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Situation

I was at a certain restaurant on the veranda. It was past 6pm when darkness fell.

I was a bit drunk coming from beer with my friend. And when I saw some men on the veranda there at the restaurant where lights were shining.

When I reached there at the veranda I saw that there were friends. There was a friend who went to South Africa once and stayed for 5 months and was deported in April this year 2007. Till now he is not going back to South Africa he is running the business of selling small fresh fish the former business that he was doing before going to South Africa.

The kind of business that he had managed to do his passport from. When I reached there I found them chatting and I joined them. Inside the restaurant there was only one customer who was eating rice and then there was the owner of the restaurant the woman / young woman and then her younger sister.

Then during our chatting there was also another friend who just sat inside the restaurant chatting with the owner of the restaurant and the sister to the owner sat somewhere at the corner inside the restaurant still.

And then I saw the friend who sat inside the restaurant coming outside from it with the younger sister to the owner of the restaurant and he did not talk with us despite knowing us and I saw him picking his bike and took the younger sister to the owner of the restaurant on the bicycle rack and he cycled her away.

When he had gone with her its when I asked: where is the man going?

Friend who goes to South Africa answered saying that he is of that behaviour and she is the sexual partner to him.

Friend known as Visitor said that he has two wives and he doesn't get satisfied of his two wives and even this one his sexual partner whom he had taken knows that he is married and has two wives.

Shadreck who goes to South Africa said that what other sexual partners of him besides his wives wants is money he gives a lot of money to partners. (Ayise Nahi anahonga kwambiri – he said in Chichewa language – the language were speaking

meaning: 'friend Nahi (Name) short form of Nahipa baits a lot rather gives a lot of money to partners.

Then Wisdom said he had also heard about it. I laughed and asked, giving a lot of money to sexual partners more over extra marital sexual partners besides his wives? I can't do that! I concluded. Shadreck said he does that and that's his only instrument (money) that he uses when winning the extra marital sexual partners morals and love.

NOTE: This Shadreck is not the usual or same Shadreck that I have been writing about him in some of my previous journals. This one is another Shadreck and he never been in South Africa to look for the job and started working there before deported.

Shadreck went on saying that when 'Nahi goes to Lake to buy fish (kambuzi / matemba) (The name given for small fish dry or fresh but Nahi sells small fresh fish too.

He continued saying that when 'Mada'has obtained the profit after selling his business he gives a lot of money to the sexual partner and that's why even this one the one whom he had picked has accepted him despite knowing that he has two wives.

He said that he once owned the shop but the shop was not improving but only going down till he sold the place. Which place? I asked. He answered me saying the small shop building that is situated where people sell fresh fish and behind where women see their Mandasi (pullets [doughnuts]) Chichewa.

I recognised the shop. He went on saying that he had sold the shop. How much? I asked, he answered saying: I heard that he sold K15,000.00

Only K15000.00? I asked. He laughed and said that's the amount that I heard and I believe that its true because its not a big shop and you know people at Mphula

They think that having a grocery (shop) is regarded rich people a way of attracting women and women doesn't refuse you when you propose her after knowing that you have the grocery.

We laughed and laughed. Then we separated and I went home. Morning at around past 7a.m I departed home to the trading centre again.

And the time I was entering the trading centre I found 2 people sat on the veranda of a certain vacant big store adjacent to the fence of Tobias private secondary school.

There was Nahi there and his friend. The same Nahi whom we were talking of him, gossiping about him. And I did not hesitate but went to sat with them and be chatting with them.

And indeed I joined them, and since Nahi is a friend too despite that we don't chat often I found myself free in the position of joining them and be chatting with them.

I found them talking issues of their interest and what I captured as to what they were talking was: Aise ine sindilimbana kwambiri ndi makzi koma kungomusiya basi, ndi munyengerere? (Chichewa) and his friend answered 'sanaonetse kukukonda komanso kukukhulupira pazomwe wachitazo (Chichewa)

NB: the above Chichewa words: Aise ine sindilimbana kwambiri ndi makzi.... was the words that Nahi said telling his friend, the words in Chichewa that Nahi said means friend I don't get much troubled by the female but just leave rather divorce her should I bait her?

And the words in Chichewa that his friend answered him as I wrote: sanaonetse kukukonda komanso..... means she did not show love to you or showing her faithfulness.

Then they talked and talked and then I knew later on that they were talking of a certain girl rather female or a woman who has done wrong to Nahi .

Then I asked: what's wrong Mada I guess there is a problem what has happened? Nahi laughed and responded: Aah this is not my year perhaps.

After Nahi said that he stopped. I asked: And you have answered my question? Nahi then started telling me about what has happened. He said: you saw me last night I believe when I was with a woman the younger sister of the owner of the restaurant.

Yes! I answered him and added saying that: "you picked her on your bike!

He answered saying; 'Yes, by my own bike and he added saying that: she is my girl friend and I was going to her house and when I finished with her its when I went somewhere where something happened that is annoying me even now.

I laughed and asked: 'what do you mean when you say: After I finished with her? (in Chichewa he said: nditathana naye". Nahi answered me saying, while laughing 'when I had sex with her because the aim of me picking rather taking her with my bike was for us to be fast reaching his house to have sex.

We laughed together with his friend who is my acquaintance to me.

Nahi went on saying that after I had finished sex with her I departed her house for another one.

Where? I asked. His friend and I laughed. Nahi proceeded saying that I went to another girl friend. To do what? I asked. To do what? Nothing apart from having sex.

I laughed and asked another sex the first girl friend was not enough? He laughed and said that I did only one round and then I decided to do another round to the next girl friend for she stays in the same village where I did first round.

She stays where or because you had the bike and movement was easy? He answered me saying that not because of that, but I most of the times do that 'I have 2 girl friends all of them lives in Majanya village and after I have sex with the first one whom you saw then I went to the next girl friend to have sex too and there I found that there was another guy inside because the time I was at the door post of her house before knocking I heard low whispers.

We laughed. Nahi proceeded saying that I only said to her that 'continue with the one who is inside your house I am going! And he continued saying that after he said those words then he said those words then he rode his bike.

And he proceeded saying that that's why I have decided now that I should no more continue being with her as my girl friend. His friend agreed with him. And I asked: 'you go with the bike to your girlfriend why?

He answered saying that its my bicycle and when I go I go straight with it inside the house because the girlfriends whom I do have are not school girls but those who are matured enough and they have their own house that they do sleep and entering with the bicycle is not a problem.

His friend who is my acquaintance said that nowadays there are more females that if one girlfriend prove to be unfaithful go for another one. Nahi agreed and said that: 'I have much experience in terms of girlfriends.

I laughed and he said I should not laugh but what he was saying was true and he has been having sexual partners ever since and if one partner is proud of not showing me love I do tell her openly that lets apart [leave] each other because I am the one who proposed you and you accepted me and you always lay down and you lie/sleep down and me on top when we make love and hate only thing that I benefit from you is sex and nothing else.

I am the one who assist you a lot with soap, money, relish is not a problem you just come and take relish and you don't give me anything like money. He went on saying that even the one whom I picked on the bike proves unfaithful by double crossing me definitely I can not resist but ending up it despite that I declared not to stop loving her.

I asked: why you declared not to stop loving her?

Nahi said that its a long story but in short what happened was that the elder wife lit the house of this partner which you saw me carrying / picking her due to jealousy. He proceeded saying that she got the rumour that I was running love affair with her and one day night she went to the house of her (one picked) thinking that I was there because she knew that I was not at the other wife's side /house for it wasn't my week rather days of me to be sleeping with my younger wife and she didn't hesitated but knew that I was there at the partner which he heard from her friends that I am in love with.

When she went there she didn't find me, Nahi went on saying that she was to another extra marital partner and when she asked me there where she was thinking I

was the partner shouted at her and asked her not to repeat that again and asked her where did she get the information that her husband sleeps there as if it was his house and quarrelled and they fought each other and then people came out of their houses up hearing the quarrels and fighting and some relatives of the extra marital partners rescued their relative who were losing the fight at that time and began beating the wife and then some people neighbours rescued the wife and the battle ended there and wife when going said: you will see you are really against me.

We laughed.

And Nahi said within 3 days the house of the extra marital partner set fire, the thatched roof get lit and it was at night that everything which was inside there get burnt including clothes, all her clothes for it was mid night.

Nahi said the one who lit it was not known but people and even himself suspected the elder wife doing that but because of no witness then the wife was not summoned.

Nahi said that when he saw that happened to his extra marital partner he comforted her and promised to assist her constructing another roof for her house and he said he indeed did that by hiring people constructing another roof and one by one starting buying her clothes.

He said: right now all the clothes that she is wearing I bought them. When this happened? I asked. Last year August okay?

He answered yes and lucky enough my business was running well that I had lots of money that that's why I challenged to support her with everything.

Did your wife knew that you were the ones who was constructing the roof of the house that you suspected that she lit it?

Nahi answered saying that maybe she knew or not say anything about that but only happy that a house was lit the house of her enemy.

We laughed and laughed and chatting continued. Nahi said that with what my wife did I declared not to stop loving her and she even said that what wife did was greatly uniting them and she will not stop loving him.

He said but if that is the case its okay but if running an affair with another man then I can't endure but divorcing her because that's challenging.

His friend said that it's better to stop loving her indeed and moreover these days of AIDS. I agreed with him, the acquaintance. Nahi 's friend added saying that nowadays is dangerous and even the tendency of having sexual partners rather girl friends is very dangerous because of AIDS. Nahi said that we can talk of AIDS then we are only going to be cheating each other here because this disease the way it is now its like chitopa cha nkuku meaning: new castle (disease)

And he went on saying that this disease can of course be avoided if you vow rather confess that you are not going to have sex with anyone once you reach the age that you are really the man who can desire to have sex and if you do so maybe it can work and you even confess that you will not marry but if you are really a human being and sexually active for sure you cannot run away from AIDS.

There are condoms that one can use and never catch AIDS.

He answered saying that condoms are not 100% perfect and many people have now seen that they don't help at all they are porous and I have never used that and I don't think of using it and if I suspect the partner that she might have AIDS then I don't propose her to be my girlfriend.

That's my principle, he concluded.

Okay, condoms are not 100% perfect? I asked. Yes, indeed why still people are dying with Aids yet condoms are been manufactured lots and lots of them?

His friend added saying that the only way of avoiding AIDS is that you have to just marry one wife and be just sleeping with her alone and no one else and be advising each other to take care over each other so that one should not catch the virus and transmit it to his or her spouse (marriage partner).

I agreed with him. Nahi said that's true but not really this is because the major problem lies on the fact that majority of people when they want to marry they just marry the one whom they admire of good looking and not considering her HIV status.

He went on saying that with this tendency we are at high risk of catching the virus. He went on saying even 3 of us who are here if we can go for test we can find that all of us has the virus. He proceeded saying that he heard from the radio that in Balaka district the population is high with people or number of people who are HIV positive are high at Mphula.

Indeed? I asked. He said yes and he went on saying that what he heard from the radio is that the recent VCT that took place here at Mphula at Mphula health centre in the previous months people who were found positive were 1,500.

His friend agreed and he added saying that he did not heard that from the radio but from many people who said also heard from the radio. Indeed? I asked again. Nahi 's friend agreed that and he added saying that if the number is 1,500 only those who went for the test and what about those who did not go for the test?

His friend said the number can be high. I agreed. He went on saying that the danger is that those people who went for the test and found positive they don't follow the advices that they were adviced to abstain or if they fail to abstain they should use the condoms but instead they go for many sexual partners than before instead of minimising the number of sexual partners.

His friend said that we are in a great trap. The thing is when we see a girl or a woman and hear that she doesn't refuse when you ask her for sex the tendency that

we have we men is that we go for those girls or women because you know that she is not a bargirl but just a village girl and she doesn't refuse or rebuff when you ask her for sex.

He added saying that with this system, ndithudi tithera tonse nthawi imodzi ngati mbalame zomwe zamwa madzi othira tameki pa chitsime.

NB: The above Chichewa words means: Indeed we are going to perish all of us at one time like birds talking / drinking water from the well which has tarmac substance (poison).

Nahi said that: 'the way he has been sleeping with girls I can't say that I have no kachilombo.

Have you ever gone for HIV test? I asked. He said Simon, I can't cheat you I have never gone and I can't do that I have no idea of doing that.

He added saying that going for test is good to those who knows the goodness of that but as of me I don't see the importance or the advantage of that because what I see now is that people who have gone for this exercise of blood test and found positive they become mad of just be sleeping with many sexual partners with the aim of infecting others who are free from HIV.

His friend agreed with that, he added saying that what he heard from the radio about the HIV status at Mphula he becomes weak very weak indeed because when we see the generation of today that people are taking sex at high rate the major entertaining thing and for example here at our trading centre especially these young girls they are after money that when you show them K100.00 they are taken up easily and they like having money to be using buying food during break time at school for example.

His friend said that not only school girls even out of school girls the thing is that money is very scarce and the one who has money nowadays in the time of Bingu as the President rather than in the times of Bakili Muluzi where money was not scarce as today.

His friend agreed and I agreed too.

Nahi said that people who are infecting Mphula a lot are the ones who goes to South Africa and comes back and you know the word as it is now.

'It is like what'? I asked.

The world now is favouring well to do people especially those having money.

He said that he has seen many people especially women rather wives divorcing men because of the women's unfaithfulness they start running an affair with some one apart from their husbands because the husbands has no money and the extra marital partners who is proposing her has a lot of money for example he owns a grocery or any other business or he is working and the husband is not working or has no any other business the wife or the girl friend runs or go after him.

Nahi 's friend said that that's really true and indeed women are very discontent. Nahi said: that's very true women are very discontent I have an example of myself. He said: I have a sexual partner in 2006 but you know how it ended?

How can know you are the ones who know about it, I responded. How it ended his friend who is my acquaintance inquired.

Then Mada started saying that he had the sexual partner in 2006 and what he did he tested her to prove that she is faithful. He said that what he did was, he had his confidant and what happened was that Nahi suspected the sexual partner that she had being unfaithful and he wanted to prove whether she is faithful or not faithful.

He said most of the times when they are together she was fond of greeting men and be smiling at them that he was very annoyed of that behaviour and when asking her why doing that she kept on saying that she knows them and there is no point of her not greeting them.

He proceeded saying that when his confidant Joe who was divorced at Ngatume village and now living at Ngonga in Mangochi district as his home village, was chatting with her the partner was seducing him with words.

He said that one day he found them at around past 5pm sitting together on the veranda and very close each other that had it been she was wise and faithful enough she could not have done that but instead she could have sat a bit far from him respecting herself.

We agreed with him. He said that he had been seeing this happening most of the times when he visited her sometimes coming from the Lake as his business. You said your partner was seducing your confidant friend through words, how did you know that.

He answered: 'that's a good question I am going to answer you what happened was that my confidant friend when ever he comes at my sexual partner for she was living with her relatives who knew about my relationship with her and they were thinking that I will marry her because she told them about that after i cheated her that I will marry her and her parents were believing that upon seeing the assistance like relish that I was giving her that her parents were also eating, money to go for the maize mill, soap, salt and if her younger brother or sister or even when her father or mother was sick I was giving her money to buy medicine from the shop like panado, aspirin, paraffin, phansidor, penicillin or any other medicine and if not working I was even providing money for transport to go to the hospital.

It was half marriage indeed, he laughed. We laughed too. I reminded him that he did not answer my question as to how he knew that, that half wife as he said was seducing his confidant Joe through words?

He said that Joe himself was telling him that she was telling him that he should be free visiting her at anytime because when she is alone she becomes bored and she

is used to chat with men than her fellow women because women are gossipers so she hates that.

He went on saying that his friend also one day told him that: friend your partner was telling me that yesterday you told her that you were not feeling well due to Malaria and you told her that you will not go to the Lake either visit her that day and when I meet with her at the trading centre (Mphula) when she was coming from the maize mill she told me that and asked me to visit her and I asked her what time?

She said as soon as she will reach home with the flour she will go to visit her friend and she will come at 5pm for where she will go its far at Chemedi village and she asked me to visit her around past 6 pm and bring Kanyenya for she will keep nsima for me.

Indeed? I asked.

Nahi went on saying that that's what his confidant friend told him and he added saying he believed that because the way he was getting or found them chatting gave him the impression that the partner was admiring my friend.

Nahi 's friend agreed and said that happens a lot even men do the same. We laughed.

So what happened? Did your friend visited her with the kanyenya?

NB: Nahi answered saying that his confidant only agreed to please her but he didn't go and visited her and when they meet one day she accused him that he did not come as he promised her and she kept nsima for him and then it's when his confidant friend knew now that she admires him.

That's why he came and told his friend Nahi saying friend your partner the words which she speaks to me or tells me it seems that she wants me to be sleeping with her as well but your are my friend I cant do that.

Nahi said that its when they made the plan to attempt her and see if indeed she is faithful or not faithful. He said he told his confidant friend to tell her that he also admires her but afraid that she cant keep the secret and when he told her that she said she can keep the secret that's she accepted him.

And he agreed with her to meet at the Banana plantations which are at outskirts of Nawangwa village where she lives and agreed past 5 p.m and that day Nahi will promise not to visit her.

He said that when he told her she agreed and he said he will be the first one to be found inside the banana plantation and she will find him there.

Nahi and his friend agreed that Nahi he will hide as well on the near tree.

The day came, he said it was Sunday and Nahi went first and meet with his friend before time that he is going to hide and he went and hid near the mango tree and he

was watching everything properly because he was high on the tall Mango tree and then the time 5p.m. came he saw his friend coming and entering the banana plantation and after 30 minutes she saw he coming from the other direction on the narrow path which is not often used by many people but cattle and goats when they goes and comes back from grazing over hills.

He said he saw her running wearing a chitenje and then she also entered into the banana plantation and they meet each other.

Nahi waited for about 5 to 10 minutes to give them a bit chance to discuss or chat a bit. Ooh! You were late 10 minutes its a lot of time anything can happen.

His friend agreed and said for sure anything can happen. We laughed. Nahi asked, like having sex?

We answered: 'yes Nahi said the friend could not have done that for we agreed and what he was doing as the partner was insisting him to do sex fast, fast for she was to go home fast and prepare relish and cook nsima for parents, the friend told her to wait and he wanted to smoke first and then enjoy sex after smoking for he said he enjoys sex after taking the cigar and that time the partner laid her chitenje down and sat there waiting to sleep after he finish smoking.

We laughed.

And then Nahi said that when his friend was smoking like that its when he also entered into the banana plantations and he only asked: what are you doing here?

We laughed as he continued saying that 'when I said: what are you doing here she trembled a lot and said nothing but started crying right away there and the man didn't say anything for he knew that's what they had planned.

Nahi said that he said to them, 'I have been watching you closely and be convinced now that you are lovers. I have been hearing from many people about your relationship but I was not believing but now the 40th day has come that I should believe with my own eyes that your secret be revealed rather discovered remember no secret under the sun.

He said when he was talking like that the partner was only crying endlessly and the man dropped the cigarette pretended to be shocked and be looking down. And he said to the partner that she is not belonging to him any more as her partner and also said to the confidant friend frauding the partner that you also not my friend from now onwards because of what you have done that killing me.

He said that he left them there and be going home. You left them still on the banana plantation? They made sex he laughed and said perhaps not because of afraid she was just crying and she could not have accepted that and thinking that I hide somewhere and if they do so I will catch them and friend could not have done that because we planned to test rather attempt the partner.

Nahi concluded saying that what happened later is that they got married and it did not last long before catching her red handed with another man and divorced her and 3 months after that the man also caught red handed with another sexual partner by his wife and wife divorced him and now he went back to his home village in Ngonga Mangochi.

Chatting there was indeed long, there is quiet and only 3 of us and a vast veranda like that in the morning hours and fresh air indeed were blowing over our bodies as we were friendly chatting like that.

The only conclusion that we draw in our chatting was that Mphula area has high percentage of people living with kachiroambo (HIV) and seconded by Ulongwe. And Nahi said he heard that at Mphula area especially at Mzembe village but Mzembe village is a small village as compared to other villages in Mphula area as a whole.

He added saying like wise Chatambala and Playe. You really heard about this from the radio I don't believe this.

Before Nahi answered his friend answered me saying that indeed even him he heard that and said ask others who also heard about that. Nahi said many people here heard about it from the radio.

Then he said that its better to be advising our young children we have who are normally young before the age of 14 that they should take care the area is not good and as a wise parent should take the initiative and a challenge to advice our own children or relatives about this disease and make them aware of it for if we talk of us then we are all gone, this our ages are at high risk and we should love the generation to come which are our children and younger relatives.

We chatted and chatted for about 2 hours and half then Nahi and his friend said they were going to inside the market. And then they left me there and after I stayed there for 15 minutes trying to capture everything that they were saying or rather we chatted writing hints on my piece of paper so that when I go home I should be remembering and be expanding writing the hints then I departed for the market too.

After one hour and some minutes I went back home for lunch

THE END

Nahi – I believe can be 31 years his friend 27 or 28 years. Nahi went to school but primary and never finished it – but std 6 I don't know of his friend.

Date: 16th / 09 / 07

Situation

I was at the trading centre Mphula. There was me, Jack, Emmanuel, Shad (the one whom I have been writing some of his words in the previous journals) and Mhoni.

We sat at the veranda of the Mr. Mofati's shop which is near the Tarmac road. A certain young girl aged I believe 14 or 16 years passed by us. She was short and black in complexion, she stays within the trading centre and her parents have been rich in the previous years. And unfortunately her father died last month after short illness.

And when she passed by us as she dressed well and the first to talk is Mhoni saying: Agambe Kuyamika mlungu ligongo chaka achino kwaliji kwangali manganje asikana wakulapwa mpela awa yakaiweni chaka achino ikaliji yakogoya – yao meaning: They should praise God that this year there were no initiation ceremonies of dances like Manganje these girls who are proud like these ones they could have seen rather faced troubles.

What do you mean? I asked.

Mhoni answered saying that we do enjoy during Manganje dances because it takes place at night and its where we meet with girls and the ones who are hard to propose them due to the reasons that you don't have chance to take to her or rebuff you because she is proud or becomes from the well to do family.

Shad said that during ceremonies girls are fucked any how and even marriages do end because when the story gets discovered at the morning that such a woman / married spelt with such a man last night at Manjange.

Mhoni said he makes sure that every year during Manganje period to sleep with less than [at least?] 10 girls. 10 girls? I asked.

He agreed and said yes because he makes sure that where ever he goes to watch Manganje he asks any girl or woman whether married or not to have sex with her. He went on saying that he doesn't go for her beauty but any one who is a female who has the vagina that he can insert his member and release.

We laughed and I asked him why he does that. He said that its what he thinks and he added saying that majority of men goes to watch or dance Manganje at night murdering rather sparing their sleep with the aim of watching girls to sleep with and when you comes from Manganje without having sex to anyone you are worried but once you have sex then you become happy.

We laughed and Shad said that this year because the T/A Luka had died and in respect of him it had declared that no more dances for the whole year and that includes Manganje this year only where Luka area is but I went last week at Kopeni in Mangochi with my friends who called me there was an initiation ceremony of Jando and Manganje dance and indeed people at Mangochi use money.

He answered saying that they use money in terms of dressing and even when it comes to buying beer they were buying many crates of beer disregarding that some were not buying as to what happens here at Mphula. Shad said that he saw that indeed in Mangochi people are loose enough when we talk of sexuality. What do you mean?

He said, Simon in Mangochi there is no child, there is no one who is married during initiation he said a married woman do whatever she like talk with a man and then disappeared for sex and when a man sees that he does the same with another extra marital partner.

He said there is an a 10 year old girl in Mangochi and you find that a 10 year or 12 sleeping with someone over 30yrs old man. Emmanuel asked: people are not afraid of AIDS there?

Jack answered saying that AIDS now is becoming used to people its because they say once watch it today I cant die it today or tomorrow but it will take years before dying. He went on saying that no the thing is that sex is nature and they can't refrain from doing it for it's what we are used as nature.

Shad agreed with that and he added saying that he slept with a partner there at Kopeni and what he hand pulling out of the dancing circle that she was dancing and she responded. And then the first question I asked was sex and she asked me where I live and my name. Shad said 'I am Saidi' and live at Blantyre and he came to visit relatives at Kopeni there and heard that about Manganje and she asked him to wait her to dance and then call her another time, Shad said I was much wiser because I was drunk and he said that he was not going to take long but go home to sleep and he insisted her to go with him for sex and she asked where? He said anywhere then she accepted and because it was not his home village but went there for friends he just walked a bit distance from the place where Manganje was danced where there is light to dark place and under the Baobab tree he told her to sleep down and he did sex without money.

She didn't ask for it? I asked, Shad said that she did not because its part of entertainment or Manganje dance a celebration. We laughed. Plain? I asked, Shad said he cant wear / out on the condom and he had never done that and if he doesn't want to sleep with her he just not do that and if he want sex with the partner and if that and not with the condom.

Emmanuel asked: not afraid of AIDS?

Shad said AIDS came for we people and we can't run away from it.

Mhoni said that EDZI ndimanyado masiku ano (Chichewa)

We laughed (EDZI NDI MANYADO MASIKU ANO) meaning AIDS ITS A PROUD FASHION NOWADAYS. What do you mean? Mhoni said that in the past AIDS was something that was dangerous and fearful but [not] now. People were dying in the past with AIDS as compared to nowadays that people were not dying because they are given ARVs that makes them grow [more] health and plump than the ones who have no virus.

And when people see someone thin but have no virus consider that person having AIDS and the one who is plump not having kachiroambo. He added saying that nowadays AIDS is that is no fearful he said people nowadays if found positively they receive free food, donated food and cooking oil, peas, beans, likuni phala flour and

be receiving monthly that they don't suffer with hunger despite the hunger times and people who are free from AIDS admires these people who receives donated food and with this tendency people are not afraid of AIDS but something that they do consider as a privilege that they can be receiving food and cooking oil.

We laughed, I asked Shad why he cheated the partner he slept with at Kopeni in Mangochi that he lives in Blantyre and his name being Saidi? He laughed and said that dogging her and convince her that I belong to her tribe of yao as the name 'Saidi'and went for Jando initiation and lives in town.

He said yao girls says people who are circumcised at jando for instance they cant catch or spread the virus of AIDS (kachirombo) as compared to someone not circumcised. Everyone agreed that saying its true. We chatted and then separated.

THE END