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Situation:

Yesterday evening I was chatting with my wife. It was around past 8 p.m. after supper when I sat at the bed and she came also and sat down at the bed also. And this time children went to their room to sleep. And we were chatting and the first words she spoke she said: *“NDAMUA NKHANI INA YAKE KOMA BOLA NDI KAKUWUZANI MUSADZAMY WUZE MUNTHU WINA CHONDE CHIFUKWA INE NDI DZAKUKA NIRANI.* These words to me while I was in the bedroom and I was now lying down and she sat still. And then I told her to say the words and confirmed [to] her that she will never hear [from] anyone the words, did she ever heard ever since she had been telling me issues? She said that she had never heard that indeed. The words in the first page written in Chichewa stated that: I HAVE HEARD ANOTHER STORY, BUT WHENEVER I TELL YOU, YOU SHOULD BETTER NOT TELL ANYONE FOR I WILL NOT AGREE WITH THAT (Whenever I tell another one).

Then wife began saying to me that she was at the bore hole and then her friend came there and she asked her if she knows anything with regards to the signs and symptoms she was experiencing. I sat down now to catch everything. She went on saying that the friend of hers, whom she met that day afternoon said to my wife, that “Friend I am puzzling nowadays now its three days ever since I started showing the puzzles!” My wife said to her to tell her the puzzles she meant. Wife went on saying that she (her friend) told her (my wife) that now its three days ever since she started showing the signs she is experiencing. She said that in the first day when urinating she was feeling very painful and my wife went on saying that her friend told her also that the urine she was urinating when it lands on the floor for instance, becomes white and very odorous and producing a bad smell. She feels painful at the stomach especially at the umbilical cord and she is urinating [more] frequently than before. Wife went on saying that her friend told her that she asked her husband as to where that symptoms she was suffering came from? And she said (my wife) asked her as to what her husband reacted to the question she asked? She said that her friend told my wife saying that her husband instead of answering her direct he began pleading to her that she should completely forgive him. He said that he loves his wife so much and he is not going to divorce her in either case. Wife went on saying that he even told her that for the big mistake he has done, he will never repeat it. He asked his wife to forgive him completely and told her to choose anything she may want from the husband to buy for her from him to completely forgive him.

I laughed and wife said that then she asked: “What did she choose then?” Wife said she only chose that she should get healed from the disease she was suffering. I laughed and

said: “not choosing that her husband should buy her something so special, like shoes or new clothes?” Wife laughed and said that she said that she doesn’t want to have something new because he knew that he made the mistake and why he didn’t buy while she was okay. Wife said that her husband openly said that the daughter of Mr. Wanja was the one who gave him that particular disease he was suffering and gave his wife. She said that the husband owns the grocery which he had just opened. She said that now its two weeks without opening his shop. She said that she is afraid that he heard from the radio that anyone happen to suffer the kind of disease, he was suffering has AIDS.

She asked my wife as to what kind of disease she was suffering? And my wife answered that it was *CHIZONONO* because of the bad smelling urine she was urinating. And her friend added saying that in the beginning when she wants to urinate, she feels very painful indeed and when urine the pain intensifies and when it lands down on the earths surface (floor) it becomes white and produces a the odorous smell rather the bad smell. She went on saying that when the urine is over then lastly black sperms come out, [they] are of very bad smelling. Wife said to her that its nothing apart from *CHIZONONO* disease and she needs to go to the hospital for the fast cure and treatment. Wife said that her friend told that she has no power since the husband, its now two weeks but not taking any action to try to visit the hospital and for her its now been four days experiencing those/these signs and symptoms. Wife said that her friend is willing to go to the hospital but she can’t go alone since she doesn’t have money and he is the one to give/provide money for transport and since he is hesitating to [go] the hospital hence she has no option to force him. Wife said that she should try hard he is her husband and she can talk politely with him coaxing him that he should go with her to the hospital and he will accept since he was the one who made the mistake and wife said that he also has the bicycle that he may use cycling her to the hospital. Wife said that her friend answered her that her husband cannot be able to cycle because in the beginning it was at least better of but nowadays it is now worse because he is just oozing *MAFINYA PALIPONSE* (Chichewa), meaning oozing puss.

Then wife went on saying that she said that her friends [is] greatly worried because she heard that [?] _____ is a high proof that anyone suffering *chizonono* like she is suffering can have AIDS. And she is greatly worried of that. Wife comforted her that it is not completely true that any person suffering *chizonono* has AIDS but they [?] say goes like this, “That any person suffering from these sexual transmitted diseases like *chizonono*, *Maboma*, *Chiindoko* is very vulnerable to H.I.V. viruses to enter into his bloodstream because his/her blood has already weakened and *CHTETEZO CHANTHUPU CHIMAKHALA KUTI NDI CHOFOWOUA* (Chichewa), meaning that the anti-bodies has greatly weakened. And wife only encouraged her friend to go to the hospital and they are going to be cured fast [rather] than be troubling themselves without taking any drugs and be shy since shyness won’t help them and she went on saying that if they are to be delaying it means the end result they will be infertile that they will not have a child again. And wife said that when she told her this about becoming infertile, she exclaimed: “up to that point?” Wife agreed and then she said its better that they should hurry up going to the hospital to overcome the problem of becoming infertile rather not

productive and wife said that she had only one child and when she will be barren it means it can't help her.

And she [the friend?] went on saying that if the husband will insist on refusing to go with her to the hospital it means she will divorce him because he is the one who wants to kill her and he doesn't love her for he is hesitating to take her to the hospital. Wife went on saying that she should not divorce her husband but she only coax him to go to the hospital and have their blood tested and see if they have the disease she is afraid of that probably they might have (the disease meaning AIDS). Wife said that her friend said that she cannot tolerate the point of having her blood tested but rather first receive the treatment of her disease she is suffering. And wife said that she asked her why afraid to have her blood tested? And her friend answered that because she is afraid of [being] found having AIDS and she may have great worries after found of AIDS and wife said that then its good that when she will found having AIDS because its when she may know ways protecting herself together with her husband.

And wife said to her that ways like not be just sleeping with her husband daily but they will make the time table for example once per week. Wife said while laughing that when she told her friend about the time table she greatly laughed and asked: "Once a week? Then its not a marriage because it becomes very difficult since they sleep at one place" and she added saying that her husband cannot accept, that he is the one who will not accept, for he will be going to other extra marital affairs to be having sex with them and he will be just bring various diseases into the marriage (into her) and probably AIDS and then it will not mean protecting yourselves but trying to create more chances to catch the AIDS and then die fast. Wife said she said to her that it indeed happens like that but if the husband understands and loves his wife and the lives of all the members of the family can accept that and be doing sex once per week that only when you are in good calendar in terms of month periods. Wife told her that she will be safe to be given a pregnant, because when for example she is screened and found that she has AIDS then the doctors will give both of them instructions to follow like avoid having other sexual partners, live happily without worries, don't work hard worries like cultivating for move __[?]__ as the normal person can more [?].

Wife went on saying that other instructions will be like: Don't have pregnancies every year and this tends to kill the woman fast because she loses a lot of blood during deliver and adding to the month periods she undergoes every month and the end result is anemic condition due to insufficient blood in her body hence loses her weight very extremely. Wife said that her friend completely refused that she cannot have her blood tested and also added saying that she believes that even her husband cannot accept that because one day they were chatting the issue of having their blood tested which the woman has just introduced in their family deliberately to find out what her husband will react. Wife said that her friend said that *BABAWO ABUBA NGAKUNDA* (Yao language). Wife said these words in Yao exactly the way she said probably they were mixing (Languages Yao and Chichewa in their chatting). The Yao words mean *BABAWO THE FATHER OF ABUBA NGAKUNDA* (Name of son) cannot accept. Therefore, it means the Bubas' father cannot accept.

Wife said that her friend said that when she introduced the topic of going to the hospital to have their blood tested deliberately even though she was not meaning that she can go. She said that her husband completely refused that she can go herself if she wants and he cannot do such a stupid thing a lot of people are dying and moreover the[y are] richer than him. And he asked if they are dying it means they [are] dying because of AIDS? But he went on saying that [they] are dying because its their time and it also came a time that he will die as well and having his blood tested or not doesn't have any important connotations/impact in his life. Then wife said that then it's a great problem in their family to have the blood test as other families. Then wife said that her friend said that indeed it's a great problem. She added saying that her husband doesn't give her the chances to rest without fucking her. She said that he fucks her four to five times at one night but she doesn't know why he is not so faithful to her yet going to other sexual partners. Wife said that her friend said that ever since her husband started running the shop business their love decreases for most of the times the husband comes at night than before when he was only selling *KAMBUSI* (Chi Yao), meaning small fresh fish. Wife said that her friend said that when he was selling fresh fish he had total love toward her and not coming [late] at night but because he is now running the shop then he thinks that he is now rich forgetting that the little money he has can lead him to the graveyard because nowadays girls or rather women are not refusing men's proposals to be sleeping with them because of the money the men has and more over owning the shop/*wokala* (*wokala*: both Yao and Chichewa language) then girls doesn't refuse but willing to sleep with them for they know that at the end they may receive money.

Wife said that her friend said that men are stupid creatures whenever they don't have money they show their faithfulness towards their wives but whenever they tend to have money say owning the grocery then they start showing their unfaithfulness and be forgetting their wives at home because money makes them to be thinking that everything is good and whatever they do are perfect and they don't come to remember that there is AIDS around and only wanting to feel sweet as if we women are different. I laughed and wife said that indeed girls rather women are not different they are the same and she wonders always why men tend to go for other sexual partners not satisfied of whatever he has, he is married to a beautiful wife for instance and you find the man going to unfaithful girl for instance a prostitute say a bar girl and its love that *POFELA SALAMBULA* (Chichewa language), meaning in English that where one is to die is not cleaned rather place is not prepared. She said that when one is to die he/she doesn't listen to advices and he/she is completely deaf. I agreed with her and I said that women are not the same in terms of sweetness and complexion and I smiled a lot. Wife said that this kind of thinking is what is killing a lot of people and its better that to a person who thinks like this should be a single person, not a married one because if he wants to be distinguishing women he should make sure that he is alone because whenever he contracts AIDS there where he goes alone having sex with various women rather girls he should not give that AIDS he contracted to his current wife because it's a great sin, thus killing the innocent wife who is faithful and she should not die because of love.

I was just listening and she said that the way the friend of hers was saying to her and worrying it means that her husband indeed has been giving her other sexual diseases and that's why she was worrying as to whether by giving her the *Chizonono* disease she is suffering now, was[he] not giving her AIDS also. Wife said that she wanted to tell her that it is possible that when one has such kinds of sexual transmitted infections like *Chizonono*, *Mabomu* and *Chindoko* has contracted AIDS as well but she avoid giving her great worries but that's why she just said that rather told her that it doesn't mean that one has AIDS but has high possibilities of catching it rather he/she is very vulnerable for the H.I.V. virus to enter their bodies so easily. I told my wife saying that she did a very good thing. Wife said that it's very bad even to tell a patient suffering from any particular disease saying that you're suffering the same disease that someone was suffering from and died of that because the patient becomes so desperate and you weakens his rather her hope of getting cured/recover. I laughed and said that its completely true. Wife said that there are indeed some people who even says rather tells the person that the signs he/she shows are the AIDS signs which is very bad and if they are not fought then its just their luck enough. I laughed and wife said that as to her she can fight the person who may say to her after having found of AIDS and anybody knows about it except you my husband and be saying to her openly that the signs and symptoms he/she may be seeing are that of AIDS which he/she heard or saw from someone and be saying that the wife has AIDS. I laughed and wife said that even if you can stab her/him with a knife or the *panga* knife and you be taken to court you will be answerable and all may defend you that the stabbed one was guilty since even the radio says any person suffering from AIDS should not be insulted rather be treated as an outcast but be chatting with the person friendly and be giving her/him confidence that things will be okay to him/her that she/he will get well and telling her or him that suffering is not dying and not revealing to her/him that the type of disease he/she is suffering will lead him/her to death. I agreed with my wife.

Then finally my wife said that she indeed coaxed her friend that she should try to coax her husband to go to the hospital because it is a different disease if not treated fast both of them will become infertile rather barren and it won't help them. Wife said that her friend said she will try hard and if he is going to refuse then he should make sure that he should go to the traditional doctor to buy the medicine and if he is failing these things (thus not going to the hospital or to the traditional healer) then she said that she will divorce him and wife said that they just chatted a lot and off they separated.