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On 1st January, 2003, I visited my friend at D___ named Silli and when I was at his home, we got seated at the verandah of his house and his young son went out playing. On his way back, he came back with a certain paper that looked like a photograph when he was coming from a distance. Silli called him to see the picture that was in his hand and Silli saw that it was a 'chishango' sample that had some English instructions. Silli asked where he got that piece of paper and he told him that he found it on the roadside. Silli told him to go inside the house and Silli remained with the paper in his hands, he read it and he found that it was instructing the condom users about how they can use the condoms safely.

When he found that all the instructions were in English and not in Chichewa he said to me, "Do you see how these people do fail to carry out their work? They are advertising condoms to the public with this piece of paper and the people who may want to use these condoms are not only those who went to school, there are some people who did not go to school but they want to use these condoms and they want to use them safely. How can they understand these instructions since they can't understand English? They need to use both languages, the vernacular and English so that every user should be able to follow the safe condom use instructions. Moreover the majority are those who don't understand English in this country. How can they protect the entire nation if they introduce things that have instructions in the language others can't understand? Maybe they are after protecting only those who understand English and not the rest."

I asked him if he needed anything with the piece of paper and he said that he did not need it and I told him that I need it because I wanted to read the instructions and he gave it to me and I have read it and I have put it on the first page as a reference to this story from Silli.

<Faye's notes: The Condom sample stuck onto the first page reads:

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- *Ensure that the condom is not expired by checking the date on the foil*
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- *Read instruction for use carefully*
- *Always use a new condom with every sexual act.*
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01-02-03

On 2nd January, 2003, I visited the *bawo* playing place at Mr. [?'s] premises and I found up to nine men who were at that place. While we were chatting, a certain number of young girls were dancing at the nearby house and one man named Mr. Kekala said, "Can you see how those young girls are dancing? How will they be doing when they will become grown up girls? They will really become worse, but where do they get all such kinds of dancing styles?" One guy named Lackson said, "They do take those styles from their elder sisters when they see them dancing."

On the 31st of December, 2002, I was playing my radio and there gathered some people who came to celebrate the beginning of the year 2003. There were such young girls, their sisters and some guys. Instead of coming to dance, there were some people who came there just to meet with their sexual partners who were having their sex in my maize garden behind my house. When my younger brother went behind the house, he heard them speaking in the garden and he came to inform me that there were some people in the maize garden. Since I wanted to protect the maize from being cut with their movements, I informed my wife and we went there to scare them. The guy ran away and the girl failed to run away as she was naked and I caught her. She said that it was the guy who told her that they had to sleep there and it was not her decision. I left her and I told her that she had to do the same because there was some maize which they could have damaged with their movements."

One guy said, "You are the one who has completed her sexual desire as she was already naked." Lackson said, "I couldn't do that as we were together here with my wife and my younger brother was there too. The two had not completed their action when we scared them." Then one man named Mr. Mmadi said, "You were wrong Lackson, you organized a public dance and you knew that there will come people. You knew that not all the people who come to the dance come for dancing, there are some who just take it as a place where they can meet with their sexual partners and you had to know all that, in so doing, there was no reason for you to scare those who came for girls at the dance."

Another man Mr. Kekala agreed with Mr. Mmadi. He also told Lackson that he was wrong because when one is hosting a public dance, it means that he is inviting people to come and celebrate with his at his home and he has to welcome whatever situation there might come because of the dance." One guy said, "He was right to scare those who were having sex in his garden because he has saved their lives because if one of them has AIDS, he/she had failed to transmit the infection to the other and at that point he did well in scaring them before they complete their sexual action." Then Lackson said, "You are saying the truth because those people did not have condoms when they were having sex and it is true that they could Alefa the spread of AIDS with their unprotected sex." But Mr. Kekala and Mr. Mmadi said that Lackson was wrong, they said that he had to leave them without disturbing them. Lackson said that he was not jealous with their action, but that he feared that they could damage his growing maize.

On 2nd January, 2003, I visited a certain *Kachaso* drinking place at Angellina and there was a certain guy who was half drunk. He was seated at the verandah of the drinking house and near him, there was a baby. That guy picked some three condoms from his pocket and was playing with them by lifting them in front of the baby's face. There was another guy who was a friend of that guy who had the condoms and that guy asked him to give him the condoms so that he could see them. The owner of the condoms said, "No, I can't give you these condoms, I want to use them today." The other guy said, "I just wanted to see them, not to take them. I don't use condoms, so why would I take them, what for?" And the owner said "If you don't use condoms, why then do you want to see them? I can't let you see them because you can puncture them since you don't know how to handle them" The other guy did not continue with the story, he just gave up and the owner of the condoms put the condoms into his pocket.

04-01-03

On 4th January, 2003, I visited a *bawo* playing place at Mr. Maliki's premises. There were up to twelve men who were at that place on that particular day and as we were chatting, once guy named Amidu was scratching his pubics and when one elderly man named Mr. Lajab saw him doing this, he said to him, "Amidu, why are you scratching your pubics? If you have caught either syphilis or gonorrhoea, you have to go to the hospital for treatment; the drugs there are free of charge and you can get well in two weeks time

only. Don't hesitate to do so." Amidu stopped scratching and was just laughing when Mr. Lajab was saying this.

One man named Mr. Kananji said, "Those disease you are mentioning are not there these days, they were there in the past when we were active boys. These days you can't hear about those diseases." Another man, whose name I don't know said, "Those disease combined and formed AIDS." Mr. Maliki said, "You are lying gentlemen, those diseases are there, I could have agreed with you if you said that those diseases are not more common as they were in the past." One guy named Shanda agreed with Mr. Maliki and he said, "Those disease you are talking about like syphilis, bubos and gonorrhoea are really there, but the point said by Mr. Maliki is true, you rarely hear about those diseases these days." There was a small radio at that place and two men requested for silence as they wanted to hear about the sports results from the radio and the people stopped taking and listened to the radio.

On 5th December, 2003, I went to D___ C.C.A.P for prayers and on that particular day, no AIDS message was said in the Church, but there was a drama that was organized by the church's health committee. It was aimed at encouraging the church members to use water guard produced and sold by Population Service International, so that people should be safe from diarrhea and cholera. There was a certain point during the sermon at which the whole church laughed. During that sermon the preacher came at a certain point at which he said, "God has loved you in so doing, he has made all his best so that that you should enter the year 2003 alive, why then do you fail to love God too? Instead of respecting Him for his love, you keep on lying to Him; you cheat Him by turning into born agains in the eyes of people. When night falls you are the same people who turn into hyenas and who are going around catching others people's chickens and when daylight falls you say you are born agains." At that point the whole church laughed. He continued, "You do come to the church every Sunday for prayers, but you are still the very same people who are leading in sinning. You should know that you are missing heaven by eighteen inches." At this point he closed the sermon (D___ Service).

After church, I went home for lunch and after lunch, I went to the *bawo* playing place at Mr. Maliki's premises. There were up to sixteen men at that place and there were different issues the men were debating on that day, but I am going to write down only those that are concerned with our business.

In the first concerned story, there passed a certain woman who was going to the market with her shopping basket in her hands. One guy who knows her named Lackson said, "Do you see that woman gentlemen? The husband of that woman is so foolish. He caught that woman having sex with a certain guy who was renting one of his houses, in so doing, he chased his client together with the wife too. Just after a short time, he went to take his wife whom he caught from her home where she went after he chased her."

Then one guy named Amidu said, "That man is really foolish. Considering the number of unmarried women we have in this country, you can't get remarried to a woman you have already seen that she is not faithful to you. You just look for another one and leave the unfaithful alone. But this is also happening not only with that man that there are also some men who do continue living with a woman they once caught in action with another man. But all this happens because these women are so very clever. Once you marry them, they do give you the herb to make you love them only, and not to think about other women, they call that herb "Kondaine" (Chewa for 'love me.') When you are given that herb, you only think of that women and that's why it becomes difficult for you to divorce her though you can discover that she is not faithful." Lackson said, "But if that incident can happen with me, I can divorce her instantly because there is no need to live with a woman whom you know that she is not faithful to you."

The other men did not take part in this issue and there came another debate and that debate was concerning the burial ceremony. That debate started as Osman who is a Christian wanted to know/learn from Josephy who is a Moslem about the reason that makes the Moslems not allow the women to go to the burial ceremony. In so doing, Makawa who is a Christian was on one side with Mr. Maliki who is a church elder at D___ C.C.A.P. Josephy who is a Moslem at D___ Mosque was on one side with his fellow Moslem man, whose name I don't know. Makawa started the story by asking a question to Josephy. Makawa said, "My friend Josephy, I would like to hear from you about the reason that makes you leave the mother of the dead person either male or female when you go and see where her daughter or son has been laid, when you

burying the dead person?” Josephy replied, “It is our custom that no women should be available at the grave yard during burial ceremony.” Makawa said, “Why do you do that?” Josephy replied, “We don’t allow them to go to the grave yard because there is no work for the woman to do during the burial and instead, they just pause and look at the men working and that bores the men. That’s why they thought that the women should remain at home when it is burial time.”

Mr. Maliki said, “These days there is gender equality, if that is the case, why then if you saw that the women don’t assist you, why not say that the women should be burying women and the men should be burying men and see how it can work?” Josephy answered, “Women are always behind in everything, they can’t dig a grave for their fellow dead women, and they are so lazy to do that. That’s why we just leave them at home.”

The other Moslem man said, “We don’t allow women to go to the grave yard because women always keep on crying all the time when it is a funeral. The burial is the last part of the funeral ceremony, in so doing, we don’t allow women to come to the grave yard because they can keep on crying when the dead is being laid in the grave. And that crying can disturb the deads soul to rest in peace. So we don’t allow them to come to the grave yard so that the deads soul should rest peacefully in the last home of the dead people. Moreover, funeral ceremonies are just the same as Islamic Prayers, because prayers are involved during the ceremony and since the Moslem women are not allowed to come to the Mosque for prayers when they are experiencing their monthly periods, this is also the same as in the burial. We have a prayer before burying the dead and after burying the dead, we also have the last prayer in so doing, those prayers that take place at the grave yard are supposed to be similar like those in the Mosque because we do pray for the dead to be accepted by God and for God to accept our prayers we all have to be clean and in this case we can’t invite women to the grave yard because we can’t know who is clean or not, as it is difficult to tell by face about who is experiencing monthly periods or not.”

Makawa said, “But you should know that what you do doesn’t please the mother of the dead person.” Mr. Maliki said, “It is showing that you just follow the customs that the founder of Islam was following, but you don’t know what those customs meant. You better find your own customs. Just imagine, when Jesus Christ died, his mother Mary and her fellow women went to the place where he was laid together with the men who took the dead person. They did that so that they should know where their son was laid. Why do you leave the mother of the dead person when you are going to the grave yard? You better change such customs.” But Josephy, with his other Moslem man said that they will be doing what the founders of their faith said.

At that point, that story ended and we continued chatting. While we were chatting, there passed some two school girls who had bags of clothes on their backs and one man realized that they were school girls who were coming to school, as the school was to reopen the coming Monday. When that man named Lajab saw those school girls, he said, “School girls have started coming back to school. This is their time to spread AIDS.” And one guy named Mavuto said, “They are going to be spreading the disease to those who will be going for them and not everybody.” Mr. Lajab said to Mavuto, “Even yourself, you can catch the diseases from those school girls, can’t you see the way they dress? They dress in a seductive style so that you guys you should be easily attracted to go for them. You can see that they have put on tight pairs of trousers so that you should be able to see their body structure and get attracted. Those girls are the ones who are highly spreading AIDS because you guys when you go for them and even sugar daddies, you have unprotected sex with them because you thought that school girls are safe from AIDS, but you forget that those school girls don’t rely on one sexual partner. All that they need is money, in so doing they just go with anybody whom they see that he is able to give them money, so that they don’t lack sugar in their lockers.”

Mavuto said, “Not every man behaves the way you think, there are some married men who just rely on their wives and they don’t think of going with other women or girls the way you are thinking.” One elderly man who is also a church elder at D___ C.C.A.P, but whose name I do not know, said, “I told all my daughters not to put on pairs of trousers the way that these school girls have dressed. I told them not to try doing that because dressing in that way gives a picture of prostitution though, you can happen not to be a prostitute. But people do take you as a prostitute because that way of dressing was started by some prostitutes and they started putting on trousers so that they should be showing their body structures to men

and thus, promoting their business. So why allow you daughter, who is not a prostitute, to copy what is done by some prostitutes? I can chase a daughter who can think of dressing that way at my home.”

That issue ended when there passed a certain man and when one man named Mr. Kekala saw him, he said to the group of people who were at the *bawo*, “Do you see that man gentlemen?” Mr. Kekala continued, “That man was a church elder of N___ C.C.A.P and he left the church, because the church doesn’t allow its members to drink beer.” One man who is a church elder at D___ C.C.A.P named Mr. Mmadi said, “Even those denominations you see these days, those reformed churches come from the main churches like C.C.A.P and Catholic churches; the people who come from these churches left their original churches because of such problems like failing to follow the church teachings and others leave their original church because they wanted to be church elders and when they have not been given a position to be a church elder, they get angry and leave that church and form their own church. That’s why you see that there are so many churches these days. The churches that started this system are A___ Evangelical Church and B___ church. Those two churches came from C.C.A.P and there is an Anglican Church, which came from the Roman Catholic Church.” The man did not say the reason behind the reformation of these churches.

There was also another man, named Mr. Kananji, who said that he is currently praying at B___ Church and he said that he has been changing denomination, but he did not say the reasons that were making him change denomination. Then one man named Mr. Kekala commented on the churches that are formed these days. Among other things, he said that there is a certain church that is known as a Satanic Church and he said that this church prays for Satan. It was first formed in South Africa and the founders of that church were praying underground in the closed mines.

He further said, “That church is also heard to have come in Zimbabwe and it is also available here in Malawi and the problem with that church is that the members of this church use human blood instead of wine during their church communion and the members of this church are the well to do people only. Here in C___ there is one member of that church who is the owner of N___ Brewery named Njovu and these people pray behind doors and during night hours only so that people don’t see them. Since they use human blood for their communion, when they want to have that blood, they hire some men and give them some tinted cars and those men move into the streets by night and when you ask them to give you a lift, they offer you a lift. While in the car, they take you to their camp instead of taking you to your destination and when you reach their camp, they take you into the room where there is a blood sucking machine and you are connected to the machine until all your blood is sucked. Before you die, they give you some money and tell you that you have to give your relatives that money and tell them that they have to use that money during your funeral ceremony. After that they ask you about your home area and they take you to a certain place they see that is near your home and they drop you there, together with your bag of money and they go in search of other people. I don’t know what the police are doing about that church.”

The Mr. Mmadi said, “There is a certain young boy who was interviewed by some Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) members and that boy said that he belongs to the satanic Church, but did not disclose about where they met. He just said that they meet in Satanic Souls and that they cause many fatal accidents. He said that he was involved in the accident of a certain minibus and railway train. Among other things, he said that they also go into the minds of the God fearing people and make them forget about God and start sinning. He said that they have made a number of pastors and some reverends forget about God and start sinning. He said that among the reverends they managed to mislead there is one pastor they failed to mislead because his faith was so strong and that his God did not leave him to fall into their wishes and that this is Father Jonathan Kawere of the D___ Ministries. He said that this one is a real believer and they failed to mislead him. But that boy said that he has decided to leave that church because it is against God and that he is being used as a messenger, to go out and cause some fatal accidents.”

Mr. Kekala and Mr. Kananji said, “Why didn’t the police consult that boy and search about the development of that church?” Mr. Mmadi said, “We have got weak police officers so they don’t mind about their business.” As Mr. Mmadi was saying this, one guy told the group of men at the *bawo* that a politician named Brown Mpingarjira who is a leader of the O___ Alliance was to visit D___ for a rally and thus the men started discussing political issues.

07-01-03

On 7th January, 2003, I visited Easy by Night bar and there I found some friends, namely, Makawa, Josephy, Feckson and a certain other guy whom I don't know his name, but he was among these guys as a friend to Feckson. Among these guys, there were two bargirls who were chatting with them. I also joined those friends and we were drinking some chibuku there while chatting. As we were chatting, some shouts were heard from the verandah of the bar and there were some bargirls who were quarrelling there and one bargirl who was at that place went there to hear what was the cause of the quarrel and she went there and inquired. When coming back, she told us that the two bargirls had just had sexual intercourse with another bargirl's usual sexual partner (chibwenzi) and that happened when the owner bargirls of the guy was not available at that place when the guy came. Meanwhile that bargirl said, "Those two are quarrelling because Belita told Patricia that Alefa is going with her ex-husband. The matter is that Patricia's ex-husband came here last weekend to plead with Patricia so that they could get remarried. This was his second visit since they got separated and when he came for the first time, he found her here and he pleaded with her but Patricia did not accept/agree with his plea and he left.

It was on his first visit that he knew Alefa as a friend of Patricia. In so doing, he came for the second time to plead with Patricia once more and on that second visit, he (Patricia's ex-husband) did not find her here. He found that Patricia's friend who is Alefa was available and he talked to Alefa about that he had come to talk to his ex-wife and that he did not find her. In so doing Alefa escorted Patricia's ex-husband when he was leaving and so that no one knew what Alefa and Patricia's ex-husband agreed on their way. In so doing it is suspected that Alefa agreed to visit Patricia's ex-husband at his home at L___ without Patricia's knowledge. Patricia came and Alefa told her that her ex-husband came and that he missed her and Patricia told Alefa that she can't get remarried to that man because they divorced because the man was beating her.

Surprisingly, on the following day, Alefa told her friend Patricia that she had to visit her home which is in T___. In so doing, Alefa left and she was escorted to the bus stage by Belita and when Belita came back from escorting Alefa, Belita told Patricia that Alefa might cheat that she is going to her home and that the truth is that she agreed to meet with Patricia's ex-husband at his home in L___. That story made Patricia so angry that when Alefa came back Patricia shouted at Alefa saying that she is a loose bargirl and that she is busy going with other people's husbands. When Alefa heard this, she too got angry and she then got some courage and challenged Patricia that she (Alefa) was really at Patricia's ex-husband's home and that they had sex there and that they didn't even use condoms and that the man also gave her some money. At that point the two started shouting at each other, that's why you heard them quarreling, said that bargirl.

On hearing that story Feckson's friend said, "But that man is so very foolish, why is he wasting his time trying to plead with the woman who left him and entered into the bar as such. Why is he doing that – is he not aware that AIDS that is killing so many people because of sexual misbehaviors? When the woman entered the bar does he think that she can be as safe as she was before? Why not just leave her and find another one if possible." And Feckson said, "If you keep yourself away from sexual actions you don't have to mind that there is AIDS, because that AIDS is there for those who are sexually mad because that disease was deliberately created in the laboratories in America. The matter is that in America, people have sexual contact even in day time behind houses and some have sexual contact inside cars and we can say that sex is so common in America so that people have sex at any place any time they want there. In so doing, the government of America thought about a solution to stop such behavior and they thought of creating a sexually transmitted infection called AIDS so that they could discourage people from such behavior there. The word AIDS is just an abbreviation and AIDS means "American Idea of Discouraging Sex" and that disease was spread here by some tourists who were visiting our country and who had sex with the black women, giving them that infection after they got infected from their countries there. Even the GMO maize that was rejected by the Zambian Government was being created there in America and it is not good for human health, that's why the Zambians rejected it."

Makawa said, "People just injure others in the name of AIDS, when people see that you are movious, they just used to make their magic to make you fall sick and they are the very same people who say that you have got AIDS. There is no AIDS in this country; all that I know is that if we want to fear about sexual

infections, we have to fear bubos, gonorrhoea and syphilis including “Nitayo.” And if the girl is saying that the man did not use a condom with her that means that that man thinks the same as I do, because a condom on its own is also risky because condoms are causing cancer in men and the women have continuous monthly periods for three months. Some women have died because of such effects caused by those condoms. I will never use them in my whole life time.” Makawa called for some beers and Josephy picked a cell phone from his pocket and he said that he was selling it and the man started looking at the cell phone and stopped talking about that issue.

We went on chatting. Meanwhile Josephy put his hand on the head of one bargirl who was at that place and the bargirl said to Josephy, “If you want to have sex with me I have to know first whether you are circumcised or not because I don’t use condoms, in so doing, I do go only with those who are circumcised because they don’t have AIDS and those who are not circumcised have got AIDS.” Feckson’s friend got puzzled with that point and he wanted to learn about what she meant with that point. He said to her, “Why do you think so?” She responded, “It is easier for the uncircumcised men to get AIDS because their foreskins wrap the fluids after sexual intercourse and this makes them highly risky of catching AIDS, while the circumcised men don’t have the foreskins and in so doing, they remain dry at the tips of the genital organs after sexual contact, thus making them not catch AIDS.”

Feckson agree with the bargirl’s point, but Makawa disagreed with her and he told her that the circumcised ones are the ones who can easily catch AIDS because their genital tips are always displayed, thus giving them a high chance of catching AIDS, while the uncircumcised do sometimes have sexual contact with their foreskins covering the tip of the genital organ that acts as a barrier to permit the infection to enter into their bodies and that makes it less easy for them to get infected with AIDS.” Josephy said to them, “Why do you insist on that story of circumcision, don’t you have something to talk about?” And the guys stopped that story.

We went on chatting. One time Makawa said to one of the bargirls who was at that place, “We have heard that your friend Patricia left her husband because the husband was beating her and thus she left him. What about you? What made you join this business?” and the first bargirl said, “I got married two times and my first marriage ended because my husband wanted to start polygamy and seeing how poor we were, I saw that we could have become poorer than before because of that polygamy. Thus we divorced and he married the women he wanted and I got remarried with another man and that man died leaving me with three children and I was lacking support for the children. That made me look for employment and I came here where I found that job as a bar girl and I do send them support from what I get here.”

Then Makawa asked the other bargirl who was at that place about why she joined that job as a bargirl and she said to him, “I have never got married in my life and after seeing that I was lacking something to support myself, I asked my sister who was already working here as a bargirl and she invited me to join her, that’s why I am here.” “If you can find someone to marry you, can you agree to do so?” asked Makawa to the second bargirl and she said, “Yes, I can because I am just doing this job because of poverty and if I can find someone to marry me, I can drop that job and get married.” “What about you?” asked Makawa to the first bargirl and she said, “I am fed up with marriages so I don’t think of going into marriages again and moreover, I am now used to this job.”

Makawa said to her, “Can you tell me about how much money you charge someone who wants to go with you?” The bargirl said, “A short time is MK150, and a full night is MK200 and without using condoms is MK500 because it is risky.” And Makawa said to her while giving her some money to go and buy some Chibuku, “It’s nice that you have told me some of your business issues, so can you go inside and get some two packets of the chibuku for us?” And the bargirl went there and such issues stopped there.

There were so many interesting issues which that bargirl could have revealed if it was an interview because in their discussion Makawa could have liked to have known how many men they have in a day? How much they get in a day? How many men ask for unprotected sex in a day? What they prefer between using condoms and not using? What kind of men mostly go for them, are they the married ones or the single men? How do the bargirls enjoy their job? What things don’t they like as part of their job and Why? I therefore would like to request from you to give me permission to interview four to six bargirls there from

one bar and some three from the other bar. They seem to have important information on part of this study as they might have to tell that there are some married men who go for them, maybe without using any protection. This can be found after a strong in-depth interview that needs to be taped. I will be glad to hear from you on this issue. You can inform Michael about whether you would like them to be interviewed or not and Michael will tell me the feedback.

In the afternoon of the same day, I went back to the bawo playing place at Mr. Maliki's premises and when I reached there I found five men who were playing the game and one man brought a radio that was playing at that time and there came a certain local song which is popularly known as "Charle Kumenya" - "The Beating Charle." The song is talking about a man who married a certain woman and wedded and after only a month the woman left Charle because Charle was beating her daily. When the guys who were at the Bawo heard this song, one guy named Ephraim said, "Charle was not only beating her, but the reality is that Charle was often having sex with his new wife and that this did not please the women. That's why she left for her home." And one guy whose name I don't know said, "You are lying my friend. These women do want such a man who often has sexual contact with them and if you don't do that the woman takes you as a fool and thus she goes with other men so that she can find a man of that kind." And Ephraim said, "No, do you know that a woman feels pain inside her genital organ if you don't give her a chance to rest before another sexual contact. What kind of a woman can like to be having sexual contact soon after another sexual contact?" And the other guy said, "The women who has got Chlamydia likes having sexual contact often because they feel itchy inside their genital organs and when you have sexual contact you scratch where they feel itchy and that pleases them. In so doing, they like a man who is not tired of having sex anytime she wants." Another guy who did not take part in this story said, "Why do you keep discussing such a nonsense story? I think that you are grown up people." And the two guys stopped going on with their story and kept on watching the game.

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In the morning of 8th January, 2003, I visited D___ market to buy some potatoes. When I reached the place where the men sell the potatoes, I found two guys who were discussing AIDS issues, but I don't know why they started discussing this and I just heard a part of their discussion. At that time, the first man was saying, "Here in Africa, the countries that have a high number of AIDS people are three countries and the first country is Zambia, the second one is Tanzania and Malawi is the third highly affected country in Africa." The other man said, "But I heard that this AIDS started in American because the people there were having sex with the tamed baboons and dogs and thus developed an incurable disease which they called AIDS. Here in Malawi our sexual infection were only gonorrhoea and syphilis and this AIDS has just been brought here by the truck drivers who go to the sea shores to take some goods. When they are waiting for their goods, they use prostitutes there. When they come back, they come back infected and they infect our local women here too and thus they bring AIDS." Then the number of customer at that place increased, so that the men were now busy talking to the customers asking them about the price of the potatoes they wanted and thus they had a pause about that issue.