



Onka & the Christmas Dessert

By Kamogelo Modise

Onka always loved visiting her grandparents and great-grandmother during the school holidays. Her days were filled with new adventures, playing with her favorite dog, and watching the colorful butterflies and busy bees dance across her Gogo's vibrant garden. This year was extra special because it was Christmas!



She ran across the dusty path with her arms wide open. Great Grandma Nolanga, whom everyone called Gogo, was waiting on the porch with a smile as warm as the morning. "Merry Christmas, my little bird!" Gogo chirped, pulling Onka into a hug. The big family gathering was always held at Great-Grandma Nolanga's house.



To escape the scorching African sun, the entire family gathered under the cool, wide shade of a massive marula tree. The rest of the family was busy. Grandpa Bra Oupa was humming a festive tune as he adjusted the colorful tablecloth. Grandma Makgoshi followed close behind, carrying a large bowl of freshly baked scones.



Onka's father, Thabo, arrived with a crate of cold ginger beer. He laughed when he saw Onka trying to balance a festive paper crown on her head. "It looks just right, Onka," he said, helping her straighten the golden points. The table was filling up with delicious, colourful African Christmas meal to enjoy for Christmas Lunch. But Onka knew the biggest surprise was still to come.



After the main meal, Gogo stood up with a twinkle in her eye. She disappeared into the kitchen and returned carrying a large, Awesome Ice Cream Pot. "Our Christmas Dessert" she announced. Onka gasped. It didn't look like any ice cream she had ever seen. It looked like one of Gogo's potted plants, with green leaves poking out of rich, dark earth.



Onka opened her eyes wide. "What is that, Gogo?" she asked. A bright yellow butterfly fluttered down from the marula tree to see. Gogo Nolanga smiled warmly and said: "This is the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, Onka. And the best part? Everything inside you can eat. You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!"



Onka's eyes lit up with pure joy. She grabbed her special wooden spoon, leaned in close to inspect the "soil" and touched the dark crumbs, they were sweet and crumbly. Bursting with excitement. She was so thrilled that she just had to tell absolutely everyone and everything about what she had discovered.



First, she nudged her siblings – Paballo and Kego! – "Look! Paballo, Look! Kego! It's the Awesome Ice Cream Pot! Everything inside you can eat. You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!"



Just then, her father, Thabo, walked over. With bright, sparkling eyes full of wonder, Onka looked up at him. "Daddy, look! This is the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, and everything inside you can eat. You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!"



Onka was bubbling over with so much excitement that she even ran over to the family dog, Bobby.

Bobby looked up, tilted his head, and seemed to ask, "What do you have there, Onka?"

"It's the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, Bobby!" she cheered. "And everything inside you can eat.

You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!" Bobby wiggled his tail so fast his whole body shook with excitement.



Suddenly, a beautiful butterfly hovered curiously over the dessert, captivated by the sweet scent. "What do you have there, Onka?" the butterfly seemed to flutter.

Onka grinned and explained, "It's the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, Butterfly, and everything inside you can eat! You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!"



Amazed, the butterfly flew off and quickly called a nearby bee to come and see. The bee buzzed in close, asking, "What do you have there, Onka?"

Once again, with a huge smile, Onka proudly explained, "It's the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, Bee! Everything inside you can eat. You can eat the plant, you can eat the chocolate soil, and the ice cream inside all the way to the bottom!"



Thabo and Gogo Nolanga watched the children from the other side of the table, sharing a quiet moment of joy. "You outdid yourself this year, Gogo," Thabo said, resting a hand on her shoulder. Gogo laughed, watching the kids covered in chocolate smiles. The hot African sun was beginning to dip lower, painting the sky in shades of orange and pink, but the warmth of the family gathering was even brighter.



As the festive day came to an end, Grandma Makgoshi walked over to Onka and gave her a high-five. "So, was it the best Christmas discovery ever?" she asked. "Yes grandma! I can't wait to go back to school and tell all my friends about the Awesome Ice Cream Pot I discovered today!" said Onka. It was truly a wonderful, magical Christmas. Surrounded by love, laughter, her family, and her little garden friends.



Acknowledgments

This magical story teaches children about the joy of family, creativity, and loving nature. Through Onka's delightful discovery of the Awesome Ice Cream Pot, young readers learn to appreciate the environment and see how everyday objects can spark wonderful adventures.

Onka Modise (aka Onka-nana)

Thabo's daughter, granddaughter of Bra Oupa and Makgoshi, great-granddaughter of Gogo Nolanga.

Nolanga Modise

Onka's great-grandmother, The foundation of the family, providing wisdom and support.

Bra Oupa Modise & Makgoshi Modise

Onka's grandparents, Thabo and Boikanyo's parents.

Promise Modise

Onka's grand-aunt (grandma), The family's "baby talk expert,"

Goodwill Modise

Onka's grand-uncle (grandpa)

Thabo Modise, Tsitsinana Modise, Pabiii-nana Modise, Kego Modise & Tshia-nana Modise

Onka's uncles and aunts

Copyright Information

Author: Kamogelo Modise

Copyright © 2025

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording, or other electronic or mechanical methods, without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other non-commercial uses permitted by copyright law.

Copyright belongs to Awesome Ice Cream Pot Pty Ltd

www.awesomeicecreampot.co.za



Ages 3-8 Years

- KAMOGELO MODISE



@awesomeicecreampot