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This is the sequel to Beverley Naidoo's first book for children, *Journey to Jo'burg*. When the South African government orders the inhabitants of Bophelong to give up all they have worked for - homes, crops, church, cattle - to live in a barren 'homeland', fifteen-year-old Naledi becomes involved first in a student demonstration and then in further forms of protest. The government in South Africa seems likely to crush every attempt at defiance, and the leaders - including children - are singled out for brutal treatment. The book ends, inevitably, with the bulldozing of the village and the inhabitants' removal to inhospitable Bophuthatswana, but the final feeling is of optimism. Let's hope this book will soon be read as a work of historical fiction rather than as an authentic and contemporary portrayal of the effects of apartheid.

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