




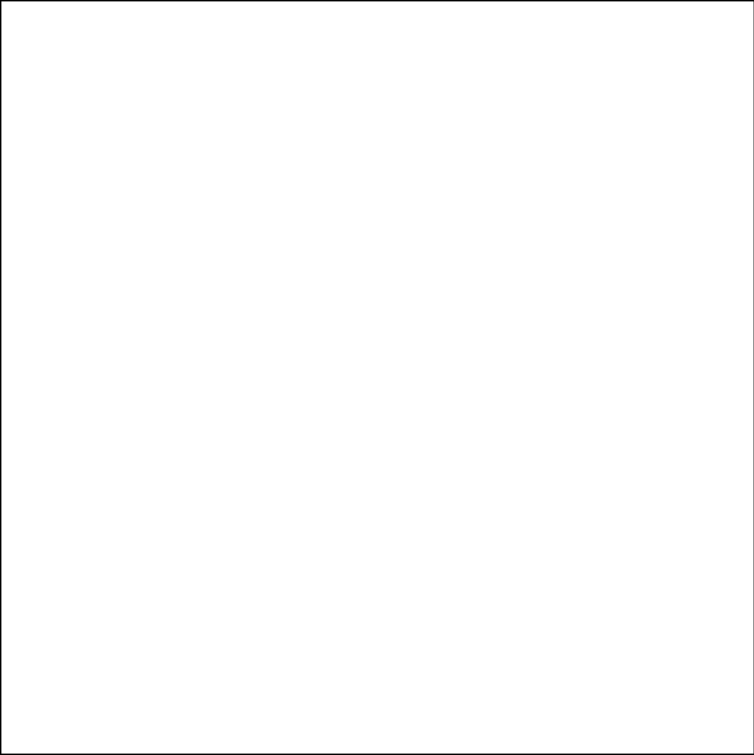


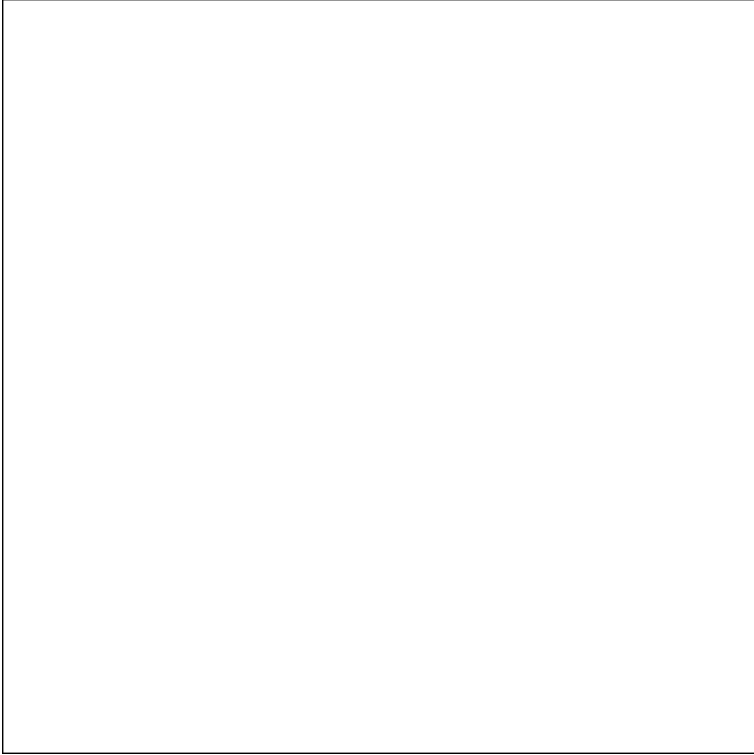


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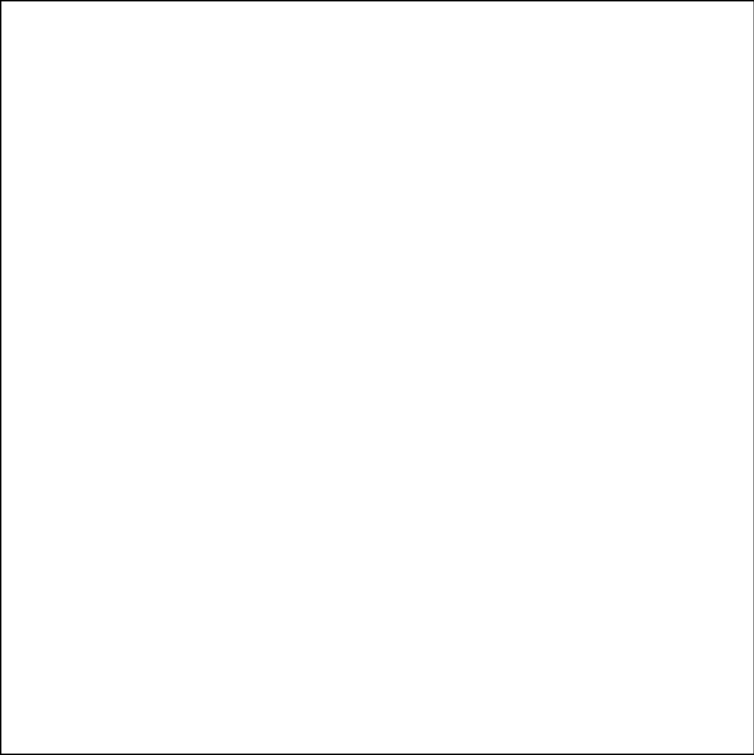
Mwi tauni Iya Nairobi, ukutali nendupwa,
kwaleeikala abalumendo abaabula indupwa.
Baaleeikalafye cikulu bwaca. Uluceelo lumo,
abalumendo baaleelonga impasa shabo panuma
yakulala mumpepo mumbali yanshila. Ukubomfya
ifisooso, baalikoseshe umulilo pakutamye mpepo.
Pali ili bumba paali Magozwe. Ewaali umwaice
saana.



Ilyo abafyashi bakwa Magozwe baafwile, aalifye neemyaka isaano. Aile mukwikala na banalume. Banalume tabapooseleko amaano kumwana. Magozwe tabaaleemupeela ifyakulya fyakumanina. Baaleemupupeela incito shakubomba ishingiri.



Nga Magozwe ati epushe neelyo ukuilishanya, banalume baaleemuma. Ilyo Magozwe aipwishe palwa kuya kusukulu, banalume baalimumine nookutila, "Iwe taumfwa. Tapali ico wingasambilila." Panuma yamyaka itatatu iya kumusunga ifi, Magozwe aalibuutwike ukufuma pang'anda yabanalume. Aambile ukwikala mumusebo.



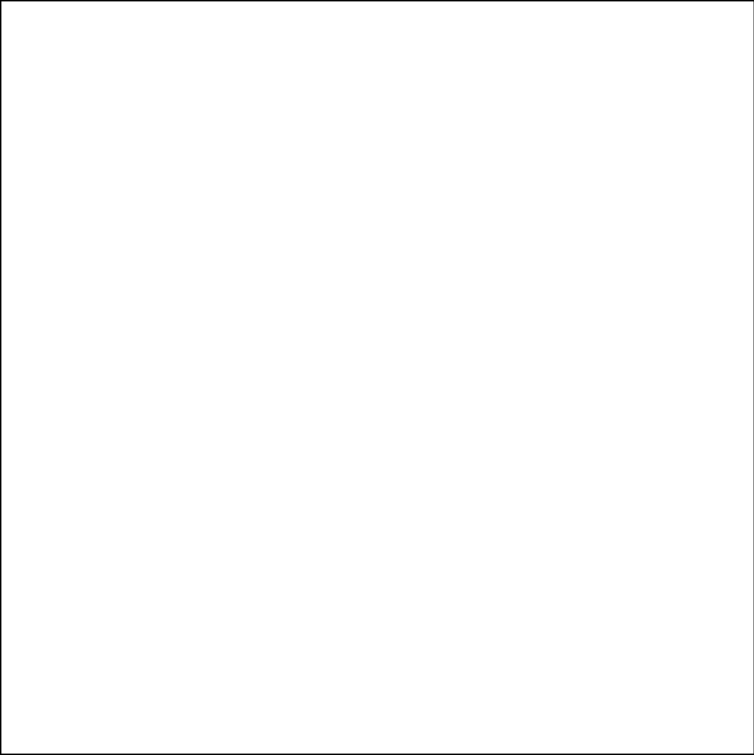
Ukwikala pamusebo kwali ukwayafya kabili
abalumendo abengi baaleecuula cila bushiku
pakusanga icakulya. Inshiku shimo baaleebooma,
shimbi baaleebeeekata kuli bakapokola. Nga
baalwaala takwaleeba aba kubaafwa. Ulupiya
baalesanga mukulombalomba, mukushitisha
amapulasitiki nafimbi elwaleebaafwilishako.
Ubuumi bwalyafisheko pantu amabumba yambi aya
balumendo yaaleefwaya ukupoka incende
shapusanapusana mutauni.



Bushiku bumo ilyo Magozwe aleefwayafwaya
mufisooso, asangile ibuuku ilyakale ilyalepauka.
Afumisheko ifiko aalibikile namwisaaka. Cila
bushiku, aleefumya ibuuku nookwamba ukulolesha
pafikope. Taishibe ukubelenga.



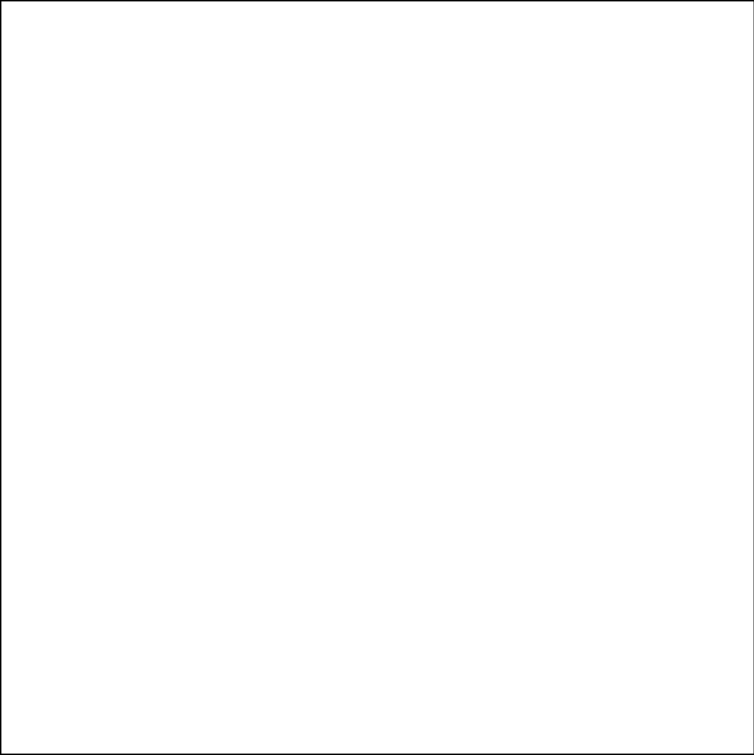
Ifikope fyaleelanga umulumendo uwaishileba kensha wandeke ilyo aakulile. Magozwe aleeloota namukasuba palwakuba kensha wandeke. Inshita shimo aleemona ukuti emulumendo wine uwa mwibuku.



Kwalitaleele kabili Magozwe aiminine pamusebo aleelombalomba. Umwaume umo aishile mupeepi napo aali. “Uli shaani? Nine Thomas. Momba mupeepi napano, pancende wingapoka icakulya,” efyo atiile. Asontele kung’anda yayeelo noomutenge wabuluu. “Ninjishiba, walaayapoka ifyakulya?” efyo aipwishe. Magozwe aloleshe umwaume elyo aloleshe kung’anda. “Limbi ndeeya,” efyo aaswike afumanapo.



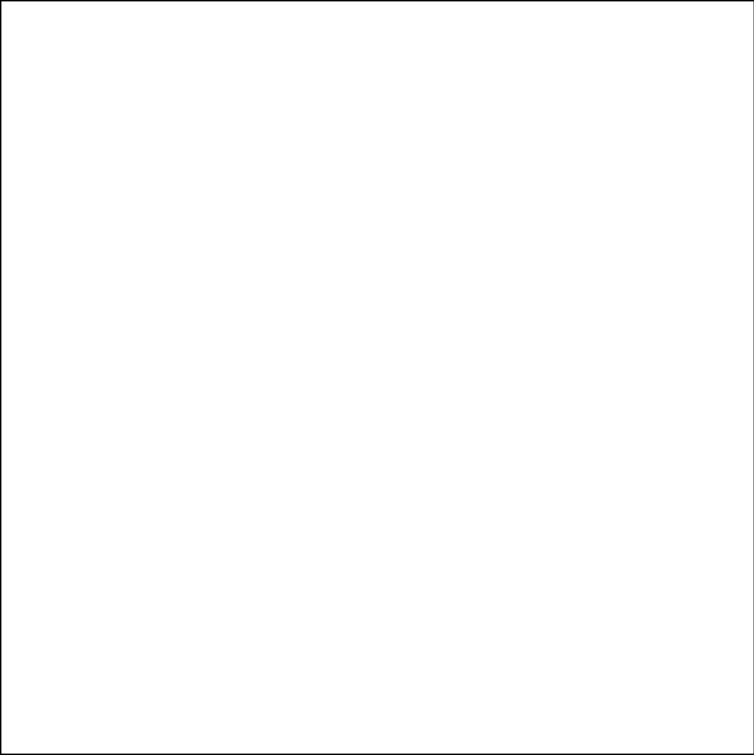
Imyeshi yakonkelepo, abalumendo baalibeeleshe ukumona Thomas. Alitemenwe ukulanda nabantu makamaka abaleeikala mumusebo. Thomas aleumfwa amalyashi ya bantu aba. Aali uuposa amano kufintu kabili uwacikuuku noomucinshi. Abalumendo bamo, baambile ukuya kung'anda yayeelo nabuluu mukupoka ifyakulya akasuba.



Magozwe aikele mumbali yanshila aleetamba ifikope mwibuuku lyakwe ilyo Thomas aishileeikala mupeepi nawene. “Lileelanda pali cinshi ilyashi?” efyo Thomas aipwishe. “Lileelanda pamulumendo uwasangwike kensha wandeke,” efyaaswike Mazongwe. “Naani ishina umulumendo?” Thomas aipwishe. “Katwishi, nshaishiba ukubelenga,” efyaaswike Mazongwe panoono.



Ilyo baakumeene, Magozwe atendeke ukweba Thomas ilyashi pa buumi bwakwe. Amwebele ifyo abuutwike ukufuma kuli banalume. Thomas taalaandile ifingi kabili taebele Magozwe ifyakucita leelo aleeumfwikishafye. Limolimo baleelanshanya ilyo baleelya mung'anda yamutenge wabuluu.



Ilyo Magozwe aali nemyaka ikumi Thomas alimupeelee ibuuku. Ibuuku lyali pamulumendo wamumushi uwaleeteya umupila uwalumbwike saana. Thomas alimubelengele Magozwe ili lyashi imiku iingi mpakafye bushiku bumo atiile, “Ndetontonkanyefyo ulingile ukutampeesukulu pakuti usambilile ukubelenga. Uleetontonkanyapo shani?” Thomas atiile alishibepo incende uko abaana benga laala nookuya kusukulu.



Magozwe atontonkenye pancende ukwakulaala kabili nookuya kusukulu. Nga limbi ifyo banalume bamwebele ati toomfwa teeti asambilile icili conse fyaciine? Nga cakuti kulya kuncende bamuuma? Alitiinine. "Limbi cawamapo ukutwalilila ukwikala mumusebo," efyaatontonkenye.



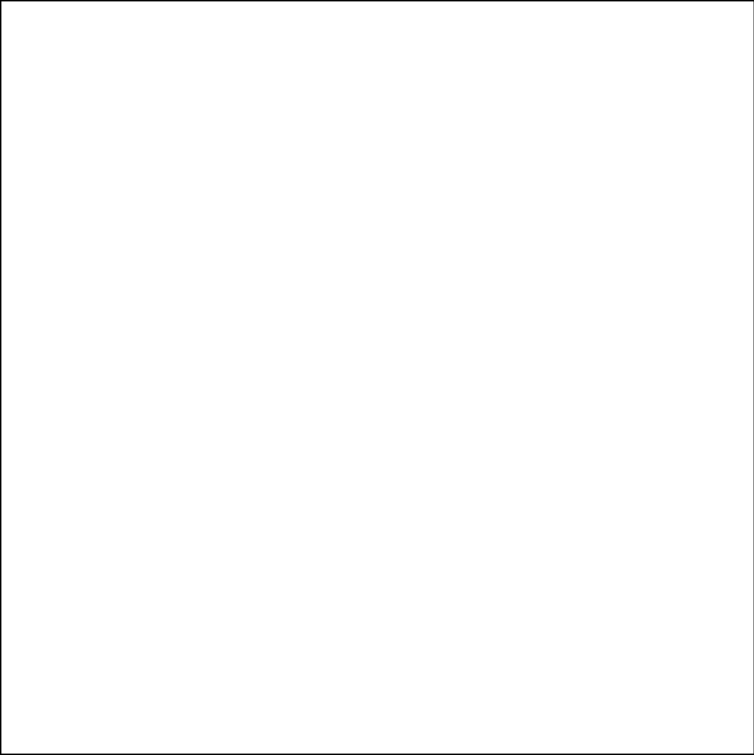
Aebele Thomas ati aali no mwenso. Thomas alimwebekesha ati akeekala bwino kuncende ilya.



Lyene Magozwe aile mukwikala mumuputule mung'anda yamutenge wagilini. Aleeikalamo na balumendo babili bambi. Bonse pamo abaana baali ikumi abaleeikala muli ilya ng'anda. Elyo naba Baamaama Cissy nabalume baabo neembwa shitatu, puushi elyo neembushi iikote.



Magozwe alyambile isukulu kabili lyalikosele. Fingi
ashaishibe ifyo aalingile ukwishiba pakuti alingane
nabanankwe. Limolimo aleefwaya ukuleka. Leelo
pamulandu weetontokanyo pali kensha wandeke
nakateya wamupila abamumabuuku yakwe,
taalekele nga filya fine nabo bashalekele.



Magozwe aikeele panse mulubansa lwang'anda yamutenge wagilini, aleebelenga ibuuku lya kusukulu. Elyo Thomas aikeele mupeepi nankwe. "Lilelanda pali cinshi ilyashi?" Thomas aipwishe. "Lilelanda pamulumendo asangwike kafundisha," efyaaswike Magozwe. "Naani ishina umulumendo?" efyaipwishe Thomas. "Ishina lyakwe ni Magozwe," efyaaswike Magozwe aleemwentula.





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