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"Just remember that on the day of the election we are all equal and your vote may be the one which makes the

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One day in April, 1994...

Don't tease me Sedick! Dis ons first date vanaand en ek's op my nerves!

I'm Mavis September. I was heer yesterday about the street lights we need in Hanover Park.

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Five to five!
Counter's closed!

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toemaak? Ons ens weet
wag al 'n hele nooit nie!

twintig minute!

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It's the air display for the last day of Elections 3."! ml  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{X}}$ 

X Oh right! Today' 5 day three J

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We'll be able to see everything from the roof! What do you say, Mr Riley?

Sure! It's nearly half past four!

Ek ken hom, man! Hy verkoop die Argus by die entrance. Hy moes ook kom kyk het.

I came prepared!
I brought binoculars!

Iemand is
klaar bo.

But Mr Riley, \_
/ haven' t you heard AQW/tnSIe!
about the ghost at

on the roof! MI; I? l'. l .L'x

nonsense!

Where are the planes? They said there were going to be planes.

Jislaaik! Kyk al daai balloons!

Look how the smoke goes all different colours!

There they go!

Flying for our freedom!!

Nou hoe werk die ding?

Kyk hoe clear kan Hierso, vat die jy Distrik Ses sien! binoculars.

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It was so close, / could come home to make the kids lunch. After work we could even get home to watch the early film at the Star Bioscope. '

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I was born and married in that same house. I worked in a clothing factory in Woodstock...

/ remember Sunday nights! The piano was playing and the room was filled with singing. Bin g Crosby and goema! My husband would join in with his army songs. Then he 'd tell again how the ar my cheated the Coloured soldiers... promised them a piece of land after the War, but instead they each got just a bicycle!

/ remember Sunday School at St Marks. Sometimes we brought our Muslim friends with us. An d my brothers also went with their Muslim friends to Mosque. We took part in each others festivals.

That's how it was there.

Of course, it wasn't all roses. There were dirty streets. And gambling and drinking and f ighting. But the gangsters didn't worry with us! We felt safe. Our neighbours came from all sorts of p laces. So many languages! To think of all that richness, lost forever.

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I will not forget what they did to us! They knocked down houses on one side of us, and th en on the other. You can 't live alone in a whole street when your neighbours are gone! One day the y loaded all

our things onto a truck and dumped us in Hanover Park. They broke our community. My heart broke too that day.

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In Hanover Park, we fear for our lives.
The gangsters run wild!
We are far from our jobs! This is what the government has done to us!

Well thats it! Now we're really stuck!

to know

We could be up here for a long time. We might as well get each other.

Let's go sit up there.

I'm Mavis September,
and for the hungry
ones I've got some

freshly baked doughnuts.

I'm Shamiilah, and I work here in the lJust call me John, Council with Ansie and Mr Riley... e  $\_$  ,

planning consultant. from Watt's Watt Electrical.

This is Ruth Nyeka, our I'm Brenda. This is Sedick. We're

I am Father Denzil Simons.

My naam is Isak Stuurman. My name is Ek kom van Noupoort. Dis Bongani Vena, 40km noord van Middelburg from Kha

yelitsha. en 50km suid van Colesberg

Ek is hier vir net een dag.

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Let me get this straight! C Of course I'll vote! If we can get down from here?
Am I the only one
I voted yesterday.
voting here?
( En die res? What's wrong with you people?j
4 Mind your own business!)
Ntsa! It's
nonsense!
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Iy vote for
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Brenda, ek ken jou nie so nie! y . Los my, Sedick! Wil jy dan nie 'n change in die country ho nie? I WI"

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Jesus!

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What about you? Sorry, what's your name again?

I'm Bongani Vena.

Aren't you This vote, is happy to have nonsense! the vote at

last, Bongani?

Why should I be happy?
Those people at negotiations
don't represent me. Just a

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bunch of oId-timers making
a lot of compromises!
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The future! What is there for me? I don't want to sell papers my whole life!

. You should see Khaye/itsha when it rains. I got no education  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

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under apartheid.
I don't even have

Our shacks get flooded and

the rubbish floats in the streets. And when night falls, we are terrified to go out, because so many people get killed.

a real place to live...

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out of their homes all over Cape Town! From Goodwood, Claremont, Simonstown! Homes that they owned!

But Bongani, you heard Auntie Mavis! Coloured people were thrown Things are also bad in our areas!

And I lost my education from the school boycotts! I could also have had a better life!

Look how we've suffered! And it's like people are saying we haven't suffered enough!

Ja, who thinks of us

Blacks and Whites are making deals at the negotiations?

with each other. But what will happen to us? We'll be stepped over!

Hey, cool it! The struggle is won! The score is: people ten, apartheid none!

Ha! What has changed? The settlers must still pay up!

(So what do you want? One settler, one bulleta

Ansie, please!

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I want a house!

And us? My mommy has been 18 years on the waiting list for a house!

I can see what's going to happen! The hole country's going to slide into chaos!

Na lo? What are you doing to help?

Ooh, I'm getting a headache!

People, people! Calm down!

Euth is trying to say something J

Ijust wanted to say I wish you all could have seen what I saw

at Kempton Park...

As you know , it's there at the World Trade Centre that negotiations have been taking place about

our future. In the three days I was there, the first thing that really impressed me is th at ordinary

people like you and me can demonstrate about our needs to the politicians, and they iiste n!

Then we began debating. / was there as an advisor on town-p/aning for small communities. Those

guys on the other side of the table had such different ideas from our team. We could not agree

about anything at all for two whole days. / thought "No way! This is impossible!"

But it is possible! We did hammer out a solution! I found it very hard to accept some of our losses, but we did gain in other ways. In the end, most of us got most of what we wanted. That is the power of of compromise.

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Negotiation is about give and take. It's our best chance for peace!

( But it takes so long! I am tired of waiting! )

It takes time to talk things through. That's the democratic process! And voting is part of the process!

You see, if everyone votes, then we'll know more about what everyone wants.

Yes, believe it or not! It's just that these things are hard to talk about!

And the one thing we all want is change!

We mustjust try to be more understanding!

That's more like it!

Our own little Kempton Park!

Hey, Brenda! Doesn't your boyfriend
have a white Cortina?

Yes! Yes! Where?

Myjinne! Look! He's getting out of the car!

V V V. JEROME! JEROME!

Hy sal dink
ek't hom gedrop!

Well, there goes our last chance of anyone knowing we're up here!

Shame, Brenda, kom vat 'n doughnut!

That's funny, they're gone! Who took them?

Maybe there is a ghost up here!

Cheer Up , my Wait, Brenda, jy remind gay! Kan jy glo, ek't jarelaas so iets gesiem darllng, kom OHS my nou. Ek't iets wat enjoy die sonskyn! my ouma gebak het! x

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Muslim women were offered No! Herzog het gecheat! Hulle't toe nie die vote gekry nie! i the vote by Herzog in the Toe bak hulle somma die koekies. Nogal two-colour! 1920's. Van toe af bak hulle

Herzoggies! (Ja! Tweegavrietjies! Ha! HE

But as a good Muslim woman, you should vote!

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Politicians is almal tweegavriet! My geloof kom eerste!

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The Quran says good Muslims are e those who conduct their affairs by  $^{\prime}$  ' ultation (Ch.4 verse 38) V '

So who's consulting if I may ask?

me, I

We are bieng consulted!
By our vote!

The Holy Quran also instructs us to support oppressed people and

seek justice for all.

Muslims have a long

history of struggle in Sc ath Africa.

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That is the Tana Baru cemetery.

Laat ek jou wys. See that open space in the Bo-Kaap? There by the Mosque... Look between those two skyscrapers...

Our ancestors who brought Islam to this country 300 years ago are buried there...

Tuan Guru is buried there. He was a prince from the East Indies. He was exiled and impris oned on

Robben Island for conspiring against the Dutch. When he was released he started the first Islamic

school in Cape Town, and in South Africa.

When the authorities tried to close the Tana Baru cemetery in 7886,  $\_$  ' (3, Muslims buried in defiance of the law. Police who tried to ., a t arrest them were stoned by the mourners. That

was the first urban riot in Cape Town!

At that time Muslim leaders tried to get representation in parliament. But the constituti on was

changed to keep them out. Now, a hundred years later we are still fighting to save the Ta na Baru

from the Council's development plans. But this year we have a chance to get into parliame  $\operatorname{nt}!$ 

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Wat ginnegaap You know, a building 'n man so! this size must have .._ - . V _ W

Ten past five another door. Maybe M51 u , l f w : .2 ft and still stuck! at the other end... d I m 90an tolook! ' '

Who's coming? 4 1-; j;
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Look at all I don't like

If there's another door these ducts! . this place! it's in there somewhere.

Ooh, this wind! Don't you dare look up while I climb down!

So where is this door?

There! That must be it!

Locked! Bliksem!

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Don't you get the feeling
we're being watched?

h imagining things, Ansie.

A few minutes later...
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I wish we had better news for the others...

Also locked, can you believe it?!

Ek en die baas moet vanaand Noupoort toe ry! As ek hom mis, is ek in groot moeilikheid!

What's wrong, Isak? You don't look too good!

Ek is bevrees!
Ek moet afgaan!

Surely he'll Jy ken hom nie! understand you Hy sal my couldn't help it! vel aftrek!

Jy weet nie hoe dit is om vir 'n boer te werk nie! As ek (Waar 6k WOOD, VOGI 8k nie veilig nie!
hom omkrap, kan ek my werk en selfs ook my huis verloor! Die dorpie is klein en almal wee t van t
.., almal se sake. Selfs die verkiesing!
Die boer kan maklik uitvind vir wie ek gestem het!

Nobody can tell him, That's to check you come You vote in private. Here, because nobody will know! from South Africa. But the I've got a pamphlet that

ballot paper has no ID. on it. ShOWS the voting bOOth-

Dan hoekom wil hulle my

Nobody can see you in there. You put your cross i, Then you fold up next to the party of your choice. iny one cross! :r- '2. j the ballot paper ' i there in the booth

Jou kanse raak min! An hour and a half left!

Ek sien nou die prentjie! Ek sal regkom! \_L

Then you take the folded paper and put it in the ballot box. Nobody can look into the ballot box! At the end of the day, they seal it and take it away for the votes to be counted.

/n die dorpie waar ek opgegroei het, het ons alma/ deurmekaar gewoon. Ek't Hierdie probleem baie Xhosa vriende gehad. van mense wat mekaar nie ken nie Vir my was .
dit anders. 'V ' Toe in 7972 skei huI/e ons. Ons k/eur/inge word aan die een kant van die spoor/yn gesit, en die swartes aan die ander kant. En ons mag nie oor die lyn geloop het nie. Maar ons skoo/ was nog in die swart lokasie. 50 ans moet a/ die pad na die wit dorp loop, en terug aan die ander kant, net am by die skoo/ te kom.

dat ons van ons vriende geskei is. Dis hoekom ek apartheid vir altyd wil stopsit! Sien jy, Brenda? Daar moetjustice kom!

Because... I'm confused. I always believed it's God's work to take care of things on earth.

So hoe lyk dit jy's nog nie sure of jy wil vote nie!

The Bible says: "If my people will humble themselves and pray, I will heal the land."

The Bible says: "If my people will humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways, I will heal the land."

I didn't know that part!

Neither did I,

What does it mean by Brenda, liWiCked waysll? for a long time! 2% l donlt understand. . , x.

When I started as a young priest in Athlone, I believed my duty was to minister to people's souls and

let God take care of the rest!

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It was 1985. ThorntoniRoad was a battle zone, and barricades were still burning from troyb/e that morning. I was talking to a church member on his stoep when I saw a Railways truck driving slowly down the street. I thought it strange because

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A bit later the same truck came back up the street. This time some youngsters stoned it... bricks cracked the windows.

Glass shattered around us. Kids were shot as they ran. I saw a young boy fall to the ground. His shirt turned red.

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the youngsters had been stoning government vehicles.

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Next thing... gunshots! Police with shotguns jumped out of boxes on the back of the truck. It was a trap!

We were stunned. Three boys were dead. Those children were lured to their deaths by this wicked plan!

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By chance a TV crew filmed the whole incident. It became known as the "Trojan Horse".

The pictures shocked the world.

My congregation was in the firing line. I could no longer stand aside. I had to become involved as a Christian in the struggle for justice.

What can we do but pray for peace?

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The Book of James says you can't have prayer without action!

We must act for Justice! The Bible said: "Let Peace flow like a river, and Justice like a mighty flood." What can I do about justice? Ek's ongeletterd!

How d'you None of the It was just the other day

mean I won rights we've gained that beaches and the right? in the last few years films and trains Still were given away! had "Whites NOnly" signs!

And what about the Ja! The Many of our people suffered and even workers' rights we've shopstewards died to win those rights! And the vote gained through did a good job! is one of those rights!

the Union? . A N

I remember. My cousin was shot dead in the riots!

One thing I still don't understand... even if we vote and make ourselves heard, how are we going to stop the violence in our areas? What about the boys who die in gang fights?

I can tell you a story about that!

I You know, the gangs in Hanover Park I told you about. It has been like civil war! Mostly it'sl

teenagers. We were hiding away, too scared to even go outside. Then my neighbours child w as  $kil/e\ l$ 

in a shoot-out while she stood in her pyjamas by the door.

That was the turning point! The mothers got the priests and Imams to lead a march against the big gang bosses. The whole community turned out. It was all over the papers. The main gang boss ran away!

Things are a bit better now.

Next, we want more facilities for the children, to give

them a chance. We

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are taking part, to improve our future.

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To me, elections is the same thing only much bigger! We must work in our own areas, and when we know what we need we can take our demands through to parliament!
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I notice it was the women who organized that march, Mavis!

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are holding things together and making peace!

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Yes! It is always the women who g 34

Women are more than half the people old enough to vote! 80 we have a lot yWhat do you think womenj of power to make demands! complain about most? I wouldn't " know what to demand! . In my area, It 5 about beIng
: battered by. their husbands! fw ?M- .; Ivorce, abortion and rapel , Wiw (And laws about childkoarely m a, d \$7

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My husband wouldn' t like to hear me demand those things! He even said, if I vote he'll tell me who to vote for!

But my dear, your vote counts as much as his!
50 does your opinion, and not only about domestic things! \_\_\_

Yes, it s time women had more chance to be heard It s time we take part- we ve got a lot to say! 95 m. -: ' . -

Here we are, cut off from the world, like in a desert island movie!

In those old films at the Star, there was always But I'm telling something lurking in the shadows, waiting to strike! 5 you, there is! ,

I'm the Roof Ghost! You all think I'm We're wanting! . WOOHOOOOOO! crazy! Just wait! t Meanwhile, 1 1 t the Election carries on without us!

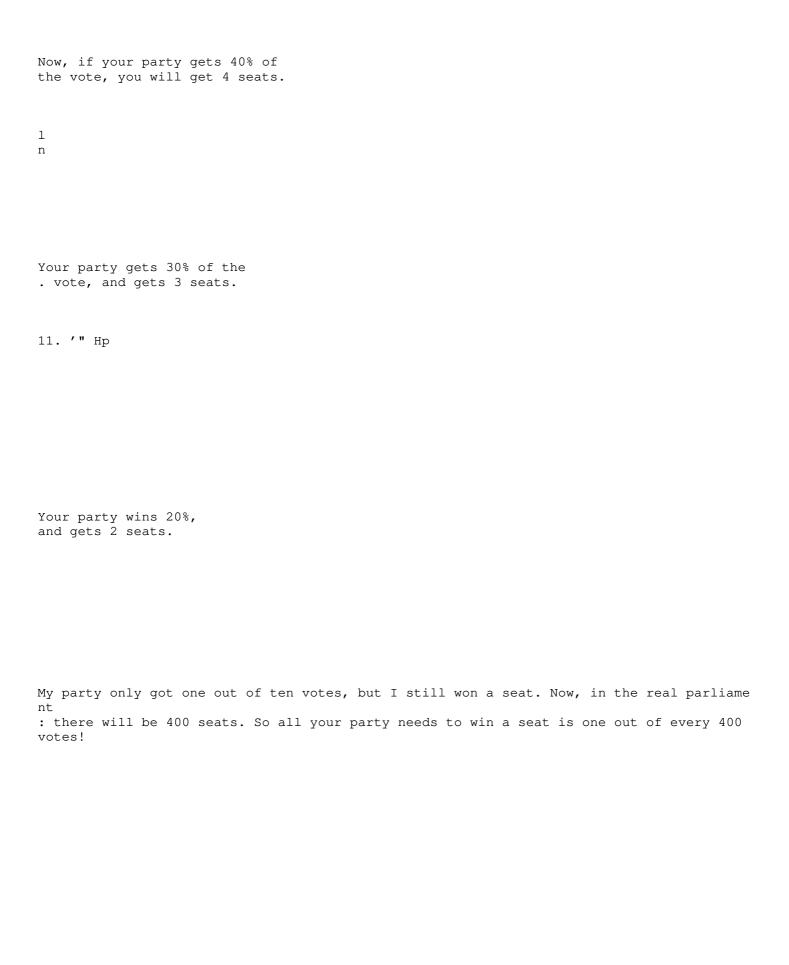
Tell me, Father, how can democracy work if we only have two big parties deciding everything? Small parties will not have a say!

No! there is no winner-take-all in the new system. It's called proportional representation. Many votes can win lots of seats in parliament but few votes can still win a few seats.

If you'd all come There are

over here, I'll show 10 of us, so you how it works. let's pretend parliament

has 10 seats.



still have a say!) .

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EVerybody's talking about this "two ballot"business. Why must we vote twice?

The first vote is to choose a party for the National Assembly , which is parliament. The second vote is to choose a party for the Regional Assembly, which will run our region.

party both times, or for two

different parties if you want to.

The National Assembly will govern the country. It will also work out the new constitution, which is laws and policies for

housing, education and so on...

There will be lots of parties in the National Assembly. So you see, the small parties also have

It's a good
system...
better than
I thought.

a say in making these policies.

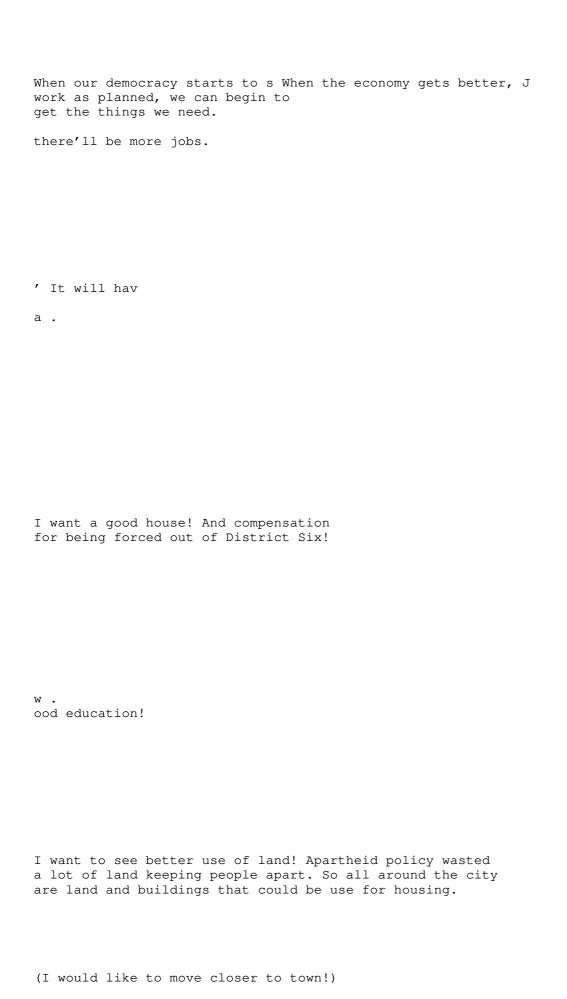
Um... if 1 vote, how will I know who to vote for?

Before you decide, look at

what each party has done in the past. Look at what they promised to do. Have they kept their promises?

And if they break their promises in future, we'll vote them out on their ear in five

years time!



To our town!
Die mooiste,
mooiste Kaap!

We're 3 I 3 to taste i And the bOyCOtts toe! I What about mUSIc? I want to the m -o of democracy!l We' ll be in the 1 dance the night away at a Sanctions are gone! nelxt World Cuo!  $\_/'$  Whitney Houston concert!

But thinking of dancingn X

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makes Brenda sad.. I . I t Where Is Jerome now? Is hex

thinking of me? if only ne cowd be here. b, and listen to all these people! It's funny, i feel lucky I got StuCK here... My eyes are opening for the first time...

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(Time is slipping through our fin-
; gers and so is the vote! Some-
L thing 3 got to happen!

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Something moved s behind there!

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(What now, Ansie? the ghost again?

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See? There's nothing i here! Satisfied?

But... but... i'm sure there was!

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.. This place is beginning ,, to work on  $\operatorname{my}\ \operatorname{nerves}!$ 

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The ghost! It spoke!
Hey! It's... It's...
a man! Not a ghost!
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My name is Casper Stemmet!
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I live here... For six months already!

What are you doing here ?

You see, I know this roof. I used to do maintenance for this building.

Good heavens! I remember you! What happened?

I was grieving for my family... There was a big gang fight in my neighbourhood. My wife and little girl were going to the shops. Both were shot dead!... It broke my heart!

I started on the bottle... messed up myjob... and here I am...

E3 we were being watched! I told you!)

So you took the doughnuts!

Ja, but only by Casper the friendly ghost!

And... er...
my jacket!

those things and nobody saw you!

i 3' 23 So why did you give up your hiding place?

I heard your discussions! It made an impression on me. Now I want to get

back into the world!

The key to our future! Now we can vote! Wat se jy, Brenda?

And I wanted to give you this!

The key! You've got the key! I

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Of course I'll vote! I won 't be left out again! Free at last!

vxaw on! We're just fetching
our bags from the office!

Here comes Cinderella on her way

to the ball!

But the prince has already left in his white Cortina!

How are we going to find a voting station in time?

not much time!

. Come on! There'S

There's one nearby! l'II

I'll come too! Afterwards we can go out and celebrate!

Excuse me, I'm looking for Brenda Moses...

Jerome! I thought you'd I came to find you. never come back! What happened?!

So you're Jerome! Pleased to meet you!

This is Aunty Mavis. 3 We were all stuck on the roof!

So that's where you were!

What's going on? Where are you all rushing to?

Yes, but why? Do I look under-age for the disco?

, We can dance later!

SOUTH AFRICA , S FIRS T DEMOCRA TIC ELECTION!

WHO CAN VOTE?

For the first time in South Africals history a truly democratic election will be held. South Africans of all races who are over the age of 18 may vote. You will have two votes - one for the National Assembly and one for the

Regional Assembly.

ELECTIONS IN THE OLD SOUTH AFRICA

Under Apartheid, only racial minorities had the vote and only whites had real power. Even for those who could vote, there was a "winner-take-all" system that silenced the voice of those who did not vote for the winning party. Even if the winning party won by only a few votes they held all of the power and controlled the whole country. All this has been changed and we now have a completely new system.

THE NEW SYSTEM:
PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

In the new system every vote will count! The more votes a party wins, the stronger they will be in the new Assemblies. The party that wins the most votes will have most say. But the parties that win less votes will still have a say in the running of the country. For example, a party that wins 20% of the National Ballot will have 20% of the seats in the National Assembly. In this way it is more difficult for any single group to control all the power in the country. There will be no "winner-take-all", as in past elections.

HOW DOES THE NEW TWO-BALLOT ELECTION WORK?

You have two votes. One vote is for the National Assembly, that is the central government . Your other vote is for the Regional Assembly that governs your region. You could vote for two different parties with your two votes. Or you could vote for the same party to represent you in the

Assembly and in your Regional Assembly.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY?

The National Assembly will be the new central government (parliament). The National Assembly, together with a senate that will be appointed from the nine regions, will also rewrite South Africais constitution. To Change the new constitution, more than two thirds of the representatives must agree.

REMEMBER! YOUR VOTE IS SECRET!

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No person can see who you vote for. All votes will be counted in the presence of the Independent

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WHAT ARE THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES? The Regional Assemblies will make it possible to respond to the special needs and wishes of people in each of the countries nine regions.

A Regional Assembly will govern those matters most Closely affecting people in each region. A party which gets, for example, a quarter of the votes cast in the Regional Ballot gets a quarter of the representatives in the regions Regional Assembly.

MAKE YOUR MARK FOR CHANGE!

Place your cross inside the box next to the party of your Choice. Remember, the X must not cross the lines of the box.

- . Check ID or voters card
  . Check hands
  . Mark hands
- . Get National ballot paper
- . Make X on National ballot paper
- . Put paper in ballot box
- . Get Regional ballot paper
- . Make X on Regional ballot paper
- . Put paper in ballot box

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- . Fumana iphepha Iokuvotela urhulumente

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- . Yenza unxi (X) ephepheni Iokuvota
- . Faka iphepha Iakho ebhokisini
- . Fumana iphepha Iokuvotela urhulumente

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