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Matsiku amakedzana, anthu sanali kudziwa ciliconse. Sanadziwe kubzala mbeu, mwina kusoka zovala, mwina kupanga zisulo kucoka kunsimbi. Mulungu ochedwa Nyame wakumwamba anali ndi nzelu pa zonse zamziko. Nzeluzi anazisungilira bwinobwino mu poto yopangidwa ndi dothi.

Poto yanzelu inang'ambika mutuzidunswa pamene inafika pansi. Nzelu zinafarisidwa ku munthu aliyonse. Ndiye mwamene anthu anaphunzilira kulima, kusoka zovala, kupanga zisulo za nsimba ndi zinthu zina zamene anthu aziwa kucita.

Posacedwa anafike pamwamba pa mtengo. Koma iye anaganiza, “Ine ndine nifunikira kukhala ndi nzelu zonse, koma apa mwana wanga ndiye anali na nzelu kucila ine!” Anansi anakalipa kwambiri paizi ndiponso, anataya poto ya nzelu pansi kucoka mucimtengo.

Tsiku lina, Nyame anaganiza kupatsa Anansi poto ya nzelu. Nthawi iliyonse Anansi anayangana mupoto, anaphunziramo cinthu cimodzi catsopano. Anali okondwera kwambiri.

Maganizo a utani anabwera muli Anansi, “Poto yanzelu ndizaisugilira bwinobwino pamwamba pa mtengo. Mwakuti inde ndekha ndikhale ndi nzelu!” Anatenga nthambo itali nakumangilira poto pamala. Anayamba kukwela mtengo. Koma cinali covuta kukwela cifukwa poto inali kumukhumya kumyendo nthawi yonse.

Pamene zonsezi zinali kucitika, mwana mwamuna mung’ono wa Anansi anali kutamba pansi pacimtengo imilire. Iye anati, “Kodi sicizakhala capafupi kukwela mtengo ngati mwamangilira poto kumusana?” Anansi anayesa kumangilira poto ya nzelu kumusana ndipo iye anakwela mtengo kosavutika.