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Situation:

Today I was chatting with my In-Law known as Kawere Ernie. He came all the way from Chamsasa where my wife came from. He visited me at around past 8 in the morning when I was coming from the bathroom. We then greeted each other and we sat on the veranda of my house wanting fresh air circulating. We were 4 of us, I, him, my wife and Dagalasi another in-law.

Wife asked him if all parents were okay at Chamsasa and he agreed saying that all were okay and he arrived there yesterday evening and then he had just decided to come here today. We thanked him that he had done a great thing visiting us. I asked him as to where he had been since he said that he had just arrived at Chamsasa yesterday? He answered that he was at Lilongwe working and then I asked what kind of work, you were working there? He answered that he was working in a certain company which buys and sells tobacco in Kodwere at auction.

Then I asked whether he was at holiday and he answered that he was not at holiday only that the season had expired. My wife said that that her brother doesn't like working on permanent bases but temporary jobs and that of season. He answered saying that not his aim wanting to be working in such conditions but because permanent jobs are very rare in town and everywhere as compared to the temporary jobs which don't necessarily need much of qualification nowadays provided you are strong enough that you can be capable to lift the Bale of tobacco loading the car or shifting the bales from one place to another

We laughed and Dagalasi agreed. And I asked Dagalasi whether he had ever worked to such nature of job for he had been staying in Lilongwe? He answered that he had never worked because he is not strong enough to undergo such nature of work. We laughed and wife said that Dagalasi is a lazy person even from the beginning in his age he had never even attempted building a fence, grassy thatched and poled Bathroom or toilet as his fellow friends do.

Kawere said that he is then growing very childlike and [that is] a bad tendency to a man, because the village status living [standard of living] nowadays [when

there is] lack of employment one should be of self esteem and independent. He continued saying that no one was born so strong but due to troubles which we are facing in this world then one adjusts himself to reach the target needed to be independent

My wife agreed and she continued saying that she wonders what he will be doing in his family with such laziness? We laughed and then he answered saying that he will be hiring people to work for him. My wife mocked him saying that nowadays there is lack of employment as his friend Kawere had said and people who had finished Form 4 and have their on Certificates are indeed failing to get the job and what about him, the one who didn't go far with his Education? She continued saying that he will be kept on divorced by his wife.

Kawere said that he had experienced what my wife was saying. He said that a certain year when he was in Form 2 at Abusa Community Day Secondary School and be staying rather living at Chamsasa a certain man was divorced by his wife because of not knowing household chores and worse enough he was living *Chikamwini* – Chichewa (meaning staying at the wife's' home). He went on saying that he was not knowing how to construct even a bathroom as my wife said, and in the beginning the man was living his wife in his in-laws (the mother and fathers' house of his wife) In-Laws house. He said that the house was a big one and accommodated him and his wife plus his other in-laws not married and his wife's father and mother. He said at Chimombo the mansion [?] house near the church, Iron roofed one – talking to my wife who said that she had recognized the house.

Then Kawere went on talking about that house. He said that a certain man there married his age mate and probably because of coming from the well to do family that everything was under the control of his father, or probably because he was lazy by nature, he didn't know any type of job. He said that that man stayed there at that house for a year and he was told to build his own house to be living with his wife and during summer time when his fellow friends were busy molding bricks to build their houses it's the time that he was telling his wife that he was going to town to look for employment and then asked about the programme of the house. He was saying that after he got the job he will send money for both buying maize cobs as well as for paying labourers working on the maize field plus paying those who will be molding his bricks on his behalf and the wife upon hearing this and with the aim and hope of wanting to stay in town, then she was allowing her husband to go to town without knowing that when he was in town he was just staying with his relatives and be helping them sweeping around their premises and never get paid at all.

We all laughed and then he went on saying that he had been doing that for consecutive years that then his wife came to realize that he was cheating but

was just afraid of building the house. He laughed, and we laughed too and then he proceeded saying that when coming from there always in rainy season and be living in the same house of his in-law and until his in-law told his wife that they can no longer manage to accommodate to keep them in the same house and his wife divorced him.

We all agreed that its true and even his in-laws were better off because not all who can manage that. Then my wife mocked Dagalasi and said look your friend had divorced and the next is you! Then Dagalasi answered saying that even he is weak but he may be doing business that he may be managing to support his family.

We chatted and chatted until my wife went to the Borehole to draw water.

While he was away Kawere begun telling me that he will only spend a night here and tomorrow be going. I asked him why in so hurry like that? He said that, while laughing, he will go tomorrow because he wanted to meet his sexual partner rather girl friend whom he left when he was going away, I asked: Which one? Then he laughed and said that the one he had been telling me that he runs an affair with ever since [for a long time], the one whom he had been spending money buying her clothes as his gifts. I asked: The married one you said? He answered saying that indeed the married one and he said he will not divorce her because when she was married by the husband whom she stays with he was still running an affair with her and her husband found him running an affair with her and then he said that then there is no need to drop her and he smiling.

I smiled too as well as Dagalasi who added saying that indeed *Madzi saiwala mkhwawa* in Chichewa – which means that indeed run-off water doesn't miss its stream/channel [in] which it has flowed long days ago. (which stands saying that if the man was having sex with her he is like the run off waters and her the sexual the stream (the sexual partner *Chibwenzi*), and flowing inside/over that stream is having had sex with her.

We laughed and then Kawere said that when he arrived yesterday the first thing he asked his friends was if his partner is still found. We laughed and he said that lucky enough he heard that she is still available. He said that his much of concern was may be she had gone away following her husband to town where he works. We laughed and I asked him what he may feel after learning that she is about to be taken to town and her husband is coming to take her to town to be staying wit her? He smiled a bit and said that he can't be happy of that and he can try as soon as possible to meet with her and discourage her not to go there and he believes that she cannot go. I asked: How sure are you? For it will be under her marriage demands.

He answered saying that of course but the way they talk with each other about that issue as to whether she can go to town after called by her husband, she refuses most of the times and she said she loves him (Kawere) and he went on saying that it has taken years ever since her husband went to town and had it been she wanted to go to town she could have gone already but still she is staying in the village, meaning that she can't go there and [she will continue to] be telling her husband that she should be staying at home and be farming and be looking after farming properly than all of them be living in town.

I laughed and Dagalasi laughed too and then Dagalasi said that women are very clever indeed. Then I asked my in-law Kawere why not dropping her for he knows that she is married? Kawere laughed and said that he can't do that the one to drop her should be the one (her husband) who had found him already running an affair with her. Then he proceeded saying that when ever he thinks of her, how sweet she is and when ever he thinks *Kudikulira kwake* he can't compare [her] with anyone [else] (NOTE: *Kudikulira* is the Chichewa word which means: "Dancing, the act of dancing which occurs during sex). And when sleeping with her he forgets that she is married and that even her husband can find him there in the house when happening to visit her at night.

We laughed. Then I asked him if in the beginning of sleeping with her he used condoms? He answered saying that he had never used a condom to her for he meant to be having sex with her and not playing with her (*osati kumuseweletsa* – Chichewa). He proceeded saying that to her he did not suspected her anything that she might give him any disease at all. We laughed and Dagalasi said that one cannot judge a book only buy its cover. (He said in English)

Then Kawere agreed with the English, he said that its true but as for her then he Judges the book by its cover for ever since he had started running an affair with her she had never changed her behavior by becoming movious or by becoming a *hule* prostitute as others do that even when married but they do have 2 to more sexual partners (Extra marital partners) He continued saying that its only him and her husband that she sleeps with and because she stays near him, he has all the proof concerning that. We smiled over each other (I and Dagalasi)

Kawere thought that he was cheating us then he went on saying that everyone at her home knows that he runs a relationship with her and before she got married to the husband she is currently married with, he had a child to her and a daughter for instance. Then I asked him why he did not marry her? He answered saying that its because her parents are against him especially because her parents too don't want him the Christian to marry her, for her and together with all her family belongs to Islamic faith and her parents wants her to get married with a fellow Moslem as well, like the husband who is with her now.

We chatted and chatted until we saw my wife coming from the Borehole.

Then we proceeded talking. I asked if her husband knows that she is in love with him? He laughed and said that her husband doesn't know anything and if at all he knows may be during his time he was proposing her she might have revealed saying that she had a boy friend who wanted to marry her and they are under Religion Conflicts that her parents doesn't want her to get married of the Christian. We agreed and said that it really happens like that.

Then Kawere said that even though its like that but still he doesn't understand, for what he was aiming on her was marrying her but she listened to her parents and said that even the issue was like that but still they will be continuing to run rather running their affair for ever and until one of them die. I laughed and him together with Dagalasi laughed too. Then that why even when he is away he always thinks of her and she keeps on writing to him but most of the times phoning to him because he makes sure that where ever he goes and when lucky enough find a contract to be working on he usually have the phone number of there and sends it to her through a letter. Then I asked if not afraid that accidentally the letter might be caught by her husband? He said that while laughing, that that will be her fate for if the man will divorce her then to him it will be so good and fine. We laughed and then I said that that's a bad behavior he should better look another girl and marry her than be going around a married woman because he may one day [be] caught red handed and stabbed by the panga knife which is very bad and that will be a shame to a man, a normal young man like him, instead of [being] caught with an unmarried girl more over there are a lot of school girls nowadays.

He smiled and said that its true but as of her then she even doesn't want to lose him and when she had heard yesterday that I had arrived she was thinking that she was to receive him at night as her visitor and be laughing. I said that's completely impossible arriving the same day and the same day visiting her why not afraid that it could happen that her husband is there?

He answered that her husband can even spend 3 months before coming back home and to the woman who was used to sex can not be staying all the 3 months without sex and he went on saying that that's why she doesn't want to lose him. I asked: What about when him Kawere is away for couple of months who entertains her in terms of sexual intercourse? Dagalasi laughed and I laughed too when Kawere was answering saying that women are different with us men, he said women can stay for even 2 years without doing sex even a single day but not in the case of we men.

This time my wife went to the Borehole again and we were continuing speaking rather chatting.

Kawere went on saying that a man can not stay for a year without having sex if he is a normal person. Dagalasi said that not the year even 6 months and if so then he masturbates or finds someone, the very easy person, to have sex with say a prostitute if he has money just wanting to quench rather fulfill the sexual desire. Then we all agreed and then Kawere said that that's true even him while he was in Lilongwe working he had slept with 2 sexual partners but the partner he slept [with] here as he said maybe had never slept with anyone else apart from her husband.

Then I asked him whether he used condoms to all of the 2 sexual partners he said that he had slept with in Lilongwe? He laughed and said that he could not have endured to use the condoms because they were so beautiful. (Anali wokongola kwambiri – he said in Chichewa – (as underlined above). I asked: They were? Not they are beautiful? Probably they died, for people nowadays are dying fast? He laughed and said that not that they had died but he was saying like that because they are staying in Lilongwe and him here. He said that then he never knows on how they are right now when he is here in the village

I asked if he was working together with the sexual partners? He answered saying that not that they were working together they were the school girls and friends but each one was keeping the secret of not revealing to one another despite being friends. We laughed.

I asked if he was not afraid of AIDS, [to] be sleeping with them without using the condoms? He said that he just wanted to not use because he had strong love towards them and adding on their beauty and dressing you know in town that there are more beautiful girls and whenever they come to dress, every man admires. We laughed as Dagalasi was commenting saying that indeed there are more beautiful girls in each and every town and even though girls here in the village are proud it's a great shame indeed had it been they had seen how beautiful their fellow friends are in towns.

Then talking of AIDS, Kawere said that one can ignore that there is AIDS around by just seeing how pretty and healthy the girls are in town, the way they walk the way they dress and even talk. I laughed and asked they talk like what and how? He answered those girls in town they talk similar. I asked what do you mean when you say they talk similar? He said that all have the same style of talking very proudly and in a slang way and meeting with one girl here the way she talks can be the same with another one in terms of slang and soft voice.

We chatted and chatted and then he went on saying that one can not believe that a girl whom you had met in town had AIDS. I asked: "But despite that the girls in town are beautiful but they have this dangerous disease AIDS not so? He

(Kawere) answered saying that of course AIDS is everywhere and a lot of people have it. I laughed and asked him whether he suspects that he might have it or infected of it? He answered while smiling that it can be true because he started sleeping with girl friends long time ago and before the introduction of condoms and even now he still goes around with friends [from] a long time ago and before the introduction of condoms and even now he still goes around with sexual partners because there is no need for him to hide the truth.

He went on saying that nowadays people, a lot of them, are infected and only very few are infected between a year up to 10 years and those from 10 years and above as the world of today, definitely this group are highly infected because they are sexually active and for example what he had observed nowadays is that a girl of 10 years sleeps with a man over her age as a proof and experiment to see if she is a grown up person and after seeing that the man had indeed released and exhausted all his power into her (and be laughing) then the young girl begins challenging the men and when asked rather proposed by any man over her age for instance she accepts and in so doing catching AIDS at the early stage and die fast of it. And that's why AIDS is even taking the youth like us and when for example an old man say of 30 years sees a girl aged 14 years for instance at her puberty stage she looks very attractive and nice and that when an old man as said of 30 years sees her beauty he doesn't hesitate but proposing her and since its obvious that when such a thing happens that a old man proposes a young girl he wins her though money ad the man can even manage to give K1000.00 or more to the particular young girl and since money is the great Satan the young girl doesn't refuse and the man definitely sleeps with her and no use of the condoms at all.

Dagalasi said that the old man cannot sleep with (*KAMWANADALA* [?]) (improvised Chichewa) and use condoms because *NDIKONGODYA NDI MAFUPA OMWE*. (Chichewa). (NOTE: The word *KAMWANADALA* is the Chichewa word which the youth had just established rather formed which means being the child deliberately which really means "she is not young despite her age"and the other Chichewa words underlined on top: *NDIKONGODYA NDI MAFUPA OMWE* Means: "One can take rather eat or chew together with bones."Meaning to say it's so delicate and soft that one can not find a trouble during eating.

And we all laughed and Kawere agreed with that.

Hence applying to a young girl known as Kamwanadala as the term goes that the old men find it easy to have sex with her/them because of young age and no use of the condoms because they (old men) doesn't suspect them (*Kamwanadala*) having AIDS but wanting to give them.

We all agreed and Dagalasi said that these sugar Daddies because they normally do have money that's why they are really infesting our generation and that's why we the youth are highly at risk because these sugar Daddies do rather does that in a very secret way and that no one can not recognize that the relationship they undergo with *Kamwanadala*. He went on saying that even the young girls (the *Kamwanadalas*) are the ones who are really killing us with this disease AIDS because they also don't reveal that she goes with a certain sugar Daddy simply because afraid of being known by many people and be mocked by them even by friends and men who admire her as well as being beaten by her parents because of that.

Kawere said that its very dangerous indeed because the girls who sleeps with such sugar Daddies doesn't show up the signs of AIDS which they had taken from their sugar Daddies very fast and it takes many years for instance be4 showing or rather being known that this particular girl has AIDS due to the signs she may be showing up. I asked: What signs? He said that the signs of AIDS are very obvious. He said the very common signs are that of hairs. He said the hairs loses its turgidity and becomes soft and not really dark and black as be4.

He continued saying that even the face of the person can be recognized by being pale and arteries can be vasodilated rather be easy be seen protruding against the sides of the head and the head becomes so small than it was before. We laughed and he continued saying that when the signs continues the person becomes weak and cannot manage to see the future hope in his of her life as the Result the person became *WANKHWILU KWAMBIRI* – Chichewa Meaning: The person likes good food only like meat and the like and not vegetables.

We laughed and then Dagalasi laughed so great. Kawere asked: "You are laughing so great and high like that why? He answered saying that this is because he had seen a certain man having all the signs of AIDS as mentioned and the person had the pot belly and very protruding and hard, the only fat region of his body was the abdomen and the rest thin and he was begging *MANG'INA PA CHIWAYA* – Chichewa. Meaning: He was begging fried meat at the pan (pun) (Chiwaya)

He continued while laughing saying that the owner of the meat was reusing to give him and the man was go insisting and humbly begging that until a certain sympathetic man reached into his pocket and produced K10;.00 and gave him that he managed to buy 2 pieces of meat for the owner was selling each piece K5.00. Then Dagalasi continued saying that he saw the man taking rather eating the hot piece of meat before it get cool and the moment he finished eating the hot meat he vomited and the owner of the meat was very furious that he chased him away while pushing him hard away from the site. And he went behind the Butcher where he finished vomiting and then after he finished he was very weak

indeed that he could notice (Dagalasi) that he had no more power to walk and then he saw the owner of the Butcher coming to him in a very angry manner telling him to take sand and be spread all over the place where he had vomited. He was taking [doing this] by his hands and very weakly he was doing until a certain young boy a school boy helped the man until he (they, him and the) (school boy.) finished spreading sand at that place and the owner very furiously be mocking over him and also giving him the Broom to sweep the place where he had vomited and he did that. Dagalasi went on saying hat he felt very pity when such a man was treated like that he continued saying that it could have been at least better if he was humbly told to sweep rather spreading the sand over the place than in the force[ful] manner and be mocked,

Kawola asked him what kind of Mocking was he (the owner of the next) did apart from telling him to sweep the place and the like? He answered saying that the Mocking which he did was laughing over him and be saying that where he was doing sex with the prostitutes, he was alone and the owner of the meat was not there and he was the one alone who was feeling sweet and now he had to face the consequences of the sweetness he was feeling rather experienced alone and no need to trouble someone to be giving him free meat feeding his virus (*kudyetsa kachirombo kake*). He continued saying that he could not have been given the free meat and he had to say he was lucky [to be] given the K10.00 for even had it been he was crying he could not have given.

Kawere said that that's very bad, what the owner of that Butcher or meat did [was] a very bad thing because he vomited because of sickness and not deliberate and God hates such behavior. Dagalasi said that he felt sorry too but what he observed was none of the men who were there watching that felt sorry of that and they were only laughing signifying that men were not feeling any sympathy over the incident that happened and he said that the only person who felt sorry was that the school child/boy. Kawere said that that's why in Bible says that let the children come to me you should not deny them, for the Kingdom of heaven is theirs! He proceeded saying that what the young boy did was good and the men who were laughing did a wrong thing and God wrote sins over them.

We all agreed and then Kawere went on saying that nowadays the virus is everywhere and its very bad and sinful that one should be laughing a person just because he had or she had signs of the virus because you never know what will bear tomorrow, it can be tomorrow you will be the one also having the same signs and you will not be happy being mocked like that because its painful, for not all who has the virus had caught it because they were sleeping with prostitutes. He continued saying that a lot had caught the virus through the Razor Blades others through blood contact incase of accidents and not necessary

through sex as others keep on mistaking that may be due to sleeping rather having sex with the prostitutes.

We all agreed and then chatting continued and he went on saying that as he said that AIDS is everywhere it means it will not going to spare anyone who is sexually active because *NDI MATENDA WOSASEKANA AWA* – Chichewa – meaning its not the kind of disease that one should be laughing over the other. We agreed. Then he continued saying that God is wonderful and he said that those who were laughing like that God can punish them by any means. Dagalasi agreed as well as me.

Then I asked: What kind of punishment do you mean? He answered that God hates that we people should be disrespecting each other and God emphasizes that we should love one another and not be mocking each other because for instance when one is sick of AIDS, and he continued saying that what God can do is that he can punish a person simply by creating great chances of catching AIDS.

I asked how? He said that a man is not supposed to laugh rather mock a person suffering from AIDS because he is a man and subjected to propose and he never knows or he can't know that the one whom he is proposing or he had proposed has the virus which causes AIDS. Then we agreed and then he said that one who were mocking the patient like that they forgot that they are married and their wives can be the one starting showing the unfaithfulness and catches AIDS by sleeping with other men besides him.

Dagalasi said that and they also forget that they have their relatives as well as children that the same disease will happen to find them and which will be a bad thing to them upon hearing that some people were laughing at them.

We all agreed and during chatting like that a mother of my wife who is my mother-in-law came to greet us and wife who was by this time at the kitchen came as well and then the talking which we had ceased/ended suddenly upon the arrival of these people.

**THE END!**