"ULENDO WATHU" OUR JOURNEY

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A Young man's V.O:

SADIKI (V.O.)

Ndinabadwila mboma lamachinga mudzi wa kawudzu omwe uli mumapazi mwa dera la Liwonde...lomwe limanukhula alendo osayinasiyana. pamchombo pa malonda komaso pachisangalaro. I was born in kawudzu village, near liwonde... the area that smells the fragrance of various visitors. The center of business and entertainment

The voice is gentle. Slightly Southern in inflection. A young doctor's soothing manner.

FADE IN:

EXT. LIWONDE TOWNSHIP - RIVERSIDE - DAY

A vast view of Liwonde township in winter -- shire river banks, night clubs, shire river flowing...

SADIKI (V.O.)

Pamene mutsinje wa songwe umathila madzi mu nyanja ya malawi shire amatulutsa... usiku ndi usana anthu ngati ine timagwila nchito ngati shire... As the Songwe rivers pours water into lake malawi, Shire river plays as an outlet... Day and night people like me work as shire river

The CAMERA FINDS a small village in Group village Kawudzu, underneath a hill.

EXT. KAWUDZU VILLAGE - MORNING

The CAMERA, MOVING inland, CROSSES OVER modest houses of the village decked with iron sheets...

SADIKI (V.O.)

Pamene shire akusefukila ndizitukuko zosiyana siyana kwathukuno... misele, nasongole ndizonyasa zina zikubwera nawo... chifukwa chake anthu amakumana malo monga awa, kuteteza moyo.

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SADIKI (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Koma ilipo mphepo yakachibisila yomwe idzakokola zonse As shire is flooding with various developments in our community... nasty things are coming along... Thats why people gather in this place to protect their lives. but there is a subtle wind which will destroy everything.

And moves uphill to...

EXT. PENTECOST CHURCH

There is some singing "praise and worship songs" we see deeply immersed worshipers in the middle of prayer, we see SELINA KHANALO 18, lost in the moment.

SADIKI (V.O.)

Pamene we akupephera ena amakhala akuzipepesa... koma anthuwa amakumana chimawakumanitsa ndi nthazi labwino...as some pray some are having fun... but these two groups meet and what makes them to meet is good health...

WE MOVE TO:

INT. SADIKI'S TAVEN - SHADE - EVENING

As the music nears its final crescendo, the evening's many fantastical characters dance uproariously in the shade!!!

FADE TO BLACK

EXT. SADIKI'S TAVEN - MORNING

SADIKI NAPHWANYA 23, looks urban, prosperous, well-groomed --but retains his boyish whimsy and sense of irony. He is counting the last evenings money, beside him is SALIM KHANALO 21. They are good friends...

SALIM

Inuyo mukumagwila ndalama kuposa ma big onse mushamba muno... Eeeh koma dziko ili ndalama zonsezi kudzangoglira misala basi... Inu simukwatilapo ngakhale akazi afumu. (MORE)

SALIM (CONT'D)

You are making money more than any rich man has ever done in this village... And just imagine people are willing to spend all that money to buy madness... I think you will marry the chief's wife too.

They both laugh

SADIKI

(with pride)

Mfana kulemela ndikulimba mtima kusewera ma muvu ataliatali... My getting rich needs courage, you have to play your cards well

SALIM

Eeeh inu game munayika patali...
day ina mdala ya Selina
muzakangoyiponyelako kenakae
azasiye mavuvu...inde ndachibale
koma amandilemera amakhala ngati
mwana uja azamukwatila okha My
friend you are on top of your game
but one of these day just offer
selina dads some cash he has to
stop his whining... Of course they
are my relatives but they piss me
off at times, its as if he will
marry his daughter.

Sadiki looks down reminisces, then scornful smile.

SADIKI

Akanaziwa kuti mwana uja anapenga nane If he only knew that his daughter is madly in love with me (Salim laughs)
Ehe ako kakuchita kubwela kokha kulondola dad wake weni weni...
Here she comes, coming to her real dad

Selina appears. She is nervous, confused and visibly looking for support.

Sadiki and Salim are both surprised, Sadiki playfully walks towards Selina trying to allure her, she walks past them calling for His attention.

He looks at Salim and follows her behind, they enter the shade.

Salim stands outside trying to eavesdrop, their conversation has begun but Selina is inaudible.

INT. SADIKI'S TAVEN - SHADE - MORNING

We join Sadiki and Selina in what is beginning to be an intense moment... he is in denial, we are not sure what he might have done...

Long beat of silence...

SELINA

Ndikakuwuza tidikile kaye ukapanga makani ndiwe i told you to wait but you were adamant

SADIKI

Aaah koma zinthu zinachitika 2 weeks yapitayo uzizanena pano... and pamene paja ine ndinatchena But it all happened two weeks ago, and i was well protected that time.

SELINA

Mesa ndakuwuza kuti sindikusamba... komaso chinaphulika pamene paja... ndipo ndimawona kuti umapangila dala I have to you that I am not menstruating, and your protection broke that time, I have a strong belief that you did it on purpose.

Sadiki process her statement, suddenly he turns hysterical...

SADIKI

Ndiye ngati uzibwela pano ndikumandiwuza nkhani zako zofoyila sitithanapo bwino... ndinamva kuwawa ukumva ngati ili move yoti undidyere upeze ina... If you gonna come here with your silly stories this wont be a happy ending, if this is a tact to get to me and spend my money you better think of a better one. I know these tricks

She looks at him, she is strong and then he blinks, fighting tears.

SELINA

SELINA (CONT'D)

What do you mean by spending your money, so you think this was all about money... oh this satanic money you mean?

Sadiki fumes, he looks at trying to control his anger.

SADTKT

Aise tikulikapo apa ndisakakuswe I want you to get out before I hit you so bad

Selina lifts herself up, she is not scared of him but she needs him.

Sadiki breaths heavily trying hard to contain himself. Selina walks out, he treads behind her.

EXT. SADIKI'S TAVEN - MORNING

Salim walks away from the wall, he has been trying hard to eavesdrop. He is shocked by Selina's attitude. Sadiki comes out losing his temper

SADIKI

Ndipo udzayelekezeso..! Don't you ever do that again!

She turns and looks at him, she is lost of words and she leaves.

Salim turns to Sadiki...

SALIM

Bwanji man? what's going on man?

Before he answers a drunkard sings from afar... Ndidzawulula eeeh ndidzawula chomwe chuma chako unachitenga iwe Sadiki ine ndidzawulula eeeh... I will tell the people where you sadiki got your money

Sadiki explodes with terrifying rage. He goes following the singing voice, Salim terrified he follows him.

EXT. BEHING SADIKI'S TAVEN - MORNING

A drunkard wasted from the previous night's beer. His face is hidden by his hat. Sadiki advances to rip him apart...

Ine somandipangila zako zoledzera You don't mess with me simply because you are drunk

The drunkard charges at him. He removes his hat.

DRUNKARD

Shock jolts the atmosphere. We float toward Sadiki. His rage-filled eyes stare into the void, as, with all his willpower, he restrains himself from ripping The drunkard apart...

Salim looks at the two, he cannot comprehend it. Sadiki recovers and walks away

SADIKI

Sindinatenge ndine I didn't take it

The drunkard snorts a dismissive laugh.

DRUNKARD

Bayibulo lakuba sungalowe nalo kumwamba..! You cannot go to heaven with a stolen bible

He staggers and walks away. Salim is totally confused.

EXT. SELINA'S HOUSE - VERANDAH - MOMENTS LATER

Tight on: a pot on a mbaula, water is just drying out.

Reveal: Selina lost in thoughts, peeling pumpkin leaves, she does not notice her mother MRS. FAIDES KHANALO 47. She catches sight of the smoke coming out of the pot and quickly puts it off the fire.

FATDES

Vuto lako chani? Zizipselea uli pompa What is your problem?

SELINA

Iigh pepani maganizo anali kwina
Sorry I wondered afar

FAIDES

Inu ndiye banja silizalimba, chifukwa chake ukumakhala kwekwelelekwekwelele ndi pumbwa uja... mukati maganizo anali kutali mukuganizila galu amene uja... Your marriage wont last long. That's why you are busy with that idiot... when you say u were wondering afar you are thinking of that idiot...

Selina looks down...

FAIDES (CONT'D)

Ndipo zitheletu ndisadzaveso zoti kanabwela pano ine nditachokapo udzasamukila komweko... tikumvana I dont want to see or here that, that boy was here... Have you understood

Selina does not respond...

FAIDES (CONT'D)

Udziyankha apa...iwe ukufuna kutchalitchi anthu azizalozelana ife... uyo mayidulani ngati zili ziwanda ingonenani... usamulole mudyelekezi mwana wanga answer me... Do you want us to be talk of the church, they should say look at her she works in a Pub, if they are demons just say it... Don't allow the devil to devour

INT.SADIKI'S TAVEN - SHADE - MOMENTS LATER

Salim and Sadiki in a serious man to man talk...

SALIM

Kutsutsa galu ndi kukumba amwene... vayani hopa azikayesa inu muli pompo kutengela ndizotsatila inu mukapanga maganizo pamenpo Go for pregancy test that you can be sure whether what she is saying is true or not and let them do it in your presence.

Sadiki considers this...

Koma mavuvu tinapanga apa aja... To think of the way I treated her here...

SALIMA

Amwene mkazi uja apapa ndiye akukufunani kowopsa kuposa mbuyo mosemu zikatele mwamuna umakhala ofunikila and amva bwino kuti mukuwonetsa kukhudzika naye, mkazi ofunika banjatu amene uja... Mwina ndimaganizo chabe ndiye zikadzapezeka kuti alibe mudzapusa osati pangono She needs you more than ever before, this is the moment when a man is quite vital and she will be happy to know that you are concerned with her problems, she is a marriage material

EXT. SELINA'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

BEN KHANALO 58, and his wife Faidess...

BEN

Chaka chamawa ndikuwona ngati tikamaliza kubweza ngongole ija Selina apite sukulu ya boarding I thinking when we have finally settle the debt next year, selina should go to a boarding school.

FAIDES

Apo ndiye zitichotsa chitozo, ndipo ndamulankhula lero zakamnyamata kake kaja That will help us to get her away from that boy, and today I a spoke boldly against her relationship with that boy.

BEN

Owo bolani mukhale kuti mwamulankhula zakupsa lets hope you spoke something sensible

Faides is not pleased with his comment

FAIDES

Ndiye kulankhula kwanji kumeneko? Si inu nomwe mumakana zoti avinidwe mwana uja...

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FAIDES (CONT'D)

what are you trying to say, are you not the one who denied us of sending her to traditional rite of passage.

BEN

Kuvinidwa ndiye zikanasintha chani...Mwanayu watengela magazi akwanu kukonda ndalama kakapolo kaja kakumatcheza ndalama ndi geni yake ya mowa. So how would sending her to those rituals be of any help, she takes after your family, she loves money and that boy is making a lot of money with his beer business

FAIDES

Mumene mukulakhululilamo amakonda ndalama ndani... ine ndikuwona ngati timutumize ku Liwonde abakakhala ndi aunt ake pomuthawitsa... With the way You are soundng who likes money? I think we should send her to Liwonde so that she can stay with her aunt as a way of taking her away from the boy.

BEN

Liwonde, uko ndiye adzabwelako mtembo...Kodi ali kuti? Liwonde? She end up dying there Where is she

FAIDES

Ati ku praise team... At church

EXT. PENTECOST CHURCH - AFTERNOON

We hear singing in the background, we join Sadiki and Selina in a middle of a conversation.

SELINA

Ndiye akakayeza mimbayo ndipomwe ukulupilire? So you will only beleive me after the test?

Ine ndukukhulupiliratu chabe ndikufuna kuti tichotse mantha achipatala ali ndi ukadaulo oyeza zenizeni, anthu zimachitikila osamasambatu...I do believe you, I just want to make it clear to you that you are not pregnant and I think the hospital is the best place to back me up.

SELINA

AKakayipeza basi muzazithawitse kuwopetsa chuma chanu? So when its found that i am pregnant you want to run away from me, in protection of your money is that your plan?

SADIKI

Selina ndipepese kangati kodi... Zimakhala bho chochi anthu okandana nthawi zina kusamvetsetsana koma ngati tikufuna kukhalalitsa mu gemuyi tikuyenelano kumavanapo apa...how many times should I apologize to you Selina? Its good for us as lovers to disagree at some things but if we are to last the mile we have to agree on something at some point.

He looks at her sharply in the eye, she is charmed.

INT. PENTECOST CHURCH - AFTERNOON

A group of ethusiactic young people in worship... woli woli lero... woli woli lero satana nkhongono zake zamala aaa iye ayee eyaye zamalapela... The devil has been dis-powered today

WOMAN

Atitsogolele mawu anthu lero ndi sister Selina... sister selina The convening the session today is sister Selina

There is silence everyone turns around, she is nowhere to be seen.

INT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - DAY

Selina and Sadiki have just received some news, Selina feels she has conquered, Sadiki remorse over his past attitude. The clinician studies the two.

SADIKI

Komano mumene zinachitikilamo mpakana mimba. I don't understand how she got pregnant

CLINICIAN

Achimwene sizililanso zambiri mumene condom inangophulikamo basi... simwati munazindikila mutamaliza... tsopano tikapeza mayi kuti ndiwoyembekezela chochi timamuyeselatu magazi kuti tidziwe ngati ali ndi kachirombo. pano zili bwino kuti mulipo nonse awiri, tipha mbale ziwiri ndi mwala umodzi It does take much to get her pregnant once the condom bursts... so its now a practice to test the pregnant woman for HIV. and here its good that I have the two of you.

Sadiki hit by a subtle punch of fear, his heart beat races he looks away. Selina catches him in his moment of discomfort.

He notices they are both watching him, he is losing his nerves, he chokes and then...

SADIKI

Koma ife ndi a bho bho mumene tikuwonekelamu sindikuwonapo chifukwa choti mutiyezele... But I think there is no need to test for that we are quite health and you can just see.

The clinician laughs it off, Selina manages to smile as she registers Sadiki's fear.

Sadiki is pressurised he nods to the clinician.

She digs in a box and takes out the testing kit...

CLINICIAN

Si nonsenu munayezetsapo have you two ever get tested for HIV

Selina shakes her head, her mind wondering afar. Sadiki shakes his head too.

CLINICIAN (CONT'D) Chabwino, tikatenga magazi timakawathila apa... ndiye mukakhala nako pamalembeka tima line tiwiri mukakhala mulibe imakhala line imodzi... ndiye mukapezeka nako osadandaula kanthu pano tili ndi ndondomeko yatsopano yomwe tikuti ma arv pompopompo. Ok when we get your blood we pour it here and wait for some time. If two line draw here it means you are HIV postive if its only a single line it means you are HIV negative. And the good news is that nowadays we have test and treat.

Sadiki does not comprehend the last statement.

SADTKT

Zimene zikutathauza? what does
mean?

Selina is absent minded

CLINICIAN

Ndekuti sitidikila kuti mpakana cd4 count yanu idzatsike paja amati kupewa kuposa kuchiza, tangopeza basi inu muyambilatu kumwa ma arv kuti nthupi litetezeke koma izo ndizoti tikapeza... koma kupanga chisankho choyezetsa ndikuganiza mwanzeru ngakhale inu munazafufuza zina komabe amati okawona mvuu anakawona ndi nyanja yomwe... ndiye ndipatseni chala If you are found postive you will be put on ART treatment right away unlike in the past where we had to wait for one's CD4 count to go down. so now give me your figure

Sadiki trebling, he gives his hand...

EXT. STREET - DAY

Salim and the drunkard, he is trying to get him to talk about Sadiki...

DRUNKARD

Iwe ukufuna uzawiwa utani? So what do you want to do once you know?

SALIM

Zinali zongodabwitsa kuti munamufowowla chochija I just could not understand how you got him so weak that day.

DRUNKARD

Kudziwa kale lamunthu ndikowopsa kuposa kudziwa zatsogolo lake, anthu ambiri sanavomekeze zakale lawo ndiye kupitsa kutsogolo kumavuta... Its more dangerous to know someone's past than their future, a lot of people have not come to terms with what happened in their past and this makes it hard to move forward.

TIGHT ON THE DRUNKARD REMEMBERING

FADE TO:

INT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - MOMENTS LATER

SADIKI'S FACE: Frightened, anguished. The real Sadiki showing for an instant.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. LIWONDE STREETS - NIGHT

Sadiki 17, the night is cold, he was around aimlessly, he is tired and lost... he goes towards a shop which is the only one left open.

DRUNKARD (V.O.)

Mfana amene uja anandipeza zikundiyendera ndili ndi shop mu liwonde, amafuna ntchito That youngman came to me one single night when I had a shop in Liwonde, he was looking for a job

The man looks at Sadiki and he feels a pity.

The man calls him in

DRUNKARD (V.O.)

Ndinamusunga mu shop mwanga...
mumamawa wina tinapeza zikwama
zitatu zamawoda zitasowa I kept him
in my shop... one single morning we
discovered that three bags
containing goods I had ordered were
missing.

INT. SHOP - MORNING

The man and his wife, Sadiki is accused and his face suddenly cracks with embarrassment and guilt, he is helpless.

DRUNKARD (V.O.)

Panali anthu awiri omwe ndimawakayikila, mkazi yemwe ndinali naye yemwe sali wapa banja panga koma atidye nawo ndikamulendoka... mwana amwene uja anabadwa ndikhope yachabe sungayigwile wamba kuti yaba... mkazi uja anapeleka maganizo oti timumangitse. There were two people i suspected, the woman who was not my wife and this strange boy. He has a very deceiving face you cannot tell by looking into his eyes that he is guilty. I trusted the woman's advice to get him arrested

The man and the woman walk out locking the door to the house. Sadiki is locked in the shop, he looks around

DISSOLVE BACK TO:

INT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - MOMENTS LATER

Tight on: the testing utensils, the two have two red lines.

Wide: revealing Sadiki and Selina in their moment of disbelief.

Sadiki gives Selina a sharp looking, she is in total denial.

CLINICIAN

Chemwali musawope, koditu apa sikuti inu moyo wanu watha ayi, ife tilipano kuwonetsetsa kuti nthanzi lanu likhale labwino, alipo anthu ambiri amene ali pa treatment ndipoo inu simungawazaindikile, ndi ma ARV pompo simudzidwaladwala koma chofunika ndikuvomekeza kenako mudzimwa ndi mtender ndiposo apa zilibwino inu ndi bambowa muzilimbikitsana. You don't have to be afraid this is not the end of it all. We will make sure that you have a health life. There are alot out there who are also on treatment and they are just doing fine.

Selina, hysterical, runs from the room; Sadiki pursues her.

CLINICIAN (CONT'D)

Chemwali..! Sister

Selina and Sadiki are gone. A terrible silence fills the room. The clinician begins disposing the testing utensils.

EXT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - CORRIDOR -

People stare at Selina and Sadiki, Selina is completely mad, she cannot listen, she is talking unclear things...

SADTKT

Selina tamvetsera! Ukupanga zinthu ngati mwana anthu osewa achita kudziwa Selina listen to me, you are behaving like a child do you want everyone to know?

SELINA

Kuti chani? ine ndi ma yenda ndi chiyero ndipo mwayine simungakhale uchimo, mwina ngati ulinako ndiwe... ndipo ine sindinagonepo ndi munthu koma iwe About what? I walk in the path of light and no virus can ever be found in me. I have never slept with a man but you

Sadiki feels guilty but he hides it.

SELINA (CONT'D)
Unakazitenga kuti zimenezi? Where
did you get it from?

Sadiki looks at her as an absolute lunatic.

He tries to find words to apologize, his lips tremble and he lies

SADIKI

Nane ndikukayikila iwe... I am suspecting you

Selina, offended, she storms off. Sadiki doesn't have the energy to follow her, he feels he has betrayed and ruined her.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHIEF'S COMPOUND - DAY

Two weeks later

The chief addressing community police

CHIEF

Masabata awiri atha chisoweleni selina pano ndikufuna tisake nyumba ya nyamata wina aliyese komaso tikanena ku police atithandize kusaka... Its now two weeks since Selina disappear, I send you all to search for her everywhere in this village, we also sending a report to police to help us find her

The enthusiastic men rise on their feet and go...

From a distance Sadiki emerges... They all look at him a killer. He comes and the chief welcomes him.

EXT. SELINA'S HOUSE - DAY

Salim and Selina's parents

SALIM

Selina anabweladi kwa Sadiki, ndiye anayambana selina came at Sadiki's and they had an argument

BEN

Anamumenya?! Did he beat her?

Salim struggles to speak

SALIM

Selina ali ndi mimba, ndiye sadiki amawona ngati angopanga za umwana... ndiye ndinamuwuza kuti kuchipatala amayesa ndikupeleka uphungu oyenela Selina is pregnant and Sadiki did not believe her, he thought she was just naïve and I devised him to go to the hospital in order to find out the truth

Faides is disappointed, Ben coils back to his chair...

FAIDES

Wati bwanji... What did you just say?

INT. PENTECOST CHURCH - DAY

All bowed down in a prayer...

WOMAN

Ambuye tiwonetseni njira ndikutibwezeletsela mbale wanthu, inu ndiye mudziwa zonse tate wamatate, ngati tiyenda muchigwa cha ifa inu simudzatisiya tokha... God show us the right path and give us back our sister, we know that you wont leave us alone as we walk though the valley of death...

EXT. SELINA'S HOUSE - DAY

Sadiki, his uncle and the chief walk towards, Salim and Selina's parents.

Ben stands up in furry to hit Sadiki. He is treats in respect of the chief.

They all find places to sit on the verandah

CHIEF

Timuve kaye mnyamatayu... Let us listen to the young man first

Awkward silence, then.

Kumene kuli Selina ndukudziwa, ndimalo omwe anthu ambiri tiliko I know where Selina is and its a place where alot of people are at

BEN

Zoti ubwele pano ndi nthabwala zako ndikuzulapo mano... Don't come here with your jokes, i will just break your jaw...

SADIKI

Pepani bambo, koma ndikuwona ngati mano mukanandizula pomwe tinakumana koka landila mankhwala kuja... I am sorry sir, but I think you could have broken my jaw when we met at the clinic getting ARVs.

Ben looks down, embrassed.

SADIKI (CONT'D)

Ndipepese chifukwa Selina ndi mwana wabwino nditalephera kumuwuza kuti kachirombo ndachita kumupatsila ndine ndipamene anangonyamuka Let me apologize, Selina is a sweet girl, I failed her, when I did tell her the source of the virus in her body.

Salim looks at Sadiki, sympathetic...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RESTHOUSE - ROOM 23 - EVENING

A man and woman walks out of the room, they were just having sex. after a short while, Sadiki enters the room.

SADIKI (V.O.)

Nditathawa ku shop komwe amafuna andimangitse pa mulandu omwe ine sindimawudziwa ndinapeza ntchito mu night club... malo omwe mowa ndi kugulitsa matupi azimayi ndiyo nyimbo ya tsiku lonse When I ran away from a shop where they wanted to get me arrested for suspecting me of theft, I went to work in a night club...

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SADIKI (V.O.) (CONT'D)
The place where ladies sell their bodies for survival

INT. RESTHOUSE - ROOM 23 - EVENING

Sadiki looks around, he sees unmade bed, used condoms thrown on the floor, bottles of beer and brief case hidden behind the bed.

SADIKI (V.O.)

Mkazi yemwe ndinagwa naye mchikondi anali momodzi akazi ochita malonda athupilawo... akapanga ndalama timagawana ngati anthu okondana komaso timagawana masiku omwe business yake simayenda bwino...I fell in love with one of the ladies who sold their bodies for survial... We shared the money from her business and when her business was not good I partook of her goods

Sadiki takes the brief case out, its locked. He looks around trying to break it open.

Kukhala muchikondi koteleku kumafunika amuna eni eni... sanje ndiyosayamba, ndalama timazidyadi koma ndinatopa ndipo ndimayangana njira yoti nditulukile... koma ndikayangana kwathu kuno ndimagwidwa ndi mantha... ndimati

ndimagwidwa ndi mantha... ndimati ndidzafe mphawi? I got tired with this life and I was looking for ways to get out of the situation... But I was afraid of coming back to

SADIKI (V.O.)

He finds a knife and cracks it open. Money fall unto the floor. His face flashes with malice.

the village and die poor.

He sneaks out...

DISSOLVE BACK TO:

EXT. SELINA'S HOUSE - DAY

All left in suspense, Sadiki takes his time to finish the story.

Ndalama imenyo inagula malo ndinamangapo Taven... Ine monga shire ndinakachotsa madzi munja ya liwonde ndikudzakhuthula mwa Selina Kuti timupeze Selina ndikufuna nditseke malo amene aja, tiwaptsatse achipatala azizapelekera nthandizo la ma ARV, mudzi muno tikusalana chifukwa chosadziwana...Tikatero tithetsa mpepho yamchibisila yabwela kuti idzatisese mudzi muno. The money was used to buy the place and build the taven, Like shire river that takes water away from the lake, I have taken bad water away from liwonde and poured it unto Selina... For us to save her I have given up my Taven, I want to turn it into a place where we can invite health officers to distribute ARVs to all of us who have the virus... So that the subtle wind that has come can be dealt with.

The chief looks at Sadiki and he is inspired

CHIEF

Zowonadi True

SADIKI

Komaso tikufuna popaja azitha kuyeza magazi aliyese mumudzi mwathu muno apeze nthandizo pafupi, chifukwa timachita mchibisila anthu ngati Selina akhala akulakwilidwa tsiku ndi tsiku And we want to promote test and treat

(loomks at Faidess and then Ben) Nanga inu Selina munamuwuza zamthupi mwanu? Have you told Selina about your status?

Before they answer there is noise. Selina comes with a group of young men. They all stand to welcome her, she looks tired and hungry.

YOUNGMAN

Tamupeza pamwamba paphiri akupephera We found her on top of the mountain praying

SELINA

Ndalimbana nako kulimbana kwabwino... I have fought a good fight

FAIDES

Mwana wanga wapambana chipanda kusowa iwe sibwezi ife titamasulidwa kusinga zokhala mwachisisi... Yes my daughter you have won, we are free now from the bondage of keeping a secret

SELINA

Bwanjiso? What do you mean?

FATDES

Ine ndi bambo ako tilinso pa treatment, timati tizakuwuzanibe Me and your father are on ART we were waiting for the right time to tell you

CHIEF

Ineso ndakunyumba kwanga My wife
and I are in the same group

SADTKT

Tingathe kupulumutsa moyo wamwana wathu. We can save our baby's life

Selina turns; a radiant smile. Every vestige of embarrassment between Selina and Sadiki is gone. Sadiki literally glows. He slowly goes to her.

SADIKI (CONT'D)

Sorry ndi ine...I am sorry it was my fault

They hug and they all clap hands.