenokufika apho ngeenyawo, ngesantya esihle, kwisiqingatha seyure. Uyise wayerhuqa amalahle. Umama wayengumfazi onamandla, kusasa waya eNovara kunye ne-imeyile ukuze athenge iimpahla ezibonelelwa kwivenkile: icuba, ityuwa kunye nezinto ezidliwayo. Wayesoloko enxibe kakuhle netyali enkulu emnyama emqaleni, waze wathenga nephephandaba ukuze agcine abathengi bakhe benolwazi. Yayikuphela kwevenkile kuloo dolophana yaye kwakungekho ntlalontle kuloo ndlu, nangona kwakukho imilomo esibhozo yokuphakela.

Ngokuhlwa ngorhatya wanceda abathengi ngoku abanobuchule - kunye nesipaji sakhe - ngokuyixuba iwayini ngesoda enemibala. Ekubeni abantwana bengasoloko bewuzuza ilifa umsebenzi wabazali babo, utata wayefunde umsebenzi wokulungisa izihlangu. Emva kokuganana okwathabatha iinyanga ezimbalwa, utata nomama, ababekhe batshata, baya kwenza indlwane yabo yothando kwindlu ekufuphi nomthombo kwisithili sase-Engia. Kanye kwiinyanga ezisithoba kamva ndafika kweli hlabathi yaye, ngokwesiko elingcwele lasemazantsi, ndathabatha igama likamakhulu ozala utata, uConcetta. Nangona ndandiselula ndandinesikhumba esimnyama nesishwabeneyo, ndandisoloko ndilila. Ekubeni sasingenayo ibhedi, utatomkhulu wanyanzeleka ukuba andilalise ezingalweni zakhe imini yonke, yaye ebusuku ndandilala ebhedini enkulu notata nomama. Ngeengxelo zonke ndandimbi kakhulu kwaye ndinganyamezeleki. Kwiinyanga ezimbalwa kamva, ebona ukuba umsebenzi unqabile kwelo lizwe, utata wagqiba kwelokuba aye kusebenza eSardinia. Wathi xa esiya kwesinye isiqithi washiya unina nosana olulila kunye nesinye isidalwa esikhabayo esibelekweni sakhe.

Xa ndandineenyanga ezingamashumi amabini ubudala udadewethu uRosa wazalwa. Igama ibilelikamakhulu wakhe

ozala umama. Ngokungafaniyo noConcetta, uRosa - kwakhona ngokukamama wam - wayemhle, emhlophe kwaye epinki ngebala, iinwele ezimdaka zenza ubuso obuhambelanayo buhonjiswe ngamehlo amabini amahle aluhlaza: intyatyambo, efana negama lakhe! Kangangokuba xa umama wayesiya kukha amanzi emthonjeni ewole uRosa, abahlobo bakhe bambuza ukuba kwakunokwenzeka njani ukuba azale iintombi ezimbini ezahluke ngokupheleleyo. - Lo, uRusina, ewe, wawuyibhiliac, kodwa omnye ... - Lo, uRosina, umhle, kodwa omnye ... abahlobo batsho nge-grimace yemilebe yabo. Kwangaxeshanye, kule meko ndaqhubeka ndingonwabanga, ngokungathi ndandisiva isandulela sentlungu yam, eyathi, ndiyambulela uThixo, yanyamezela, kwanokuba kwakungenjalo ngokurhoxa.

Ukubalisa ibali eliseleyo, kuqala, kufuneka ndikwazise kumakazi wam u-Antonia, ngokufutshane, zì 'Ntuoia. Ibingudade wethu kamama omdala, kukho umahluko weminyaka elishumi elinesixhenxe phakathi kwezi zibini. Yayingumfazi omfutshane, otyebileyo, eneenwele ezimdaka eziwela emehlweni akhe. Ubuso bakhe obungahoywanga bubonakala mdala kunaye kwaye emehlweni akhe engenanto kwakukho ukuthotywa okungako. Kwiminyaka engamashumi amabini, ngexesha lokutshata, watshata nomzala wakhe wokuqala, owayesandula ukubuya emsebenzini kwitonela laseSempione, owayengumhlolokazi kwaye wayenonyana oneminyaka emithathu ubudala. Le ndoda, umalume wam uMichele, umalume uMicheri, wayeyindoda emfutshane kwaye ekhangeleka njengekopi ye-plebeian kaKumkani uVittorio Emanuele III, wayehlala kwindlu eyayihlala kwisitrato esimangalisayo sedolophu enezinyuko eziphantse zibe ziimitha ezimbini ububanzi. Yayintle indlu. Kumgangatho ophantsi bekukho ivenkile yokuchwela enekhawuntara enkulu ephakathi kunye ne-vice, iikhabhathi ezimbini zodonga apho kugcinwa

khona iiraps, iitshizi, iigimlets, iigouges kunye nee-augers, i-lathe yokujikeleza iinyawo zeetafile azakhileyo, ivili lokusila. wakhonza ukulola iinqwelo-moya kunye neencakuba, isitovu esibaswa ngamaplanga esinepani yokunyibilikisa iglu, iibhodi ezipakishwe kuyo yonke indawo, iisarha ezimbalwa ezincanyathiselwe eludongeni, amakhubalo athile anethamsanqa anjengezihlangu zamahashe, iimpondo zebhokhwe nezikhumba zofudo, ngokufutshane, enye ezo ndawo ngoku ngezehlabathi leenkumbulo kuphela.

Izinyuko zamaplanga ezikhokelela kumgangatho wokuqala, apho kwakukho amagumbi amabini abanzi aneethayile zeceramic, ubunewunewu ngaloo mihla, ibhodi esecaleni eyenziwe ngumalume, isofa, itafile kunye nezinye izitulo ezilukwe ngerafi, uhlobo lwentambo yemifuno. Ukusuka kwibalcony encinci ejonge kwisitrato kuMbindi-Agasti, xa umngcelele we-Assumption wenyuka usiya kwi-Abbey, umntu unokuchukumisa intloko enesithsaba seMadonna ngesandla sakhe. Ukusukela kumgangatho wesibini, nangona kunjalo, wawunokubona iRocca Salvatesta kwaye ngaphambili, phakathi kwentanda phakathi kwezindlu, unokuyithanda imbonakalo entle yeentaba ezithe chu zinwebeka ngaphaya, ngaphaya kwesibhakabhaka esiluhlaza, de ufikelele elwandle apho, ngakumbi. ngeentsuku ezipholileyo zasentwasahlobo xa kwakungekho nkungu, wawunokubona iVulcano emphethweni wolundi emva koko Lipari, Stromboli kunye nazo zonke ezinye iziqithi: umboniso wendalo, ikhadi leposi eliqaqambileyo elinemibala emininzi.

Esinye isinyuko sasinyukela kumgangatho wokuqala, apho kwakukho ikhitshi negumbi lokulala, esokuqala siphangalele kakhulu sasineoveni yokutshisa iinkuni zesonka kunye nesitovu sentsimbi esibaswe ngamalahle sokupheka.

Ngokungathandabuzekiyo yayiyindlu entle, ngaphandle kokuphazamiseka kwekhithi elingenasinki enomjelo wokuqhuba eyona misebenzi yasekhaya ibalulekileyo. Ngelo xesha ezinye izinto eziluncedo zazingekafiki. Enyanisweni, amanzi athathwe kumthombo woluntu kwi-zinc hopper aze athathwe asiwe kumgangatho wesibini apho agalelwe kwisitya esikhulu se-terracotta sokuhlamba izitya. Ekubeni kwakungekho mjelo wamanzi kwisinki, amanzi aphuma kwisitya ayebuyiselwa kumgangatho ophantsi aze aphoswe kwindlu yangasese. Emfazini yayingumsebenzi odinisayo. Imeko enzima nethotyweyo, ukuya kutsho kumda walo lonke unyamezelo lomntu, yafikelela incopho yayo ngexesha lesidlo sangokuhlwa xa umakazi u-Antonia, ngenxa yokuhlonela umyeni wakhe, kwafuneka atye kwisitya esinye apho wayetye khona ngaphambili, kwaye, mhlawumbi, no-godson. phinda into enye, kodwa andinayo inkumbulo icacileyo yale nto.

UMalume uMichele wayeyindoda emnyama nenengcwangu, ekhuthela njengobudenge, wayenesanti yesanti endaweni yentliziyo. Andizange ndibone intlantsi yokuthantamisa okanye uvelwano kwabanye emehlweni akhe. Wayegcina umakazi wakhe ekhaya ukuze anyamekele unyana wakhe, kwakufuneka amlungiselele ukutya, abe sisicaka sakhe yaye esoloko esithi ewe, ewe, ewe. Wayengakwazi nokujonga ebalconyni kungenjalo kwakuza kubakho ingxaki, ngoxa phantse rhoqo ngorhatya xa ephuma emsebenzini wayesiya ethaveni nabahlobo bakhe ukuze basele.

Wabuyela ekhaya egxadazela, ebile emanzi te yaye enuka kakubi kangangokuba kwakungenakwenzeka ukuba abe kufuphi naye. Endaweni yoko, umakazi, ngasesibaneni samafutha, wamlinda kwade kwasebusuku engatyanga nokutya. Xa ukumkani omncinane wabuyayo - amaxesha amaninzi

wayengenawo namandla okunyuka izinyuko - ediniwe wayezishiya kwibhentshi yokusebenzela enothuli aze ahlale apho ubusuku bonke ukuze aphumle. Umakazi u-Antonia, phezu kwayo yonke into, wamgquma ngedyasi kwaye ngothando wahlala ecaleni kwakhe ukuze amgade de kube kusasa. Ngoko iminyaka yahamba yaye, ngenxa yokuzinikela okungaka, wayengakwazi nokuya kutyelela izalamane zakhe ukuze aphephe imiboniso. Yena, enomona, emncinci kwaye elawula, waya kumthengela intambo, iikama, iiklip zeenwele kunye nezinye izinto, ukumthintela ukuba aphume endlwini. Xa babemenywe kumsitho womtshato, uMalume uMichele akazange abuyele ekhaya de kwaba ngumzuzu wokugqibela kwaye uMakazi u-Antonia akazange akwazi ukuhamba yedwa de izalamane zikwazile ukulandela umyeni wakhe. Ngalo lonke ixesha babekwazi ukumeyisela, ngamanye amaxesha wayefika kwangethuba kodwa ke, phakathi kwetheko, wanyamalala kwaye umakazi u-Antonia, edanile kwaye ezisola, wabuyela ekhaya edakumbile. Njengoko ixesha lalihamba, waqokelela inzondo nosizi, engakwazi ukuthetha namntu ngenxa yokuba wayeyedwa, yaye waba lixhoba lentloko ebuhlungu namazinyo awayemngcungcuthekisa kangangeeveki ezininzi.

Ngenye imini ummelwane, olungileyo kakhulu kwaye uzinikele, wabiza uMalume uMichele waza wamngcikiva ngayo yonke impatho embi awayiphatha kakubi umfazi wakhe: - Ufanele ube neentloni - wamkhwaza - ukwenza umfazi abandezeleke ngolo hlobo ... U-Antonia udinga ukufumana umoya, akuyomfuneko ukuba umahlule ekhaya, ufanele aphume, aye kwimisa, aye kwizizalwane, njengoko onke amaKristu esenza. Ngaphezu kwako konke, kufuneka ahambe, yiyo kuphela indlela eya kuhamba ngayo intloko yakhe ... - ummelwane wathatha ikhefu elifutshane, emva koko waqhubeka wathi: - ngaphantsi kweyure

ukusuka apha, sihamba phantsi kwingoma ye-imeyile. Unomhlaba kunye nendlu encinci ethozamileyo kakhulu enekhithshi phantsi kophahla kunye nelinye igumbi elifumileyo elinokuthi lisetyenziswe njengegumbi lokulala ehlotyeni. Kulo mhlaba kukho izityalo zehazelnut, amakhiwane, iimandarin, ii<em>medlars, iidiliya, ii<em>zizzole, ama-apile, amapere, iminquma, ngamafutshane, yonke into elungileyo evela kuThixo.

Njengoko nisazi, emva kokusweleka kuka bhuti kufuneka ndijonge udadobawo kwaye andisakwazi nokuhoya ezilalini, yiyo lonto bendicinga ukuyithengisa. Kutheni ungayithengi? Ngale ndlela umfazi wakho uya kuba nethuba lokuphefumla umoya olungileyo... Ekuqaleni uMalume uMichele wathandabuza kodwa emva koko waya kuwutyelela waza waqiniseka ukuba makawuthenge. Ngexesha elifutshane isivumelwano satyikitywa kwaye ipropati yaba yeyakhe. Ngaloo ndlela, i-lookalike kaVittorio Emanuele III, ngokunyuka kobuqili kunye nobuqhophololo, ecetywayo kumakazi u-Antonia: - uya kufunda ukukha amakhiwane kwaye uwayeke ome. Xa kufuneka uhlambe impahla uya kuhla uye emlanjeni ufumane amanzi afunekayo okusela nokupheka ngokugrumba umngxuma entlabathini ukuze uhlambuluke. iintsapho ezihlala kwiilali ezikufutshane zaseSan Basilio, eVallancazza, eBadiavecchia nasePiano Vigna. Kuya kuba nzima ebusika xa umlambo uphuphuma ngamanzi kodwa ndiya kuwoyisa lo mqobo. Wena, kwelinye icala, uya kukwazi ukonwabela iilali. Ejonge ezantsi, uMakazi u-Antonia, waphinda wenza njengoko wayeyalelwe: - Cuomu tu voi, eu fazzu - Njengoko ufuna, ndiza kuyenza, intombazana ehlophekileyo yaphendula ngokuthobela.

## Isahluko sesibini - Ukuphuma kweli hlabathi



Ekuqaleni kwentwasahlobo yowe-1936, intombazana ehlwempuzekileyo kunye nomalume wayo uMicheli bafudukela eCastrangia, emaphandleni, kufuphi nebhedo yomlambo. Kwiidolophu ezahlukeneyo zaseBadiavecchia, eSan Basilio naseVallancazza kwasasazwa iindaba zokuba wayesafumaneka kwaye abantu bambizela imisebenzi. Ngaloo mihla kwakukho isiko, nangona kubonakala kungaqhelekanga namhlanje, ukuba xa befuna itafile, ifestile, ucango okanye i-wardrobe, babize umchweli aze amngenise ekhayeni labo: bamlungisele ibhedo kwaye bamlungisele. benza ukuba kubekho iinkuni eziyimfuneko. UMalume uMichele weza nezixhobo waza wahlala esizeni wade wagqitywa umsebenzi.

Bambiza ukuba agawule umthi baza bawuyeka ukuba wome iminyaka embalwa. Isiqu somthi sasixhonywe eludongeni. Umchweli wabamba isarha evela phezulu kunye nomncedisi ongezantsi: "Serra serra mastro dascio che dumè fagimmo a cascia" (Saw saw okanye inkosi enkulu masenze isifuba ngomso).

Isiqu somthi sasixhonywe eludongeni. Ngesarha enkulu bazifumana iibhodi baza ngazo benza iifestile, iibhedo

neewodrophu. Ukwenza lo msebenzi wavuka ngo 4 wahamba neharssack yakhe kunye neenaliti. Ukufika kwakhe ekhayeni lakhe, abathengi bamnika ubisi olutsha kunye netswele neqhekeza lesonka. Emini emini ipleyiti yepasta kunye neqhekeza leshizi. Ngokuhlwa wayeka ukusebenza kwaye bamnika isonka esenziwe ekhaya njengediphozithi yokuqala ngaphambi kokuba ahlawule ityala ngeCawa eNovara.

Kwadlula iminyaka embalwa kwaye unyana, uTurillu, wayekhulile kwaye waqonda ngokwakhe ukuba wayengenanjongo, nantoni na ehlabathini, ukuchitha ubomi bakhe bonke eyedwa emaphandleni. Wayefunde umsebenzi kayise kodwa wayefuna ukuqeqeshelwa umsebenzi wakhe aze abe ngumenzi wekhabhathi. Wakwazi ukweyisela uyise ukuba amthumele kwisixeko apho kwakunokwenzeka ukuba afunde obo bugcisa. Wafudukela eCatania yaye emva kweminyaka emibini eqeqeshelwa umsebenzi waba nobuchule kakhulu, waziva ekulungele ukuwenza loo msebenzi, yaye ekubeni ngoku wayeneminyaka elishumi elinesithoba wacinga ukuba lalifikile ixesha lokuba aqalise eyakhe intsapho. Yaqengqeleka iminyaka esazi intombi kamalusi wagqiba kwelokuba atshate kodwa oko kwakungqubana neminqweno kamalume wakhe uMikheri owayefuna ukuba unyana wakhe atshate umfazi wesizwe sakhe. Ngaloo mihla, kwakungakholeleki, kodwa kwakunje: ukuba ingcibi ukuzeka intombi yomalusi kwaba lihlazo elikhulu. Ungquzulwano olukhulu lwaqhambuka ngequbuliso phakathi kotata nonyana olwanyanzela uTurillu ukuba ahlukane noyise kunye nomama wakhe wesibini. Ngentsapho yakhe entsha walishiya ilizwe waza wafudukela eComo apho wenza ubutyebi ngomsebenzi wakhe.

Oomalume babengenabantwana, ngoko ke, ngokuhamba kukaTurillu, bashiyeka bodwa. Oyena mntu wayebandezeleke



kakhulu koku kuhlukaniswa yedwa yayinguMakazi u-Antonia owachitha imini yonke encokola neentaka, iimpukane kunye neengcongconi ezazibhuza kufutshane naye. Kuloo mqolomba ezilalini wayengenalo ithuba lokuthetha namntu. Kuphela ngexesha leeholide ezibalulekileyo ezifana neKrisimesi, iPasika okanye umthendeleko weMadonna Assunta phakathi no-Agasti wakwazi ukuya edolophini ukutyelela umama. Ebudeni bolu tyelelo, emva kokuba ekhalaze ixesha elide ngemeko yakhe, wacela udade wabo: - Teresa othandekayo, ndiphawule ukuba unokujongana neentombi ezimbini ezincinci, ndinike iConcetta kum ukuze ube ukhululekile ngakumbi ukuba uzinikele kumncinane. Ndiza kumsa emaphandleni apho umoya ungcono kwaye ndiza kumenzela okulungileyo - Umama ekuqaleni wayengaqinisekanga kodwa emva koko, njengesiqhelo, enikwe isimilo esilula, emva kokunyanzelisa kukadade wabo wavuma.

Ingxaki yaqala kum. Isenokuba yayiyimini eshushu, kwaqala ihlobo lika-1938, ndandineminyaka emibini ubudala waza umakazi weza kundilanda. Kwibhegi yelaphu ndifake iblukhwe, i-panty ezimbini kwaye ndingazazi yonke into endiyishiyileyo endlwini yam. Ndandimncinci kangangokuba andizange ndiqonde ukuba i-Via Crucis yam yayiza kuqala ngaloo mini. Sawulandela umkhondo wemeyile de kwasemva kwesiqingatha seyure okanye ngaphezulu sifike kule ndawo yodwa enegama elingasiqinisekisiyo leCastrangia (Cassandra!) phantse ngokungathi sixela ishwangusha, ngokufutshane igama lalisele liyilo lonke, nokuba Ndandingayiqondi ngelo xesha. Umyeni waqala wandamkela kakuhle, umakazi qho emva koko wayendithengela iilekese ukuze ndithande ukuthanda kwam wathi xa endikhapha ukuya eNovara xa ndindwendwela umama wayesoloko endixelela ngokungqongqo ukuba ndingabuyeli ekhaya kodwa kwakungcono ndikhule naye ebehleli yedwa

ebezoba ngumama wam. Akukho nto ndinokuyenza ngaphandle kokuthobela.

Ngelo xesha, utata wabuya eSardinia, wahlala nje iveki, eyaneleyo ukuba amithe umama, waza wemka kwakhona. Kwakungowe-1939 kwaye kunyaka olandelayo kwazalwa uAntonietta. Ndisakhumbula kakuhle ukuba umakazi wam u-Antonia wandisa eNovara ndiyobona umama kwaye ndandiqala ukumbona udade wethu. Ndandifuna ukuhlala ekhaya ukuze ndibambe u-Antonietta omncinci kodwa umakazi wam, ngakumbi nangakumbi elawula ubomi bam, eqinile njengejoni, wandixelela: - Turnemmu ekhaya, ndiza kukwenzela isizathu esihle - (Masiye ekhaya, ndiza kukwenzela unodoli omhle).

Sithe xa sifika etyotyombeni wandifakela "causitta" epeyintwe ngamehlo abomvu oyikekayo ezingalweni zam. Ndaye ndoyika. Yayilixesha apho ndandisoloko ndilila kuba ndandifuna ukubuyela eNovara kuTatomkhulu nomama kodwa kwakungekho ndlela yokukholisa umalume u-Antonia: intliziyo yakhe yayilihlwili yaye isithulu kwisikhalazo sam ngasinye. Kwiminyaka emithathu yokuqala sachitha ixesha elininzi kwindlu yasemaphandleni eCastrangia, apho kwakungekho mphefumlo uphila, kunqabile ukuba abantu beholide babonwe kwizindlu ezithe saa.

Ngecawe siye saya elalini ndandwendwela umama, noosisi bam abancinci kunye nomakhulu ozala umama. Utat'omkhulu ebeyindoda entle enamadevu. Ebephethe i snuffbox ebemane ephunga. Ebusika wayendithatha phantsi kwengubo yakhe andise esquare ndiyothenga iilekese ndingcamle iwayini e "Sciancaditta" tavern entla kwesibhedlele. Ngokuhlwa sabuyela eCastrangia.

Ngezinye iingokuhlwa umalume wayesiya kuqheliselo lomculo, apho wayedlala itrombone, emva koko wayeka ukuze asele ethaveni waza wabuyela emaphandleni edlamkile. Iimitha

ezingama-500 ukusuka eCastrangia waqala ukubiza "Concettina, 'ntoia ...". Ngelo xesha, ekhaya, umakazi wayelungise imbiza yodongwe ukuze ifudumale amanzi kwi-tripod. Wathi xa ephakathi ekuphekeni wagalelwa amanzi abilayo, mhlawumbi ukuze achithe iwayini. Epanini yentsimbi umakazi walungisa itswele kunye neetumato ukuze apheke ipasta. Itswele lalingavuthwanga kakuhle landigabha. "Yitya, kungenjalo ndiza kuthatha umtya ndikunike imizimba...".

Ngaloo mihla umfazi waseVenice wayengumbelekisi waseSan Basilio. Xa umlambo wawuphuphuma ebusika, uMalume uMichele wamthwala egxalabeni lakhe (i-ciancalea) ukuze athenge kwikhemesti yaseNovara. Wema ekhaya wathi "Antonia, mnike ityali, kuyabanda". Umakazi ndini, andazi noba wayemqonda na ukuba sisithandwa sika Michele.

Ngoku ndandineminyaka emihlanu ubudala, ndindedwa ezilalini, ndingathethi namntu ndaba njengesilwanyana sasendle. Ndandinentloni ngumntu wonke. Sithe xa sisiya eNovara ndazimela kuba bendisoyika abantu. Abamelwane baluqonda olu tshintsho baza bacebisa oomalume bam ukuba bandithumele kwisikolo sabantwana abancinane. Ngethamsanqa oomalume babeqinisekile. Ngoko ngenye intsasa umakazi wathumela umalume uMichele ukuba andithengele ibhiskithi aze ayifake kwibhaskithi yendiza emhlophe endandiyinikwe ngumakhulu ozala utata. Kunye nebhiskithi wabeka iqanda elitsha. Wandikhapha saya kwi nursery ekufuphi nelali ye abbey. Xa unongendi wavula ucango ukuze andamkele, ndaqalisa ukukhala. Ngenxa yokoyika ndayijula phantsi ingobozi, laqhekeka iqanda lashiya ukungcola phantsi. Umalumekazi uye wandohlwaya ngokundibetha kakhulu wandibuyisela ekhaya. Ngoko ke usuku lwam lokuqala kwisikolo sabantwana

abancinane nalo lwaba lolokugqibela.

Kwenzeka, ukususela xa ndandineminyaka emine ubudala, ukuba umalume wam wathi: - Concettina, yiya eNovara kwaye undithathele i-carmieri (i-tranquilizers) yentloko. Ndabaleka kwindlela imeyile njenge-ferret, ndadlula kwisithili saseGreco, ngamanye amaxesha ndimisa emthonjeni ukuze ndithobe unxano lwam, kwaye ndafika kwikhemesti "du Surcittu". Usokhemesti wamangala waza waxelela abahlobo bakhe ukuba ngexeshana nje elingephi ndizakuya nokubuya eNovara njengombane. Xa ndandineminyaka emihlanu ndasiwa eBarcelona zizalamane ezikude. Apho ndabona kwaye ndimamele ngokumangala okukhulu okokuqala ... unomathotholo! Saya nakwenye ivenkile sayothenga ilaphu elimbala we-ertyisi. Umncedisi wentengiso ucebise: - Thenga umnqwazi kunye nesikhafu esimhlophe. Ekugqibeleni baye baqiniseka kwaye umncedisi wevenkile wanika iziqwenga ezibini zasimahla zesatin eblowu emenyezelayo kunye nebhlowu ekhanyayo. Ngengomso sayisa amalaphu kumama owawenza ngeentsuku ezimbalwa. NgeeCawe ndandiziva ngathi zintombi zamarhawusi nezihandiba zaseNovara.

Ebusika bowe-1941, phakathi kwemfazwe, utata, akuba ewugqibile umsebenzi wakhe eSardinia, wagqiba kunye nomhlobo wakhe ukuba baye kuzifunela ubutyebi kwisixeko esisemantla aze aphile ngokuphinda aqalise umsebenzi wakhe omdala wokuba ngumkhandi wezihlangu. Kuye kwavakala umoya wokuba umama ufuna ukungena kutata yandiphazamisa lento kangangoba ngenye imini ndangena phantsi kwebhedi yakhe ndakhulula ndaqaphela amakhozo amabini erayisi, amabele azayo anokhwekhwe kuba umakazi. zange wandihlamba. Bazihlutha kum ngogonyamelo. Ndikhumbula ndibona igazi kuba ndandizonzakele. Ndabuyisela kwihempe

ye-canvas eyayifuneka imini nobusuku, emva koko ilokhwe, kwaye akukho mntu uqaphelayo.

Ngaphambi kokuba ahambe, umama wazama ukuphuma kwindlu kayisemkhulu ngokulandelelana, njengoko ihlwempu lalishiywe lodwa. Wacinga ngokufaka izibane zombane, ngelo xesha igunya leenkosi. Ngaphambili, "u Iusu" yayisetyenziswa neoli. UMalume uMichele waphazanyiswa yile nto: kwiintsuku ezimbalwa kamva watsalela umnxeba umqhubi wombane waza wamyalela ukuba naye afakele isibane endlwini yakhe, ngoko xa ndandisiya elalini nam ndonwabela ukukhanya okuncinane kwizinyuko zamaplanga. Xa kufuneka ndiye kwindlu yangasese (i-latrea), ngokusisiseko umngxuma olula owawukumgangatho ophantsi emva kwelabhoratri yakhe, kwakusoloko kukho iibhokisi ezibekwe ecaleni kwayo, ezakhiwa ngumalume ukuze zilungele xa kuceliwe.

Ngentsasa yomhla woku-1 kuMatshi 1942, ndinxibe isatin eluhlaza enemikhono eblowu, kunye nomalume kunye notatomkhulu uTore, ndapheleka umama noodadewabo abancinci ukuya eposini ePiazza di San Sebastiano, oko kukuthi, ewe ibhasi, eyayiza kubakhwelisa kwisikhululo sikaloliwe saseVigliatore. Udadewabo oneminyaka engama-4 ubudala uRosa akazange afune ukunyuka kunye nomalume wakhe, ukuze amqinisekise, wathi kuye: - ukuba awuyi kunyuka uya kugula - (ndiya kukhupha kabini).

Mna mdala ndiphenjelelwe ngumakazi andahamba ndahlala eNovara. Khange ndikwazi ukuyeka ukulila. Ndafuna intuthuzelo ezingalweni zikatamkhulu. Naye waye washiyeka yedwa and for that day ndahlala naye for keeping him. Emva kweentsuku ezimalunga namashumi amabini yafika ileta yokuqala evela kumama isixelela ngempumelelo yohambo. UTata wayemfumanele indlu entle enamanzi endlwini nesitovu segesi,

into entsha kuye. Eqhubeka nebali, kusuku emva kokufika kwakhe wabiza umlungisi weenwele endlwini ukuba amnike ukucheba okusefashionini. Kule lali phantse onke amabhinqa ayenxibe iinwele zawo ezinde ngetope. Ngamafutshane, umama wonwabile yaye anelisekile okwesihlandlo sokuqala ebomini bakhe. Ekupheleni kwebali wandincoma kumakazi wakhe. Ngokuqinisekileyo akazange akucinge ukubandezeleka kwam eCastrangia.

Emva kwemini sihambile, umakazi u-Antonia wandibuyisela ezilalini wathi umyeni wakhe makandithengele incwadi yebanga lokuqala andifundise ukubhala ukuze ndingene kwibanga lesibini ngo-Okthobha kunokuqala. Ntlungu: Bendingasakwazi ukudlala, kodwa bekufuneka ndichithe ixesha lam ndibhala iifandesi namanani. Ngalo lonke ixesha utitshala wayedlula eCastrangia xa ebuya eSan Basilio apho wayefundisa khona. Igama lakhe yayinguMaria, wayeyintombi yomphathi owayesaziwa nguninakazi. Wamnika iglasi yamanzi. Ngelixesha ndambonisa i notebook wandiphulula. Wakhupha ipensile ebomvu ebhegini yakhe wabhala "uhambe kakuhle". Olunjani uvuyo, ulonwabo olunjani ukuzibona ndinconywa, into engaqhelekanga kum. Ndaba nesingqala mihla le, ndandibacenga ukuba bandise koomalume nootatomkhulu, kodwa umakazi wathi akuyomfuneko.

Wayesoyika ukuba ndingabaxelela indlela endandiphethwe ngayo nokondliwa kwam. Enyanisweni, ukutya kwakunganelanga kwintombazana encinci eyayifanele ikhule kwaye iphuhlise: kusasa bandinika isiqwenga sesonka esinzima kunye noshizi, emini yemini isaladi yeetamatati kunye neminquma emibini. Ngorhatya, xa umyeni wakhe ekhona, uMakazi u-Antonia wapheka ipasta ngesosi ehlaziyiweyo esekwe kwitswele elikrwada. Yaye ukuba ndandingayityi ndandizibeka esichengeni

sokubethwa. Ukwenzela izinto ezahlukahlukeneyo, ngezinye iingokuhlwa wayepheka ipasta neemboty okanye uhlobo oluthile lwepolenta ethambileyo. Kuphela ngeKrisimesi, uNyaka oMtsha, iCarnival nangelsta apho babulala inkukhu okanye umvundla. NgoJanuwari babulala ihagu abafumana kuyo isalami enesiqholo kunye nenyama yamafutha aqholiweyo, kodwa kwafuneka ukuba ityiwe ithontsi ngethontsi kungenjalo yayingayi kwanela unyaka wonke. Ngalo lonke ixesha ngeCawe umalume wayedla ngokuthenga i-triple emdaka ethi nangoku ukucinga nje ngayo kuyandonyanyisa, okanye amathumbu asongwe kwisebe le-parsley, i-scallops, eyayiqhotswa. Konke yayikukutya okunexabiso eliphantsi kuba, ngokutsho kwabo, akufuneki simoshe njengootatomkhulu noomakhulu bethu kwaye bandiphindaphinda: - Uyabona, bahlala beneepani ezizele ziisoseji kunye nentlanzi, bayatya kwaye basele. Kufuneka sihlale kude kwabo bantu - bathi -. Oomalume bam babenoloyiko lokuba ezinye izalamane zaziza kundeyisela ekubeni ndithelele umama notata kwilizwekazi. Bazama ngamandla ukundenza ndibathiye kangangokuba maxa wambi xa ndidibana nabo ndibeke izandla phezu kwamehlo am ukuze ndingababoni.

Ufikile uSeptember kwafuneka ndibhale iimviwo zokungena kwiklasi yesibini. Bandithatha oomalume bandisa elalini, baye babonisana nomjongi ukuba andibeke iliso, utishala endandiza kuba naye kwibanga lesibini nomfundisi-ntsapho webhodi leemviwo. Bonke beza namaqanda njengesipho sokukhusela ukunyuselwa kwam. Ndandingazange ndidibane nabo bantu, iklasi yayineedesika zamaplanga ezihlala ezibini ezineenki. Bekukho namanye amantombazana ebesenza iimviwo zokulungisa ingxaki. Bandenze ndasombulula iingxaki zokudibanisa nokuthabatha ebhodini. Zombini ii-inki kunye nebhodi yokubhala zazintsha ngokupheleleyo kum.

Bendingcangcazela ngathi ndiligqabi ndisoyika ndineentloni, bendingazi ukuba ndizoyicombulula njani le operations, kaloku uAntonia ebendifundise ukubhala amanani ukusuka kwenye ukuya kweyeshumi. Bandicela ke ukuba ndibhale isivakalisi, ingcamango encinci kwi-notebook, kodwa andazi ukuba ndiqale ngaphi. Zathi zakuphela ezo ngxubakaxaka, unogada wandisa ekhaya. Umakazi wambuza ukuba luhambe njani uvavanyo waphendula umjita wathi akuhambanga kakuhle, kodwa isigwebo sokugqibela sixhomekeke kootishala.

Okumangalisayo kukuba, umphumo wawulungile kwaye ndangeniswa kwiklasi yesibini: Ndandikulungele ukuya esikolweni, kodwa ingxaki ye-apron yavela. UMalume uMichele wayeye evenkileni ngezolo wathenga intsalela yelaphu elimnyama. Umakazi u-Antonia wandenzela iyunifomu yam ngosuku nje olunye. Kwakufuneka imali eyongezelelekileyo ukuze kuthengwe ezi folda. Oomalume bam bebenemali kodwa bebexakwe kukonga so yena losisi ebesenza konke okusemandleni akhe wandenzela I plywood folder ene window. Abazange bandithengele nepeni. Umalume wam wakha enye ngeplanga elicekethekileyo lancamathela ekupheleni. Babengakwazi ukutshintsha iincwadana ezimbini nepensile kwaye kwafuneka bazithenge. Ngo-Oktobha 1, 1942, umakazi wandikhapha ukuya esikolweni. Waqala waya epodestà ukuya kucela isiqinisekiso sokuzalwa esasifunwa sisikolo kuba ndandiphumile eklasini. Umfundisi-ntsapho wayenobubele waza wandamkela ngezandla ezishushu, kodwa ndandimoyika, mhlawumbi ngenxa yokuba endaweni yengalo yakhe yasekunene wafakelwa irabha efakelweyo ngenxa yengozi eyenzeka esengumntwana kumzi-mveliso wepasta kayise. Ndabelwa indawo kwindawo engaphambili. Amaqabane am amatsha, awayengandiboni kunyaka ophelileyo, echukumisekile



bubukho bam, ambombozela: - Kutheni le nto ibangela i-sicca-sicca? - (Ngubani le ntombazana ibhityileyo?). Bendisoyika shame bendingakwazi nokuwuvula umlomo wam khange ndiyiphendule nemibuzo endiyibuzwa ngutishala ngothando.

Bendingumntana wendle andinaso isibindi sokucela ukuyochama ndake ndachama. Ndifike endlini ndabethwa ngumakazi kuba funeka andihlambe ilokhwe yam engazukoma kwangexesha ngengomso. Zahamba iintsuku kwaphinda kwaphinda kwafana. Umfundisi-ntsapho, owayivayo loo nto emini, wandithumela kwindlu yangasese, kodwa ngamanye amaxesha wayelibala ndize ndiphinde ndizithathele. Abantwana endandifunda nabo abazange bandihoye yaye bandiphepha ngokungathi ndihlaselwa ngulo bhubhani yaye abazange bazame nokwenza ubuhlobo nam.

Babesazana kuba babehlanganisana elalini, ngoxa kwakufuneka ndihambe iyure yonke ukuze ndifike emzini osemaphandleni yaye ngenxa yoko ndandingenalo ithuba lokuba ngumhlobo wabo. Oomalume babeza kuphela edolophini ngeeCawe ukuze badibane nabahlobo kwaye bachithe iiyure ezimbalwa zolonwabo kunye nabo phambi kwebhotile yewayini. Kodwa ixesha elininzi umakazi wayehlala ekhaya ukuze afumane iodolo zomsebenzi womnyeni wakhe. Xa ndandineminyaka emithandathu ndandihamba kwindlela ende yokunyuka imeyile. Embindini wenjenje ndema ukuze ndivune intaphane yeentyatyambo eziluhlaza zingqongwe ngamagqabi ukuze ndizinike utitshala.

Ndifike eskolweni ndidiniwe. Emva kwemini emaqanda ndabuyela ezilalini ndikhatshwa kukuntyiloza okungevayo kweecicada nelanga eligqats' ubhobhoyi, ndingazange ndidibane nomphefumlo ophilayo.

Ndiye ndazivalela kulo hovel ndahlala ndedwa ndimane ndizicingela nam kulaa ndawo ingaphantsi kunezoxolo umakazi ebesiba ngqongqo kum. Umalume xa egqiba umsebenzi wayemane emane emisa ngase tavern agoduke ebusuku ehleli enxilile. Ngamanye amaxesha, ethe kratya kunesiqhelo, wayelahleka aze angabuyeli ekhaya. Umakazi wakhe nabanye abamelwane bamkhangela ezinzulwini zobusuku ngasemlanjeni bekhanyise ngezibane. Xa bamfumana ewile phantsi bamcenga ukuba agoduke.

Ngelo xesha, ndandingakwazi ukwenza nantoni na entle esikolweni. Ekupheleni kwekota yokuqala utitshala wasasaza amakhadi engxelo, emva koko nge-insignia ye-fascist kwaye ngelishwa nazo zonke izifundo ezingonelanga: ikhadi lam lengxelo lalilelona lihlwempuzekileyo eklasini. Ukukhuthaza umakazi ndamxelela ukuba nezinye iireport card ziyafana nezam kwaye umakazi uphantse wathatha ibhayi. Ngoko ke imihla ngemihla ndandiba nesibindi ndindedwa yaye eklasini ndandizama ukwenza ubuhlobo nabanye abantwana endandifunda nabo. Ndandifuna ukuya kubo, kodwa abazange bandikhuphe kwiincoko zabo, mhlawumbi ngenxa yokuba emehlweni abo ndandiyintombazana ehlwempuzekileyo yasemaphandleni.

## Isahluko sesithathu - Imidlalo esesantini



Kwiminyaka eyichitha uhleli wedwa eCastrangia, ixesha alizange lidlule kuba ekuphela kwento owawunokuyenza yayikukuphulaphula ukuntyiloza kweentaka imini yonke yaye ehlotyeni ukuntyiloza okungevayo kweecicada, xa i<em>sirocco ichwechwela ivela elwandle. ngakwindlela egoso-goso yomlambo, bayitshise intlambo. Izilwanyana zasemaphandleni yayingabahlobo bam. Ndiye ndachitha ixesha lam ndizicingela. Ndazakhela ilizwe elilelam ndiqalela kwimifanekiso ebonakala kum ngasemva kwesibhakabhaka okanye phakathi kwamasebe emithi: izilwanyana zasendle ezazithetha, amaqhawe endawabeka emphethweni weLitye loMgcini-ntloko emva koko ngeyam. ndibawisele phantsi, ndibabone betshatyalaliswa kukoyika. ILiwa elo ndalenza laba yinamba, elasuka lasuka lasuka lasuka laphaphazela entabeni, laza laphaphazela phezulu, laza lenza ukhwankqiso emaphandleni. Ndawaguqula amafu, aba zizikhephe ezibhabhayo ndaza ndahamba esibhakabhakeni ndicinga ukuya ngaphaya kolwandle olukude, apho umama noodade bam babendilindile. Oonokala abaphuma

kumanzi alo mlambo baza badumba de baguquka baba zizilwanyana ezikhulu ezathi zancothula nezityalo njengoko zazisiya kulo msinga.

Ngamanye amaxesha ndandikhumbula ubuso obungathandekiyo buka-Antonia. Wayengandithandi engandithandanga nam ndandimonyanya: umama wayendiphathise kudade wabo kodwa naye wayendithembisile ukuba ngenye imini uya kundilanda: yilento ndandisoloko ndiqabela emithini. wajonga elundini phayaa, ndinethemba lokumbona ekhwele ngasemva kwahashe elimhlophe ehamba notata. Kwiidolophana ezikufuphi zaseSan Basilio naseVallancazza la madoda ayehambe onke. Kwasala abafazi, abantwana kunye nabantu abadala abambalwa. Yayizilali ezithe cwaka kangangokuba ubomi babungachaphazeleki. Ixesha lalimile kwaye abantu bakholelwa ukuba yonke into iya kutshintsha, ukuba ngenye imini, xa imfazwe iphelile, impucuko yayiza kungena ngoloyiso kwelo qela lezindlu ezisasazekileyo, ezifileyo nezigungqisayo. Bendingathanda ukuba nabahlobo, ndazi ukuba andindedwa kwaye ndilahliwe, ndikwazi ukukhuselwa, ndazi ukuba ndinokuzimela kumakhaya alo okanye laa mntu. Ndandingenalo nelungelo lokutsho ukuba andinasapho, abazali bam babekude phesheya kolwandle, ngaphaya kwaloo blue ingenasiphelo, phakathi kwam nabo kwakufana nentaba ephakamileyo nengagqithekiyo. Endaweni yoko ndanyanzeleka ukuba ndihlale nomakazi endiphethe kakubi. Ndithe ndakuyicinga ndambona esithi gqi, wandicaphukisa elo lizwi lihlabayo nelinoburhalarhume. Ilizwi elenzelwe ukukhwaza, ukukhala, ukuthuka kunye nokuxhaphaza.

Kwanezilwanyana zaziloyika ilizwi lakhe. Kuphela ngumyeni wakhe awathi wehlisa isifuba sakhe kwaye nevolumu yelizwi lakhe yatshintsha ngokupheleleyo, iguqukela ekubeni yigusha.

Umakazi wayecinga ukuba intombazana encinci ayinakukwazi ukuqonda okwenzekayo ngakuyo. Andizange ndiqonde yonke into kuphela, kodwa, ngaphezu koko, andizange ndithule okanye ndingenzi nto. Yayiyimfazwe eqhubekayo. Umzabalazo ongapheliyo kwaye odinisayo. Ngalo lonke ixesha ndandicinga ngekamva: wayesele ekhulile kwaye engenakuzinceda, ndandiselula yaye ndomelele, kodwa nangona ndandingayi kumphatha kakubi, yayingeyonxalenye yendalo yam.

Ngamanye amaxesha bendiye ndisondele ngasemlanjeni apho ndifike abantu behlamba impahla, bazohlamba, oko kukuthi, bahlambe amashiti nengubo, baqale bagalele yonke into eluthuthwini. Okanye xa, emva kwexesha lokucheba, babeze kuhlamba uboya begusha baze bomise elangeni ukuze bube mhlophe baze basebenzise ukugquma oomandlalo beebhedi. Ndaya kuqokelela iiflakes ezazisele phakathi kwamatye elunxwemeni ndaza ndanxibisa unodoli wam wamadlavu ngawo. Ndathi xa ndingazi ukuba mandenze ntoni, ndaqalisa ukuphakamisa amatye elunxwemeni lomlambo ndikhangela inkala, ndawafaka ngobuchule ngeminwe yam entla kwentloko yam, ukuze ndiphephe ukuba inzipho zabo zindicinezele. Ndazithatha ndagoduka nazo kwathi ngorhatya xa umalumekazi ebasa umlilo ndawosa ndatya: kum ibiyi special dinner. Maxa wambi endaweni yoononkala, kamsinya nje lakunyuswa ilitye, amasele amancinane awoyikeka adubula ebheka phezulu ngokutsiba nkqo, endenza nditsibe luloyiko. Ndandicinga ukuba ngabantu endandidlala nabo yaye maxa wambi ndandide ndizisole ngokumka, ndibashiye bodwa ebumnyameni ubusuku bonke. Xa kwakufuneka ndibuyele ekhaya ngorhatya ndabiza ngokuvakalayo uMalume uMichele, ndisebenzisa i-echo eyadalwa kuloo ntlambo. Maxa wambi ehlotyeni xa kukho intsapho yakwaScardino eyayihlala kwindlu engasentla

kwentlambo, ndandidla ngokuyityelela. Ndadlala noMimma owayengoyena mncinane kubazalwana.

UGoofy wayesetyenziselwa ukwakha izitulo kunye neetafile zoonodoli. Kwakumnandi kangakanani ukuchitha iiyure ezimbalwa kwinkampani. Ekuseni bandibiza xa besiya kwelinye icala lomlambo ukuya kufuna ubisi. Babene-emele yokugcwalisa, "uConcettina" wanelisekile kukumbona esenga. Umnini weenkomo, uMicca a Cappellea, wandisizela waza wandinika isiqingatha seglasi. Kwindlu kamakazi sasibona ubisi kabini ngonyaka: xa esenza iibhiskithi nangePasika xa elungisa amahobe ngeqanda lering elinemibala. Xa ubisi lubila ndalukhukula yonke intwana yalo. Kwigumbi lendlu yelizwe kwakukho ibhedi kamalume, ukuba ingabizwa ngokuba yibhedi, kunye neebhodi ezibekwe phezu kweentsimbi ezimbini kunye ne-straw mattress, ekubeni beyishiyile ihashe enye eNovara. Kwafuneka ndilale kumandlalo wendiza ndinxibe nje ingubo endala yasemkhosini ngaphezulu, inamafutha kwaye idlakadlaka. Ndiye ndalala nge shirt ye canvas bendiyinxiba nasemini ndingenayo ne panty. Akunakukwazi ukuchaza ingqele endandiba nayo rhoqo ebusuku. Xa kunetha, kwakufuneka kubekwe izitya ukuze kuqokelelwe amanzi aphuma eluphahleni. Ukuba ndandifuna ukuchama ebusuku, kwakufuneka ndiphume endlwini kwaye ndiyenze kufuphi nesitebhisi. Ukuba bendingaqaphelanga ukuba ndiphuphe ntoni, kanti bendiyenza kumatrasi westraw, kusasa nam bendibethwa kakhulu. Umakazi u-Antonia naye walala enxibe ihempe awayeyisebenzisa emini, ngoxa uMalume uMichele wayezisongile njengoko wenzayo unina.

Umcimbi wokulala wenziwa ngokwesiko lesiqhelo: ndaqala ndalala, kwafika ixesha lika-anti, emva koko umalume wam wakhulula ibhulukhwe yakhe enemigca kunye nempahla

yangaphantsi. Ngehemphe yakhe ebeyinxibile emini waya ngasebhedini wacima isibane samafutha esibekwe phezu kwetafile egudle udonga. Mna, owayekhohlakele, ndenza ngathi andikhange ndijonge kwaye ndikrobe: xa egoba ukuze acime ilangatye ndabona isithunzi sakhe sikrolwe eludongeni, njengesithunzi saseTshayina, kunye ne-din-don ejingayo. - Owu, kumnandi kangakanani! - watsho, kuba yonke iwayini awayeyisele yamenza shushu kakhulu. Ecaleni kwebhedi yabo kwakukho iminqwazi emibini, oko kukuthi, iingobozi ezimbini zommoba ezazigcina amakhiwane omisiweyo. Bazigqume ngamadlavu amdaka nanamafutha kwaye kweli lokugqibela kukho impahla yangaphantsi ecocekileyo kamalume. Kwibhokisi ekufutshane nebhedi yam bagcina isonka neqhiya ababendibhijela entloko xa ndisiya esikolweni ebusika, impahla yangaphantsi kunye neka-anti. Ndandizisebenzisa ngeCawe kuphela xa sisiya kwimisa eNovara. Oomalume bathi singazinxibi ezilalini ngoba sizozinxibisa ngokungenamsebenzi.

NgoJanuwari babulala ihagu. Balungisa iioseji baza bagalela amafutha ehagu. Iinyawo ezibilisiwe zigcinwe kwimbiza ye-terracotta efakwe kwi-lard. Zazidla ngokutyiwa ngoMeyi kunye neemboty ezintsha ezibanzi kuba ngokwesiko zazingenakutyiwa ngaphambili. Kwake kwathi ngoApril, ndambuza umakazi kuba ndandilambe ndingazi nokuba ndizoty ntoni nesonka. Watsho ekhwaza umakazi esithi ndiphambene. Ngenye imini xa ndandibuya esikolweni, ndadibana no-Ofelia nodade wabo kwindlela yeemeyile. Babeswelekelwe ngunina baza babuya noyise besuka eFransi.

Bebe bhetyebhetye kakhulu kunam, ndabasizela ndabaxelela: ngena apho ndihlala khona, ngelixesha umakazi uphumile ukha amanzi, eziko kukho imbiza enokutya, yithatheni niziphakele kodwa ndithethe nantoni na ke nakubani na.- Bandibulela kwaye,

beqhutywa yindlala, balandela icebiso lam ngaphandle kokulibazisa. Ngenyanga kaCanzibe, xa oomalume sebephekile iimbotyi ezibanzi, bayokuthatha iinyawo zehagu endaweni yoko bafumanisa imbiza enamahagu kuphela: ngokwendalo becinga ukuba ndim, kangangeentsuku ezininzi bandiqumbisa ukuze bandihlawule. Ngelo xesha ndaziva ndinelunda kuba ndandiqala ukuba nemvakalelo emnandi yokuba ndiphumelele idabi elikhulu nxamnye nokubawa kwabo. Ngenxa yokunqongophala kococeko, iintakumba zazilawula ngaphandle kokuphazamiseka kwindlu yonke. Bandihlaba intamo ebusuku wabe umakazi endithambisa ngeoli ye-olive qho ngorhatya ukuze iintakumba zingafunxa igazi lam. Ekuseni intamo yam ibingathi iqatywe. Njengomakazi nam ndandineentwala, ndingaqhelanga nokuhlamba intloko. Kwelinye icala, umakazi wayedla ngokusonta iinwele zam aze azithambise ngamanzi nangeswekile ukuze zihlale zibhalwe.

Kwelinye icala, abo ndandifunda nabo babesoloko becocekile. Kwakungekho nehlwempu kubo lalimdaka njengam. Umfundisi-ntsapho naye waba negalelo kumsebenzi wokujongelwa phantsi ngokundigxotha kuye wonke umntu ukuya kutsho ekugqibeleni. Umzimba wam ubumdaka ngendlela engachazekiyo. Babendihlamba emlanjeni kanye ngonyaka, kumsitho weFerragosto, owona ubalulekileyo edolophini. Ngesinye isihlandlo xa ndandicinga ngomama, ndandimalunga neminyaka esixhenxe ubudala, ndawela eluthuthwini olubilayo lwebrazier. Ndatshisa isandla sam sasekunene umakazi akazange andise kwagqirha kodwa wayendinyange ngemithi yonke imihla. Ndandinamaqamza amabini afana namaqanda amabini ehobe, ndakhala kabuhlungu kodwa akazange ashukume. Bendingathi ndityiwa ziimpuku.

Ndachacha ngendlela engummangaliso emva kweenyanga ezimbalwa kwaye ndisenazo iimpawu zayo. Eskolweni, ngeny'



iCawe ndisebalcony, enye intombazana eyayisihla yandibuza ukuba ndiyafuna na ukuya nayo kwisifundo sekatekizim sikaMiss Vincenzina. Bendingayazi ukuba yintoni le ngoba umakazi wandisa kwiMisa ngezona holide zibalulekileyo kuphela, bendingayiqondi intsingiselo yokuya ecaweni. Umfundisi, uTata uBuemi, wayehlala ngakwikhaya lethu, kodwa ndadibana naye izihlandlo ezimbalwa ndaza ndamjonga ndithandabuza. Umakazi waphinda wathi kum i-ad nauseam: "Ukuba uthetha naye, loo mfundisi uya kulunqumla ulwimi lwakho." Noko ke, ndacela ndaza ndingalindelanga ndafumana imvume yokuhamba izifundo zekatekizim. Ngoko nangoko ndaziva ndikhululekile kuloo meko-bume. Eli bhinqa liselula landinika incwadana nephephandaba. Ndaziva ndivuya kakhulu ndisiva ngoYesu, ngenye imini wandixelela ukuba uza kundilungiselela uMthendeleko wokuQala. Ndiye ndathetha ngayo ekhaya bandixelela ukuba ndisemncinci. Ndaphendula, ndixoka, ukuba onke amantombazana eqela ngewayekwenzile oko. Enyanisweni zazisele ziqinisekisiwe, nangona kunjalo inenekazi eliselula kunye nam sahlala sivumelana kwaye sabeka umhla kunye nomfundisi waseSan Nicola: usuku lweCorpus Christi.

Kwavela ingxaki yelokhwe emhlophe, kodwa umntu waxelela umakazi ukuba ngoonongendi bayayirenta. Yafika imini ekudala ilindelwe: kusasa wandikhapha ukuya ecaweni. Wayecinga ukuba amanye amantombazana ayelapho kuba akazange athabathe nyathelo lokuqala lokuqhagamshelana nenenekazi lekatekizim. Eqonda ukuba ndindedwa, wandithuka: "Uxoki, ukrwada. Utitshala wam naye wayesemthendelekweni ngaloo ntsasa nabanye abantu. Amanye amabhinqa awayekho amthomalalisa. Wafika umfundisi wandibamba ngesandla wandisa kwi sacristy ukuze ndivume. Wandibalisela amazwi amnandi endingazange ndaweve. Ndaziva ngathi ndibhabha

eZulwini ndaza ndathi ngaphakathi: "Aiyonyani into yokuba abefundisi banqumle iilwimi, ngokuchaseneyo bayazi indlela yokuqonda ukubandezeleka kwentombazana encinci." Ukuba bendikwazi ngendimwole ndimphuza ngovuyo.

Wandenza ukuba ndithethe iimali ezihlanu ze-Hail Mary njengentlawulo kwaye ndabuyela esihlalweni sam. U-anti ngoko nangoko wandibuza into endayixelela umfundisi ukuba ahlale apho ixesha elide, ndathi: - Eli nenekazi liselula landifundisa ukuba ukuvuma izono kuyimfihlo -. - Ewe, kodwa kufuneka undixelele okokuqala - wagxininisa i-harpy. Akho ndlela yimbi. Kwabakho imisa, uMthendeleko xa siphumayo bandinyanzela ukuba ndiphuze isandla sikamalume bathi: "Ndicela undisikelele". Ndaqala ngotatomkhulu, njalo ibinzana elifanayo, emva koko ndajikeleza zonke izihlobo. Umakazi uGaetana wandinika incwadana. Ndandilambile, kodwa kwakungekho mntu undipha ukutya. Ngokuqhelekileyo, xa umthendeleko uphelile, kwakuyisiko ukuya kwi-bar ukuze ufumane i-granita kunye nebhiskithi, kodwa zoyiswa yi-mania yokulondoloza: emini emaqanda sasidla isitya sepasta kwaye emva kwemini saya kumfoti ngenxa yokuba. izalamane zacebisa ukuba kuthunyelwe ifoto kamama.



Besendigqibile iclass yesibini ndipase namanqaku aphantsi kakhulu. Ngaloo nyaka kwafuneka sihlale ezilalini lonke ihlobo. Ndachasa:- noko ngeCawe kufuneka ndiye kwi-mass ndiyondwendwela utatomkhulu oyedwa. Wayeyindoda elunge kakhulu, ephethwe sisifuba. Intombi yayingamhoyanga, ngokuyinxenye ngenxa yokungakhathali, ngokuyinxenye ngenxa yokuba yayilungiselelwe ngumyeni wayo, owayesoloko enomsindo ngabamelwane, izizalwane noyisezala.

Ndiye ndathatha iwashing ndayovasa ndayisa kumakazi secrete from Michelillo otherwise kuzobakho ingxaki. Akazange azive emthanda uyise: ngenye imini omnye udade wabo ngonina weza eCastrangia eze kubaxelela ukuba uswelekile. "Ukuba akuhambi, ndiza kukukhaba eesileni," watsho kuye.

Xa kwakukho itheko elalini, amalungu eqela lomculo anikwa "pezzo duro", i-ayisikrimu ebizwa ngokuba ngenxa yokungaguquququki kwayo. UMalume uMichele, akuzange kucace nokuba kungenxa yokuba wayengathandi okanye ngenxa yokuba eqhutywe kwisenzo esingaqhelekanga sesisa, xa

endibona ndidlula wandibiza: "Concettina, yiza uzothatha i-ice cream". Kwaye ke ndathatha ithuba ukuba ndonwabele, ngezo zihlandlo zinqabileyo, into elungileyo.

Ngexesha elidlulileyo uGqr. Cosentino waseBaceno wandikhumbuza ngeenkukacha ezilahlekileyo kwinkumbulo yam. Ngelixa iqela lalidlala ezitratweni zedolophu, abantwana bazama ukujoyina iparade. Kodwa ukuze kuthethelelwe ubukho babo kwakuyimfuneko "ukwazi" ilungu. Ukungqina oko, wayefake isandla epokothweni yebhatyi. Ngale ndlela ndalandela umalume wam uMichele, ngoxa uGianni Cosentino, unyana womfundisi-ntsapho wamabanga aphantsi nongenatata, wayegcina isandla sakhe epokothweni yenkokeli yeqela lemigulukudu.

Ebudeni bemfazwe, ezinye iibhombu zaqalisa ukuwisa eNovara. Wonke umntu wabaleka yaye abanye abantu esibaziyo babalekela eCastrangia kunye nathi. Kum ibiyipati kuba bendikwazi ukuba kwinkampani. Ngalo lonke ixesha wawusiva impempe yeengqushu. Kwafika iindaba ezibuhlungu zokuba unyana womnini wevenkile ye-pastry yase-Orlando uqwengwe yibhombu. Umama waseDomodossola, owayekhulelwe okwesine, wasala yedwa noRosa noAntonietta. Utata wayebizwe ukuba abuyele eSicily ukuba abe yiBersagliere. Kwiinyanga ezimbalwa emva kokuba emkile wafumanisa ukuba unina wayezele intombazana encinane ebizwa ngokuba nguEmma yaye wayenethuba lokubuyela ekhaya njengoko wayelindeleke ukuba akhululwe anabantwana abane.

Ngelishwa, xa efika eDomodossola wafumana ukumangala okukrakra: U-Emma wayeka ukuphila emva kweentsuku ezili-12. Kwiintsuku ezimbini kamva kwafuneka abuyele edabini. Kwiinyanga ezimbalwa kamva - yayilixesha lokungaqiniseki

kunye nokungazinzi emva kwe-8 Septemba - wakwazi ukubaleka inkonzo yasemkhosini waza wabuyela eNovara ukuze alinde ukuba imfazwe iphele ukuze ajoyine unina. Wavula ivenkile encinci yomthungi wezihlangu. Yonke imihla ndandisiya kumbona. Enentloni kodwa ekrelekrele ngokwentanga yam, ndandinento yokuba utata wayezolala nomfazi otshatileyo kodwa nomyeni wasemkhosini. Ngenye imini ndangena kwibhokisi yebhokisi ekwisitrato esinyukayo ePiazza Bertolami. Umntu wevenkile elandelayo wayencokola notata. Ndiye ndanyoshoza ngomnwe wam we index nophakathi ndikhomba ukukhupha amehlo katata ebeqhatha umama. Ummelwane wakwazi ukundinqanda, ngelixa utata wayethetha ngoncumo "Qaphela ishishini lakho". Ngo-'44 kwazalwa inkwenkwe eneenwele ezimnyama, eneenwele eziphothene njengaye...

E-Badiavecchia utatomkhulu wakhe wagula ngumhlaza wesisu. Ndafumana imvume kumakazi ukuba ndiyokumbona. Ndandidla ngokuhla eCastrangia ndize ndihambe umgama ogudle umlambo. Ndimkhumbula ebhedini, enoxolo. Umakhulu ebesaxakeke yivenkile kwaye ebengachitha xesha lincinci kuyo. Wabeka isebe lomnquma esandleni sakhe ukuba agxothe iimpukane, kodwa waya ngakumbi kwaye akasenawo amandla ndawagxotha kuye. Ngomhla wesibini kuNovemba ka-1944 eneminyaka engama-66 wabhabha waya eZulwini. UTata wayeseseSicily. Oomalume bakhe nabo bebezimase umngcwabo.

Ngalo lonke ixesha ndandifumana iileta ezivela kumama. Ngo-'45 utata wabuyela eDomodossola kwaye ngo-'46 umntakwethu uGiuseppe wazalwa.

## Isahluko sesine - loli, iintambo kunye neliso elibi



Imfazwe yayigquba kulo lonke ihlabathi, unxibelelwano lwalunzima, yaye sasingaseva ngoMama. Ngethamsanqa, utata wayephinde wabizelwa eSicily eBersaglieri Corps yaye xa wayeneentsuku ezimbalwa zenkululeko weza kundityelela. Ngenxa yemfazwe kwakukho abantu abaninzi ezilalini. Abantu ababefudusiwe bahlala behlala iintsuku ezilishumi elinesihlanu, kodwa ke idolophu yayisengozini yokuqhushumba kwaye babekhetha ukuhlala emaphandleni unyaka wonke.

Ngalo lonke ixesha ndandizimela kwabo bantu. Kwakukho usapho olwalunabantwana abane ababehlala bonwabile nangona bengenakutya. Ndabona ukunyoluka koomalume bam ababenamakhiwane amaninzi omisiweyo yaye bengawaniki mntwini: ndathabatha isandla esilungileyo ndaza ndawazisa kubo ngasese. Ndabagcinela iimbotyi bandinika isidlo sakusasa. Nesonka esiqinileyo: iqhekezana endalifaka epokothweni umakazi phambi kokuba ndiye eskolweni ndabelana naba bantwana batshintshana bandinika nephepha endibhala ngalo, bandidlalisa kwi swing omnye wabo wakha izinto zokudlala, izitulo kunye. iibhedi zoonodoli awasinika mna nodade wabo

omncinane, ngoxa udade wabo wayesenzela oonodoli abadlakadlaka.

Maxa wambi kwakusenzeka ukuba ndihle ndiye emlanjeni, apho abafazi basekuhlaleni babesiya kuhlamba iimpahla zabo ngothuthu, yaye ndema apho ndimangalisiwe ngumlilo owawubaswe ukufudumeza amanzi kwisitya esasiphakanyiswe ngamatye amabini amakhulu.. Zange ndambona umakazi esenza ezi operations. Phantse akazange ahlambe okanye aye emlanjeni xa kungekho mntu ukuze angavezi iimpahla zakhe ezinamafutha nezimdaka kakhulu.

Ngamanye amaxesha ndandiye ndibone abafazi ababesasaza ilinen ephothiweyo ekhaya phezu kwamatye iintsuku ezimbini okanye ezintathu. Bawumanzisa bawumisa phantsi kwengqatsini yelanga de wajike wamhlophe. Umakazi wayesoloko endibiza ekhaya kodwa ndandisenza ngathi andivanga. Ebudeni bemfazwe, umolokazana wakhe naye wayebuyile eTurin ehamba nentombazana encinane. Ngenxa yokuhlonela uSalvatore, unyana wakhe wesibini, waphathwa njengokumkanikazi. Ebudeni belo xesha bahlala elalini kwaye ngeso sihlandlo umakazi wakhupha isepha enevumba elimnandi, iitawuli zelinen, isixhobo sokomisa izitya, amalaphu etafile kunye nenapkeni ukuze abonakale kakuhle. Ndasuka ndaphathwa njengesicaka, ndithunywe ukuba ndiyokukha amanzi emthonjeni, kuba ukuthumela undwendwe kulihlazo.

IKrisimesi yafika kwaye, ngokwesiko lasemantla, kusasa umtshakazi wanikwa isipho esihle esivela kuMntwana uYesu kwintombi yakhe: isethi entle yeembiza kunye neesosizi zonodoli. Ndandimvuyela, kodwa kwangaxeshanye ndandivutha ngumsindo njengoko zazingazange zenzeke kum ezo zinto. Bendisiya ndisiya ndiphelelwa ngamandla. Bekukho iidiliya, kodwa yeha ke ukudliwa kwazo; Ubunokutya nje le ibibiwe

kubamelwane. I hazelnuts zaqokelelwa kodwa ukuze zithengiswe. Ndazitya ndisithele njengoonomatse basehlathini. Oomalume bebethenga ubisi ngekrimesi nangepasika qha besenzela iibhiskiti mna ndasikraba nge teaspoon sisabila. Umakazi wayengafane andilungisele amaqanda aqhotsiweyo. Bendihlala ndinethemba lokuba uzondiqhotsa:- masiyibeke ke xa sinayo iqandusele idlule (ibingumfana wase Messina ejikeleza ezilalini eqokelela amaqanda ewagqithisa efresh) unokuzithengisa kwaye ufumane imali -. Waqokelela amaqanda kangangeenyanga ezimbini waza wawathengisa.

Abantu baseMessina abathenge amaqanda mhlawumbi babephethe intshontsho. Amakhiwane kwakufuneka axhelwe, ambalwa kuphela awayenokutyiwa, amanye ayeshiywa ukuze ome elangeni ukuze athengiswe okanye agcinwe ebusika. Ngenyanga ka-Oktobha, ii-chestnuts ezintle zenziwe ngokuhlwa. Xa kuthe kwashiyeka ezi zixotyweyo, umalume wayezishiya phezu kwetafile kwigumbi elincinane (kungekhona epleyitini kodwa phezu kwe mat eqatywe ngamafutha athontsiza esibaneni) yaye kusasa xa evuka ekuseni. amane ukuya emsebenzini, wayendivusa aze andinike i-chestnuts kwaye athi kum: "Wona isidlo sakusasa". Ndiye ndathobela ndawatya ngenxa yokulamba, kodwa ayenencasa ngathi yioli kwaye ngokuqinisekileyo aye andenzela isisu esibuhlungu. Umalume waqhayisa: - Ndiyamthanda umtshana wam, ndide ndimlungiselele ama-chestnuts xa kusebusuku kakhulu -. Enyanisweni umalume wayenentiyo emehlweni akhe. Ngamanye amaxesha ayeba tyheli, abomvu okomlilo wedobo xa enomsindo: nokuba mancinci, loo mehlo ahlasele ubuso bakhe. Ayengamancinane, enzulu njengemingxuma emxinwa, ephuma intiyo kuwo. Ngelo xesha, isifo segazi kunye neentshulube zaphumelela. Ngalo lonke ixesha umakazi wandinika icephe



lamafutha. Oku kugcina iintshulube kude, wambombozela ukuze aziqinisekise... emva koko waqala nge "prichentu": - Mazzai un vermu gruossu quennu ìa pagana, ùa u mazzu chi sugnu all Christian. Okanye ngoMvulo uyeva, okanye ngoLwesibini uyeva, okanye ngoLwesithathu uyeva, okanye ngoLwesine uyeva, okanye eVinardi uyeva, okanye ngoMgqibelo uyeva, matteia du jurnu of Easter u Viermu sturdudu a tierra casca.-

(Ndabulala intshulube etyebileyo xa ndandingumhedeni kwaye ngoku ndiyambulala njengomKristu. NgoMvulo oNgcwele, ngoLwesibini oNgcwele, ngoLwesithathu oNgcwele, ngoLwesine oNgcwele, ngoLwesihlanu oLungileyo, ngoMgqibelo oNgcwele, ngentsasa yomhla wePasika. umbungu owothukileyo uwa phantsi).

Andazi ukuba ndasinda njani.

Apha sivula i-parenthesis.

Yaqengqeleka iminyaka ndiqaqanjelwa sisisu. Ndiye ndayokwenza iix-reyi ngoomatshini abalingana negumbi. Bandinika ipapa emhlophe ukuze babone ukuba akukho zilonda na. Ngelishwa, akukho nto yayinokubonwa. Ingcali ngemitha yathi sisifo sokutya kwaza kwandinika amayeza okuthomalalisa iintlungu. Ndafikelela kwinqanaba lokuba ndingakwazi ukugalela icephe lamanzi. Ndandimalunga neminyaka engamashumi amahlanu ubudala. UPaolo, umhlobo ka-Armando wasePiacenza, wacela ukundisa kwingcali. Ubuye weza kuGqirha Mazzeo. Isixhobo se-gastroscopy asikwazanga ukungena ngaphaya komqala. "Andazi ukuba ndingamsindisa njani lo mfazi," watsho ugqirha, "ipylorus ivaliwe." Bonke abantu abane-gastroscopy bashiya igumbi ngeenyawo zabo. Ndikwi-stretcher ene-IV. Ugqirha wandinika unyango olunamandla kangangeenyanga ezimbini. Xa ndibuya isixhobo

asikadluli. Olunye unyango olunamandla ngakumbi lweenyanga ezintathu.

Kwiinyanga ezintlanu emva kotyelelo lokuqala isixhobo saqala ukugqobhoza kwipylorus. "Ummangaliso!" watsho uGqr Mazzeo. Emva kokuba ityhubhu isusiwe wandibuza imibuzo emininzi ukuze ndiqonde ukuba yayizalwa okanye ibangelwa. Ndaqala ndalila: "Inoba yila oil ebendiyinikwa nguZizi qho leempethu." Ugqirha wabeka izandla zakhe ezinweleni zakhe: "Ioli? Kwaye usaphila! ". Ndiqhubeka nonyango, ngamanye amaxesha ndandiphindaphinda i-gastroscopy.

Ndiyabulela kuGqirha Mazzeo osindise ubomi bam, ngoku kwiminyaka kamva ndinokonwabela ukutya ngamayeza athile kuphela.

Uthe xa efowunelwa ngumntu ebalcony, umakazi wayemana ejikeleza. Emva koko bamcebisa ukuba athabathe iglasi encinane yeferroquine esiswini esingenanto. Wacenga umyeni wakhe ukuba ayithenge kwaye kusasa wandinika iglasi.

Ngaphezu koko, kwakulawula iinkolelo kuloo ndlu. Umalume wakhe wayesoloko enentloko ebuhlungu ngenxa yewayini awayeyisela, kodwa ngokutsho kwakhe unobangela yayililiso lomntu elibi. Umfazi kwafuneka amgxothe: wathatha isitya kunye namanzi, wagalela ityuwa kunye nethontsi yeoli waza waqala nge-prichentu ngenxa yentloko: - Oglu biridittu, oglu santissimu, yiza kule ndlu kwaye uyigxothe le nto. morocchiu, oglu biriditto, phuma kwaye ugxothe le mammucca ... (Ioli esikelelekileyo, ioli engcwele, ngena kule ndlu kwaye ugxothe eli liso libi, ioli ebusisiweyo, yomelela kwaye ugxothe lo mtyholi ...).

Le ndawo yeoli esikelelekileyo, njengoko yanda, igxotha, ngokwenkolelo yabo, iliso elibi. Kungekudala emva kokuba loo manzi etshizwe kwiikona ezine zegumbi kwaye intloko yakhe

yaphela.

Ukupholisa amanxeba, iintambo zentambo zazidityaniswa neoli, kunye nentwana yenyama yokwenza umhluzi. Bathi, loo mxube woyikekayo wawungenakusilela! Ekuseni bandinika iglasi yamanzi ane magnesia. Emva kwethuba, ndingcangcazela, kwafuneka ndiphume ndisiya kubanda ukuze ndizikhulule. Xa ndachachayo bandithumela kumfazi owayesenza imilingo: wandilinganisa ukusuka entloko ukuya ezinzwaneni ngentambo neengalo zam ezithe tyaba ngokufanayo. Ukuba iqhekeza elithile lalilahlekile lalithintela ukufa ngaloo nyaka.

Nokuba ngendlela yabo oomalume babenokholo kuThixo, kwabaNgcwele, eMadonna. Rhoqo ngonyaka nge-8 kaSeptemba babehamba besiya eTindari, ukuya kwindawo engcwele enikezelwe kwiBlack Madonna malunga neekhilomitha ezingamashumi amane ukusuka edolophini. Kwasekubudaleni beminyaka emihlanu kwafuneka ndenze loo pensheni.

Ngesihlandlo sohambo oluya kwiSanctuary yaseTindari, ngosuku ngaphambi kokuba umakazi enze i-cappini (i-slippers) ngeengubo. UMalume walibamba ixesha waya kuzingela waza weza nomvundla wasendle omnye okanye emibini ukuze apheke. Ukwenza umfanekiso omhle, umakazi walungisa ii-aubergines ezigalelweyo. Wajonga esipilini wacoca ubuso bakhe ngelaphu. Ngelo xesha ingoma ethi "Uphi zazà, buhle bam" yayidume kwaye ndangena kumkhwa wokuyibiza ngokuthi "zizi".

Sihambe ngentsimbi yeshumi elinanye ngorhatya ukuya eTindari sayofika xa kusa. Ndidinwe ndiyimfe ngenxa yobuthathaka bam, ndacela amaxesha amaninzi amanzi acocekileyo, kodwa abazange bawathenge ezivenkileni njengabo bonke abanye abantu abadiniweyo: bafola kumthombo okuphela kwawo owawukufuphi necawa apho kwakuphuma amanzi ashushu aphuma kuyo. akuncedi ukuthomalalisa ubushushu.

Ngokwesithethe bathenga ii-chickpeas, iimboty eziibanzi kunye neemboty ze-cannellini, emva koko baya kwi-mass, bathandazela uMadinuzza kwaye ekuphumeni kwabo badibana nabantu basezilalini kunye nezizalwane zikatata. Emini emaqanda saya kudla phantsi kweminquma ejikelezileyo. Bekubuhlungu shame ukuba bendidinwe ndiyimfe, ngalamini in fact bekusoloko kukho ukutya okukhaphayo to make good impression in front of friends. Isidlo sasemini sasibandakanya umvundla wasendle ophekwe e-oveni, apho umalume wayesiya kuzingela iingokuhlwa ezimbalwa ngaphambili, i-aubergines kunye nepepile, iidiliya kunye neebhiskithi ezenziwe ekhaya. Ukubuyela ekhaya abahlobo bathatha indlela yokuthutha: imoto okanye iinqwelo ezitsalwa ngamahashe. Ndabukela, sele ndirhoxa ekubuyeni ngeenyawo. Qha ukuba ebekhona umalume bendikwazi ukukhwela ihashe, kungenjalo bekubuhlungu.

## Isahluko sesihlanu - Izikhova



Kusenjalo kumbandela wonqulo, ekubeni umalume wayelilungu lobuzalwana, babenembopheleleko yokuvuma izono nokunxibelelana ngeCawa yePalm kwicawa yaseSan Giorgio. Umsitho wenziwa ngentsimbi yesihlanu kusasa, umfundisi waqala wavuma onke amadoda kwindlu yecawa, emva koko waya kwi-confessional yabafazi.

Xa yayilithuba lika-anti wakhe, owayenxibe i-shawl enkulu emnyama, wasondeza ingubo kufuphi ne-grate ukuze azigqume kangangoko kunokwenzeka: kwakubonakala ngathi kufuneka athathe i-chamomile inhalations. Wavuma emva koko: - Ngoku lixesha lakho - wandixelela. Nangona ndandifuna ukuvuma izono ebudeni bonyaka andizange ndikwazi. Wandithethisa udadobawo: "Ungakhe uhlekise ngeNkosi, kube kanye ngonyaka kwanele, kungenjalo awufanelanga ukuthatha umnininzi ngoba ungona nangamehlo akho."

Malunga nentsimbi yethoba iMisa eNgcwele, umthendeleko kwaye kwangoko ekhaya. Njengesiqhelo, ngenxa yezizathu ezingenamsebenzi, umalume wakhe waqala ukuthuka waza waba nokhohlokhohlo olunoloyiko. Iziganeko ezingenakuchazwa zenzeke: ukuba loo mini ngenxa yesizathu esithile umntu wayeyidinga, babengenakutshica, kungenjalo baya kuyilahla

iNkosi emlonyeni wabo. Ukuba kwenzekile ilishwa, wayethatha isiciko sejagi, ayitshicile aze asele amanzi kunye neswekile kwakhona. NgeVeki eNgcwele, abantu babehlala edolophini nasebusuku ukuze baye kwiintshumayelo zangokuhlwa ezaziqhutywa yimonki. NgoLwesine kwalungiselelwa intlama yebhiskithi ekwimo ezahlukahlukeneyo enamaqanda aphekiweyo abiliswe ngamanzi kunye ne-anella, isithako esinetyhefu esinombala. NgoLwesihlanu olungileyo ngentsasa yokuzila ukutya satyelela zonke iicawa ezihlotshiswe ngamagqabi engqolowa, emva koko saginya amagqabi amathathu omzukulwana (iyeza lonyango elinevumba elibi) eliqinisekisa impilo-ntle unyaka wonke.

Bekunganyanzelekanga ukuba usebenze emini ukuphepha ukumenzakalisa uYesu eMnqamlezweni, ukuba uyathunga inaliti iya kuhlaba, xa ubona ukuba kukho ingozi yokwenzakala emzimbeni wakho, njalo njalo. Ngalo mini, nantoni na endiyenzayo, andizange ndiphinde ndibethwe, kungenjalo uYesu uya kukhala. Ngentsimbi yeshumi elinanye ngoMgqibelo bekukho iMisa yoXolo noVuko. Bonke abantwana beza namahobe ukuze bafumane intsikelelo yombingeleli baze badle. Andizange ndikwazi ukususa ulwaneliseko ngenxa yokuba kwafuneka ndigcine ihobe lam namaqanda amabini kuhambo lwesikolo olwaluququzelelwe ngoLwesibini emva kwePasika. Kwafuneka ndinike utitshala iqanda. Ngomhla wePasika bandithengela itakane elincinci elenziwe ngepasta yasebukhosini, eyona incinci ukuze ndingachithi kakhulu. Umalume lo wayeligqolo kangangokuba wagqamisa izihlangu zakhe ngomle wepani owakhe emlilweni. Ukuba umakazi ebesazi ukuba ugqiba umsebenzi kwaye bayamhlawula, wandicebisa: "Buza umalume wakho ukuba uyizise na imali."

Mna naye kwaphantse kwafuneka simnqule njengezicaka

ezibini de washukuma waza wamnika iilire ezilishumi, ezintlanu kum. Khange ndikwazi ukusebenzisa imali yam kuba ibilungiselelwe ihagu bank. Ngenye imini ndaxelela umakazi ukuba ndifuna ukudlala ilotto. Wavuma kuba enethemba lokuphumelela. Eyam ibibubuxoki. Enyanisweni nam ndandiziva ndinganxibanga xa ndithelekisa nabantwana endandifunda nabo: babeneziketi kodwa umakazi wayengazithandi yaye ndandinyanzelwa ukuba ndinxibe iilokhwe ezipheleleyo. Bonke babenxibe iikawusi zomqhaphu ezimhlophe, ezimdaka okanye ezibhlowu ezifika emadolweni, kwafuneka ndenze iikawusi awayezenza ngeorenji, umbala oxabisa ngaphantsi kweminye. Ndandizinxiba entla kwedolo ndixhaswe yi-elastic band, kodwa eyona ngxaki inkulu yayikukuba, ngaphandle konyawo, ayefikelela eqatheni. Phezu kwayo ndinxibe iikawusi ezimfutshane ezine cuffs. Bendisele ndibandelwe ngokwaneleyo kwaye nam bekufuneka ndigqame ngempahla yam. Ngee-lire ezintlanu ndandicwangcise ukuthenga iikawusi ezindilisekileyo endandiza kuzinxiba kusasa ngaphambi kokuba ndingene eklasini. Ivenkile yayivaliwe ngaloo mini. Khange ndikwazi ukugoduka nemali ngoba umakazi ebezoyifumana. Ndacinga ukuzifihla phantsi kwelitye ecaleni kwendlela imeyile. Kwakunetha ebusuku yaye, njengoko zenziwe ngephepha, zaqhekeka ngokupheleleyo, njengoko ndaqonda ngentsasa elandelayo xa ndandisiya kuzikhupha.

Kwadlula intsuku ezilishumi elinesihlanu wabe umakazi endibuza ukuba ndiyiphumelele na ilotto. Nalapho ndandinganyanisekanga ndathi ewe. Zange ifike loo mali. NgoLwesihlanu olungileyo, ngexesha lomngcelele wokuhlonipha i-Our Lady of Sorrows, ukudibana nomfundisi-ntsapho wamcela iingcaciso. Bendisifa shame. Ngokwemvelo wayengazi yonke into, ngoko ndabethwa kabini ngumakazi endijongile.

Ndandisoloko ndisiya esikolweni ngokuzithandela, kodwa iziphumo zazingekho kakuhle. Akhomntu undivayo bendinyuselwa qho ngenxa yezincomo, ke umama ebezolile bebesoloko bendenza ndifunde. Ndihleli kakuhle nekati nje, kwade kwafika imini umalume onxilileyo wabuya edolophini ephethe i-tripe, isilwanyana sathatha iqhekeza sazondla. Wathabatha umkhozi owawushiywe ngamasoldati, wambulala endle. Yaba ludano olukhulu kum.

Ngexesha lokubhula ndahamba ndayokukha iinkozo zengqolowa nerhasi ezazishiywe kwifama yabamelwane, ndazifaka engxoweni ndaya nazo kwilitye lokusila likaNkosikazi Tindara emlanjeni. Ndiye ndathatha umgubo ndawusa kuNovara kumzala kamama owathi engumhlolokazi enabantwana ababini abancinci, waya kutheza iinkuni emahlathini kusasa wabasa eziko elungiselela aba bamphathele umgubo isonka, erhola imali. intwana yesonka sabantwana.

NgoSeptemba, xa amakhiwane evuthiwe, ndakhwela kwizityalo kwaye ndathabatha iziqhamo ezimnandi, ndizibeke kwiibhasikithi zommoba ezixhonywe ngekhonkco emasebeni. Amakhiwane ayesikwa aze ayekwe ukuze ome elangeni phezu kophahla. Emva kweentsuku ezimbalwa zoma. Zityalwe kwiingobozi ezinkulu zazityiwa ebusika. Ngaloo maxesha amnandi, uNksk. Maria, ummelwane osuka emaphandleni, weza kulungisa amakhiwane omisiweyo. Ndandidla ngokumtyelela. Wayengunina wabantwana abaninzi. Omnye wabo, uCarmelo, wayenesifo sokuwa. Ngalo lonke ixesha wayengasafumaneki. Lomama ebenexhala wayomjonga ndamkhapha caba uyonwabele.

Xa ndandikwibanga lesihlanu umfundisi-ntsapho wasicela ukuba sazise abazali bethu ukuba wayeza kusisa kumboniso bhanya-bhanya othi "The Little Alpine". Malume:"Anihambi niyobona lankunkuma". Umtshana wombingeleli ojongene naye



wayevile: "Kufuneka umthumele, nam andikamboni." Emva koko bashukunyiswa ndakwazi ukuhamba.

Kwafika ipasela evela kumama ephethe iilekese. Bendize nezinye esikolweni. Yayilixesha lendlala nkqu neelekese zazingongophele. Udade botitshala wam wayefundisa ibanga lesine ngelixa mna ndandikwibanga lesihlanu. Wacela iilekese kwintombazana encinci ehluphekileyo kunam egulayo ndamshiya zonke.

Ngowe-1945 utata wabuyela eDomodossola. Ndaphinda ndambona ngoAprili 1946 yaye wayekunye nomama owayekhulelwe.

Ndachitha malunga neentsuku ezilishumi zolonwabo nabazali bam. Ndandimane ndisiya kumakhulu nootatomncinci, ndatya ndagqiba ndasela izimuncumuncu zikamakhulu wam owayezithengisa. Ekugqibeleni umama wafuna ukuhamba nam siye kumantla eltali, kodwa umakazi, owayesoloko engubuxoki yaye ezingca, wameyisela ekubeni andishiye. Ndandikwibanga lesihlanu, ndihlala nditsala nzima ngenxa yobuthathaka bam. Ngeentsuku zeemviwo zafika iindaba zokuzalwa komninawa wakhe. Ndonwabe ngokupheleleyo, kodwa kwangaxeshanye ndibuhlungu, ndalila luvuyo neentlungu. Mhlawumbi kungenxa yesi sizathu utitshala wandinyusela emsebenzini nangona ndandingawuvuli umlomo ngexesha leemviwo. Ngaloo nyaka baseka isikolo samabanga aphakamileyo elalini yaye phantse bonke abo ndandifunda nabo babelungiselele iimviwo zokungena kulo. Kum lalingekho ithuba: oomalume bam babeqinisekile ukuba zizikhova kuphela ezifunda olo hlobo lwesikolo. Enyanisweni, bakuba begqibile kwisikolo samabanga aphakamileyo kwafuneka baye eMessina ukuze bafumane izidanga zenkosi yabo. Abazali bam kwafuneka bacinge ngokuthumela imali yeencwadi, babengenakuyenza naziphi na

iindleko. Ndahlala ndilila kuba ndifuna ukuqhubeka nezifundo zam. Emva koko bandinika ithuba lokubhalisa kwikhosi yeminyaka emibini yobungcali, uhlobo lwesikolo esiphakathi esibi kakhulu esithatha iminyaka emibini. Abona bantu bangamahlwempu baya apho, nangayiphi na imeko ndavuma. Ukuhamba ndibuye ndibuye, kusasa nasemva kwemini ndiye ekhosini. Isikolo sasixubene: abona ngamadoda anesiphithiphithi aphakamisa izandla zawo ngakumlawuli ofundisa imathematika, akhubeka nootitshala baseTaliyane nabaFrentshi. Umsebenzi wasekhaya wawufundiswa kumantombazana nolwazi lwezolimo kumadoda. Enyanisweni, asizange sifunde nto kwaphela. Inzuzo yam ibintle ngokuba neentloni kwaye ndikunxanelwe kakhulu ukufunda.

Ngaphambi kokuphela konyaka wesikolo ootitshala babesilungiselele iholo yemidlalo yeqonga. Kwafuneka ndinxibe njenge urchin yasesitratweni. Bekukho ikepusi kamalume, ishoti ibingekho. Ndathi xa ndixelela umakazi, wadanduluka wathi: "Usisidenge ngokubophelela iibhondi. Akhange ndiphelelwe ntliziyo: bendiye kumfazi wocheba uLieza ndiyocela ukuboleka iblukhwe yonyana wakhe. Ngoko ngorhatya lwaloo mdlalo ndanxiba njengemvubu yasesitratweni, phakathi kwentswahla yezandla nokuphelelwa lithemba koomalume ababekho kuloo baphulaphuli kweso sihlandlo.

Ngelishwa, kwaloo minyaka mibini yadlula kwaye ndasigqiba isikolo ngonaphakade ndicinga ukuba ndandihleli ndingazi njengakuqala.

## Isahluko sesithandathu - Ndicela undixolele Ukukhanya kweenkwenkwezi



Ndandineminyaka elishumi elinambini xa umama wayeze kundibona ngo August ehamba notata nobhuti omncinci endandiqala ukumbona. Ukubona ubuso bakhe obuncinci kwandivuyisa kwaye ndikhumbula loo mini njengenyane yezona zibalaseleyo ebomini bam. Abazali bam babezimisele ukundithatha ndihambe nabo ukuze ndibuyele esikolweni, kodwa umakazi wabaphembelela kwingcamango okwesihlandlo seshumi: wayeza kundithumela ukuba ndibe ngumthungi ngethemba lokufunda kakuhle lo msebenzi. Kwaye kwenzeka, ngokuchasene nentando yam. Abazali bam bahamba ndaza ndahlala eSicily njengesidenge. Ukususela ngoko andizange ndibe nalo uxolo ndihlala ndilila emfihlakalweni. Oomalume bam bathi ngokuqinisekileyo abazali bam bebengandithandi njengabo, bandikhulise okwentombi (intombi ngeyidlule kwintlungu efaneyam ngokuqinisekileyo). Ngenyane imini umakazi waya koyena mthungi ubalaseleyo edolophini, apho naye umama wayefunde umsebenzi wobugcisa ukuze amcele ukuba andiqeshe. Umthungi waphendula ngelithi sele enamantombazana asibhozo kwaye akanako ukulenyusa inani. Ngosuku olulandelayo umakazi

wakhe wamzisela amaqanda ukuze amqinisekise kwaye wathi: - Buya emva kwenyanga, mhlawumbi omnye wabafundi uyahamba eTurin kwaye indawo ihlala ikhululekile kumtshana wakho -. Ekuhambeni kwexesha, emva kwenyanga umakazi wandithumela elabhoratri. Inenekazi eliselula, elalingekho ngaphezu kwemitha enye enesiqingatha ubude, landamkela lisithi: "Kulungile, ndiza kukusa kuba ndivelana nawe, ndicinga ukuba ungakhetha ukuza kum kunokuba uhlale ezilalini. nomakazi wakho." Wayengaphazamanga ngokupheleleyo ekucingeni njalo. Ngengomso ngentsimbi yesibhozo ndafika. "Qala ukutshayela ilabhoratri," wandixelela, "uze uhlambe umgangatho." Ibali laliqala ukundinukela. Ndaqalisa ukucoca kangangoko ndinako. Ndandimncinci ngesiqu, ndandineminyaka elishumi elinesibini ubudala, kodwa ndandikhangeleka esibhozo.

Bendingazi noba kuhlanjwa njani phantsi: ezilalini kwakhiwe ngamatye nalapha elalini kukho iithayile, umakazi akazange azihlambe ukuze zingagugi. Ndazama ukwenza konke okusemandleni kodwa umthungi wandibiza ngempundu kuba khange ndihlambe kakuhle. Ngentsimbi yethoba abasebenzi bafika baza baqalisa ukuba nomdla kumbandela omtsha (intombazana encinane). Bandijonga bonke benosizi. Ndaziva iintetho zabo kwaye ndothuka ndingazazi izinto ezibalulekileyo zobomi. Qho ke babendinika imisebenzi yokuthunga, izinto endandingathandi ukuzenza, ndandisoloko ndikrakra ngenxa yokungakwazi ukufunda. Kwakukho icala elihle ukuya kumhla: emini, ndingaphindi ndibuyele emaphandleni, ndadla ngokuthula ekhaya, ndasasaza i-napkin etafileni, ndilungiselele iglasi, ibhotile yamanzi kunye nesitya. Ngamafutshane, ukutya iqhekeza lesonka esinzima kunye nesonka samasi ndandikuthanda ukubeka itafile njengabo bonke abantu abaqhelekileyo. Emva kwesidlo sasemini ndaya kummelwane owayemdala kum

ngeminyaka esithoba nowayengumthungi. Undincedile ekundivuleni amehlo ndijonge kwi naivety yam. Umama wakhe, udade wabo onemilenze yendlovu kunye nomnye ogulayo babehlala naye.

Maxa wambi babendimema ukuba nditye isitya sesuphu. Umthungi wandicela ukuba ndimncedise ukwenza umthungo onqamlezileyo kwiimpahla zabantwana. Ndakhe ndaneengxaki zonxunguphalo kwaye ndawuyeka umsebenzi ndingekawugqiba. Ngesinye isihlandlo, ngaphandle kwayo yonke loo nto, ndathabatha uthuthu kwi-brazier ndaza ndaluhlwayela ecaleni kwezinyuko. Bathi: "Ngubani na apho? Ngaba ndingafumana isifo?" Ekugqibeleni baye bandiqonda bandixolela.

Maxa wambi ndandisiya koonongendi kwikhaya leenkedama lase-Antoniano ndiye kudlala neenkedama. Ndabamonela kancinci kuba babephila ngocwangco. Babesitya kunye netafile esoloko ilungisiwe, bandula ke badlale yaye ekugqibeleni ngamaxsha amisiweyo bazinikezela kukuzinikela kuThixo ngokuthandaza. Ndacinga: - Lucky bona, abasenabazali babo kwaye bahlala kakuhle noonongendi, ngelixa ndinabazali kodwa ndinyanzelekile ukuba ndihlale nala mabhere oomalume -. Ngaphandle kolwazi lwabo, ukuze ndiphephe ukuncinwa ngokulandelayo, ngamaxsha athile ndandisiya kunina onguyise owayehlala elalini. Ndamcela imali yokuthumela ileta kubazali bam ndicela ukuba bahambe nam.

NgoNovemba wonyaka ngamnye babendisa kumboniso weSant'Ugo owawubanjelwe ePiano Vigna. Kule ndawo ootatomkhulu nootatomkhulu balungisa ishedi apho babelungisa khona inyama eyojiweyo kunye neesoseji ababezithengisa kunye neglasi emnandi yewayini. Kum yayilithuba lokuba kunye nezizalwane zikatata wam, singcamle inyama emnandi ndisele nesoda enemibala, ndijonge kwiindawo ezithengisa iibrazier,

izibane, iimbiza zodongwe, iiquarts nebumbaelli.

Ngemini elandelayo saphinda saya eBadia Vecchia kwitheko leSant'Ugo, imisa, umngcelele omncinci saza saphinda saya kwivenkile katamkhulu owandinika isausage, isonka kunye nesoda, oku kugalelwa kwibhotile encinci evalwe ngebhola. ngaphakathi.

Kanye phambi kwekrimesi saya eMessina for 3 days. Salala nesalamane. Andizange ndimthande nakancinane: waxelela oomalume bakhe ukuba wayeba amaqanda kumfama othile emarikeneni, emphazamisa. Ndandifunde kwikhathekizim ukuba ungebi. Ngorhatya sahamba nentombi yam kwinene elalisenza imifanekiso eqingqiweyo. Ukuze ndibe nesisa, oomalume bam bandinika imali yokuthenga. Kwitafile eqatywe amafutha eCastrangia ndiye ndakwazi ukwakha umfanekiso wokuzalwa. Ngamasebe e-asparagus kunye ne-cotton flakes ndenza indlu. Ngokuhlwa ndonwabele umoya wamakhandlela amabini enziwe ngamaqokobhe e-walnut afakwe kwioli kunye nentambo yomtya ecaleni koMntwana onguYesu. UMalume uMichele naye wayixabisa le ngcamango waza wafuna ukundivuzwa: "Ntoia, hluba amapere amabini anamapere", waza umakazi waya kuwabeka phantsi kwebhedi yawo apho ayegcinwe khona.

Ndifike ndema ndilala eNovara ndodwa, ngekrimesi novena ndahamba nommelwane wam uAntonietta kwinkonzo ebingo 5 ekuseni kwinkonzo yase Annunziata. Ngasemva kwecawe idinili libonelela ngezitulo ngentlawulo. Sazizisa ekhaya. Endleleni ebuyayo satyelela uCarolina, ibhinqa lokuhlamba lononjineli, elalisele lisebenza ngenj' ixukuxa phantsi kwezinyuko. Ngelo xesha wayesele eye kukha amanzi kumthombo waseSan Francesco ngeelitha ezinkulu, ukuze azalise ibhafu yomthi. Wathi: "Caùsi, yima apha, ndiza kubona ukuba amanene anazo na iibhiskithi eziseleyo phezolo, ukuze nifumane isidlo sakusasa".

Phantse akazange abuye elambatha. Ndamema u-Antonietta ukuba anyuke saza salayita i-brazier. Xa uCarolina wayengafumani nto iyenye yokutya ndaya ekhitshini ukuya kufuna iqhekeza lesonka esiqinileyo kunye neglasi yamanzi "ebumbaello". Siye sayeka kwade kwabetha u 8 sisenza ama doilies, savalelisana: ndaya kwi workshop, uAntonietta waya kowabo encedisa umama wakhe njengoko ibinguye yedwa intombi ena 8 brothers.

ENovara iyodwa ndaziva ndingummi. Xa ndindwendwela utatomkhulu uTuri ndacoca iifestile zakhe kwaye wandinika "i-srea" (ingcebiso). Ndayothenga ipolisi yenzipho. Ndaye ndathenga nesolvent ukuze ndiyisuse xa ndisiva ukuba ndizodibana noomalume bam. Ndasebenzisa umgubo wetalcum njengomgubo. Owe: ngenye imini ndayishiya ebusweni ndahamba engxakini, iimpama nezithuko. "Uyithathaphi imali yala nkunkuma?". Ndaye ndathi: "Awuboni ukuba ngumgubo?". Ngelo xesha, abamelwane babefudukele kwenye indawo. Ngenye imini bandimema ukuba ndiye esekisini. "Andinamali..." ndatsho. Bandiboleka wona. Emva kwemini oomatiloshe besiya elabhoratri ukuze banandiphe umboniso: iinkawu kwitrapeze, abantwana abakhwele amahashe amancinci, iindlovu, iiclowns, izinto ezingazange zibonwe ngaphambili. Ngelishwa kuye kwafuneka ndifumane iilire ezisi-8.

Kwiintsuku ezimbalwa kamva, ngoxa ndandisiya eCastrangia, eSan Salvatore ndadibana nomama womntwana endandifunda naye ephethe ingxowa ezele yimifuno eyayithengwe kubalimi. Wandicela ukuba ndibuyele edolophini (ngenxa yengqondo yexesha wayeneentloni zokuya esquare nebhegi yakhe!). Ndavuma, ndicinga ukwenza imali nge tip. Ngelishwa, ekubeni efike nzima emzini wakhe, wandivuzisa ngamandongomane amane. Andizange ndiphelelwe yintliziyo. Ndafumana i-lira

ngokuthengisa i-doily kwinenekazi laseFantina. Ndakha ikhadibhodi iPinocchios enemilenze kunye neengalo ezishukunyiswa ngumtya. Abanye abantwana babezithenga ngeesenti ezimbalwa. Enye ingcamango: iiglasizelanga zabantwana abahluphekileyo. Bendikhangela iiplanga zelekese ezinemibala ecacileyo phambi kweentsimbi. Ngephepha leswekile ndasika isakhelo ndaza ndakwazi ukubuyisela ezinye iisenti. Emva kweenyanga ezimbini ndakwazi ukubuyisela iilire ezisi-8.

Utatomkhulu, nangona ekhulile, isifo sombefu kunye ne-hernia awayenaso ukususela kwiminyaka emihlanu ubudala, wazama ukuziphazamisa ezilalini, ekubeni intombi yakhe yayiphantse ingazange iye kumtyelela. Wayelungile ngeenyanga ezimbini zasehlotyeni xa umolokazana wakhe efika evela eMessina: wahlamba iimpahla zakhe waza waguqula indlu ukuze ahlambulule yonke into eyayiqokelelwe ngonyaka.

Xa sidibana wayedla ngokuthi kum: "Ulihlazo umakazi wakho, awukwazi ukwenza ixhego elihluphekayo lisokole ngolo hlobo kumdaka." Ngokuhlwa ndaya kuxela, kodwa u-anti wagxeka udadewabo womnyeni wakhe: - Ungummi, unokuzicingela into ayifunayo -. Ndaza ndaphendula ndathi: "Unyanisile, ndikubonile ukucoca okwenzayo: ude wahlamba umchamo nge-asidi kwaye yaphinde yabengezela." Ngelixesha wandiqhwaba ngempama kuba akufunekanga kuthethwe ezizinto bendinezotho.

Ngenye imini utatomkhulu wandinika imali ndathenga iculo elalithethwa ngamantombazana aseworkshop. Kangangexesha elithile ndakwazi ukuyifihla, kodwa ngolunye urhatya andizange ndibe nalo ixesha kwaye umalume, emva kokuqaphela, waqala ukuthuka: - Nale nkunkuma imbi, ngoku usiba ngumxhaphazi -. Ngaloo mazwi ndamjula ebusweni phambi kokuba enze. Akazange ayibone le mvukelo yam, wandihlisa ibhanti



lebhulukhwe waza wandibetha kanobom. Ndandineminyaka emalunga neshumi elinesithathu ubudala kwaye yaba lixesha kuphela wathi kumfazi wakhe: - Ndeva ukuba inenekazi lihamba lisiya emantla e-Italy, likhapse umtshana wakho kwidolophana kwaye umthumele kubazali bakhe -. Ngelo xesha ndaziva ndonwabile, ndade ndalibala nentlungu yokubethwa, ndahamba ndayohlala engceni ndicingisisa. Ubumnyama baqalisa ukuhla, ndacinga, njengoko amathunzi obusuku ayengena emasebeni emithi kunye nomoya obandayo ovela emlanjeni.

Ndoyama ngomthi we walnut ndalala ndijonge emafini. Ndiphuphe kakhulu, inyakanyaka yamaphupha anemibalabala. Impepho epholileyo yaphulula ubuso bam. Ndawavula amehlo wam umnqa ndayithanda laa ndawo ndandihleli ndiyithiya ndayibona okokuqala ndimangalisekile ukuba ikhanyiselwa kukukhanya kweenkwenkwezi kuphela. Ndazivumela ndangena kwesi simo sokulahlwa, ndaphinda ndaphupha. Ulonwabo olufana nolwelo olungaqondakaliyo lwangena kwintwana yam. Bendingengomntwana omnandi. linyawo zam zazishwabene, ngenxa yokuba zazihambe phezu kweengqalutye ezibukhali zomlambo, kodwa umzimba wam wonke, kwanomphefumlo wam, wawusele uqhele ukucekisa yonke into ebonakala imnandi kwaye ithambile. Kodwa ndiyavuma ukuba obo buthongo bufutshane ngobo busuku babumnandi yaye andizange ndiphinde ndibufumane. Mhlawumbi yiloo nto ndisayikhumbulayo. Ngephanyazo isandla sihlala egxalabeni lam, wafika u-Antonia kwaye ngendlela yakhe, ngesiqophe wandivusa: "Masiye ekhaya. Xa sifika, uya kuncamisa isandla sikamalume wakho kwaye umxelele - ndicela undixolele". Kwaye kwaba njalo.

Ngolo rhatya ndalala ndingcangcazela, andikhange ndilale ngobo busuku ndachitha iiyure ezininzi ndilindele imini. Ukuba ndiye ndalala ndingaqondanga, ndandivele ndothuke

ngokungathi ndifowunelwa okanye ndixhuzule ingqondo, nto leyo eyayifuna ukuba ndiphapheme yaye ndisezintlungwini yaye ndandingaphumli. Ixesha eliseleyo ndilichithe ndivule amehlo, ndiqwalasela amagorha arhangqwe bubumnyama bobusuku ezindongeni, ndingenawo amandla okwenza nantoni na, ndakhala ndikhala. Kodwa yayingesosikhalo silusizi, yayiyenye into endandingayiboni. Ngengomso andizange ndiye elaboratory kuba umzimba wam wawungathi yimephu, wawugrulukile. Ndabuyela kuphela emva kweveki xa iimpawu zaqalisa ukuncipha.

## Isahluko sesixhenxe - Emilia



NgeCawa emva kwemini ndaya kwikhaya leenkedama kunye nabahlobo abathile: unongendi wasichazela iVangeli ngendlela emnandi kunye neziqhulo ezifanelekileyo. Hayi indlela ekuvuyisa ngayo ukuchitha loo yure ngolonwabo. Ngenye imini wasixelela ukuba ubhishophu waseMessina uzofika ngo-Okthobha kwiZiqinisekiso.

Phakamisa isandla sakho ukuba uyawufuna lo Mthendeleko ukuze ndikwazi ukunxibelelana nomfundisi omkhulu uMonsignor Salvatore Abbadessa. Emva kweentsuku ezimbalwa ndamxelela uZizi. Anentloni: bekufuneka sifune uthixo. Ndamcenga intombi kanoposi, uNkosazana Rina, utitshala oselula. Sinokumbuza njani? Ngengomso saya kowabo wavuma. Ngo-Okthobha 9, 1948 emva kwemini ndahamba nabahlobo bam ukuya kuvuma izono kuMama weCawa. The following day ndaya kwa thixo wam kusasa, wandinika I filigree bracelet elukwe ngeentliziyo ezincinci. Ndaqalisa ukuvuya. Ngo 11 saya ecaweni. Ubhishophu wafika waza waqalisa ukubhiyozela uMthendeleko oNgcwele. Ngexesha lekhefu safola kwi-nave esembindini kwaye nganye nganye wasiqinisekisa. Lakuba liphelile idini leMisa, oomalume abazange bamnike ikofu uthixo wabo. Bavele bambulisa nje ngokumbiza "commare".

Ndikhumbula ukuba ndisengumntwana, xa sasibuya eCastrangia, ngaphambi kokuba sifike elalini kwakukho icawa eyayinikezelwe kuMsindisi. Uzizi wema umzuzwana watsho ngelizwi eliphakamileyo "oh bomama, oh bomama...". Ndandicinga ukuba ngumthandazo. Ndithe sendimdala ndaqonda ukuba ubiza umama wakhe ongasekhoyo, njengoko amangcwaba alapha entla kwendlu yecawa. Ndandingazange ndivakashe emangcwabeni kuba uZizi akazange aye nakwisidlo sabaNgcwele. Ndandisazi ukuba ngeso sihlandlo abantu bathenga iintyatyambo ku-Miss Signorino kwindawo ebizwa ngokuba yi-"Fussadello" baza bahamba phantse ngomngcelele wokuhombisa ingcwaba lezihlobo zabo. Ndakhe ndacela zizi: "Kutheni singayanga engcwabeni likanyoko?".

Laphendula lathi liza kuzisola. - Akunamsebenzi ukubiza "oomama - oomama" ukuba awufuni ukumzisa nentyatyambo. - Ngala mazwi waphantse washukuma. Saya eFussadello ukuya kuthenga iichrysanthemums. Ngomhla we-All Saints's Day ndaya kubiza utat'omkhulu uTuri ukuba asise engcwabeni "loomama", kum umakhulu uRosa. Utatomkhulu wayesandul' ukwakhiwa ngokutsha elo ngcwaba kuba ebudeni bemfazwe ibhombu ekuphela kwayo eyawa emangcwabeni yalitshabalalisa.

Nangona ndandizingca ngokuphumelela elinye idabi, ndandicinga nabazali bam imini nobusuku. Ndazama ukuziphazamisa xa ndise lab. Ndaqala ukunandipha ukuthunga: Ndalungiselela i-wadding ye-shoulder pads, ndavuthela ngentsimbi yamalahle. Xa i-ayini ishushu amantombazana amakhulu aye-ayina amaqhekeza ukuze enze iimpahla. Ukuze ihlale iqinile, iintsimbi ezithungelwa phakathi kweeribhoni ezimbini zazifakwa emqokumbelweni. Ndiye ndayozithenga kutata wam othengisa izinto zompu. Yayiziipellets ekwakufuneka ndizityabeke ngehamile. Ngamanye amaxesha ndandide

ndiyibethe iminwe yam ... Ngelo xesha, uNkskz. Orlando wabamba iikhosi ezihlawulelwayo zokusika amantombazana amadala. Bendihleli kude kodwa ndimamele ukuba ndiqonde into ephuma ezifundweni. Bake bathi oomalume sizoya eFantina sityelele i "commare" kunye no "compare", aba balala nathi xa besiza eNovara kwimisebenzi ebalulekileyo. Wakhe wabuza uZizi "Mingaphi iminyaka?" Kwaye zizi: - Amehlo am abe mnyama, andikhumbuli - (ukuba andiboni, andikhumbuli).

Ngengcebiso kaTamkhulu uTuri ndayothenga ilaphu eliluhlaza, ukuze ndivavanye isakhono sam ndenza isiketi. Lwafika usuku lokuhamba kuFantina (iiyure ezimbini ngeenyawo). Sivuke ngo4. Bendifuna ukothuka uZizi ngokunxiba iskirt sam. Yayimxinwa kangangokuba ndandingakwazi ukuhamba. Bathe bakubona indalo yam bathi: - Sayikhulisa ke ngoku xa iqala ukukhula yenza okwesikhova. Isenza sibe neentloni. Kwaye ndabonisa: "Andiyikuthabatha oku, ukuba ufuna kunje, ngaphandle koko, uyahamba!" Kodwa entliziyweni yam ndacinga "ndingahamba njani nge skirt enzima kangaka...". Safika ke apho besisiya khona. Icommare yabuza ukuba ndenziwe phi isiketi esihle kangaka. - Sa figi illa - (wazenzela) waphendula u-zizi. - Ngoko xa kufuneka ukuthunga into siza kuye -. Ibhongo lesikhova...

Ngamanye amaxesha edolophini ndandibona izinto ezindenza buhlungu. UEmilia wayesisimumu, mhlawumbi engenakhaya. Phantse yonke imihla wayedlula kwisitrato endandihlala kuso. Ukuba udibene nomntu wayebeka isandla emlonyeni. Ngamanye amaxesha abantu babemnika iqhekeza lesonka, kodwa kwakukho abo bamnika i-cheese crusts ngokungathembekiyo baze bazifihle ukuze babone impendulo: intombazana ehluphekileyo yayihlala kwisitebhisi somnyango kwaye ibethe intloko yayo eludongeni. Ngenye imini xa ndandisiya evenkileni ukuya kufuna umsonto ndeva ilizwi elikhulu lika-Antonio, indoda

eyimfama. Ukusuka kwi-abbey, ephezu kwedolophu, wachaza ukuba i-sardines ifikile. Ngeemali ezimbalwa zengcebiso zikatatomkhulu endandizishiyile, ndaya kwindawo yokuthengisa iintlanzi ukuze ndithenge ii-ounces ezimbalwa. Emin' emaqanda ndalayita isitovu ngamalahle, ndapheka i-sardines ndaza ndayifaka kwiphethshana lephepha leswekile. Xa ndibona uEmilia edlula ndamnika. Uye wabajonga emangalisiwe wancuma kancinci ebulela. Ndambona ehleli kumnyango wesiqhelo engabetheki ngentloko edongeni kodwa ebeke iminwe ebhityileyo emlonyeni. Ngaloo mini andizange nditye: kwakufuneka ndicoce isitovu kumlilo oseleyo ukuze ndingavumeli oomalume bam baqonde amanyathelo am.

UAngela wayedlula kweso sitrato emini emaqanda ehamba nonyana wakhe uNino, indoda enesiphene eyayihamba kodwa ithetha ngezimbo zomzimba. Bahamba ne-emele ukuya kufuna isuphu kwikhaya leenkedama. Ngenye imini uNino ehleli yedwa ephethe ibhakethi, kufuphi nasekhaya abafana ababini bamkhulula babaleka. Ebengakwazi ukunyusa iblukhwe yakhe. Wayengenampahla yangaphantsi. Ndehla ngoloyiko ndamnxibisa. Ndandiqala ngqa ukubona indoda ehamba ze. Yeha ukuba bebesazi oomalume, ngeyaba sisinyanzelo.

Kwenye yeeleta ezininzi ezazithunyelwe kubazali bam ndandivakalise umnqweno wewotshi yesihlahla. Emva kokuba ndivile ukuba uNksk. Agostina wayevela eDomodossola, ndaya kumbona. Uthe nje ukuba andibone uye wandanga wandinika ipasela endiyithunyelelwe ngabazali bam. Ndiyivule ndothuka ndafika kukho I lamb fur coat ebrown ene curls engathi ngumnwe, umnqwazi ozivelayo kunye nebhokisi enewotshi. Bendingcangcazela luvuyo xa eli nenekazi liyibeka esihlahleni sam. Undinike iglass yamanzi uba ndiphile ndabaleka ndagoduka. Ngengomso xa oomalume besiza eNovara bathi

ukuba ndinxibe obo boya bacinge ukuba ndiyaphambana: akukho mntu edolophini owayenento enjalo. Ndayinxiba ngokuzidla. Bendimane ndibuyisela umkhono wam ukuze wonke umntu aqaphele iwotshi encinci. Ndandidla ngokuyinika intambo, ngoko ke ngexesha elifutshane yaphuka. Xa ndisiya eCastrangia ndadibana nabantu abasele bekhulile abandibuza ixesha. Ukuze ndiphephe ukwenza umfanekiso ombi, ndajonga le wotshi ngoku ngokungenakulungiseka yophuka ndaza ndathi ndilibele ukuyijija. - Enkosi kakhulu -. Babulisa baqhubeka nohambo lwabo.

Xa kutheliswa nabahlobo bam ndimncinci kwaye ndibhityile, bonke "baphuhlisiwe". Kwileta umama wabuza uZizi ukuba "ndandiphuhlisiwe" njengodade wethu uRosa. Kodwa kuZizi ukuthetha ngezi zinto kwakungafunwa mntu. Wayengazi ukuba ndazi yonke into ngobomi. Ndivukele njengesiqhelo, ndathi kuye "andikho miss" kuba ndingondlekanga". Anathi :- uthini? Besisoloko sikuxhasa. Ngenye ingokuhlwa ndandilele eCastrangia ndaziva ndigula. Ndibile ndigodola. Ndicinga ukuba kuphelile, ndathandaza, ndakhala ndaphuma ebumnyameni ndayochama amathontsi ambalwa. Kwaye bathi: "Ukuba uvuka kube kanye ndiza kukubetha!". Mhlawumbi uMadonna waseTindari wandikhusela. Ndabuyela kula matrass we straw ndalala. Ngemini elandelayo kwilaboratri yaseNovara uMiss Assunta wandibona ndiluthuthu kunesiqhelo. Xa umncedisikazi wayemphathele ikofu kunye nobisi kunye nezilayi ezithosiweyo njengentsasa nganye, naye wandipha.

## Isahluko sesibhozo - Ukubhabha kweenkonjane



Ngokuchitha ixesha elininzi eNovara, ubomi babonakala butshintshile: mhlawumbi ngenxa yokuba ndaya kutyelela utat'omkhulu uTuri ndaza ndancokola naye ngolonwabo ngaphandle kokuphazamiseka iimvawkwemini zonke. Wandibalisela amabali amaninzi ngobomi bakhe nangendlela obakhe banzima ngayo ubukho bakhe. Ngapha koko, ngokuhlala eNovara ndafumana ithuba lokuzibonela ngawakhe iziganeko ezibalulekileyo ezenzeka edolophini. Ngaphezu kwako konke, amatheko amakhulu onqulo, imingcelele, ubhaptizo, ukuqinisekiswa, kodwa ngaphezu kwayo nantoni na imisitho yomtshato, yandichukumisa. Emva phaya imitshato yayibhiyozelwa ngorhatya, phantse ndandisoloko ndisiya kulaqaza nabahlobo bam kwicawa yaseSan Nicola.

Ngenye ingokuhlwa ndabona umakoti enxibe ilokhwe emhlophe ephuma ehamba noyise. Umhlophe njengekhephu, ufana nonodoli, wayemhle kakhulu! NguCarmelina owatshata noFilippo.



Ndavelana ngokupheleleyo kwaye ndaphupha: "ngubani owaziyo, ngenye imini ingenzeka nakum ...".

Ngezo mini ndaba neemvakalelo ezingaqhelekanga, kwakukho into entsha nengaqhelekanga emoyeni, ndinezibhengezo. Ndandingaphumli ndilindele isiganeko esingaqhelekanga ukuba senzeke. Kwaye eneneni umcimbi awuzange ulinde ixesha elide. Emin' emaqanda unoposi wayedla ngokudlula. Ngenye imini ngoJune ndeva ilizwi lakhe likhwaza: "Campo, ikhona iposi". Ndithathe ileta, ibivela ku... Domodossola! Umama wabhalela udade wabo.

Ndayivula ngokukhawuleza de ndaphantse ndayikrazula kwaye ndayifunda, kwakukho iindaba endandizilindele ubomi bam bonke: malunga ne-12 kaSeptemba umama wayeza kuza eSicily ukuba andithathe aze andise emantla! Ngoku ndandilinenekazi eliselula, ikamva lalindilindile kwaye kwakufuneka ndifumane umsebenzi. Ukwazi indlela u-anti awayeza kusabela ngayo, ngenxa yobulumko ndayifihla le leta ngaphantsi kwengqayi eyayinolwandle oluyinkunkuma: ukuba u-zizi wayeyifundile, ndihlwempuzekile... Ngamanye amaxesha uMalume uMichelillo, xa wayengekho. esebenza ezindlini, wayesiza kwivenkile yaseNovara. Ngamanye amaxesha wayefika noZizi aze, othukile, athi: "Umama wakho akabhalanga ixesha elide, kufuneka ukuba kukho into eyenzekayo kuye...". Mna kwelinye icala ndandisoyika ukuba kungafika enye ileta enophawu oluthile. Ngenye imini, eneneni, kwafika omnye, kodwa ngethamsanqa ngaphandle kokudibana nohambo oluya eSicily. Ihlobo liye latyibilika lithe chu kum, andakwazi ukulinda ukuba liphele elo xesha. Umsebenzi ubundinceda ndingacingi ndihambe ixesha de kufike umama. Ngomthendeleko we-Assumption ngo-Agasti we-15 bonke abantu bafuna ukubonisa ubuhle babo kwaye kwibhubhoratri kwakukho into eninzi yokwenza, ngaphezu kwesiqhelo: abafazi

abaninzi bafuna ukubonisa ingubo yabo entsha. I-13 ka-Agasti yayinikezelwe kubasebenzi abanokuthi bathunge iimpahla zabo.

Bendimcele uZizi ukuba athenge ilaphu ukuze alingane neetshomi zam. Uvumile kwaye ndakhetha ilaphu elibeige elinexabiso eliphantsi elinoyilo lwamaqhina aluhlaza. Inenekazi eliselula elalikule venkile lalindisikela laza lacela umsebenzi osele likhulile ukuba andincedise ukuyithunga. Ngemini yomgidi ndandinxibe ilokhwe entsha njengabanye.

Bekukho nabaqhelene nabo bebesuka eFantina. Omnye wabo wayebone umbhinqo wam owaziwayo. Weza nelaphu wabuza uZizi: "Umtshana wakho kufuneka andenzele ilokhwe, uyincutshe kulo!". Ndithathe imilinganiselo yakhe. Ndandicinga ngomzekelo uMiss Assunta awayewenzele umthengi. Ndiye ndacela ixesha elithile ukuba ndiyinqumle kwaye ndiyizame. "Kulungile, ilaphu lincinci elinzima, lifanelekile ekwindla. Ndiza kufika malunga ne-20 Septemba."

Ngelo xesha uCarmelina, intombazana ephuma kwilabhoratri, wamema bonke abahlobo bakhe emtshatweni wakhe, owabhiyozelwa ngenye ingokuhlwa kaSeptemba kwicawa yaseMatrix. Ngemvume kaZizi ndaya emgidini. Phakathi kweendwendwe bekukho nenenekazi elisuka eDomodossola elibhengeze ukuba liza kuhamba: "Concettina, iintsuku zakho zibaliwe eNovara. Umama wakho uza kuza akuphuthume kungekudala."

Emva kokutya okutyebileyo ndabuyela ekhaya ndonwabile. Zahamba iintsuku kwaye umthendeleko weTindari wafika nge-8 kaSeptemba, ngaloo nyaka indlela ende kakhulu eyayinqumla emlanjeni ayizange ibonakale inzima kwaye ingenasiphelo njengesihlandlo sokuqala, yayingathi ndiyabhabha. Ukubuyela kwethu eCastrangia ndazisa uZizi ukuba ndiza kuhlala iintsuku ezimbalwa ndinesizathu sokuba ilabhoratri yayiza kuhlala ivaliwe

de kube ngumhla we-12. Ngaloo ntsasa intliziyo yam yayibetha ngamandla. Sakha amakhiwane sasiwa kummelwane sasinga eNovara. Ndithe xa ndilapho ndabona umama ekude esihla ngomzila weemeyile. Ndiye ndabaleka ndaya kuye ndamgona ngawo onke amandla ebendinawo kwezongalo zam zincinci. Watsho ekhwaza uZizi "Kutheni ufike ngesiquphe? Ucinga ukuba ungamthatha uConcettina?". "Ewe - waphendula umama - siyahamba emva kweentsuku ezintathu". "Awukwazi, kufuneka ulungiselele ilokhwe yenenekazi laseFantina". Yaba sesinye isizathu sokundibamba. Watsho emana ekhwaza. Ndandimane ndibamba isibhakabhaka ngomnwe. Ekuphela kwento ebendizisola ngayo ibikukungakwazi ukutyelela utatomkhulu uTuri.

Ngorhatya lwe 14 satya. UZizi wasuka wavula umlomo ethuka umama: "Usithathaphi isibindi sokumsusa kum, awunantliziyo, undicinezela kakhulu, andisakuthabathi njengodade." Ndabona uMichelillo entywizisa iinyembezi okokuqala. Phantsi kweqokobhe lalo elirhabaxa neliqinileyo njengomthi, ngokucacileyo amathontsi athile oluntu ayesele evalelwe. Mna kwelakhe icala ndandivele ndigodole okwebhastile ndingashukumi tu.

Khange ndilale bubuthongo ebusuku, iingcinga ezingamawaka bezisukelana engqondweni yam bendingakwazi nokulinda ukuba kuse ndihambe. Umama wayeyalele iteksi kwine elibizwa ngokuba yi "cauzi i lupi" (ibhulukhwe yengcuka). Kuthe ekuzeni kokusa savuka sagqiba sayofika kwi cardboard suitcase savalelisa koomalume bethu. Uthe xa ephuma wabe umakazi ephuma egumbini lakhe elila, inwele zijonge phantsi, wazijula ezinyaweni zikamama ecenga esithi: "Ndiza kuzibulala ngoku ufe isazela sakho. ubomi!ndicela wena ndikubuza emadolweni-wathi-ndingumfazi nje olihlwempu,ndodwa

ndiphethwe okwesilo ngumyeni wobuxoki, akukho mntu undithandayo. Sisi wam ndicela ungamhluphi. Mna, yiba nenceba, awunalungelo lokundishiya ndedwa, wakhulela phakathi kwethu njengentyatyambo kwaye ngoku akukho mbulelo!"

Eneenwele ezidlakadlaka nobuso obuvuza udaka, wabetha umhlaba, eqalekisa indalo iphela. Umama wayeqonda ukuba udade wabo uye waba yingozi kwaye wayeshiywa ziingqondo, wayengenamonde. Nangona kunjalo, akazange ashukume, akazange azivumele ukuba ashukunyiswe yimfesane, wayesisithulu kwiinkohliso zakhe, wajonga kude waza walinda ukuphela kwedrama yakhe. Wathi akubona udadobawo ukuba umama akavumi, wangena egxalathelana ukuya egumbini lakhe, engasivumi ukuba sihambe. Kuthe kusenjalo sahamba, wabuyela estratweni ethukisa, sithe xa sihamba sambona eshwabana de waba yibhola encinci emnyama edibene namatye. Mhlawumbi ndandimkhohlakalele njengabantwana kuphela, kodwa ndikhumbula ukuba ndithe xa ndiphuma endlwini yakhe ndikhuselwe sisandla sikamama, ndathi ndakubona ukuba sele eza kunyamalala emehlweni am yonke inzondo yam yasuka yajika yaba luthando. yaye ndaba novelwano ngaye (kamva ndafunda ukuba kangangeenyanga ezimbalwa wayekhala ezitratweni ngokungathi ndifile).

E-Piazza Bertolami iingcango zeeteksi zavuleka. Ngefestile ndawangawangisa wonke umntu endimbonayo de yaphela idolophu. Ebudeni bohambo ndaye ndajonga ngentlungu entliziyweni yam i-panorama kunye nelizwe elithe chu lisuka lisuka emehlweni am, sahlala sithe cwaka ixesha elide de ndalubona ulwandle. Ngoku ndandisekude eNovara, ngokuqinisekileyo! Zabethabethana iingcinga eziphikisanayo engqondweni yam andakwazi ukuzibamba, ndavuka xa umama endiphulula endilumkisa ukuba sifikile. Emva koko ndalithanda

kakhulu elo lizwe endandilithiyile ixesha elide ngenxa yosizi endandibuphila. Kwisikhululo saseVigliatore kwakukho isiphithiphithi esikhulu, abaninzi abafana nathi babesimka besiya emantla neesutikheyisi zabo zekhadibhodi nezinye iibhegi.

Kwavela umoya obhityileyo ovela elwandle kwaye ndeva ityuwa ivumba emilebeni yam. Imvakalelo entle endaqala ndayiva. Salinda uloliwe kangangesiqingatha seyure. Kum ibingumoya omtsha. Abantu bacula ingoma ethandwayo "Njingalwazi, ndixelele ukuba yeyiphi efike kuqala, inkukhu okanye iqanda." Wonke umntu wayebuya kwiiholide zelizwekazi. Sithe xa sifika eMessina ndabona ngomangaliso iinqwelo zikhwela kwi ferry-boat. Kwakuphakathi kuSeptemba kwaye kweso sibhakabhaka siluhlaza ngaphezu kolwandle kukho amawakawaka eenkonjane ejikeleza. Ngokubaleka kwabo balungisa iphupha lam: ukuba ekugqibeleni ndibuyele kuhlala nosapho lwam. Ndazama ukumbona uThixo esazulwini saloo mvelaphi iqaqambileyo yaye, nangona ndandingazange ndimbone, ndambulela ngokusuka emazantsi omphefumlo wam omncinane. Emva kweeyure ezingabalekiyo sehla eRome ukuya kukhwela, emva kweeyure ezingakumbi zokulinda, uloliwe oya eMilan, apho kwakukho olunye utshintsho lukaloliwe oluya eDomodossola. Yayiliphupha. Kuloo loliwe, umama wabulisa abantu abaliqela awayebazi. Wonke umntu wayebuza ukuba ungowaphi kwaye ngubani le ntombazana wayehamba nayo. Bebungazi ukuba unenye intombi.

Ndabona imbonakalo-mhlaba: Ndibone ngokumangalisayo iLake Maggiore kunye neziqithi, emva koko iintaba. Ndabuza ukuba sade safika nini, ndisazi ukuba idolophu ikwintlambo engqongwe ziintaba. Safika eDomodossola kwangentseni. Izulu lalingwevu, izitrato zibonakala zipeyintwe mnyama, abantu bahamba ngenyathelo elizimiseleyo bejonge emhlabeni,

neempahla zabo zimnyama. Esikhululweni utata wayesilindile kunye nobhuti wam omncinci endandimbone eSicily kwiminyaka emibini ngaphambili. Ukuncamisa kunye nokuwola. Njengoko sasigoduka ndazama ukufumanisa indawo eyayiza kuba sisixeko sam kungekudala. Ndibale iifestile zezindlu kodwa bezizininzi kangangokuba ndaphulukana nezibalo zam. Kwakukho iifestile ezininzi kakhulu, kunye nezindlu ezininzi kakhulu phezu kwenye. Ayephakame kangangokuba amehlo am ayethe ntsho esibhakabhakeni.

Ndaziva ndinesiyenzi. Amawakawaka emibuzo aphuphuma entlokweni yam, ihla inyuka ingenamonde. Ebudeni bohambo andizange ndikwazi nokukhupha nelizwi elinye. Ndiphinde ndaphinda ndothuka ekhaya xa ndibona oosisi bam endibakhumbulayo ngemifanekiso qha. Enye into eyothusayo yayilikhitshi elinesinki, itephu kunye nesitovu segesi (eNovara kwakungekho manzi endlini sasipheka ngeenkuni). Ngokuhlwa, uComare Grazia weza kusityelela kunye nentombi yakhe uCaterina. Nabamelwane babefuna ukudibana nam. Ngorhatya olulandelayo utata wandithatha wandisa kwi-cinema. Enye yezona ngokuhlwa zintle ebomini bam endiya kuzikhumbula ngonaphakade, kude kube yimini yokugqibela. I was finally with my dad, before I love him as one loves an absent father, ngoku bendimncoma ndagqibela ndiqala ndaziva ndikhuselekile ngathi ndiyinkosazana yakhe. Ngamafutshane, ndaziva ngathi ndihamba phezu kwamafu, ndifike kwenye indawo yendalo yonke.

## Isahluko sesithoba - Umnyango wezulu



Ngaphambi kokuba ndimke eSicily, umama wayekwazile ukundifunela umsebenzi kwindawo esebenza ngeenwele yaye emva kweentsuku ezimbini wandikhapha ukuya emsebenzini. Siphume endlini kwangentseni: Bendichulumancile kakhulu zezi ndaba.

Ekungeneni kwam ndamkelwa nguMiss Tilde owandincumisa kakhulu wandibamba ngesandla, umfazi onobubele nonobubele. UTilde wathi kum ngesiMilanese "Molo bela tusa (intombazana), yiza, ndikuvumele ndikwazise kumantombazana endisebenza nawo: uNella noTeresina. Banamava amaninzi, baya kukufundisa ukusebenza. Ukuba kukho naziphi na iingxaki - wongezelela - ungabi nazintloni ukubuza". So ngokuqhwanayaza kweliso ndazibona ndinomsebenzi wam omtsha.

Ndandisele ndiziva ndikhulile kwaye ukuphawula olu tshintsho ebomini buka Bela Tusa, ixesha lakhe lifikile okokuqala. Wayengazi nto kangako ngeso sihloko, kodwa ngamabali awawava kubahlobo bakhe abadala baseNovara, wayeqonda

ukuba le yindlela umntu aguquka ngayo abe linenekazi eliselula. Wayeqonda ukuba wayengayidingi loo mqondiso ukuba abe ngumfazi: wayesele ekhona ngenxa yayo yonke into awayeyifundile, eyaziwayo neyayithandwa. Yayingasenguye umbungu yaye yayiye yatshintsha yaba libhabhathane. Wavela kude kwaye ngemizuzu embalwa wadlula ukusuka kwelinye ilizwe ukuya kwelinye. Wazibona eyedwa kwaye wayenebhongo kakhulu ngaloo nto.

Ngelo xesha, ndandiqalisa ukuqhelana nomsebenzi omtsha. Ngelo xesha, iikhola zoboya zazisetyenziselwa ukudibanisa iidyasi. Izikhumba zazimanziswa ngesipontshi zaza ekugqibeleni zabethelwa ebhodini lomthi ngokutsalwa macala onke. Ndakhunjuzwa xa ndikwi-laboratory yaseSicily ndityumza i-lead ukuze ndibeke phantsi kwempahla yam. Nalapha kwakubethelwa iminwe. Ukuba kukho isuntswana lelanga basomisiwe egadini esitratweni, ngoko ke kwafuneka ukuba ndisebenze njengomlindi wemvana exabisekileyo yasePersi, impungutye, i-mink kunye nezikhumba ze-rat-musqué. Ngelixesha ndibahoyileyo bendithanda ukubukela iimoto nabantu abadlulayo. Ndide ndaphefumlela umsi womsi wemoto ndazama ukuntywila kwelo vumba laloo dolophu, litsha nelinxilisayo kwintwazana ekhule emoyeni. Isixeko sadlula ndingekajongi ndade ndalibala nexesha. Utata wandicacisela ukuba imini yayahlulwe yangamaxesha, kanti ngokuhlala kwam eCastrangia ndandilazi nje ukuphuma nokutshona kwelanga. Ngamanye amaxesha xa ndinyamekela ulusu inenekazi elisele likhulile elisuka kumgangatho ongasentla lalidla ngokuza kundigcina. Wathetha ngePiedmontese engqongqo kwaye andizange ndiqonde nto: "Yintoni intlekisa, da ndua ti vegnat (uvela phi)? Cuma ti se ciamat (ungubani igama lakho)?" Ndiyathintsha. "Ti mi capisat mia (awuqondi)?" Xa izikhumba zomile uMiss Tilde wasika imilo yeentamo kubathungi



ababeziyalela.

Kancinci kancinci ndafunda ukubeka i-frisellina padding, i-loop ejikelezayo kunye ne-lining. Ngenxa yobuchule bam ndiye ndaqala ukufumana imali yepokotho yeveki kwaye kungekudala ndaye ndafakwa ngokuhambelana namanqaku omhlalaphantsi. Ndaziva ndimdala. Kwibhubhoratri kwakukho unomathotholo: Ndandikuthanda ukumamela iingoma. Iifriji zazingeyonto iqhelekileyo ngelo xesha kodwa eli nenekazi liselula lalinebhokisi yomkhenkce elaliyizalisa ngezitena zomkhenkce elalizinikwe lelinye inene elalidlula ngenqwelo kwizitrato zedolophu. Ukusela amanzi amnandi ngolo hlobo kwakuyinto entsha kum. Isitovu samaplanga esinexabiso eliphantsi sasifudumeza indlu. Wayengenayo imfonomfono kodwa xa efuna ukufowunela abathengi wandithumela kumakazi wakhe, umnini wenkampani yokwakha enabasebenzi abaliqela. Phakathi kwezi, ngokukhawuleza, ndayibona okokuqala ... Kodwa eli lilinye ibali elithi, ukuba ndinexesha kunye nomnqweno, ndiya kukuxelela kamva.

Endlini bendisitya kamnandi, ngorhatya saphuma saya kumbindi wedolophu enamatye nevenkile zinefestile ezintle. NgeMigqibelo ndandihamba nomama siye emarikeneni, ekwindawo enkulu yeziko, xa ndiphuma emsebenzini emini emaqanda. Sathenga ilaphu lokundenzela idyasi. Kwajongwa. Ndiyisungule ngokuhambisa izinto zam kwiMisa yasebusuku ngeKrisimesi. Ngamafutshane, ubomi obonwabisayo.

ICarnival yafika. Saya kwitheko langaphambi koNyaka Omtsha kwindawo yemiboniso yaseGalletti nentsapho ekufutshane nathi. Kwakuliphupha ukubona iibhola ze-masquerade phakathi kwemidlalo yezibane ze-phosphorescent.

Ngomgqibelo olandelayo xa ndivuka kukho into engahambi kakuhle. Ndandilila kuba umama wayengandiniki iSan Pellegrino

magnesia. Kwafika umzala wakhe evela eMartigny. Watya isidlo sasemini kunye nathi. Emva kwemini ndaziva ndingaqhelekanga, kwakubonakala ukuba ulonwabo lwam luyaphela. UTata wakhapha umzala wakhe ukuya kuloliwe, emva koko satya isidlo sangokuhlwa.

Asizange sihambe sihamba ngobo busuku. Utata wathi kuMama, "Ndiza kutyelela abahlobo bam ebharini." Malunga nentsimbi yeshumi ebusuku wabuyela ekhaya encwina kwaye ekhefuzela ngobuso obuluthuthu, ekhathazwa kukubethwa ngamandla esifubeni. "Teresa, ndenzele i-chamomile." Utata ebekhamisile ebhedini, ndabaleka nomakazi ndiyobiza ugqirha 50 metres away. Weza ngoko nangoko, kodwa ngelo xesha utata wayeka ukuhlala. Kamva safumanisa ukuba i-aorta igqabhukile. Bekungazubakho nto inokwenziwa, utata wangena ngomnyango wezulu wabhabha waya ezulwini. KwakungoFebruwari 17, 1951. Ndahlala ubusuku bonke amehlo am ethe ntsho kumzimba katata owawungakwazi kuzinceda. Intloko yam yayijikeleza, ingxubevange ye-migraine kunye nesiyezi eyaphantse yandisusa kwela gumbi apho zonke izinto zaba nenzondo ngenxa yokuba zingamangqina okufa okungekho sikweni. Bendingayekanga ukucinga ngotata nenkohlakalo ebindilindele eDomodossola, iinyembezi bezingasenakuphuma kum kuba besele zomile kukulila. Lo Thixo ndandimcingele ekumkeni kwam ekukhanyeni okuqaqambileyo phezu kweStrait of Messina, wayezifihle phi? Kwakutheni ukuze asilahle? Wayendiqhathe ngantoni? Bekutheni ngoku sendimfumene utata athathwe naphakade? Yayiyintoni injongo yale ntlekele? Ngoku uThixo walapha eDomodossola wayebonakala wohlukile, ukude, engafumaneki, wayebonakala enziwe bubumnyama, enqabileyo kwaye engenakuphepheka, ebuhlungu, uThixo endandingasazi nokuba ndiphinde ndithembele okanye ndingahoyi imihla yam

yonke. Ubusuku nemini ndahlala ndithe cwaka, ndijonge amehlo am ebumnyameni, ndinethemba lokuba ngokufika kwemini yonke into iza kubuyela kwindlela eyayiyiyo ngaphambili. Ngezo ntsuku zonxunguphalo, intsapho yakowethu ikwincam yelixa, ndandiqonda ukuba izulu aliyondawo yamantombazana.

Ngobunye bobo busuku, ekuzeni kusa ndawa ndaqutyulwa bubuthongo ndaza emva kobuthongo obungcungcuthekisayo ndatshona liphupha elimnandi: Ndazifumana ndiphezu kwechibi, emva koko ubawo wabonakala kum ngamehlo akhe nobuso buntwiliwe kukukhanya kwesibhakabhaka. Ngoku ubuso bakhe babungasasokoli kwaye wayesemhle kwakhona. Undincumele kamnandi wabamba isandla sam, wandanga waqalisa ukuthetha nam. "Mntanam - watsho - into endifuna ukukuxelela yona ngoku sithandwa sam, konke okuhle endikufunayo kuwe. limeko ziye zathetha ukuba asazani. Ndiyazisola ngokungakubonanga ukhula..." .

Ngamanye amaxesha ndicinga ngela phupha nohambo lwam lokugqibela, ndicinga ngexesha iNkosi eya kundibiza ngayo, ndithanda ukucinga ukuba xa ndiwela umnyango wezulu utata wam uya kundilinda, enxibe ngolo rhatya wandithatha wandisa elwandle. cinema: kunye naye sinezinto ezininzi esinokuxelelana ngazo, kufuneka siqhubeke ngonaphakade loo ncoko yaphazamiseka ngobo busuku bubandayo bukaFebruwari. Iya kuba yeyona ndlela ilungileyo, ndiyacinga, ukuqala uhambo lwam lokugqibela.

UMama wasala ephelile lithemba nabantwana abane yaye engafumani mhlala-phantsi kuba utata wayengumkhandi nje. Zonke iingqele nazo zonke iintlungu ezisehlabathini zazifikele kwintsapho yethu engathathi ntweni.

Kude nomhlaba wethu, kude lee ebomini, sasiyintlabathi erhuqwa ngumoya wasentlango.

Umama wayelahlekelwe ngumphefumlo wakhe wonke. Ebesele eliqokobhe elingenanto. Umzimba wakhe waqhawuka njengesiqwenga somthi, akazange ayeke ukuncipha kwaye amehlo akhe alahlekileyo, ebusweni obuluthuthu nobungabonakali, wahlala eqinile imizuzu yonke ukuya kwindawo ekude, ukuya engcwabeni likayise. Usuke wafana nesiporho ngokungakwazi ukulibala. Ndawuva umzuzu xa eza kuwa aze azike kunxunguphalo engenandlela yokuphuma. Ndazama ukumshukumisa, ndathetha naye ndizama ukumvuyisa. Ngokungakholelekiyo, iindima zaziguqulwe ngokupheleleyo: yayiyintombi eyayithuzela unina, imxelela amabali amlungiselele ubomi ngaphandle komyeni wakhe aze amncede alibale. Mna, intombi enkulu, ndandingekagqibi neminyaka eyi-15.

Emva kwesidlo sangokuhlwa ndabuyela emsebenzini kwanoboya ukuze ndirhole iisenti ezimbalwa. Ndim owayezama ukugcina ilangatye lethemba liphila. Kodwa ekugqibeleni umama, andazi ukuba, mhlawumbi ngamandla okuphelelwa lithemba, phakathi kwesikhalo esinye nesinye, wathatha umhlaba wonke emagxeni akhe waza wathi chu wabuyela ekubeni ngumthungi, ethunga iziketi ezimbalwa kunye neegawuni zokunxiba.

## Isahluko seshumi - I-tusa entle



Ngo May kwakulo nyaka ubhuti wam omncinci wagula yimasisi nam ndaye ndayibamba kuba zange yosulelwa yiyo ebuntwaneni. Ndithe ndisebhedini ndeva ngo mama evula ucango. Kukho umntu obethe intsimbi emnyango. Emva koko ndeva amazwi ka-zizi noMichelillo. Ndandinexhala: ngaphambi kokuba bandise eDomodossola ndiyobona abazali bam kwaye ngoku babonisile. Bahlala isithuba esingangeveki, emva koko bemka bedanile kuba babenethemba lokuba ndiza kubuya nabo eSicily. NgoNovemba kwafika ileta enomda omnyama. Uye wothukile lo mama isandla sakhe besingcangcazela xa esivula. Ndambona elila: zizi ubhengeze ukubhubha kukaTatomkhulu uTuri. Bamfumana efile kwilali yaseBordonaro nge-8 kaNovemba. Wayeneminyaka engama-87 ubudala. Kunyaka olandelayo kwabakho okunye ukuphoxeka okukhulu ngakumbi, xa ngengozi uphando lwakhokelela kunobangela wokufa ngenxa yokufuthaniselwa ngetshefu emqaleni, efunyenwe ngexesha

lokukhutshwa kwesidumbu. Ulwaphulo-mthetho lwenziwa ngowasetyhini kunye nomntakwabo, abamelwane basemaphandleni, ukuba babe ipenshoni ye-11,000 lire. Kamva wathothoza iminyaka engama-24 entolongweni kwaye wathothoza iminyaka eli-12 ngenxa yokubandakanyeka.

Ndaqhubeka ndibuhlungu. Ngemali encinci besingakwazi ukuphila nabantu abayi 5. U-Miss Tilde undicebise ukuba ndigxothwe ngomgunyathi ukuze ndibhalise kwi-ofisi yengqesho. Ndandidla ngokuya kukhangela umsebenzi, kodwa lalingekho ithemba. NgoAprili ka-53 ndeva ukuba babeqeshe amantombazana athile kumzi-mveliso. Bebenyayidingi, ootata bebesele benemisebenzi. Ngoko ndaya eofisini ukuya kuqhankqalaza: Ndandifuna ukusebenza ngakumbi kunabanye. NgoMeyi ekugqibeleni ndangena kumzi-mveliso apho bavelisa iibhanti ezilastiki, iintambo zezihlangu, iiribhoni kunye neetubula zeengcingo zombane. Umsebenzi onzima kunye neenguqu zeveki 6-13 kunye ne-13-21. Ngokuhamba kwexesha ndandisiya kwanoboya ukuze ndongezelele umvuzo wam kwaye ndinike umama isiqabu.

Wafika uAgasti. Ngeeholide, uComare Grazia kwafuneka aye eSicily ukuya kutyelela umama wakhe osele ekhulile. Nam ndagqiba kwelokuba ndihambe nentombi yam uCaterina. Sahamba ngololiwe ukuya eMilan saza saya eRome, apho safika ebusuku. Kwafuneka silinde iiyure ezimbalwa ngaphambi kokuba uloliwe oya eSicily.



Kwisikhululo sikaloliwe safumana abanye abantu belali, yaye phakathi kwabo kukho nomdlali omncinane waseNovara, uSalvatore Furnari, nejoni endingalikhumbuliyo igama lakhe. Ngoxa uNkskz. Grazia wayephumle esitulweni, mna noCaterina samenywa ukuba sibethwa ngumoya. Basisa ePiazza Esedra ukuze batye imottarello. Kwaba ngathi ndiyaqala ukuphila kwakhona.

Wathi akufika uloliwe owayesele egcwele, uNksk. Grazia wakhawuleza wakhwela neebhegi ezimbini. Uloliwe wayengekame ngokupheleleyo kwaye wawa phantsi esiporweni. Caterina, Mna kunye nesihlwele sonke sakhala kuBawo onguNaphakade xa sasimkhupha ezele zizigrumba kodwa ephila ngendlela engummangaliso. Wala ukusiwa esibhedlele. Emva kweyure wemka uloliwe. Ngaphambi kwemini emaqanda safika kwisikhululo saseTerme Vigliatore apho sakhwela ibhasi eyayisisa eNovara Sicilia, iindwendwe zikaZizi neMicherillo.

Basamkela njengeendwendwe ezibekekileyo. Besisebhedini sobathathu ngobo busuku, mna noCaterina khange silale tu. UNksk. Grazia wayezele ziintlungu. Kwangobo busuku kwabakho into esasingayilindelanga: abanye abafana basixhela isiginkci nevayolin, kodwa uMalume uMicherillo ecaphukile wabenza babaleka.

Umama kaCaterina wayechitha phantse lonke ixesha lakhe ebhedini. Waphuma kabini kuphela kwiintsuku ezilishumi esiya kutyelela umama wakhe owalupheleyo. Emva kwemini ndaya kutyelela abantwana endifunda nabo kunye nabahlobo bam ababevela elabhoratri. Ngenye imini ndabona nomnye endandifunda naye esikolweni esiza kundigona. Ebephethe ibhayisekile ngesandla ndamcela ukuba andikhwelise. Ngelo xesha, uNovara wayengazange ayibone intombazana ekhwele ibhayisekile. Uthe nje akukuva oko, uZizi wandithethisa: "Usuke waba sisikhova, bendingasoze ndiyicinge into enje.

Emva eDomodossola, uNksk. Grazia wayetsala nzima ukuze achache. Emva koko kuwa, iintlungu ze-arthritis zathatha indawo. Waba nesibindi kuphela xa waya nentsapho yakhe kwitheko elithile, apho nam ndamenywa khona.

Ndabuyela emsebenzini kumzi-mveliso nakwindawo yokusebenzela, kodwa ndandifuna amava amatsha. Ngenye imini, ngoxa ndandityelele kwicawa yaseSan Gervasio naseProtasio, uDon Giuseppe Benetti weza kum eze kundibuza imibuzo ethile. Ndazityand' igila kuye zonke iintsizi zam. Wandikhuthaza waza wathi: "Yiza kwindawo yokufundisa ngeCawa emva kwemini. Apho uya kufumana umongameli weCatholic Action Signorina Germana, oya kunazisa kumantombazana aze aninike amacebiso amaninzi alungileyo." Kwangoko ndazibona ndikhululekile: ndinentloni ndaqala ukwenza abahlobo. Ndandisoyika ukungakwazi ukuthetha kodwa ngoncedo lukaThixo ndoyisa ubunzima bokuqala. Ndifunde ngokuvumayo iphephandaba lombutho ndincoma umseki u-Armda Barelli: enkosi kuye ubomi bam buye baphucuka. Xa umsebenzi womzi-mveliso wavumayo, ndaya kumthendeleko wakusasa ngentsimbi yesi-7, apho ndadibana noDon Benetti, endamgqala njengomalathisi wam wokomoya. NgeCawa ndacela



ukuchitha iyure kwindawo yokushicilela elungileyo phambi kwecawa. Kamva bandimema ukuba ndijoyine ibhunga le-ACLI. Ngazo zonke ezo zibophelelo ndaziva ndibalulekile kwaye ndizalisekile.

Oogxa bam kumzi-mveliso babendibona njengomntu othanda izinto, kodwa andizange ndizive ndingakhululekanga, enyanisweni ndandibathandazela yaye ndibatsalele umnxeba xa bethetha izinyeliso kumagumbi okutshintshela ngaphambi kokuba ndiqalise umsebenzi.

## Isahluko seshumi elinanye - Ubuso bePorcelain



Ngenye iCawa yasehlotyeni umongameli weGerman Catholic Action walungiselela uhambo oluya ezintabeni. Ngemadlana eseleyo ndakwazi ukuhlawula iindleko zohambo. Safika ngebhasi ukuya eGoglio, emva koko ngentambo ukuya eAlpe Devero saza sahamba ngeenyawo ukuya eCrampiolo. Ndacamngca ngobuhle beentaba ezigqunywe ziintyatyambo: ii<em>rhododendron, ii<em>buttercups, ii<em>orchids zasendle. Amaqunube azokutya kuwo. Iikhabhathi ezinophahla lwamatye kunye neefestile zamaplanga ezixhonywe kuzo iifestile ezibomvu nezipinki iigeranium. Ndabuza uGermana ukuba iphelela phi indlela. "Xa sidiniwe siya kumisa isidlo sasemini esipakishiweyo." Pha ngo 1pm samisa ukusela amanzi acwengileyo aphuma elityeni esingise entlanjeni. Emva kokutya, ukuthandaza nokucula sanduluka sibuyela. Ndandingcangcazela luvuyo: Andizange ndiluchithe usuku oluhle kangaka. Ekhaya ndimxelele yonke into umama ndambona encumile.

Ngalo lonke ixesha ndandifumana imeyile evela kumhlobo kaNovara Sicilia: wayecela ukumfunela umsebenzi eDomodossola ukuze sidibane. Ndandibhidekile kodwa ndivuyiswa kukuba kukho umntu ondithandayo. Kwakukho nenkwenkwe yaseDomodossola, kodwa andizange ndiyithande:

ekuseni wasela i-grappa kwaye wayesoloko enezidlele ezibomvu.

Ukucamngca kusasa kwandibonisa indlela eya kwikhaya loonongendi, kodwa kwangaxeshanye ndandibathanda abantwana kunye nombono wokuqala usapho. Ndazinikela entandweni kaThixo, ndachitha iimvakwemini zangeCawe kwindawo yokufundisa ndicwangcisa izibophelelo zeveki zeCatechism kunye nabahlobo bam. NgeeCawe ezithile sasisiya kwiindawo zokufundisa kwiidolophu eziselumelwaneni. Uhambo lwebhasi lwalundikhathaza, kodwa inkalipho yoyisa ukubandezeleka okuncinane.

Ngomhla we-Meyi 1, i-1954, i-ACLI kunye ne-oratory yalungiselela uhambo: uhambo oluya kwiSanctuary yaseMadonna di Oropa kusasa kunye ne-rally ngu-Honorable Pastore e-Biella emva kwemini. Ndandingomnye wabokuqala ukubhalisa kunye nomhlobo wam kunye nesithandwa sakhe uPierino. Ilibhasi ezi-2 zigcwele abantu abatsha. Phakathi kwabo kukho inkwenkwe eblond enentloni endandisele ndiyibonile ndaweni ithile. Ibinguye:umsebenzi wenkampani yezokwakha apho bendiye kufowunela abathengi befuri. UPierino wamazisa kum: wayengumzala wakhe. Emini akazange ayeke ukundijonga. Ndifike endlini ndamxelela umama ngalento. Ngengokuhlwa elandelayo ndambona phantsi kwebalcony encinane yegumbi elikumgangatho wokuqala. "Mama, mama, yiza ubone: kukho umfana endidibene naye eBiella". Kwaye yena ngoncumo olunesiqingatha: "Kucacile ukuba uyakuthanda." Ngorhatya olulandelayo, ndihamba nommelwane, ndamfumana ephambi kwam. Eneentloni wacela ukuhamba nathi. Kancinci ukungaqiniseki ndavuma. Saqhawuka umkhenkce ngokuncokola ngalento naleya. Emva kokuba umsebenzi wasemva kwemini uphelile kumzi-mveliso wandikhapha ndagoduka. Ngenye ingokuhlwa ndamthatha ndaya kumazisa kumama wakhe,

owamamkela kakuhle kakhulu. Ngexesha lakhe lokuphumla waya kwi-oratory. Emva koko amakhwenkwe namantombazana ahlukana, kuphela ekupheleni kwentlanganiso ababenokuthi badibane. Saya nakwiintlanganiso ze-ACLI.

Nangona umama wayevela eSicily, apho abafana ababini abathandanayo babengakwazi ukuphuma bodwa, wayesithembile yaye saqalisa uhambo olunoxolo. UGiuse wandixelela ukuba uye wadibana notata wam: ukufumana imali, kuba kwakukho abantwana aba-4 kwaye ngutata kuphela owayesebenza, njengenkwenkwan wayesenza izinto ezithile kubaxhamli bemali kwi-barracks amanyathelo ambalwa ukusuka kwindlu yakhe. Ngamanye amaxesha wayedla ngokuzisa izihlangu zabo kutata ukuze azilungise. Ndamamela ngovuyo.

Wandixelela enye into: xa nge-16 Septemba 1950 ndadlula eRome ukuya kufika eDomodossola sadibana phantse. UGiuse, njengoko ndimbiza njalo, wayefike ngebhayisekile kuNyaka oNgcwele. Uhambo olunzima: washiya iDomodossola kunye nomfundisi ovela entlanjeni owahamba ngokukhawuleza ngeebhutsi zeentaba. Kwakuphantse kube nzima ukumlandela. Wema kuphela xa ebona isitiya semifuno ukuze afumane isaladi. Embindini wohambo uGiuse wasala yedwa. Endleleni wafumana umthengisi wasesitratweni ephethe ibhayisekile endala ethwele inkunkuma ukuze ayithengise. Bagcinana de kwafika iRoma.

Wafika uAgasti. Umzi-mveliso wawuvala ngeeholide ndaza ndagqiba kwelokuba ndiye kutyelela udade wethu uRosa owayechacha kwiinduli ezikwiLake Mergozzo. Ndacela oonongendi ababeqhuba indlu ukuba bahlale iintsuku ezimbalwa. Ndandisandula ukuyikhankanya le ngcamango kuGiuse. Bekukho namanye amantombazana ebekwi holiday endlini. Phakathi kwabo kukho umhlelaki womtshana wonongendi. Ngentsasa yowe-15, umthendeleko woNyuko, wasibizela

kwigumbi lakhe emva kwedini leMisa ukuze siqhelisele. Wazalisa ubuso bethu ngeekhrimu ezahlukeneyo, i-mascara kunye ne-lipstick: sasibukeka njengemifanekiso eqingqiweyo ye-wax. Ngesidlo sasemini umakazi waphinda wabiza umtshana wakhe: kwakungekho sizathu sokuba asiphathe ngolu hlobo.

Emva kwemini, ndijonge echibini ngefestile, ndabona uGiuse ephuma. Bendingafuni ukubonwa ndinobuso beporcelain. Ukundibona kwam emnyango caba akandazi. Ndacela uxolo, ndichaza ukuba yayililingo kwaye namanye amantombazana nawo atshintshiwe. Emva kwemini sahamba egadini yendlu. Ngokuhlwa wabulisa: "Ndizakubona kungekudala, eDomodossola, kodwa ubuso bakho bucocekile kwaye butsha njengakuqala."

## Isahluko seshumi elinesibini - Violette



Zithe zakuphela iiveki ezimbini zeholide, ndabuyela emsebenzini kumzi-mveliso kwishifti ukusuka ngo-1:00 ukuya ku-9pm. Ndithe ndisathungela i-bobbins kwi-spindle yomatshini ndacinga ngo-Giuse, kodwa kwangaxeshanye andizange ndiyenze. ndinomnqweno omkhulu wokumbona. Ngo 9pm kwakhala i siren yabe intliziyo yam yabetha ngamandla. Emva kokuba ndigximfize ifolda, ekuphumeni kwesango ndabona ibhayisekile ebumnyameni. Ibinguye nyani: uye weza kum enyabile wandijonga ebusweni wathi: "I like you so simple". Wandihlalisa kumbhobho webhayisekile wandigodusa. Sanikana nje ngombuliso. Oku kwenzeka phantse yonke imihla. Ngeemva kwemini ngeCawa sasikhwela iibhayisekile ezimbalwa kwiilali ezikufutshane. Ngenye imini wandisa kwakhe ukuze andize kutata nomama, oosisi ababini nobhuti. Kancinci kancinci uye wandazisa koomalume bakhe kunye nabazala bakhe njengomhlobo.

Wathi umama xa esibona ebalcony wasinyusa saya endlini. Ngoxa wayethanda laa nkwenkwe, ndandingaqinisekanga. Ngomhla we-8 kaDisemba, umhla we-Immaculate Conception, usuku lwegama lam, intsimbi yasecangweni yakhala.

Yayingumthengisi weentyatyambo, owandinika isipha seentyatyambo ezibomvu. "Mama, uGiuse undithumelele iminqweno emihle!". Okunjani ukuphoxeka xa ndivula inqaku: yayingenguye, kodwa inkwenkwe eneminyaka eyi-14 ndadibana nayo ngenhlanhla. Yathi "I love you" nge signature. Mhlawumbi wayecinga ukuba ndiyintanga yakhe.

Ngobusuku bangaphambi kweKrisimesi uGiuse wabonisa ivasi enkulu enemibala egcwele iitshokolethi kunye nekhadi lokubulisa. Ndiye ndabulela saya kwi mass yasezinzulwini zobusuku kunye. Ukubuyela ekhaya wandixelela: "Ngomso kufuneka ndihambe nosapho lwam siye kutya isidlo sasemini kunye nezihlobo zam. Ndiza kuphinda ndikubone ngeBoxing Day". Ekuseni nge 26 ndathi kumama "andisazikhuphi nalamfana ndiyambuyisela ivaskom andifuni commitments". Kwaye yena ejonge kabukhali: "Uyaphambana, ngewukwenzile ukuba ubungazanga uzityile ezo chocolates."

Kwiintsuku ezilandelayo wafika uGiuse njengesiqhelo ezondithatha emsebenzini. Ebudeni bendlela ngeenyawo okanye kumbhobho webhayisekile ndaphantse andathetha naye. NgoNyaka Omtsha ngowe-1955 ndaya kwimisa. Wayekhona naye ekugqibeleni wandikhapha ndagoduka. Emnyango wathi kum: "Ndingayazi into onayo engqondweni yokundivisa kabuhlungu ngolu hlobo?", zaphuma iinyembezi emehlweni akhe. Loo mququ wophuka umqolo wenkamela ndamnika uncumo. Wandanga waza wathi: "Ngale mva kwemini ndiza kukuthatha siye kwiivespers eMount Calvario. Emva kweevespers ifilimu iya kuboniswa kwi-club ye-ACLI." Ndavuma savalelisana. Ndifike ndabika ekhaya wabe umama evuya wathi: "Awuzuphinda uyifumane inkwenkwe elunge ngolo hlobo."

Ngentsimbi yesibini emva kwemini siye saya eCalvary ecaleni kwendlela yeemeyile kunye neecawa zeVia Crucis. Sake safika

eSanctuary sacula ivespers emva kwentsikelelo saya eclubini. Andikhumbuli isihloko sefilimu, kodwa yayinzima kakhulu, ngoko ke ndacebisa ukuba sibuyele kwisixeko kwi-cinema yaseCatena, apho sakwazi ukunandipha ifilimu engcono, ebizwa ngokuthi "Violette".

Ngo-Epreli, ukuhamba ecaleni kwentlambo yeVigezzo kunye neCentovalli ngololiwe, sahamba nabazali bakhe ukuya kumthendeleko wokudada weentyatyambo eLocarno. Sadibana notata kaGiuse, owandazisa njenge "girlfriend". Wafaka izandla zakhe epokothweni wathatha i-10 Swiss francs kwi-wallet yakhe, wanika uGiuse waza wathi "Wenze kakuhle, utshata nini?". Sajongana, zange sithethe ngayo.

Kwiintsuku ezilandelayo saqalisa ukuba nombono womtshato. Sade sathetha ngayo ekhaya. Umama wayonwabile kodwa kwangaxeshanye ayembalwa amathuba okuba nemali. Kancinci kancinci sathenga amashiti ambalwa kunye nempahla yangaphantsi. Sasingenazo iimfuno zikhethekileyo. Saya kufuna indawo encinane yokuhlala. Siyifumene kwisithili saseMotta samandulo kwaye ngoko sibeka usuku lomtshato: ngoMvulo we-19 Septemba. Ndahamba nomama saya kwivenkile yamalaphu ePanzarasa ukuya kuthenga ileyisi yelokhwe yomtshato ndayisa kuNksk.

Eholweni yedolophu kwafuneka umama atyikitye imiqathango yomtshato kuba ndandisengumntwana. Abazali bakaGiuse nabo babonwabile. Kwirhamente uMonsignor Pellanda wasixelela amazwi amnandi enkuthazo: "Hlala uthozamile unokholo oluninzi ukuze ujongane nolonwabo kunye nosizi olusigcinelwe ubomi. Ndiya kukuvumela ukuba ufumane imbaleki ebomvu ecaleni kwe-nave".

Kwafuneka silungise uludwe lwezalamane nezihlobo ezaziza kuhanjiswa kuzo njengesiqhelo. lindwendwe ezimbalwa kakhulu.



Umama kaGiuse wathi "Zimbini kwintsapho nganye". Ngokuthe ngcembe safikelela kubantu abangama-35. Kukhethwe amangqina: Umalume kaGiuse uCarmelo kunye nam uPierino, umyili wentlanganiso yethu. Kwiveki ephambi komtshato i-oratory yamadoda ekhokelwa nguDon Giuseppe Briacca wasilungiselela itheko. UMaster Furiga wapeyinta umfanekiso wemibuliso ebhodini kwaye wenza umqulu ngoluhlu lwabahlobo. Bekukho netafle egqunywe ngamaqebengwana neziselo. Akuzange kubekho itheko elinje kwintetho. Icawe ehlangeneyo yeeNgcwele uGervasio kunye neProtasio yayilungiswa kwaye indlela yabahambi ngeenyawo yayizele yingqushu namatye, kodwa abanye abafazi abazimiseleyo benza konke okusemandleni abo ukuyicoca benika imbeko kuGiuseppe noConcetta.

NgoSeptemba 16, uZizi noMicherillo bafika, bashukuma ngenxa yokuba uConcetta wayetshata kwaye kwafuneka amkhaphe ukuya esibingelelweni, ethatha indawo kayise owayengasekho.

Ngeli xesha, ezinye izipho ezincinci zafika: imbiza yekofu, igrinder yekofu, iiglaszi zerosolio, iiseti zeesosi kunye nezinto ezisikiweyo ezivela kwizalamane nabahlobo abafumene ubabalo, ikhitshi eseti evela kuPierino nakubalume bakhe. I-Women's Catholic Action yasinika umzobo osecaleni kwebhedi kunye noSapho oluNgcwele, umncedisi uDon Benetti ivazi yeentyatyambo eluhlaza emangalisayo enemihombiso yesilivere.

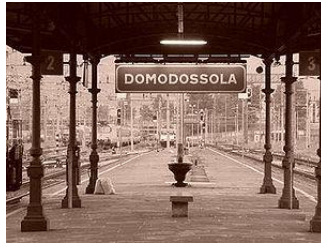
Ubusuku bangaphambili babubude. Ndacinga ngomama wam owayesele nabantwana abathathu abancinci kwaye enezinto ezimbalwa. "Unokholo oluncinci, ngaba isikolo sokufundisa asikufundisanga ukuba kusoloko kukho iProvidence ebomini?", ndatsho ngaphakathi. Ngomvulo we19 ndivuke ngeyesixhenxe. UNkosikazi Tilde wafika enxibe ilokhwe yeleyisi. Wandinxibisa walungisa iqhiya endandiyithenge eMilan. Ngo 9am yafika itaxi izondisa ecaweni. Ndabhideka, ndafumana ulwandle lwabantu

lundijongile. U-Giuse wayesele esesibingelelweni endilindle ephethe isipha seentyatyambo eziorenji, ekhatshwa ngudade wabo uRosa kuba umama u-Olimpia wayeza kuba nemincili kakhulu ngomntwana wokuqala ukutshata. Ndamthelela ephelekwa nguMalume uMichelillo kwimbaleki ebomvu.

Ubunzima baqala. UMonsignor Pellanda naye wayeneemvakalelo. Ndikhumbula i-homily ekhuthazayo, intsikelelo yemisesane, isithembiso sokuthembeka ubomi bonke kwaye, ekupheleni komsitho, utyikityo. Endleleni ephumayo, umama kaPierino, owaba ngumakazi wam ngelo xesha, wabeka ibheji yabafazi beCatholic Action esifubeni sam.



## Isahluko seshumi elinesithathu - Ubomi obutsha



Nje ukuba umbhuyozo wecawe uphelile, iziphungo zalandelwa kwibar yaseGrandazzi ngeCastellazzo. Between one kiss and another neendwendwe siye sane aperitif nepizza kunye ne pastries. Umbuliso okhethekileyo kunye nokuncamisa kubazali basebukhweni u-Olimpia no-Armando ababehambe nomama ukuya kulanda isutikheyisi, emva koko babaleka ukuya esikhululweni ukuya kukhwela uloliwe we-12.15 ukuya kwiholide yabo yasemva komtshato.

UMama ebelila ekhuphe amehlo. Sangena kwi compartment. Umphathi-sitishi wavakalisa ukuhamba ngempempe ngoxa mna noGiuse sayame ngefestile ukuze sithi ndlela-ntle yokugqibela. I-adventure yobomi bethu yaqala.

Sithe xa sifika eFlorence sasinga kwihotele eboniswe nguMrs Tilde, umjita. Kumnyango wokungena obutofotofo samkelwa ngumculo, emva koko injoli yasisa kwigumbi elikumgangatho wesithathu. Kuthi yonke into ibintsha, ndilala nakwi double bed.

Ngosuku lokuqala sityelele isixeko, okwesibini saya e-Piazzale Michelangelo apho unokuncoma yonke iFlorence. Safota: Ikhamera kaGiuse yayinokufota ezisibhozo ezimnyama nezimhlophe ngomqulu wefilimu.

Ngosuku lwesithathu uhambo oluya eRoma. Ihotele

yayingenabunewunewu kuba imali eyongiwa ngamadini kwakufuneka yanele. Sema kangangeentsuku ezimbalwa ukuze sityelele iicawa ezine ezabonwa nguGiuse ngoNyaka oNgcwele kunye nomthombo weTrevi. Siphinde sabuyela kumthombo we-Esedra, lowo usuka kubusuku obudumileyo be-'53 xa i-Signora Grazia yawela phantsi kololiwe.

Kwafika ixesha lokuba sihambe siye eSicily. Emva kohambo olude uloliwe wafika eCalabria kwaye ekugqibeleni iSicily yayinokubonwa ukusuka eVilla San Giovanni. UGiuse wawanandipha loo mathuba: uloliwe ekhweliswa kwisikhephe, iMadonnina phezulu ekungeneni kwizibuko laseMessina.

Umalume uCarmelo, umnakwabo kamama, nomfazi wakhe uGaetana neentombi uRosetta noAntonietta babesilindile esitishini.

Basamkela njengeenkosana ezimbini. Sahlala iintsuku ezimbini sityelela iMessina: iwotshi yecathedral endayibona ndisengumntwana, iMadonna di Montalto kunye nezinye izikwere ezintle kakhulu.

Kwakukho impazamo enye kuphela kuloo ndlu: ngexesha lesidlo sakusihlwa oomalume kunye nabazala banxibe kwaye endaweni yokuhlala etafileni bathi: "Masihambe sihamba ecaleni lolwandle". Mna noGiuse sancama saphuma siziva sikhathazekile. Pha ngo 11pm sabuyela endlini wabe umakazi epheka. Ngobunye ubusuku wabeka iinkumba kumaqokobhe azo kwisosi, kodwa eyona nto ibalulekileyo luthando, hayi imikhwa.

Ngosuku lwesithathu basikhapha ukuya kuloliwe belila. UMalume uMichelillo wayekwisikhululo saseTerme Vigliatore kunye nomqhubi weteksi ukuya kufika eNovara. UZizi, umakazi uMaricchia nomakazi uPeppina babesilindile elalini. Ngokwenene kwakubonakala ngathi iinkosana zaseDomodossola zazifika.

Ngemini elandelayo saya eBadiavecchia ukuya kutyelela

umakhulu ozala utata uConcetta kunye noomalume, oodade nabantakwethu. Kwisikwere esincinci kunye nevenkile yecuba kagogo, abemi abaninzi be-hamlet ababendazi njengomntwana bahlanganisene kwaye babiza abanye abantu: "U-Concettina ufikile nomyeni wakhe!"

Ukuncamisa, ukuwola, ubuso obubomvu. Kwaba ngathi liphupha kum. Kwakusele kudlule iminyaka emihlanu kanye ndilishiya elo lizwe.

Kwiintsuku ezimbini kamva sakhathshwa ngumqhubi weteksi "Cauzi i Lupu" ukuya eTaormina. Emini wasisa kwindawo yokutyela, saphakelwa iiglavu ezimhlophe. Sajongana noGiuse sathi: "Ngaba siya kuba nemali eyaneleyo?". Ukutyelela iTaormina emva koko eCastelmola phantsi kwemvula enkulu, ngokuhlwa sabuyela eNovara, sidiniwe kodwa sanelisekile.

Ngemini elandelayo yayisele ilixesha lokubuyela eDomodossola. Izibophelelo zobomi obutsha zazisilindile.



## **Isahluko seshumi elinesine - lindlwane zethu zokuqala**

Nangona ndandisele ndiluthathile uhambo oluya eDomodossola ngo-'50 kunye no-'53, kwaba ngathi ndimkile okokuqala: Ndandisingise kubomi obutsha njengesibini.

Sakuba sigqibile ukukhwela uloliwe kwiphenyane lephenyane senyuka saya ethafeni ukuze sibone iMadonnina yezibuko neSicily icotha isiya kude.

Salila sabuyela enqwelweni, sihleli kwizitulo zamaplanga. Zazingekho iibhedi ngoko.

Xa kwafika ubusuku saqalisa ukozela iintamo zethu zijinga. Sasimane siphakama sikrobe ngefestile. Kwizikhululo ezibalulekileyo umphathi-sikhululo wabhengeza igama lesixeko ngokuvakalayo. ENaples bekukho "i-guaglioni" ecaleni kwendlela ethengisa ipizza. Ngobuqhophololo bayifumene imali yabahambi kuqala, yahamba itrain bashiyeka nemali ne pizza.

Kancinci kancinci sasondela eMilan. Kuloliwe oya eDomodossola ndaziva kwakhona imvakalelo endayifumanayo okokuqala ngqa kwiminyaka emi-5 ngaphambili: ILake Maggiore, iintaba zeOssola, uphahla lwamatye. Ngeli xesha kunye nomyeni wam uGiuse. Pha emini emaqanda safika apho besisiya khona.

Umama notata kaGiuse Armando babesilindile. Bekungumbhiyozo: ukuba bebewazile ukukhala iintsimbi.

Isidlo sasemini esikhawulezayo kunye nomama u-Olimpia kwaye emva koko kwi-nursery yethu entsha kwisithili saseMotta ukuphumla. Ngemini elandelayo ndaphinda ndaqalisa umsebenzi wam kumzi-mveliso waza uGiuse wabuyela esakhiweni.

Ndandicinga ngomama ngenxa yokungafumani kwam inkxaso, kodwa umalathisi wam wokomoya uDon Benetti wandikhuthaza

ukuba ndithandaze, endiqinisekisa ukuba abantu abaninzi bayamthanda. Ngamanye amaxesha mna noGiuse sasisiya kwakhe siye kutya isidlo sasemini, ibe wayesonwabela. Ebudeni belo xesha, omnye udadewethu wayefumene umsebenzi ukuze axhase intsapho.

Kungekudala emva koko sabhengeza kumama, umama u-Olimpia kunye notata u-Armando ukuba bazakuba ngootatomkhulu noomakhulu ngoJulayi.

Bendiqala ukuva ukungakhululeki ekukhulelweni kodwa umsebenzi ubufowuna. Emva koko abasebenzi bebengakhuselekanga njengokuba kunjalo ngoku. UGiuse ukwazile ukufumana umsebenzi ongcono kunakwisiza sokwakha sangaphandle: umzi-mveliso omncinci owenza izinto zomthi ezifana neeplagi zemibhobho, izixhobo zokukhulula izikeyi zoboya kunye ne "paungi" (umphezulu womthi osontayo). Kwinyanga yesihlanu saqala ukutyelela ezivenkileni sikhangelela iprem yomntwana osandula ukuzalwa. Ububanzi babusoloko bukhulu kunomnyango wokungena kwaye kwafuneka sithathe isigqibo sokufudusa indlu.

Emva phaya zazingekho iiarhente, wawuhamba ubuza apha naphaya. U-Providence usenze safumana indawo yokuhlala kumgangatho wesibini wendlu edlula e-Scapaccino, kanye kufutshane nendawo yokusebenzela ye-furrier.

Ngexesha nje elifutshane salungiselela ukufuduka. Sasingasekho kumbindi wedolophu, kodwa singekude, kufutshane nendawo endisebenza kuyo.

Irenti yenyanga yayiziilire ezingama-8;000, eninzi kumvuzo wethu omncinane, kodwa indlu yayintle yaye iqaqambile. Eyadini sinokuba nezikwemitha ezimbalwa zomhlaba apho ndinokulima izityalo ezinevumba elimnandi kunye neentyatyambo, uthando lwam.

Sakuba sifumene izitshixo sacoca amagumbi saza salungisa iifestile ngeekhethini ezintle ezineentsimbi neelayisi ekhitshini. Emva kokuba intshukumo igqityiwe, ubomi baqhubeka njengesiqhelo. Isisu sam siye sabonakala ngakumbi nangakumbi. Ngenye imini omnye endisebenza naye wandibuza ukuba ndiza kuba nini na ekhaya ngekhefu lokuya kubeleka waza wandicebisa ukuba ndiye kugqirha wabafazi. Ndiye ndenza idinga bucala. Ugqirha waphantse wandithethisa ngokulinda ixesha elide: "Awukwazi ukusebenza emva kwenyanga yesithandathu kwaye sele sele ukwinyanga yesixhenxe: uthathe umngcipheko." Ngemini elandelayo ndayisa uxwebhu eofisini kwaye nomqeshwa wathi andinangqondo.

Ngelo xesha ndalungisa i-layette ngokunitha iijezi, iihempe, izihlangu kunye namalaphu enziwe ngamashiti amadala endandiwanike ngumama.

Saye sahamba sayothenga I pram endandiyilungiselele ngamashiti ahonjiswe ndim angathathi ntweni ndingazi noba yinkwenkwe okanye yintombazana. Ekugqibeleni, ngorhatya lwe-2 kaJulayi, amanzi am aqhawuka kwaye iisutikheyisi zethu sele zigcwele sahamba ngeenyawo ukuya esibhedlele. Ugqirha wabafazi owandixilonga waxelela uGiuse ukuba angagoduka. Umsebenzi wawusandul' ukuqalisa kwaye wathatha malunga neeyure ezingama-20. Ngengomso wabuyela esibhedlele ndisamlinde kwigumbi lokubelekela.

Ngexesha elithile kwazalwa inkwenkwe waza umongikazi waya kuxelela uyise wosana, owaphantse waziva egula yimvakalelo. Emva kweyure wakwazi ukwanga umntwana wethu wokuqala, ogama linguArmando njengoyisemkhulu. Emva kweeyure ezimbalwa, ootatomkhulu, oomalume kunye nabazala baye baxelelwa. Kwakubonakala ngathi ungumntwana wokuqala emhlabeni.





## **Isahluko seshumi elinesihlanu - Siyambulela uThixo...**

Abongikazi kwigumbi lokubeleka bazisa esi sidalwa senyama negazi ebhedini yam kwiiyure ezimbalwa emva kokuzalwa. Bandibeka ebeleni. Ngaphandle konodoli odlakadlaka endawenzelwa nguZizì ndisengumntwana.

Esibhedlele ke yayiyiveki. Ngaphambi kokuba sibuyele ekhaya saya kwicawa yasesibhedlele "ukuhlanjululwa", intsikelelo evela kumfundisi.

Ewodini yonke into yayisele ilungele ukugoduka, kodwa intloko yam yayiqala ukujikeleza. Umbelekisi wandivavanya umkhuhlane wam: 39. Mna nonodoli wam kwafuneka sihlale ezinye iintsuku ezimbini. Ekugqibeleni ngoLwesine umhla we-12, phantse ndaphila, sabuyela ekhaya. NgeCawa umhla we-15 u-Armando wathathwa kwisitulo esinamavili esitsha ukuya kwindawo yokubhaptiza kunye noyise u-Giuseppe, umhlobo wakhe uMariuccia njengothixo kunye nothixo wakhe u-Basilio, umhlobo we-oratory. Zange ndibenalo uvuyo lokuzimasa lo mcimbi kuba abadala ngeenkolelo basicebisa ukuba sihlale ekhaya. Ndazanelisa ngokulungiselela isiqabu esincinci.

Ubomi njengabathathu babungafani kodwa ndiqhube kakuhle kakhulu. Bendinobisi olunintsi umntana ebekhula bendimsa e nursery iveki neveki ayohlolwa.

Ngelishwa, ekupheleni kweenyanga ezimbini ndabuyela emsebenzini kumzi-mveliso. Zazingekho ii nursery ngoko. Oomakhulu babevumelene ngokumjonga iveki emnye.

Xa ndisebenza ishifiti yentsimbi yesithandathu, uGiuse wayembopha ngaphambi kokuba aye emsebenzini aze amse kwindawo awayesiya kuyo. Engekho zingqondweni ebesokola lomntwana ndilila kunye naye.

Ngelishwa andikwazanga ukushiya umsebenzi. Kancinci,

ngokholo, saqhubeka nohambo njengabathathu: izidlo zokuqala, amanyathelo okuqala yayizizinto ezintle. Ngosuku lokuqala lwesikolo sabantwana abancinane uGiuse ekugqibeleni wafumana umsebenzi ohlawula ngcono. Kangangeminyaka eliqela ebengunobhala kwisikolo samabanga aphantsi, emva koko wabizelwa kumasipala ukuba athathe isikhundla somxoleli.

Oku kwavula ithuba lokuyeka umsebenzi wam kumzi-mveliso ndize ndizinikele emntwaneni ndisalindele ukumnika umnakwabo omncinane. NgoAgasti 17, 1962, savuyiswa kukuzalwa komntwana wethu wesibini. ULuciano wayenolusu olukhaphukhaphu eneenwele ezimhlophe, ngokuchaseneyo noArmando. Intsomi. NgeCawa ye-26 wabhaptizwa kunye noyise u-Giuse, umzala wakhe onguthixo uMariuccia kunye nothixo wakhe uAntonio, umntakwabo Giuse. Nakweli ityeli kwafuneka ndihlale ekhaya. Emva kokuba ikhefu lam lokubeleka liphelile, ndawuyeka umsebenzi wam ukuze ndizinikele kubantwana bam ababini abahle.

Ngo-Oktobha 1, 1962, uArmando waqalisa ibanga lokuqala ethwele ifaskoti yakhe eluhlaza nebhegi yakhe egxalabeni. Sayinika utitshalakazi uLeopardi ngeenyembezi ezimbalwa.

Kwangelo xesha linye, uSodolophu waseDomodossola wabiza uGiuse waza wamnika indawo yokuhlala kumgangatho wesibini wesakhiwo sesixeko, owawungenamntu xa umthunywa kamasipala ethatha umhlala-phantsi. Kwiintsuku ezimbalwa salungiselela ukufuduka. Sasinazo zonke izinto eziluncedo kwiziko. Ngokuhlwa, lwakuba luvaliwe ucango olukhulu, sasingabaphathi besixeko. Sayibukela ngokukhululekileyo imiboniso kwibalcony yeofisi kaSodolophu. Kwiifestile zethu sasibona inxalenye yemarike enesithethe sakudala.

Ngeli xesha uLuciano wayethatha amanyathelo akhe okuqala: uye waba ngumaskandi wabasebenzi bakamasipala.

Ukongeza kumvuzo kaGiuse ndandifuna ukusungula umsebenzi. Ndaqalisa ukunxiba iifestile, iibhedi nemiqamelo kubahlobo. Ilizwi lasasazeka kwaye ke ndaba "yinkosikazi yekhethini". Ngexesha lakhe lokuphumla, uGiuse wafunda ukulungiselela ucwangciso lwendibano yaye, siyambulela uThixo, sakwazi ukunandipha ubomi obutofotofo.

Ngo-Oktobha 1, 1968, uLuciano waqalisa isikolo nomfundisi-ntsapho uLuisa Cerri.

Ixesha lahamba ngokukhawuleza. Ehlotyeni siye saya kwiholide sijikeleze i-Italy kunye nentente yokumisa. Ngamanye amaxesha ukuya kutsho eSicily, kwidolophu yasekhaya.

NgoJulayi ka-'73 sasimise inkampu eVal d'Aosta kwaye ndaqala ukuba neempawu zokuqala zokukhulelwa. NgoFebruwari 16, 1974, udade omncinane uDaniela wafika kuArmando, owayeneminyaka emalunga neshumi elinesibhozo, noLuciano, owayeneminyaka elishumi elinesibini ubudala. Yayilixesha le-carnival kwaye abantu ababekongela iribhoni epinki kumnyango weHolo yeDolophu bacinga ukuba yintlekisa. Umfundisi werhamente wasicebisa ukuba sibhiyozele uBhaptizo ngobusuku be-Ista, kunye nomhlobo wethu uGianna njengothixokazi yaye umalume wethu uBenito njengothixo onguthixo.

Ngaphandle kweenkolelo, ngeli xesha nam ndathatha inxaxheba kulo msitho ngobusuku be-13 ka-Epreli. Ngosuku olulandelayo kwakukho iindwendwe ezilikhulu kwi-reception kwi-oratory.

UDaniela naye sele ekhulile yaye ngoku sele sikhulile. Abantwana bethu abathathu basinika abazukulwana abasi-7: uStefano, uVirginia, uGreta, uLorenzo, uRebecca, uLetizia noMatteo.

Ibali liyaphela. NgoSeptemba 19, 2015 mna noGiuse sabhiyozela iminyaka engama-60 kunye.

Siyambulela uThixo, iNenekazi lethu nabo bonke abasithandayo.



*La Mazza Concetta Maglio, wazalelwa eNovara di Sicilia ngomhla we-18 kuTshazimpuzi ngo-1936.*

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