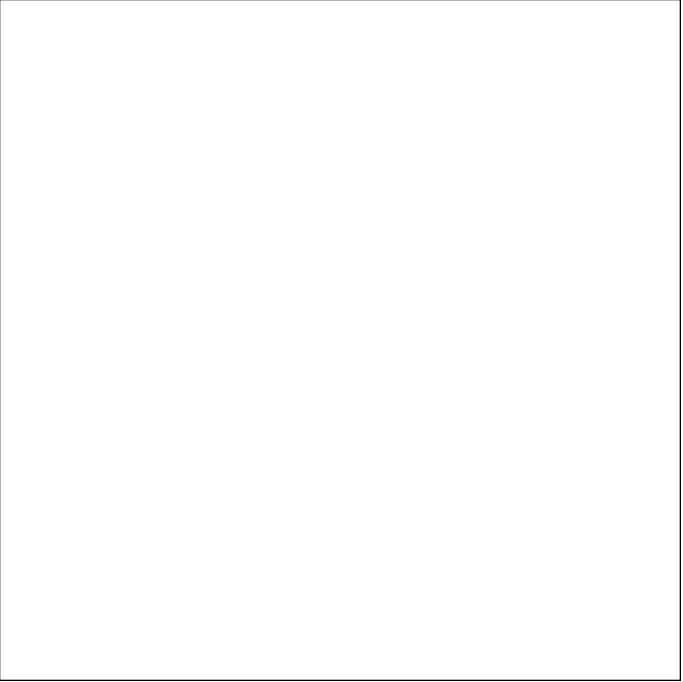


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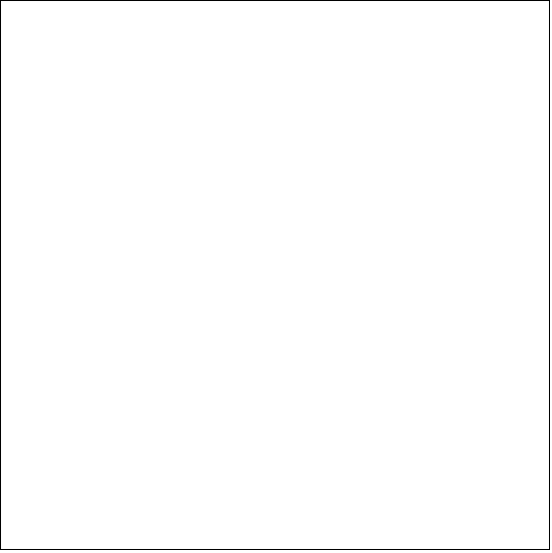


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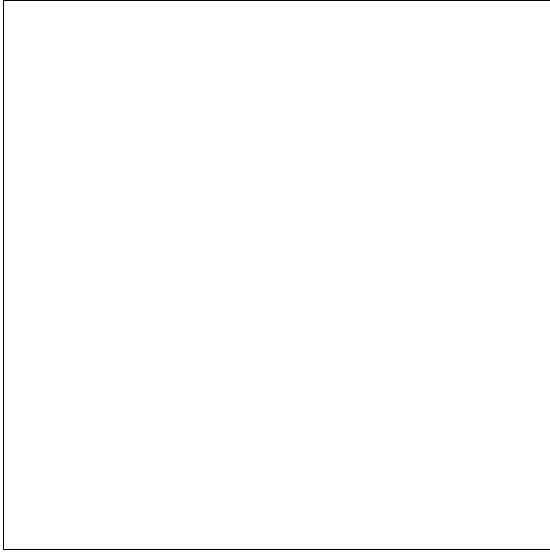




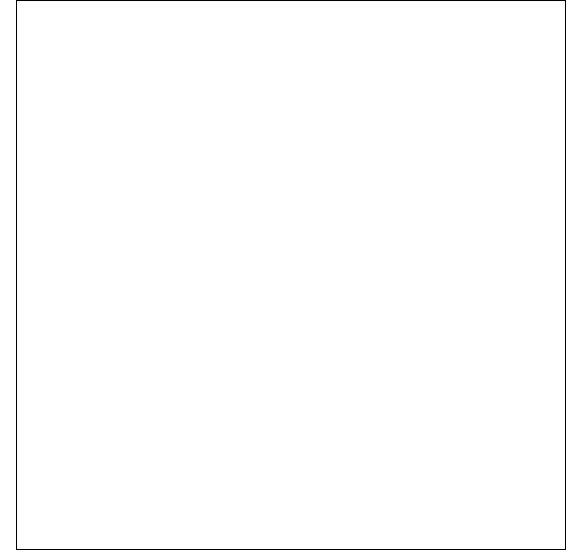
Mu tauni ya Nairobi, kutali nama banja,
kunali kunkala anyamata analibe mabanja.
Anangonkala mwa siku pa siku. Kuseni
kwina, anyamata anali kulonga mpasa zao
pambuyo pogona pampepo mumbali mwa
museu. Kusewenzesa vinyalala, anayasa
moto kuti asangenewe mpepo. Pagulu la
anyamata ili panali Magozwe. Iye ndiye
anali wamung'ono.



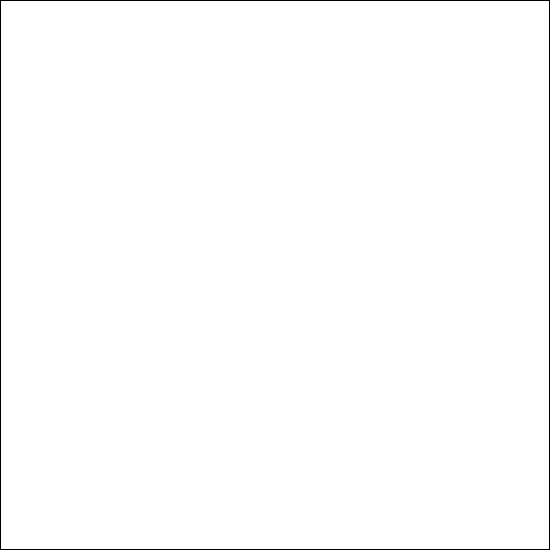
Pomwe makolo ake Magozwe anamwaila,
iye anali na zaka cabe kumi. Ndipo
anayenda kunkala na amalume ake.
Amalume ake sanatayeko nzeli kwa
mwana. Sanali kumupasa cakudwa
cokwanila Magozwe. Ndipo anali kugwilisa
ncito zambili.



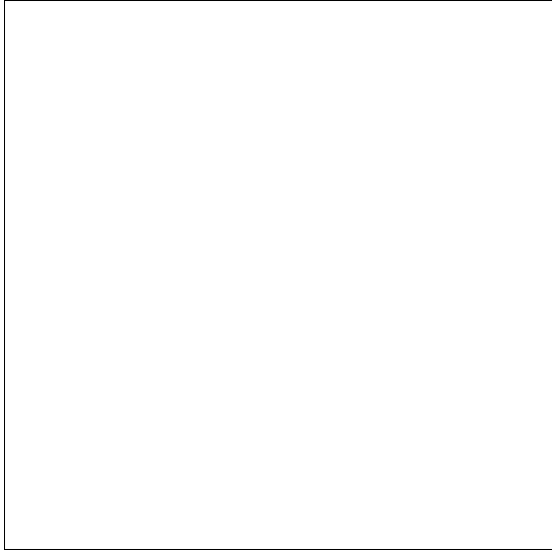
Ngati Magozwe wafunsa mwina wadandaula, amalume ake anali kumumenya. Pomwe anafunsa kuti ayende kusukulu amalume ake anamumenya nanena nati “Ndiwe cisilu kwambili sungapunzile kalikonse.” Patapita zaka zitatu zosungwiwa mozuzindwa, Magozwe anataba kucoka pa nyumba pa amalume ake. Ndipo anayamba kunkala pa museu.



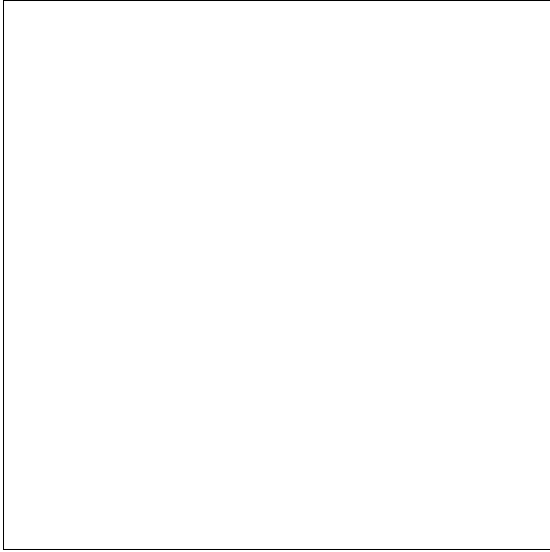
Magozwe anali nkale panja panyumba ya malata a musipu, awelenga buku lake lakusukulu, pamene Thomas anabwela nonkala pafupi pake. “Ikamba cani nkani?” anafunsa Thomas. “Ikamba pali munyamata amene anankala mupunzisi,” anayanka Magozwe. “Nindani zina munyamata?” anafunsa Thomas. “Zina lake ni Magozwe,” anayanka Magozwe mosekelela.



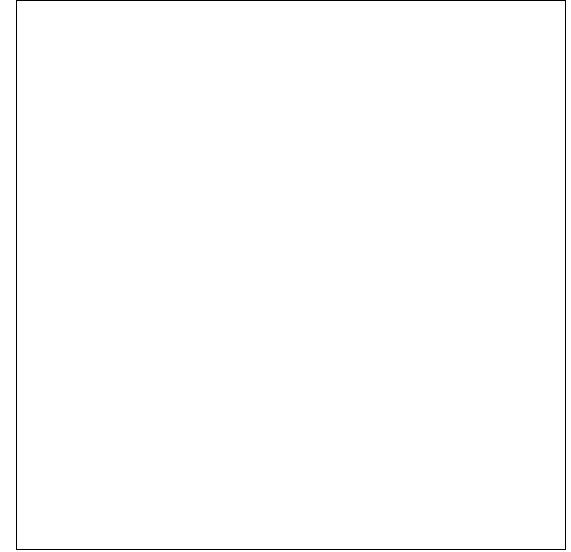
Kunali kovuta kunkala kwa pa museu
ndipo anyamata ambili anali kuvutika
masiku onse kupeza cakudya. Masiku ena
anamenyedwa, ntawi zina anagwiliidwa na
apolisi. Akadwala kunalibe muntu
owatandiza. Ndalama zomwe anapeza
mukupempa pempa, kugulisa ma pulasitiki!
na zina, ndiye ndalama zomwe zinali
kuwatandizila. Umoyo unavutikako cifukwa
magulu ena a anyamata anali kufuna
kulanda malo osiyana siyana mu tauni.



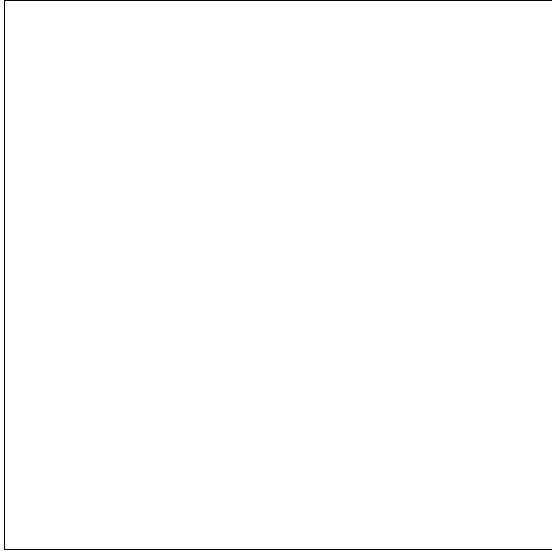
Magozwe anayamba sukulu ndipo inali
yovuta. Nivambili vame ne anali kufunikila
kuziwa kuti alingane na anzake. Ntawi zina
anali kufuna kuleka. Koma anaganizila
oyendesa ndeke na omenya bola a muma
buku ake. Monga aja anyamata
amumabuku, sanaleke.



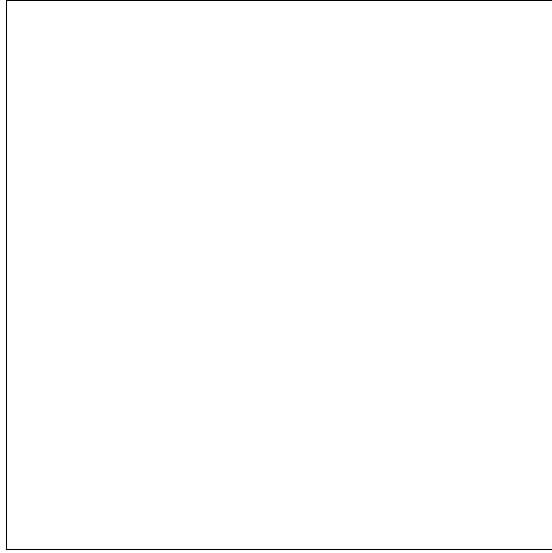
Siku lina pamene Magozwe anali kusakila-sakila muvinyalala, anapeza buku lina losila long'ambika. Anacosako madoti ndipo analiika mu saka. Siku lililonse lokonkapo, anacosa buku ndipo anayamba kulangana vitunzi tunzi mu buku. Sanali kuziwa kuwelenga mau.



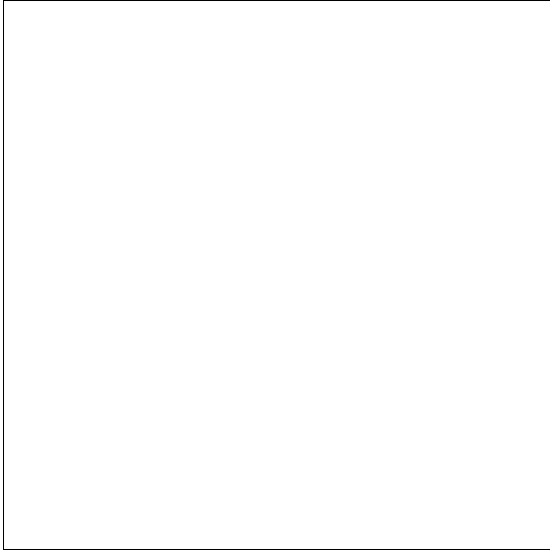
Ndipo Magozwe anapita kunkala mu cipinda mu nyumba ya malata amusipu. Anankala na anyamata ena awili mu cipinda. Pamozi anali anyamata kumi amene anali kunkala pamozi mu nyumba. Pamozi na a Anti Cissy na amuna ao, magalu atatu, ka kiti na mbuzi yokalamba.



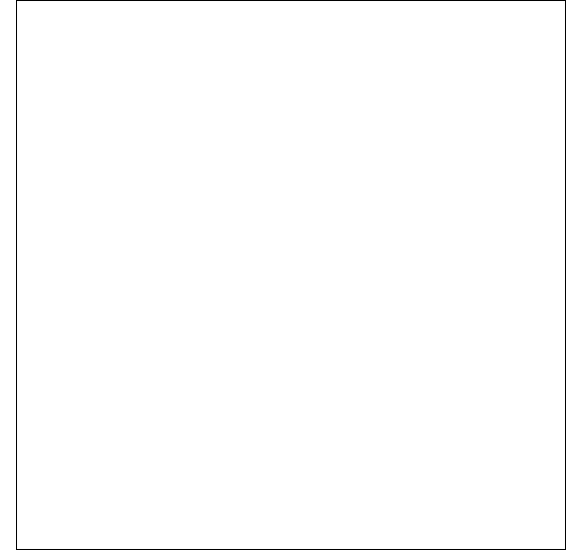
Vitunzi tunzi vinalangiza munyamata
omwe anakula kunkala oyendesa ndeke.
Magozwe analota na muzuba momwe,
kunkala oyendesa ndeke. Ntawi zina
anazona kuti ndiye wamene anali
munyamata wambuku.



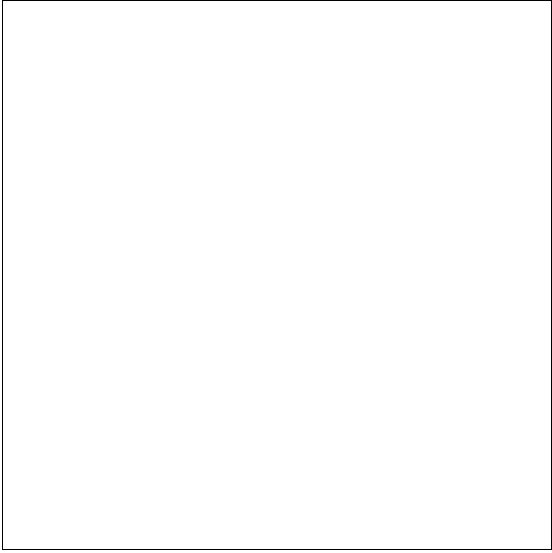
Anamuza Thomas kuti anali na manta.
Thomas anamusimikizila kuti, azankala na
umoyo wabwina uku kumalo.



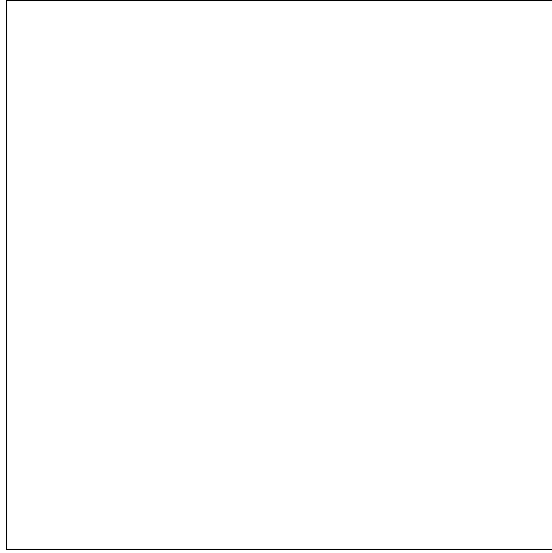
Kunali kozizila ndipo Magozwe anaimilila pa museu kupempa-pempa. Muzibambo wina anabwela pafupi naye. “Bwanji, ndine Thomas. Nisewenza pafupa napano, pamalo pamene ungapeze cakudya,” anakamba. Anasonta nyumba yacikasu, ya malata yobilibila. “Niziwa uzayenda kuti utengeko cakudya?” anafunsa. Magozwe analangana muzibambo nalangana nyumba. “Kapena nizayenda,” anayanka, ndipo anacokapo.



Magozwe anaganizila za kumalo uko ndiponse zoyenda ku sukulu. Nanga kapena amalume ake anakamba zoonza kuti anali cisilu kwambili ndipo sangapunzile kalikonse? Nanga ngati bamumenya uku kumalo kwinangu? Anayopa. “Kapena cilibwino kupitiliza kunkala pa museu,” anaganiza.



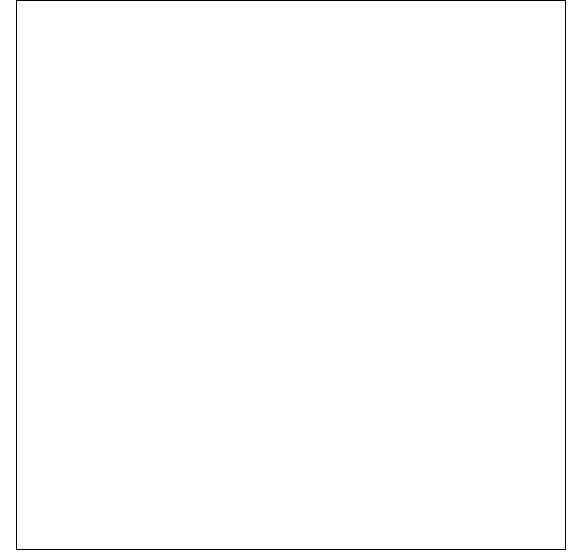
Panapita Mwezi, ndipo anyamata alibe mabanja anali kuonana na Thomas. Thomas anali kukonda kukamba na antu makamaka antu onkala pa museu. Thomas ananvesela nkani za antu awa. Anali wacidwi ndipo wonkazikika mutima, ndiponso sanataye ulemu. Anyamata ena anayamba kuyenda kunyumba yacikasu ya malata obilibila, kutenga cakudya muzuba.



Pomwe Magozwe anali patupi nakukwanisa zaka kumi, Thomas anamupasa buku. Buku inali pali munyamata wa mumunzi wamene anakula kukkala womenya bola wozibika kwambili. Thomas anamuwengelela Magozwi kwambili, mpaka siku lina anakamba nati, “Niganiza kuti uyambe kuyenda ku sukulu, kuti ukapuzile kuwelenga. Uganizapo bwani?” Thomas anakamba kuti anali kuziba malo kumene ana angayende kunkala ndiponso kupunzila kwameneko.



Magozwe anali nkale mumbali mwa museu alangana vitunzi tunzi mu buku yake pamene Thomas anabwela nankala pafupi naye. “Ikamba cani nkani?” anafunsa Thomas. “Ikamba pali munyamata amena anankala oyendesa ndeke,” anayanka Magozwe. “Nindani zina munyamata?” anafunsa Thomas. “Kaya, siniziba kuwelenga,” anayanka Magozwe mwacisinsi.



Pomwe anakumana, Magozwe anayamba kuuza Thomas, nkani za umoyo wake. Anamuza za mwamene anatawila kucoka kwa amalume ake. Thomas sanakambe kwambili, ndipo sanauze Magozwe vocita koma anamvesela mwacidwi. Ntawi zina Magozwe na Thomas anakambilana pamene anali kudya munyumba ya malata obilibila.