

Nyambose Goes to Town

(Dama)

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Nyambose

Jomo

Twapa

Nashe

Driver

Labour Officer

Gangster 1

Gangster 2

Jane

Mahelebwedwe

Kanjomo

Tchaya

Bar Owner

Jussab

SCENE ONE.

MAULA FEMALE PRISON CELL, Nyambose walks in wearing a female prisoners' Uniform, She walks onto the center stage almost emotionless. She looks around and for some moment we think she is scared after a beat her face changes. She stares at the audience with malice and she charges at the audience.

She glares at one of the Audience as if to hurt them.
(SILENCE) and then she breaks down

Then to herself

NYAMBOSE

No I have to be strong, Jomo told me about these moments... he prepared me about this time.

She starts to mimick him, makes a gesture of a cigarratte and she and her friends are sited around fire, listening to Jomo...

NYAMBOSE

(As Jomo)So young bloods, for the sake of this new young blood here, i will tell you about the my prison ordeals (She protests like one of the guys sitting around the fire) Come Jomo, those stories are boring, lets talk about that lady Dr. Namadingo promised to marry, or about kudya katatu or we could talk about how those demographic progressive gang has not been thrown in jail yet (Like another guy around the fire with a Tumbuka accent) Shut up let Jomo narrate his ordeals some of us want always sleep before he finishes, Jomo I think you should tell it from that point where that prisoner warder asks you to buy him mandazi, I just want to hear that you slapped the hell out of that son of a bastard. (as Jomo) no I will start it from the beginning if you sleep then that's your own fault, so like any other important state house we lay out rules, when you enter the gates of the most pretigious state house keep your head high, be on the look out, be the touch guy even when you know that you are weak and broken, be the strongest, wear that ruthless lion face and face your inmates, let them know you have meant the toothless Uncle Jomo, bring your chest out, come on young bloods try it, okay for you Nyambose your chest is already but uuuh your mbina is too disorganized...

TWAPA a slander inmate, she is the oldest in the cell and most probably the leader of the cell. She walks to Nyambose after being disturbed by Nyambose's

TWAPA

Oh young girl, who gave you that courage that you would walk into this prison and become the Ngwazi around here, mmmh?

Nyambose looks at her size and she walks to her. She is not scared of her

NYAMBOSE

Uncle Jomo told me about people like you...

TWAPA

Oh you lie, Uncle Jomo has three legs and he has no idea about Aunt Twapa here, he has no idea of what I am capable of, look I was literally born here, i crawled the corridors, i said my first words in here... the government tried to separate me from this life but every time they do i drag myself back... Are you sure your Uncle Jomo knew me?

(TWAPA twists her neck like someone who is possessed, NASHE runs in between to break the tension)

NASHE

Please Aunt Twapa, she is only a child, (TWAPA is still in her disturbed mood and Nashe turns to Nyambose) Look get on your knees and apologize, this is prison if you die it's just another prisoner who has died, here you are condemned, once you wear that uniform you submit to Aunt Twapa (NYAMBOSE senses the seriousness of the matter)

TWAPA

Nashe move out of my way, maybe she is someone very important let me sip my knife into her naive blood and baptize her now now.... (TWAPA brings out a knife, Nyambose gets on her knees)

NYAMBOSE

I am sorry, I was misled by the one stupid Uncle Jomo. I am sorry Aunt, I am sorry Ma'm

TWAPA

Oh look she calls me mam, me the most beautiful chic on the planet, do i look like your Mum, Nashe have i gotten to look that old, listen to this imbecile, a daughter of a nobody...

NASHE

You if you have wanted to commit suicide, you should have thrown yourself out the police car when they drove you here. Apologize apa, galu iwe

NYAMBOSE

Soleeeeeee...

TWAPA

Look she is not even beautiful that I could take as my lovely bride, so what can possibly make me stop from oozed her blood out?

NASHE

With her ugliness, she might make a good story teller, let her entertain you with her story, her journey that led her to this place...

TWAPA

If I dont get to be entertained, I will burst off chotupa chili kumbuyo kwakeko adziwilwetu

NASHE

You meana her mbina... Igh nanusotu mayi mwabwera ndi mbina yofuna anthu adzikulozelananitu kuno... So what are you standing there for? Start acting out your story anyanyalasotu awa

NYAMBOSE

So what do you want me to do? Explain what happened to me or what?

NASHE

Upange Drama nawe iwe, act your story we want to watch movie here and you better make it like those telemundos shows kuti zibebebe (Dramatic whisper to her ear) otherwise akanyanyala Auntwo amayamba ndikuphwisa ndiye kuti monse muno musokosera ndiye chimatenga 30 minutes kuti chithe mphamvu

TWAPA

So what are you discussing about now?

NASHE

Telling her tips to make it interesting like putting subtitles and the like...

NYAMBOSE

So I will need a few girls to help me act out the other characters... Because it all started one morning when i had just dressed for my Thobwa business heading to Kabaza depot

NASHE

One thing Aunt does not like is you dictating as if you are the boss lady here, nobody knows your story here, so tell it to us through acting of course

TWAPA

Hey Nashe just leave her, let her tell us the story her way (TURNS TO HER BACK)
Girls!? You have heard musachita zipumi biii pamenepo tiyeni mukapange show uku...

NYAMBOSE moves to the far end of the stage and
Freezes,

SCENE TWO

FROM PRISON CELL TO NYAMBOSE'S HOUSE
AND THEN KABAZA SHADE... NASHE comes to
cover her in a big village dress and she walks out of stage,
followed by TWAPA

Then two men come to the stage, they are Kabaza Taxi
Bikers. They are sitting on a shade playing Bawo. They
Freeze

Nyambose unfreezes and takes her business on her head
and walks out of her house, she walks towards the
Kabaza guys who unfreezes when Nyambose covers her
distance

KANJOMO

(STRANGELY EXCITED) Nyambose Nyambose

NYAMBOSE

Mmmh Kanjomo kuteleku mufunao mukongoletu?

KANJOMO

Uh Nyambose just look at me, I have my own bike here, you can even go Mahelebwede's Tearoom, I don't drink tea for free there.... I take this as an insult

TCHAUYA

Mmh Kanjomo don't misquote Nyambose, she said ngongole not subsidy apa... and just like a politician you are drugging the issue to Mahelebwede's tearoom what has this got to do with Mahelebwedwe kapena mufuna Nyambose adziwe kuti mukumatengerana ndi achibwezi anu kumeneko kumakatsopa tea after kuswa magobo ndalama muthera Analiyera?..

KANJOMO

You know the problem with you Tchauya, you speak as if you don't love your teeth... Do you think i could possibly go out with Analiyera a woman who is fit to be my Aunt's Aunt

NYAMBOSE

Mmh A Kanjomo its all over the village that you are dating her, kodi azibambo chimakhala chili chani?

TCHAUYA

Akuti nothing beats experience (LAUGHS), You see Analiyera has at least divorced 4 husbands, and has had boy friend from all the sorounding villages, Kanjomo here is representing our village (LAUGHS WITH NYAMBOSE)

NYAMBOSE

Mmh Akanjomo ayi ndithu muganizeposo bwino, anyway so its just you two guys?

TCHAUYA

Some are coming , so give me my bottle, we should resume our bawo

KANJOMO

What do you mean your bottle when its the two of us here, what has happened to us Malawians? Where is the spirit of sharing? You are just copying those good for nothing creatures who live in town. You know I once went to visit my nephew in town and it just happened that at their neibours house they had lost child. Can you imagine i found nobody at their house and I thought they were at the funeral but no... I sat there at the funeral and they preapred food akuti buffet imagine eating like ku hotel pamaliro...

dzachibwana, worse still there was a woman who really quizzed me and she said “I am not convinced that you are from around here, so its not like we don’t want you eat but, see the watered bottle was counted against the number of people present so if i allow you to grab a plate then you wont have water to drink” Just like that she sent me away... Can you imagine and I went to sit at my nephew’s verendah, I sat I sat I sat and they only came after 5 akuti amachokera ku ntchito, imagine the combining of nyuisene here?

NYAMBOSE

Eish thats very unfortunate scenario huh, but come to think of it its a good way of living kumabgopanga zako basi... I think if we could mind our business just like they do ku town then we wouldnt bother to gossip about you and Aniliyera

KANJOMO

Uh you are right! And I must say life in two eeech is beautiful you get to watch mobies for free, you eat zama spice zokazingila inetu ndinasalala sabata yomwe ndimakhala kumeneko, madzi ozizila ayi ndimasamba pangiza Nyambose, nsima yapa nkhuni olo kuyiwonako, ndimadya yapa cooker

NYAMBOSE

Owoooo?

TCHAUYA

Come on Nyambose serve me my thobwa, forget about this Nosense Kanjomo is selling you...

NYAMBOSE

I almost got carried away with these town stories, here you go Tchauya

TCHAUYA

Mmh this is the best, eish are getting better and each time you brew the thobwa you know.... Nyambose I thibk one day you will open a Thobwa factory

KANJOMO

So-So-So Nyambose Ehe (SMILES) Uh okay can we talk aside

TCHAUYA

Mmmh what do you want to tell her aside that I cannot be part of?

NYAMBOSE

Just speak Kanjomo

KANJOMO

I was just thinking.. uh what if? Uh-uh-uh what if you sell me on credit and you write me in your book of creditors you know I always honor my debts

NYAMBOSE

Mmh Kanjomo no its too much look I sell one bottle at K20... I was doing my stork taking yesterday and you owe me K20,000... You know i do this business as a way to raise funds for my mother's health condition

KANJOMO

Nyambose you have to be serious, how can I owe you 20 thousand, i mean 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, mpakana 20... I agree that I owe you money but the 20 thousand one is way exaggerated figure

NYAMBOSE

You know they say kutsutsa galu nkukumba, let me bring out my book and we should do the calculations together...

TCHAUYA

Mmmmh KANJOMO ona katundu madzi akudutsa kumsewu uja (Point at the distant road)

KANJOMO

Iwe Tchaya I am at a Gunpoint here, Nyambose wants to kill me before my age because of her lies and you want me to look at some car as if its the coming of the Messaiah?

TCHAUYA

Kanjomo look, and the it looks like its being driven by a woman, look its coming here

KANJOMO

A woman driving? In this village? Maybe she has lost her... Or maybe she has a customer for us.

TCHAUYA

Oh my friend the car has stopped, Oh that is a beautiful car? Just look at the way its shining

KANJOMO

Look its really female feet stepping on our soil, this soil is blessed I tell you Tchauya, Oh she is closing the door to talk to us, you and me Tchauya, imagine the amount of favour God has just slapped us with...

In the meantime Nyamose is just standing these men fixing her self trying to be noticed by the men but they have their focus on the Lady coming from the car....

TCHAUYA & KANJOMO

Uh-uh-uh how are you madam?

TCHAUYA

Step aside Kanjomo let me talk to her, your English is broken I have gone to school you

KANJOMO

Ndiye kabza ukupanga naye chani?

TCHAUYA

Uh yes I am the famous Tchauya and this is my friend Kanjomo he dates very old women you know, the one standing behind us mmmmh can you even call her a lady she is our friend timaswera naye pomapno palibe mwa ife anamutengerao ku tea olo tsiku olo limodzi

Nyambose steps forward and she greets this lady from the car

NYAMBOSE

What do you mean your name is Linda Kilombera? The Linda we know from this village travelled to town some three years ago and she has never returned to this village again rumors have it that she travelled to South Africa and got burnt in the Xenophobia attacks... Oh you want to go to your car first

TCHAUYA

Nyambose I think you are talking to much, if the girl says she is Linda let her be Linda

KANJOMO

Of course I dont believe she is our Linda, our Linda was fairly dark in complexion and she is a complete mzungutu...

NYAMBOSE

Basi she is coming, I think she is bringing out money

Tchaya receives money and counts it, Kanjomo receives his money and counts it, Nyamose receives hers as well and then Nyambose goes to look at her ID

NYAMBOSE

Look its indeed Our Linda Kilombera, her ID says... Owo akuti she uses make-up tu I don't know what it means though, iigh you are going basi? Oh to see your family okay maybe you can have a bottle of thobwa to cool yourself up... no huh, koma energy drink... iigh zija kudula 300 for some simple sugared water... okay bye

TCHAUYA

Mmmh Kanjomo ndisakunamize mkazi uyu wandizula moyo inu koma town timangoy iphweketa tawonani thako lamwana wakazai inu abale eish, mwendo uli sesesese eeh eh eh

NYAMBOSE

Kumachita kuyenda chonchi (Trying to get the men's attention)

KANJOMO

Mmh Mubale wanga Nyambose tisiye usatitayitse Yesu ndi zibiy a zakozo inu munalengedwa kuti mudzaphike thobwa basi osati kuti mudzayike ma shock mumakabula azibambo iyayi (BOTH KANJOMO AND TCHAUYA LAUGH)

In total anger Nyambose removes her village dress to remain with the Prison Uniform. She freezes and the men walk out carrying her dress.

SCENE THREE

PRISON CELL, Twapa and Nashe walk to Nyambose, Twapa is not convinced that this story is worthy her time

TWAPA

So why did you through your dress away?

NYAMBOSE

So that they can appreciate my curvy body through my bra and petticoat...

NASHE

And they arrested you for that?

TWAPA

I think this is a very boring story, You see Nyambose we already know the conclusion, you remove your clothes, then you the men get jerked up under and they throw themselves at you and rape you with every wave of disturbed emotions in them and the chief concludes that you seduced them and you fight him and the you are thrown here...

NASHE

I think there is more to this story because she said she was in the village if she would be arrested from the village she would be thrown in a prison close to her village, this prison is for city people

TWAPA

Come on Nashe, I am surprised you are still dull after spending many years in here with me, what if her village is in Lilongwe

NASHE

I think we might as well simply ask her, Nyambose is what Aunt is saying here true ?

NYAMBOSE

No

TWAPA

How dare you contradict me? I am always right here, you are going to say and then my theory is right, we all go to sleep and live happily ever after....

NYAMBOSE

But if I say yes to suit your theory then I would be disrespecting your first commandment of entertaining you. If i do that you will be tormented by your own thoughts at night because its built in us humans to seek a conclusion, you know this is why we curse any death that occurs before one attains old age, simply because we haven't allowed his or her story to hit the climax and reach its conclusion. I don't know if you want to be a victim of that torment.

TWAPA

You have reminded me of Sister Twambilile (they do sign of the cross), she used to come here and tell us about Bible stories, the story about how a man was running away from God's vision and got swallowed by a big fish, she told us plenty of stories from that book, the one I hated the most is about Jesus, I hate it that they Killed him when he had just begun his work boom he died of cause, Sister Twambilile (they do sign of the cross) said his story continues but she as well died in a car accident... I still asks myself many questions what happened to this man Jesus Christ? Why Would he come back to the people who killed him as if he was some wild animal? You see i could have read the rest of the story by myself in that Book but sister Twambilile (they do sign of the cross) died when she had just promised to teach us how to read and write... There came another sister but she is not Sister Twambilile (they do sign of the cross) this new sister judges us and I was sense judgement behind every sermon of hers

NASHE

I dont like her either, she is too bossy, we have to carry her stuff, every time but that Sister Twambilile (they do sign of the cross) eish she was a good person full of humility, she talked to us as if she was an inmate you know. I think we should one day do a drama of her story

TWAPA

But who do the reading of her Holy Book, you know it was given to me, she said she had written it in her will that I should posses it when she dies

NASHE

I have always been looking for her shortfalls, I think now I have found one. Eti Nyambose how would one on all her right sense of mind leave a book to a prisoner who cannot even read it

TWAPA

God will punish you daughter of a snake what did you want her to leave mw with? Plenty of money? When would I use it? Clothes? A House? Or maybe her car? How would I use these things when i am locked up in here, or you mean to say I will die without knowing how to read and write?

NASHE

No I meant to say one day you would get out and you would need all those things you have just mentioned, of what use is the book that you cannot read?

TWAPA

Nashe I think you are beginning to forget that I am Aunt Twapa, I twapalize big people you are just a small small insect that I can crush effortlessly... But for your own information, that book even though I cannot read it, i put it under my pillow and when i am lost I pray to sister Twambilile (they do the sign of the cross) I tell her Sister Twambilie Look I am resting my head on the book that has a story of the blood of Jesus and I am confused and in need of your guidance and then i fall into a deep sleep, boom Sister Twambile (they do sign of the cross) always appear in my dreams and she tells me what to do

NASHE

Nyambose tell her that its just her imagining things

TWAPA

Nashe you know I don't like being contradicted and you know what I am capable of?

NASHE

Come Twapa you are capable of nothing all you do is pose threats and send muscles like me to do the beating, who have you beaten in your entire life?

TWAPA

(Fuming) So it has reached to the point of dropping Aunt in my name and just call me Twapa let me call my dogs (she whistles and now Nyambose breaks the tension)

NYAMBOSE

Come on you two, you don't have to fight, you are both right one day all of us will get out of this place, and Aunt Twapa will simply pray to Sister Twambilie (Twapa and Nashe in their anger do the sign of the cross) besides I can teach all of you how to read and write?

TWAPA

Seriously?

NYAMBOSE

Yes, I know how to read and write of course I have no issues reading and writing our vernacular

TWAPA

Thats not an issue, Sister Twambilele's (they do sign of the cross) book is vernacular as well... So you will first of all finish all the stories for me and start teaching me how to read and write

NASHE

No she will first of all finish her story and then she can teach us how to read and write

TWAPA

Who gives you the right to dictate what will happen moving forward and who lied to you that you will be part of the lessons? Were you written in Sister Twambilele's will like me... Nyambose here will be my special counsel and you Nyambose will have the ring of my protection you can walk around this prison and nobody will tell you what to do as a matter of fact you will have comfortable mattress to sleep on

NASHE

That will only happen when we get to hear her story, when its done she is all yours and you can make her into anything you want

TWAPA

You mean i will be the only enlightened one amongst you?

NASHE

Yes

TWAPA

Okay, so Nyambose? What happened after you had removed your clothes? What did they do to you don't tell me they rape my special counsel because i can arrange for their disappearance whist we are here...

NYAMBOSE

No they did not rape me nor touch me

NASHE

Why?

NYAMBOSE

They were infatuated by the Linda Kilombera's beauty, they just rode their bikes and kept their nose up high as if they are following the sweet smell of kilombera rice just like her father's name. I was left there unnoticed and filled with guilt and anger above all i felt like a mad person and I smashed all the bottles of thobwa...

NASHE

Come on these are really wicked men, how would they not get troubled with this well packed mbina of yours

TWAPA

Shut up Nashe, why would you smash bottles of thobwa? For men who never appreciated you? What about your sick mother?

NYAMBOSE

She is the very reason I had to do that and i did not only smach the thobwa bottles but also the box i kept my money ... I broke it and get the money and took it to Dr. Nzeru Mahelebwedwe

NASHE

Uh you decided to drink tea with all your savings at Mahelebwedwe's tearoom?

NYAMBOSE

No, Mahelebwedwe is a spiritualist, a medium he talks with the sprits and he has several other businesses like the tea business

NASHE

So you went to him kill the men or kill the Linda girl, somehow i think she is a nice girl but I also think she is naughty little one

TWAPA

Allow her to finish the story, come on lets go and sit down so that she can act it out just like last time, girls come on stage...

SCENE FOUR

MAHELEBWEDE'S HOUSE - Nyambose goes out of the stage as Dr. Nzeru Mahelebwedwe comes on stage chanting some stuff. Ny ambose comes to him, she has been running.

Mahelebwedwe chants intensely like a spiritualist. His eyes are crossed through out

MAHELEBWEDE

Mmh Nyambose Mmmhu...

NYAMBOSE

(Startled and panting) Yes its me

MAHELEBWEDE

(laughs) You have probably come to know whats in store for you

NYAMBOSE

No I have come to confirm my fate for this time i know what i want

MAHELEBWEDE

So do you want us to conduct a seance again?

NYAMBOSE

Yes but this time call upon the Spirit of my Grandfather

MAHELEBWEDE

You know he was a catechist

NYAMBOSE

Yes when he comes I will be sure that this time its for real

MAHELEBWEDE

You its quite hard to summon such spirits but we will try anyway, it might take some time, I hope you have all the time

NYAMBOSE

What else would be keeping me busy?

MAHELEBWEDE

Good then, so lets set-up the place, drug that white cloth, and you should also bring that rounded wood, yeah very good... Uh- Did you bring some food for the spirits?

NYAMBOSE

I havent brought any food, but why do they need food anyway

MAHELEBWEDE

Thats a very big mistake you just did right, you know the food helps to attract the spirits who still seek physical nourishment

NYAMBOSE

But they are dead, whats the use of them wanting to eat as if they will grow an inch tall

(Mahelebwele looks at her and sighs)

MAHELEBWEDE

Anyway just because its you, I think I will use my kanyenya, but you should no that you will replace it soon after we are done with the seance, I hope it wont be too late that we go to the market and all the shops are crossed... Anyway how many candles did you bring?

NYAMBOSE

(Massages the back of her neck) Uh-uh-uh do we really need candles? What for?

MAHELEBWEDE

You know there are some Spirits which are still looking for warmth and light nd the candles really attract them, Nyambose I think you are not prepared for the Seance, maybe we should do this another day...

NYAMBOSE

No I wait another day, i want to be gone by tommorow morning and you know its our tradition to always say goodbye to our dead so that they can bless us otherwise people will always say koma munatsazikadi pobwera inu?

MAHELEBWEDE

You really dont look like someone who wants to talk to the dead you know, I think all your mind is focused on the journey... I will ask you to breath in and out and empty your mind otherwise it will take us the entire night trying to call the spirit of your Grandfather here... (Nyambose breaths in and out heavily)

NYAMBOSE

I think I am more focused now

MAHELEBWEDE

Okay let me just run the rules again, once I channel the spirit through me, and we are both convinced that he is here start by asking questions that will require yes or no answers and then you can ask any question when it settles into the conversation, so dont begin to mumble about useless things huh?

NYAMBOSE

Uh Amahele do you think I am here for jokes

MAHELEBWEDE

I am just saying, its quite exhausting for me as a medium when you guys take ages ... Okay I think everything is set, uh go and get the Kanyenya don't get the big piece huh (NYAMBOSE goes to the pots and takes some to eat) Now what are you doing?

NYAMBOSE

Testing if it has adequate salt

MAHELEBWEDE

You are messing up things you know, now you will create a confusion for the spirits, do you want them to smell the meat from your mouth? Now come before I am really upset, so what is the name you want me to bring out once we start

NYAMBOSE

Dikilani Maliyere that's his name

MAHELEBWEDE

Alright so sit in the proper position, silence (He begins to chant some stuff and then Nyambose bursts out laughing un-controllably) You see that's what I was afraid of now the spirit thinks you are the Medium because of what you just did, so go immediately and wash your mouth clean...

She goes and comes back

NYAMBOSE

Can you smell anything Mr. Mahelebwedwe?

MAHELEBWEDE

Come one time is of essence here, sit in your proper position, (He chants a bit more) Our Beloved Dikilani Maliyere, we bring you gifts from life into the death. Commune with us, Dikilani Maliyere, and move among us

Mahelebwe moves as if possessed... Nyambose gets scared

NYAMBOSE

Mr. Mahelebwedwe,?! Amahele! Amahele

SILENCE!

DIKILANI MALIYERE

You have called me my daughter

NYAMBOSE

Eeh Amahele I thought something has happened to you

MAHELEBWEDE

You have called him, he is Nyambose, talk to him remember what I instructed you, hasten, (his voice begins to fade away) remember he is was a catechist

NYAMBOSE

(composes herself) okay okay... Agogo is it you?

DIKILANI MALIYERE

What sort of a question is that?

NYAMBOSE

Agogo I am supposed to ask you yes or no questions that's what Mahelebwe told me

DIKILANI MALIYERE

Oh you bananas, why bother me when you have forgotten my voice, have you found an idiot who calls you girlfriend yet, is he touching you nice and softly

NYAMBOSE

(Laughs) You haven't changed a bit Agogo, same old you, I almost found one, but he left for town

DIKILANI MALIYERE

What do you mean almost?

NYAMBOSE

I mean like, he almost proposed, but hey Agogo we are breaking protocol here, I am supposed to be the one asking you questions and not you

DIKILANI MALIYERE

What protocol? There is no protocol from where I am, you call me I come, I say what's on my mind and I go

NYAMBOSE

So you have a mind there just like us, then you can also sin just like, I think you should refrain from using those acidic words you always used when you were with us, otherwise they throw you in jail there...

DIKILANI MALIYERE

It's not like we have a mind like you there, well we have two souls intertwined, the one we used to interact with the world and the one that had God's DNA so when I say the mind I refer to the soul without God's DNA, do you get that?

NYAMBOSE

So what is DNA?

DIKILANI MALIYERE

Yes

NYAMBOSE

Yes what?

DIKILANI MALIYERE

No

NYAMBOSE

You are not making sense Agogo

DIKILANI MALIYERE

You said I have to answer yes or no to maintain protocol otherwise they might throw you in jail from that side... but hey I have to go today we have a rally, we want to vote for authority (Mahelebwe begins to transfigure)

NYAMBOSE

Voting? But hey Agogo I wanted to tell you about my conquest

MAHELEBWEDE

Nyambose your Grandfather is now gone

NYAMBOSE

But I haven't finished talking to him as a matter of fact, I haven't said anything to him about my trip to the city...

MAHELEBWEDE

Its too late, he is far gone, they travel at a terrific speed 300 miles per hour he is way gone now

NYAMBOSE

No he can't be gone, I need his blessings for me to go to the city, call him back

MAHELEBWEDE

But He was just here and you had plenty of chances of telling him your heart desires, don't tell me you didn't follow protocol

NYAMBOSE

Well he started it, begun asking me questions, why did I even call on him could have chosen someone else, Gogo is always inquisitive, nevertheless I will go to the city... and you Mr. Mahelebwedwe will take me there you have that old fast car of yours and I will pay you get me to town and find me a job just like Linda Kilombera

MAHELEBWEDE

Come one Nyambose why would you want to be like someone else the poets say be yourself, be real be who the Spirits made you to be, besides where will you stay when get to town

NYAMBOSE

This being myself sacks Mr. Mahelebwedwe come to think of it who is themselves these days every person is one way or the other acting someone else and it works, oh if you had seen Linda Kilombera (mimicking her) walking as if she breathes a special layer of oxygen suspended in the heavenly just for her. Her elegance, her style, her talk, her smiles all great... She is a true definition of fame and glamour, glory and riches, I just want to be Linda, I want this body of mine to bath in the airs of riches just like Linda

MAHELEBWEDE

Okay Look its already morning, go and get prepared so that we can start off, I will drop you at the bus terminal like you said...

Nyambose walks out of the stage and Mahelebwe dresses up as labor Office personnel and people come on stage to queue up seeking employment.

SCENE FIVE

Nyambose walks to the queue with her Big China Bag, performed in silence Labor office personnel inspects the people and those he like he sends into an office and the rest wait there until its dark and they all disband. The Labor Office Personnel locks his office and is about to go home.

NYAMBOSE

Excuse me sir

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Yes!?

NYAMBOSE

Sir!?

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Yes young lady how may I help you?

NYAMBOSE

(Smiling) I came to be employed

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Yes I saw you on the line and I hope you heard me when I said its over for today try your luck tomorrow

NYAMBOSE

Yes, so I saw all my friends moving about, and I am tired, I just want to be shown the place I will sleep as I wait for my luck tomorrow.

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

(laughs) So who gave you the idea that we are running a rest house here?

NYAMBOSE

My mind, see Mr. Employer I might look not all that educated like Linda Kilombera but I know things... You see we were sensitized the political guru about our rights and the rights of the government, the guru said employment is the responsibility of the government

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Oh fascinating

NYAMBOSE

Oh sir don't tell me you didn't know this fact... you see I figured out from in my mind that if the government ought to provide employment and it ought to deliver that promise to its clear detail

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

So don't you think by providing the labor office the government has done its part?

NYAMBOSE

No this Mtolo party specifically told us that it will create jobs for any person who would vote for them, incase you think I am a minor this is my National ID (fetches out her ID) see here, I am 25 and the mere fact that I have shown you this ID it means I did not give it to the Democratic Progressing Gangsters party, I voted for Mtolo and its my birth right to have this job...

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

(Looks around first and turns to her) See the realities of running a government differ from those of campaigning from it. Besides who says you wont get employed , I said come tomorrow and give it your shot, are a stranger to the new saying of “Pa Ground Sipali Bwino”

NYAMBOSE

Which Ground? Kodi is this the way you treat people around hear olo ineyo mukunditola chifukwa sindinafike pa Linda Kilombera, tizakudutsanitu inu ndukuthirani matope ndili pa galimoto ngati Linda

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

I think network yanu ili busy mayi, Ine Linda wanuyo ndumudziwa? So you think you will get a job and then buy car ineyo ndisanagule, waganiza bwaji ulipa sindekuti ntchito ungapeze ndiyanyumba, ifetu tinalowera mapapala izi

NYAMBOSE

(Laughs out Loud) Dont kill me with laughter please

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Whats so funny now?

NYAMBOSE

Even u s villagers know that abomanu ngati simukatamba mumafa osawuak chonchi

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

So you mean everyone who works for the government is witch or a wizard, you are insane as matter of fact why am wasting my time arguing with unemployed chatterbox like ...

NYAMBOSE

Count it is as a blessing because if you want to really make a meaning of your salary and work life, I know one Mr. Mahelebwe, oh he can sell you Ndongochi on loan and they can do wonders for you

LABOR OFFICE PERSONNEL

Why didn't you buy them for yourself (He is Annoyed by her and walks away)

NYAMBOSE

So where are going, where do I sleep wait for me, Hey Mr. Employer wait for me?

She runs after him

SCENE SIX

Lilongwe City - Under Bridge, Jomo and his gang members practice choir for the presidential function that will happen near the market place

The Two guys look bored and Jomo tries to put them in line

JOMO

Tachoka kujaku chifukwa azilonda aja amati tikupanga maphokoso so kunoko ndiye tinokolonanako mukapitiliza usilu

GANGSTER ONE

Okay man Jomo so mwati nyimbo ija ikuti chani?

JOMO

(Singing) Abwana akubwera inuyo muzibwera ndiyoti yawo yawooo yawo yawo yawo, tikawalandire yawo yawo yawo yawo, Abwana akubwera sing

GANGSTER TWO

Uh A Jomo nyimboyi ndiyofoyila mapeto Gee ngati ineyo ndizikamuchemelera kape wina wake kuti abwana akubwera zopowilatu zimenezo

JOMO

Kutathauza kuti ineyo ndi kapeso

GANGSTER ONE

Iyayi man Jomo musazilowetse matempa ngini ya bhobho man Dagawatu akuthoka ngamo, ife ndi madolo apatown pano ma shop onsewa titakonza leroli tingathe kubakula amwene amenewa kukodza mikodzo yatsabola ndikufwenkha mchenga... ndiye pakufunika kupeza deal ya cho gee kuti tikakalowa pa stage A President akafike kuti eni town atera pamalo

JOMO

Inu ngini yomweyi ife timadya nayo money amapeleka ka 40 pin ngini ya choir, makape aja amangofunika kuwapopapopa ife ndikuny ambitako cash iyo azivaya akamakafa ndi ma bp ife tikakhalako?

GANGSTER TWO

Man Jomo inuyo mudziwe kuti Man Daga sangamakhale akuyimba choir imeneyo singaweke olo pangono, ifeyo dollayo akapanda kutipatsa Zametndere atipatsa patakhetsedwa mwazi wa wina

JOMO

Ehh madolo yokhetsa mwanzi ndiye mudziwe kuti muyendera yanu, ineyo ku prisono ndatopa nako... komaso basi tiyeni tizitaye akapuchi opanda pabwino inu, kuzipopa ngati afinye mulibe kalikonse... kuyimba choir ndikupeza 40pin yosabaya nayo munthu mungafe

GANGSTER ONE

Man Daga tayilingilinai man zomwe tingachite ndi 40 pin pa town pano (Gangster two considers it and then he gets ideas)

GANGSTER TWO

Eeh Man Pido, Man Jomo respect ndekuti tingathe kukotilola mahule, bawa adah ndipo balayake sitingamamwere yamusikamu amwene ndi mimoza mimoza kuphaka life to the last... adah Kumimoza kuja kuli chic inayake imandituma ndizikay igulira ma condom ndinayiwuza kuti one day ndizavaya nditayimvala... Koma inandipweketsa amwene ivekele mmmh inu mwinatu moyo winawo uwuwu inuyo ndiwotigulira ma units basi imagine aise....

JOMO

Makape mufera yomweyo yogula ma units tima boy boy basi, mulibe pabwino ana anjoka inu (Going to heap himself on a corner)

GANGSTER ONE

Uh Man Jomo ndiye mukuyitulukaso deal, ineyo ndimawona ngati tikalowe ndi acrobatic, man Pido inuyo mumatha ma back tamenyani awiri ifeso tikalowa ndi stretch kwinko ikakhala freestyle

They try it and One gets hurt, Jomo laughs out Loud

GANGSTER TWO

Ehh man kukhala ngati deal ya acrobatic ndi mbola ndinapanga kale kale nginyi, kodi kukathyola dance bwani, kukaswa ndombolo ngati tinayiswa ma show ya Namadingo atabwera pa van ku msika, tinaswatu amwene... Man Jomo tabwera

JOMO

Agalu Inu mwakana kale nzeru yabwino

Gangster one whispers in the ear of Gangster two and they plan on something, they make a Rumba song with their mouth and start dancing, Jomo is fond of rumba music he starts shaking his head tempted to join and he gets, joins the groups dances with anger, aggressiveness but with utter dancing skill... They are all lost in the song and from nowhere Nyambose appears carrying her bag. Gangster one sees her first and notifies the rest

GANGSTER ONE

Man Jomo Man Jomo Abraza ayima apowo akufuna chani

GANGSTER TWO

Mmh amwene ikuwoneka ngati chictu, Man Jomo inu monga leader of the House tapitani mukayipange chipikisheni inafe tingalakwitsepo

Jomo goes to her and then they have a brief conversation and return to the guys

GANGSTER ONE

Ndiye man mwati iyoyo ndi chic, eeh ka sachet kaja kandipanga zinthutu

GANGSTER TWO

Iwe ndi bwenzi limenelo tawona mbinayo of course facebook yakeyo diyosokeletsa koma mbuyoyo uh ine sindingaphonye ... Man Jomo mwavana naye kale

JOMO

Babeyo poyamba imati ikufuna Linda Kilombera, kenako ikuti ikufuna vepi nde ndati usiku uno vepi uyipeza kuti, koma momwe ndayiwlengera ikuchokera shamba twon siyikudziwa bhobho

GANGSTER TWO

Uh ndiye pasavute ndiyidziwitsa twon bho bho

GANGSTER ONE

Kukhala ngati tikuganiza mofananatu, tiyipange zomwe tinamupanga hule uja anagona panjira ataledzera uja bwanji, Man Jomo mumuyamba ndinu ngati leader of the house kenako enafe basi tizibwera mbuyomu (very excited)

GANGSTER TWO

Ofunika kukngopeza chimalaya kuyiphimba kumasoko basi deal ndikumusiku amwene, iyoyo ndiyodyeka amwene...

JOMO

Uh ma guy chic iyo iyo yafanana ndi masiteni anga momwe ikuyankhulira yandikumutsa malemu masiteni ndiye mwina mwina anabadwaso kudzera mwa iyeyu, ndiye palibe yemwe ayipange zinthu, ibuleya pompano, ndipo wina akangofuna kuyesa ndimupisa ndi mpeni... Mawa tipanga zoti ipeze vepi

GANGSTER ONE

Komatu ikalephera kupeza vepi mawa kwinko ndiye musazatifuse, mwina udzakhala mowa omwe uzanditume koma vuto lizakhala lanu, kubweletsa mphaka mukhola la agalu...

Jomo goes to talk to her and they leave the stage,
Gangster one and Two follow behind, stalking them and
they exist the stage

SCENE SEVEN

PRISON CELL - Nashe comes from talking from the
Nun, we only see her coming to the stage very sad,
Twapa comes to her and she is confused

TWAPA

What's wrong with Nashe, what did she say...

Nashe dishes in her pocket and brings out leaves

TWAPA

Oh not again, I knew it every time she comes she has to bring bad news...

Nyambose walks to the stage and she is equally surprised

NASHE

Hey Jane come here and bring the wreaths, the dark cloud is among us

NYAMBOSE

What is this all about who is dead

They mime a funeral, they sit down and start crying, they bring out all the dramatic weeping Malawian women do during a funeral. Nyambose begin to whisper to Jane in trying to make sense of it all

JANE

(Dramatic whisper) You ask too many questions, you want to get me in blacks books of Twapa huh?

NYAMBOSE

Come on I just want to find out why we are behave like total lunatics

JANE

Shhhh! We prisoners remember the days of struggle when our forefathers were slaughtered in Prison under very injustice traditional courts. Now wait to learn the story of Albert Muwalo, the unsung hero, who died like the Jews in the consecration camps....

Twapa turn into an old traditional leader , Nashe is also part of the panel of the judges. Jane stands as Albert Muwalo

NASHE

(In chewa-lized accent) We chiefs has been questioned by Ngwazi the life president of Nyasaland to sing you Albert Muwalo a crime, my friend here Chief Chiwembu will read the charges which have been levulodi angasiti you Mwana wanga Muwalo... Koma Iwe Muwalo zowona ulibe mantha...

TWAPA

(Lhomwe Accent) Igh Che Twaibu, simukanena nokha popa kuti atotiwelera ma charges... mukanandilolatu nditi ndiwelenge Che Muwaloyu amve ndimapilikanilo ake ati joo ngati fisiwo

NASHE

Inutu Che Chiwembu musakomedwe iyay inu, inu Alhomwe pobwera kuno munabwera ndi mfumu simumangobwera ngati mbewa zamisewa kukthawa ap witikizi kwanu ku Masambiki... Ufumuwu Ngwazi wangokupatsani chifukwa azathu anakuphuzitsani kuwelenga tea muma Estate, siweniwenitu uwu

TWAPA

Sopano kumeneko ndiye kulankhula kunyatu... Amalankhula nchocho nanga, poti dziko lino ife alhomwe tatochulukamo kukuposani inu nonse muti muzamamo nda ache azimbwiyanu

JANE

(As Muwalo) My Lords, I just want to request you to remember that I am here and i need to be cleared by this court so maybe you can argue another time...

TWAPA

Igh mwananga Muwalo utokhala ndi phumatu, chizungu chikalankhula iwecho nafesotu tinachiphunzila pa estate che Sigelelegetu, uyu anatogula malo ache kwa afumu achilomoni.

NASHE

Kodi ati chani iyeyu?

TWAPA

Ati madongosolo tikapanga ife panowa tito muchedwa nawotu, mwina watokhala kuti afuna akafe musanga, ine nkanakhala iwe Muwalo nkaninatitu nanifase, kuzumuka ndithu, nanga ukayilowe pano uno November uzawuzidwe iwe kuti akukhululuka agwazi kapena ayi, pazachitikile birthday yawo pa 14 May, ukatopuputikatu mwanga, ndekuti masaya ako achita singombingowo basitu akato kuphwamo ngati mpira wamalabala...

JANE

I thought I am hear for fair trial and for me to argue my case by presenting my witness after I hear the charges, after I was just arrested and paraded all around Blantyre, I am sure the police has made a very big mistake and when Dr. Banda hears about this, you will be sorry for it... I and Dr. Banda come long way back... I can tell this court without any fear of any contradiction that I was there when thee party was starting, I was part of the members who fought the stinking imperial system... The system which denied me Albert Muwalo to get higher education simply because they were afraid of a black man... I Muwalo was paid less as compared to my white counterparts and I fought tooth and nail. I informed Dr. Banda without any fear about the political terrain... Dr. Banda wrote letters to me when he was in Ghana

TWAPA

Iigh Muwalo watokhala ndiphumadye nato nenanatu ukhuzumuke, ifetu zonse tipanga ifezi ndizoti iwe tizichezapo apa May nkutali

NASHE

Inu Che Chiwembu tangowelengani zija muwelengezi uyu akalowe, ife tizikachita zina, ndufunatu ndikalandle ndalama yaukwati

TWAPA

Iigh nanga si iyeyu Muwalo, ati afuna kundipomboneza mutu, chabwino kalata ito nena chonchi, traditional case 213, Mulawo versus the people of Nyasaland changed to Malawi by His Excellence, the Life President, you Mr. Muwalo you are hereby charged for one for posses guns

NASHE

Komakutitu there werent guns when searched his house are you sure you read proper apopo

TWAPA

Eeehtu a police anato pita ndi futi kunyumba kwake kwa Muwalo zachiziwikile kuti posecha anatosiya futi pansu kenako akutuluka ayiwona futi nati uh si uwu katundu tikasaka ife uja, mbuyanga akamati dynamic leadership simesa akatonena zimenezi... akuti mlandu two being found wifive buku animal farm, number feli being found of picture of rabels Masawuko Chipembera and his friends komaliza being found with torn picture of his excellence, the Life President...

NASHE

Iigh basi guilty awa, ali guilty...

Muwalo walks with his head down, Twapa turns into a Priest, Nashe into a doctor, Mulawo is about to be hanged

TWAPA

Albert Muwalo, do you have any last word you want to say before you go and be with your God

NYAMBOSE

(As his sibling) Mwina asanalankhule achimwene Ama amati satha kubwera kudzakuwonani mukufa, koma amangofusa kuti kodi munapangadi zinthuzo mumafunadi kulanda boma?

JANE

(Fighting tears) Kawuzeni Ama kuti ndikupita kwa nthawi zonse zizawululika koma mungondilola ndiyimbe nyimbo imodzi.... Moyowu... ngwabwino moyo wanga ulitu bwinoooo

TWAPA

Thank you Lord for the life of our beloved brother, Albert Muwalo, we loved him but you have loved him more that you have called him to be with you, please forgive him of all his sins and allow him to have eternal rest in your warm and tender arms... Amen

Jane walks in slow motion going to die they all stare at her and weep intensely until Jane leaves the stage ... Then Silence

NASHE

Shhh! Listen to that noise, we are busy here weeping when our friends in the cells are cheering

TWAPA

So shut up and listen... (She begins to celebrate as well) Eish listen listen they say it has been announced on the Radio and the new president is not signing the law to allow death sentence...

NYAMBOSE

What is a death sentence

TWAPA

I thought you know how to read and write, my friend death sentence simply means you have been sentenced to death, I was sentenced to death and every time the government changes they mourn us since we don't know what might happen there after... Traditionally we relive the lives of those who lived before us, I mean those who sentenced and actually died

NASHE

So the nun came to tell me that the law has not been lifted off but still the current president has refused to sign the law... But we were all terrified because Muwalo belonged to this party

NYAMBOSE

So you mean the Mulawo character actually lived

NASHE

Yes in flesh and blood, his legacy is passed on in this prison cells, the story is performed to detail here, its just that we enacted it in the evening time like this... every time we hear someone has been sentenced like that we stop whatever we were doing and honor such souls through the story of Muwalo...

TWAPA

But hey enough of Muwalo story, So please tell me that you and Jomo had nice nice huh, I just don't want you tell me, demonstrate everything

TWAPA and NASHE leave the stage as usual

SCENE EIGHT

Nyambose has just woken up and she puts on her clothe
Jomo comes

NYAMBOSE

I am ready to go

JOMO

Okay so our deal remains intact her, and let me just warn you incase you think of trying to experiment with me... I help you get a job at Boss Nagbul Jussab's restaurant and you will be giving part of your salary, we agreed huh (he brings out a paper and pen)

NYAMBOSE

And whats the paper for

JOMO

For signing, ife ndi afana oganiza bho heavy mphwanga, you know when the two nkwateres made a pact they went on the grand stage of them all and signed for every one to see but nobody knew what they signed for... So you will see here that i have already collected signatures of my witnesses

NYAMBOSE

Okay, so what is the 5 here standing for?

JOMO

Rounds!

NYAMBOSE

Rounds!?! For what?

JOMO

Nyambose that's how we settle issues here in town, if you really don't know then try to mess up, you will be finding out first hand, I think after round number 5 I would have browsed all the necessary websites inside you...

NYAMBOSE

I don't understand a thing from what you are saying

JOMO

Then just sign, after all what you want is a job and I am offering myself to help you get that job. This is me trying to avoid the Sundwe Saga, look Nyambose I have seen people rotting in jail for raping... But hey rape victims are leaping fortunes out there perhaps you should start that business, you get raped and the Judge will rule that you will be given millions of kwachas depending on the penetration and damages done but who knows you can make it big in this life

NYAMBOSE

Stop being silly, let me just sign

JOMO

Yes thanks for signing this memorandum of understanding , but you should seriously thinking of this rape business, I tell you the Sundwe women have made it bid, some are driving sientas, some passo ena tima Mira akudya life full time... Okay so that's the restaurant I was talking about (ponting at a far distance). Koma Nyambose mmmh mkamwa mwanumu ndi ntchito ya restaurant zikagwila, kofunika mukayendetsemo chala eeh mukusokosa...

NYAMBOSE

(Tries to asses the smell) Iigh muveka keambiri, i have forgotten my tooth brush...

JOMO

Anyway I will do the talking, so just stand back, I will tell Boss Jussab that you are my sister from the village, he owes me a big favor that guy I saved him from a marriage crisis... He brought a girlfriend to the Restaurant one day and the were eating, his wife just came from nowhere and discovered them before she could say a thing I ran in as a mad man and his wife was so afraid of me and ran to her husband.. With the fear she forgot her mission boom Boss Jussab was saved...

NYAMBOSE

Eeh You are a very good person

JOMO

Eish i think they are doing stalktaking today , so will just talk to him from here... Hello Boss Jussab

Someone answers from the Audience as an Indian guy

VOICE OF JUSSAB

Hello my friend Jomo

JOMO

Uh boss busy busy

VOICE OF JUSSAB

Yes my friend, stalktaking

JOMO

Just like said huh, you see he is a very good friend of mine dikila ndimushoshe... So boss I have my sister here from the village boss, she is looking for work boss, any job kaya yotsuka mbale, kaya giving food to customers, she is very loyal and hard working boss

VOICE OF JUSSAB

Iyime pafupi chwmali yako

NYAMBOSE

But will washing plates and giving food to customers make me rich like Linda Kilombera?

JOMO

Iiigh Inu just stand here so that Boss Jussab can see you, and who in the hell is Linda Kilombera?

NYAMBOSE

She is an example of a the morden day woman, the agenda 2063 lady nanga

VOICE OF JUSSAB

Uh Sorry my friend Jomo, iyo sister yako siyiwoneka bwino for my business olo thako ilibe

JOMO

Come on boss ilimo thako umu yabisila mu dress... Nyambose kodi you dont have something tight

VOICE OF JUSSAB

Uh no I dont see anything, khope yakeso ingathamangitse customer... se e you my friend

JOMO

Alright see you boss, So Nyambose you have to stop talking about this Linda girl she is bad luck...

NYAMBOSE

No she cant be bad luck she is the sole reason I came here, I want to be like her, talk like her, walk like her and everything just like her

JOMO

Okay now I have an idea, do you see that bar over there, lets go there we will ask if they can have something for you to do there, I know the owner of that bar, you know its just unfortunate, that building you see to your left would have been a very big thing in this town its owner is a Burundi, they had to stop the project because the Burundi boss has been asked to return to the refugee camp...

NYAMBOSE

Uh why chasing them away when they are the ones with money? Maybe he could have employed my and give me very good salary that I too can become like Linda Kilombera

JOMO

What have I just said about that Name? She is bad news and stop mentioning her... Okay so lets go and talk to the owner there...

They exit the stage

SCENE NINE

BAR- a month has passed by we can tell from Nyambose's improved drunkards enter the bar and Nyambose is busy serving them, Jomo comes to collect his part of payment as per their agreement. Nyambose see him and they go aside.

NYAMBOSE

Inde Biggy, eeh what a surprise

JOMO

Surprise huh? You know pretty well that's its month end and you and I made a pact

NYAMBOSE

Oh its month end already?

JOMO

Nyambose don't play games with m, you have no idea what I can do to you and your ancestors

NYAMBOSE

Uh biggy we don't have to go that far now, we will get paid today and I will give you your share... You know biggy I have an idea what if you allow me to use the money buy myself some really nice clothes when I paid.

JOMO

No ways a deal is a deal Ny ambose don't take me for a fool

NYAMBOSE

My Biggy Jomo listen to me just hear me out, you girls are making a lot of money here from these girls

JOMO

I dont follow you, how I am falling into that plan

NYAMBOSE

My point is when I make money from these by giving them what their wives fail to give them. You see with that arrangement, you don't have to wait for days to get your share.

JOMO

If that is the arrangement you should have said it in good, (getting excited) Remember I proposed to you that you can make more by being rapist

NYAMBOSE

Mmh I thought a rapist is the one who does the raping

JOMO

It doesn't matter pronunciation doesn't matter provided you know the spelling.

NYAMBOSE

No its not about spelling what you are saying is completely outrageous ... Hey look at the entrance of the Bar is not that Linda Kilombera

JOMO

ligh that name again? Evey time we discuss a new idea and you mention that name that is always doom

NYAMBOSE

No I have to talk to her, what would a rich and well to do lady like Linda be doing in this place... maybe she will take me in her fast car and she will find me a decent Job that I don't have to sell my soul here

JOMO

You see thats the nasty part about that woman... But Hey are you talking to that light skinned girl

NYAMBOSE

Yes she is the one. Just look at how she glows like a beautiful full moon

JOMO

Nyambose that woman is no ordinary woman she populary known as Zebra, people say she is satanic around here, but hey who cares provided she is making money

NYAMBOSE

You know Linda Kilombera too?

JOMO

Who doesnt, my crew members buy airtime for her you know, she has challenged my entire crew that none of us can ever sleep with her even in our dreams imagine that boldness...

NYAMBOSE

Thats what i have been trying to tell you she is a woman of substance ... Oh look she is going away, let me run and talk to her at once....

JOMO

Hey Nyambose stop for a moment, I am going to bring you the clothes you want and you will give me the money then we will be in serious business... You dont need Zebra...

Nyambose runs to her, the Bar is also closed and they all leave the stage

SCENE TEN

BAR- Enters a man with a bag, he looks and he looks around, it seems he has something very valuable in the bag. He sits down and signals for the bartenders attention. Nyambose, he has worn new clothes enters, surveying he place, looking for someone to experiment on. Catches sight of the man with the bag.

Walks to her seductively, the man smiles at her and she cant believe it that someone is finally admiring her.

DRIVER

Hello Angel!?

NYAMBOSE

Hie

DRIVER

What are you drinking?

NYAMBOSE

Oh Me

DRIVER

Yes you my shining moonlight

NYAMBOSE

(Nyambose doesn't know names of the beers, she looks around and points at one) Like that

DRIVER

(Looks at his bag for some minute) You will excuse my manners her (dishes out some money) and gives it to her, buy yourself anything you want and bring me anything hard you can find, I want to drink all my troubles away

NYAMBOSE

(taking the money) What troubles could you possibly have, Look at you a very handsome , tall man and gentlemanly

DRIVER

You are a good soul, bring the beer we have a lot to discuss you and I...

Nyambose walks towards the Bar counter and Driver is looks at her lost in her, he is lustful over her.

At the counter, Nyambose meets Jomo

JOMO

Ullalala, eeh Nyambose eeh mammamamama mulitu chuma chobisika mwa iwe, Look at your defensive formation mamama, aise and this dress fits well on you

NYAMBOSE

Thanks a lot Biggy Jomo, you know you and that gentleman over there are the very first people to notice me in my entire life and thanks for the clothes...

JOMO

The moment I saw you Nyambose, I saw all the magic lying behind that cotton, eeh Nyambose I didn't tell you how we entered that shop to get you these beautiful clothes... We went thee you know

NYAMBOSE

Biggy Jomo, I am sorry not that I don't want to listen to you but there is my first client waiting for me to service him just now....

JOMO

Uh don't worry, I will tell you when you come for sleeping

NYAMBOSE

(Stammers A bit) Thats-thats-thats somethig I wanted to talk to you about, I have rented a room here at the rest-house, you know with my new business, I will need a better space for the clients....

JOMO

Uh Thats okay Nyambose, you dont have to worry, we will be coming to your room to eat, maybe in the near future you will have a radio, we can awalys listen to latest news.... By the way have you heard that the Burundi guy has finally been allowed to open his bar and the likes of Zebra have already conquered the place...

NYAMBOSE

Oh really? Then we need to be there

JOMO

No! focus Nyambose, deal with your client first, that new bar is not going anywhere besides the loyal customers here will need your services... now go and talk to your guy he is waiting for

NYAMBOSE

Yes let me go before he gets jealousy

JOMO

Actually jealousy is good, he wont take you for granted... but go now

DRIVER

Ey you took forever huh

NYAMBOSE

I had to make it very clear to that fool, he was asking me to go with him to the new bar, but how could leave you my darling here

DRIVER

Oh there is a new bar in town... But i am comfortable here, besides there arent people there as respectful and lovely like you

NYAMBOSE

So what do you do for a living

DRIVER

I am a track driver, Go up to South Africa, but you know the most devastating thing I just learnt today that my wife had a boyfriend and the text messages in her phone indicate that the child is not even mine... what can be worse than that

NYAMBOSE

(looking in his eyes) You know i learnt it very late in life that most of the times, we waste time with people who only leave us confused and lost, have ever heard of a thing called a twin flame

DRIVER

Twin flame? What is that?

NYAMBOSE

Yeah I read it a small book entitled the ABCs of Love, it was given to me by my friend, my mentor, Linda Kilombera

DRIVER

Linda Kilombera what sort of a name is that?

NYAMBOSE

Its a good name, you see I was attracted to Linda's success and my attraction was right because when I met her she gave me lovely advice about life and how to find happiness within my self, you see role model Linda spoke about beauty, love, joy and pleasure

DRIVER

Wow you know a lot of stuff huh, tell you, I have never met anyone half as wise as you are... So what did this friend of yours say about beauty

NYAMBOSE

What she said or what the book said?

DRIVER

I don't know either of them

NYAMBOSE

Okay I will recite from my heart what the book said because, it really made me feel strong and beautiful inside, the book said, beauty is not a mere a feeling, its the order of the cosmos, flowers wither to remind of the importance of vanities. You see vanities have developed cities, magnificent cities in the name of architecture, vanities have imitated the natural composition of things as ordered by God. Beauty is symmetrical, geometrical, beauty is physically in flux but essentially beauty makes no change it forever supports those who feel it...

DRIVER

(Clapping his hands) Yo yo yo you are beauty with brains, I never knew that pleasure consultants can know a lot of things like and argue for God... So what do you say about betrayal

NYAMBOSE

There is nothing like betrayal in Love, I mean if your feeling have run low on someone and you don't know how to refill it then the best communication is to love someone else...

DRIVER

So you dont believe in true

NYAMBOSE

No I do believe in love but it only happens between twin flames...

DRIVER

What is this rubbish about Twin Flame?

NYAMBOSE

Its not rubbish, its the genesis of all love. Your twin flame is somone who make you burn inside with intense passion, that you fail to sleep or think properly, all your heart and soul is set on fire the moment you meet this person, when these two flames meet, the fire burns every single cell that builds our individual personality and it creates in us a new person called husband and wife...

DRIVER

You know I have never felt this fire in the woman I married, but when I saw you walk towards me I felt everything, eeh (He is almost drunk now), so lets dance and enjoy the night finally the search is over I have found you my twin flame

NYAMBOSE

Hey don't forget that I am simply your pleasure consultant and we don't fall in love like twin flames, a dance has a cost and being a twin flame in this case has a cost as well

DRIVER

Don't worry I have money, a lot of money, I am a Truck Driver, just go outside and you will find CZ 9393 that's my machine (He grabs his bag)

NYAMBOSE

So how do we dance with the bag in your hands, I want to touch you everywhere until I sent electric current down your spine...

They dance for a while and then they leave the stage...

after a BEAT Nyambose comes unto the stage , she has stolen the Driver's bag and opens it on stage there is alot of money, she celebrates her victory and quickly runs out of the stage...

After BEAT the Driver comes on stage, asking Audience members if they have seen a girl with a bag, he is totally devastated and cries out loud...

DRIVER

(Crying) Koma mukupangazi sizabwino... Chifukwa ineyo sindinalakwe kanthu, okay chabwino Akazi anga ndimawakonda, koma akangopezeka katumbu ameneyu (Cries out even more Loud)

He exits the stage

SCENE ELEVEN

NEW PUB- Its lively with a bizarre of characters having a good time

After a BEAT Nyambose arrives, looking all beautiful like never before. Jomo is acting like her body guard.

SILENCE...

Nyambose walks to the center stage and everybody watches her every move with intense passion

NYAMBOSE

Barman give every single soul in this soul beer of their liking, the Bill is on me (they all cheer her up)

ALL

Buyer, buyer, buyer!!!

NYAMBOSE

Shhhhh! Listen, listen, I know all you men want to touch and feel the electric warmth of my body but we will do this, Jomo here will do the auction the highest bidder will dance with me and you will pay the money to my body guard Jomo.... Oh yes I am a bird, I have been winged by money and you can only catch me with money

BAR OWNER

Malawi Ivele kuno, Iyo Nyambose siyamasewelesa Bala yanga ino yapeleka mowa yamalura kwa Nyambose idyayo... Malawi customer yabwino kwambiri iweo

They crowd cheer and jeer

Hey starting the bidding and the highest bidder goes to dance with Nyambose who has locked down the place.

After a BEAT a Policeman with Driver enters and arrests Nyambose,

Jomo tries to run away and he is caught too, He is arrested him as well. Everyone is stunned and they drag them out

BAR OWNER

Iwe Police iyo yambose sutunwapeleke twindalamanga twanga, izakumangisa

POLICE

Eyi next tibweleratu inu simesa tinati mudzipita ku camp kodi inu...

Bar Owner backs back.

Nyambose, Policeman Driver, Policeman leaves.

BAR OWNER

Nthomba inu yamwa kale mowa yanga pa bill ya Nyambose idya koma sopano iliyonse izalipila yokhayokha

Customers run out and Bar owner chases them

SCENE TWELVE

Nyambose walks to the stage in her Prison Uniform

She falls down

NYAMBOSE

You know the picture that glued to my mind was that of Linda Kilombera, she looked at me when I was passed by the door of the Muburundi's Bar, she looked at me as if to say I am, I am sorry Nyambose that you had to come to town in hope of being a decent girl that you were but you are broken person. My eyes quickly deleted all the makeup on her face and I saw the pathetic yet humble Linda we used to know. I saw that Urbanization is just a fantasy, a well performed drama by urban citizenry to us villagers. When they come to the vilage they show us an edited version of city life and we get carried away....

I Nyambose cam to town to find out first hand and look where I am... I have to bow now before I cry because Jomo would want to see me being strong at these times, I am strong and it is what it is my inmates

She takes a bow

-The End-