

BONA CORONA!

**A STORY ABOUT
CORONAVIRUS AND
HOW TO STAY SAFE
AND SUPPORTED IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES**



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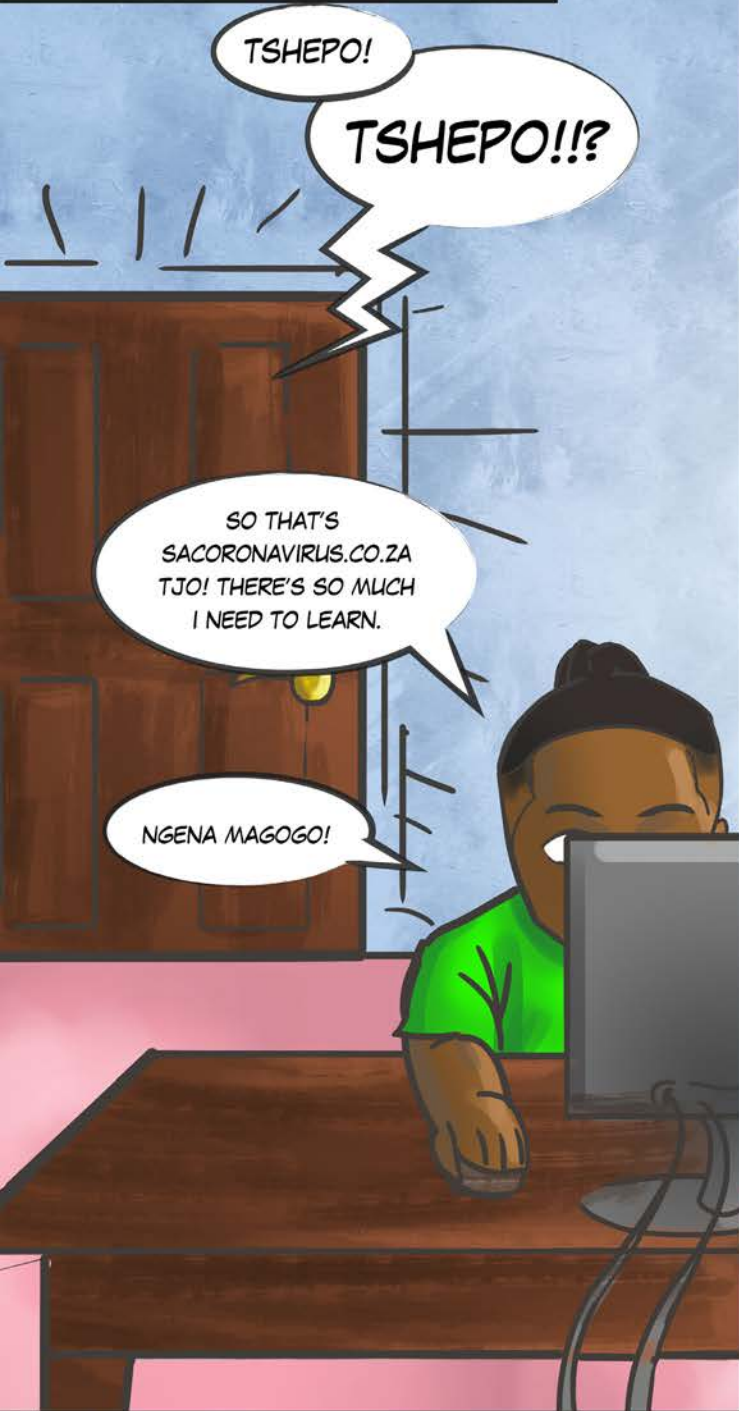
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PREVIOUSLY ON BONA, CORONA!
TSHEPO AKA MTSHEPISTO LEARNS ABOUT THE
CORONAVIRUS AND DEDICATES TIME TO READ
AS MUCH AS HE CAN ON THE DISEASE.



TSHEPO!

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SO THAT'S
SACORONAVIRUS.CO.ZA
TJO! THERE'S SO MUCH
I NEED TO LEARN.

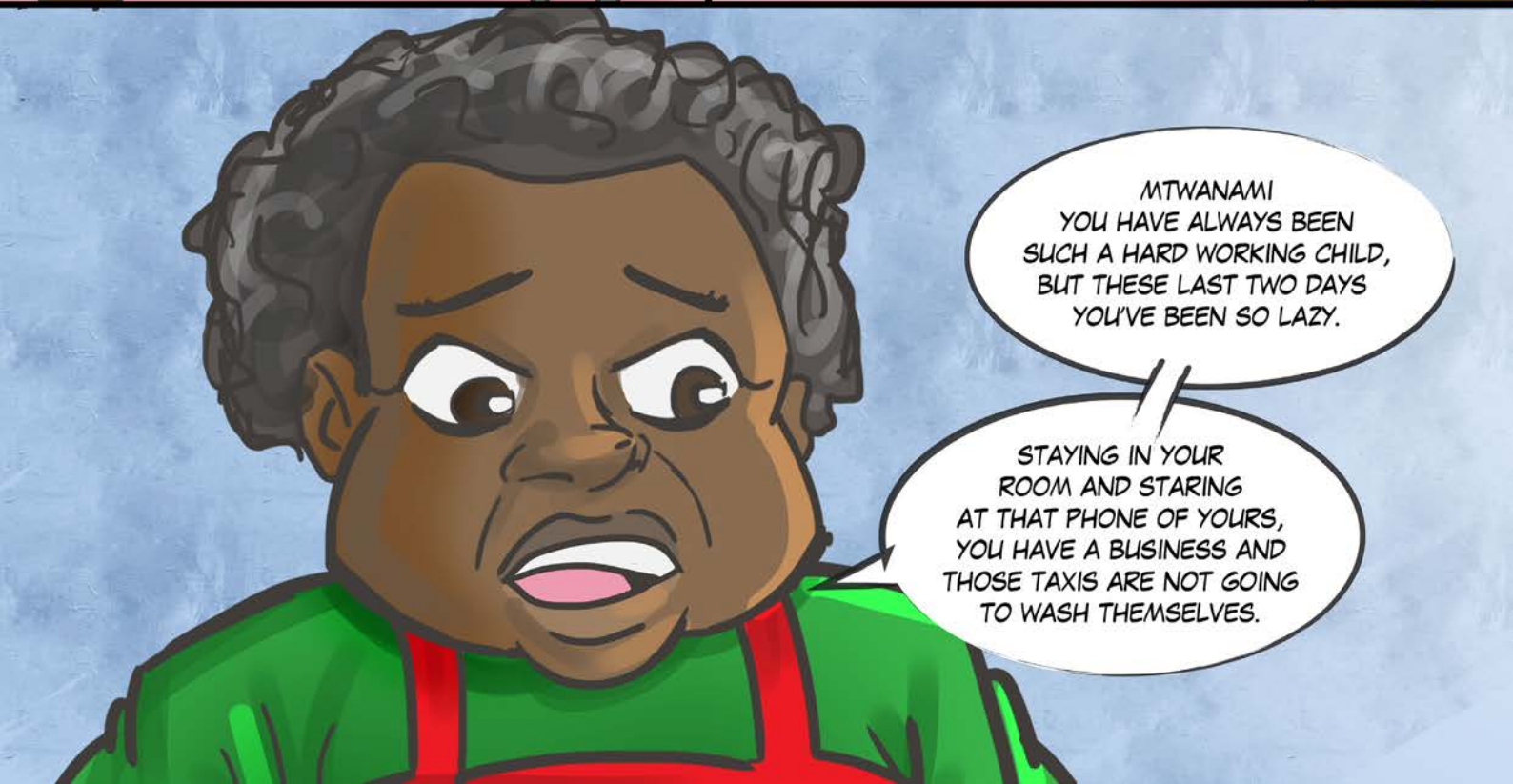
NGENA MAGOGO!



MAGRIZA!

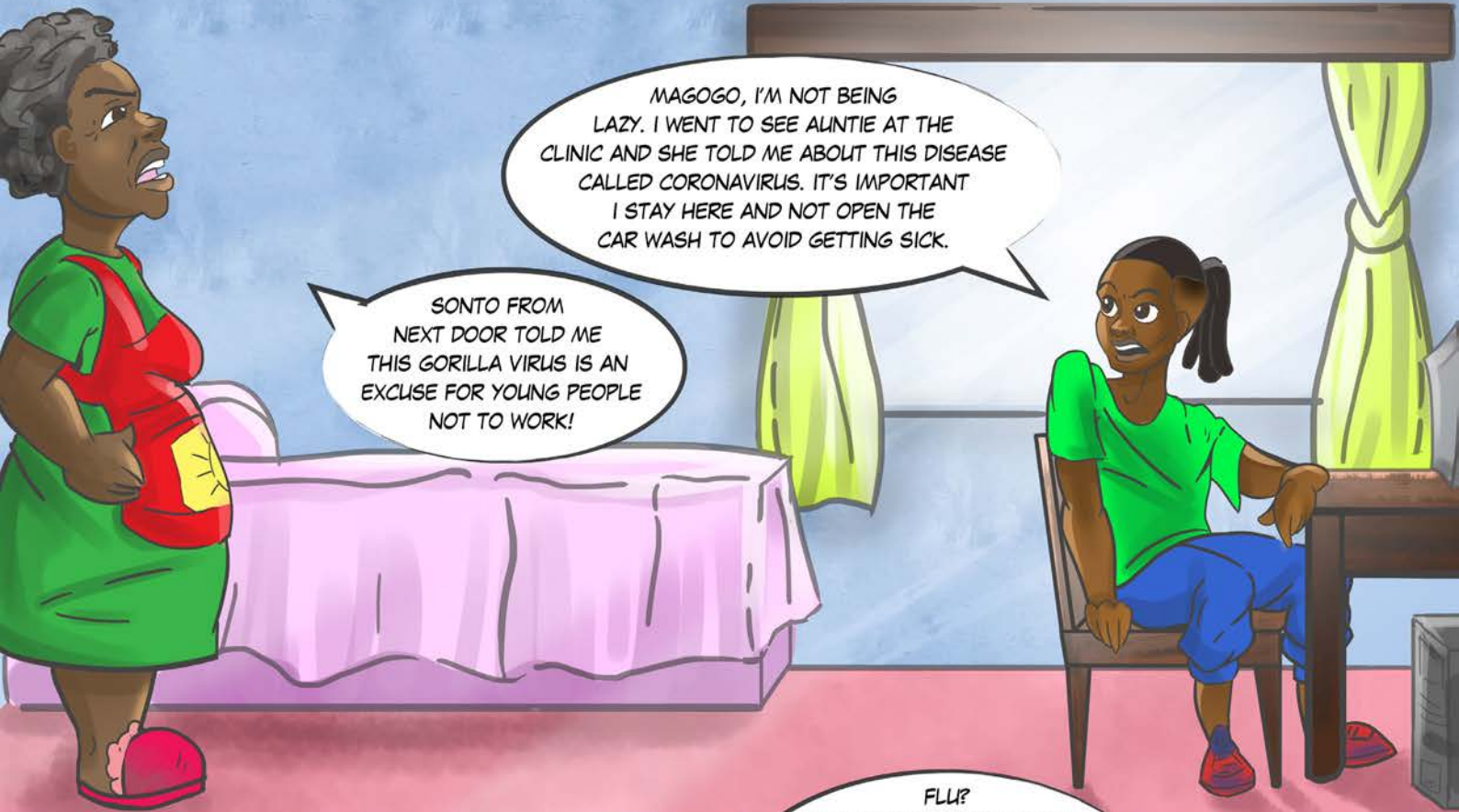
DON'T
'MAGRIZA' ME!
WHAT HAS GOTTEN
INTO YOU LATELY?

MANJE
WHAT DID I DO?



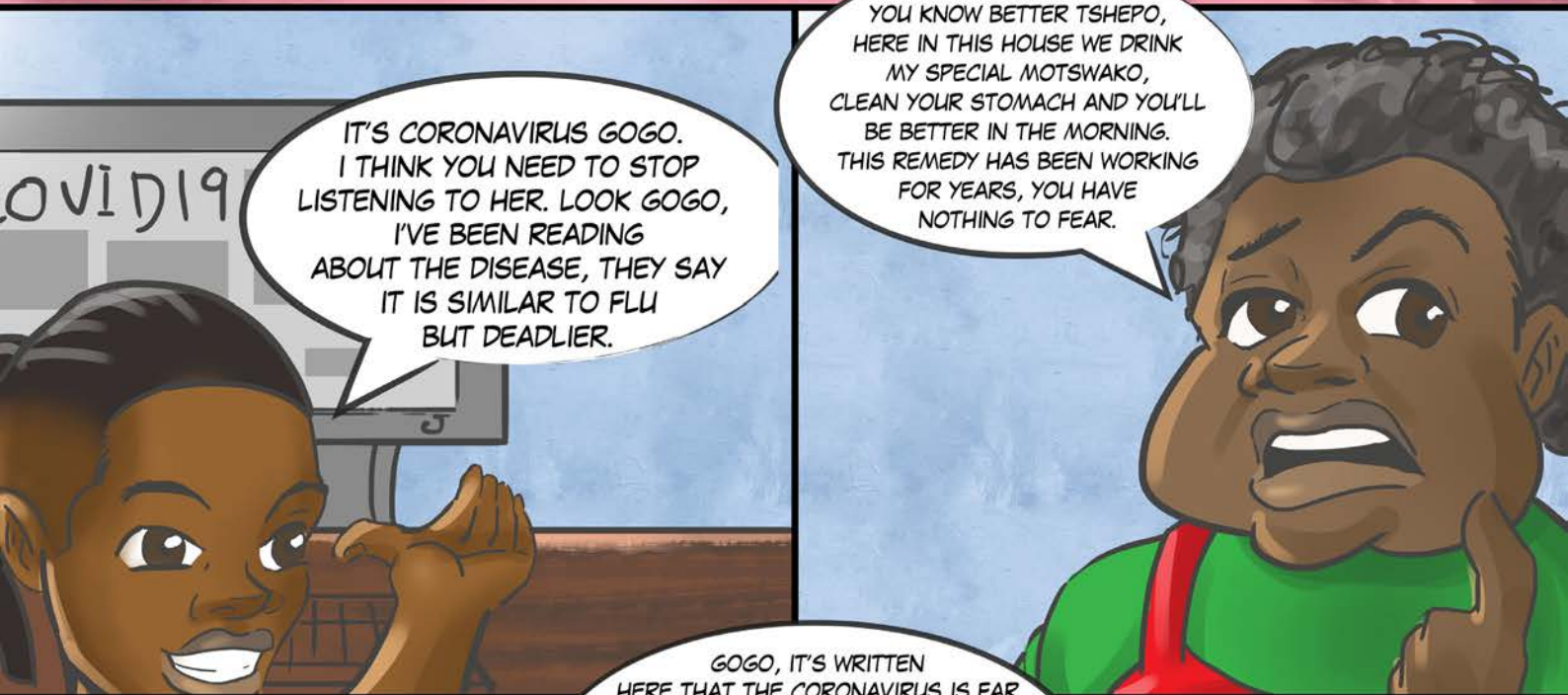
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YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
SUCH A HARD WORKING CHILD,
BUT THESE LAST TWO DAYS
YOU'VE BEEN SO LAZY.

STAYING IN YOUR
ROOM AND STARING
AT THAT PHONE OF YOURS,
YOU HAVE A BUSINESS AND
THOSE TAXIS ARE NOT GOING
TO WASH THEMSELVES.



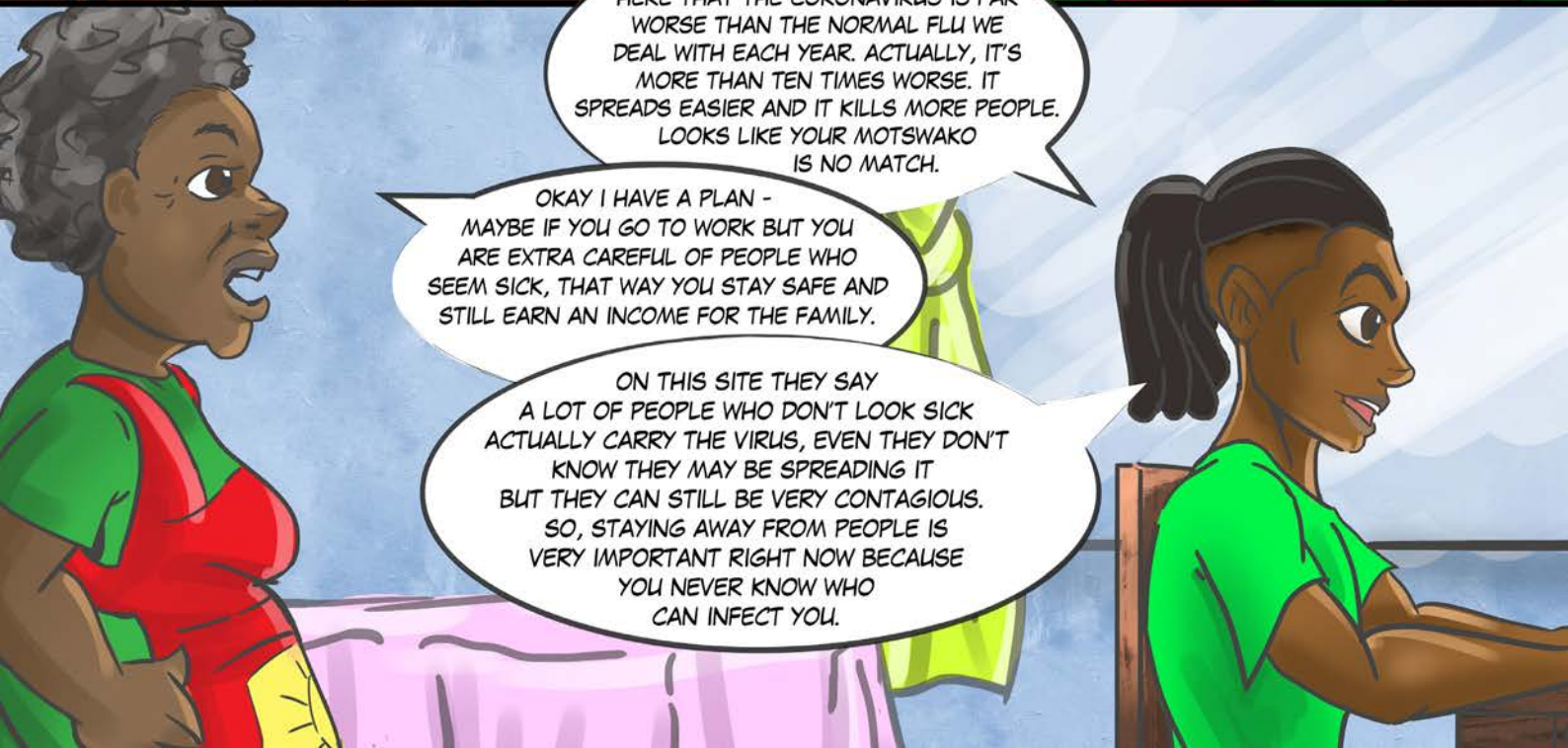
MAGOGO, I'M NOT BEING LAZY. I WENT TO SEE AUNTIE AT THE CLINIC AND SHE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS DISEASE CALLED CORONAVIRUS. IT'S IMPORTANT I STAY HERE AND NOT OPEN THE CAR WASH TO AVOID GETTING SICK.

SONTO FROM NEXT DOOR TOLD ME THIS GORILLA VIRUS IS AN EXCUSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO WORK!



IT'S CORONAVIRUS GOGO. I THINK YOU NEED TO STOP LISTENING TO HER. LOOK GOGO, I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT THE DISEASE, THEY SAY IT IS SIMILAR TO FLU BUT DEADLIER.

FLU?
YOU KNOW BETTER TSHEPO, HERE IN THIS HOUSE WE DRINK MY SPECIAL MOTSWAKO, CLEAN YOUR STOMACH AND YOU'LL BE BETTER IN THE MORNING. THIS REMEDY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.



GOGO, IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT THE CORONAVIRUS IS FAR WORSE THAN THE NORMAL FLU WE DEAL WITH EACH YEAR. ACTUALLY, IT'S MORE THAN TEN TIMES WORSE. IT SPREADS EASIER AND IT KILLS MORE PEOPLE. LOOKS LIKE YOUR MOTSWAKO IS NO MATCH.

OKAY I HAVE A PLAN - MAYBE IF YOU GO TO WORK BUT YOU ARE EXTRA CAREFUL OF PEOPLE WHO SEEM SICK, THAT WAY YOU STAY SAFE AND STILL EARN AN INCOME FOR THE FAMILY.

ON THIS SITE THEY SAY A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LOOK SICK ACTUALLY CARRY THE VIRUS, EVEN THEY DON'T KNOW THEY MAY BE SPREADING IT BUT THEY CAN STILL BE VERY CONTAGIOUS. SO, STAYING AWAY FROM PEOPLE IS VERY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHO CAN INFECTION YOU.



SO THE ANSWER IS TO STAY AT HOME?

YES! OUR PRESIDENT ORDERED THIS LOCKDOWN TO MAKE SURE WE ALL STAY HOME. THAT WAY THE VIRUS SPREADS SLOWER AND OUR HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE A CHANCE TO FIND THE INFECTED PEOPLE AND TREAT THEM.

BUT HOW ABOUT YOUR CAR WASH? YOU AND YOUR FRIEND RULANI WORKED SO HARD TO GET IT STARTED.

IF EVERYONE DOES WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO, THINGS WILL BE BETTER QUICKER AND I CAN GO BACK TO WORK. SO I HAVE TO DO MY PART. AND BESIDES, I HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE.

MINA?
NGINGENAPHI?

ALINTIE TOLD ME IT'S EXTRA IMPORTANT FOR ME TO STAY HEALTHY AND CORONA-FREE NOT FOR ME BUT FOR YOU. THIS DISEASE AFFECTS THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS MORE. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE EVEN MORE AT RISK BECAUSE OF YOUR DIABETES.

HAIBO! WHY DIDN'T YOU START WITH THAT, YOU GIVE ME THIS LONG SPEECH AND ALL YOU HAD TO SAY TO ME IS THAT THIS DISEASE IS A GOGO KILLER! NOW I'VE SEEN IT ALL! WHAT KIND OF DISEASE TARGETS OLD PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE TSOEKERE!? OKAY, STAY HERE IN YOUR ROOM.



HAIBO GOGO,
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

I'M LOCKING THE DOOR, THE LAST THING I NEED IS THAT MFUNDISI WHO'S BEEN WALKING HOUSE TO HOUSE COME IN HERE AND BRING ME THAT CAROLINA VIRUS. IF ANYONE KNOCKS, JUST KEEP QUIET! ASIKHO!

MY MAGOGO,
ALWAYS THE DRAMA QUEEN.
BUT AS LONG SHE'S SAFE,
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS
FOR NOW.

EISAAN!!!!

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