

Imvelo ye Vuka uZenzele

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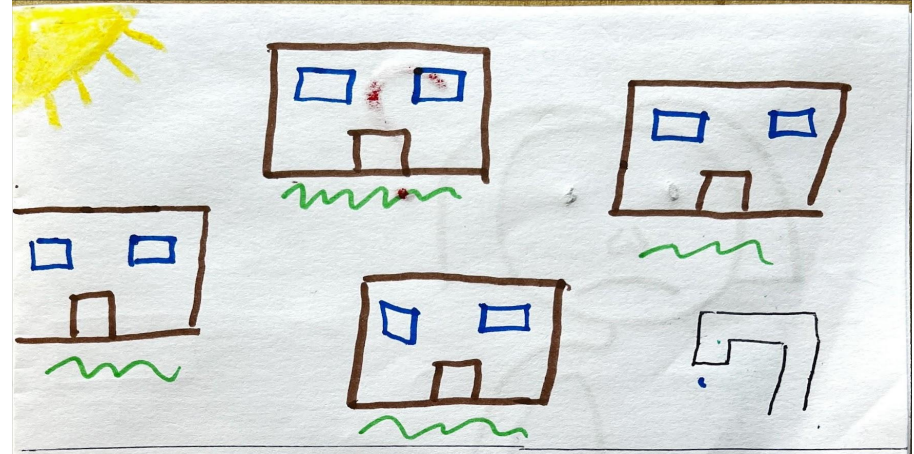
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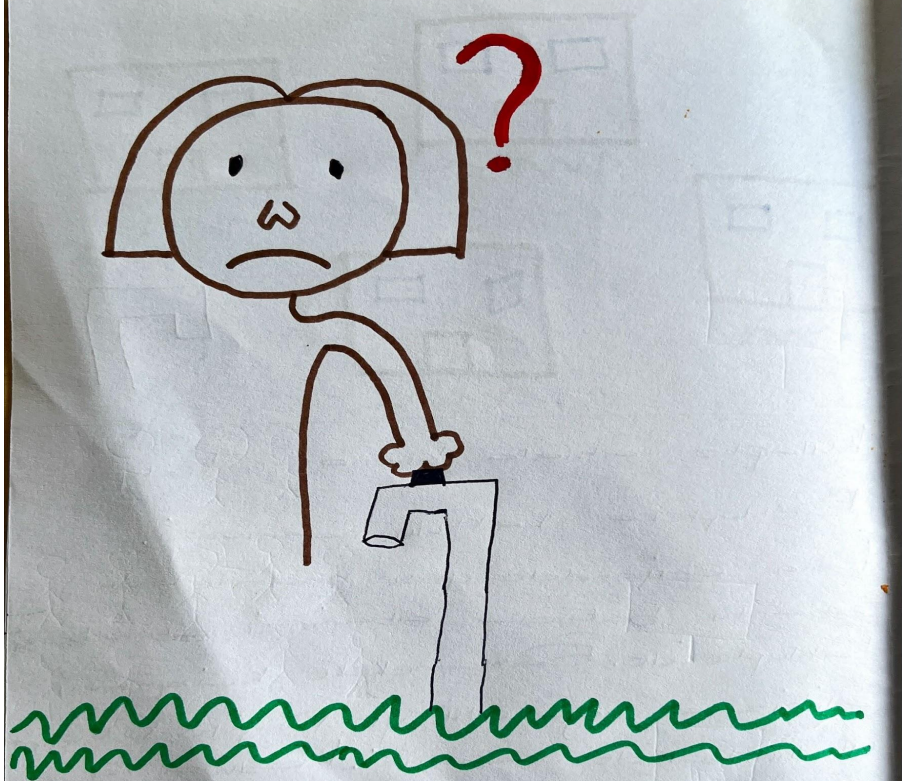


Judy is 35 years old and was born in Mamelodi in Pretoria. She grew up in a poor place without her parents and water. Judy's parents died when she was 3 years old and she was born alone with no siblings. She was raised by her Aunt from Mamelodi.

Judy's life was very hard, she was struggling (poor) and sad, which made her join politics so that she could be a brave person who can stand up for other people. Here in the community, a lot of people loved her because she had a vision.

Judy lives in the community of Mamelodi, where they are struggling for access to water. There are a lot of people there and most are not working so they are struggling. They depended on a group called Mpilo Movement to get water. But when they raise their water complaints, they are not helped.





Judy woke up in the morning to find that there was no water in the tap.

Judy: Haibo, where's the water?

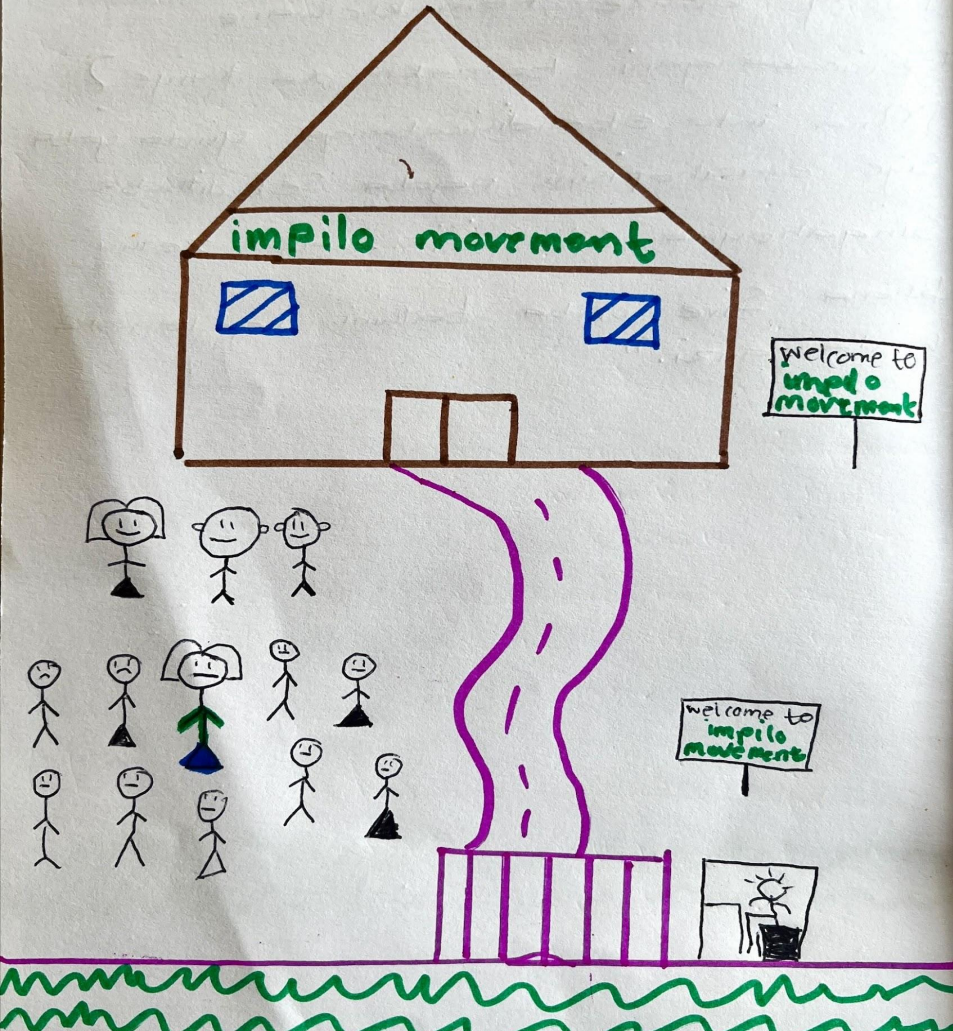
She shouted to the neighbour.

Judy: Neighbour, Neighbour, water has still not returned yet?

Neighbour: No, this a problem.

Judy asked her neighbour

Judy: What do you think when the situation is like this? I was thinking that we should go to the offices because it is time for us to be given attention. We need to take our complaints to them (leaders) and hear what they say about this water issue.

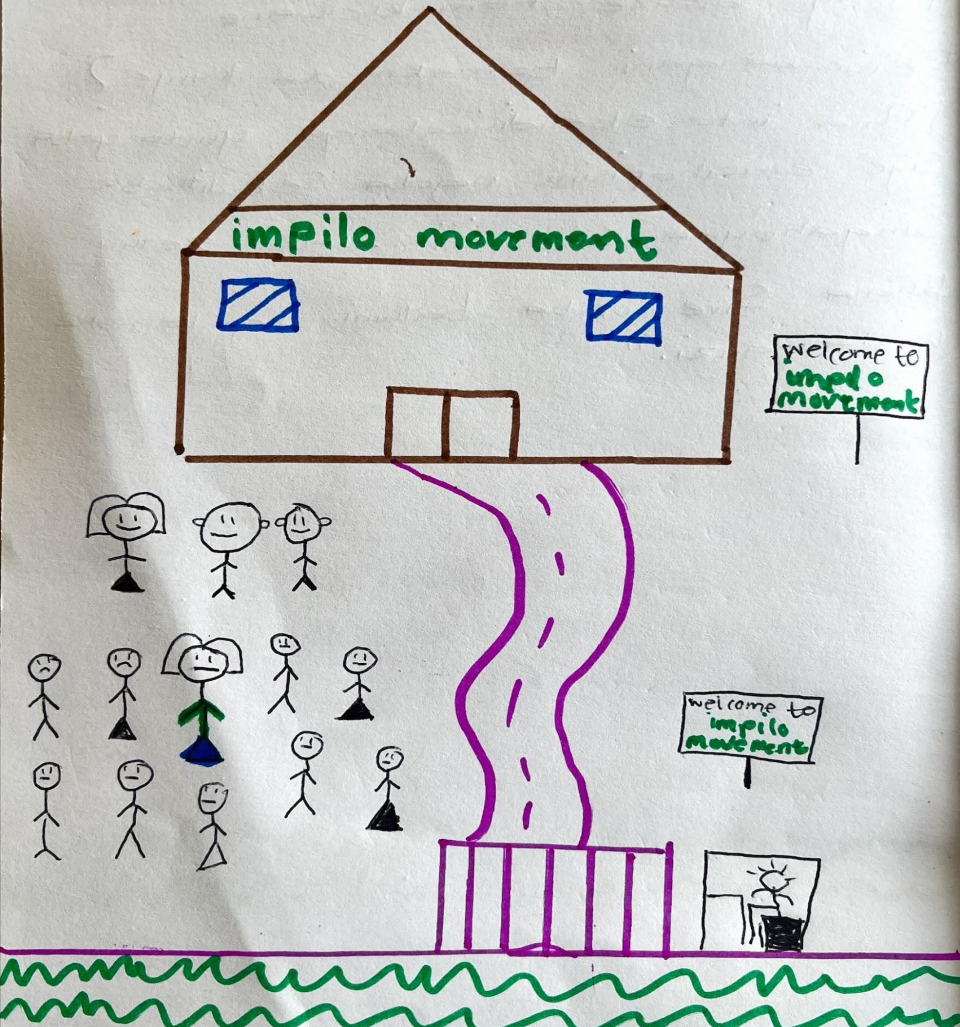


Judy and the community arrived at the offices. When they arrived they were very angry. When they arrived at the gate, they found Security Guard.

Security Guard: When you arrive as many as you are in the morning, how can we help you?

The whole community spoke, asking to speak to their leaders.

Security Guard: No people! The people you are looking for are not here.



But the community didn't trust the Security Guard. The community has had a conversation with him, not believing what he is saying. Judy talked to the Security Guard asking for them to get along and they ended up entering the office because Judy has more knowledge and is smarter than them.

The leaders got outside to see the community approaching and gathering.

Community Leaders: What can we help you with? What do you want?

The Community (speaking with anger): We want water! We want water! You are not listening to the people because we have been here for a long time and we are asking for one thing: water.

Community Leaders: They say the water will be available next week on Wednesday.

Judy answers: Stop, stop, don't talk badly to the leaders.

Community Leaders: This one we will talk to her because she is talking to us properly.

The community left and went to the offices without Judy. They came back to the office and destroyed the office and left the office with tires and cocktail bombs. Luckily, the leaders and the guards were not there.

Judy's friend informs her that the community is burning down the Impilo Movement offices.

Judy was surprised and said, "Hey, you're wrong. I'm coming now to talk to them."



Judy's Followers: We want water! We want water! (they angry

Judy: Stop, stop, do not make a noise. (stop chanting

Judy's Followers: Why? Why are you telling us to stop being angry because these people don't care about us?

Judy: We have to be independent and create our own structure to get what we want.



Judy's Followers: Judy, what are we going to call our movement? How will it help us? Explain, Judy!

Judy: You know I have been thinking for a while what to call it, we can call it “Vuka Uzenzele” (“Get up and do it yourself”) because we have stand up for ourselves.

Judy’s Followers: Now, Judy, let's start this group called "Vuka Uzenzele" does that mean we can finally get water?

Judy: Yes, we will get water with this organisation and be happy.

Judy's Followers: Yes, Judy, we can trust you because you have fought for us before. We will support you in this group.

Judy and her followers, they finally became one team and found joy in the struggle/movement and got what they wanted.

Vuka Uzenzele!



The End

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