

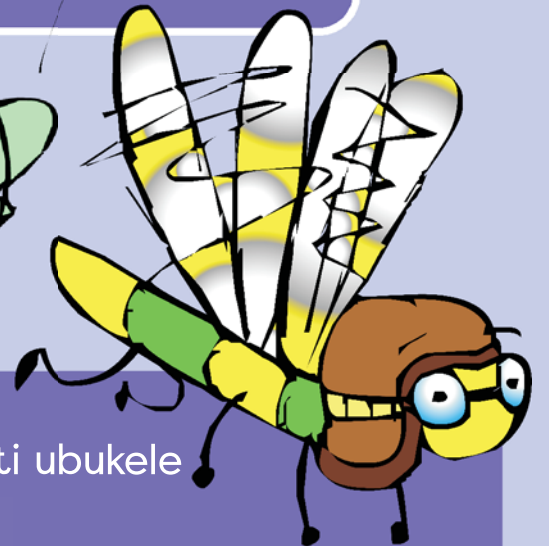
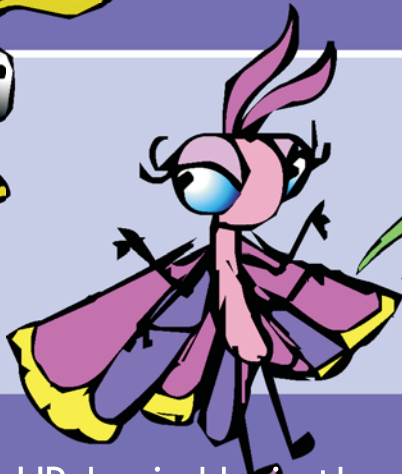
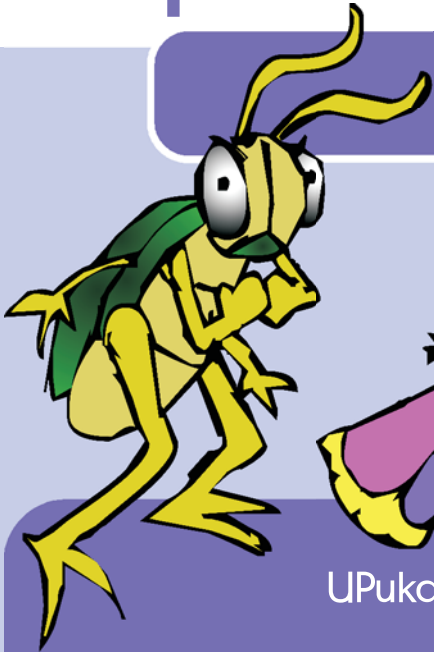


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## Ipukani, emsinya nehlakaniphileko!

Itoni yami



UPukani uhlezi uthe du phezu kwendlebe kaKhondlwana, kanti ubukele iinunwanezi nazinghanghisanako... godu!

“Ngingomsinyana khulu,” kubhodle uNtethe. Akukghonakali!” kungenelele uJekamanzi.

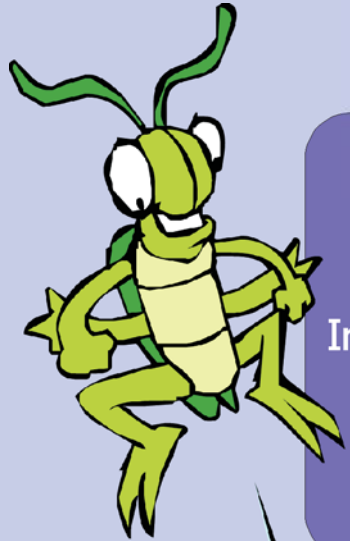
“Uwokewoke uyazi bona ngingomsinyana khulu.”

“Uyaphosisa, ngingomsinyana khulu,” kububule uNyosi.

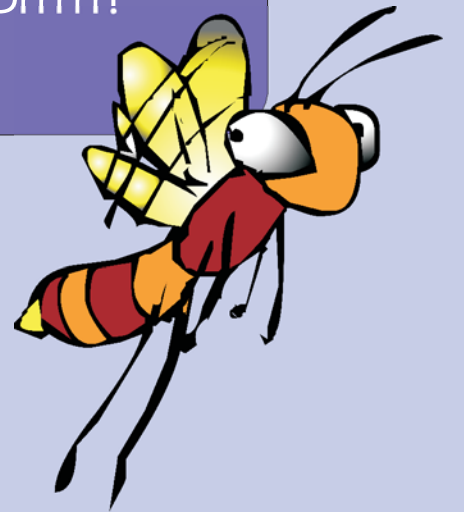
“Umjarho,” kutjho uPukani. “Asibeni nomjarho!”







Inyosi yabubula isuka kwelinye ihlala kwelinye ithuthumbo ibuthelela ipholeni.  
Buuu! Intethe izibandulela ukweqa i-high jump. Boinggg!  
UJekamanzi uyaphapha, uya phezulu, ubuye ngamandla. Drrrrr!





Lafika ilanga lomjarho!  
Bekulithabo lodwa etonini yeenunwana.

Bekukhona zoke iinunwana. Bang!

“Nanzo-ke sezithomisa ... iviyaviyani lidosa phambili ...,”  
kumemezela uSongololo.

UNondovu udlula iviyaviyani.

“Kanti unondovu sewudosa phambili ...  
manje yini lokhuya?” kusatjho uSongololo.  
“Inyosi iphumile emjarhweni!”

Inyosi ibhalelwe kuzibamba idlule ithuthumbo lokwenza  
iluju eliminandi tle.

“Zihlalene entanyeni ... Unondovu banoJekamanzi batjhinga  
emaphethelweni,” Iphimbo lakaSongololo lithoma ukubhodla.

UJekamanzi usunduzisa UNondovu. UNondovu naye uyamsunduzisa.  
Sunduzisa. Sunduzisa. Betha!

IPukani ebeyilele ngaphasi kwephiko likaJekamanzi kanti ivuka  
ngomkhulu umfutho ibe yeqe ibaleke isuka emjarhweni... yeqela  
emaphethelweni, la kuphelela khona umjarho!

“Yee!” kuvungama isiqhema sabantu. “Kanti othumbileko nguPukani,”  
khuthuwelela uSongololo. Kanti-ke kweza njalo-ke bona ipukani  
ibe yinunwana emsinya ukudlula zoke etonini.

