

SYNOPSIS

This is a drama about a naive, Zangose Zulu, she breaks free from her parental control once she joins college. Against her parents' wishes, she switches from the sciences to the arts. A genius artist falls in love with her at first sight and becomes her stalker. She on the other hand, falls madly in love with Malikebu who is handsome and an underground pimp, he lavishes her with love. But Malikebu is only using love as a means to an end. His goal is to make money out of her beauty. Malikebu's attempts to give her away to his client, proves futile, since the artist always sneaks out with her from the party when she is dead drunk. Zangose's disappearance becomes a mystery. On her first and last date with the artist, she discovers the secret of true love which binds together people from worlds apart.

TREATMENT

University of Malawi; Chancellor College: Art Gallery office – Morning - a college girl, Zangose rehearsing her speech, in the background we hear voices of men and women. She is waiting on her best friend, Elizabeth, who is running late. Time has clocked and she goes inside the art gallery. The Gallery has been set for an exhibition. Her attendant invites the guests inside. The function commences. After a few minutes into the speech, Elizabeth brings an old brown dairy. They go up the gallery to be marvelled by Abstract artworks. They all turn to Zangose for explanations. She flashes back.

Art studio – Morning - Student artists at work, a peculiar and genius artist Limbani, sits in front of his blank canvas in search of an inspiration. He turns around and catches sight of Zangose. Their eyes tenderly meet. Limbani gets inspired and he draws her beauty. Zangose is a freshman. She wants to break free by choosing a program against her parent's will.

Outside administration offices – Moments later - Zangose is inspired by Elizabeth's freedom of choice. She changes the program switching from the sciences to the arts. Her philosophy is that art is liberating. Malikebu is a young business tycoon and a pimp. He has found a new customer, a court magistrate, who promises to pay handsomely. He eyes Zangose who is exuberating and naive. He coaxes her and she falls for him.

Malikebu's hostel – Night - Malikebu and Bouwer. We learn that they are business partners, Bouwer looks for the men and Malikebu looks for the girls. Bouwer is an opportunist, and pretends to be drunk all times. He is into politics and blackmailing is the game he plays. He has links with big government officials. His work as an activist is to stir up college students into action based on who he is serving at the time. Malikebu handles the finances because he is the one who makes the deals with the men after Bouwer has directed them to him.

Outside Theology department roof top – Night - Limbani has relocated to a new place, he turns this abandoned place into some sort of a studio. As he is working we hear Zangose's voice over. She is reading to the audience at the exhibition. Through the narration we hear that Limbani is an imposter. The real Limbani died after being selected to college. The artist was a missionary at Zomba rural, when the real limbani died. His death was the very reason Limbani failed the missionary call; he took all the food for the missionaries and gave it to the deceased family. His act of charity did not please the leader of their group and they voted for his removal. The father of the dead son gave Limbani, his dead son's particulars so that he can give the message to the college authority about his son's death. At college, everyone thought he was a freshman. Limbani had nothing to lose and he blended in.

Leah and Zangose's room – Evening - prepares for a date. Limbani's desire to make Zangose as his model develops into an obsession. He stalks her everywhere. Leah, Zangose's roommate and Jonathan, her boyfriend enters. They find Zangose excited. Leah learns that Zangose is going out with, Malikebu. She is disturbed and asks Jonathan to leave and go for date as well.

Inside Sports complex bar – Night - Malikebu attempts to hand over Zangose to his client. The plan fails because Limbani snatches her away as she is deadly drunk.

The next day Elizabeth's room – Morning - Zangose wakes up in Elizabeth's bed. Not knowing what happened to her.

Student's residential area – staircase – Night - Leah and Jonathan are climbing their love ladders. Leah's eccentric behaviour puzzles Jonathan and she fails to give him the possible explanations. We learn that Jonathan has applied for scholarship to study abroad. This complicates matters; Jonathan thinks that Leah is afraid of being alone when he goes.

Leah flashes back to the moment she sought after Malikebu's assistance. She wanted to fight her humiliating poverty. Malikebu failed to find her a client who she would be hooked to. Instead, they made a pact that she should never fall in love with anyone until they have found her the man. Malikebu had used his personal cash to pimp her.

Botanic garden, Jonathan has won a scholarship to study abroad and he bids farewell to Leah in style. He puts a ring on her finger.

Zangose's room, Hung over has caused her a terrible headache. Malikebu comes to see her. Leah is there cheering up her roommate. Malikebu finds Leah and sees her ring, He is angered. He reminds her of their pact in a tactful way.

Zangose's disappearance from the bar becomes a mystery. Masiano thinks Malikebu is trying to dupe him, we also learn that Masiano has some strings attached; Zangose reminds him of someone, he loved but had no courage to win her love. Malikebu goes to bang heads with Bower and they follow the simple clues which lead them to discover that Limbani, who is Bower's Roommate, is a stalker. They also learn that he is an imposter; they find the ID of the real Limbani. Bower asks Malikebu to use the information to blackmail Limbani, to earn a fortune from his genius. Malikebu is reluctant; he cares more for the business. Bower blackmails Malikebu on the fact that he is gay. Bower's offer is hard for Malikebu to decline; Bower points out that Malikebu has always gotten the lion's share and he wants justice this time around.

Malikebu and Bower go their separate ways. Bower, plots against Malikebu in revenge. He strikes a deal with Limbani asking him to reveal himself to Zangose and confess his love. He reports to the media about the Magistrate's dealing to corner Malikebu. On the other side, Malikebu betrays Bower to his political adversary. Things turn sour for Malikebu because of a newspaper article. In his defence Malikebu hands over Limbani to the fury of the court magistrate. Limbani's date with Zangose is not a success, he gets epilepsy attack and he is running out on his pills. He has seizures, Malikebu comes in with the Magistrate and they kick him, he gets unconscious, simultaneously Leah is committing suicide. Limbani is taken to the hospital and Malikebu is arrested. We return to the exhibition. We learn that both Limbani and Leah died. Limbani's spirit lives, he appears in Zangose's dreams.