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MAKANI MATAANZI

Muntu ubala bbuku eli teelede kuluba lyoonse kuti makani aya akacitika ku-Nampeyo—cisi camalundu manji. Cisi eci cili abamaile kumi mubatatu kuziyila ku-Monze; mu-Booma lya-Mazabuka. Kuti muntu keenda kuziyila ku-Monze, ulabotelwa kapati ciindi nasika mucisi eci, nkaambo kusaanguna ulaboola anyika yacibanda kuziyila kumbo, pesi asika kwini ku-Nampeyo, ulajana kwaide kusika nyika yakaunka ansi; alimwi kwaide kuba tulundulundu aalya awaalya. Bantu bamumasi bavula kwaamba kuti munzi oyo ngokwa Coona, pesi basicisi baamba kuti nku-Malimba. Kumbo amunzi wa-Malimba kuli mugwa-gwa uya ku-Makamba. Nguwena nguindilila kuya ku-Chikuni Mission. Umwi uya kujwe kwa-Syanamoonga (kwa-Syaajilo).

Kuli milonga mipati yotatwe ku-Nampeyo. Umwi utegwa Nampeyo, nguuzabukwa kuya ku-Makamba, alimwi mumulonga oyo mobateka meenda ba-Makamba. Umwi mulonga utegwa Kapande uinda kunyika amunzi wamwami, alimwi ngobateka meenda. Pesi sunu muni amulonga oyo kwakasigwa mugoti wameenda, aboobo bantu tabaciteki mumulonga meenda. Eyi milonga yobilo ilayaana kujwe amunzi wa-Syaajilo. Kumbelemele biyo ilayaanizigwa amulonga mipati watatu utegwa Cijalide. Oyo mulonga utalikila ku-Ciyobola, alimwi kuli minzi ya-Nampeyo yobilo iteka mumo, umwi uli kunyika amunzi wabana Syaajilo ngokwa Cikuni, umwi uli kunyika amunzi okwa Cobana ngookwa Syabeenzu. Oyu munzi okwa Syabeenzu uvula kwitwa kuti nku-Cijikilo. Kuli bulongalona bunji busanina milonga yoonse eyi, alimwi tulijisi loonde lunji kapati, mumbali ato kuli majeleele malamfu.

Cisi ca-Nampeyo ncisi camalundu. Kuli milundu mipati

yotatwe. Mupati umwi ngu-Cisoboyo uli kujwe amunzi okwa Syaajilo. Oyu mulundu wakali kukatazya nsiku. Nkozili zyaano zinji zyamulundu oyu. Alimwi nkotuli tulonga tuzyila mumulundu oyu tutayuminini acilimo coonse. Nokuba kuti milonga mipati yayuminina alo meenda nkujana alakunka muli ntuto. Umwi mulundu uli kumbali kumunzi kwa-Cikuni, ngu-Syaankuni. Ulaakati amulonga wa-Nampeyo a-Cijalide. Umwi uli kutala amulonga wa-Kapande kunyika amunzi wa-Malimba. Oyu mulundu ulategwa Nazyaando nkaambo nkwaakali kujaila bantu akubasowa Coona mupati. Milundu yoonse eyi ilijisi banyama banji. Alo kapati muli Cisoboyo mobajanwa kapati. Alimwi tulonga tunjitunji tuta-likila mumilundu njiyona eyi. Mumilundu eyi kunyina loonde kapati pe, pesi munselelo amilundu momujanwa masamu manji alimwi aloonde lunji. Momumoomo mukala banyama boonse. Ncecisi eci mwakacitikila makani ngomu-yakubala mubbuku eli. Nomubala kamuyeeyede makani aya. Pesi alimwi mutalubi kuti makani aya ngakulengelezya buyo. Aalo mazina abantu bali mumo ngakulengelezya.

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BWANA

Nkosu buzuba
nba wakafumbw
hili kweembela
yoose kulubazu
wakali myuunda
myuunda ya-Mak
yabana Syaajilo.
nsuumbo.

Niyakatanta zu
atulya kubbuwa.
wakali afwiifwi.
cibotu ncindaka
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ati, "Macu! M
kunyina ampiyas
Cindi eci n
nkujana kunyina
a-Julubeki nkwa
pe, njide kuun
boonse ba-Muk
Namakombola,

BWANA BWABA MUTINTA A-MAANYA

NKOBULI buzuba bwakutaanguna mbweyeeyede. Obo buzuba twakafumbwa kuti twakazwisya ɲombe abana mbutwakali kweembela limwi. Twakazitola nkukona nkozicelela lyoonse kulubazu lwakumbo, nkaambo kubbasu lyakunyika kwakali myuunda yakuliswe; kubbasu lyakumusanza kwakali myuunda ya-Makamba; kubbasu lyakujwe kwakali myuunda yabana Syaajilo. Aboobo kulubazu nkutwakali kweembelela nkuumbo.

Nilyakatanta zuba, ndakabasiya bana ndati nkalete mapopwe akulya kubbuwa. Ndakaunka kumuunda wasimizyeesu Sautu wakali afwiifwi. Nindaaboola ndakajana bana bacita kale cibotu ncindakali kuyanda—bazileta kale abbuwa ɲombe. Cakandikonda kwiindilila nkujana bakunka kale mulilo. Mbwindakasikila nkwiile kufusa amwi mapopwe mubbibi lyamulilo elyo mane aumwi mwana ndamupa one alyangu atala lyakuti njokelwe. Mebo ndakaile kusalama akoona, zyalo ɲombe ziide kubungene. Cita acaati mbuzye, “Bana, ɲombe ino nkozili zyoonse?” Balo ategwa nkozili. Alimwi ndakabuzya ndati, “Abamukwaali boonse nkobali ino omu? Ino kayi zyayangala buti sunu ɲombe zinji lyoonse?” Balo ati, “Macu! Mwati waamba mukwaali biya, eyo biya sunu kunyina ampiyasola kweenda. Lyoonse eyo ili mutanga.”

Ciindi eci ndakaliimvwi. Ndakalanga akooku akooku, nkujana kunyina akumubona mukwaali, alimwi ndalanga na a-Julubeki nkwali. Awalo tako pe. Balo bana nsebaambili pe, njide kuumunye ndati, “Mubaleke bana sunu balania.” Boonse ba-Mukamasaka, Namwala, Nangwelele, Syaacituba, Namakombola, Jekeseni, Julayi a-Kafulaanti azimwi zinji

biya taziko. Ndakaide kujata mulomo ndati, "Bana aba tabamvwi kuumwa, nkokuti ino njombe ezi zili kumala abantu. Sunu njakuumwaace."

Ndakabaleka anzyini ndati balye. Nindakazyila kukuzula njombe ndakabuzigwa ati, "Tii sena ino wajana zilivilide?" Me ndakati, "Inzya." Mucamba moyo watikila kale. Balo ategwa mbozibede mpaawo njombe ezi kuyangala, kazili biya zyoonse nkozili. Mebo ndakaile kuumuna. Mbwindakakutula ndakati, "Webo koya kanditemene muluso njanda kumukandaula." Mebo zina lyangu ndime Mutinta, pesi bana bakali kundiitizya lyacikuwa Iya-Kosima. Nindakaamba boobo bakatalika aumwi kuti, "Ino kayi Kosima twatyani?" Ndakavwiila mujwi lyakunyema ndati, "Ba-Nangwelele mbali azimwi zyoonse?" Balo ati, "Sena kayi taziwo?" Ndakavwiila, "Kamuyumuka munditondezye bazambinyoko. Ino nywebo muli bana bali buti nomutasiilwi njombe kaindi kasyoonto biyo mwazisowa kale? Sunu kasimpe mulacibona cakasubizya kwale meso." Awo abalo basiyana kale kumeso baluziba kuti ndwakuumwa.

Nibakakaka kuya kulitemena miluso ndakaunka kuyootema ndemwini yamwiingili. Sena nkubauma kumatako; malowa limwi ayenda. Batiiti kaka kuti akaka Kosima kotuleka tatukaindululi kabili, mebo nkuuma. Nindakakatala kuuma bana, ndakatalika kubalwanisya. Bakaumana kabiibi. Alimwi ambeyo ndaile kuliyeeya biya kuti ndacita cintu cibi kapati. Mpamunya awo nobacilwana bana, ambeyo nindatiibalesye ndakazikwiide kumvwa undijata kumeso. Ndamvwa moyo onse waile kumwaika nkaambo ndakali kuti antela muntu mupati. Kuya kulanga, nkujana ngu-Maanya.

Maanya oyu twakali zibene nkaambo twakali kwiiya limwi cikolo alimwi twakapasa mwaka omwe mubbuku lyabili, twakabula mali akutola ku-Chikuni kuti tukaiye muli lyatatu. Alimwi mweenzuma nkaambo kuli kasimbi nkaakali kuyanda mumunzi muliswe wa-Malimba. Elyo ndakaile kuti, "Alimwi musa wandiyooosya." Walo ati, "Ani uli mukandu? Ino

kayi ezi zyatyani?" Ndakavwiila ndati, "Sena musa zitegwa nzyana ezi, mbindaunka kukuleta mapopwe sa nkujana nomba yazileka kale." Elyo walo wavwiila, "Sena musa zyana bufubafuba, ambeyo oku ndali kuzyuuma kale, kaambo nkakena kakuleka nomba."

Twakamupa mapopwe walya. Ino naakacili kulya wakaamba ategwa, "Kocibalwanisya bana aba ndange mbobalwana aucizi kufusa." Bana bakatalika kulwana, walo ambeyo twakali kwiide kulangilila akuseka kumwi. Mpamunya awo mpotukondwa nkubona kwaide kubbuka muntu ujisi mukungo wamabwe. Oyo muntu ngu-Syaapote. Wakali kukala nku-kona kuliswe ku-Malimba, kwamwami Syaameja (Coona).

Wakali mulamfu kapati, alimwi wakali anguzu. Wakali jisi kalezu kalamfu ampanza ankumo. Wakaboola cakunyema kapati nkaambo umwi mwana muli baabo bakali kulwana wakali mwanaakwe, "Mutinta, mubauminanzi bana?" Tiindakajisi acakwaamba. Limwi ndakatisosoloke kuti ntije, walo ategwa, "Uutitije sunu ndamuuma bbwe kasimpe. Mubauminanzi bana?"

Inga naakalanga mivwundu-mivwundu amibili akumatako wakaide kuti, "Maawe, maawe, taata, nkulyuumina bana biyo oku. Maawe, maawe, bantu boonse balauma tabaumi boobu pe. Ino anywebo mulania. Te oyu ngwa-Makamba? Toli wa-Makamba webu?" Mweenzuma ati, "Inzya." Syaapote wakati, "Sena nomba zilivulide?" Mebo ndakati, "Ncindali kubaumina bana bazisowa nindali kumapopwe." "Nguni ukwaambila kuti kosiila bana batontola siko bali boobu nomba webu? Nkaambonzi nkotatumi mbabo kumapopwe webu kweembela nduwe ocizi? Ino webu oo-Makamba zilivulide zyako?" Mweenzuma ati nee. "Koleta deenzya nkunenge, wazisowa buti?" "Mbubona ambebo ndali kumapopwe." Syaapote wakabuzya wati, "Ino kuno uyananzi?" "Nzizyona nomba nzeyandaula." "Uyandaula nomba webu oide kulya mapopwe!" Mbwaanga amiluso wakalijisi, wakatula mabwe. Wakasaanguna ndime, sena

nkunduuma! Muluso iwaali mulamfu biya wamana ali ndime. Alimwi watalika umbi, awalo kusikila ukamane nkokundileka. Wakaya kumweenzuma awalo yobilo yamana ali nguwe. Amane ategwa, "Amulwane!" Swebo twakakaka kulekule. Wakatalika kutuuma alimwi, limwi wale kuleka mbwaakaleka kunyonka. Ambeyo mumoyo ndati, ino mwanaako awalo cita umulesye kweembela.

Amane wakatutola nkwaakasiide gombe. Twaandana amweenzuma. Kuzwa cecco ciindi kunyina nitwakaleka kuyandana a-Maanya pe. Alimwi nakeenda Syaapote mweenzuma ategwa, "Ino twalekelanzi kumuzinga?" Mebo ndakati, "Webo musa naanga watujaya nkaambo ulaanguzu zinji. Wati naali muntu-muntu buyo sena naatusola akutusola!" Tumane alimwi twaakusanganya azyabo ba-Maanya gombe, nkulwanisya bana, notuya tuzandukane alimwi Maanya wakatuminizya kwaanzia kumusimbi wakwe Jesi nokuba kuti tanaakaninga musyaba pe.

Buzuba obo kunyina watakanditukila pe. Bamuka Syaapote bakaboola kuzikukwaya amulyango ajanda yokwesu baletelala amwana wabo, balaamba, "Bacembele mwanaako oyu komulaya atani kuumi boobu bana besu ulatujaila. Na kweembela camwaalila aambe biya kwiinda kuti kauma boobu bana ababacitontola siko, basimpongo." Elyo babukila ndime balaamba, "Taata ntuli twana ntooli kuuma ino awa? Pe, pe taata muyuni, ulauma ino ayebo wati ndajana bantu, aanduli lukanda luumwa awa?" Bakaamba majwi manji-manji ngentakonzyi akwaamba. Alimwi bakanditukila mpoceela. Mebo mwindali kugogomana.

Umwi mwana wakali muzyukulu wakacembele kamwi kakali kukala mumona omo mumunzi wa-Malimba. Ndali-mvwida nkokazya bubwelebwezya kubwenta, kazya nkukona kwesu. Bamaama zina lyabo bakali ba-Najule. Nikakasika kalaamba, "Najule, Najule, nkaambonzi mwanaako ncauma bobuya bana, sena zyaba zibulo kuli nguwe? Zyaba zisamu? Uli kuli walo?" Mbukakasikila mpundakakede, nkulivununa

cipaya ategwa, "Kolilwezya mwana." Mebo mbukaka-vunwida ndaide kufunya kumeso, alimwi ndalanga ansi. Kamane kaunka kayabubwenta kalaamba, "Kasimpe uta-naanga konduumina mwana. Tozi kuti mebo kaya nkamwi biyo nkanga namulomba. Wabona nduwe oli akati. Kouma kana nkobwene mazuba oonse kaide kutoyola kukola. Mwati te taata ulisondokede biya. Ino mwaali maanu mumutwe oyo?"

Baama bakali banabutema, mulumaabo wakafwa mebo nsecili mwana, elyo bakali kukala kumunyanandumi wabo Sautu. Bakalijisi bana botatwe: musankwa omwe, mebo, elyo musimbi mupati wangu wakali kuyanda kukwatwa, aumwi wakacili ciliya muce wangu. Basimbi bobilo bakutaanguna bakafwa, nctegwa mebo ndime Mutinta. Oyu Sautu simi-zyeesu wakali kundikonda kapati. Wakalijisi majindi ama-bboko mapati. Tanaakali mulamfu, alimwi tanaakali mufwii-fwi, mpamunya biyo alya akatikati. Alimwi wakalijisi mujwi mupati; kuti kaambaula mujanda cimwi ciindi muntu inga ulaamba kuti kulila ngoma. Wakalijisi nguzu kwiinda muntu oonse mucisi ca-Nampeyo. Aswebo twakali kumutija kuti gombe zyalya mumuunda wakwe, wakali kwiinda kuuma kuli Syaapote. Elyo nitwakamana kulya, bamaama bakanditola mujanda mwa-Sautu, bakati kuli nguwe, "Sautu, mwanaangu oyu mebo wandaalila kulaya, ino ndati antela undilaile nduwe biya, kuti koyanda ulakonzya umuume biya. Ndamwaambila lyoonse ndati kuuma bana babantu taata ncibi walo tamvwi pe."

"Makani ayo baama, pesi mwana wasika waawa talaizigwi muluso pe, kuti mwana ulomenye inga mwamwaambila mbubona obo wamvwa," ngo-Acisywa wasandula. Elyo ime caile kundikonda mumoyo. Alimwi wakatalika ati, "Webo Mutinta mpokede awa ulelede kuziba kuti nyika yaba ya-Cikuwa, taili mbuli kaindi nitwalikunga bwaca-bwaca nkuumwa kujombe pe. Langa nzyosamide, swebo tiizyaaliko pe; langa mabbuku aya ngomubala, tanaakaliko pe; langa njanji, citima,

mootokala, ncinga, azimwi zyoonse, tiizyakaliko pe, tiitwaka-
zijana iswe pe, zyasika sunu biya. Nkokwaamba kuti nyika
yasanduka mudaala, tiicili mbuli kaindi pe. Langa nkuta eyi
ili mumunzi, toyeyi kuti webu inga ulasungwa akaambo
kakuuma bana obuya. Mutinta, ntazikukuboni tubili kouma
bana pe, pe, pe. Kobona, tatuyandi swebo abanyoko aba
manjaka amumunzi pe. Ino watulanga tuli tongaye? Tota-
twe mbubakatuzyala bamaama, tusimbi tobilo, ndekasankwa
endike. Pe, pe, taata kuuma bana babantu ncibi ucileke;
langa kuvunwidwa obuya cipaya ncibi, ciboola tatucizi pe.
Ndiza ndufu lwamuntu." Abalo bamaama bakaamba majwi
manji-manji aakundilaya. Mebo ndiide kuumunye akusandula
ajwi pe. Limwi balilekela beni balike.

Nibwakaca ndakaunka kuya kubatemena mapopwe bamaama
nkaambo maulu akali kucisa obo buzuba. Nindakapiluka
ndakabona nguulya Jesi amugoti wakali kumusanza amunzi
wesu.

Naakali kuyanda kuyumuna nongo ambeyo ndasika ndati,
"Kotula anzyini ndijisi makani akukwaambila." Wakatula
elyo ategwa kusaanguna, "Wabonwa we, a ino awa wazila
kuli?" Ndakakaambila ndati, "Elyo ayebo wabona muntu
ulijisi mapopwe, ino inga wati nkwaazila nkuli?" Kalo ati,
"Nkubuzya we. Ino ndiza kayi waabba kwangu mapopwe?"
Mebo ndati, "Ino nooli kubuzya wali kuti inga mebo ndakwa-
ambila kuti ndaajana mwako mapopwe? Ti inga nsezima,
alimwi sa inga ndiyubulule kuli ulaamunda!" Lino kalo
kakati, "Nkooko kayi kondaambila ncoyanda we, mebo
njanda kweenda." Elyo twaile kwiima twalangana. Limwi
kati, "I, aa nkulanga buti obo?" Ime ndakati, "Wakali
kukwaanzya . . ." Kalo kakandiingilila nsetana akumanizya
ategwa, "Ni?" Mebo ndati, "Maanya ma! Ulya musa-
nkwa waku Makamba." "Aa ngu-Maanyanzi? Me ndati
nguyuulya musankwa mulamfu pee, uusiya?" Ndakavwiila
ndati, "Ezyeccc. Alimwi ozi, ategwa ndafwa." Kalo ategwa,
"Kafwa, elyo me mukonzye kumujosya, sena ime Kosima

ndaba wacubi? Ndabula basankwa? Ukamwaambile biya kuti mebo nsemuyandi akaniini tau. Atakasoli biya akunndikanazya."

Kasimbi aka nkanga Jesi alimwi kakali kabotu, tiikakali kusalala, tiikakali kusiya, mpamunya alya akatikati. Alimwi ambeyo ndaali kukayanda. Tiikakali kuyanda basankwa, kunyina biya naba omwe wakakasyabide mbukaali kuzyalilwa. Koonse kwaambaula biya ambabo basankwa tiikakali kuyanda pe. Kuti kwaambaula biyo twamusalo alimwi kakali kwaambaula, mbuli kwaana, kakali kukuyanda kapati alimwi kakalijisi zyaano zinji. Pesi makani ankwela tiikakali kwaayanda pe. Tiikakali kana-Kristo pe, pesi ku-Nsondo tiikakali kucaala pe.

Banyina bakalikwetwe kuli Syaampongo. Oyu Syaampongo mutamvwi zina pati, kakali kantu kalamfu kaubauba, kantu kapaale. Lyoonse tiikakali kuleka kusamba pe. Nokayanda kulya lyoonse kakali kuyanda meenda apya. Kuti mukaintu wataletelela ameenda apya aleta nsima, inga mpaawo kiilyata cibbusu nsima, nkaambo kalo mabbusu tiikakali kwaasiya pe.

Usyi Jesi wakali mucindu kumukowa aboobo naakafwa Syaampongo nkokunjila muḡanda. Bina Jesi bakalijisi bana bobilo pesi, musankwa Lameki a-Jesi. Lameki ciindi eco tanaakaliwo amunzi pe, mbwaakafwida usyi walo wakaunkilalyo mumakuwa; bakali kwaamba kuti uli ku-Bulawayo. Bina Jesi amulumi wabo wakutaanguna bakali kukala ku-Kaumba, nibakanjililwa muḡanda nkokuzya ku-Nampeyo. Aboobo Jesi wakalijana ku-Rusangu zina elyo, alimwi wakali muzyaanyina kuli Syaampongo. Cimwi cintu ncenteelede kuluba nkuti Syaampongo wakali kubabbalisya kukanana. Alimwi wakalijisi ntobolo zyobilo. Ndayeeya cimwi ciindi waajaya mwana asyuumbwa. Kuzwa ciindi eco wakali kulibanda kuti ngu-Katimbyandavu.

MBOBAKASYABANA BA-MAANYA A-JESI

NITWAKAAKUYAANA a-Maanya, tiindakaamba majwi aya akaamba kasimbi pe, ndakaamba biyo kuti kakaide kuumuna, alimwi ndakamwaambila ndakati, "Musa kuti koyanda kumyaba kukasimbi kojatitsya. Ino ayebo ulizi kuti kunyina amusankwa uina kasyabide. Kutu utabambi kalakukaka. Alimwi uleelede kulemba lugwalo antela." Elyo walo ategwa, "Ndalumba musa. Njakulemba sunu ndilyona." Ndakabuzya ndakati, "Ino webu tiibakakutukila balaabana obuya buzuba mbutwakabalwanisya?" Walo ategwa, "Nguni mebo uunga wakonzya kunditukila? Sa nenjembela njombe zyabo banditukile! Mebo biya alo kuti bakaintu inga nkwiide kwaanzamuna. Bakaintu mbamunya mbabatiimika bana babo." Mebo ndakavwiila ndakati, "Mebo omulombwanama bakaintu mbabakandijisi biya kundikuwa." Walo wakati, "Sa elyo ayebo Kosima tozyaanzamuni?" "Omulombwanama, tii nkwiide kubamba moyo. Kamwi kacembele kakandivunwida cisalu." Naakamvwa boobu wayuma kuseka ategwa, "Elyo webu watyani?" Mebo ndakati, "Tata watiantyani? Ndakaide kusintama akulivumba kumeso." Walo ati, "Amulange mweenzuma oyumu mufubafuba, mebo nseli ndime inga nkudunama kuti ndangisye." Mebo ndakati, "Pe, pe, musa mebo ndakayoowa." Mpamunya awo twakaanrana ategwa alimwi nkakaanzye kasimbi kuti kakalindila lugwalo luzila kuli nguwe. Nindakaakukaambila kalo ategwa ulaliminya biyo. Kumwi ategwa ukamwaambile kuti nsecizi kubala mebo.

Mbubwakaceda nkubona ncobeni baluleta lugwalo bana bakali kuya kujwe kucikolo bazila ku-Makamba. Nilyakantanta zuba ambeyo ndati nkalye minsale mumyuunda. Nda-

kaunka ababwa njaabuyala. Nindakakatala kulya minsale, ndakajoka pesi ndakainda imbi nzila ndiya bwiimba kumwi. Takanaba kaindi ndakamvwa kube kuli wiimba. Ndaka-swiilila. Ndakamvwa kabotu kabotu kuti musimbi mumu-longa antela ulasamba. Elyo ndakoompolola acito ndati, "Sena kuli usamba ntaindi?" Ndakamvwa kajwi kokwa Jesi kawiila ategwa, "Tau, kwiina koinda." Ndakaselela, sa nkujana ulaalike. Ndakabuzya, "Uleenda olike weba?" "Aa citindilye ninzi?" Me ndakati, "Tabakulyi beendanzila? Langa musa watambula." "Ndatambulanzi?" Mebo ndakati, "Sena waluba obuya buzuba nindakakwambila kuti umwi muntu wakali kukupa mooni wakuti kolangila lugwalo lwakwe." Kalo ategwa, "Koya de kobala tumvwe ncaalemba." Mebo ndakajalula lugwalo akutalika kubala:

Oyandika musa wangu,

Kutaanguna ndati mebo musa ndapona, cita nduwe musa. Makani angu musa ngaaya. Mebo musa ndakuyanda musa. Ino njanda kuti mvwe nduwe mboyeeya musa. Alimwi musa utaa-mbi kuti nkubeja musa. Ndakuyanda mbuli mbwenjanda bamaama musa. Alimwi musa kuti ndakuyeeya musa, inga nkujana akulya koonse caala. Alimwi aalo masiku nseoni akoona pe, njide kuyeeya nduwe musa, koonse kunjonzi nkujana njide kulota nduwe musa. Kunyina muntu musa ngwenjanda mbuli nduwe musa pe. Balike musa bamaama bakandizyala musa. Ino biya musa njanda kuti musa undisandule musa. Alimwi nelemba boobu moyo musa onse uli kuli nduwe musa. Kondisandula musa.

Ndime ukuyandisisya,
Maliko Maanya.

Nembala, kalo kasimbi kaide kuseka. Kamane ategwa, "Nkubeja ulipangila buyo teesi nguwali kulemba." Me ndakati, "Kasimpe biya nguwali kulemba. Elyo inga nseide

kulipangila mumutwe." Kalo ategwa, "Ino aba 'musa boonse aba nkobali?" Ime ndati, "Inzya, nkobali." Kalo ati, "Ulalisyupa biyo, mebo biya 'cilasiya,' anemulotaa. Ngooyu munsale we." Me nokacaamba boobu ndakatalila kubala ba 'musa,' nkujana bali 26. Ambeyo ndakaile kuyeyya biya mumoyo kuti mwati nkulikombelela biyo kumusimbi oku. Lugwalo loonse lwaile kuba lwaba 'musa.' Alimwi kalo ategwa, "Umwaambile kuti nseyandi akusandula tau." Me ndakati, "Cita tata mbwindakubalila kale." Nkabela twakaa-ndana.

Mbubona mbwindaamba kutaanguna, cino ciindi cakali camapopwe, mumwezi wa-March, aboobo Pasika wakali afwiifwi kuti aligwe. Sautu wacisya wakandituma ku-Makamba kuti nkalete nkuku. Ndakaunka amaulu. Elyo ninda-kaboola Maanya wakandisindikila. Nguwakandaambila akuti Pasika ulaligwa nsondo njiyona eyo. Ime ndakamubuzya ndakati, "Kasimpe ngu-Pasika mu-Nsondo? Ino biya mwati kuli bamumvwide?" Walo wakati, "Sena mbootakaliko jilo ku-Nsondo, baiyi mbabakaamba. Alimwi musa lya-Pasika njanda kuya kusenda biya cakulibamba kuli Jesi. Tii sena awalo ulaya?" Ime ndakati, "Cita musa, alo mwati baya mbabacaala? Nkokuti ulaya." Tuleenda limwi twazabuka mumulonga wa-Nampeyo uwiinda kubbasu lyakunyika amu-nzi wa-Makamba, elyo naya kujoka nitwakasika akalundu—

Ambeyo elyo ndakatalika kuyandaula ciindi ncenga ndabona Jesi kuti mupe mooni wazwa kumusankwa wakwe. Kwabo ndakali kuyoowa nkaambo banyina bakali bakali kapati. Pesi ndakaba acoolwe nkaambo ndiceenda biyo kumbo amunzi ndabona awalo ngooyo wacosola mumunzi kuzila kwabo uya kunyika kumugoti ulijisi anongo amutwe. Nindakasika kumu-goti, ndakajana ncobeni ngooyu usanzya zisani. Mpamunya ndakati, "Webo, mwati te lyoonse biya ukala okuno; nkaa-mbonzi lyoonse kuno nkwekujana?" Walo wakati, "Aa wandijana mazuba ongaye? Tee kubaanga lilike eliya nooka-

zila kumapopwe?" Me ndakati, "Macu! lyoonse mbwe-boolela kuno kunyina umbi ngwejana olike webo. Sena ulaya ku-Pasika?" Walo wakati, "Sena undisempuzya biya, nku-bone ku-Pasika! Wabona nduwe ojisi zyakusama. Inga me ndeenda buti atundulu?" "Acu kaka ndaba, ino alya madeleensi obilo ngosama munsondo aya kuli?" Kalo ategwa, "Macu, elyo inga omuntu biya wasama ncicona cintu ncobabona mazuba oonse; sa bamwi balo bavundulula, pe, pe, ncibotu kujoka biyo nkokuya kulisampuzya mumakamu abantu!" Ndakabuzya, "Ino kayi nowaca uya kuli?" Walo ati, "Nja ku-Moonze." "Aa uya kutyani? Uya koonzansi?" Walo ati, "Ti nkuya kulangalanga tusani ntutona twaku Pasika." Elyo me ndakati, "Eena nobamwi mulimumvwide Pasika nomutatwaambili, mebo ngu-Maliko biya waku Makamba wandaambila. Ncobeni walo wali kukupa mooni. Ategwa biya lya-Pasika tuli anguwe." Kalo kakavwiila ati, "Kosima yawe, mwati ayebo umwaambila biya? Ino ukamwaambile kuti wandisabila mebo. Sena umvwide kuti mebo ngunkila basankwa ku-Pasika? Mebo kayi mbwentayandi buya akujataukwa koonse."

Ayinda mazuba. Kano kaindi bwatika kale buzuba bwa-Pasika. Twakalundumuka toonse kuya ku-Chikuni. Mwati nkuvula bantu bakali ku-Pasika mwaka oyo! Nsekonzi akwaamba pe. Unakuti kunyina abacaala muminzi pe. Calo cabasimbi, tau ya! Kutu wabona mubi wati malweza kuli wafwa kumunzi. Boonse babotu balo; unakuti bakalisala biya. Kuli banga unakuti wakawa kuzila kujulu. Sena unakuti wakanyonka. Pe, pe, tau. Mebo biya tau, ndakali kwiide kuunkila muguunkila wabasimunya, kutegwa mboobuya nkuvuzya mulawo. Coonse cakacumailwa kunyina ancindakamvwa pe, alike majwi akuti, "Tulelede kulemenezya buzuba mbwaakabuka muli bafwide Mwami Jesu."

Nilyakatantatanta zuba twakatalika kwiide kupyopyongana. Maanya tiitwakali kusiyana pe. Wakali kwaamba lyoonse kuti takwe kundileka cita limwi Jesi aboole kuzikwaambaula

anguwe. Akalo nkanga Jesi kakaliko. Nokaceya kalalibonya mumatanga! Alimwi akusala kuula kakalicizi kapati, takuli kubota deleensi ndikakasamide. Ino kumucita boobo Maanya wafwa ali nkako.

Izuba nilyakasika acilangankumo, twakayobolola basimbi bakuliswe twati tweende kumunzi. Twakatalika kuya kuliswe. Munzila twakatisole kukaita kasimbi, kalo kaide kutija, limwi ndamvwa mweenzuma ati, "Musa ozi mebo njanda kukauma ino kasimbi aka." Me ndakati, "Pe, pe, musa utakaumi. Koleka kusaanguna nkaambauze endike." Elyo ndakaunka kabotu kabotu, ndakakajata kukuboko ndakati, "Koswiilila muna nkwaambile. Langa sena tuzwa limwi biya munzi omwe, katumvwana kwaamba." Elyo awo kakati palangane ategwa, "Elyo onditola kuli ulaacimbolyo." Mebo ndakavwiila ndakati, "Nee teesi nkwekutola pe, njanda kuti nkwaambile amwi makani." Mpamunya kakaumuna ategwa, "Kondaambila sena we." Ndakatalika mebo ndati, "Webo muna uleelede kucilangisisya kuti walumwa. Mbwaakakutalika kale oyu musankwa kunyina anaya kukuleka pe. Ino walo langa nkukona nkokaka kwitwa ukanza kukuuma biya. Ino aboobo nceti uboole mubandike anguwe ambeyo nseliko munsimunsi. Kuti kotija mbubona obu limwi ubone aboole akuume. Ncibi musa kuumwa abantu banji boobu." Elyo kakamvwa kakaboola. Musankwa ati, "Ino utijanzi? Sena ndimunyama ndaluma?" Kalo ati, "Pe, pe, toli munyama we, nkaambo mebo nsejatwi basankwa pe." "Tojatwi basankwa baama wabaanzi?" ngomusankwa oyo. Mebo njide kuumunye. Mane ndasola kucaalizya muni, kalo ategwa, "Koboola Kosima." Ime ndakati, "Mboole kuli? Ambeyo njanda basimbi bambi." Awalo musankwa ategwa, "Koboola musa undigwasye kwaambila musimbi. Nkaambonzi ncalisampula boobu kububumuka musyokwe kutija bantunyina?" Akalo kakavwiila ati, "Ino awalo muntu nkwaitwa inga kwategwa atolwe kuli kayi?" "Mebo kayi njanda kusenda kuli nduwe ndakuyanda." Kalo ategwa,

"Kuti kaali ngamakani biya ayo, me kuli ndime nkule. Nda-mwaambila mweenzinyoko oyu lyoonse ndati nsiyandi kusya-bwa mebo pe. Ncicili muniini kapati, kamundileka biyo na ngamakani ayo. Kunyina biya anentizumine pe." Walo musankwa wakati, "Kuti kopapalika ulawa alubayi mpamunya awa, mwati me ulindizi? Cakupapalika cili ku-Malimba, teesi kuliswe, swebo tulauma. Ino webbo noti ucili muniini, sena ukaboole kwesu, kuzi kundaambila kuti 'Koboola Maliko undisende ndakomena?'" Kalo ati, "Nentabooli we."

Elyo mebo ndakanjila ndakati, "Jesi, sena kuti meenda atika inga ulaayola?" Kalo ati, "Tau we." "Ino kuti samu lipati lyakulimba inga ulakonzya kulipasulula?" Kalo ati, "Nee nsekonzyi." Elyo ndati, "Aino baama mbubona. Ncoyelede kulangisisya nkwaamba kuti luyando ncintu cikatazyaya. Kuti muntu wayanda kale, kunyina cikonzya kumule-sya lulike lufu. Mbubona mbwendakwaambila, luyando luli mbuli meenda amusamu. Luyando lokwayooyu lwawida kale ali nduwe aboobo kunyina nconga ulacita pe. Cita uite lufu biya, antela lujaye nduwe antela muntu oyu: unakwiide kukuumma kufumbwa mpaakujana; lwali luyando limwi kube kucimanwa kupati." Elyo kakatungumana, kamane ategwa, "Mbubo kamundileka mazuba manji."

Twakaleka twatalika kujata basimbi bambi. Kumunzi twakaakusika mulubundubundu.

Ino cimwi cintu ncomweelede kulangisisya nomubala bbuku eli nkwaamba kuti cisi ca-Nampeyo ncecisi citaleki zilengwa zyangansiku babo. Bacipayila mizimo, bakambilila mvula mumalende alimwi balakumba lwiindi tobilo amwaka. Lumwi lwiindi lulakumbwa mainza; lumwi lulakumbwa ciindi camupeyo. Aboobo ino naakamana Pasika twakali kulindila biyo lwiindi lwamupeyo. Ciindi calwiindi olu bantu bala-kondwa kapati kunywa bukoko, cimwi ciindi maanda alaabukoko alasika kumakumi obilo, munzi omwe. Ino, minzi ikumbila antoomwe mucisi ca-Nampeyo ili yotatwe; wamwami (ku-Malimba), kwa-Syaanamoonga aku-Makamba. Aboobo

mulakonzya kubona cikoko mbocivula; bantu takuli nkoku-
lwana.

Bumwi buzuba ndakabona nkokaboola kana kamwami
wamunzi ategwa, "Ulakwiita taata." Me ndakati, "Mebo?"
Kalo ategwa eee. Nkabela ndakayeeya ndakati ino ncinzi
ncandiitila? Nkaambo ndakali kumuyoowa kapati. Nda-
kaunka, ndajana ulikede acuuno camupando.

Ciindi ncindakasika ayalo nsima niyakala, yazwa muḡanda
yamalelo. Ciindi cakali cifumofumo. Wandiiita ati, "Boola
mweenima utaangune uye nsima." Ma! ma! nkujana ninsima
yanyama. Kayi mebo nsekuti akabotu kuti ndalisya cisyu-
mani. Nkaambo kamafuta, munyo tuulimvwiisi akulimvwi-
sya pe. Nindakamana kulya alimwi ndakapegwa acibwantu
cabikwa cuka linji. Tau ndamvwa da mba mba mba kuyuma.
Kunyina buzuba mbwindakakutide obuya cifumofumo pe.
Amane wandibuzya mwami ategwa, "Sena mweenima ulicizi
kutanta ncinga?" Mebo ndakazumina. Nkabela wakanda-
mbila ati, "Koya ukabaambile ba-Makamba kuti batalike
lwiindi. Mu-Mujibelo oyu nguwena uboola balelede kusyu-
bula, elyo mu-Musumbuluko bakatwe." Wakandipa kacinga
kakwe kapyra, nkujana kaciide kulila bunyololo. Alimwi kabe
kaide kulitola kalike. Ndakaide kuti kubota musinzo kuuli
mulamfu biya.

Nindakamana kubaambila ba-Makamba, ndakainda kwa-
Syaajilo (Syaanamoonga) akwalo ndaakubaambila. Bantu
bamwi bamumasi bakakondwa kapati kumvwa kuti lwiindi
luyanda kucitwa. Sena mazuba alakala kuti kakuli ncomu-
lindila! Kaindi komwe lwasika kale lwiindi. Ino nitwa-
kayaana a-Maanya ndakamwaambila ndati, "Musa ncoelede
kucita lyalwiindi nceeci: ulelede kuboola kuliswe ciindi bantu
baakuya ku-Makamba kutegwa uzikusende kabotu kasimbi
kako banyina nobatako." Cifumofumo lyalwiindi ambeyo
ndakaunka kwabo Jesi. Okuya kakandipa bukoko bunji kapati.
Sa abanyina mbubatakaliwo, ambeyo ndalikwaya. Alimwi
ndakakolwa mbwentanakolwa mbwindakali kuzyalilwa. Mbw-

ndakoonena waawo kuya kubuka nkuumazuba. Nkujana njide kulede musyokwe muciteo. Kunyiina ancindakabona buzuba obo pe. Ndakajana bantu boonse bakuumuka kale. Pesi wakandibusya ndimuyeeyede ngu-Maanya mweenzuma. Jjonzi abutolo anzala takuli nkokundijaya.

Ndakabuzya elyo kumweenzuma, "Ino mbuti makani akanyama kako?" Walo ategwa, "Amana." Awo ajonzi zyangu zyoonse zyamana ndati, "Amana buti, wazumina?" Walo ati, "Inzya." Ndakanyandwa kapati kujana musankwa mubi obuya wasyaba kasimbi keelede ndime. Ndaide kulumba biyo. Elyo wakandaambila alimwi ati, "Mebo bali kuyanda kunduumama omusankwama." Me ndati, "Bani musa akaka?" Walo ati, "Ba-Timoti bana Syaajilo."

Ino nsetana amba ncaakandaambila mweenzuma njelede kwaamba muntu oyu Timoti wabana Syaajilo. Cakali cintu cifwiifwi. Bantu banjibanji bakali kuciita kuti Cidinina! Pesi nocifwiimpa boobo cakali kuuma, alimwi cakali cipati kuli ntuswe kukuzyalwa. Bantu banji bakali kwaamba kuti cakayasidwe mankuma anguzu; alimwi acalo cakali kuyoosya nkaambo cakali kusama makandakanda kumaboko alimwi cakalijisi nsalunsalu zinji. Kumeso ciide kukopene, cisiya biya mbi. Izina lyancico ndicakali kulibanda ategwa ndime Cinkeke. Ncecintu eco.

Maanya watalika ulaamba nibaamujana ulabandika amusi- mbi ategwa, "Ino webu mwana utyani awa?" Elyo Maanya awo wabilila kapati wati, "Ino nkaambonzi webu nconditi 'mwana' ndemupatinyoko? Tozi kuti inga ulabona kasimpe twalwana mpamunya awa?" "Webu toli mwana sena kuli ndime? Inga twalwana mbuli nduwe webu ocitontola siko? Kuti kolaamaanu kosenda biyo, ndikuzi cakubilizya: nkaambo ndakwaambila muni amusimbi. Mbubo ndakusiya kosenda." Naamba boobo Timoti, walo Maanya wavunga kale ntuku kuti afuse. Walo Timoti ati, "Munene kuti kotayandi kusampuka muni amusimbi wako, koumuna. Ulabona mebo nkuume nsekombi noceya." Ino awo ndakanjila mebo ndati, "Ino

kalo kasimbi kali kuli ciindi eco?" Walo ati, "Kakaliko biya kalalindilila." Ategwa amane walo nguwana Maanya nkufusa. Ati alimwi twaumana mbuli mpocisimpa. Balo beenzinyina nkwiide kulangilila, limwi ncinga Timoti caleka akufusa. Ati mebo sena nkucuuma ati biya caunka anga malowa amwi azwida mukanwa, mumpemo, amwi mumatwi. Elyo ndakabuzya ndakati, "Ino limwi wacileka buti?" Walo ategwa, "Ndakatala biya limwi musa. Nseide kupwaya cintu citafusi akufusa." Cinga Timoti cakakala mwezi oonse mubulo. Elyo nguzu zyamwana oyu zyakatuyoosya toonse. Amane ategwa, "Alimwi acalo canduuma kapati zyamucamba. Nindaunka kabili kumusimbi, amakani aalo ateta. Limwi naya kuzumina acintu coonse wakacitambula." Elyo ambeyo tindakanyandwa nkaambo ndibazi basimbi mbobabede. Kuzila buzuba obo Maanya wakali kuboola kusenda kukasimbi kakwe nokuba kuti banyina bakali bakali pe, alimwi akalo kakali kutongooka ategwa, "Ino kayi musankwa ngwindakazumina kale unditola kuli?" Mebo ndakali kulomya biya kuti mbocicitwa we nkwaambile.

CAANDANO 3

MWAMI WACISI WAJAYA SYUUMBWA

ELYO mbombuboobo mbubona mbundamwaambila kuti ambeyo kasimbi aka nkanga Jesi ndakali kukayanda, limwi ncobeni ndakatalika kucitondezya atala.

Inga mpindakajana kalike ndakalanga kapati limwi kalanga ansi ategwa, "A inga nkulanganzi oko?" Mazuba oonse tulabonana obo ambeyo ndalizizya kwaamba ndati, "Kuti wamvwa Maliko mweenzuma inga ndaumwa biya kakunyina amubuzyo." Pesi bumwi buzuba niyatatangata mvara, ndakali kweenda endike musyokwe njandaula basune ciindi camasikati. Ndazikwiide kubona nziba yaide kuuluka mujulu —vuu—yaide kuti pa pa pa. Imane yaboola ansi iide kuti

baabaaa akulila mpamunya yatalika. Ndaswida mate ndati,
"Nziba cisaasa, usanga kubalombe kubanene cilakaka ptu
(awa ndaswida) coolwe." Mbwindakamanina kwaamba biyo
ndakamvwa kasamu kati mpa kumusanza. Inga nzikulange
ngu-Jesi! Ndaide kuti mumoyo, "Ani nziba nciyali kusa-
ngila."

Ndakabuzya nindakamana kumwaanzya ndati, "Ino kuno
utyani webu mwana, alimwi ino mulaani?" Kalo ategwa,
"Kunyina we ndileendike, nditebba nkuni." Mebo, lo
nkubeja, ndati, "Wali kukupa mooni musankwa wako Maliko."
Kalo ategwa, "Ino wati ndumbe? Alimwi nduwe wakali
kundisinikizya kuti nsyabwe kuli nguwe." Elyo me ndati,
"Konditondezya cisani cakayauka nindakali kukujata? Ncili
we? Tii nduwe omwini okaliyandila biya. Eena nobamwi
citamikizigwa muntu biya, kuti waula cisani cibi?" Ino awo
kalo ati, "Ooozi ndakazumina nkaambo ndakayoowa kuti
ulanduuma mbwaakauma cinga Timoti. Alimwi nsemuyandi
biya akaniini pe. Nkujana kuti ndamubona kwavundaauka
akumoyo. Teesi ngomusankwa ulya kaka pe." Awo nda-
kaunka munsimunsi. Ma! kaide kusamide cibaki cifwide
atukolo twiide kusondela. Ndatujata, kalo ati, "Kondityanka
nkolo ndemuka mweenzinyoko." "Ozi ncicaanga categwa
nkanga itola mufwambi, alimwi cakandicima nindakamvwa
kuti wamuzumina ulya muntu, nkaambo ndakali kukuyanda,
ndakuyanda, alimwi kunyina nenja kuleka kukuyanda pe.
Kunyina candizimina ancenga ndacita." Kalo kaide kuyuma
kuseka kumwi kalanga ansi. Kamane ategwa, "Ino kayi
uyandaulanzi?" Me ndati, "Mbasune ba-Kafulaanti."
Kalo ati, "Kafulaanti sena teesi ulya musune wanu usubila
kapati alimwi ukwaalete meja?" Me ndati, "Ngonguwe."
Elyo kakanditondezya nkukakababonede ati, "Balikulanzya
kumunzi mitwe." Nitwakaandana ndakaamba kuti, "Ijwi
ndenjelede kukwaambila ndyakuti limwi njakumwiinda kulu-
mwesi." Kalo keenda kalaya kaya buseka.

Ndamvwa nsekede akabotu pe, mumoyo ndati mwati

kamvwa biya ciya ncindaamba. Alimwi ndoompolola elyo kati, "Macu elyo mbooli kutalika nkwaamba." Kuzila ceeco ciindi ndakapenga kwiide kuyeeya nkako. Ndakatikome kuti sena nkasyabe, umwi moyo ulakaka uti pe ulaliletela mapeni akuumwa kuli Maanya. Alo ndakayeeya ndati inga biya kabo kasimbi kalandizumina, kayi mpakuti kunyina ancokaamba pe. Neminga basune nkujana moyo uli biyo kumbi.

Bantu balakatazaya, bakabona nswi ili mukati kameenda. Ino sa eco ciindi notwakali biyo tobilo, sa na nguni wakambila Maanya. Ndakamvwa biyo nkwandibuzya nitwakazwa nsondo. Alimwi buzuba obo nitwakalwana, ino ncicaanga tata ndaba acoolwe nkaambo mvula mpati yaide kwiimika kunyika, aboobo wakayoowa kuti ulaugwa. Wakaide kuti, "Mbubo tuya kubuzyanya akale."

Njiyonya nsondo kiitana akumana kwakaboola muyoba mupati. Aboobo ndakazijulila ndime njombe nokuba kuti ndakazileka kaindi ndilyona nibakandivunwida cipaya bace-mbele. Abalo baku Makamba ba-Maanya mbabakali kweembela ciindi eco camuyoba. Nindakacili kulya mumbu njombe zyangu zyalo zyakasangana muli zyabo. Balo elyo ndajana baide kulya manomba ansi. Nindakasika ndakajana akali ansi-ansi ayanda kumana. Me ndakati, "Ino mulekelanzi kulya ayaalya ali mujulu?" Balo ati, "Kayi swebo aciliko ansi, kotanta webo obulilwe." Ndakatanta, alo ndalanga alimwi ndati ino bantu aba balangana-langana buti kumeso kayi. Nkabela ndati kunyina nee ino mbaaba abalo batanta. Sa ndaunka biya kumampeleemfwa kwini kuli atontola. Mbwi-ndakaticele lyomwe ndamvwa ankumo 'zya!' akutwi 'zya!' ankoye, asaya. Tindakalimvwa pe, ndakaliwaala ansi. Sena mamvwa nkundikwamba! Mpindakalumwa sena nkucisa! Ndakayeeya mpamunya ndati ngu-Maliko. Inga nzikulange nkujana baliyuminide ansi kuseka nkwindalumwa ankwinda-liwaala ansi. Cakababeda cintu cisesya ndemweenzinyina nkwindalumwa.

Ndakabuzya ndati, "Ino basa ncinzi ncindakamucitila kayi?" Balo bakakazya ategwa swebo titwaabwene nitwa-kwaambila. Me ndati, "Ino kayi ncomuseka ncinzi?" Balo ategwa, "Musa Kosima wati elyo tulile biya otati walicisa." Ndakati, "Kunyina biya ndalimubwene mwalikulangana kumeso nsetana akutanta." Balo bakakazya. Ndakabaambila ndati, "Pesi kwaamba nduwe biya Maliko mebo ndakakubelekela kapati atala amusimbi ulya. Webo watalika kundicita boobu. Ndizi kuti bantu mbabakwaambila kuti ndilamuyanda musimbi wako ulya. Pesi musa kumvwa zyantutu ncibi langace. Alimwi ino ndaleka akumubalila magwalo musimbi wako nkaambo nceciindi bantu balo ncobayeeya kuti ndisenda biya. Utakandipi kabili lugwalo luya kumusimbi wako nolilampa, nseyandi pe. Nkaambo ndabona kuti ncecindipenzya boobu. Nsekonzyi kuti nsekwambaulwa boobu mamvwa akaambo katako pe." Nindakamana kwaamba boobo ndabona waboola walikombya kapati ategwa, "Ndacita cibi kapati kumvwa twabantu."

Mumasi oonse kuli mvula mpati kapati mumwezi wa-Mukazimaziba. Bumwi buzuba mvula yakawa masiku alikunze. Aboobo nibwakaca kwakali mumfwumfwu munji kapati. Bapati bakandaambila ati, "Kosima, ulelede kuunka abana kunombe nkaambo tabakazikonzyi kuli mumfwumfwu." Ndakazijalwida, balo bapati, bamwi baunka kukukofola, bamwi kukulimina alimwi bamwi kukusinda. Sena nomba nkweenda buzuba obo, limwi ndacaamba, "Bana kamubinga ezi zili muni nkaimike eziya zili kumbele nzinga ba-Nangwelele." Ndakabweza aumwi mwana wakali mupatipati. Nitwakali afwiifi kuzeenzya, mwana wakatalika kundiyiila kuti kujwe ku-Kayola, basyuumbwa bakaluma nomba jilo. Mbwaakamanina kwaamba majwi ayo twabona nomba zyaile kudilimuka zyoonse akuboba. Awo mpozyakadilimukila akali akalundu kakajisi loonde lupati alimwi lyakali gumba. Kumusanza akalundu kwakali kwiinda kalonga ka-Kapande. Oku kuli

mabwe manji. Sena twakalimvwa anitwakakolomoka, kuseka mumulonga, limwi mutala mwakali bana. Twatiiti kwiimba bana, yaaya, balo nkwiile kwiimba limwi nkuya kujata kubona kuti, "Mwacaala manyokwe, ŋombe zyalumwa!"

Kumunzi twaakujana munzi uli ŋu. Twati ino tutyani limwi notuya kubona bapati bobilo bakali kubamba ncinga. Sautu aumbi muntu. Twakabaambila twati ŋombe zyalumwa. Balo ati, "Mwazibona buti?" Mebo ndakati, "Twazibona nkaambo zyadi limuka alimwi zya boba." Walo Sautu kumucita boobo amujwi wakwe mupati pe ategwa, "Inywebo bana Mutinta kasimpe mwatija biyo kazili ŋombe zjali kubobela sulwe. Sena tamunazimvwa?" Me elyo ndati, "Imokayi zjali kudilimukilanzi?" Pesi mweenzinyina wakatumgumana wakati, "Muwezi, pe antela bana baamba kasimpe." Walo Sautu ategwa, "Ino banyama inga balazila kuli?" Walo mweenzinyina wakati, "Ndakamvwa kuti kujwe oku bakaluma zona." Ndinga Sautu lyavwiila ategwa, "Sa elyo basika kale kokuno, muwezi?" Mweenzinyina ati, "Tobwene sena amakumbi aya amumfwumfwu, nkokuti mba-baania."

Basimbi boonse bakali kulela bana abakali kujikila balima bakatumwa mumyuunda kuti bakaambile bantu boonse kuti nyika yalumaana. Mebo aba-Sautu twakaunka kuya kuleta ŋombe. Sena zyakali kukatazya akubinga, ziile kulikonga zini zilike. Sautu sena ndubilo ndwaakaleta kuzila kukalundu ako. Nkaambo ncicono ceenzya nkazi cakwe ndakamwaaumbila ndati, "Mpamunya alya ali coonde caciwezezi mpuzyama-fuwa nkwapwaigwa waluleta. Nitwakazinjizya mucimpatu, twakatalika kuzula twakajana kuti Cibaba a-Sikwaze (mpwizi zyalu) taziko. Mpamunya twaziba kuti nkaambo nzezyeenda kapati, nkokuti nzizyalumwa.

Mwami wakali azinowe atulolomi tunji kapati, aboobo mazuba biyo wakali kwiide kudyabila. Pesi ciindi naaka-

mvwa kuti njombe zyalumwa, wakalubona lubilo lukatazya. Kuzyila kumuunda wakaitanta ncinga yakwe, moonse mumi-
lundu walo nkwiile kutanta; mumingwenyu moonse walo
nkuselemuka tajati amabbuleki. Mbwaakasikila biyo amunzi
nkusowa cicinga, mpaantobolo yakwe watalika akwaamba,
“Nkuli nkobabede?” Bamutondezya kukalundu kakali ku-
nyikanyika amunzi, pesi kubbazu lyakumbo. Abalo bantu
bamwi amasumo bamwi antobolo bamutobela. Umwi muntu
wakacaala kuti kauma ngoma yabukali kutegwa bantu boonse
bali mucisi ca-Nampeyo bamvwe. Takanaba kaindi ba-
Makamba abalo mbaaba baboola acantobolo. Twakabato-
ndezya kwakali nkondo. Ako kalundu kakaluminwa njombe
kakali afwiifwi amunzi wakuliswe, aboobo notuli kumunzi
twakali kukonzya kubona bantu nobaya mukalundu ako
nkaambo akati kamunzi akalundu ako kwakali mulonga.
Tikakaba kaindi kabaunkide, twakamvwa bwakutuka. Ali-
mwi twamvwa kwalila yabili, nkabela twalibonena biya mu-
meso esu ndinga syuumbwa ndeliya mumusena. Sa mbu-
lyakati buyo waka, waka, waka, totatwe, lyazimina ankulya-
tozya.

Muciindi cakutija twakatalika kuya kuli ndilyo biya tuya
busabila. Nicakaba ciindi bapati bakatulaya ati tulelede
kutija nkaambo cimwi ciindi wayaswa. Nilyakasika acilungu-
lungu zuba, bakaboola bakali kumunyama ategwa baide kumu-
leka wabazimina mubwizu bulamfu. Elyo batwaambila kuti
ntobolo yakusaanguna yali yokwa Syaapote pesi wamwiinzya,
ati nkulu yaide kwiinda angala yamunyama. Yabili ati
munene wamuyasa ati waide kutyola kasamu naakawa. Elyo
awo batikome kuyandaula wakazimina ankwaatozya. Bali
kujana kuti alimwi wali kubatobela mukondo wabo nguwena
munyama ngobatobela. Aboobo limwi munene wakacibona
kuti muntu ucaalizya munsu ulalumwa, wakati, “Atuleke biyo
tukabateye.” Elyo nkokusiya babateya. Nilyakasika acila-
ngankumo kaile kulila kabotu kabotu biya ‘ntuu’ katobolo.

Obo buzuba munene tanaakoona pe, kucili kooko wakatuma

mwana kuti abusye bantu basimunzi boonse. Bakasiya muntu kuti aume ngoma mbwatimvwide ngoloolo. Nkumvwa takinaba kaindi bayuuma ngoloolo. Awalo wakasiigwa wakatalika kuuma ngoma yabukali, aswebo twakatalika kutijaana kuya nkumunya oko kwakafwida munyama. Twabona bamuleta kale bali mutembede agwezo bantu musanu mubatatu. Sena nkumuuna. Kuti bamutula bakali kumulyatauka amaulu. Kumunzi bakamutula aŋanda yamunene. Boonse bantu bacisi ca-Nampeyo bakaboola kuti bazikulange munyama wajaigwa. Bantu bakaunkide ategwa bakaakujana ntobolo yamunene njiyamujaya.

Masiku ayo alike mwana muniini nguwakoona nkaambo basyuumbwa abo bakali babili. Ino oyo wakacaala nguwakali mukaintu. Titwakoona ncobeni obo buzuba pe. Mbukwakasiila watalika kutimba mukalongo kakali kunyika awaawo mpubakalumina ŋombe, elyo notulalila, twamvwa kulila uzyabuzya muni. Kunyina awakaizya pe buzuba obo. Walo waboola watimba mpamunya akali kufundilwa mweenzinyina. Kunyina awakali kukonzya kusondela pe, koonse biya kuputauka abulo swebo mputwakaledede cakali kwaala, unakuti naatikumvwe. Alo kuti kana kakola, sena nkukanyemena, "Webo, uyanda kutuletelezya."

Boonse bakali kuboola kuswaya akuzeka bakali kuboola kulanga gutwe lyasyuumbwa awo mpamunya mpolyakaa-samikwa.

CAANDANO 4

LWIINDI LWAMAINZA

NAAKAINDA mazuba maniini biyo ndakamvwa kuti bayanda kukumba lwiindi lwamainza. Nkubona ncobeni tanaakuba mazuba batalika kukumba. Pesi ciindi eco tiikwakali bukoko bunji mbuli bwakali ciindi camupeyo. Mumunzi wakuliswe kwakali biyo maanda kumi aŋanda yomwe. Nilwakasika

lwiindi ndakakolwa biyo mumantabe, mumutongola ndakali kuyanda kuti ndangilile zintu mbozitiyende. Bukoko mebo ndakali kubunywa kapati. Lya-Jilisimusi wamwaka oyo cakandaalila akusika ku-Chikuni: nkwiide kunywa bukoko mumona mwa-Cipembele. Pesi ino lwiindi olu ndakati nseelede kukolwa pe. Cifumofumo twakaunka kusaanguna kuya kunijila Nsondo, nkaambo lwiindi sunu lyoonse bacita kuti lukanywe mu-Nsondo. Nitwakaboola toonse twaindilila kuya ku-Makamba nkaambo nkulwakali kuya kotalikila. Mebo tiitwakali kusiya a-Maanya pe. Kuzyila buzuba mbwaakandilumya maanko, twakayanzana alimwi nkaambo kamajwi ngindakamwaambila. Ambeyo ndakasola kulizizya nokuba kuti kasimbi kakali kundiyanda. Obo buzuba sena kalo mwati nkusama! Ndakaide kucimvwa kuumwa ntuku ba-Maanya: inga kwasotokwa mujulu ategwa, "Langa mwana kasimbi kangu sena nkubota!" Elyo ambeyo nkuvwiilizya. Nokuba boobo tikakali kumuyanda akumuyanda pe, tunjijunji akwiitwa koonse kakali kukaka.

Nitwakasika ku-Makamba twakajana makwaya baaimika kale basimbi balazyana. Aswebo twanjila. Pesi kunyina kasimbi kakali kundikonda mbuli nkanga Jesi pe. Inga mpaawo ndaleka biya akuzyana koonse ndatalika kulanga biyo nkako nkokazyana. Aba bamwi unakuti babisya biya, kubota baile kulekela nkako kalike.

Nitwakakatala kuzyana twakaima a-Maanya twiide kubandika twamusalo. Kwakasika simizyeesu Sautu wakati, "Nywebo nobasankwa ba-Makamba, sena nombe zyanu zilivilide?" Walo Maanya amvwe boobo waide kuyuma kuseka ati, "Basa ino nguni ngwabuzya munene oyu? Webo ubuzya ntuswe?" Munene wakati, "Inzya." Maanya wakavwiila mujwi lyakunyema wakati, "Sena watubona ntuswe notweembela? Nkaambonzi ncotabuzyi bana bayembela? Kozwa akuzwa swebo tatukombi naba munene inga twamubansula."

Ndamwaambila kale nguzu zyokwa Sautu amajindi akwe,

abukali bwakwe. Pesi nokuba boobo tanakali kucita malwena-
nalwana pe. Ino ncicaanga wakasokwa. Naakamvwa majwi
ayo wakaide kwaasama ulaamba, "Maawe nobalombwanama,
malwezanzi aya! Webu omwana muniini ociyupila kumu-
lomo ndongwe, nduwe ocita boobu kuli ndime lwangu webu?
Webu kasimpe? Alimwi fuuti nombe zyakali kulya mumu-
nda wangu. Webu ncinzi nconga wacita kuli ndime?"

Sena awalo Maanya ulitene kufusa. Walo Sautu mbwaaka-
bona kuti wafusa nkwiide kujata amubili—kwee—ngwe nzinga
njumu nta. Wakoona awo kaindi kasyoonto biyo, mbwaaka-
bukila nkukunga mabwe, waunka kuti akaume Sautu, pesi
bantu bakamusisa Sautu. Bantu inga batiiti kuvuna biya,
sena walo ulamvwa. Limwi nkwiide kuleka. Elyo akalo
nkanga banyina nkumvwa nokabwelebwezya kuti, "Akaka
nobacaangu amundijatile sincinko oyo camuzila kale," kumwi
kalasekaseka. Akaka inga batiiti kujata, walo uyanda kuuma
mbabo mabwe bamujata, limwi boonse bacileka ategwa,
"Kabalijatila sizyi balaa mwana." Ino akalo kaunka muni-
muni anguwe ategwa, "Taata akaka ndakukomba biya inga
watontomana langa limwi ulandeeetela mulandu." Walo
mbwaakavuumukila mulubayi lwakunze, banyina balaansi.
Twati niino ncili ncibali kusekaseka baumwa mbabo. Akalo
kacembele kukacita boobo, kabuka kalaamba, "Taata Maanya,
ndebanyoko ndime ngouma boobu abantu boonse aba babu-
ngene, tozi sena kuti ndime ndakakuzyala? Akalo kala kangu
nokanyanide obuno nkakakakujisi. Alimwi atukolo otuno
ntutwakali kukusanina." Walo kwiile kutegwa, "Fuseke
mwandisabila ndamwaan zamuna alimwi mebo." "Maanya
taata Maanya, mwati nindatakazyala nduwe biya, te me ati
nindakasondoka?" Walo wiide kupalauka mbuli mbwa-
konzya. Amane waunka kuli banyina, wabajata musingo
ategwa, "Ndakujaya webu, ubwekanzi lyoonse? Sena yaku-
kola nsima? Kutu koyanda koya kusyokwe ukalifwide."
Bakaboola bakaintu bambi bobilo ategwa, "Acu taata Maanya
banyoko biya mbocita boobo?" Walo waleka banyina inga

aumwi mbamuti mudyansu wamwida ulaansi. Elyo ino bamubusya, wiide kufusa mabwe kumunzi limwi bantu boonse baide kutija. Toonse swebe twatalika kutija. Limwi nokuya kusika Cilanga biya nguwakamwaanga akumutola kunkuta. Mpoona awo Sibbuku wakaamba kuti bantu boonse belelede kuya ku-Malimba bakanywide nkuko.

Munzila twakali kweenda a-Jesi abasimbi bambi. Ndakamwiita Jesi ndati kuli nguwe, "Basa inga kamubalaya basankwa banu ncibi ciya." Kalo ategwa, "Ozi Kosima, ndabula mbwecita buya. Sa ino bantu boonse kabati musankwa okwa ndime nguwatwa. Alimwi kabati nguuma banyina. Kumwi kayi lyoonse nsemuyandi akale." Me ndati, "Ino ayebo kolibambila kuumwa mwaakukwatana, wabona itazyamuntu uuma banyina." Kalo ati, "Twaakukwatana ani? Ndatasondoka. Kuti ndabula basankwa nseide kuumuna biyo; otati butema bulajaya." Limwi twasika kumunzi wakuliswe wa-Malimba, abasilwiindi boonse. Akwalo oko bakazyana makwaya mpoceela, limwi liyanda kubbila zuba.

Nibakali kuyanda kumwaika bantu kwakabuka nkondo imbi. Tindakaibonena amukondo eyo pe, ndakaide kubona muntu ulwana. Ncinga Timoti kale. Cakali kulwana aumwi muntu waku Lweeta, izina muntu oyo ndibakamwaantikizya ategwa ngu-Saatani nkaambo wakali kuuma. Nibakakatala kuvuna bantu, bamwi bakati, "Atubaleke aba ninsaizi baleelene." Sa ncobeni babaleka baumana nyindi ziyosya, limwi ncinga Timoti cajata amubili: maawe kwaba kumupa coolwe walo muntu oyo. Inga mbwaacijata mumabambo, nce! nzinga. Alimwi cabuka, walo alimwi mbwacitumbatila biyo mumabambo—nce! nzinga, limwi ncobeni caile kukatala. Walo nkupwaila nzinga ansi, sa mbwaanga akali akabbunta, nkujana cakwiide kutuba mubili oonse buuu, walo nkupwaila: limwi bakubona bakulibo kuti bavune. Abalo ba-Lweeta ati mubaleke. Kayi mbobakabwene kuti teesi wakulibo uumwa. Tee mpampawaawo akabukila lumamba lupati. Ubweza nkoli,

munsi, jamba, keembe, sumo ancili zyoonse. Kufumbwa wajanika, nkwiide kuuma. Bakaintu abana boonse kaide kutu kalyalyalya musyokwe. Walo mwami wacisi ciindi eco wakali ku-Mazabuka kumuswaangano. Wakali kutegwa ulaboola mbubona buzuba obo. Abalo bantu ncibakali kulwanima boobo bakalizi kuti tako. Cilanga alike wakaalilwa kuzima nkondo. Alimwi bantu banjibanji bakakanzide kumuuma masiku ngeena ayo. Nkondo takuli nkokulula buzuba obo, limwi bantu banji baide kusubila malowa mubili oonse.

Wakalesya nkondo eyo mwami naakaboola. Mbwaakase-lukila acitima a-Monze nkutanta ncinga yakwe njaakaside. Wakali kucovwa ncobeni mudaala oyo, elyo aboobo kaimidi komwe waliwaala mumunzi akamboni wakwe. Mbwaakasi-kila biyo bantu nkujana uli mpayuba, boonse balikutatauka baumuna. Akumwaika bantu bamwaika.

Kuli cintu alimwi cakacitika ncelede kutaluba kwaamba pe: bina Maanya nokuba kuti mwanaabo wakabauma alimwi wakali kubatukila akati kabantu boonse, tibakakondwa kujana kuti mwanaabo waangwa. Aboobo bakafuma cifumofumo kuzikubwenta kumwami. Mpubakabisya tibakaboola kuziku-kanana amwami lwakwe kuti bamwaambile pe, balo mbubakalulyatila lubuwa lwamunzi, batalika kutukila, balaamba, "Nomutyani manyokwe nomuli mumunzi muno. Mundaambile mwanaangu ncaakacita ncimwakamwaangila. Watyani mebo? Mwakabona zisimbi zyamanyokwe zibe zyabana babantu. Nguni ngomwaangide oyo? Sena mwanaanu? Nywebo ndizi tabumyongi, mebo ndakayumwide inga bwamyongabwalo bula bwabaama kabupenga kuno. Ncinzi we amundaambile ncaakacita? Tanakali kuuma ndime ndebanyina sena? Mebo kayi ndizibide mbwanduuma lyoonse, tanakasaanguna jilo lilike pe."

Elyo awo Cilanga wakavwiila wakati, "Mbubo nobacembele twamuleka mwanaanu, twakali kuvuna ndinywe biyo kuti atani kumuumi, alimwi twakali kuti tumulaile." Mpamunya awo

wakamusungulula Maanya. Balo ategwa, "Timwakamusungila kaambo kangu pe, mwakamusungila kuti nkaambo cakali kuzwangana amuntu wa-Malimba. Alimwi waamba kuti mwakali kuyanda kundilaila, inga mwamulaya buti muntu mpataana awa? Itazya ndime wandaalila endaawe, sa mumukonzye nywe? Tau tamumukonzyi pe. Wandaalila biya mebo akuba kuti kamunga kamumusobanina, uzikujaya umwi, oyu ngumalikopo wamuntu. Ino kamucaala nobantu bamumunzi oyu nyoonse ndamutukila. Mwakapegwa zyami zya-mapuwo kamwiide kwaanga bana babantu banyina ancobacita." Elyo mbabakaintu abo ndakaide kunyandwa moyo wabo. Alimwi kayi kaabe taangwi naakajaya muntu Maanya, balo antela nicakabakonda.

Nilwakamana lwiindi bantu boonse bakali kulwana lyalwiindi bakalunga.

CAANDANO 5

KU-NSONDO

CUINDI lino cakali cakulimina. Pesi buzuba bumwi ndakajana Jesi wacaala amunzi, elyo ambeyo ndakajanika kunyina ankweya pe, nkaambo ndakamana kukofola. Ndakaunka kuli nguwe ndati, "Ino webo cikulesya kuya kukulimina ninzi?" Kalo kakavwiila kalaamba, "A inga wati cimbi ninzi? Tii mbutolo. Kucisa musana! Muli bayumu nywebo tata." Me ndati mbayumu bani? Kalo ati, "Nywebo tata." Nkabela mebo ndati, "Notutyani?" Kalo, "Nomutamvwi misana nkwiicisa, swebo inga cicili cifumofumo nkufwa kulyoolola." Mebo ndati, "Antela undisempuzya biya cita, mebo biya kayi kunyina neya kuunka kabili kukulimina." Kalo ati, "Mwakomana tata." Mebo elyo tindakayoowa biya akukabuzya, ndakaide kutalika ndati, "Ino webo mwana tuya kusyabana nzilanzi anduwe?" Kalo ategwa, "Cita omwini." Kamane ategwa, "Ino alo uzi buti kuti inga ndilakuzumina?" Me ndati,

"Ayo twaaleke; kusaanguna atujane biyo nzila." Kalo kaide kuyuma kuseka. Mane ndati, "Ino kayi mbuli nduwe inga ino notukala munzi omwe biya, nconga wandikakila inga wata ncinzi?" Kalo ati, "Sena tozi kuti kusyabana mumunzi ncibi nkaambo inga mweenzinyoko naunwa komubwene." Me ndakati, "Ino walo muntu uuma mbuli ntuswe mputwataana ano inga ati twalenganzi?" Kalo ati, "Takufumbwa, aa bamwi baumwa buti?" Me ndati, "Kayi abo tabasi ntuswe." Kamane kalo ati, "Ino alo webu nkuli nkosyabide?" Ndati, "Sena undisempuzya biya? Mebo mubone musimbi obuno mbwentuba? Tii kubota nindali mbuli Maanya." Kalo ati, "Wandisabila mebo akuba ino. Ngwanzi ngoleta ulya." Me, "Ozi kasimpe ndaibula nzila yakuti inga tulaswabana anduwe." Akalo ategwa, "Ambeyo ndaibula nzila njenga ndakajaya kasuwa." Mebo mane ndati, "Kayi alo inga ulandizumina?" Kalo, "Kukuzumina kuti undityani?" Mebo, "Kuti tusyabane andime biya ozi." "Cita eco cizi Leza, pesi kusyabwa biya mebo nseyandi pe, ino cijanyanzi? Otati inga wazwa meja. Ino kolanga mpaawa caide kundinjizya mumapenzi kuli Maanya. Kusyabwa biya tiindali kuyanda pe, cita antela mwakali." Awo ndayoowa ndati pe ndeelede kumuleka kumwaambauzya musimbi oyu nkaambo inga ulazumina ncobeni kuti tusyabane andime. Aboobo ndakamusiya biyo ndati inga koya kulyuumya kuli Maanya. Kunyina muntu wakali kunjila Nsondo mbuli Maanya pe. Tanakali kuluza pe, ndabona nkaambo kakasimbi kakwe akalo katakali kuluza. Pesi ncaakali kuliminya kuunka ku-Nsondo ambeyo tindakali kucibona nkaambo wakali kunga walo kuti na mwiiyi walubizya kubala zilumbo, walo nkuseka. Alimwi tanaakali kusiikizya kuseka pe, nkugwagwamuna biya kuseka walo.

Elyo bumwi buzuba ciindi mwiiyi utegwa Syaagwapy naka-kali kufundisya nkukona ku-Nampeyo, wakanyema kapati. Eco ciindi twakamuka kuboola ku-Nsondo, twajana banjila kale bantu, walo ino mpamunya awo nkutwakamuka watalika

kuseka mucikolo. Alimwi inga mwiiyi waleka kulumba waide kulanga nguwe biya, elyo awalo waumuna kaindi ako nkacilangide kuli nguwe mwiiyi, mbwatalika kubala, kufumbwa abballisya kubala, walo nkukwamuka kuseka. Limwi mwiiyi waamba ategwa, "Maliko, Maliko yawe, ncinzi ncoseka lyoonse?" Kumvwa boobo walo kwaba kumwiindilizya, inga wayuminina ansi, limwi wazwa anze. Nikaaba kaindi naya kunjila mukati alimwi. Mwiiyi naakatalika kukambauka wakaamba zintu zinjizini.

Wakatalika ategwa, "Nywebo nobantu ba-Nampeyo, maanu anu ali mbuli mucila wampongo. Nkaambo mucila wampongo ucita kuti mpongo niilumwa mbuwo, walo wiide kunijina biyo, taukonzyi akuuma mbuwo pe. Aboobo mucila ulya ncelezyo biyo, nkaambo kunyina ancuupanga. Anywebo nobantu bakokuno mbumubede: maanu mulaajisi, pesi tamwaa-belesyi pe, bongo nobuliko mumutwe ncelezyo biyo. Kuti nimwali kwaabelesya maanu anu, nimwalicizi ciindi cakuseka, ciindi cakulumba aciindi cakuzyana. Ino mwakajana muntu waboola mucikolo, waboolela biyo kuseka, ciindi kacili ncakulumba Mwami; sena oyo muntu utegwa ulijisi maanu? Pe, pe, kunyina maanu pe. Uli biyo mbuli nombe iitacizi acimbuzi kuti cili kuli. Yalo mpamunya mpiyakoona ilakonzya kuti isiye mafumba. Kuti yasika muno mucikolo ncecimbuzi, alimwi neņanda yakulida. Ndamukomba nobantu bakokuno amusole kubelesya bongo bwanu bwakamupa Mwami wanu wakamulenga."

Twakamvwa mbobuya nokuba kuti mwiiyi wakatutukila. Walo Maanya wakanyema kapati nkaambo wakabona kuti nguwaambwa. Elyo katana akumanizya kucumaila mwiiyi walo wakazwa anze. Mwiiyi wakaamba zintu zinjizini, cintu cimwi ncaakaamba ncakuti, "Nkaambo kakuti ndabona kuti kuli bantu bamwi mukati kesu bacizi kubala kapati aboobo ndajana kuti mbabaseka beenzinyina, ino nakupa mbabo kuti kababala mbabo zilumbo, nkaambo swe tobamwi tulalubizya, tatuli bana Leza pe."

Nitwakazwa Nsondo Maanya ategwa mebo ino nsecinjili mukati kacikolo pe. Ncobeni wakali kunga lyeonse wiide kucaala anze asika ku-Nsondo kuzyila ciindi eco. Bumwi buzuba mwiiyi naakali kucumaila alimwi wakatalika kusendelezya Maanya ategwa, "Nomuboola ku-Nsondo muleelede kuboolela kuti mukalumbe Mwami, aikoona kuti mwasika kwiide kwiima anze. Ino inga muntu ulya ncalonda ninzi? Nkokuti inga swe twati walonda basimbi pesi."

Naakazwa anze mwiiyi wakati kuli Maanya, "Mulongwaangu ino webo nkaambonzi ncoitanjilili mucikolo kayi?" Walo wiide kuuzya. Alimwi mwiiyi wabuzya, walo nkwiide kuumunye. Limwi waide kuti, "Ino kayi inga uboolelanzi otayandi kunjila mucikolo?" Aawo walo kwaba kumubusya, wakabuzya mwiiyi ati, "Eena ndime ngooli kwaamba?" Walo mwiiyi ati, "Inzya buya mulongwaangu nduwe nkaambo wandikopa kayi ncoolelela mebo candizimina kuti na ninzi cita." Walo wakanyema ati, "Webo omwiiyi undizondelanzi boobu kayi? Alimwi abobuya buzuba ndakamvwa wakali kundedzya mbuli mucila wampongo. Mebo maanu abe mbuli mucila wampongo? Ncinzi ncindakakucitila ncondizondela boobu? Sena antela nkweboola ku-Nsondo ndabisya?" Wakanyema kapati, asyaati wasamununa kale uyanda kuti afuse. Twatiiti kujata walo takonzeki ategwa, "Mumuleke nkaambo kaba kaindi nsemuleka."

Oyo Syaagwapywa ngwindamwaambila kale tanakali muntu wakuobanina pe, wakali muntu mulamfu, usiya, alimwi wakalijisi abbili pati pe. Igutwe lyakwe lyakali lipati alyalo lilamfulamfu—jembeembe lyamutwe. Bamwi bantu bakali kumwiita kuti ngu-Mupapali nkaambo kagutwe nkulya kapapalete. Nokuba kuti kunyina ngucakaina lwanide limwi, kuti walanga biyo majindi amabboko, inga walibonena ayebo kuti muntu oyu ulijisi nguzu zitaambiki. Muyeeye kuti walo wakalijisi bana bobilo, walo Maanya ndabona wakali biyo amyaka ili kumi amusanu amyaka yotatwe. Lyalo mbulyakabona kuti wabilila lyaunka, mbulyakamujata biyo akuboko

akumutyanka, tau wiide kuniŋina, atyani. Mbulyakamulekela waunka musyokwe. Nitwakaunka swebo kuya kumulanga, twakajana ulipwaya mabwe mumutwe. Bantu balo ategwa mankuma abuka. Pesi twakamujata tocinji naya kutontomana.

CAANDANO 6

BAALIMBA MATEWO

CIINDI lino cakali afwaafwi kusika kumupeyo, yalo mpeyo yakatalikide kale. Mweenzuma twakali kweenda limwi mazuba oonse, nokuba kuti tanaakali kundisyoma kapati nkaambo kabantu bakali kumubejela kuti ndakali kumuyanda ' mukaintu ' wakwe.

Bumwi buzuba ndakaunka kuya kutema miscete yakuyoka. Nindakaboola okuya ndakainda kukuyunza, nkaambo ndakabona nziba nkozindisangila lyoonse. Ndati nkokuti ndajaya cimwi cintu. Nindakaselela amwi acito ndakamvwa unakuti kuli nkwindakatiimvwe majwi abantu bambaula—basimbi. Ndatikome kuswiilila ndamvwa kunyina. Inga nzikulange mumsi akuulu kwangu nkujana ndinga cisasa lipati, mpamunya alyalo mpulyakateeti lisotoke lilume, ambeyo ndasotoka, ndatija. Mapopwe oonse aide kumwaika. Elyo ndakatalika kuuma nzoka eyo. Pesi kusaanguna yakandikatazya nkaambo ndakali kwiide kwiinzya. Limwi ndakalumbila ndati kuti njiinzye lino ndiisiya. Mbwindakafusila waawo ndakayuuma eni amutwe, kwacaala buyo kusaulula. Elyo ndalyaambauzya endike ndati, " We wagunwa ndakujaya wati ndilume."

Mbwindakamanina kwaamba majwi ayo, ndaide kumvwa bati nkwinysi, nkwinysi kuseka kunze lyangu. Mbaa-Jesi akana. Alimwi ndakagunwa nindakajana kuti kuli bali kundeebelela, kunyina ancindakaamba pe. Walo Jesi ategwa, "Omuti oonse sa ulalyaambauzya. Ino noolikwaamba obuya wali kuti igunwe ncobeni nzoka yafwa kale? Sa inga togunwa

nduwe. Alimwi ozi twasika kaindi." Mebo ndati, "Ozi nsenagunwa boobu mbundakali kuba pe." Baide kuseka, ambebo nkubwezelela mapopwe.

Ndakatalika ndati, "Musa cainda, cainda. Mbubo atulube mbuli mbwindali kulyaambauzya. Musa kunyina muntu wandijaila mutwe mbuli nduwe. Luyando kuli nduwe ndupati, alimwi lulakomena mazuba oonse. Pesi kusyabana kunyina mbotunga tulasyabana pe, nkaambo uli mumaanza asyuumbwa. Kunyina muntu ukonzya kwaakununa nyama iili mukanwa kaciwena pe, ayebo musa mbobede. Elyo nikwatali boobo ndabona kasimpe ayebo inga ulakonzya kundizumina mbuli ndime, cita kobe ulisondokede biya nonga wandikaka mbuli ndime, nkaambo kukuyanda webo tindatalika sunu, antela jilo—nkaindi. Swiilila makani ngetikwaambile. Maanya nkobali bantu bamubejela kuti webo tulayandana andime. Cimwi ciindi antela nduwe." Kalo awo kakavwiila ati, "Yawe, elyo mbuli yuulya ngwentayandi akuyanda inga ndamwaambilila kuti ndamana njanenzi?" Mebo ndati, "Cita ambeyo nseambi kuti nduwe biya pe, pesi nkobali bantu batubwene; bantu ozi balakatazya, nkaambo balakonzya kubona cili mumoyo wamuntu. Ino nkujana baunka kuli Maanya ategwa mweenzinyoko nguukusendela musimbi. Elyo tatweendi kabotu a-Maanya pe. Tiwakandibona ciya ciindi ncindakazimbide meso, amutwe amatwi? Mbabona mbabakandi-lumya maanko akaambo kanduwe. Ino atusise kuti tulayandana." Kalo ati, "Ino kayi tusise buti?" Me awo wakaide kubbwaluka anzyini moyo. Ndaide kuliyeeya endike mumoyo ndati eena kalandiyanda. Ndakakaambila ndati, "Koswiilila nkwenciya kayi oko. Mbotutisise mboobu: webo uleelede kulitondezya kuti ulamuyanda musankwa wako, elyo ulakonzya kulitondezya kuti ulamuyanda kuti wamulembela lugwalo lwalembwa andime. Kayi nkaambo awalo ulikuzi kuti tocizi kubala pe, aboobo uyakuyeeya kuti nduwe walemba. Ndaakumana kululemba lugwalo ndizikuboola nzikulubale kuli nduwe kutegwa uzibe ncindalemba." Wakazumina pesi

ategwa tindali kuyanda kulitondezya kuti ndamuyanda mebo pe.

Mbwindakasikila kumunzi ndakalemba ndati:

Oyandika dear Wangu Maliko,

Kutaanguna inga ndati mebo kuno ndapona, cita nduwe. Makani angu ngaaya: musa kuti komvwa twabantu mulandu wako. Mebo ndakuyanda, pesi webu ndamvwa kuti uyeeya kuti kuli musankwa umbi undiyanda. Kuti koyeeya boobo ulalijaila biyo moyo wako. Mebo nsekonzyi kusyabwa basankwa bobilo pe. Alimwi nsekonzyi kucijaya kuli nduwe, cita ukacijaye nduwe biya. Sena ndime ndakakutalika nenticijaye? Nguwena wakatalika nguuya kwaamba kuti sunu cafwa. Bantu langa balafumbwa Kosima anakundilailila makani azyila kuli nduwe, balo ategwa tulayandana. Utani kupenzyi biyo moyo wako musa, mebo anduwe tunakukede lyoonse.

Ndamana ndime

Jesi Kasyimbi.

Nindakamana kulemba ndakatola kumwana a-Munene wakali kwirya mu-6 ku-Chikuni. Ino ciindi eco bakajisi mupumuno. Waka 'kopa' mujanza lyakwe lugwalo olo alimwi twakali kuyandana amusankwa oyo. Elyo nindakamana kumubalila Jesi ndakamata mbala munji, elyo twakapabana bacikolo baku Makamba. Twakatalika kuyandana alimwi a-Maanya. Kuzyila ciindi eco wakatalika kuboola masiku kuzikwiizya. Akalo kasimbi kakali kuunka kuti ndakalaya ndati, muzina lyangu koya. Ino nkobabandika, takayandi akuti kabaunka kule pe, mpamunya alubuwa eni aumwi ulikede ancili alimwi amubili tikakali kuyanda kujatwa pe.

Jesi wakali musazinyina ayooyo mwana a-Munene wakandikopela lugwalo, nkaambo Munene wakakwete bakaintu Bayuni. Aboobo nitwakaswaangana a-Maanya ategwa, "Nduwe wakalembela mukaangu mugwalo mulamu?" Walo waka-

zumina. Kwaide kutegwa, "Ma sunu mulamu mwiide kulemba anga makuwa."

Bumwi buzuba wakaboola Maanya kuti azikubandike amusimbi wakwe. Swebo ayoooyo musankwa mwana a-Munene twakali kulindila kuti nkaambo ndiza kalamupili-nganina kasimbi. Amane walo oyo musankwa wakeenda ndacaala endike. Ndakamvwa kutaanguna kasimbi ategwa, "Kwasiya njanda kuya kukoona." Mbukakaambila boobo awalo Syaampongo ukalela twamvwa waboola ulaita kumwi. Mpamunya awo awalo musimbi wakaunka; nibakaswaangana, Syaampongo ategwa, "Wali kuli?" Kalo kasimbi kakati, "Ngu Maliko wandiitide." Walo ategwa, "Maliko wakuli?" Kalo ategwa, "Waku Makamba." Walo ino ati, "Te sena ngumunya ulya musankwa ulwana abapati utayoowi akuyooowa. Elyo ngooli kuunkila biya ulya. Sena baama uyanda kulisowa biya. Ulabaleka basankwa balomenye mumunzi mwanu, sa ukayande waku Makamba kulekule sinciko wamuntu. Alo inga unga ulakuzumizya kukwatwa kuli yuulya nguni? Muntu ino ayebo nomulanga Maanya ulya. Tali muntu ngusokwe wamuntu. Kuti nzikumubone alimwi, nkumukandaula pe-pe-pesi, pe-e-e-pesi. Tatatatali mumuntu wa-kukukukokoko-konzya kukuyanda muntu wawawaciimo cako pepepepe!" Oyu munene wakali kukatazya kubbabbalisya kuti caboola cakubbabbalisya kukanana.

Bumwi buzuba wakaboola alimwi tamvwi pe. Obo buzuba kasimbi kakakaka kuti kabaambaula mebo nsetako. Aboobo limwi ndakaile kukala munsimunsi ambabo. Obo buzuba awalo ncaakaboolela nkaambo bakaintu balike mbabaaliko. Elyo twakalikwaya, nkwiide kubandika kabotu biya. Twakazikubona muntu wiide kuyubuluka. Inga tuzikulange, mbiima Jesi acisako. Twaile kumwaikizyanya kutija kuya mumatewo. Balo ategwa, "Nindamujana nindamulindula musako. Nguni waliko?" Kasimbi ati, "Mba-Kosima a-Maliko waku Makamba." Balo ati, "Sena ayebo omwanaangu uyanda kupuuma

biya? Ino nguli musankwa biya alya ino uboolelwa? Ino muntu awalo nomubwene ulya? Mbuli yooyu sokwe wamuntu, bbule wamuntu, mubwa wamuntu, utacizi akulemenezya. Oyu unga andebanyinazyala inga nkuumwa biya, musankwa awalo? Wakajana kuli musankwa uuma banyina? Inga koti musankwa oyo? Pe, pe, tali musankwa pe, nceelezyo biyo. Alimwi baama ntakakuboni kabili kamwiimvwi amusankwa ulya. Malusi kuli ndime."

Swebo nitwakayaana musyokwe twakaima, twamvwa bata-
lika kutambikizya kuli ntuswe ategwa, "Maanya, kuti uka-
boole kabili kuno nkukuuma biya. Kolumba kuti ino wajana
ulaamunzi tako. Mbuli nduwe osokwe wamuntu; tii mucila
biyo ulike utako naanga kunyina ampomwiindana asokwe
wamusyokwe. Ankanga banyoko nyoonse muli babwa ba-
kwanza. Tamuli bantu. Alimwi ntakakuboni tubili biya
kuno pe. Awalo mwana wangu oyu nomubwene ulipengede
wabula mbwakutanda, nguzu zyamuceela. Takuyandi tau
biya. Ayebo taata Mutinta utanaanga koleta mwananyokwe
oyo. Mulelede kumuleka mwanaangu alike na tamumu-
yandi, tamweelede kuti kamumusambala kuli basokwe baba-
ntu mbuli mwananyokwe oyo. Mulelede kumuleka alike,
ciya kumubwezela cintu kufumbwa nocibija."

Swebo twaile kuswentemana mumatewo. Tumane twaile
kwaandana, mweenzuma ati, "Musa, ino nsecibooli kabili.
Kayi balaa mwana tabandiyandi. Alimwi mebo fuuti inga
ndabauma kuti kabanditukila bobuya, alo cintu cainda kucisa
nkaambo kakuti abamaama boonse balabatukila. Mebo ozi
mwana, kunyina angwekomba pe."

Lino ciindi cakali cakutebula. Bumwi buzuba ndakalikede
ancili ndabala bbuku, ndakamvwa bamaama nkobandiita
ategwa, "Taata kofwambaana koya ukazyuume nkombe zyaa-
mana mapopwe acilwi mputwalundika sunu. Langa nzeziya
zilalibonya." Ncobeni ndakazibona nkombe mumuunda aboo-
bo ndakatijaana kuya kuzyuuma. Nindakajoka ndakabona
nguulya Jesi mumulonga ulasamba mumaulu. Ndakaunka

kumbele nkwindanda kuya kumunzi kutegwa ainda, mukongwe. Pesi ndakausa kujana kuti uli abanyina. Aboobo ndakayubona biyo munsaa mugwagwa ndaswiilila kuti mvwe ncobaamba. Ijwi ndindakasaanguna kumvwa ndyakuti, "Ino wainda kuli Kosima ndamubwene biya inoino awa?" Mebo ndakanyandwa mpundakakede endike ndati eena wandibona! Balo banyina bakavwiila ati, "Kosima oyu Mutinta?" Kalo nkanga Jesi ati inzya, ngonguwe. Banyina alimwi ati, "Ino ti mbabasankwa baya banga kuti kasyabide mwanaako wati inzya mwanaangu ulisyabidwe. Ino baya mbomubelausyanya? Tau inga alimwi wati ndakamuzyalila biyo, Mweetwa taata."

Ino mbubakasikila kweelanya ampindakabede, cisaka caide kuyauka, mapopwe aamuwa oonse aide kudoomokela ansi. Mendaile kulumba mumoyo ndati mvwe kabotu ncobana kukanana. Kumwi balabwezelela mapopwe, mwana wabo waka-bavwiila wakati, "Ino baama nomwaamba boobo otati biya inga wamwaanga nkole musankwa kuti ndiyande. Ti walo nkokukutukila kuti katakuyandi biya?" Balo nkabela ategwa, "Ino mbuli Mutinta wati weba takuyandi? Ti nkukona nkosyabidwe kumweenzinyina ncecimulesya." Mwanaabo wakati, "Awalo biya ulaamba." "Ino tomvwide," bakavwiila banyina, "mebo kayi ndimubwene kabotu biya kuti ulakuyanda. Sena awalo muntu ulazimina? Alimwi mwana ulya ujisi ciimo cibotu. Koonse kuli banyina ulajana mutete. Wakajana muntu uuma bakamuzyala, alimwi mbamunya mbabamupa kulya? Sa inga koti musankwa oyo? Teesi musankwa oyo pe, malabisi pesi." Nkabela bakamana kubwezelela mapopwe beenda balaya. Ambeyo neya kuyubuluka. Yakandinjilila mizeezo minjiminji. Ndakayeeya kuti kiboneka kuti musimbi ulya nguwangu biya kwa-Leza. Cakali abalo balaamwana balandiyanzia kapati kuti kubota mwana wabo ndamukwata. Ndaile kuti ino inga ndacita buti kuti kasuwa kamweenzuma kafwe kuti ndamana nsyabe ndime? Elyo ndakazimininwa.

Buzuba obo mbubona bamaama bakandituma kuya kusunza tombwe wamumpemo kuli bina Jesi. Pesi tindakabajana pe, elyo Jesi ategwa kobalindila balaboola. Mebo ndakakala muni iyakwe ndakumbata akuboko kumwi. Nkujana tanditapuli akunditapula pe. Me ndaile kwiindilila kupenga. Amane wabuzya nkwindaatoyza ciindi ncandibwene. Me ndati ku- saanguna ndali kuti ulaalike pesi mane ndatija nindajana kuti bali babili abanyina. Ndati, "Ino kuti bandijana kuti nseku- mbete obu inga tabakwe kundikalalila pe banyoko? Aaba banene mpebayoowela mebo, mbuli mbubakatutukila obuya buzuba!" Walo waile kuseka ategwa, "Sena elyo eliya bakali kutukila nduwe? Webo nee ozi ulayandwa kuli mbabo, ategwa nkaambo ulijisi mulemeko. Kutu Maanya bamujana obu!" Sa anga unakuti kwainda ciindi cisyooonto, mbaaba basika kale banyina. Mbwindakamvwida kuti balee- nda anze ndamuleka mwanaabo akusosoloka ndatalika. Walo musimbi waile kuyuma kuseka. Banyina bajana ula- seka. Ategwa, "Nayi, Jesi, useka cinzi?" Walo ategwa, "Nseka Kosima wali ndikumbete. Ino mbumwasika sena nkufwambaana kuleka! Sa muntunyokwe koyoowa anga munyama!" Alimwi mwana oyu wakali kutunyandya kapati: taakacizi kuzima pe, twakatiiti biya kumwaambila walo ategwa mebo nsecizi kubeja pe; ategwa tanabeja mbwaakali kuzya- lilwa, ino elyo inga ulataanguna buti? Banyina bakavwiila bakati, "Pe webo taata inga nsekutukili pe, nkaambo biya uli muntu waciimo. Pesi mpondicima omwe akuti na mwanaa- ngu tomuyandi uleta basankwa bakumbi. Mbuli ba-Maanya mbakutolela mwanaangu me? Pe, pe, taata nseyandi alimwi kuti kamunga kamweenda anguwe, limwi ulaile kukubisya ayabo. Webo nekujana mbuli waawa mulikumbetene inga ndati mbubona obo mbucakalengwa. Tesi basincinko baya, me kayi inga ndamuyasa biya nolili sumo. Sena ino walonda kwizya?" Me ndakavwiila ndati, "Pe, pe, mbabaama bandi- tuma kusunza tutombwe kuli ndinywe." Balo bakavwiila bakati, "Akaka taata, mebo sunu njide kukede ncobeni; swebo

sunu tombwe ukongwa mwana biya, ngusyamankwamu. Kuti wazikuti, 'Koumuna mwana waboola tombwe,' inga mwana ulaumuna biya. Inga koboola webu; awalo biya oyu ulaa-munzi inga takwe kukutukila pe, utukila biyo baaba basokwe babantu."

Elyo bakayandaula akali tutombwe, bandipa ndeenda.

Ino mebo myaka yoonse njindakali kukala amunzi ndakali kusama akaambo kamapopwe ngindakali kulima alimwi ankuku zyangu. Pesi mumwaka oyu kwakali mvula nyinji, aboobo mapopwe angu akamana cilobe. Alimwi ankuku zyoonse zyakali kufwa kapati ciindi camainza, aboobo ndakabona kuti kuti ntaunki mumakuwa ndaceenda ncobeni cintanda; ndakatalikide kaindi kuyeeya makani ali boobu. Ciindi cimwi ninda-kaunka ku-Makamba kuya kuleta bbulo lyakutekela meenda, awalo Maanya wakandisindikila elyo ndakajana kuti awalo takonedwe kwiide kukala amunzi kulya buntele. Wakali kuyanda kuti tweende kumbeleku. Alimwi walo wakaamba kuti, "Kuli ndime mazuba ano kunyina acibotu pe, kayi banyina musimbi tabandiyandi alimwi awalo musimbi tandiyandi pe." Me ndakati, "Ino uzi buti kuti musimbi awalo takuyandi? Mebo lwangu njeeya kuti musimbi ulakuyanda, ino kulaba biyo kumukopa bazyali bakwe." Walo ati, "Kunyina biya, Mwana, awalo musimbi tandiyandi pe, mebo ndimubwene. Elyo lino amunzi oonse aide kubija, kuti nsekede lyoonse ndaide kulisina. Mebo nseyandi kutukilwa obuya Mwana pe, ayebo biya ndabona sunu ulindizi." Ndakamwaambila kuti ambeyo ndipengede kapati zyakusama, ankuku zyangu amapopwe angu zyoonse zyakamana kufwa. Aboobo njelede kuunka mumakuwa. Twakamvwana kuti tulelede ncobeni kuunka mumakuwa. Kwakacaala biyo kusala buzuba bwakutalika lweenda. Ndakamubuzya mwecanzuma ndati, "Sena musa ino sa tulindile lwiindi olu luzya antela tweende biyo?" Walo ategwa, "Mebo kunyina ancecikomba ano biya amunzi pe, alimwi amazuba malamfu kapati kuti nseli amunzi. Kuti koyanda tulakonzya kulindila lwiindi,

pesi biya kunyina ncutuyakujana pe. Mebo ndali kuyanda kufwambaana kuunka." Me ndati, "Mwana, zyoona eliya muli bwasanu nobaamba kuti inga kunyina bantu banji mucitima." Walo wakavwiila ati, "Eena musa uyanda kuti tukayende kutantwa citima biya?" Mebo ndati, "Ino webu wali nkoyanda kuli? Uyanda mu-Monze mumona omu mucikubukilo cabana? Mebo njanda ku-Lusaka biya." Wakavwiila ategwa, "Eena webu nkukooko nkoyanda? Pesi mebo nsejisi amali akukwezyeka citima pe. Ino alo babbadela mali ongaye?" Mebo ndakamwambila ndati, "Balabbadela masheleni one pesi." Wakati, "Mbubo njakubona nkaambo ndaazi baama mpubabika mali, aboobo njakubba kumi. Amwi ngakuli-gwasya munzila."

Nokuba kuti twakali kuyanda kuya mumakuwa boobo titwakaininga akucitanta citima, twakali kucibona biyo atala ciindi ncutwakali kusika ku-Monze, alyalo magusu alike ngutwakali kubona. Melo, titwakaininga akwiibona pe. Pesi twakali zuminide kuunka. Alimwi titwakajisi azitupa pe. Twakatalika kulibambila.

CAANDANO 7

BUZUMI BWABO MUMAKUWA

Muli bwasanu, cicili cifumofumo, ndakafuma atuubo twangu kuya nkukona kucibaka ncutwakaambizyenyene amweenzuma kuti tukayaane. Twakali pangene kuti uti kainde kusaanguna akeenge mukondo munzila wakutondezya mweenzinyina kuti wainda kale. Nindakasika awo ndakajana mweenzuma tako pe. Ndalikulindila walo tabooli pe. Limwi ndati sena mpihake biyo? Alimwi ndati pe, ino ndabalaya kale bali kumunzi boonse, mbuli ba-Maria—musimbi mwanookwesu aba-Jesi, aboobo ndakayoowa ndati baya kundiseka. Ndakalanga ansi ndakajana kunyina amukondo waengwa pe. Ndakatiiti njoke kuya ku-Makamba kuti nkamucinge, pesi ndakajana kuti

kwakandilampila kapati. Limwi nilyakatantatanta zuba nda-
kaide kotalika biyo kuya ku-Monze ndati uya kundijana,
ndasiya amukondo ndeenga. Akwalo ku-Monze ndatiiti
kulindila, walo mweenzuma kunyina akuboola.

Nindakali kulindila ku-Monze ciindi cakumazuba ndaka-
bona Mwami wesu ngooyu a-Mabbalani wakwe akapasu
Cilanga, ndakati tije kusaanguna mane ndati kaciba biyo a
bandityani kayi mpaawa nja kukuyandaula zyakusama biya,
tindatija biya? Aboobo ndakaunka mpobakali kwaangulwida
mapayi abo, nibakandibona mudaala wakati, "Twaba acoolwe
umwi ngooyu uti tutolele ncinga zyesu kwa-Sitelenja." Mebo
ndakavwiila ndakati, "Te kayi ambeyo njanda kukwela."
Balo ati, "A uya kuli?" Me ndati ku-Lusaka. "Ku-
Lusaka olike ukatyani?" wakabuzya Cilanga, bamwi baide
kundilanga balasekaseka. Me ndati nja kukuyandaula milimo.
Bakayandaula bantu bajokezya ncinga kutola kwa-Sitelenja,
nkaambo nkukwakali muzyibe.

Nindakababuzya bakandaambila kuti nkobaya nku-Maza-
buka, kumuswaangano wabami abamabbalani abakapasu babo.
Tindakalibona azuba kuti lyabbila lili pe. Acalo citima
nceeci cabbuka. Obo mbubwakali buzuba bwakusaanguna
kutanta citima. Nicakacili kutijaana citima, swebo katutana
tanta, cita acakati kolanga kooku. Ndakabona mweenzuma
Maanya waluleta lubilo kucitima cilunduka. Inga watisole
wiide kupusyuka, bantu boonse bakatisole kuti, "Webo
webo!" walo tamvwide pe. Limwi waide kuwa muzinga ansi.
Bantu boonse baide kuti, "Vuwooooo!" Notuya kuunka
swebo kuya kumujata. Wiide kufooma. Notubuzya kunyina
akuvwiila pe. Elyo kakaboola nkanga Singaati (guard),
kamwaanzamuna lubayi, alimwi nikakati indulule, mwami
waamba mu-Cilungubboyi kuti, "Komulekelela bwana, muntu
wangu oyu, taninga kucitanta citima."

Cakanyamuka citima. Mbucakanyamukila biyo ndamubu-
zya mweenzuma ati, "Ino kayi musa nkaambozi ncotitante
citima ncobwene biya kuti cileenda?" Walo ati bantu bali

kumwaambila kuti uleelede kufwambaana kutanta, nkaambo cimwi ciindi citima taciimi akwiima pe. Me ndati, "Sena ino waula tikiti?" Walo ati, "Tikitinzi?" Me ndakazwisya lyangu ndati, "Tonooula kapepa kali boobu?" Walo ati, "Tau, ino kayi tuulilwa kuli?" Me ndati elyo ino waile kutanta kunyina akubbadela mali pe. Walo ati, "Kayi mebo ndayeeya kuti inga babbadela ceciya ciindi nobaseluka." Mebo ndati, "Ino webu wamukilanzi, wali kutyani kumunzi?" Walo ategwa, "Kayi mebo ndatijoke ino ncicaanga ndajana webu weenga kale mukondo." "Ino watijokelenzi?" Walo ategwa, "Nkaambo sunu ndalota maloto mabi."

Notucaambaula boobo twabona kwabbuka kakuwa kazya bubuzya matikiti kubantu bakali mucitima. Mpamunya awo ndakabona mweenzuma watalika kubimba. Kakandibuzya mebo kusaanguna, ndakapa. Kamane kabuzya nguwe. Walo wakati, "Kunyina bwana." "Upi lo tikiti kawena?" Mweenzuma wakati, "Tikiti bwana nselijisi pe, tindaula tikiti." Elyo kakuwa kakati, "Bwisa mali." Walo mweenzuma nkujana tamvwide, wiide kukankama. Kalo kamwaanzamuna hubayi ategwa bwisa mali. Limwi mweenzuma wandibuzya mujwi lizezyema ategwa, "Ino-kayi-bwisa-nkokutyani?" Me ndati, "Komupa mali acitima." Sena bantu balo nku-seka mucitima! Limwi akakuwa cakaide kukacima. Ino naacili kukokobela kugusya mali, kalo kakatalika kulyata cibbala kumatako. Limwi akuyoowa kwamana wakati talike kufusa. Bantu bakali mucitima bakamulaya ati, ulaangwa kuti amuume. Walo ategwa, "Mebo nsekwe ndaba." Kalo kakakaka amali oonse ategwa keelede kumusowa akatisheni kategwa Kayuni munsimunsi aku-Monze. Sa mbucakaimina a-Kayuni, kaboola ncobeni. Kasaanguna kusowa mapayi akwe awindo kamane kamukwela. Acalo citima cakatalika kweenda alimwi, kakamutonta anze kumwi cileenda. Kuyuma muzinga ngwaakawa anze mulombwanama! Calo citima casokola caide kumusiya akati kasyaka. Ndakaunka kwakakede bami ndaakukalila nkuko.

Tindakacibona akuti cakeenda lili citima kusika a-Maza-buka, baseluka, alimwi bandipa acinkwa casheleni cakuya bulya. Nibakaunka bakandisiila cibaka cipati aboobo mebo ndakayuminina koonā. Ndakabusigwa, "Webo, koseluka wasika a-Lusaka." Ncobeni kuya kuti ndabona kwiide kumweka malaiti anze. Nibwakaca, kunyina cimbi ncindakacita, kulike kuyandaula mulimo. Aamwi mpindatisole ategwa tokwe citupa. Limwi neya kubona mukuwa wakali kuyanda muntu wakwiida mbeu. Ndakajana mubotu kapati mukuwa alimwi atwalo tumali twakali tunji. Ndakakala akusola kubeleka canguzu kutegwa andiyande muzungu.

Ino bumwi buzuba nindakamana mwezi, twakaunka amukuwa wangu kuti tukaleta mpasya kumantoolo ali mumbali amugwagwa wa-Cairo. Mukuwa wakandisiya mumootokala wakwe, walo wanjila mumantoolo. Ndakaide kumvwa uti, "Webo." Inga kuzikuceba, ndaide kujata mulomo ndaseka —mweenzuma Maanya! Ndakamubuzya ndati, "Ino musa njanda kuti undaambile mbookapenga." Pesi ino mpamunya mpaakali kuyanda kutalika makani awalo mukuwa wangu waboola. Ndakamwaambila mukuwa ndati, "Ngooyu mweenzuma ngotukala limwi kumunzi." Mukuwa wakati, "Sena wakajana kale mulimo?" Ndamubuzya Maanya waamba kuti tanajana mulimo nkaambo waseluka masiku ngeena. Mukuwa wakandibuzya, "Sena awalo mweenzinyoko oyu muyumu mbuli nduwe kubeleka?" Mebo ndakati, "Ulandiinda biya antela, nkaambo mebo ndimutolo." Elyo ategwa kaboola mukabe nyobilo.

Twasusasusa mpasya tweenda amootokala. Ciindi camasiku wakatalika kundiila mbwaakapenga: "Kusaanguna mbubakandifusila ansi a-Kayuni, ndakaakoona kwa-Muganda kuli Petulo muntu ulya ukala kwa-Syaabeenzu. Nibwakaca ndajokela kuya kumunzi. Mumona munzila ndamvwa kuti wacisya ulaciswa kapati ategwa ncoolwe kuti nkamujane." Mebo ndabuzya, "A nguwacisyanyokwenzi alya ino?" Walo ati, "Nguyuulya Thomas. Mbwindakaulondelela munzi

nkumvwa bantu balila. Mebo nindakamvwa boobo ndakati, 'Nkokuti kunyina umbi ngu-Thomas wafwa.' Ndakatalika kukondwa nkaambo muntu ulya ulalowa maningi. Ndakalumba mumoyo ndati tulikalile kaka ulowa wafwa. Ulya muntu musa wabamana banabokwesu, abalo na ncinzi cibakazikide baama muni lyakwe cita. Alimwi nindakasika eni amunzi ndakanyandwa kapati alimwi ndakajana boonse bantu balinyandidwe. Kunyina awakali kulila pe. Balike bamaama. Ndakajana Thomas nguuzemba, ino wakafwa mwanookwesu ulya musankwa Lyambayi. Ndakanyandwa kapati ndati, 'Muntu walikutegwa antela biya nsekamujani sa ino waba nguuzemba. Ino bantu balekelanzi kundaambila kuti amwana ulaciswa?' Cakatola ciindi kuti ntalike kulila. Ndakayeeya ndati nkokuti ngamalweza akuumwa amukuwa alimwi akusoo-gwa mucitima." Elyo wakatalika kwaamba makani abasimbi. Kutegwa nkanga Jesi kalamuyanda sunu kapati, ategwa akukulila kakaliko. Elyo atumwi twaambo tunji tulimvwisya kuti ntwakubeja.

Twakatalika kubeleka. Walo wakaambilwa mpondo ilaakumi. Mebo wakandipede mpondo ilaakumi acisanu, pesi nkaambo kakubeleka kabotu, wakandibikila cisanu cimbi zyaba mpondo zyobilo. Alimwi wakandicinca wanditola muncikini kusanzya mitiba, mweenzuma kali wakwiida mbeu. Ino tanaakakondwa kabotu pe, nkaambo kakuti ndakali kumwiinda kuvwola mali, alimwi ndakali kubeleka mulimo wabulemu kwiinda nguwe. Elyo wakali kuyanda kuzwa mbwakabeleka mezi yobilo. Ciindi eco bakali kulwana amukuwa nkaambo cimwi ciindi wakali kunga wiide kulede mucii-ndi cakuti kabeleka. Limwi mukuwa cakamucima wakamutanda. Ciindi camu Nsondo twakali kunga mpaawo twaunka kumangoma, nkobakali kusobana bbokoseni. Walo nkujana mbwasikila Maanya nguuli mukati. Alimwi kayi wakali kubauma.

Ino ncaakali mubi cimwi nkubasimbi. Wakali kubayanda kapati. Walo wakali kunga kuti na waunka kumusyika,

najisi mali manji, oonse alaide kumana. Walya kaaka, mpaawo kuulilwa basyamwali kuti balye. Swebo nkwiide kucesyakulanga. Walo biyo ategwa, "Mebo mali ngevwola ngakulya, nondataalya inga ndati ngatole kuli? Nsebikilila mali junzee jilo waasiya wafwa. Nkoolya taata nkoozyiba!" Sa kumucita boobo inga kufumbwa ncayanda caligwa, naamana mali, nkukweleta alimwi nokuba boobo muntu tanaakali kukonzya kumusesa pe; kuti wamusesa nkuumwa. Cita mwini alike walipeda. Kumunzi tikwakali kulekwa kukananwa, alo biya Jesi! Mpaawo kutegwa, "Ndaakuunka kumunzi, nkumutizya musimbi wangu Jesi. Alimwi kuti ndamvwa mbweli kokuno kuti umbi muntu wakamusyaba, kayi inga amulimo wacaala, ndaunka, ndajaya muntu oyo; ndamana ndanjila ntolongo nsekwe ndaba pe. Nobayanda bandijaya nsekwe mulandu. Inga nselaa mapuwo nkaambo ndati ndafwida musimbi wangu."

Mebo amukuwa wangu twakali kweenzyanya kabotu. Limwi ndakamubuzya ndati, "Ino kayi mebo njanda mulimo wabudilavwa wamyootokala ambeyo." Wakandizumizya ategwa nkaambo uli musankwa ubeleka anguzu. Ciindi eco ndakali kuvwola mpondo zyone. Ino mbubona buzuba mbundakatiiti ntalike mulimo oyo, ndaide kutambula nkalata yaamba kuti mwanookwesu musimbi Maria wakazimina. Tibakandaambila acakamujaya pe. Elyo wakabona nkwellila mukuwa, wakatiiti kubuzya, cakandaalila kumuvwiila, limwi ndakamulembela lugwalo lwakumwaambila cacitika alimwi ndakamwaambila kuti njanda kuya kumunzi, njakuboola kumatalikilo amwaka mupya. Awalo wakazumina alimwi wakan-dipa amali akukwezya citima aakulya munzila. Mbubona buzuba obo ndatanta ancinga yangu.

Mbwindakaselukila a-Monze, ndaselusya ncinga yangu: kalunda kasuko ndaakusika ndajana bantu bamwi basidilwe bayanda koono. Nibakandimvwa bakabuka batalika kulila. Alo kuti bamaama amuce wangu Nsondo.

MUTINTA KUMUNZI

KUNYINA nindakafwambaana kuleka kulila pe. Ndakali kulila anga mukaintu. Muntu wakali kundilesya kulila ngu-Jesi alike. Kuti ndamubona inga amoyo watontomana. Cita na ninzi. Pesi bumwi buzuba nitwakali kwaambaula anguwe, kujanda yokwabo, kwakasika bantu balila kwesu. Ino na antela twakayecyela mpamunya, nkubona walo yaibaiba misozi, limwi ambeyo ndatikome kulizizya yaboola, limwi twaile kufutalana aumwi walila. Alimwi nkaambo Maria a-Jesi ticakali kusiyana pe.

Mazuba manji akainda mbubona obo, mpaawo nokunyina biya abalila, nkubona yatalika kwiide kwiibaiba misozi mumeso ankako nkanga Jesi, limwi nyoonse mwaile kutalika kulila. Alo cimwi ciindi twakali kukondwa aboobo inga ciindi eco ndatikome kuluula musankwa wankako nkwauma bantu, kalo ati, "Wandisabila me. Elyo inga wati ndaba amapuwo ayuulya; ti ambeyo inga mbwanakunduuma. Sena awalo ino wakaula ncinga?" Me ndati, "Aijane kuli. Mali oonse aide kuya mubukoko, amwi munjuka amwi mubasimbi, amwi muli tombwe." Kalo ategwa, "Elyo ino ngomusankwa ngondaambila oyo, me biya kuli ndime lwangu cakafwa kale. Ndabula biyo umbi usitikide." Me elyo ndasola kuti, "Nkoti swebu." Kalo ati, "Bani? Inywebo sena musyaba bali bobuno, te musyaba basumbula." Tumane twacaazyanya kulangana limwi twatalika kulila, akwaandana mpamunya.

Leza mupati, nkaambo utupa kuti tobantu tulube mapenzi esu oonse. Tindakali kuyecya kuti limwi njakuluba pe. Sa limwi ndatalika kunga kuti nsetali kwesu biya, ndaluba. Ino ciindi cakumangolezya nitwakali kunga twakala totatwe, nce-

ciindi nciwakali kunga twamuyeeya wakatusiya. Baama elyo balandilaya ategwa, "Taata mali inga koabamba. Langa sena mebo ndebanyoko ndime nabutema; ino langa awalo wakati komene kale mucizi wako waide kuyumuka. Mebo ndebanyoko ndacimvwa kulila, nkaindi nindakatalika kulila. Cakaunka cabasimbi cinji cinji ansi awa. Ino naya kwiima oyu waunka, me ndati waima, ani kuti nkucengwa biyo. Ndiza anywebo ino ndicengedwe buyo. Kubuzumi tamuko pe. Ino kamuswiilila mebo nseyandi mwanaangu kuti akwawe kumuntu utali waciimo pe, alimwi nseyandi mwanaangu kuti akwate musimbi utali waciimo pe. Kuti mbuli nduwe taata, Mutinta, wasyaba antela wamisya cisimbi citalomenye, inga ncobeni ndaakucitukila alimwi inga tategwa wamukwata pe. Ino amubone mizimo yakandiseka kumupati wanu oyu. Nkaambo naakamisigwa kumusankwa ngwentabwenene aciimo, ndakagusya zintu zinji zinji zyakapa kuti bali kunze bandinyemene. Ino mpaawa ncobeni balo ati, 'Mulete kuli ntuswe notumuyanda.' Nibakasonda, mujanga awalo wakaamba mbubona obo, kuti akabija majwi akagusya nyina mwana naakamita. Alo ndizi kuti ncobeni mwana kuti kabe uli mbwabede tatongookwi, pesi mebo moyo wangu inga waatikila limwi nkokwiide kwaamba. Ino nceamba kuti kutakabi umbi ngwenja kubona kababelausyanya amuntu wamalabisi pe. Nkaambo mebo ano mpesiyite kunyina cimbi ncecilindila pe, lufu lulike. Inywebo kuti kamuli baponi baansi, ndinywe nomuciliko, aboobo njelede kuti nefwa, ndamusiya muli mumaanza aluzi. Ayebo omusankwa njelede kuti ndakusiyi kojisi banyoko bambi baluzi. Mulimvwide bana? Mebo ndebanyoko wakaba biyo kundiseka Mwami; alo bamaama bakalindisiide amulumu wangu waciimo—uso." Awalo muce wangu Nsondo wakali mupati biya ino, wakali kuyanda kuvu-ndikwa.

Ino bumwi buzuba kwakali nkolola ku-Makamba, elyo toonse twakalundumuka kuti tukazyane. Mebo mbutwakasikila ambaambo, ndakamujata Jesi ndati, "Sunu musa mbo-

buzuba bwiindilila kubota akubija mbundakali kuzyalilwa." Kalo ati, "Nkokulinzi?" Mebo ndati, "Nkaambo uleelede kuti sunu buzuba buno undiswiilile mbuli nctibweke aboobo njanda kuti tutaunki aku-Makamba koonse, twiide kukala musyokwe, twamana elyo tulaunka bajoka bali kunkolola kuya kumunzi." Kalo ati, "Ndayoowa nzoka musyokwe." Mebo ndati, "Nkokuti kayi tuleelede kukala kaindi kaniini biyo twamana tulajokela kumunzi." Elyo ncobeni twakacaalizya muni, balo bamwi boonse baidilila.

Nitwakamana twakaleya musyokwe twakala. Ndakatalika ndati, "Musa Jesi, ino webo mulimo wako ngwakuwiilila ncetaambe mebo. Alimwi ncoelede kuzyiba nkwaamba kuti tojisi cakukaka mumakani ngentaambe pe. Mebo ndakwaa mbila biyo. Aleelede kuba mbubona mbuli mbwetaambe." Awo kalo kakati, "Koamba kayi ngaayo twaamvwe." Ino ndakakajata amubili ndati, "Makani angu ngaaya." Kakati, "Utani kundijati amubili, me nseyandi kujatwa pe, ndilaa bunyele." Ndakaleka elyo ndati, "Ozi musa ndalisaina, njanda kuti tusyabane anduwe. Webo ulizi kabotu kabotu kuti lyoonse ndakuyanda akale, ndali kuyoowa kuti nkaambo mbwali mweenzuma ukusyabide. Pesi ino ndalisungula nkaambo kakuti webo tomuyandi pe; ino nooli kumuyanda naanga ndati mbubo. Cimwi ciindi ndimanine biyo ciindi cakusya bana anduwe. Antela limwi kukasike umbi muntu, walo akakutole, langa, nkaide kuluza. Aboobo musa pe; njelede kuti ndisungule biyo, na uya kunduumu mulombwanama, mbubona obo uya kuuma; aakumana kunduumu, tuya kukwata anduwe. Kunyina musimbi ngwenjanda mbuli nduwe. Sena ayebo nondibwene kuli musimbi ngwindakasyabide mbundakali kuzyalilwa?" Kalo kakavwiila ati, "Inzya kaka wakalisabide kuli Mukatwaambo." "Mukatwaambo?" Ndakanyandwa. Kalo ati, "Uulya nguwana musimbi wakwa Syaajilo. Sa ayebo ino wakalisabide wati musimbi, mupati meso?" Mebo ndakavwiila ndakati, "Ti mapenzi akandipa kuti nsyabe kasimbi kabi obuya, kutegwa kabati awalo mpaalya

mpasyabide mboobuya. Alimwi nokuba boobo tindakali kukayanda pe, ndakali kubula mbwecicita." Kalo ati, "Ula-beja kaka, wakali kukayanda, te kayi ticakali kweendwa. Kalo kasimbi asunu kacikuyanda, tonookakabwene mu-Nsondo nikakali kumeka?" Me ndati, "Nokameka mebo akumoyo. Musimbi ngwenjanda biya ano ansi nduwe. Wabili kunyina. Lyoonse nindakali ku-Lusaka, kunyina umbi musimbi ngwindakali kuyeeya kunze lyako pe. Ba-Maanya nobayanda bakapenta milomo, mebo kunyina biya akubabika kumoyo, webo olike. Na Maanya uyakunduuma antela kundijaya akaambo kako, kaciba biyo inga ndati mbwakandilenga Mwami ndakambilwa kuti ukajaigwe a-Maanya akaambo ka-Jesi. Aboobo nokuba kuti nseyandi njakujaigwa nkaambo cililembedwe kale kujulu."

Elyo kalo kakati, "Kayi yatujaya mpeyo atweende kumunzi biya." Twakatalika kuya kumunzi ancinga yangu ndakabala. Twakaakunjila mujanda mwangu. Pesi babwa bakati tulume, ndakalomya kubaamba mazina. Elyo bamwi bantu bakamvwide ati, "Nduwe Kosima wajoka kale kumakwaya?" Me ndati, "Ndaakujoka nkaambo ndajana kuti kunyina abasimbi." Pesi swebo twakanjila mujanda kabotu kabotu. Twatalika makani esu, "Ino kubaanga kuli ndime tusobana biya. Aboobo njelede kuti mvwe makani ako kusaanguna. Pesi toelede kuti 'nseyandi'." Kalo ati, "Mwati bano mbomusyaba nywebo. Inywebo musyaba basumbula, bamweka anga ndizuba; banga moonse mumudima balalibonya. Teesi ntuswe notuzimina mumudima." Me ndakati, "Wandisabila yawe, ndakuyanda mebo. Sena nkuli nkookandimvwa kuti mebo njanda basimbi basalala? Mebo webo ulasalala kapati kuli ndime." Kamane ategwa, "Pesi ndayoowa kuti inga mweenzinyoko uyakukubisya nkaambo muntu mubi kapati." Me ndakavwiila, "Sena kayi antela ucimuyanda we. Kutikobe ucimuyanda, ndilaangulukide kukuleka ndilyona ino awa; ambeyo nsecaambi kabili makani ali boobu kuli nduwe." Walo wakati, "Mwati webo oamba boobo ulisinizize kuti

ulandiyanda?" Mebo ndakati, "Ino kayi ntakuyandi ndabaanzi? Nokuba boobo kayi kuti wabona umwi takuyandi, inga tokonzyi kumusunga ntambo kutegwa azumine, nkaambo walo nokuba kuti ulamuyanda, walo takuyandi. Ambeyo ino mbubona, mebo lwangu ndakuyanda, pesi webo ndiza antela bazyali bako tabandiyandi aboobo uleelede kundizibya oonse makani ali boobo." Kalo kakavwiila ategwa, "Bamaama balakuyanda kapati biya." Me ndati, "Ndakabamvwa obuya bumwi buzuba nindakazyila kukuuma njombe." Kalo ati, "Ilili?" Me ndati, "Eliya ma inga masiku ndaboola kusunza tombwe." Kalo ategwa, "Maawe, wakatumvwa buzuba buya?" Me ndati, "Eewe." "Nkokuti ndaba ansoni, njanda kweenda kwesu, nkaambo nkokuti makani amana kale. Te wakali kuswiilila nciwakali kwaambaula?" Me ndati, "Eewe ndakamumvwa, alimwi mapopwe akakulumbuka mpamunya mumsi ampindakabede biya, ino nywebo nomucibwezelela, mebo ndaswiilila nciwakali kwaambaula." Kalo kakati, "Alimwi ndaba ansoni kapati. Ambeyo buzuba buya ndakanyandwa nkaambo kusaanguna ndakali kubwene biya, pesi kaindi kaniini wazimina ankokaya; sa ani wakali kuswiilila." Me ndakati, "Ndakali swiilide alimwi ndakakondwa, ndakabula biyo mababa akuuluka." Kalo ati, "Ino kuti koli wakaamvwa makani ngutwakaamba undibuzizyanzi alimwi kayi? Alimwi ndaakubaambila bamaama abalo baya kuusa." Ndakati, "Njelede kukubuzya kutegwa tuzuminane amulomo we, langa cimwi ciindi ndati wakali kwaamba bobuya akaambo kabanyoko bakali kukukombelezya." "Kayi ino mbubo ndakwaambila ndati teesi kaambo kabamaama biya pe, ndime lwangu."

Twakaambaula kapati, pesi kuli ndime kubaanga twakamana kaindi kaniini biyo. Elyo mbuli mbumwamvwa kale makani akamana, ndakacaazyia kuyeeya akulibilika Maanya na uya kutyani ciindi makani ali boobu akusika mukutwi kwakwe. Ndakatisole kukapa sheleni lyamusyabo kakaka ategwa, "Sena mebo ndikuyandila kuti kondipa mali. Uyanda kuti kumpela

amazuba ukatalike kundisesa mali aya ngondipa caali. Tau kondileka biyo mbubona buno." Limwi me ndakacaamba, "Sena antela sheleni lyaceya?" Kalo kakaka biya.

Ino wakali mwezi wa-Ivwivwi, mumwaka 1948, wakaboola bumwi buzuba Jesi kuli ndime wakati, "Kosima, nditole ku-Kaumba." Elyo mbwaanga ambeyo kunyina nkwindakali kuya, ndati, "Kolibamba ndakutola." Kalo ategwa, "Kayi mbubona buno ndalibamba kale." Mebo ndakalibambila. Ndamubbala ancinga yangu kuya ku-Kaumba. Munzila ndabuzya ndati, "Ino uya kutyani ku-Kaumba?" Walo wakati, "Nkuya kweendeenda biyo we. Akaka nkubeja, nja kukuuminina mapopwe." Mebo ndakavwiila ndakati, "Ino kayi wakali kukakilanzi sheleni eliya ndendakali kuyanda kukupa, ino naanga wayungizya langa." Kalo, "Sena wandimvwa kuti ndinunkidwe mali azyila kubasankwa mebo?" Ambeyo ndaide kuumuna biyo. Kamane ategwa, "Ino mebo musa ndijisi makani akukwaambila. Ino lyoonse mazuba aya ndibula ciindi biya." Me ndakati, "Kaazyana ngaayo tulaatelela." Kakatalika, "Mebo nseyandi musankwa uyanda kundiya amubili pe. Kujatauka, ulakonzya kundijatauka, pesi makani aali boobo nseyandi akaniini pe, nkaambo nsealoti akwaalota." Mebo ndati, "Ino webo wandisinkila buti kayi, alimwi sena kuli nindakaambide makani ali boobo kuli nduwe? Sena antela wandibona buvuule, antela ndayanda makani ali boobo kapati? Ino nkaambonzi ncoide kuleta, makani ali boobo kayi?" Kalo kakati, "Teesi kuti antela ndakubona kuti ulaayanda makani ali boobu pe, nkaambo biyo basimbi banji balandaambila ategwa basankwa bacita kuti mbumwasyabanina, walo wiindilila kwaamba yaayo makani. Ino ayebo ndati kutakabi noya kusola kwaamba makani aya kuli ndime. Mebo langa kasimpe ncobeni mbundakali kuzyalilwa, nsena akoona amusankwa naba omwe pe, ino njanda kuya kutalikila mujanda." Mebo ndati, "Na mboyeeya obo kuti inga ndaba ulandaambila makani ankwela, uliminya biya, ne ambeyo

nseciloti, ino nduwe ondipa kuti njeeye. Nkokuti ino utakanyandwi ndaakukwaambila, nkaambo wandiyeeesya."

Ino ndindakaunka kutola Jesi, Syaamongo wandilailila ategwa, "Koya bubaambila boonse mbona kuswaangana munzila kuti Syaankuni ulavwimwa zooneeliya." Ambeyo ndakabaambila boonse bana Nzeyani aba Kaumba.

CAANDANO 9

KU-CIPONGWE

LIMWI nizyakamana nsondo zyobilo, wakaboola Jesi kuziyila ku-Kaumba. Mazuba oonse akatobela twakali kwaambaula lyoonse anguwe, mpaawo buyanda kuca. Kunyina musimbi ngwindakali kuyanda mbuli Jesi pe. Awalo wakali kundaambila cimwi ciindi ategwa, "Alimwi wakali kundicima ciindi ncootakali kundibandisya, alimwi ndakali kuleka buyo kulitalikila. Alimwi kayi kunyina musankwa ngwenjanda mbuli nduwe Kosima pe, njanda biya kuya kukwatwa anduwe, nseyandi kuti katusobana pe. Ulya nsemuyandi amwainda amwainda pe Maanya. Ndakali kupenga kuti ndayeeya kuti na ndacita buti kuti tusyabane anduwe." Ino me kundicita boobo ndakalanga kandaambila majwi ali boobo, ndaide kufwa mumoyo. Kunyina nindakali kuyeeya kuti inga limwi alimwi ndaunka mumakuwa pe. Ndakali kuyanda kuti katwiide kukede anguwe lyoonse. Tindakali kuyanda kuti twaandane pe.

Pesi bantu bakatubona ndilyona kuti tulayandana, aboobo ndakamvwa cimwi ciindi nkobaamba kuti, "Mutinta uyanda kuzikumwa kumweenzinyina kuti kayanda musimbi ulya." Alimwi ndakali kuyooowa kuti antela baku Makamba balamulembela lugwalo Maanya ku-Lusaka, lwakuti mebo ndakamutolela musimbi wakwe. Abalo beenda ku-Lusaka bakali kundiyoosya nkaambo ndati kunyina umbi ngwasaanguna

kubuzya kumunzi, alike musimbi wakwe, amana elyo nkoko-
buzya ndime. Aboobo ndati nkokuti muntu uya kwiindilila
kuti, "Abo bobilo sunu bakasyabana."

Ino ndakali kuyoowa kuti ndatambula lugwalo lubyabini.
Ino sa ncobeni bumwi buzuba ndazikwiide kutambula lugwalo
lwazyila ku-Lusaka. Ndakalujalula, ndabala, ndakatyompwa
kapati nindakamana kubala; mboobu mbulwakalembedwe:

Mutinta,

Kasimpe wania, kuti nkaboole oko kumunzi. Ndaka-
mwawa kuti wakamusyaba musimbi wangu. Kondaambila
na cili ncobeni kuti musimbi wangu mebo lwangu waka-
musyaba webo. Webo, webo, kasimpe Mutinta inga
ulaima tongaye kuli ndime? Ti mwati wakandiluba mbwe
uma. Webo wakali kundicenga wati musimbi tomuyandi
koli ulamuyanda. Kayi mebo bantu bakali kundibejele
lyoonse ati Mutinta cilayandana amusimbi wako. Pesi
webo undiinda kuni waamba kuti tamuyandani ani kuti
lyoonse biya mulayandana, alimwi kasimpe wania. Webo
okaunkila kuya kulila cana cokwanu cakafwa, watalila
kusyaba bamukabantu. Mebo teesi ndime ndakali kutola
cana cokwanu kubasankwa kuti camana cifwe, pe. Ula-
bona kono banyoko balafwa kulila, ayebo ulafwa kuli ndime.
Nentana kujaya moyo wangu tuukwe kukala pe. Na njia-
kwaangwa antela nkajaigwe, nsekwe mulandu pe. Toonse
tuluzilelyo, tukayanzanine kukufwa. Wamvwa ino sena
ndaboola inoino oko kumunzi kuzikukujaya. Nokuba kuti
ukwele citima kuya kuli biya ndaakukujana amwi nkujaya
pesi. Ndakutukila ndati. . . . Kocaala acako.

Ndime Maliko Maanya.

Nindakamana kubala lugwalo olu, mate oonse cakataala
kumena. Ndakaide kubaanga muntu waungulwa. Ndakata-
lika kuliseka ambebo kuti naa ninzi cakandipa kuti nsyaba
musimbi wasincinko wamuntu. Lyoonse ndakali kumuleka

ino kayi musangunzi wakandipa kuti mutalike. Ino mwabona njile kulijazya. Alimwi mulugwalo wakatalika kuyubulula amwana okwesu wakafwa, tii waawo mpucakandiyumina.

Cakali ciindi cacifumofumo nindakatambula lugwalo. Kuzama ndakaunka kuya kwendeenda kwabo Jesi. Ndakamwaambila ndati, "Atweende tukatebbe nkuni kuli makani ngejisi." Awo twakakazyanya kapati ati, "Mebo nseyandi makani amanjaka, njanda mabotu." Ndakamwaambila ndati mabotu. Nitwakali kunkuni ndakamwaambila lugwalo ncolwaamba lwakazilide kuli Maanya, ndakaasiya makani akuti "Sena ndime ndakalowa mwana okwanu" nkaambo ndakayooowa kuti inga tulatalika kulila toonse. Nindakamana kwaamba kalo ategwa, "Ino kayi catyani awo?" Nentana-vwila, ndakakalanga. Pe ndajana kubota! Alimwi ndaliyeeya mumoyo ndati ino ngomusimbi wakuleka oyu? Ino kasimpe walo undiyanda biya sa ndekele Maanya utayandwi akuyandwa pe.

Ndakamwaambila Jesi ndakati, "Baama, alimwi ayebo ulizi kabotu kuti ndali kukuyanda mbuli mbwentana yandide musimbi naba omwe ansi ano. Pesi musa utandisoweli mumulilo pe, langa sena mbubona mbuli mbwaamba Maanya kale, aakuboola kunyina cimbi ncazikucita pele kujaya ndime. Ino ncinzi cinga cilabota kuti mbuli ndime ndajagwa, webondakusiya kopona ansi? Ndabona inga cilabota kuti mwakwatana biyo a-Maanya elyo njenzila ilike eyo inga ilandifutula. Ino njanda kuti nswilile mbuli nduwe mbotaambe mumakani ali boobo." Kalo kakati, "Eena wandiitila kuti undileke? Nkokuti ayebo tonooli kuyanda kapati pe, nkaambo tokonzyi kuti inga wandilekela kuti nkaambo mweenzinyoko ulakukanza, sa mpamunya awo ambebo cikupe kuti undicimwe! Pe, ulelede kwaamba biyo kuti tondiyandisiyi biyo kaka."

Pesi mebo ndakakabuzya ndati, "Yebo mwana sena tozi kuti inga ulandijaya ncobeni musankwa ulya atala anduwe? Nkaambo langa ulakuyanda cakuzwa munzila. Alimwi wakali kukanza naakali kukala andime ku-Lusaka ategwa mebo muntu

wasyaba musimbi wangu kunyina cimbi ncenga ndacita kuli nguwe pele kujaya." Musimbi wakavwiila ajwi liteteeti wakati, "Ma, inzya musa aayo makani Kosima, ambeyo inga nsyekwe kukukombelezya kuti kondisyabide, ndati kwa- mbile kuti antela mweenzinyoko oyo ukukonga biyo, teesi ncobeni kuti inga wakujaya biya atala andime. Ino yebo kuti koli wazumina kuti undileke, ma, mbubona obo nsyekwe kukuyawida zyakusama biya kuti uyande ndime kwiinda kuumwa. Sena ti awalo Mwami ulagwasya muntu utakwe mulandu? Kayi koswiilila, mebo, ulya musankwa nsemuya- ndi pe, nokuba kuti undileke nsekwe kuyakuzumina tubili pe. Nooli kukonzya kunjila mumoyo wangu noobona ayebo kuti ncengamba ncakasimpe." Twakakazyanya kapati mpamunya awo. Limwi twaide kwaandana ndati mumoyo wangu, kaciba ndimusankwa kale nempenga.

Ciindi eco wakakomena kapati Jesi, alimwi wakali kuyanda akunjila munanda; inkolo zyakali zipati biya, alimwi amiindi yakatalika kukomena. Elyo ngeena mazuba ayo ndakata- mbula lugwalo lumbi lwakazyila ku-Cipongwe. Mboobu mbulwakalembedwe:

Oyandika Kosima,

Kutaanguna ndati mebo ndapona, cita nduwe kumunzi. Ku-Lusaka ndakazwa inoino, elyo makani angu ngakuti ulelede inoino kuzwa kumunzi oko, atakujani Maliko oko pe. Mazuba ngindakamusiya ku-Lusaka wakali nyemede kapati, kunyina ncayanda walo pesi cita kukuuma akuku- jaya. Kufumbwa mpaya kukujana nokuba kujanda yo- kwanu antela ambi buyo, nkukujaya pesi. Wakamubisizya kapati.

Mebo lwangu ndayeeya kuti cilainda kubota kuti waasiya amunzi waboola kokuno ku-Cipongwe. Nkaambo ulaa- fwiifwi kuboola kooko kumunzi. Ufwambaane azikujane weboto, alimwi ciindi waakukwela utakaambili muntu kuti waseluka a-Cipongwe nkaambo inga bamwi balamwaa-

mbila. Mebo ndabeleka amukuwa mubotu ampulazi: koolo ayebo uzikubeleke. Utaambili muntu naba omwe kuti kobe uciyanda kuti kocilya maila. Naba Jesi utamwaambili.

Ndamana ndime
Nansoni Gwaanka.

Oyu musankwa wakali kutegwa Gwaanka wakali kukala ku-Nampeyo mumunzi uli kumusanza kwa-Syaabenzu, twakali kuyandana andime kapati, ino ncicaanga alo teesi kapati pe. Pesi walo ndakali kumusyoma. Nindakamana kubala lugwalo ndakabona kuti njelede ncobeni kuunka ku-Cipongwe nkaambo mpaacibaka mpanga takwe kundimvwa kufwambaana, pesi tindakazumina kuti njide kuunka kakunyina akulaya naba muntu omwe. Aboobo ndakatalika kuulisya ncinga yangu, mbwindakamanina mpamunya ndakatalika kukwela. Ndakaambila muntu omwe pesi—Jesi. Walo wakati ndikasye ategwa antela ngu-Maanya wakalemba lugwalo amane naya kusaina zina lyaumbi musankwa. Tanaakakondwa pe akaniini nindakamwaambila makani ayo alimwi nelaya kunyina acakali cibotu kuli nguwe pe. Bamaama tindakabaambila pe, Nkausu wacisya tindakamwaambila, wakaide kunyandwa kubona ndatalika kuulisya ncinga yangu.

Mucitima amwalo bantu nindakabaambila makani angu alugwalo bakasola kundilaya kuti nseelede kuseluka a-Cipongwe pe, bakaamba kuti nguwana mweenzinyoko oyo nguwakalemba lugwalo kutegwa azikukujaye kabotu. Pesi mebo tindakazumina nkaambo ndakali kumusyoma kapati musankwa wakalemba lugwalo aboobo tindakali kuyeeya kuti antela inga ncobeni ulatalika kulembela Maanya lugwalo.

Nindakasika a-Cipongwe ndakatalika kwiita ndati antela wandicinga nkaambo mbuzuba mbwaakaambide. Pesi ndakaseluka biyo. Ndaima, endike, ndakatikome kubuzya kubantu kuti na balimuzi muntu utegwa Gwaanka, pesi balo bakali kwiide kuseka zina libi, bamwi tibakali kumvwa ancindakali

kwaamba. Limwi ndakabuzya mu-Cilenje, pesi ndakajana kuti kunyina abantu bakamuzi pe.

Nicakaunka citima ndakamvwa bazya abwaambaula ategwa. "Webo musa, ino webo wati wasika?" Umwi wakavwiila. "Inzya musa, ndatimvwe wali kwiita zina lyangu, nkokuti kunyina umbi. Sena webo tonoomumvwa?" Umbi wakavwiila, "Alo ambeyo ndamumvwa. Ino kayi waya kuli? Pesi ndizi takonzyi kuba nguwe nkaambo inga caba coolwe cipati." Umwi wakabuzya, "Ino kayi ulya nguni?" Abo basankwa bakali ndigamide biya. Bakali kuza bwaambaula elyo majwi nseajisi akukonzya kuti inga ndaamba akutondezya muntu ubala bbuku eli mwindakayoowa nindakamvwa bantu abo baza kuli ndime alimwi baamba majwi ali boobo mutCitonga cini caku Nampeyo. Ndakaziba biya ndati kunyina bambi pesi mba-Maanya a-Gwaanka. Moyo oonse wakatalika kudunta kapati unakuti camba coonse ciyanda kuyauka. Acakucita cakaala. Limwi ndakabona kuti ncibotu kutija. Pesi alo kunyina akwalo kutija nkukwakali kunga kulandiletela nkaambo kakuti bakasikide kale muni, alimwi bakali ndibwene kale. Nokuba boobo ndakasola kutija. Ndakamvwa balo ategwa, "Nguni ulya? Nguni ulya? Nduweni webo? Utijanji kayi? Kasimpe tulakukunkumuna bbwe." Ndakayoowa ndakaima ndati, "Ndime Kosima." Basika. Sena Maanya nkulisekela! Watalika kundisuka matwi ulaamba, "Mwati nduwe olileta kuzikujagwa?" Bakandaanga kumboko ngoye alimwi baapindula kunze maanza angu.

Ciindi eco wakali mwezi wa-October. Kumunzi imvula yakatalikide kale, ino obo buzuba mbundakaseluka a-Cipongwe, yakaimika mpati kapati kunyika a-Cipongwe, alimwi ilaba kumwi. Mutayeyi kuti antela lyakali sikati, akali masiku eni. Nibakamana kundaanga bakandikwela anjanji-anjanji kumusanza. Bakanditola, limwi twakanjila mugwagwa wamootokala wakali kuya kujwe. Wakabwenta kapati Maanya akuti, "Nkaambonzi wakali kundisisa kuti ulamuyanda musimbi ulya webo? Alimwi ncookaunkila nkuya kulila cakafwa

teesi kuti ukatalike kunyanga beenzinyoko basimbi. Ino webu nkulibona nguzu?"

Ime nabwenta boobo ndakali kwiide kuumunye, kunyina acimbi ncindakayeeyede pele lufu lulike. Ndakali kulomba mumoyo kuli Leza kanditi, "Omwami, webu nduwe singuzu zyoonse: zyoonse zyakalengwa anduwe. Cili mumoyo wangu ulicibwene alimwi azibi zyangu ulizizi kabotu. Nsekwe kubeja kuti ambweni ndilomenye pe. Obuno buzuba lufu lwandisikila, pesi kuti koyanda ulalusosya kuli ndime. Webu Omwami oli kujulu kuya nkwelungumana, tunji-tunji wakandivuna muntenda zinji, ino sunu undilekelezye? Pe, pe. Ulandigwasya asunu. Obuya buzuba ndakatillumwe nzoka wakandivuna ndakaibona: Omwami aceeci ncintu ciniini biyo kuli nduwe, ulakonzya kucicita kakunyina amapenzi, nkaambo uli Mwami wakujulu aansi." Maanya wakaamba zinjizinja, pesi mebo tiindakamumvwa pe, ndakageme kutelaika lufu akupaila kumwami.

Nindakamana kuyeeya ndakabuzya Nansoni ndati, "Ino webu ninzi ncindakakucitila cakakupa kuti ulembe lugwalo luli bobuya kuli ndime?" Walo wakali kwiide kuumunye limwi naya kuti, "Ne, inzya, ncobeni ambeyo ndabona kuti ndime ndakalubizya." Ime ndakavwiila ndakati, "Basa kufwa ndilizi kabotu kuti ndafwa, pesi ncekonzya kwaamba nkuti anywebo muyakuboola nkukona nkwenja. Nywebo antela tamukabi acoolwe mbuli ndime pe, nkaambo mebo mulandicisa biyo ciindi ciniini, ndamana ndafwa kufwambaana, aboobo nsekwe kupenga kapati pe. Nywebo antela nsiki iyakumutola, iyakumupenzya kumana kwamyaka minjiminji. Kayi nkaambo mulelede kuziba kuti anywebo muyakufwa mbubona mbumuti ndijaye. Kwaambo ndime ino kunyina anceciyoowa pe, kufwa kulike nkwelindila." Nibakamvwa boobo Maanya wakati, "Eena ngamakani ayo ngoamba? Wania, nkokuti tuya kukwaangilila acisamu kutegwa upenge ayebo mazuba manji."

Twakali kweenda amugwagwa-amugwagwa limwi ndakatala

kweenda, limwi notuya kuleya kuya musyokwe. Sena yalo mvula nkulaba! Yiide kuzumina amutwe. Cimwi ciindi twakaide kuwa toonse ansi niyakali kulaba, pesi yalo kuwa tiyakali kuwa pe, yakali kwiide kutumina tulabo. Tiindakaina ibona mvula ilaba bobuya, mbundakali kuzyalilwa. Koonse akwaambaula limwi twakaumuna.

Nitwakeenda musinzo mupati musyokwe, twakasika awo mpindakali kutegwa ndijaigwe; muloonde mwiniwini, musiya mbi. Ambeyo ndakabona kuti na bandijaya kunyina aunga ulandibona omu mucoonde pe. Mbutwakasikila bakandaangilila acisamu. Maanza aalo bakaangilila, baapindula kunze, amaulu, elyo amulunengu bakaanga looye lwakujatilizya acisamu; amunsingo bakasunga looye kucisamu.

Nibakamana ndakabaambila ndakati, "Mulijisi coolwe nkaambo kakuti tiimwandijaya mpamunyaawa pe, nimwandijaya naanga ndilyona lino nindatalika kumupenzya kuceelo. Naanga ceelo cangu tacimuleki limwi nimwaakwiide kulipomokela nobeni nyolike kuti ntuswe twakamujaya. Ndemweenzinyoko mundijaye akaambo kamusimbi, alimwi fuuti musimbi ndakamuleka mbwindakatambwida lugwalo lwakazyila kuli Maliko. Ino na ncomutindijaile eci pesi anywebo mulizi kuti muyakukosolwa mitwe akaambo kandime. Nkokwaamba kuti walo musimbi tulamusiya kapon, pesi swebo tufwe. Ino kaabe twakoona amusimbi wako inga mbubo, ino kuyandana biyo sa mpamunya awo ndijaigwe? Alo kuba andime mbubo, ino nywebo biya basa! Ansi ano mupenge alimwi akujulu mukajane kupenga kutamani. Pe, pe, alimwi mwandicisiya nsoni."

Nindakali kwaamba boobo balo bakali kwiide kuumunye, baide kutilimuka mvula kuti yalaba. Limwi Gwaanka ati, "Musa, atumuleke biyo. Langa tuya kulinjizya mumapenzi." Mebo ndakavwiila, "Aino mwanjila kale mumapenzi. Nokuba kuti mundileke, njakumoonekela mapulisa kuti azikumumeenda ategwa atika kale." Naakamvwa boobo Maanya

wandilyata. Naakacili kundilyata, cita acakacitika tiindakacibona akabotu pe. Nindakasinsimuka ndakajana ncifumofumo, alimwi ndili mumaanza amuntu ngwentazi pe. Kwambaula tiindakali kucikonzya pe. Nidakamulanga, ndakamwya wakoompolola mweenzinyina ati wabuka. Elyo wakaboola mweenzinyina kuzi kundilanga.

Nidakalimwya kabotu ndakabuzya bantu abo nkubakandijana, bakati, bakatujana tobantu tobiilo, umwi wakali lyaangide amusamu—wafwa; webo wakalilede ansi, pesi wakali kutweta. Mumoyo ndakali kwiide kulumba kuti kubota kali ngu-Maanya walyaanga. Pesi ndakaakujana kuti ngu-Nansoni Gwaanka. Bantu abo bakatumya luwaile ku-Lusaka kuti majoni aboole. Sa ncobeni takanaba kaindi nkubona baboola. Pesi kabatanasika bamajoni, kwakasika mwana umwi wakaboola alubilo ategwa, "Kamuboola mulange uyanda kufwa okuno." Twakajana muntu oyo ngu-Maanya. Wakaumpwa amvula cakuzwa munzila. Kunyina amakani akazekwa nkaambo Maanya wakali kulindilwa kuti apone kusaanguna. Wakabikwa mucipitolo cabasintolongo.

Coonse ciindi ndakali kuunka kucipitolo kuya kumulanga mulwazi Maanya akumutolela zyakulya. Limwi ndakabona watalika kundiyanda. Bumwi buzuba wakalyaambilila ati, "Musa, nsekonzyi kwaamba cibi ncindakajisi kuli nduwe omuntu ncobeni otakwe mulandu. Kayi ndakalizi biya kuti kasimbi takandiyandi, alimwi kunyina anindaali kunga njakukakwata pe. Pesi nokuba boobo ndatalika kwiide kubililizya nduwe oyandwa. Pe alimwi cindijazya nsoni kapati. Musimbi nsecimuyeeyi pe, nguwako, tuna kuyandana kapati mbubona mbutwakali kuyandana kaindi." Twakali kwaambaula mbubona obo mazuba oonse. Lyoonse mbundasikila watalika kuzunganya mutwe ategwa, "Otu twakwiide kulinjizya ntolongo."

Naakayumya Maanya wakazekezegwa, bakamwaanga mezi yone. Mbwaakazwida ntolongo wakaakunjila mulimo amwi amukuwa tulabonana mbubona mbuli lyoonse.

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NITWAKAMANA kukanana mulandu wakufwa kwa-Nansoni, alimwi ciindi naakazwa ntolongo Maanya, twakatambula lugwalo luzwa kumunzi Iwaamba kuti tulelede kuunka kumunzi kuti tukasalazigwe. Ategwa nkaambo ceelo camweenzuma tacikwe kutuleka.

Twakaunka kumunzi. Twaakujana mpampawo eni mpo-balida mapopwe. Muntu ngwindakabona kusaanguna nsecili kumbo amunzi ngu-Jesi! Pesi nindakumulanga kapati ndakumuluba waide kusanduka. Ndakajana waide kukomena maji-ndi, mabboko abbili. Oku kubota andizimina amajwi ngenga ndabelesya. Ndakali kuyeeya kuti Maanya ulatalika kundinyonokela; pesi walo tanaakali kuyanda kumubona musimbi, awalo musimbi tanaakali kuyanda akaniini kumubona Maanya pe. Ndakajana kasimpe Jesi wiide kunditunide biya. Aboobo nokuba kuti ndakacili mwana muniini pesi bantu bakandikatanya ati, "Komukwata ino langa ngooyu musimbi wakomena." Mebo nkwiide kusekaseka.

Swebo nitwakali kutegwa tulaunka ku-Lusaka munsondo, muli bwasanu Jesi wakati, "Sena ulayanda kuti tuzikununkulkanwe andime?" Me ndati, "Kunyina notuya kununkulkanwa anduwe pe, mwana, nkaambo mebo ndakuyanda mpoceela, aboobo nokuba kuti twaambaule anduwe masiku oonse, kunyina anenga ndakuta." Walo wakavwiila ati, "Inzya oko ndizi kwalo, pesi ncebuzya ncakuti sena ulayanda kuti tuzikwaambaule anduwe?" Me ndakati, "Mwana, ayebo ulizi kuti lyoonse ndayanda kubweka anduwe ino ciindi ncecibula." Kwategwa, "Kayi mu-Nsabata uzikundisindikile ku-Kaumba ancinga yabataata." Me ndakazumina ncobeni.

Nibwakaca mu-Mujibelo ndakamutola akacinga kapyo,

kaide kulitola keni. Twakaambaula mbuli mpocisimpa. Nka-bela twakaamba twati, "Tuleelede kuunka aku Nsabata kuti nkabone mbobanjila Nsabata, alimwi boonse basankwa ba-Kaumba bandizibe kuti ndime njakukwata Jesi." Jesi wakali samide kabotu, ambeyo ndakasama zyamu Lusaka: twakabona kuti tabakatuseki basi-Nsabata pe nkaambo bali acapo.

Nitwakazwa Nsabata twakaunka, twaakukalakala ku-Kaumba, tumane kuliswe. Pesi ndakakondwa kapati kunjila Nsabata akumvwa caano ca-Jobo. Asunu ndiciciyanda cakuzwa munzila. Mu-Nsondo twakalayana a-Jesi ndakati, "Ndaunka nja kukubelekela nduwe kutegwa tukakwatane mazuba aboola. Pesi calo cilizizilwe kuti tuya kukwatana te?" Awalo wakavwiila ategwa, "Mebo ndiyeeya kuti lyoonse mbutwakali kuzyalilwa cakalembedwe akale kuti tuya kukwatana anduwe buzuba butakwe zina nkabela bwalo bulizizilwe kuti nkubuli." Moyo wangu wakali mujulu—kukondwa kwakali kwangu!

CAANDANO II

KU-LUSAKA ALIMWI

Mbwindakasikila ku-Monze, ndakaula cinkwa. Alimwi twakayaana a-Maanya ku-Monze. Ncobeni ndaluba kwaamba kuti Maanya tanaakali kubayanda basimbi pe, abalo tiibakali kumuyanda, teesi biyo kaambo kakuti wakali mubi alimwi wakalijisi liso lyomwe pe, ncibakali kumukakila kumwi nkaambo kakuti kwakali kuvwiigwa kuti wakalijisi kanswende. Alo tacinyandyi nkaambo wakali ingene kapati naakacili ku-Lusaka.

Citima cakatuvuumya, catusiya mu-Lusaka, twakatalika milimo yesu. Twakali kukondwa lyoonse kutambula bakumunzi nkaambo kunyina banji bakali kusika pe. Alimwi bakali kutwaambila makani akumunzi abantu bakali kufwa swebo katuli kale mucikuwa. Nkobali bamwi bakali kunga

ategwa wakaide kutalika kunyina akuciswa pe. Nkwali umwi munene wakali kutegwa nguuziyana masiku. Ciindi naakali kuciswa tanaakali kuyanda kusandulwa pe, wakaide kufwa ulilanzizye kubbasu lyomwe. Bantu nibakabona boobo ba-kaamba kuti ambweni wakamuyasa muntu sumo, mumona omu mwaya buzyana masiku. Limwi ciindi naakafwa kaambo kakavumbuka ncobeni ankwaakaya kuyasilwa koonse kwakamvugwa.

Mebo ndabona ndakali kutambula magwalo mezi yoonse. Anywebo mulelede kuziba kabotu magwalo nkwaakali kuzyila akali kundikonda kapati. Akali kuzyila kuli Jesi. Wakali kundilembela magwalo mabotu lyoonse. Lumwi ndoolu:

Oyandika kumoyo wangu Kosima,

Ime kuno ndapona cita nduwe. Ime musa candijaya ncintu cakuyeeya nduwe. Masiku oonse njide kuyeeya nduwe, anonzi inga zyabula. Musa ndabona cintu cibotu kuti kobe ulandiyanda ukale biyo amunzi antela unditole ambeyo nkobede, nkaambo nseelede kuti nsepenga boobu ndemwana abantu. Mulugwalo lwako wakaamba kuti tuya kukwatana mu 1953. Mebo musa nsekonzyi kuti njimane myaka yoonse eyi anze pe, langa ndakomena. Ayebo langa wakomena, limwi tutalike kuti nduwe taata. Omuntu wazwa malezu. Sunu mebo kuno kunyina acindikondede ano amunzi pe, alimwi azintu zilandikatazaya lyoonse zikakaitila kuti ndicite cilengwa nsetayandi. Awalo taata umwi oyu Syaampongo ukakatila bumbi kuti katoona anguwe, mebo ndilakaka ndati, "Ino kayi alimwi nduwe taata inga kwaba buti boobo, alimwi mebo ulibwene abasankwa boonse ndabakaka, sa nzumine nduwe omunene?" Sunu moyo undiyeezya kuunka ku-Kaumba kuti nkakale nkuko. Pesi akwalo ndayoowa nkaambo nkobali basankwa bakakaitila kunditizya. Ino musa Kosima kuti kondiyanda kuti tukakwatane kofwambaana, 1953 biya nsemuyandi pe.

Ndime wako Jesi.

Nkakagwalo aka nkindakatambula kuzwa kuli Jesi ciindi cimwi, mebo nindakamusandula ndakaamba kuti, musa kuti muntu kayanda kujana cintu lyoonse ncobeni uleelede kupenga. Mebo kuno ndipengede kapati. Ndasola kulipenzya ndemukamwini kuti webu uzikujane muubukuwa. Aboobo kazika moyo, mbubona obo kosola kukaka, Leza ulakupa cileleko kumpela amazuba. Walo wakasandula wakati:

Oyandika wangu Kosima,

Kutaanguna ndati sena ulabeleka kabotu oko, aswebo kuno tulapona kabotu. Makani angu ngaaya. Makani ngookaamba tiindakaamvwa pe. Kwalo kwaamvwa ndakaamvwa pesi tiindakatelela pe. Mebo musa kuno ndapenga, ino Syaampongo nkwemukaka ukanza kundilowa. Abalo basankwa baku Kaumba balasika kuno ku-Nampeyo kuyanda kuti banditizye, mebo ndime enkaka biya. Ino aboobo ndayoowa akuunka ku-Kaumba ndati kulaba kuli-tola, ndati kaciba biyo neloogwa, Syaampongo ulaamba tacikwe mulandu nkaambo toli mwanaangu wini. Pesi mebo lyoonse nduujisi wakukaka. Alo nibakali kukulila bamaama, tiindakoono akoona pe. Bwakaakwiide kuca ulandicubila mebo ndakaka. Ategwa ndilakupa gombe.

Ndime wako Jesi.

Olu lugwalo lwakasika mu 7 December 1950. Nindakamusandula ndakamusyomezya kuti tulakwatana ncobeni mu July 1951 akaambo kakuti wapenga kumunzi. Ndakamwaa- mbila kuti akale biyo kabotu, atayoowi biyo kujajigwa. Kujai- gwa caamba kuti mbubwali buzuba bwako bwakufwa, teesi kuti inga muntu waide kukwanza kukujaya pe. Ndakamwaa- mbila kuti mebo mbwenzikumvwida makani akuti ndaba wakacita ceeci, kumoyo kwangu kuzikuvundauka.

MAKANI AYUMYA MUKANWA

MUBUZUBA bwa-February 1, ndakalemba lugwalo kuli Nkausu wacisya kuti atalike kundeebela. Ndakamwaambila kuti nse-kwe ciindi cakukonzya kuzikukala amunzi akulindila bapati nobacizuminana, kuyandika kuti ndasika nkusikila kukwata pesi. Alimwi ndakamwaambila ndati ndabona ndilakwata mu-July. Aboobo balelede kufwambaana. Kubantu bakali kweenda kuya kumunzi tiindakali kuleka kutumina zintu kumusimbi wangu. Ndakasowa mali manji.

Katana ndisandula Nkausu wacisya, ndakatambula lugwalo. Kuya kujalula nkujana lwazyila kuli Syaampongo. Ndoolu :

Oyandwa Kosima Mutinta,

Kutaanguna ndati ndakwaanzya na ulapona kabotu akuse-benza kabotu oko ku-Lusaka ambeyo ndapona abana bangu. Makani angu ngaaya. Nilyali lyansiku naanga wanyandwa kuti ino nkaambonzi mukwe nkwaandilembela lugwalo olu! Pesi nkaambo sunu yaba yacikuwa ndabona tacitondwi. Aboobo ndaangulukide kukulembela lugwalo akukwaambila kuti uboole ukwate inoino. Musimbi wacembaala, limwi swebo tulamukwasya kumbi. Basankwa banjibanji balasika, pesi walo ulabakaka ulijisi lusyomo muli nduwe. Kofwambaana. Ndakamvwa makani akukweebela kuli simuzyeenu Nkausu, swebo notuli amusimbi twakazumina kale. Mebo endiwaano ndime enkonzya kuzumina akukasya kuti mbuli yuulya akwatwe, nkaambo kakuti ndime ndakamukomezya naya kutaana waalya. Ino ayebo mbundakuzumizya kale, nkokuti ncobeni uya kumukwata, kunyina umbi ukonzya

kukaka kunze lyangu pe. Ino njanda kuti ufwambaane
kuboola ukwate. Njiyona Nsondo ino uboole.

Ndime Syaampongo.

Nindakasandula mebo ndakaamba kuti mbubo ndilaboola
mumwezi wa-July kuzikukwata. Pesi lwakandikatazya lu-
gwalo makani ngulwakali kwaamba. Ino nkaamponzi ncandi-
fwambaanizizya boobo? Alimwi naakaba mazuba ndakata-
mbula ambi magwalo obo buzuba bomwe: lumwi lwakazyila
kuli Syaampongo, lumwi kuli Nkausu. Ndakasaanguna
kubala lwa-Syaampongo:

Kusaanguna kuti kosebenza kabotu ncibotu kapati.
Taata Mutinta kondimvwa. Musimbi kuno mazuba oonse
ulatongooka basankwa nkobati bavula kuli nguwe. Ulayanda
kuti umukwate ndilyona biya ino. Njiyona biya nsondo ino
uyanda kuti uboole, uzikumukwate. Alimwi mebo uleelede
kuziyiba kuti nkokuti ndakuyanda, bamwi biyo tategwa inga
nsemulembela magwalo ali boobu pe. Webo nkaambo ambeyo
ndikubwene kuti uli mwana waciimo, nibali bantu-bantu
nindatali kupenga boobu pe. Ino nkaambo ndayanda ambeyo
kuti mwana wangu akale kabotu mumaanza ako. Aboobo ino
ndakwaambila uboole njiyona nsondo eyi.

Ndimane ndakatalika kubala lugwalo lwakazwa kuli Nkausu:

Oyandika Acisya,

Kutaanguna ndakwaanzya na ulapona kabotu oko, swebo
abanyoko tulapona kabotu. Pesi mazuba akamana ndaka-
lijisi bulwazi bupati kapati. Ndakatiifwe biya kuciswa.
Cakali kucisa musana. Aboobo ncindatakafwambaanina
kukusandula lugwalo lwako.

Makani ako acisya ndakaateelela. Pesi kwalo kweeba
ndakeeba bakazumina, mebo njeeya kuti uleelede ncobeni
kukwata mu-July nkaambo kuli makani ngotucilindila
abanyoko. Utamvwi zyaamba bantu, komvwa nzyotwaa-

mba swebo abanyoko. Bantu balacenga Mutinta. Nk-
kamvwa kuti mulalembelana magwalo a-Syaampongo, pesi
utamvwi ncatikwaambile. Unditecelele. Alimwi utani ku-
tumini zintu kuli Jesi. Tuyanda kulangilila mwezi uno.
Nkaambo tatumubwene kabotu mbwaenda. Kwalo kuloma
nguyuulya ulilomenye alimwi abanyoko lyoonse ngubwe-
twida nsima. Nokuba pe, pe, pesi utatyompwi biyo kuli-
ndila. Mu-July inga mwakwatana.

Nidakamvwa cakaamba lugwalo Iwa-Nkausu ndakamvwa
moyo oonse uti koya kumunzi. Pesi ndakanyandwa kuti ino
cakacitika ninzi? Masiku ali kunze inga ndatikome kuyeeya
ndazimininwa. Aboobo ndakalomba livwi kumukuwa, nda-
kaunka kumunzi.

Ndakakonidwa kujana kuti Jesi wangu ngooyu muzum-
Mumoyo ndakali kuyeeya kuti antela njakujana bantu baka-
mutizya, antela kumumisya. Pesi ndakajana mbwabede.
Mumazuba ayo ngindakakala anguwe twakali kwaamba alakwe
kapati, pesi ndakabona kuti tanaakakondwa kuti alimwi
ndaide kujokela kakunyina akumukwata.

Bamaama bakandiita buzuba mbundakali kutegwa ndaunka
cifumo. Bakandaambila ategwa, "Alimwi taata ncobeni
ndakuusila, tocijisi coolwe ano ansi. Walisalide musimbi
mubotu waciimo, pesi Leza tanaayanda pe. Bakaboolo
banyina musimbi kuli ndime bakati, 'Na-Mutinta ndaa-
nsoni kujulu aansi. Ndakalizyede mwanaangu ngwinda-
jisizi mapuwo akuti inga uya kukwatwa kumwanaako musa.
Pesi makani ngaakandaambila akandizwisya moyo. Waka-
mba kuti ulijisi da. Mebo ndebanyina ndakamubuzya ndati
elyo da elyo wakalijana kuli mbwaanga musankwa wako uli
kumakuwa. Mwana wakati nguusyi umwi wakamupa da
elyo. Majwi ayo omweenzuma na-Mutinta akandiyumya
mukanwa. Ndakamvwa mwaide kutontola sikooo. Ndamu-
langa mwana ndati, ino baama ulisinizizye ncobeni? Mwana
wakavwiila kumwi ulalila wakati nkasimpe. Ndakamubuzya

cakamupa kuti kaona ausyi nguwana ngotoona limwi ndebanyina. Mwana wiide kulila. Nindakayeeya mwanaako, ambeyo ndatalika kulila. Kuzyila buzuba obo nenjendeenda njide kweenzya kafubafuba, nseli muntu biya pe, njide kuu-nguta, maanu oonse akaunka. Ndakali kuti ndakazyala mwana ujisi maanu, ani kuti ndisyokwe lyamwana. Mweenzinyina ulamutumina zintu kumunzi uti mukaintu wangu kasama, ani walo natalika kucita cilengwa cili boobu. Ino ndabula bwina mbwenti inde kunjila, kugunwa kuli nduwe kwandijaya. Nengamba boobu, nselimvwide kuti ndimuntu. Kwabula buyo mbwebbila ansi antela kuti kwaboola biyo nsiki, inga ndakomana kuti njaigwe.

"Pesi musa kaka calo antela tacikwe mulandu nkaambo ino mbocitana mvwugwa boobu kuti bakwatana bana ndabona tacikwe mulandu. Musa mwanaako ndali kumuyanda kuti akandibambile mwanaangu. Awalo mwanaangu ulizi biya kuti ndali kumusyoma, ayebo ndabona wali kumusyoma. Ino ncaanga mbubona obo wakayoowa kuloogwa. Nkaambo ategwa wakatalika kaindi. Ambeyo lo wakali kundaambila, ncaanga kuyoowa kuumwa, aboobo tiindakamubuzya lwakwe munyokwesu kuti na makani alya akali ancobeni, limwi ategwa mwana ndakaide kuzumina. Ino na kayi kwaba boobo tokonzyi kayi omweenzuma kutamwaambila mwanaako. Kulu-nguna teesi wakwe, inga wazyala akale kumpela amazuba bamugamide. Musa ndaansoni nenkede boobu kumeso ako. Mali mwanaako ngaakasowa atala a-Jesi ulya nsekonzyi akunga ndzapilusya."

"Mbabina Jesi obo mbubakaamba. Ino ambeyo ndali kuyanda kuti nkusise, pesi candiyumina kuti nemuyanda nemuyanda musimbi, sa ncenge mwanaangu. Kumpela amazuba caakundaalila ino nkaambe buti. Ndiza mbucatalikana koona limwi ausyi citalekani. Ndakaunka kuli bina Mpesulo ndati akwalo nkabuzye na balo makaninzi ngobajisi. Pesi balo bakaamba kuti kuyandika ciindi cakuyeeya nkaambo

akwalo kumuluzisya musimbi uli bobuya mwana nkumubuza coolwe, nkaambo cilizizilwe kuti musimbi wakayoowa kuloo-gwa. Awalo Nkausu ncaakali kulembela obuya magwalo ngangayaayo makani. Sena webu ulazumina kukwata namisi? ” Mebo ndakakaka kulekule. Balo alimwi bakati, “Pesi ambeyo akandiyumya mukanwa makani aya nindakaamvwa. Teesi muntu mubotu oona amuntu ngocoona limwi abanyina, alimwi inga noba obanyina tokondwi kuti mwana.” Elyo ndakaide kweenda kunyina nindakaambaula limwi a-Jesi: akaba malusi kuli ndime. Ndakajokela ku-Lusaka mbubonoo-bo buzuba.

CAANDANO 13

KABUCA ULETA TUNJI

KUZYILA ciindi ncindakamvwa kuti ujisi da Jesi, kunyina nitwakawaalana jwi pe anguwe. Kusaanguna ncobeni tiindakali kumuyanda pe amwainda; pesi naakainda mazuba ayelede, ndakatalika kumuyeeya: zintu zyangu nzindakasowa, mbu-twakali kweenda anguwe, ambutwakali kwizya. Pesi nokuba boobo ndakalyaambilila kuti nseli mubwa unga ulajokelela malusi.

Nokwakamana mezi yone nseli mu-Lusaka ndakatambula lugwalo lwakazyila kuli banyina Jesi. Ndakajana walo mulembi ngu-Jesi. Mboobu mbulwakali kwaamba:

Mebo amwanaangu ndiluuside kapati kwaamba kuti wakamisigwa kuli usyi. Ndakali kumusyoma ayebo mbubona mbookali kumusyoma mwanaangu. Ndizi ncobeni kuti wakali kumusyoma nkaambo kakuti wakali kumutumina zyoonse nzyookali kubona. Wakali sinizizye kwaamba kuti inga muya kukwatana. Pesi lwangu mebo asunu ndicimusyoma mwanaangu kwaamba kuti na mwakwatana inga kunyina naya kucii-ndulula cintu cili boobu alimwi. Ayebo ulizi kuti wakali

kukulembela magwalo akwaamba kuti usyi wamukatarya uyanda kuti kaboona limwi. Alimwi wakatalikwa kaindi kukanzwa kuloogwa. Kuti nibali biyo bamwi ndabona sunu naanga nkaindi, pesi walo wakali ujisi moyo. Ncencicetoo ncemusyomena asunu. Ino njanda kuti mywe nduwe na ulaamba buti nkaambo bantu mbubakakwaambilila kumunzi walekelalyo akumulembela magwalo.

Nindakabasandula ndakabaambila kuti nsecikwe alubazu amwanaabo. Azintu zyoonse nzindakali kumuulila kabatola biyo, nkaambo nokuba kuti ndakali kumusyoma, ino ndakaleka kumusyoma, nkaambo nsenabona musimbi ukonzya kucita cilengwa cili boobo, kumisigwa ausyi. Bantu balandaambila kuti, kuti muntu waona kale aumbi, nkujana cimwi ciindi kunyina nobaya kulekana pe. Elyo makani ali boobu ngaa-ndipa kuti nokuba kuti mazuba amwi neli mufubafuba buti, ndamuyeeya mwanaanu. Pesi amwi mazuba nsemuloti akujonzi pe. Kwaamba kumukwata, cibaanga kuli ndime nciyumu yumu mbuli kadonki mbokatakonzyi kunjila mumusena wanyeleti.

Ino cakali ciindi cakululelema, mumwezi wa-October. Ndakali kumvwa kubantu kuti bina Jesi tabakoneddwe akaniiini, alimwi da ndipati. Walo Syaampongo kunyina anaa-kali kukonzya kulangana abantu pe, wakali kuyooowela kulekule, ansoni zyakamujaya kapati. Limwi wakaile kunjililwa bu-lwazi bwakwiide kukoka, ulakoka limwi waakwiide kuba kasamu. Limwi wakasika nkwa fwa mu 13 October, 1951.

Takanakaba kaindi nselembede lugwalo ndakatambula lugwalo lwakazyila kumunzi lwaamba kuti bina Jesi amwanaabo bakalisina. Elyo ndakaunka kumunzi nkaambo mbu-ndakaambilwa. Nindakabuzisya cintu cakapa kuti balisine ambubakalisina, bamaama bakaamba kuti, "Ndilyona niha-kamana kubala lugwalo lwako (awalo kali mwanalumi wabo wakali kuciswa kapati), bakatalika kulila kapati, bantu bamu-

munzi bakayoowa bakali kuyeeya kuti antela Syaampongo wafwa. Pesi bakanyandwa kujana kuti mbiina Jesi bakali kulila alugwalo mumaanza. Alimwi bina Jesi bakalijsi cilengwa cakwambaulisya nobalota. Bantu bakalede mujanda omo, kabali bacilwazyia Syaampongo naakali kulangilwa kuti na bulaca buti, bakamvwa nkobaambaula kujonzi ategwa, 'Omwa-naangu Jesi, olike biyo mbundakakuzyala, nduwe ondipa kuti nsampuke mumaleya. Alimwi wandijazyia nsoni. Cintu ncinmwi cilike ncenkonzyia kwaamba—nkupanga lweendo lula-mfu lutapilukwi. Nsekonzyi kuti bantu kabandilanga lyoonse nseungumene pe, mebo nseona amuntu ngocoona amwanaangu. Nguwena mulumaangu, alimwi nguwena abe mukwe! Buzuba kwasunu tabukwe kwiinda pe, njelede kuya kwakaunka baneene, abamaama, abamwi boonse bakaunka mbindakajanjide. Ano ansi nenjenda kubaanga ndeenda amamvwa, ansima yoonse kubaanga lyoonse ibikwa musenga nelya. Kunyina acindinonena. Ino mbubo kabe Mutinta waamba kuti uyakumukwata mwanaangu inga mbubo, ino alimwi awalo ugeme biyo kusampula andenyina. Pe, pe, njelede kubbila bwakaya bamwi. A ncena kulindila ncinzi? Kayi nokuba kuti nkafwe mwakali antela nkafwe cifumo, antela ino coonse cileelene—nkufwa koonse.' Limwi bakalede mujanda bakababusya. Alimwi nibakoona kabili batalika, 'Baama Jesi, atweende nkutwakazyila. Kayi muntu oonse wakazyila ansi. Atweende, nseyandi kukusiya, bagunwe na banakwaa- mba bani.' Nibwakaca Syaampongo mulumi wabo wakafwa. Elyo bantu bakali kubeembela lyoonse. Kunyina ampu- kwiide kugatela bina Jesi amwanaabo.

"Cintu cakali kukatazyia bantu boonse ncakuti kunyina noliba dosi lyomwe ndibakalosya akaambo kakufwa kwamwa- nalumi wabo. Bantu nobalila balo meso alike. Ategwa, 'Cilike cili mucamba muno. Inga ndamulila buti muntu walibamba walo, mebo ndeembelwa, ndemuntu enjanda kuli- bamba. Ino nomundeembela boobu mulakatala akale, sa

kamusyite andime lyoonse. Te sena muya kuunka akale mwanu-mwanu? Mbomuya kuunkila ambeyo ndalaya.' Kuti muntu wasola kubalaya bakali kulisinka mumatwi. Ncobeni bantu nibakaunka mwabo-mwabo, balo bakaunka musyokwe ategwa nkasye musamu wamwida (nkaambo Jesi wakali kuciswa mwida), nkukona oko bakaakulisina. Awalo Jesi mbwaakakamvwida biyo kaambo watozya kumbi kubbazyu awalo walisina, amwana mwida."

Aalo mazuba ayo ndakapenga kapati kupilauka. Lugwalo lwangu lwakabalwa, pesi kwakajanika kuti kunyina cintu cibi ncindakaamba pe. Limwi nobaya kundileka. Amisyozyi yakaloka, tulaabamaama tobilo nitwakakede, nindakayeeya mbwaakali kulila mucizyi wangu. Ndakalyaambila ndati, "Nyika eyi ngucimena babotu. Pesi alo kwaambwa kuti citamani cilalweza. Basikale bakaamba kale ati 'Kabuca uleta tunji.'"

CAANO CAMANA.

