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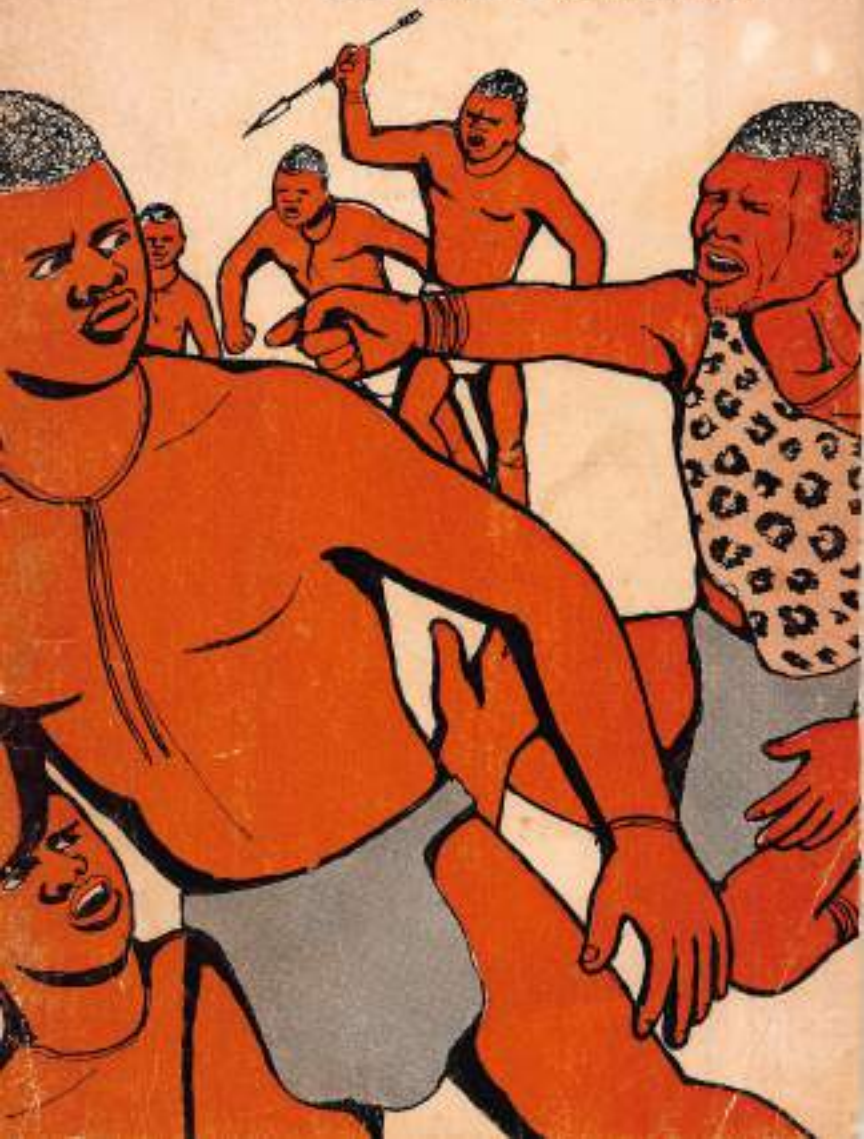

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CHITSAUKO 1

Izwi romushakabvu

Zita rake rainzi Tambaoga. Akanga ari mukomana murefu, mutete. Aiva namazino akaenzana, machena, akati chechetere zvichibva zvangonakira mukanwa make. Akanga ana makore gumi namasere chete okuzvarwa. Panguva zhinji maziso ake aibwinya norufaro rwoupenyu, rufaro rwokururama. Aiva namaziso aigara achiseka.

Kwete panguva ino. Kwete paakanga amire. Paakanga amire paiva panzvimbo yokusuwa, nzvimbo yakabvarura mwoyo wake. Nokudaro mumaziso make makanga musina tsetswa kana rufaro rwoupenyu kana rufaro rwokururama. Ipapo muviri wake wakakombama kunge wakanga watorerwa vhunze rawo roupenyu.

Asi Tambaoga haana kuchema. Akanga achiziva kuti kuchema hakuna chakunobatsira. Baba vake vakanga vamuudza kuti kana nhamo ichinge yauya, kunyange yakaipa zvakaita sei, murume haafaniri kuchema asi kugara pasi achinyatsofunga zvokuita.

Ndivo baba vaakanga akatarisa zvino, VaMupakaviri, mambo akanga ane mbiri huru kwazvo kwese kwese. Nguva zhinji vaifamba zvavo vari vaviri achidzidziswa mazano okutonga namamwe enyaya nenhoroondo dzoupenyu.

Panguva dzino kunyange Tambaoga akanga aina baba vake, haana kugona kutaura navo. Kumusana kwavo kwakange kune banga riye guru rinonzi bakatwa. Rakanga rakapinda rose mumuviri wavo, pedyo nehuro. Vakanga vakafa. Mambo Mupakaviri, baba vaTambaoga, vakanga vafa pachokwadi vaine banga kumusana, musango, panzvimbo inokwana mitunhu mitatu kubva kunzanga yomuzinda wavo.

Paakasvika panzvimbo iyi, Tambaoga akaramba akatarisa baba vake. Pfungwa dzake dzakaramba kushanda. Akamboramba kubvuma zvaive pamberi pake. Akafunga kuti zvimwe maziso ake ari kumunyengedza achifunga kuti zvimwe ari kurota. Saka akafunga kuti zvimwe achapepuka achiona

zvose zviri zviroto zvenhando. Naizvozvo, Tambaoga akazvitswinya kuti apepuke kubva muhope dzakaipisisa kudai. Haana kupepuka. Akazvipunzira pasi asi mashura aiva pamberi pake haana kubva. Baba vake vakaramba varipo. Bakatwa raive kumusana kwavo rakaramba riri mumuviri mavo richingoonekwa mubato waro.

Kweteka! Kwete baba vake. Kwete murume uyu alve murume pakati pavamwe varume. Kwete baba vake vemwoyochena, mwoyo murefu, mwoyo wakanga usina vamwe.

Kana murufu baba vake havana kurasa runako rwapameso pavo. Vakanga vachiita savakakotsira. Tsiye, muromo, mhanza nevhudzi zvose zvakanga zviri sezvazvakanga zvakaita muupenyu hwavo. Kunyange Tambaoga aida kuchema, angadai akatadza. Pagurokuro pake pakanga pakamhara bundu guru kwazvo—bundu reshungu nokusuwa.

Pakarepo akabva aziva kuti kwakanga kusiri kurota. Chaiva chokwadi. Bundu raiva pahuro pake rakakura zvokuti rakanga renge richamudzipa. Akanga oda kutadza kufema neshungu. Akayeuka zvose zvakanga zvaitika nezuro. Akanga ataurira baba vake, mambo Mupakaviri, kuti masikati acho akanga achida kunoraura hove kurwizi. Baba vakewo vakanga vamuudza kuti ivo vaida kumbofamba-famba zvavo vachitasanudza makumbo pamwe nokuona nyika. Vaigaroita izvi asi nguva zhinji dzavaifamba-famba vaiinda naTambaoga vachikurukura zvavo. Sezvineiwo, musi uyu vakanga vaenda voga. Izvi ndizvo zvinonźi navakuru, "Kana museve wodanyama . . ."

Naizvozvo, vakaonekana zvavo, Tambaoga ndokuenda kundoraura hove ivo vachimbofamba-famba zvavo kutasanudza makumbo. Vakanga varangana kuti vaizosangana mauro. Ndizvo zvavaifunga.

Hongu, vaizoonana zvavo. Kwete manheru iwayo asi nguva dzamashambanzou, rave rechimangwana acho. Nguva iyoyo, yokuzoonanazve pakanga pasisina zvokutaurirana. Asi zvose izvi vakanga vasingazvizivi.

Manheru akasvika, Tambaoga ndokudzoka akasvikopa hove dzaakanga abata kuna amai vake, VaTakanongwa.

Akange abata hove zhinji kwazvo, zvimiramba, majenya, zvigwaya nehumbwi. VaTakanongwa vakati, "Hombarume! Maita Shava! Maita Nhuka huru! Mazvita Mhukahuru!"

"Zvaamai here!" akadaro Tambaoga. "Mungabva manditendera tuhove utwu, ko, inga hatikutendei wani pamunotibikira sadza mazuva ose? Ibasa redu vanakomana kukutsvagirai muriwo wesadza ramunotibikira. Ko, baba vadzoka here?"

"Kwete mwanangu. Havasati vadzoka. Zvimwe vachadzoka kwasviba. Kana vachinge vasina kudzoka nhasi, pane kwavanenge vafunga kuenda zvavo somunhu wavanhu vazhinji."

"Zvakanakai amai. Ini ndichamboenda zvangu kudare kune vamwe varume. Kana Tapiwa achinge auya, muudzei kuti ndiko kwandiri."

"Zvakanaka mwanangu. Ko, wambodyei nhasi? Chimbomira ndikupe sadza ratanga takusiyira."

"Kwete amai. Ini ndaguta." Tambaoga akabuda ndokunanga kudare kwakanga kuna vamwe varume namakurukota ababa vake. Makurukota aya akanga ari mana, VaPfumojena, VaMombeshora, VaManyengavana naVaDambanemhuka.

Akasvika ndokuuchira. Kunyange akange ari dangwe ramambo Mupakaviri, akange ane mwoyo wokuzvirereka kune vakange vari vakuru kwaari uyezve nokuna vaduku kwaari. Baba vake vakanga vamuudza kuti kune tsumo inoti, "Gudo guru peta muswe kuti vaduku vakutye." Makurukota paakamuona nokunzwa kuuchira kwake, akaomberawo achiti, "Svikai zvenyu Mhukahuru! Svikai Mhofuyomukono! Svikai jinda reShava! Jinda ravaHera!"

Tambaoga akagara pachigaro chake chamazuva ose ndokubva aisa maoko. "Maoko edu madzishe!"

Vakaomberana vakapedza. Mushure mazvona vakatauriranа zvavakanga vaona zuva iroro. VaPfumojena, gurukota guru, vakabvunza, "Hatina kuona changamire, baba venyu, nhasi. Mukati vari munyika dzino nhasi?"

"Aiwa, ini ndaparadzana navo ndichinotsvagira amai usavi hwehove kumadziva masikati ano. Vachasvika zvavo. Munoti

zvavanhu vavazhinji zvingazivikanwe here? Zvimwe vangadaro vafunga kuti vasvike kune mamwe mabazi avo. Tingatozovaona mangwana."

Namazwi aya, nyaya iyi yakabva yakanganikwa. Vakataura zvavo dzimwe nyaya. Sadza rakauya vakadya. Vapedza kudya vakambotandara zvavo. Tambaoga akanga akatarira kuti zvimwe munin'ina wake, Tapiwa, achauyawo padare asi haana kuuya. Nokudaro akaonekana namakurukota. "Madzishe, ini chiregai ndimborovera matama pasi. Ndaneta nokumira kwandange ndakaita kumadziva."

Makurukota akabvumira. Tambaoga akasimuka ndokunanga kumba kwaamai vake. Akasvikowana vanin'ina vake, Tapiwa, Tamuka nehanzvadzi yake, Chandisaita, vose varimo. "Nhasi hauna kuda kuuya kudare nhai Tapiwa?" akabvunza Tambaoga.

"Kwete. Nhasi ndafunga zvokumbonovaraidza zvangu amai naTamuka naChandisaita. Handizive kuti ndambofunga sei kudaro."

"Zvakanaka. Ini ndave kundotara zvangu. Tinoonana mangwana amai newe Chandisaita." Tambaoga akabuda ndokuenda. Akasvika mugota make ndokuwaridza magudza ake achibva arara.

Haana kukotsira. Paakanga ava kungonzi nehope tiba, akabva anzwa izwi raimudaidza zvishoma nezvishoma, riri kurekure. "Tambaoga! Tambaoga! Tambaoga!" Izwi rakadaidza katatu. Tambaoga akapepuka achivhunduka ndokubva agara pasi. Akatarisa-tarisa murima imomo, mugota make maakanga arere ndokubva azaruta musuo achitarisa panze asi hapana munhu waakaona. Akabuda panze ndokutenderera nemba yose. Hapana munhu waakaona zvakare. Izvi zvakabva zvamushamisa. Akapinda mumba makare ndokugara pasi parukukwe rwake achifunga. Akambogara chaizvo akadaro.

Akafunga kuti zvimwe kunzwa kwaaita kwakanga kuri kurota. Zvimwe anga ari maminimini ehope. Akatora gudza rake ndokufuga achibva arara pakare. Haana kurara kwenguva ndefu. "Tambaoga! Tambaoga, mwanangu! Tamba-

oga!" Izwi rakadaidza katatu zvakare.

Tambaoga akapepuka. Izwi raimudaidza akariziva. Raive remunhu mumwe chete bedzi. Raiva izwi raaifarira kunzwa. Izwi raaida. Raiva izwi rababa vake, mambo Mupakaviri. Akafunga kuti zvimwe baba vake vakanga vadzoka.

Akapfeka nguo dzake murima imomo ndokubuda akananga kumba kwairara vabereki vake. Akasvikogogodza ndokuti, "Baba, madzoka riniko? Mandidaidza here?"

Izwi rakamupindura raiva raamai vake. "Kwete mwanangu. Baba vako havasati vadzoka. Unoti vachadzoka nhasi here? Tinotozovaona mangwana, mwanangu. Enda zvako unorara."

Izvi zvakashamisa Tambaoga. Akambofunga kutaurira amai vake nezveizwi raimudaidza, asi akatya kuti zvingatambudze pfungwa dzavo napakati pousiku hwakadaro. Akabva arega. Saka akangoti chete, "Nhai! Zvakanaka amai. Ndokuonai mangwana."

Tambaoga akadzokera kugota kwake akasvikorara. Zvino pakanga pava pakati pousiku chaipo. Akanga asina kumbonyatsokotsira kubvira nguva yaakawaridza rukukwe pamwe namagudza ake. Pfungwa dzakanga dzava kuita chivhiriri-vhiriri mumusoro make. Asi hope ndimashonongore. Pane zvino dzakabva dzanyatsomubata chaizvo.

"Tambaoga, mwanangu! Tambaoga!" Apa Tambaoga akanga anyatsobatwa nehope pachokwadi nokudaro haana kupepuka kwete kufanana nezvaakaita panguva dziye dzaakadaidzwa ruviri. Akaramba ari muhope kudaro, asi izwi raimudaidza iri rakanga riri izwi risingabviri kuti atadze kupinduta. Ndiro izwi raaikudza kukunda mamwe ose. Nokudaro akapindura ari muhope dzake.

"Baba! Muri kundishevedza here?"

"Hongu, ndiri kukudaidza mwanangu. Ko, zvaunorara zvako kudaro, unofunga kuti ndichadzoka here? Ini ndadyiwa napasi mwanangu. Chiuya unditore kani nhai Tambaoga."

"Ko, ndinokutorai seiko nhai baba? Makuvadzwa here?

Hamuchagona kufamba here?" akabvunza kudaro achingova mukati mehope.

"Hongu, handichagona kufamba. Ndakuudza kuti handichauya kumusha. Saka chiuya uzonditora ugondiisa panzvimbo yandichazorora pamwe chete namadzisekuru ako."

"Ko, muri kupiko nhai baba? Ndinosvika sei kwamuri?"

"Ndiri kunzira inoenda kwaChidamhuri. Unoziva muti uya mukuru womuunze uri munzira? Muti uyu une mukoko wenyuchi. Kuruboshwe kwemuti uyu kune chikomo chikuru kwazvo. Chikomo chinodaidzwa kunzi Maringa. Muchikomo ichi munezve mumwe muti mukuru kwazvo womuunze wakazendamirana neibwe. Ipapo ndipo pauchandionana ndiri. Kurumidza mwanangu, ndakakumirira iko zvino uno. Handidi kuti ndikutaurire zvizhinji mwanangu nokuti ndikadaro ndingabva ndangodyara mhodzi yoruvengo kwauri zvichibva zvaita kuti uzovengane navamwe vasina mhosva. Asi muvengi wangu newako ndiye andidya. Handikuudzi kuti ndiani nokuti uri munhu womurume. Watova murume izvozvi. Saka uchatsvaga wega ukamuwana. Asi mukutsvaga kwauchaita, muchava nemoto neropa kwauri. Zita rako ndi Tambaoga nokudaro uchatamba wega mukati meshura iri. Asi ndinenge ndinewe mwanangu. Handimbokusiya uri wega."

Zvinhu zvose izvi aizvinzwira muhope. Kana muhope imomo zvakabva zvamushamisawo zvokuti akatadza kupindura. Pane zvizhinji zvaakatadza kunzwisisa. Hapana muvengi waaziva kuti anovenga baba vake. Ko, baba vake vaireveiko pavakati ndadyiwa nomuvengi? Kudyiwa seiko? Ko, ngavachitsanangureka. Ndingatamba ndega seiko mumusha muzere navanhu navamwewo vapwere vezera rangu? Tambaoga akati, "Baba . . ."

"Chikurumidza Tambaoga. Tarira uone, kunze kwavo kuda kuedza. Hausi kunzwa here kurira kwemachongwe? Huya uzondizorodza pamwe chete nemadzisekuru ako. Kana uchinge wandiona mwanangu, unozotarisa pamusorosoro pechikomo ichi. Uchawana pane mabwe makuru kwazvo maviri akatarisana. Mberi kweibwe rine mavara matsvuku

uchawana pane rimwe rinenge sasa. Zvino kudubura ibwe iroro. Uchaona musuo weninga. Muninga imomu ndimo muna baba vangu ini nasekuru vangu. Ndimo makavigwa madzisekuru ako ose; madzitateguru orudzi rwedu rwose. Saka unofanira kundiisa imomo. Kuseri kweibwe irori kune imwezve ninga inoenda nerimwe divi. Hapana vanhu vanoiziva kunze kwavakuru-vakuru vorudzi rwedu. Hapana chavanodamo nokuti hapana chirimo. Zvimwe pachazosvika zuva raungapinde mungozi zvino unomhanyira kuninga iyoyi yechipiri yandakutaurira."

"Baba!" Tambaoga akada kubvunza.

"Chiuya mwanangu. Kunze kwaedza."

"Baba kani . . ."

"Ndati chiuya. Hausi kunzwa here kurira kwamachongwe?"

Tambaoga akapepuka. Muviri wake wose wakabvunda sorutsanga rwuri pakati perwizi rwuzere. Akatanga kudikitira, dikita ndokubva ratanga kuerera nomuviri wose. Akada kuridza mhere zvikabva zvaramba. Akada kuchema, akatadza.

Hongu ndizvo zvazvinoita kana munhu uchinge wavhundutawa. Kana chokubata unoshaya. Ipapo Tambaoga akashaya chokuita. Ihopeiko idzi dzaakanga arota? Ndiko here kurota kungaite munhu? Akamboda kurvishingisa kuti kwete, uku kushinha kwehope chete asi mwoyo wake wakaramba. Rakanga riri izwi rababa vake zvechokwadi. Akazvibvunza mibvunzo mizhinji kwazvo. "Zvingaite sei kuti ndirote mashura akadaro? Chokwadi ndibaba here vandanzwa vachitaura? Regai ndimbobvunza amai. Zvingadaro kuti baba vakadzoka madeko. Ko, zvino handinganetse amai here nokuvamutsa usiku hwakadai? Izwi rababa chete randiudza kuti ndikurumidze. Zvino ndoenda here kwavataura? Ndoregera? Utonga hwatotsvuka kumabvazuva saka kwava kutoedza."

Akabuda mugota make ndokubva apinda munzira. Akafamba sokurayirwa kwaakanga aitwa muhope kudzimara asvika.

CHITSAUKO 2

Tambaoga nechitunha

Hakuna vana vaduku vanowanzoda kuona chitunha chomunhu. Hakunazve vana vaduku vazhinji vanowanzoda kufamba musango vari voga kunze kweshiri nedzimwe mhuka dzesango. Nguva zhinji chaizvo hakuna mwanakomana mumwe chete zvake wezera raTambaoga angamboda kuve musango ari ega aine chitunha chomunhu munguva dzamashambanzou.

Tambaoga aiva negumi rimwe ramakore namakore masere chete okuzvarwa. Asi kutya kupi nokupi zvako hakuna kumbopinda muhana make. Ko, kutya kwaiuya seiko iye ari mukusuwa kwakadaro? Chitunha chaiva pamberi pake chaiva chababa vake, baba vaaidisa kukunda ani naani zvake, baba vaakambenge ataura navo nezuro.

Akavaona vakazendamiswa pakati peibwe nomuti womuunze muchikomo cheMaringa, sokurayirwa kwaakange aitwa arere mugota make akakotaira. Paakavaona, akamhanya achivadaidza achifunga kuti chokwadi vachapindura chete. "Baba! Baba! Baba! Ndipindureika! Tauraika ndinzwe!"

Akashaya mhinduro. Akabata muviri wavo achitsvaga mbonje. Akaisa ruoko rwake pachipfuva chavo achiteerera kuti zvimwe vachiri kufema kana kuti anzwe kana hana ichiri kurova zvishoma. Chakanga chava chando chete. Minwe yake yakaenda kumusana ndokunzwa kunamira kweropa rakanga ratogwamba zvaro. Akatevedza ropa riye achikwira nomusana. "Ko, ichi chiiko? Nhai amaiwe! Inga ibakatwa! Heya nhai baba! Apa ndipo pakabuda noupenyu hwenyu nhai? Zvino nderwani ruoko rwakaita chitadzo chakadai?" Ipapo misodzi yakanga yava kubuda. "Ko, zvamandiudza pamuri, madiiko kuchindiudza kuti ndizive munhu akazviita? Dai mangonditaurira chete."

Zvinyoronyoro, akabvisa bakatwa kumusana zvishoma nezvishoma. Akaita sokunge aitya kuti zvimwe vangazorwa-

Akavaona vakazendamiswa pakati peibue.

dziwa. Tumisodzi twakambobuda ndokubva twapera nenguva isipi. Hongu kuchema kunouya pane dzimwe nguva asi panhamo yakadai dzimwe nguva hauchemi. "Zvino ndoita sei?" akazvibvunza. Zvino zuva rakanga rava kuda kubuda. Utonga hwakanga hwatsvuka, shiri dzave kukwazisana nokubvunzana upenyu.

Zvinyoronyoro Tambaoga akazvomora bakatwa kubva kumusana kwababa vake ndokuriisa pauswa. Haana kuda kupukuta ropa rakanga riri pabakatwa iri. Ndipo paakatanga kufunga zvakare. "Ropa iri ndicharega riripo asi ndinofanira kuchengeta banga iri kusvikira narini. Nguva dzose ropa iri richandiyeuchidza nezvekufa kwababa vangu. Iri iropa rababa vangu. Musi wandichatsividza kufa kwavo, ndiwo musi wandinorigeza nokuribvisa."

Paakabvisa banga iri, ropa rakanga rakadziviririwa nebanga mukati rakabva ratangawo kuerera richibuda, ndokudzika nomusana. Parakapera kuerera, akanyatsoradzika baba vake zvakanaka. Akavafukidza kumeso nedehwe rembada ravaigara vakapfeka mazuva ose. Iye akambogara pachibwe chaivepo achifunga zvokuita.

Pfungwa dzakanga dzichiita chivhiriri-vhiriri mumusoro make. Haisi nyore kuti munhu afunge zvakanaka panguva dzakadai. Asi Tambaoga akazvishingisa nokuzvigwinyisa chaizvo kuitira kuti adzikame nokuita zvaakanga arayirwa nababa vake muhope. Panguva idzodzi mazwi avo akambobuda mupfungwa make. "Dai baba vanga vanditaurira munhu akaita izvozvi ndaibva ndangovasiya pano ndichienda kundouraya munhu wachona. Taibva tangoviga vari vaviri vose; kana neniwo ndaivigwawo navo. Zvino hapana chandinoziva. Ko, zvino ndoita sei?" Bundu raiva pahuro pake rakamurwadza zvokuti rakada kumutadzisa kufema.

Mazwi ababa vake akadzokera zvakare mupfungwa make. "Mabwe maviri . . . pamusoro pechi . . . ko . . . mo . . . rimwe rine mavara . . . matsvuku ned . . . ombo rinenge sa . . . sa . . . musuo weninga. Kudubura ndiyo . . . ninga yakavigwa sekuru vako . . . naba . . . ba . . . vangu nasekuru vangu . . ."

Sokurota, Tambaoga akasimuka. Inyore kwazvo kutakura

munhu mupenyu nokuti anogona kukubatsira iwe nyakutakura. Mupenyu anokubatawo achibatirira pauri. Unomuudza kuti agonyese makumbo achigonyesa. Unomuudza kuti akwirire, achikwirira. Asi kutakura chitunha imwe nyaya yakakomba kwazvo; kunyanya kana chitunha ichocho chiri chomunhu mukuru chaiye.

Hongu, Tambaoga akanga ava mukomana mukuru chaiye. Kana mwana achinge akura zvakanaka, pasina urwere, pagumi ramakore namakore masere okuzvarwa anenge ava murume mukuru chaiye. Zvakanetsa Tambaoga kuti asimudze baba vake achivaisa kumusana, asi pava pasipo akazvigona. Akatatarika nechitunha ichocho achikwira chikomo cheMaringa. Akatenderera nzvimbo dzainetsa kwazvo achipota neseri kwamatombo nemiti. Hoyo, atsvedza, apunzikira pasi, asi baba vari kumusana chete. Amuka zvekare. Mukanwa mababa muri kubuda ropa. Ko, riri kubva nokupi zvakare? Zvimwe riri kubva mumapapu. Hero ropa rababa rinoerera nomuhuro maTambaoga, mwanakomana wamambo Mupakaviri, richidzika nedumbu rake.

"Hazvina mhosva, baba. Tinosvika chete pamusoro pechikomo ichocho kunyange zvotsvuka seropa. Chimboregai ndimbotura mafemo."

Tambaoga akapfugama zvishoma nezvishoma ndokuradzika baba vake pamumvuri womupfuti. Ipapa akakanda maziso ake kumusoro kwechikomo. Zvechokwadiwo pakanga pane mabwe maviri, makuru. Mabwe akatarisana. Akabva angoonawo ibwe rine mavara matsvuku ndokubva atanga kurangarira, "Aiwa! Regai ndimbonoona."

Akapukuta ropa rakanga riri muhuro make nepadundundu. Akanga aneta zvokuti haana kuzombofunga zvokutora mashizha okupukuta. Akangopukuta namaoko chete, zvakare ropa iri rakanga rangosangana nedikita.

Muchikomo chipi nechipi zvacho chaivigwa vakuruvakuru vavatema, maityisa kwazvo uye muchiera. Saka vanhu vazhinji havaifamba nhando muchikomo ichocho. Kunyange vafudzi vemombe havaimbosvikamo kunze kwekunge mombe dzavo dzarasika dzichipindamo. Ipapo ndipo

pavaizotopindamo. Asi vaipinda vachiteta nokubvunda, vasingatauri mazwi okuzvidza nokuti zvaiera kwazvo. Vakuru vaidzidzisa vana vavo kuti vasaende muchikomo chakadai nokuti vaingazonobvotomoka tunhu tusina tsarukano vachibva vangodzimirwa, vorasika vasingazivi kwokuenda kana zvokuita. Uku ndiko kurangwa kwaiitwa vanhu vaifamba munzvimbo dzakadai vasingazvibati. Kana izvi zvichinge zvangoitika, vakuru-vakuru vaiendako vachisvikoteterera kuvakuru-vakuru venyika kuti varegerere nokusunungura nyakutadza.

Ipapa tingacherechedze kuti chikomo cheMaringa chaityisa zvakadii. Chaive nechiremera chikuru kwazvo. Dai dzaiva dzimwe nguva dzorufaro, Tambaoga angadai asina kumbokwiramo. Asi chikuriri chine chimwe. Kuna Tambaoga musi uyu, kutya kwakakundwa nokusuwa namatambudziko.

Akakwira kumbonosora zvaiva pamusoro pechikomo. Akaona zviri zvechokwadi sokutaurirwa kwaakanga aitwa muhope. Pakati-pakati pechikomo ichi paiva nouswa urefurefu nemiti mipfupi yakanga yakabatana kwazvo. Akaona mabwe aya aakanga arotswa. Akapeura uswa hwaivapo achienda kuchibwe chaiva namavara matsvuku. Akasvika pariri ndokumbomira achiongorora.

Akamboedza kwazvo kutsvaga dombo riye rakanga ranzi ndiro sasa reninga ndokubva ashaya. Akatenderera neibwe rose asi haana kuriona. Zvino baba vake vakanga vamunyepera here? Akambogara pasi kuti anyatsodzikama. Mumusoro make makauya imwe pfungwa yokuti pose panhu pano mwena kana pachinge pakapfidigirwa, pakadhidhidzwa panorira.

Tambaoga akasimuka ndokutenderera neibwe rose achiita sokuriridza namaoko ake ayo akange akunga zvibhakera. Paakasvika mberi kwaro, akanzwa kurira kwaro kwasiyana. Kwaiita sokunge kwaiva nomwena pasi. "Ndipo apa nhai? Ko, dombo racho randinobvisa nderipi racho zvino?" akazvibunza.

Akanyatsotarisa zvakanaka. Mushure mekanguva aka-

zoona kamutswi kadukuduku kakanga kakaita denderedzwa pabwe iri. "Ko, ndiro here dombo racho?" akviazbvunzazve. Kamutswi aka kaisanyatsoonekwa zvakanaka nokuti kakanga kava nevhu namashizha pamwe notumwe tunhu tuya tunomera pabwe. Akabvisa ivhu racho namashizha ndokubva anyatsoona zvakanaka. Hapano pakubvisa dombo iri kuti aone musuo. Akava matatsutatsu. Rakanga rakaomera chaizvo nokugara kwarakanga raita risati razaturwa. Asi kana murume achinge ashingira chinhu, haachisiyi chisati chaita zvaanoda. Pakupedzisira akarizarura.

CHITSAUKO 3

Nzvimbo yezororo

Hana yaTambaoga yakatangisa zvino kurova. Akanga atarisana nomwena weninga yakanga yataurwa nababa vake. Iri ndiro raiva zuva rake rokutangisa kuona musuo weninga. Asi chinhu chose chine musi wacho. Nhamo ndimashononogore. Tambaoga akashaya chokuita. Haana kuziva kuti angapinde here kana kwete mumwena wakadaro. Mwena uyu waingoonekwa zvishomanana kumusuo kwawo, mberi kwacho kuchiva nerima raityisa. Kana ivo vakuru-vakuru vaipinda imomu hana dzichirova. Ko, zvino kumwanakomana mumwe chete zvake asina ani wokutaurirawo kuti ndisvitse icho, kana kuti handei napapa, kana kuti ndivhenekerewo apa ndione, kana kuti bata napapa titakure tose?

Mwanakomana akapunyaira chose. Akazvibvunza mibvunzo mizhinji kwazvo. "Ko, ivo baba vandipirei basa rakaoma kudai? Vanga vadii kungonditaurira kuti kana ndavaona ndigozivisa vanhu vokumusha kuti vauye kuzondibatsira kuita izvi? Zvingadai zviri nani." Akabva ambofunga zvokuti achirega zvakadaro, amhanyire kundotaurira vanhu vokumusha kuti vauye kuzomubatsira. Asi zvakanga zvisiri pamurau kuti

andoudza musha wose nokuti pamurau, kufa kwamambo hakufaniri kuzivikanwa pakare ipapo navanhu vose vasiri vemba youmambo kana makurukota. Voruzhinji vaitozozviziva kana mhere ichinge yaridzwa, kwatopera mazuva. Pfungwa dzaTambaoga dzakàtangisa kupishana zvakare. "Regai ndiende kunoudza babamunini, VaZinwamhanga, negurukota, VaPfumojena. Vangauye vakasvikoita basa rose iri. Handingarigoni ndega ini."

Nepfungwa idzi, Tambaoga akadzokera paakanga asiya baba vake. Asvikapo akambovafudugura achivatarisa zvakare. Akagarapo achifunga zvavakanga vamuudza. Akazviona zviri zvikukutu kuti asateerera zvavakanga vataura kwaari muhope dziye. Achivatarisa kudaro akaona sokunge vaizomusvora kwazvo. Kutya kwakada kumushingisa kuti aende kumusha. Akasimuka ndokufamba nhanho mbiri zvishoma nezvishoma somunhu asingazivi kwaari kuenda kana chaari kuda. Akatizve dzimwe nhanho mbiri; kuzoti yechitatu akabva acheuka ndokutarisa shure.

Kwete, baba vake vakanga vasingadi kuonekwa vakaita saizvozvi. Hazvaibvira kuti vaonekwe vakafa kudaro, kuita semhuka yesango. Panofa madzimambo, matenga anotinhira, makomo achidavirawo. Zvishoma nezvishoma akadzokerazve. Zvakamutambudza kwazvo kuvasimudza asi akazogona sapakutanga.

Hoyo, avasimudza zvakare; pangosara padikidiki asi achiri kungofemereka. A! Zvazoitwa! Asvika navo pamusuo weninga ndokuvazendamisa pabwe riye ramavara matsvuku. Chimbotura mafemo, Tambaoga, mwanangu. Waneta.

Mushure mekuzorora kwekanguva, simba rake rakadzoka. Akaona kuti haaimbopinda asina kutanga kuona kuti mukati meninga makanga makadii. Pane ino nguva hana yake yakanga yatsiga chaizvo. "Chero baba vanditaurira kuti ndivaise imomo. Vanoziva kuti hapana chakaipa chingaitike kwandiri," akataura ega somunhu anopenga.

Nepfungwa idzi Tambaoga akapinda muninga zvishoma nezvishoma kunyange zvazvo kutya kwakanga kusati kwanyatsopera kwose. Dai pakava nechinhu chakamuvhundutsa

panguva iyoyo, chokwadi angadai akatiza. Tose tinonyatsoziva kuti kana munhu achinge ari panzvimbo inotyisa, chokwadi kana kudonha kweshizha kunoita kuti utize.

Hakuna chakambopfakanyika. Chaingonzwika chete kufemereka kwake nokurova kwehana yake. Akafamba akabata madziro eninga. Nzira yaidzika yacho yakanga yakavakwa nezvinhanho zvipfupi zvakaita sezvamanera. Apo akanga ajairana nerima raivemo, maziso ake akatanga kuona zvakanaka. Kana munhu achinge ari pabasa rakaoma, anoda kuti akurumidze kuripedza. Nokudaro, Tambaoga akafambisa ndokusvika panzvimbo yakati chechetere. Akatevedza ninga iyi asi haana kuda kutarisa zvizhinji nokuti akatya kuti angazoona zvimwe zvaizomuvhundutsa achibva atiza. Mushure mokufamba uku akaona imwe ninga diki yaienda kurudyi kwake. Pfungwa dzake dzakaimba; "Kurudyi, kuruboshwe; kurudyi, kuruboshwe; kurudyi, kuruboshwe; kurudyi, kuruboshwe!" Akabva aenda kurudyi. Ninga yokurudyi haina kusvika kurekure bodo.

Payakagumira pakanga pakaita semba. Pakanga pakaita denderedzwa, pauriri pakarongwa matombo akanga akagadzirwa sezvigaro. Zvigaro zvacho zvakanga zvakagadzirwa namatombo mashanu. Dombo rokutanga rakanga riri refu kukunda mamwe ose. Iri raiva dombo rokuzendamira uye richinge rakazendamiswa namadziro eninga. Rechipiri raiva kuruboshwe kwerokutanga, rechitatu riri kurudyi. Rechina ndiro raiva chigaro, richinge rakabatwa namamwe maduku aive pasi paro. Rechishanu raiva pasi chaipo, kunge raive rokuti tsoka dzitsike nokuzororera.

Pane zvino maziso aTambaoga akanga anyatsojairana nerima raiva muninga iyi. Paakaona zvigaro izvi zvakaita rundaza zvichitevedza madziro amagumo eninga yokurudyi iyi, akambododudza abatwa nokutya. Akasiya padikidiki pokuridza mhere asi akazvidzikamisa. Akayeukazve pfungwa iye yokuti baba vake havaimbomutungamirira mungozi. Saka akaenda mberi zvishoma nezvishoma. Hameno zvinhu zvishanu zvaakaona zvaiva muzvigaro zvokurudyi. Haana kuda kuzvitarisisa nokuti akatya kubatwa nebuka. Akatsi-

nzinya ndokuramba achienda mberi kuchigaro chaakaona sechisina munhu kana chinhu. Akanga akagwadama achiitira kuti kana achinge asvika, maoko ake anobva asvikobata pachigaro ichi nokuti aifamba akaisa maoko mberi.

Paakabata chigaro ichi, akabva adzora maoko ake nokukurumidza kuita sokunge atsva. Haana kunge atsva asi kuti kwaingove kutya chete. Muviri wake wose wakabvunda ndokutanga kubuda dikita. Akatya nokuzarura maziso kwese asi kuzoti pave paye, akatanga kuazarura zvishoma nezvishoma. Paakanga azoazarura zvizere, haana kuona chinhu nokuti kana munhu achinge akambotsinzinya murima, paanozosvinura, maziso ake anenge achine chirima. Akazonyatsoona pava pashure. Zvishoma nezvishoma, akatanga kuona chigaro ichi. Chakanga chisina chinhu. Kuruboshwe kwaiva nezvimwe zvakanga zvisina chinhu mukati mazvo. Kuzvigaro zvokurudyi haana kuda kuzvitarisa nokuti kwakange kune zvokowo nezvinhu zvazvo.

Tambaoga akasimuka zvakare ndokutendeuka nokuruboshwe. Akafamba nokukurumidza achibuda muninga. Vhudzi rake rose rakanga rasimuka kuti nyandu, richingoti nyau nyau sokunge muvhudzi macho maifamba tupuka tusingaverengeki. Chinhu chaakanga achida chete, musuo weninga waakanga achiona 'wakachena. Akambogumburwa ndokupunzika asi akanga asisina hanyn'a nazvo.

Paakasvika pamusuo, haana kuzombomira kwete. Zvino akanga anyatsoziva zvaaifanira kuita. Basa rezvigaro zviye akariziva. Ko, akange achimirirei?

Akaedza zvakare kusimudza baba vake. Pane zvino akanga aneta chose nokudaro akatadza. Akaita zvokutozvuva, achivakakatira kumusana kwake. Havo vodzika neninga zvishoma nezvishoma. Chinorwadza ndochisingadi mwoyo baba imi! Havo, vasvika paninga yokurudyi. Pane zvino kutya kuye kwakange kwanyatsopera chose. Hapana anoziva kuti izvi zvakaitika sei. Tambaoga akaona sokunge asisiri ega. Akabva aona sokunge ana vamwe parutivi pake. Hongu, akanga ana baba vake kumusana. Ko, aigotya sei mumba maizove zororo rababa vake narini. Zvimwe naiyewo, rimwe gore; nhasi;

mangwana; kana kuswera mangwana, aizouyawo kuzogara navo muzororo iri risingaperi. Ndiani angazvizive?

Haana kuzombotsinzinyazve. Mumwoyo make aiziva zvaiva muzvigaro zvokurudyi asi haana kuita hanyn'a nazvo. Akasvika pachigaro chaakambosvika pakutanga ndokuchidzikisa mutoro wake zvinyoronyoro. Akaisa maoko ake mumapendekete ababa vake ndokunyatsovasimudza zvakanaka. Akavagadzika muchigaro chiye. Mushure mokunge aona kuti vagara zvakanyatsonaka, akapfugama nebvi rimwe ndokuisa maoko ake ose ari maviri pachigaro ichi, baba vake vari pakati.

Basa riye raitwa, hongu. Ko, chasara chii? Akaziva kuti panguva dzakadai, pane mashoko anotaurwa. Muupenyu hwake hwose, haana kumbenge akamboteurirawo kuvadzimu. Iro raiva basa rababa vake navakuru-vakuru vorudzi rwake. Asi pamusi uyu haana kushaya chokutaura kwete. Kune mamwe mazwi akangouyawo zvawo mupfungwa dzake. Bundu rapahuro pake rakanga radzoka zvakare. Tambaoga akadetemba mazwi aya nezwi raishoshoma.

"VeShava! Mhukahuru! Ndauya nomunhu wenyu. Ndiri mwana wenyu. Ndiri mwana mudiki. Handizivi zvaifanira kuitwa. Kana pachinge pane zvandasiya, ndimi muchapedzisa. Baba basa ramakandipa madeko ndaita. Ndino urombo nokuti ndakanga ndisinemi, zvose zvakaitwa ndisipo. Ndine chokwadi chokuti munhu wachona akaita izvi, akakunyangirai. Zvimwe makanga mati mombozorora ndokudzoka mokotsira. Mbavha iyi yakatora upenyu hwenyu yakabaya nerweseri. Zvakaitwa noruoko rwembwende yaikutyai makasvinura.

"Ndiro basa rimwe chete randisarira. Mbwende yakaita izvi ndichaityisidzira. Kutya kwayo ndiko kuchaibudisa pachena. Ndichaiwana ndigoitonga ndega, kwete nokumusana sezvamakaitwa imi asi nemberi kwayo, takatarisana. Ndichazviita ini, Tambaoga, mwana wenyu. Saka zororai zvakanaka. Muchatsividzwa chete. Mune chipiko changu. Handizororo kusvikira chazadziswa."

Tambaoga akasimuka ndokubuda muninga. Ava panze

akatora dombo ndokuzarira musuo weninga zvakanaka chaizvo. Akabva ipapo ndokudzika nechikomo cheMaringa, achinanga kumusha.

CHITSAUKO 4

Mhondi inoronda muhwezva

Kana munhu achinge aneta, pfungwa dzake hadzinyatsoshandi zvakanaka. Tambaoga akanga aneta pachokwadi nokudaro pane zvinhu zvizhinji zvaaifanira kusiya aita asati adzokera kumusha. Asi zvinhu izvi hazvina kupinda mupfungwa make panguva iyoyi. Akange ave kuita somunhu asisazivi chokuita. Hameno kuti zvakaita sei kuti afunge zvokuenda napachinzvimbo paakawana baba vake vakazendamiswa pakati peibwe nomuti womuunze. Kudai asina kudzokera nepo, angadai akakanganwa kutora bakatwa riye raakaona rakabaya baba vake kumusana. Paakasvikapo, akatoita sokukanuka paakariona riri pauswa. Akazoyeuka kuti ndiye akanga ariisapo mushure mokunge aribvisa kumusana kwababa vake. Akaribvisa ndokuriisa munhava yaakanga akanganwa zvakare pamuti uyu nokuti aifamba nayo kwose kwaaiinda.

Akambogara kwenguva ndefu kwazvo ari panzvimbo iyi. Zvakamurwadza kwazvo kuiona nokuti ndipo paakapedzisira kuona baba vake. Pfungwa dzokuti asimuke kubvapo dzakamurwadza chaizvo.

Zvino akanga ava masikati chaiwo. Zuva rakanga ropisa pachokwadi kunze kuchinyiminya, uma huchionekwa kwose kwose sokuti yaive nguva yechirimo. Chikomo cheMaringa chaive kure kwazvo nomusha. Panguva idzi, dzepakati pemasikati, kwakanga kusingambonzwiki kana kapuka zvako kairira. Hakuna dzimwe shiri dzakanga dzichirira kunze

kweiya inonzi puro, inorira kumarimuka. Iyi ndiyo yoga yairira. "U . . . uuuuuuuuuu . . . uuuuuuuuuu!"

Pakuzorora kwaakaita uku, pfungwa dzaTambaoga dzakatanga kudzoka zvishoma nezvishoma. "Ini handidaviri kuti baba vangu vakafira panzvimbo iyi, yandiri, pakati peibwe iri nomuti uyu, pandawana vakazendamiswa. Ko, vaitsvagei muchikomo chino cheMaringa vachisiya nzira iri kure kure, pasi uko? Ndinodaira kuti vakatoita zvokuzvuviwa vachiuyiswa kuno kuti parege kuwana munhu aizovaona nokukurumidza. Regai ndimbonyatsotarira."

Tambaoga akanyatsoongorora nzvimbo yose. Hazvina kumbomutorera nguva kuti aone pavakanga vazvuviwa napo, vachizoiswa muchikomo ichi. Pakanga pane muhwezva chaiwo, uyewo mumuhwezva umu maive neropa raidonha pavaizvuviwa. Muhwezva uyu wakamusvitsa pamuunze mukuru waiva nomukoko wenyuchi, uya wakanga uri pedyo nenzira yaienda kwaChidamhuri. Akaona pavakanga vakazendamiswa vakakotsira, vachizorora. Akabva aonawo ngundu yavo youshe iri pedyo napavakanga vaiisa vachiitira kuti vambokotsire. Akabva aziva kuti munhu akauraya baba vake aitya kwazvo nokuti haana kuzomboita pfungwa yokuviga zvinhu zvose izvi kana kutora banga raakabayisa naro.

"Heya, ndipo pamakafira apa baba?" akadaro Tambaoga achitaura zvake ega achifamba nomusango oenda kumusha.

Dzimwe nguva kana tichinge tava mungozi pane kamwe kapfungwa kanotizivisa kuti; iwe pano paipa. Asati aenda kure kure, akangoerekana omhanya achipinda muchuru chakanga chiripo. Haana kuziva kuti chii chakanga chamuita kuti amhanye achinohwanda muchuru ichi. Hana yake yakange ichirova zvokutenge ichaboora chipfuva chake. Akaramba anyerere, achimbomirira kufema kuti anyatsoteerera. Mushure mezvo akaisa nzeve dzake pasi kuti anyatsonzwa zvakanaka. Akabva anzwa mutsindo womunhu aifamba nokukurumidza somunhu aiziva kwaaienda. Tambaoga akabva ahwanda. Apa akaparadza nguva nokuti dai zvake akaramba amire, munhu iyeyu haaimbogona kumuona. Akanga

angopindwa nezvinhu zviviri—motsi, kuda kuona munhu uyu—piri, kutya kwakamupindawo.

Munhu wacho akapfuura nenzira. Tambaoga akacherechedza zvipfeko zvake achibva aziva kuti aive murume. Kumeso kwakanga kwakazorwa ainge matsito kuitira kuti asazivikanwe. Mutsindo wake wakabva waratidza Tambaoga kuti raive zirume guru kwazvo. Chakashamisa Tambaoga ndechokuti, paakayambirana nomuunze womukoko, murume uyu akamira ndokucheuka-cheuka kunga aida kunyatsoona kuti hapana munhu ari kumuona. Tambaoga akangoona kucheuka kwomusoro womurume uyu asi haana kunyatsoona kumeso kwake nokuti mashizha emiti yomuchuru aimudzikatira.

Murume uyu akatsauka munzira ndokunanga kumuunze womukoko wenyuchi. Asvikapo, akatanga kutarisa-tarisa kwese kwese achiita seari kutsvaga chimwe chinhu asi nguva yose aiita seaitya kuonekwa, achingocheuka-cheuka. Hoyo, akotama zvino. Ava kuitei? Chii chaanenge ari kufushira?

Zvinhu zvose izvi zvakashamisa Tambaoga akanga ari muchuru. Anenge akaziva chimiro chomunhu uyu asi sokuti akanga asingaoni kumeso kwake, akakwenya-kwenya musoro achida kuedza kurangarira kwaakambenge aona chimiro chakadai. "Ndiani? Ndiani? Ndiani?" Akashaya mhinduro. Akada kuti abude muchuru kuti anyatsoona zvakanaka, akabva atya kuonekwa. "Ko, murume uyu ari kutsvaga chii chaizvo? Chii chaafushira?"

Achizvibvunza kudaro, mhinduro dzemibvunzo iyi dzakapinda mumusoro make panguva imwe chete, dzikamuvhundutsa. Akambotadza nokufema kwose. Mumwoyo make akataura zvizhinji kwazvo. "Chokwadi murume uyu ari kutsvaga bakatwa raakashandisa pakubaya baba vangu. Murume uyu ari kufushira ropa; ropa rababa vangu."

Ipapo akabva acherechedza kuti, kunze kwokutora kwaakanga aita bakatwa nengundu youshe, pane zvimwe zvinhu zvaasina kuyeuka kuita. Haana kusiya afushira ropa rababa vake. Haana kusiya adzimaidza muhwezva wose waakatevedza achitsvaga pavakanga vabayirwa. Haana kufushira pava-

kasiya vazendamiswa, pakati peibwe nomuunze muchikomo cheMaringa. Haana kunge afushira kwese kwaakavatakura nepaakambovasiya mumumvuri womupfuti; zvose napamusuo weninga.

Zvisinei, zvimwe vaitova mhanza yakanaka kuti haana kunge aita zvose izvi nokuti zvingadai zvakatora nguva ndefu. Saka pamwe murume uyu angadai akamuona achiita basa iri, achizomunyangira nokumuuraya. Akambouraya, achaurayazve. Kuuraya kunobereka kumwe kuuraya, kudzamara kwawanda.

Tambaoga akava nechokwadi chokuti murume uyu ndiye akabaya baba vake kana kuti angave shamwari yomunhu akauraya baba vake kana kuti vakabatsirana. Murume uyu haaiziva kuti banga rakasarepi. Haana kuziva kuti rakasara pachitunha here kana kuti rakadonha paaizvuva achikwira Maringa. Saka regai tione zvichaitwa nomurume uyu.

Hoyo, otevedza muhwezva uya. Ari kungotsvaga chete, achipukuta nokufushira madonhwe eropa. Ari kungokambaira. Haadi kuonekwa nhai? Saka nhasi tichaona. Tambaoga akambokambairawo zvinyoronyoro achibuda muchuru. Kutya kuya zvino kwakanga kwapera. Kana ariye murume akadya baba vake, nhasi achamudyawo chete. Saka mikono yakanga yasangana. Mweya wababa vake wakanga uchiri pedyo saka kwaizove nomumwe anouperekedza kumatenga ikoko.

Tambaoga akazvuva banga riye kubva munhava yake. Ropa rababa vake raiva pabakatwa rakamupa simba rokushinga. Muvhimi uya ndiye ave kuvhimwa zvino. Akanyatsobata banga zvakasimba ndokukambaira nomuuswa ari necheparutivi, achitsvaga nzvimbo yokuti anyatsoona. Uswa nezvimwe zvigwenzi zvakamukanganisa kunyatsoona. Aingoona chete kuti vhee pamwe nokuzunguzika kwouswa namashizha asi haana kugumbuka. Chake chaaida kwaive kuona kunogumira murume uyu.

Murume uyu akasvika pabwe riye raiva pamuti womuunze muchikomo cheMaringa. Zvakamuvhundutsa kwazvo kuona chitunha chaMambo Mupakaviri chisisipo. Akarohwa ne-

hana zvokuti akambotadza nokufema kwese. "Ko, zvino munhu akaenda kupi? Chitunha chacho chakadyiwa nezvikara zvesango here? Aiwa, panodyiwa munhu pangarege kuonekwa? Chokwadi pangabva pashaya kana nebvupa zvaro? Kwete, hazvisiri zvikara. Ndine chokwadi chokuti munhu kana kuti vanhu chete vakabvisa chitunha ichi. Zvino ndivanaani? Vakaziva sei kuti mambo akapondwa? Kumusha uku hakuna anombozviziva; vose vanongoti mambo akambofamba-famba zvake, saka achadzoka. Dai paine anoziva kuti mambo akaurayiwa, murume uyu haaimbotadza kuzvinzwa kwete. Ko, zvino chatorwa nani chitunha chacho?" Iyi yaingove mibvunzo yaaizvibvunza murume uyu. "Ee! Chii chadaro?"

Paaikambaira nebanga mumaoko, Tambaoga akarovera banga padombo ndokubva rarira. Kurira kwebanga uku kwakavhundutsa murume uyu zvokuti akarovera musoro wake pamuti, paakaviruka achitendeuka nokutarira shure. Haana kunzwa kurwadza bodo. Pfungwa dzake dzakangogumira pokuti nhasi ndawanikidzwa nomunhu atora chitunha cha-Mambo Mupakaviri. Akamboramba anyerere, achiteerera. Akambofunga zvokutiza ndokuona kuti hazvibatsiri. Saka akafunga zvokutsvaga munhu wachona adonhedza banga kuitira kuti agomuuraya arege kundomhangara kumusha.

CHITSAUKO 5

Mahwekwe nemhondi

Paakarovera banga padombo, naiyewo Tambaoga akavhunduka chaizvo. Akazvirovera pasi ndokubva aramba akangoti name nevhu kuti arege kuonekwa. Akanzwa murume uya odzoka achiuya kwaari. Tambaoga akabva anyatsobata banga zvakasimba. Akamboita kapfungwa kourombo kuti zvimwe achaurayа murume uyu kunyange zvazvo akanga

asina idi rokuti ndiye akauraya baba vake. Hameno zvazvo inenge yava manga chena inoparira parere nhema. Tambaoga akamirira kusvika kwomurume uyu. Zvino akanga achonjomara.

"Vhocho! Vhocho! Pfacha!" Murume uya akaridza kamhere kokutya. Pane zvino akatenge apunzikira pasi. Haana kugona kana kusimuka kwese pamusana pokushaya simba nehana yakanga yorira sengoma. Kwakambopera kanguva chaiko asati adzikama. Pakazodzoka ndangariro dzake zvakare, mabvi ake akanga achigwagwadza nokubvunda.

"Heya, yanga iri mhembwe. Ndanga ndafunga kuti zvimwe munhu atora chitunha andisvetukira. Ko, zvino chiripiko? Ndaziva zvino. Ndinofunga kuti mambo akasara achimuka zvakare. Zvino kuti akaedza kuenda kumusha here? Saka chiregai nditevedze gwara raakafamba naro. Ndinomubata chete asati asvika kumusha ikoko. Munhu wandakabaya zvakaro haangambogoni kufamba nokukurumidza. Ndikangomubata chete, ndinobva ndanyatsomupedzisa zvaasingazombofa akamuka zvakare. Ko, zvino banga akariisa kupi?"

Murume uyu akatanga kukambaira zvakare achidzokera kubwe riye pakanga pakazendamiswa mambo. Hedzo, dzokwira nechikomo. Hazvina kumbomunetsa kutevedza gwara iri nokuti raiva namadonhwe eropa. Akasvika pamumvuri uya womupfuti.

"Heya, ndipo paakazorara apa! Saka zvinoreva kuti haasi kure kwete. Zvino akanga achienda kupi? Kumusoro kuno zvakunotyisazve! Regai nditevere." Akaramba achingotevedza gwara riye kudzimara asvika paninga. Naiyewo aiziva ninga iyi. Apa pakasvikomushamisa. "Heya, mambo asvika kuno nhai! Ko, anga achidei? Apa ndipo paambozendama nedombo. Iri iropa rachoka, saka regai ndifushire." Akafushira sezvaakanga achingoita mugwara rose.

Zvino chakazomushamisa chaizvo ndechokuti akacherechedza dombo romusuo weninga. "Ko, zvino ndiani akazarura? Ndimambo? Mambo akange achine simba here rokuzarura dombo iri romusuo weninga? Ari kutsvagei muninga?

Ari kuteura madzitateguru here? Ari kuita izvi kuti agopona nhai? Regai ndimupindire imomo. Asi muninga umu munotyisa pachokwadi. Ko, ndichadii? Ndotopinda chete." Murume uyu akazarura dombo romusuo weninga ndiye kwede apinda.

Ukuwo Tambaoga akavhunduka kwazvo paakaona mhembwe yakamutswa nomurume uye nokufamba kwakanga kwoita murume wacho, achitsvaga chinhu chakanga charira. Tambaoga akapotsa aridzawo mhere asi hapana izwi rakabuda mukanwa make. Ipapo akabva anzwa kamhere komurume, uya, kamhere kakanga kazere nokutya. "Heya, imhembwe nhai!"

Izwi remhere yokutya harisi nyore kuriziva nokuti kana munhu anyatsobatwa nebuka chaizvo, kana nezwi rake rinopindukawo. Kunyange dai zvakadaro zvazvo, Tambaoga akacherechedzazve kuti izwi romunhu uyu anenge ariziva. Dai munhu uyu akanyatsotaura, chokwadi angadai akabva aziva izwi iri. Tambaoga akamboedza kufunga kuti ndiani asi somunhu akanga aneta, akazviregera.

Mushure menguva, akanzwa murume uye okwira nechikomo. Naiyewo Tambaoga akakwira achikambaira. Zvino akanga okwira ari chinhambwe achiitira kuti arege kunzwika kufamba kwaaiita achikambaira nomuuswa nokuti kana kunze kuchinge kwakanyarara zvakadaro, kunyange kupfakanyika kwedzvinyu kunonzwika kana richinge riri pedyo chaipo. Tambaoga aipota achisimudza musoro kuti anyatsoona asi hapana chaakaona nokuti nguva yose murume uyu aifamba akagwadama. Paakasimudza musoro zvakare, akaona ozurura musuo weninga. Dai dzaive dzimwe nguva, Tambaoga angadai akapururudza achiti, "Zvino nhasi ndazomuwana!"

Asi iyi yakange isiri nguva yokupururudza. Yaiva nguva yokunyangira. Akamuona opinda muninga iye ndokubva ambomira zvishoma. Pava paya akazofambisa otovera kuninga ikoko. Akasvika pamusuo ndokudongorera achida kuona kuti murume wacho aiva kupi. Haana kumuona Akanga ava mberi chaiko kweninga

Tambaoga akapindawo muninga banga rake riri mumaoko. Akaramba akati name name namadziro eninga achitya kuti kana akafamba napakati peninga angazoonekwe napamusana pokuchena kwemusuo. Akambofunga zvokuti apfige musuo weninga akaona kuti haaizombogona kufamba pamusana perima raivemo. Akaisa musana kumadziro eninga ndokuramba achifamba zvishoma nezvishoma. Asvika paninga yaienda kurudyi, akadongorera nomusoro chete kuti aone kuti murume uye ava kupi. Pakutanga haana kunyatsoona nokuti maziso ake akanga asati anyatsojairana nerima rakanga ririmo. Mushure mechinguva akaona murume uya achinyatsofamba paduku napaduku achienda kuchitunha chamambo.

Ipapo Tambaoga akabva aziva kuti ichokwadi kuti munhu uyu aifanira kuve aiziva nezveninga iyi. Akanyangira paduku napaduku achifunga kuti kana achinge ava pedyo, achanyatsomuona.

Kufema kwaaiita murume uyu kwakabva kwaratidza Tambaoga kuti chokwadi akanga achitya ninga iyi zvakare murume uyu akanga asimudza demo rake. Aifunga kuti zvimwe Mupakaviri achiri mupenyu. Tambaoga akanzwa murume uya otaura nakazevezeve, nezwi raishoshomara; "Mupakaviri! Mupakaviri! Uchiri mupenyu? Unofunga kuti ungandinzvenge here? Saka iko zvino ndauya kuzokupedzisa."

"Heya, ndiyo mhondi yacho iyi nhai! Zvechokwadi ndiye akauraya baba vangu uyu." Idzi ndidzo pfungwa dzakapinda muna Tambaoga. "Zvisinei, ndakavimbisa kuti handiurayi munhu iyeyo nokumusana asi nemberi, takatarisana semikono yasangana." Akamboti mirei kwekanguva ndokuzoti, nezwi riri pamusoro, "Hombarume!"

Hameno kuti aifunga kuti murume uyu aizoitei mushure mezvi. Zvimwe aifunga kuti achatendeuka vorwisana. Asi zvakazoitika hazvisirizvo zvaaifungira, nokudaro haana kunge agadzirira. Murume uya akaviruka sokunge anopenga. Nenguva ingakosore munhu kamwe chete chete, akavhizuka ndokubva apoya napakanga pamire Tambaoga. Tambaoga akamusvetukira ndokusvikoti bendekete dzvi. Murume akati

unonyepa iwe. Rume rakavhizuka zvisati zvamboitika pasi pano. Rutsoka ndibatsire! Kana munhu achinge ava kutiza rufu, anoita mapapiro. Tambaoga akasvetuka paakasiyiwa apunz rwa, zvikagoti zvose name. Murume akati unonyepa, ndiye napamusuo weninga potyo. Chokwadi kana mhembwe haikwakuki zvakadaro. Rume neseri kwegomo, nedivi rokwaChidamhuri pote. Sara mugomo wava wega wega Tambaoga.

Mukomana akaona kuti zvakanga zvisingambomubatsiri kuti amutandanise. Akanga aneta nebasa rose raakanga aswera achiita. Murume uyu akanga asina kuneta. Kunyange dai akaedza sei kumutandanisa, haaimbomubata kana kumbomuona zvake. Akasara akamira achitarisa paakanga apoya napo. "Hazvinei, tichasangana chete. Hauna kwaunoenda murume iwe. Izuva rimwe chete gava richadimura musungo." Tambaoga akapfiga musuo weninga. Akaisa bakatwa munhava yake ndokudzika kubva muchikomo cheMaringa. Akafamba nomusango chete achienda kumusha.

Munhu kana achinge apinda mungozi huru kwazvo, haanyanyi kurwadziwa nayo panguva iyoyo, payaitikira. Zvinozoti zvino mava mushure, ngozi yose yapfuura, ndipo paanotanga kubvunda nokuchema. Izvi zvakafanana nomunhu anoona shumba. Paanoiona, anongoramba akatarisana nayo, abatwa negara. Kana chokutaura anoshaya. Asi shumba kana ichinge yaenda zvino, ndipo paanobvunda nokutya nokupunzikira pasi achichema.

Ava pedyo nomusha, Tambaoga akarangarira zvose zvakanga zvaitika. Mwanakomana waMambo Mupakaviri akabvunda pachokwadi. Zvino akanga agara pasi musango mumumvuri wemusasa wakanga wapfumvura. Aripo akachema zvikuru kwazvo. Zuva rorereka, akanga adzikama. Hapana munhu waaida kunotaurira nyaya yose iyi. Chake chaaida chaive chokutanga abata murume uya akauraya baba vake. Murume uyu aifanira kureurura zvitadzo zvake vanhu vose varipo, vachinzwawo. Ipapo iye, Tambaoga, notuoko rwake aizouraya murume uyu pamberi pavanhu vose. Iri ndiro rakava zano rake.

Nokudaro, Tambaoga akafunga nezvamasvikiro ayo aizoita pamusha achiita sokunge pasina chakanga chaitika uye sokunge pasina chaakanga aona. Haisi nyore kuita zvakadai munyaya dzakadai dzorufu.

Ko, ainotarisana sei naTapiwa, munin'ina wake? Tapiwa akange akafanana chaizvo nababa vake. Kuona Tapiwa kwaiva kuona Mambo Mupakaviri. Aizogona here kumutarisa achirega kudonhedza misodzi yokurangarira baba vake? Vainzwana nokudanana somukombe nechirongo nomunin-'ina wake. Tapiwa akange ane ungwaru, akachenjera. Ko, aizogona here kuti arege kufungira kuti pane zvinhu zvikuru zviri kunetsa mukoma wake. Pfungwa idzi dzakamutambudza chose. Aiziva kuti kana ivo baba vake, mushakabvu, vainge vasingadi kuti zvibve zvazivikanwa pakarepo kuti vakapondwa; ndokusaka vakanga vamudaidza muhope. Ipapo akati, "Ndogonozvionera kana ndasvika kumusha asi ndichaedza nakwose kwandinogona kuvanza zvinhu zvose izvi." Akasimuka ndokubva ananga kumusha. Haana kupinda napakati pomusha asi kuti akanyenyeredza kuti vanhu vasamuone.

Amai vake vakanga vari panze pavaikurukura nerimwe gurukota rainzi VaMombeshora. VaMombeshora vakanga vachida Mambo Mupakaviri. Pane kanyaya kavaida kukurukura naye asi vakaudzwa kuti mambo akange asati adzoka zvikavashamisawo chaizvo. "Havasati vadzoka nazvino, ko, vakaenda kupiko chaizvo vari vega? Nguva dzose pavanofamba kuenda kune imwe mitunhu vanowanzoenda nerimwe gurukota kana makurukota. Zvino rwendo rwuno handizivi kuti vakamboita sei. Zvino vakaenda kupiko chaizvo?" akadaro Mombeshora achingunobvunza.

"Tambaoga auya, amai," ndiTapiwa uyo.

"Tambaoga, mwanangu! Unoziva here kuti zvadzoka zvave kutityisa? Ko, wafumoenda kupi nousiku hwakadaro? Kwakunakidza zvakadii kunhu kwaunobva waswera?" VaTakanongwa vakadaro vachibvunza mwana wavo.

Tambaoga haana kutarisana namaziso avo vose. Akatya kuti akavatarisa vose vaigona kuona kusuwa kwamaziso ake

nechiso chake. Saka akapindura akatarisa rutivi. "Amai, kwandakaenda kundoraura hove dzangu nezuro ndakasiya ndateya madhibhu angu. Ndiwo andanga ndaenda kundotarisa. Ndino urombo nokuti ndanonoka." Zvechokwadiwo pane zvizhinji zvakanga zvamunonotsa kunyange zvazvo akange asina kuzvidura.

"Mukoma, inga munc ropa muhuro, pachipfuva napadumbu. Ko, rabva kupi?"

Tambaoga akanga akanganwa zvose izvi. Mubvunzo wa-Tapiwa wakamuvhundutsa chaizvo asi akakurumidza kufunga mhinduro yacho. "Ndizvo zvandiri kuda kukuudzai izvozvo." Vose vakabva vanyatsoti nzeve ngwati kuteerera. "Ndamuka usikusiku ndichinotarisa dhibhura rangu, ndikawana rakabata mhembwe. Zvino mhembwe yacho ndairova netsvimbo ndikaibaya nebanga ndikafunga kuti zvimwe yafa. Ndaisunungura ndichibva ndaitakura papfudzi. Pandangoti fambe-fambei, yandibanha ndokubva yatiza. Ini ndabva ndapunzikira pasi. Hamusi kuona kusvuuka kwandaita uku?"

Vose vakaseka nyaya iyi. Naiyewo akavatarisa ndokubva anyemwerera zvishoma. Vakaseka kwekanguva asi vakazomira pavakaona kusuwa nokutsvuka kwamaziso ake pamusana pokuchema kwaakanga aita masikati.

"Inga tanga tawana muriwo wesadza, nhai mwanangu! Ko, inga unenge wanga uchichema wani? Zvinhu zvakadzo ndizvo zvingachemerwe nomurume mukuru akadaro? Zvinhu zvaramba zvazvoka, ungazvimanikidze here? Inga vakuru vakati, 'chako ndechawadya, chiri mudura mutoro wamambo'. Inga watosvuukawo zvechokwadi."

Tambaoga akavaratidza paakanga asvuuka apo akapunzikira pasi paakapunzirwa pasi nomunhu waakanga achitandanisana yane muninga. Zvino pano yava mhembwe. "Zvino wadii kusiya wateya dhibhura rako mwanangu?"

"Ndasiya ndariteya amai," akapindura zvinyoronyoro somunhu akanga ane zvinhu zvaimunetsa asi asingadi kuzviratidza pachena.

"A! Zvepwere veduwee!" vakadaro VaMombeshora vachipindurawo. "Unofunga kuti ichadzoka pakare payambo-

punyuka? Kana wairova musoro nokuibaya, handiti watoiita kafiramberi? Inosvikofira kwayaenda ikoko."

"Chokwadi hauchamboibata zvakare. Kana ichinge yapona, inobva yachenjeresa zvino."

"Ndinoibaya chete amai, kunyange zvodii zvazvo. Ndinotronda chete kusvikira ndaiwana."

"Imiwee! Mati zvaanaTambaoga zvingatevedzwe here? Iyeyu anoda kumborega chaanenge agwinyirira? Izvozvi tingadai takakudaidza zita rokuti Chawagwinyira. Chipinda mumba udye sadza."

"Kwete amai, sadza ndaguta. Ndaswera ndichidya michero yomusango. Chiregai ndimbonogeza kurwizi uko."

"Woramba sadza pamusana pemhembwe yatiza zvayo? Kubva chienda zvako kunogeza kwauri kuda kuenda. Ko, nhai Tambaoga, mwanangu, hauna kumbosangana nababa vako kwose kwawaenda?"

Tambaoga haana kucheuka kuti atarisane naamai vake. Mumwoyo make akati, "Kusangana naye chete here . . .?" Kuna amai akapindura achiti, "Kwete amai, handina kumbosangana navo, kana nani zvake. Handina kupinda mumisha. Heya, havasati vadzoka?"

"Havasati vadzoka kani. Zvino VaMombeshora ava vanga vachivada chairvo. Chienda zvako kunogeza. Tozokuona wadzoka."

Tapiwa akapindura achiti, "Ini ndave kuendawo namukoma, amai."

"Enda zvako. Ungade kugara pano uri kundiitira basa rei iko zvino?"

Akamhanya achitevera mukoma wake ndokubva vaenda kurwizi. Tapiwa akanga ava mukomana abva zano. Akanga ava negumi rimwe ramakore namakore mashanu. Sokunzwa kwataita, akanga akachenjera, saka akazviona kuti mukoma wake akange asingaratidziki samazuva ose.

"Mukoma, ini handisi kukuonai zvakanaka. Ko, chii chiri kukudaroi? Inyaya yemhembwe chete? Taurai chokwadi. Zvakare haisi nyaya yemhembwe chete iri kukunetsai zvakadaro. Ndiri kunyepa here?"

Tambaoga akanzwira munin'ina wake tsitsi. Tapiwa aive munhu wokufara nguva dzose. Kumushayisa rufaro kwaive kumuranga kunorwadza uye hwaitova utsinye kwaari. Nokudaro Tambaoga akabva amutarisa achinyemwerera. Tapiwa akamutarisawo. Akabva aona chiso chababa vake chaizvo pamunin'ina wake. Nokudaro, akakurumidza kutarisa kurutivi asi izwi rake harina kuratidza zvaiva mupfungwa make paakapindura achiti, "Nhai, Tapiwa, iwe kana uchinge wava nechinhu chako chawanga uchida kwazvo kubata, zvino chinhu chacho chokutiza, unofara here?"

"Kwete, handifari. Asi munzvimbo yokusuwa ndichizvitambudza nokuzvidya mwoyo, ndinoedza nepose pandinogona kuti ndichibate zvakare. Ndikachivavarira chete, ndinoguma ndachibata."

"Iro idama rakanaka chaizvo, Tapiwa. Ndozvandichaita izvozvo."

"Ko, hamudi kuti ndikubatsirei here?"

"Ndinoda kana iwe uchida."

"Ko, tinotanga rini?"

"Mangwana chaiwo."

"Mangwana chaiwo! Tinoitsvagira kupi?"

"Tinoitsvagira mumusha medu makare."

"Asi mava kupenga, nhai mukoma? Makamboona mhembwe inogara mumusha?"

"Tapiwa, iyo inogara mumusha medu. Iwe nyarara chete. Uchaona zvandichaita. Asi Tapiwa, ungandivimbisewo here chimwe chinhu?"

"Chei mukoma? Ndinokuvimbisai chose chamunenge mandikumbira. Munodei?"

"Zvakanaka. Ndakutaurira kuti mhembwe yangu iri mumusha medu. Ndapota zvangu, usambotaurire ani naani zvake mazwi aya. Kana kuna amai chaiko usambotaure."

Tapiwa akabva amboseka zvake. "Asi imhembwe youroyi nhai mukoma? Manga mabata mhembwe yomuroyi? Zvakanaka, handitauri." Tapiwa akaramba achingoseka. Pakupedzisira, naiyewo Tambaoga akaseka zvechokwadi. Mhembwe yomuroyi!

CHITSAUKO 6

Zinwamhanga anozimbwa

Musha waMambo Mupakaviri wakanga uri nzanga chaiyo. Dzimba dzavamwe vanhu vose pamwe chete nedzamakurukota dzaiva kuzasi. Dzimba dzamambo pachake nedzomunin'ina wake, VaZinwamhanga, dzaiva kumusoro, muzasi mechikomo.

Mambo Mupakaviri akange ane vakadzi vatatu asi akambogara kwamakore mazhinji kwazvo achingova navahosi chete, VaTakanongwa. Vanakomana vavo vatatu, Tambaoga, Tapiwa naTamuka, vose ava vakazvarwa mambo asati aroora mukadzi wake wechipiri, VaRwaringeni. Mwanasikana wavo, Chandisaita, ndiye akazvarwa VaRwaringeni vavapo. Nokudaro, VaTakanongwa vakazotumidza mwanasikana wavo uyu kuti Chandisaita vachireva kuti, ko, iyeni ndega, chandisaita chiiko. Chii chandakatadza ndiri ndega?

Hongu, Tambaoga ndiye aive dangwe saka nokudaro aitotamba ega. Wechipiri, Tapiwa, tapiwaka mwana wechipiri. Wechitatu, Tamuka, zita ramukaka iri. Dai vakazoita mumwe mwana wechina kusati kwatorwa mumwe mukadzi wechipiri; vakanga varonga kuti vagomupa zita rokuti Tawanda. Zvino kwakabva kwatorwa mukadzi wechipiri, ivo VaTakanongwa ndokubva vabereka mwanasikana vakati, "Chandisaita chii? Ndazvaraka."

Mudzimai wamambo wechipiri, VaRwaringeni, panguva iyi, vakanga vangova navana vaviri uye wechipiri akange achiri mucheche. Mudzimai wechitatu, Farai, aiva nakamwana kamwe chete, kacheche zvakare. Maiva nechinhu chimwe chete chaifadza mumuzinda umu. Makanga musina shanje yaionekwa pachena. Kunyange yaivemo zvayo, yakanga isingabudiswi pachena. Vakadzi vamambo ava vainzwanana kana navakadzi vomunin'ina wamambo, VaZinwamhanga.

VaZinwamhanga vaiva jindawo zvaro asi sokurongwa kwa-

zvakange zvaitwa vaitozowana umambo mushure maTambaoga nokuti panguva iyi, Tambaoga akanga akura.

Akanga ava mangwanani ezuva rechimangwana kubva musi waenda Tambaoga naTapiwa kurwizi. Tambaoga akatanga kuronga zano rake rokutsvaga murume uya akamunzvenga muninga. Mushure mokunge apedza kuronga, akabva anzwa mwoyo wake kufara pamwe nokusununguka. Nguva dzose kana munhu achinge asati anyatsoziva chaanofanira kuita, haafari kwete asi kana azoziva, mwoyo wake unonyevenuka. Saka Tambaoga akaenda kumba naTapiwa vachifara kwazvo sokusina chaitika. Pavakasvika, Tambaoga akanoisa nhava yake mugota rake. Manheru iwayo vakadya sadza zvakanaka asi Tambaoga akacherechedza kuti amai vake vakanga vasingafari. Vakanga vava kufunga murume wavo. Zvisinei, vakadya zvavo sadza mushure mazvona ndokutandara, vachibva vazongoparadzana voenda kundorara.

Kuzoti rava rechimangwana, Tambaoga akamuka zvakanakisisa. Akadzokorora zvakare zano rake raakanga aronga mupfungwa make. Zano iri raida ruyamuro, ruyamuro rwaTapiwa. Tapiwa akange amuvimbisa kuti achamubatsira asi akange asina kuziva kuti anobatsira nomutoo upi nokuti hapana chaakanga atsananguririwa.

Kana mwanakomana achinge ari nevanji wamambo, pane zvizhinji zvaanodzidziswa kubvira paupwere. Tambaoga akayeuka mazwi ayo akaudzwa nababa vake rimwe zuva. "Tambaoga, zvimwe rimwe zuva uchava mambowo sezvandiri iye zvino. Saka rega ndikubayire zanhi mwanangu. Usazonyanye kuvimba navanhu kunyange ani naani zvake. Kana munin'ina wako, Tapiwa, kana Tamuka, usanyanye kuvimba navo. Uyewo kana mukadzi wako chaiye kana amai vako, usanyanye kuvimba navo. Munhu, munhu. Munhu akaipa. Kana pachinge pane chakaipa chaitwa, usingazivi kuti chaitwa nani, asi iwe uchida kutsvaga munhu akachiita, unofanira kufungira vanhu vose, vaunoda navausingadi, hama navatorwa, vakadzi navarume, vakuru navaduku, vavengi neshamwari. Ukaita izvozvo chete, munhu wako unomuwana. Usafungire munhu mumwe chete kana usingazivi.

Fungira vose. Hapana munhu asingatadzi. Ungazoona wobata shamwari kana hama nemhosva yechakaipa chawaifungira kuti chaparwa nomuvengi kana mutorwa."

Mazwi ose aya akadzoka mupfungwa dzaTambaoga pamwe chete nomumwe mubvunzo unokosha kwazvo. "Chokwadi chaizvo, ndiani akaponda baba vangu? Hongu, ndinoziva kuti vakapondwa nomurume uya akanditiza muninga. Zvino murume uyu ndiani? Ndinofanira kufungira vanhu vose. Asi chokwadi chaicho haasi mukadzi, haasi mwana mudiki, haasi mutorwa, haasi wokurekure. Murume anoziva ninga inovigwa madzimambo pamwe namamiriro ayo. Saka motsi, angave mumwe vamakurukota kana kuti piri, angava mumwe wavakuru-vakuru vemba ino youmambo, mukuru kwandiri uyezve anotoziva zvimwe zvandisingazivi ini. Pamakurukota pana, Pfumojena, Mombeshora, Manyengavana naDambanemhuka. Kumba kwoumambo kuna babamunini chete, VaZinwamhanga. Pavarume vashanu ava ndipo pane munhu wandiri kutsvaga. Saka ndichatanga nokuna babamunini chete." Tambaoga ainguinotaura ega kudaro.

Amai vaTambaoga vakanga vafumira kuhuni. Tambaoga akadaidza Tapiwa ndokumutsanangurira mutambo wake waaida kuti vanotambe babamunini vachiona. Tapiwa akashamiswa nazvo. Mutambo wacho waimutyisa kwazvo. "Mukoma, tinotambirei tichidaro? Ini handidi kana zvirizvo zvamakareva. Ndiko here kubata kwamungaite mhembwe yenyu?"

"Tapiwa kana usingadi kundibatsira pane zvandiri kuda kuita, haufaniri kudaidzwa nezita rokuti Mupakaviri. Zvakare haungakodzeri kuita munin'ina wangu. Ndinoziva zvandiri kuita ini. Kana uchinge warambisisa kundibatsira, tocheka zvedu ukama hwedu nhasi kusvikira narini."

Tapiwa akanyatsotarisisa chiso chaTambaoga ndokubva azvibvunza mibvunzo mumwoyo make. "Chiiko ichi? Ava kupenga here kana kuti kwete?" Kubvira nguva yose yaakanga agara naTambaoga, haana kumbenge aona uso hwaTambaoga hwakaita saizvozvi. Pane nguva ino akanga asisiri Tambaoga wamazuva ose, Tambaoga waakanga azivi-

sisa, waaigara naye mumba mumwe chete, amai mumwe chete, baba mumwe chete uye waaidya naye mundiro imwe chete. Akanga ava Tambaoga mumwewo.

"Zvakanaka mukoma. Handei."

Tambaoga akanyemwerera. "Wazvita Tapiwa. Ndange ndichiziva kuti haungandiregereri ndiri ndoga mubasa iri. Ndine urombo namazwi andataura kwauri. Akanganwe zvako. Mushure menguva pfupipfupi uchaziva zvandiri kuita."

Zvakanga zviri zvinhu zvipi? Tambaoga haana kunge ada kutanga ataurira munin'ina wake. Pfungwa dzaTapiwa dzakatambudzika kwazvo asi hapana chaaigona kuita. Schwayana, akatevera. "Ko, banga iroro nderipi?"

"Ndichakupa tavako kana tichinge tatanga mutambo wedu. Usatye zvako kana uchinge waona ropa riri pabanga iri. Ropa iroro nderembembwe iye yandakataura. Usarege kuita zvandataura, Tapiwa."

"Handiregi. Ko, madii kugeza ropa iroro rikabva kana kurigeza musi uya watakabva kurwizi?"

"Kwete, Tapiwa. Ndinotozogeza ropa iri mushure mekunge ndabata mhembwe yangu."

"Mhembwe! Mhembwe! Imhembwetko iyoyi?" Tapiwa akabva azvishayirwa pazvo. Idzi dzaingova pfungwa chete nokuti haana kubvunza.

VaZinwamhanga vakanga vava padare pavo, muzasi mechikomo. Vakavakira dare ravo ipapa vachiita kudzivirira mhepo. Vakaona Tapiwa naTambaoga vosvika. Ivo vakange vagere zvavo vachidziya moto asi pfungwa dzavo dzinenge dzaive kurekure kwazvo.

"Mangwanani babamunini."

"Mangwanani vanangu. Ko, muri kuenda kupi norungwanangwana rwakadai?"

"Tiri kuda kutamba zvedu mutambo wedu pachikomo chenyu ichi babamunini."

"Asi mashaya zvokuita kuzouya kuzotamba kuno nenguva dzino?"

"Zviri kutinakidza chaizvo babamunini. Chiuya Tapiwa."

VaZinwamhanga vakaramba vakatarisa. Tambaoga akaenda kundozendama pamuti. Akanga ane kangundu kake kaakanga agadzira namanhenga. Akabvisa kangundu aka ndokukaisa pasi achibva aita seakotsira.

Zvino VaZinwamhanga vakanga vanyatsotarisa. Havana kuziva kuti chii chiri kuda kuitwa. Tapiwa akabudisa banga rine ropa. VaZinwamhanga vakabva vaita sovagara paminzwa. Hoyo Tapiwa ari kunyangira. Asimudza banga. Ari kuda kubaya Tambaoga.

VaZinwamhanga vakasvamhuka kundomubata. "Munopenga here? Kutambai uku?" Tapiwa akamira Tambaoga ndokubva asimuka achitora ngundu yake. Vakatarisana naVaZinwamhanga. Murume mukuru akanga ava kubvunda, maziso achiti akaenda kuna Tambaoga, odzokera kuna Tapiwa, akaenda kuna Tapiwa odzokera kuna Tambaoga zvichiramba zvichingodaro. Tambaoga akatora banga kubva kuna Tapiwa ndokubva atarisa VaZinwamhanga zvakare. Hapana akabwaira. Kwakapera chinguva pasina anotaura.

Mushure mechinguva chakati, VaZinwamhanga vakabvunza, "Tapiwa, banga iro wakariwanepi?" Vakataura nakazwi kaduku kunge vakanga votadza kutaura. Maziso avo akanga akadzvokora Tapiwa, ukuwo maziso aTambaoga akavadzvokora.

"Harisi rangu, nderaTambaoga."

"Iwe Tambaoga, wakariwana kupi?"

"Hameno. Mubvunzei?"

VaZinwamhanga vakakwakuka ndokusvikoti pahuro paTapiwa dzvi, kubata, vachida kumudzipa. "Taura! Akariwana kupi, Tambaoga? Iwe unozviziva."

Tambaoga haana kutirimuka. Nezwi nyoronyoro asi rakapaka uturu norufu akati, "Regai mwana uyo, babamunini."

VaZinwamhanga vakatepfenyura Tapiwa ndokubva vatarisa Tambaoga. Vakaona asisiri Tambaoga wamazuva ose. Akanga ava ngozi kwavari; ava rufu nomoto. Maziso ake akanga ava tsono. Akati, "Banga iri nderangu. Ndizvozvo chete. Handei, Tapiwa."

Pfungwa dzaVaZinwamhanga dzakaita chamuhwiriri. Va-

kambofunga kuti Mupakaviri avapfukira. Hana yavo yakatanga kutigudza kurova. Zvakanga zvaitwa navana ava zvakanga zvisiri zvoga kwete. Vakanzwa simba ravo rava kupera mumuviri wavo.

Tambaoga nomunin'ina wake vakasiya vakangomira kudaro. Vakanga vofemereka somunhu atandaniswa nezana reshumba. Vakabva vagara pakare ipapo, vakanganwa kudzokera kumoto kwavakambenge vari.

VanaTapiwa vakasvikonanga kugota kwaTambaoga. Tapiwa haana kutaura chinhu. Zvinhu zvose zvavakanga vaita haana kuzvinzwisisa. Mukoma wake akamunzwira tsitsi. Akamubata ndokumunyengetedza achida kuti aseke nokukanganwa zvose zvakanga zvaitika. Hongu, Tapiwa akasekerera asi kwaiva kusekerera kuno kutya mukati.

"Tapiwa, usatye zvako kani. Hapana zviripo apa. Fara zvako."

Akabva amira mberi kwomunin'ina wake kuti vatarisane vachifara. "Ko, chii chaizvo chamuri kuvavarira? Ini ndinoda kuzivawo."

"Hapana zviripo kani, Tapiwa. Iwe ramba wakanyarara chete. Uchaziva zvako. Unofunga kuti tingazvipamhidze zvakare? Ungade?"

Tapiwa akange asisadi asi akazoyeuka mazwi kana mashoko akanga ataura Tambaoga pakutanga paya paakanga oda kuramba. Saka akapindura ndokuti, "Kuna ani zvakare?"

"Kumumwe nomumwe wamakurukota ababa. Pane zvandiri kuda kuona kwavari vose."

"Hongu zvazvo, ndingade asi haufungi here kuti makurukota aya achafunga kuti zvimwe tava kupenga kana vanhu vasina kumaturo? Tarisa uone zvaita babamunini."

"Ndizvo zvandiri kutsvaga mavari vose."

"Kuti zvigozoita seiko nhai mukoma? Muri kutsvaga chii chaizvo?"

"Uchazviziva gare gare. Ngatichiende kumakura kunotsvaga mombe."

Mukufara nomukutamba kwavakaswera vachiita, Tapiwa akazoswera akanganwa nyaya iyi. Asi mukutamba imomo,

pfungwa dzaTambaoga dzakanga dziri mubasa rokufunga. "Babamunini varatidza kutya. Ndazviona mumaziso mavo. Ndivo here vakazviita? Pane zvavanoziva here nenyaya iyi? Zvino varya here kuti ndange ndabayiwa zvechokwadi naTapiwa? Hongu, vakuru havadi kuti pwere dzitambe namapanga, dzichiita mutambo wakadaro. Ndichaona. Ndinofanira kufungira vanhu vose sokutaura kwakaita baba. Ndichaona kuna vamwe. Zviripo zvacho ndezvekuti, chokwadi chichabuda pachena nguva dzose. Zvino chava chijana chamakurukota. Mangwana chiri pana VaPfumojena."

CHITSAUKO 7

Kuzavaza kwaVaMombeshora

Pavakaenda kuhuni mangwanani, amai vaTambaoga vakange vane pfungwa dzaivanetsa kwazvo. "Ko, baba vaTambaoga vakatsakatikira kupi chairvo? Mambo angafamba ega achibva apedza mazuva matatu asati adzoka? Izvi zvava kundityisa chokwadi." Vakatsvaga huni dzavo. Vakaona rimwe danda romutiti rakanga rakati tasa ndokuenda kundoritora. Vasvika pariri, vakaona chimwe chinhu chakavavhundutsa zvavakanga vasati vamboita muupenyu hwavo hwose. Ko, tsukukuviri yakafa yairevei? Zvakabva zvaita kuti vatambudzike zvakanyanya kwazvo. Simba rokutakura svinga ravo vakabva varishaya. Vakatapudza dzimwe huni ndokubva vapinda munzira vomhanyira kumusha. Vakanga vatarisira kuti pane chavanosvikonzwa. Vakasvikowana pamusha paina Tamuka naChandisaita bedzi. "Tambaoga naTapiwa vaenda kupi?"

"Vaenda kundokokorodza mombe kumakura, amai," akadaro Tamuka.

"Ko, iwe wagosarirei?"

"Varamba kuenda neni. Zvanzi hatifambi nepwere nokuti dzinotikanganisa."

"Eheka, ndizvo chaizvo. Iwe wototsvagawo vezera rako vokutamba navo."

"Vanaani?"

"Hamenoka. Hauvazivisu? Zvino zvaunoswera uchitamba navaraChandisaita, unoti vakomana here? Tichatokudaidza kuti Jengavasikana."

"Ndokutii ikoko, nhai amai?"

"Ndiko kuti mukomana anoswera achitamba navasikana asingadi kuenda kune vamwe vakomana. Domhanya, Tamuka, undidaidzire vanaamainini. Iti mose zvanzi huyai kuno nokukurumidza. Chimhanya mwanangu. Iwe Chandisaita, dondityorera tutsotso panze apo tiise muchoto."

VaRwaringeni naVaFarai vakauya kumba kwaVaTakanongwa. VaTakanongwa havana kumboparadza nguva. "Vasikana, ndini ndakudaidzai. Sokuziva kwamunoitawo, baba vaTambaoga vakaiva pano paane tumazuva, vachiti vachambotasanudza makumbo, vachifamba-famba zvavo, asi nanhasi havasati vadzoka. Ini zvabva zvandirovesa hana. Imiwo handizivi kuti munofungei nazvo?"

"Tambenge tichikurukurawo nazvo kumba uku, maiguru. Nesuwo zvava kutinetsa chaizvo," vakadaro VaRwaringeni.

"Handiti inyaya iyoyi, inotofanira kupirwa kuvarume vomumuzinda uno?"

"Hongu, maiguru. Patauya taona VaZinwamhanga vari padare pavo. Ndivo vatingatopira nyaya iyi, ivo vozoziva zvokuita pamwe chete navamwe vavo."

"Saka ngatichienda iko zvino, vasikana. Zvino naiyewo murume mukuru hakusi kushaya pfungwa here ikoko? Munhu ane chigaro chakadaro angasimuke ega pamba? Veduwe! Handifungi kuti kune chakanaka ini. Hana yangu iri kurova chaizvo, uye muviri wangu wakangoti rukutu. Kwandiri zvinoreva mashura chaizvo." Vakavaudza nezvetsukukuviri yavakanga vaona.

"Chiregai kuramba muchidaro kani, amaiguru." Vakabva vasvika padare paVaZinwamhanga.

"Tisvikewo, Museyamwa!"

"Svikai zvenyu, vakweguru. Mangwananiika, vakweguru."

"Mangwanani, Mhukahuru."

"Marara sei netwana mudzimba umu?"

"Aiwa! Tarara zvedu. Nhamu ndiyo imwe chete yatauya nayo muchiona tichisvika padare renyu kudai."

"Vakweguru!"

"Hongu, Museyamwa!"

"Vakweguru! Taurai zvenyu, ndiri kunzwa. Zvose zviri munzeve."

VaTakanongwa vakataura sokutaura kwavakanga vaita navakadzinyina vavo. Padare apa pakava nomweya wokusuwa. Vakanyatsoongorora VaZinwamhanga. Havana kuona rufaro kana chivimbo pameso pavo. Kana ivo VaZinwamhanga vakanga vane zvaivatambudza mupfungwa dzavo. Chiso chavo chakanga chine rima somunhu anzwa mashura aitika kwaari. Zvakavanetsa chose.

"Nyaya iyi iri pano ipfupi zvayo, Museyemwa, asi ihobvu chaizvo. Kana isu yatinetsa," vakadaro VaTakanongwa.

Nguva yose iyi, apo VaZinwamhanga vakanga vachipirwa nyaya yose vaingodavira vachiti, "Mukweguru." Mushure meshumo iyi, vakazoenderera mberi vachiti, "Aiwa, iri munzeve, vakweguru. Yanzwika. Kana neni zvandinetsawo vakweguru. Mukuru wangu akapfuura nokuno achiti achambofamba-famba zvake. Ini ndakanga ndiri pano ndina Mombeshora. Ndakatozoparadzana naye ndoenda kundotarisa mikoko yangu yenyuchi. Pandakadzoka ndakanzwa kuti changamire havana kudzoka. Zuro havana kudzoka, nhasi havasati vadzoka zvakare. Izuva dema, vakweguru. Aiwa, nyaya yenyu ndainzwa. Ndicharangana namakurukota achangamire kuti tione zvokuita. Imi munozivawo kuti nyaya dzomuzinda hadziparidzwi kwose kwose, saka tichakakurukura toga. Kana pachinge pane mashura anenge aitika, haaburitswi iko zvino, kwete. Saka mungachienda zvenyu, vakweguru. Mubve matsindidza vana kuti varege kubvotomoka."

Madzimai akabva padare ndokudzokera zvavo kudzimba

dzavo. Mushure mechinguva, VaMombeshora vakasvika padare paVaZinwamhanga. Vari vaviri vakakurukura kwenguva ndefu hwazvo, mushure mazvona ndokuzotuma nhume kundodaidza mamwe makurukota. Vose vakaungana. Kwaiti VaPfumojena, VaMombeshora, VaManyengavana, VaDambanemhuka naivo VaZinwamhanga, kuita vashanu. Dare romuzinda rakanga rakwana kunze kwaivo chete, mambo Mupakaviri.

VaZinwamhanga vakazarura musangano. "Madzishe, nyaya iri pano, inyaya yamunoziva mose. Ndinodavira kuti inyaya iri muhana dzenyu mose. Tose tange tichingozvibvunza kuti, 'Ko, mambo ari kupi?' Iye nhasi madzimai ake ose auya kuno kuzopira nyaya yose kwandiri. Naivowo vave kurohwa nehana. Saka zvava kwatiri madzishe, kuti titsvage zvokuita. Isu toga ndisu vakuru-vakuru vomumuzinda uno. Asi zvose zvatinoda kuita zvinofanira kuitwa muchivande. Mose munoziva zvinoitwa nyaya dzomumuzinda, saka munofanira kubata hana dzenyu."

VaPfumojena ndivo vakakurumidza kupindura. "Hongu, mambo anofanira kutsvagwa asika haana kutaura kuti ari kuende kupi. Akangotaura chete kuti achambofamba-famba zvake achitasanudza makumbo. Zvino tinomutsvagira kupi? Tinomutsvaga mumasango here? Tinomutsvagira mumisha here?"

Nguva yose iyi VaDambanemhuka vakanga vanyerere zvavo, vakatsikitsira pasi. Mushure mokutaura kwakaita VaPfumojena, VaDambanemhuka vakazosimudza musoro ndokutaurawo. "Hauneka Pfumojena. Ndiwo mubvunzo mukuru iwoyo. Tinomutsvagira kupi? Mumasango? Tikanobvunza mumisha yavanhu, tinobva tarovesa hana dzavanhu. Vanobva vaziva kuti hameno zvakaitika kuna mambo. Ipapo tinenge tatoratidza pachena kuti hameno zvakaitika kuna mambo asi isu tichida kuhwandisa shoko iroro."

Vose vakambonyarara vachifunga. Mushure mechinguva, VaZinwamhanga vakataura mushure mokunge vambotura mafemo somunhu akange ane zvinomunetsa asi asingadi kutaurira vamwe. Vose vakavatarisa. VaZinwamhanga vaka-

zoti, "Tiri kuparadza nguva varume. Nezuro Mombeshora akauya pano neshoko guru kwazvo. Nyaya iyoyo inonetsa kwazvo. Saka ndinoda kuti imi muzvinzwirewo tigozoona zvamunofungawo nenyaya iyoyi. Mombeshora, tipire nyaya yako tinzwe."

VaMombeshora vakamboramba vakanyarara, vachiita sevari kufunga. Vakatura mafemo ndokuzoti, "Tanga tadii kumbonyarara nenyaya iyi Zinwamhanga?"

VaPfumojena vakabva vapindurawo, "Ko, inganyararwa seiko, Mombeshora, kana ichinge iri nyaya ingabatsire kutsvaga mambo? Uri pwere here? Seiko uchida kutamba nedare kudai?"

"Taura Mombeshora. Varume ava vanoda kuinzwawo," vakadaro VaZinwamhanga.

"Nyaya iyi haisi nyaya diki, madzishe saka nemiwo simbisai hana dzenyu kuitira kuti tigonyatsofunga zvakanaka mushure," vakadaro VaMombeshora.

Vose vakatarisa Mombeshora namaziso akanga apeputswa namashoko aya. Hana dzavo dzakatangisa kurova, vachida kuziva nyaya yacho. Hakuna kana mumwe zvake akambopfakanyika. VaMombeshora vakaenderera mberi ndokuti, "Ndichiri kuyeuka kuti mambo akauya pano padare, patigere iko zvino. Zinwamhanga akanga agere ipapo paari apo ini ndiri pano apa. Akasvika achitizivisa kuti achambofambafamba zvake asi akati haasi kuenda kure. Isu takati zvakanaka changamire iye ndokubva aenda zvake."

"Akaenda nenzira ipi?" VaPfumojena vakabvunza.

"Akatora nzira yokwaChidamhuri."

"Zvakanaka. Chitaura zvako nyaya iyoyo."

"Mushure mechinguva, Zinwamhanga akati, 'Mombeshora, iniwo ndichambonotarisa mikoko yangu yenyuchi. Hameno kana ndikanoipedza yose asi kana pachinge pane inosara, ndogozonokutumawo uchinonditarisira mangwana.' Ini ndakati zvakanaka. Zinwamhanga akaenda zvake asi ndakambomuperekedza kwechinhambwe chaizvo ndokuzodzoka zvangu ndichitarisa mombe, kumakura. Tose tinoziva kuti mambo haana kudzoka kumusha mauro iwayo. Haano ma-

ngwana zuva rangodai izvi," VaMombeshora vakasimudza ruoko vachiratidza pakanga paane zuva nechigunwe, "Zinwamhanga akanditumira shoko rokundidaidza. Akandiudza kuti haana kupedza kutarisa mikoko yake yose. Kwakanga kwasara mumwe chete wokumuunze uri pedyo nenzira inoenda kwaChidamhuri, kuchikomo cheMaringa. Akandikumbira kuti ndimutarisire mukoko uyu. Ini ndakaenda zvangu. Imi mose munonyatsoziva kuti ini naZinwamhanga tinogara tichibatsirana mumabasa mazhinji kwazvo."

"Izvo zvinozivikanwa. Enda zvako nenyaya yako," vamwe vakadavira.

"Hongu, ndakasvika pamuunze. Madzishe, pandakati ndichikwire muti uyu, ndakarohwa nehana ndikabva ndadonhera pasi pakare. Ndakanga ndaona chinhu chakandishamisa. Ndakaona ngundu yamambo iri pasi pomuti uyu. Ndakaramba ndakaitarisa sokunge ndakange ndopenga. Handina kuziva kuti zvairevei."

"Ko, wakadii kubva waitora?"

"Handina kuzomboitora. Ndakabva ndaikanganwa nokuti ipapo ndakabva ndaona chimwezve chinhu chakandivhundutsa kwazvo."

"Chii? Chii chawakaona zvakare?"

"Ndakaona ropa madzishe. Ropa chairo. Zvino ndakange ndobvunda pamwe nokutya. Ndakatarisa kwose kwose ndichiti zvimwe ndichaona mambo. Pfungwa dzangu dzakabva dzangomirira pokuti mambo akapondwa. Ndichitsvaga kudaro ndakaona muhwezva waikwira mugomo, uine madonhwe eropa. Ndakautevera. Ndakangotevera zvangu asi ndakanga ndichibvunda pachokwadi. Ndichitevera kudaro, ndakanzwa, pfokocho! pfokocho! pfokocho! Ini a! Ndafa ini! Ndakabva ndatiza ipapo. Zvino ndava pasi pechikomo, ndakazvidzikamisa ndikati regai ndinoona chete chinhu chati pfokocho somunhu ari kufamba mugomo umo. Kana achinge ari iye auraya mambo, ndinoda kuziva nokumuona. Kana ndichinge ndafa, ndafira chokwadi. Ndinofa pamwe chete namambo wangu."

"Inga mashura chaizvo. Inga musha waputsika chokwadi.

Baba wangu iwe!" vakadaro VaPfumojena. "Uri kutaura chokwadi Mombeshora?"

"Ndinopika nemi mukuru wangu! Ndiri kutaura zvandakaona namaziso angu aya. Hezvo, ndonyambwaira ndichikwira muchikomo. Ndaidongorera ndichihwanda, ndichidongorera zvakare. Ndakangoti maziso t-ve, ndikaona a! Inga ndimambo akatakurwa kumusana. Ko, chatsvuka kumusana chii? Iropa! Inga musana wake rinongova ropa chete. Heya, abayiwa. Ko, munhu akamutakura ndiani? Ndakaedza kutarisa asi chiso chomunhu wacho pamwe nomuviri wake zvakanga zvakadzikatirwa nechitunha. Ko, munhu uyu ari kuendesa chitunha kupi? Zvaanenge ari kuenda kuninga kwatinovigira madzimambo edu wani? Ko, anoziva sei ninga iyi? Asi munhu uyo mumwe wedu isu makurukota? Zvino ndiPfumojena here? NdiManyengevana? NdiDambanemhuka? Ndinotofanira kuona munhu uyu. Hoyo, akangotakura mambo achikwira naye. Naye pabwe ramavara matsvuku, ibwe reninga. Ipapo akasvikoisa mambo pasi. Zvino ndakangoona musana wake chete. Ndakabva ndaona kuti haasi mumwe wenyu kwete."

Vose vakanga vava kutya kuti zvimwe zvichanzi ndini ndakauraya mambo. "Zvino ndiani wawakaona?" VaManyengavana wakabvunza nakazevezeve, zviya zvinoita munhu anoda kuziva chinhu nokukurumidza, chinhu chaari kudisisisa kunzwa.

"Chimiraika munzwe. Munhu yuuyu akazarura musuo weninga. Akachitendeuka kuti atore mambo. Ipapo ndipo pandakamuona ini. Pakutanga handina kumbobvumira maziso angu. Kana imi hamungambodavira kwete. Uu! Ndinotya kutaura madzishe. Ndingaparadze musha uno."

"Taura Mombeshora. Uri kutipedzera nguva," vakadaro VaZinwamhanga. VaMombeshora vakamboramba vanyerere, vakatsikitsira pasi, vachitokonya ivhu nakamuti. Vakazosimudza musoro ndokuti, "NdiTambaoga."

"A-a! A-aaa! Baba iwe Nhokwara!" Vose vakakanuka pamwe chete.

"Tambaoga! Tambaoga! Unoreva nhema Mombeshora!" NdaVaPfumojena avo.

"Ndizvo ndakaona, mukuru wangu."

VaZinwamhanga vakati, "Chimbomirai apedze. Taura zvako Mombeshora."

"Madzishe, izvi zvakandishamisa sokushamiswa kwamaitwawo imi."

"Kweteka, vakuru vangu. Ngatimbonyatsoonai zvinhu namazvo," vakadaro VaManyengavana. "Tambaoga mwana muduku. Hapana akambomutaurira nezveninga iyi. Haamboziva kuti iri papi. Zvino akaenda sei kuninga namambo?"

"Ndizvo zvakandishamisawo ini asi zvechokwadi ndakamuona achipinda namambo muninga. Mambo akatenge atofa. Ipapo ndakati zvandaona zvakwana. Ndakanyahwaira ndobva ipapo ndokubva ndamhanya kuuya kuno kumusha. Ndakati regai ndinomirira ndione masvikiro ayo anoita kumusha. Ndakasvikoona amai vake, Takanongwa, ndokuita sendiri kuda kuona mambo. Takagara kwechinguva chaizvo Tambaoga asati asvika. Zvaakazosvika, chiso chake chairatidza kuti pane chinhu chikurukuru chakanga chaitika. Amai vake vakamubvunza kwaakanga afumira nokuswera. Akapindura achiti akanga aenda kundotarisa dhibhura rake raakanga asiya ateya marimwezuro. Akange akatsvuka ropa muhuro, pachipfuva napadumbu nemumaoko ake."

"Ropa! Kubva ndiyeka akauraya mambo!" VaDambanemhuka vakadaro.

"Iye akati akanga aona dhibhura rake rabata mhembwe achiti akarova mhembwe iyi mumusoro netsvimbo ndokuibaya nebanga. Kuzoti aitakura, anoti mhembwe iyi yakasiya yamubanha ndokubva yatiza. Makambozviona kupi izvozvo? Ini ndakabva ipapo ndokuuya kuno kuzopira zvose kuna Zinwamhanga uyu. Iyi ndiyo nyaya yangu madzishe. Ndaipira kwamuri."

Vose vakaramba vanyerere. Zvinonetsa kukurumidza kuwana chokutaura mukati menyaya yakadai. "Iniwo ndine chishamiso chandaitirwa pano mangwanani ano." VaZinwamhanga vakadaro, pavakaona kuti vose vakanga vari mupfu-

ngwa dzavo. "Ndanga ndiri pano padare, nhasi mangwanani apo Tambaoga naTapiwa vasvika pano. Ndavabvunza chavanga vachitsvaga rungwanangwana rwakadaro vakapindura vachiti vari kuda kutamba zvavo muchikomo ichi."

VaZinwamhanga vakaudza makurukota mashiripiti akanga aitwa navanakomana vamambo. Izvi zvakavashamisa chaizvo. VaMombeshora vangu takanga tongoti maziso boi boi. Apo Zinwamhanga akanga oda kupedzisa nhoroondo yake, akati ndee kutarisa sahwira wake akaona miromo yaMombeshora ichidedera.

"Handina kumboziva kuti Tambaoga, mwana muduku akadaro, angaite chiso chinenge chegandanga. Ipapo abvuma kuti banga nderake. Ndabva ndashaya kuti zvinorevei. Ndiyoyo yangu nyaya iyi, madzishe."

"Musha uno wapindwa nengozi huru kwazvo, madzishe. Handisati ndambonzwa zvinhu zvakadaro muupenyu hwangu hwose. Zvino mati tiite sei, vakuru vangu?" vakadaro VaPfumojena.

VaZinwamhanga vakati, "Zviri kwamuri, madzishe. Ini handidi kukutungamirirai mukutaura zvatinofanira kuita. Mwana akaonekwa naMombeshora ndewanguwo. Ndikakutungamirirai ini, ndinezenge ndiri kutonga ropa rangu. Nyaya ndeyenyu iyi, saka ndinoiisa mumaoko enyu."

VaManyengavana vakataurawo; "Sokuona kwangu, varume, tinofanira kumboongorora zvataurwa naMombeshora. Tinoda kuona kuti ndizvo here? Kana zvichinge zviri zvechokwadi, tichaona mambo ari muninga. Tamuona, tinodzoka kuno kuzotsvaga zvatingaite. Mwana uyu haafaniri kuchenjedzwa. Tinofanira kuita sokunge pasina chatinoziva. Anozongoerekana asungwa. Chapupu chedu ndiMombeshora neropa raakanga ainaro pamwe chete nebanga riri munhava. Kana achinge akateya dhibhura iroro achatiratidza."

"Ayo mashoko oungwaru," vakadaro VaPfumojena. Ndivo vaiva vakuru, saka ndivo vaitungamirira nyaya dzose. "Hatidi kuti vanhu vazive kwatiri kuenda, saka tinofanira kutsaurana. Ini ndichafamba ndega, imi mofamba muri vaviri vaviri. Tinondosangana pamuunze womukoko."

CHITSAUKO 8

Tambaoga anopona napaburi retsono

Sokurangana kwavakanga vaita, makurukota ose, pamwe chete naVaZinwamhanga, vakaenda kumuunze womukoko wenyuchi. VaPfumojena ndivo vakafanotungamira mberi vega. VaManyengavana naVaDambanemhuka vakaenda nerimwe divi, kuita savakanga vasingaendi kumwe chete. VaZinwamhanga naVaMombeshora vakasarudza kufamba vari kurimwewo divi. Ava vaviri vakafamba vachikurukura nakazevezeve. Vainzwana kwazvo.

Vose vakaungana pamuunze uye. VaPfumojena ndivo vakatanga kutaura. "Ngundu yamambo yawati yanga iri pano, iri kupi, Mombeshora? Asi zvimwe zvose zvakangoita sokutaura kwawaita. Muhwezva weropa ndiwo uyu unoratidza kuti wafushirwa." Vakabva vaunongedza netsvimbo yavakanga vakabata muruoko rwerudyi. "Zvino ngatichiutevedza tione."

Vakautevedza kudzimara vasvika paninga. Vakasvikowana mambo atova pachigaro chiya. VaPfumojena vakataura kwokupedzisira. "Ino haisi nzvimbo yehurukuro, varume. Tose taona mashura ari pano. Mombeshora anenge ataura chokwadi. Zvino tinofanira kudzokera kumusha kwatinondorangana pamwe chete zvatinofanira kuita. Hatingatakuri mambo wedu tichidzoka naye zvakare. Kuzorodzwa kwaakaitwa pachigaro chake ndiko kuzorodza kwatingadai tamuitawo dai tirisu takauya naye. Nokudaro hatichavatambudza zvakare. Tochidzokera kumusha kwatichandoona zvirango zvatinofanira kuita. Iwe Mombeshora naZinwamhanga mochikurumidza kufamba kuitira padare. Munoenda nedivi ramauya naro. Iwewo Manyengavana naDambanemhuka mofamba nedivi renyuwo. Sokuuya ndega kwandaita, ndinotevera ndega."

Kwaiva kuzvidzikamisa kwomurume mukuru. VaPfumojena vakatambudzika zvaipisa tsitsi. Vakanga vachinzwana

kwazvo namambo. Vakanga vakura pamwe chete. Saka kufa kwaMupakaviri kwakavatambudza kwazvo.

Vose vakabuda muninga ndokutora nzira dzavo. Mukudzokera hapana akanga achitaura nomumwe kunze kwaVaZinwamhanga naVaMombeshora. Mumwe nomumwe aiva nepfungwa dzake kudzimara vasvika kudare raVaZinwamhanga.

Pakudoka kwezuva Tambaoga naTapiwa vakadzoka kumakura kwavakanga vaenda kunokokorodza mombe. Mushure mokudzipfigira vakaenda kumba. Vakawana amai vavo vagere mumba, parukukwe. Tambaoga aiziva zvaivanetsa. "Inga mugere murima amai? Hamuoni here kuti kunze kwasviba?" Tambaoga akabvunza sokunge pasina zvaimunetsawo. "Ko, madii kuisa moto?"

"Aiwa, ndigere zvangu, mwanangu."

Nechomumwoyo, Tambaoga akati, "Chinoziva ivhu kuti mwana wembeva ari kurwara." Akazobvunza achiti, "Muri kufunga baba, amai, handizvo here?"

"Ko, hazvinetse here mwanangu? Tamboenda kuna babamunini vako tichivakumbira kuti vaone zvavangaite. Vamboita musangano namakurukota masikati ano. Hameno kwavamboenda masikati. Zvino vava pamusangano zvakare."

"Nhai amai, ko, ini ndichiri pwere here? Sei vasingandidaidziwo pamisangano yavo?"

"Zviri kwavari, mwanangu. Haungaendi usina kudaidzwa." Vakabva vamuudza zvavakanga vatsindidzwa nomuramu wavo, Zinwamhanga.

"Tapiwa, chitora huni tiisire amai. Kana Chandisaita asingagoni kubika sadza, tinobika isu. Amai vane zviri kuvanetsa."

"Kwete, mwanangu. Ndichabika zvangu."

"Kana muchinge mabika sadza, amai, mugopa vanaTapiwa vouya naro padare. Ini ndichamboenda mugota. Ndine zvinhu zvandiri kuda kuronga uye ndiri kuda kunyatsofunga."

"Ungarongeiko wega, nhai Tambaoga? Kubva chienda zvako, tinoita saizvozvo."

Tambaoga akaenda kugota kwake ndokusvikogara pachi-

garo, oisa musoro pakati pamaoko ake achifunga. "Chokwadi chaizvo baba vangu vakaurayirwei? Ruvengo here? Ishanje? Kuda umambo? Baba vakanditaurira kuti mushure mavo ndini ndinozotonga. Ko, iyeyu munhu akavauraya anofungeiwo neni? Achadawo kundiurayaka? Kubva nhasi ndinoda kuchenjera pakurara, pakufamba napapi zvapo pandinenge ndiri." Akafunga zvizhinji kudzimara adaidzirwa sadza. Vapedza kudya vakambotandara kwakanguva kadikidiki ndokubva vaparadzana, voenda kundorara. Tambaoga akanga aine gota rake ega, Tapiwa naTamuka vaine ravowo.

VaZinwamhanga namamwe makurukota vakaita musangano wavo. Hauna kutora nguva ndefu. Iwo waigotora nguva ndefu seiko, ipo paine zviratidzo zvakadaro? Saka vakanga vatorangana nokuziva zvokuita kare.

Tambaoga haana kurara kusvikira machongwe akukuridza kwokutanga. Hope hadzina mukuru kwete; akaona ava kutsimwaira akabva afunga zvokurara. Gota rake rakanga riri guru chaizvo. Akawaridza samazuva ose panzvimbo yaairara; ndokuzowaridza rimwe gudza kuti riite somunhu arere, richisvika kumutsago wake. Akatora rimwe gudza ndokurifukidza, zvikabva zvaitawo somunhu chaiye. Mushure akatora bakatwa rake nerimwezve gudza ndokuzendama kumadziro, seri kwesasa. Mushure makanguva kadikidiki akakotsira.

Pakurira kwamachongwe echipiri, Tambaoga akapepuka nokuvhundutswa. Hameno chakamushangura mbama. Akabata rushaya asi haruna kumurwadza. Hakuna munhu akanga amurova, dzaive hope chete. Chiriporipocho akanzwa chinhu chaifamba panze ndokubva anyatsosvinura. Haana kunge aisa chihuri pasasa. Akanga agere kuisa nokuti akanga ateya riva rake.

Zvinyoronyoro akanzwa sasa richizururwa. Akaona ruoko rwakanga rwuri pasasa. Akambofunga zvokurutema ndokubva afunga zvokuti munhu wacho anyatsopinda zvakanaka. Akaona zibanga raive muruoko rwerudyi, ruboshwe ruri pasasa. Munhu wacho akabva ada kuti akurumidze kuita

basa rake raakanga avinga. Akabheura sasa ndiye virikiti kupinda.

Zvakaitika imomo zvinonetsa kuzvitsanangura. Munhu akarova sasa uyu akasvikodzika banga paaifunga kuti ndipo paiva nechipfuva chaTambaoga. Zvakamushamisa kuona pane machira chete. Panguva imwe cheteyo, riva raTambaoga rakadhinguka.

Akanga asunga kamusungo katetetete kumativi ose omusuo ndokuita zinyekenyeke risina kubatisa. Pamusungo uyu, worwodzi, akaisa mapadza maviri nezengwete nechokumusorosoro. Pakarohwa sasa musungo wakabva wadambuka nokuti wakakakatwa nesasa, ndiye ngwendere-ngwendere. Zvose, mapadza nezengwete zvakarova murume uyu zvichibva zvaita ruzha nokuwira pasi. Iye murume uyu, mukati mokurwadziwa pamwe nokutemwa namapadza nezengwete, akawira pasi achidzika banga rake mumagudza makanga musina munhu. Vakamonerana naTambaoga. Tambaoga akagumha sasa negumbo ndokubva rapfiga pakare ndiye gumi rakadya vaviri.

Tambaoga akanga asingadi kuuraya munhu uyu. Aida kumubata ari mupenyu kuitira kuti agoburitsa zvose pachena, pamberi pedare rose romuzinda. Zvakatatsurana zvakadaro. Murume uyu akaedza kuburitsa banga rake mumagudza marakanga riri napasi parakanga ratomekera. Tambaoga akati wanonoka. Mone! Chiri paari! Icho zvakare, chino chomumatsenganzungu. Zvino Tambaoga akati amugara padundundu; murume uyu akatiwo ndakubata pahuro. Tambaoga akakatanura maoko iwayo. Hezvo, zvatatsurana zvakare. Pidigu-pidigu! Pamusoro, pasi, pamusoro, pasi. Mukuru, mukuru hanga haigare pfunda. Tambaoga akanga aneta, naiyewo murume uyu akanga aneta, ongofemera pamusoro. Tambaoga akati regai ndichibata makumbo; murume uyu ndokukurumidza kugonya nokupeta makumbo ake, ndokuazazanura zvakare ndiye pachirebvu chaTambaoga dhee. Akanorovera negotsi achibva amboona nyenyedzi. Akambotadza kuziva kuti aripi kana kuti ari kuitei. Achiri kutsi kwehope kudaro, murume uyu akabva apoya. Sara wega uchi

tamba, Tambaoga, mwanangu. Tsuro yakanga yapona rutsva rwechipiri.

"Ko, chiiko, Tambaoga, mwanangu? Mheremhere yandanzwa ndeyei?" VaTakanongwa vakanga vabuda panze, vamutswa nokubhidhirika kwakanga kuchiita Tambaoga nomurume uyu.

"Igonzo, amai. Ranga richindinetsa kwazvo. Ndaedza kuriuraya asi randinzvenga."

"Unofunga kuti ungauraye gonzo murima here, nhai Tambaoga?"

"Kwete kani, amai, kwanga kune mwedzi uye ndanga ndakazarura musuo sezvawakaita izvi. Ndange ndichiona chaizvo."

"Ko, chii chandanzwa somutsindo womunhu anga achitiza?"

"Ndinika ndanga ndichitandanisa gonzo racho. Zvino randinzvenga parapinda muuswa, panze apo."

"Uri kunzvengwa kwazvo notupuka mazuva ano. Tambaoga, mwanangu, ndine dambudziko rababa vako. Zvino rega kundishungurudza uchidaro kani. Kana pane zvaunoziva ndiudzewo kani. Handidaviri zvauri kundiudza. Nezuro mhembwe, nhasi gonzo! Chirara urege kurarotandanisana notupuka nousiku."

"Zvakanakai, amai." Pakarepo akabva apinda mumagudza ake ndokudzimbwa nebanga rakanga radzikwa nomurume uye. Akaritora ndokundorikanda muuswa, seri kwegota rake. "Ini ndiri kungoramba ndichingosara namapanga chete nhai?"

CHITSAUKO 9

Dare raZinwamhanga

Tose tinoziva kuti kana kare nakare kwakanga kuchirwiwa hondo. Madzishe airwisana, kana achinge akurirwa, aitorerwa upfumi hwemombe, mbudzi, hwai kana vanhukadzi. Nokudaro ishe upi noupi zvake akanga aine mauto ake. Panguva dzorunyararo, varume ivava vaiva mumauto, vaigara zvavo kumisha yavo pamwe nemhuri dzavo, asi vaizodaidzwa panguva dzehondo, vachitumirwa kunorwa.

Mambo Mupakaviri aive namauto akewo. Magamba ake makuru aiva Chigiya naChiroodza. Magamba maviri aya akanga achitarisirwa kuti achazova makurukota munguva dzaitevera.

Manheru akaitwa musangano naVaZinwamhanga namamwe makurukota, Chigiya naChiroodza havana kunyanya kushamiswa pavakatumirwa shoko rokuti vakanga vachidikanwa kumuzinda. Asi vakashamisika kwazvo apo vakataurirwa zvavaifanirwa kuita. Mazwi avakataurirwa akabva mumuromo waZinwamhanga sokuti mambo asipo, uyewo Tambaoga asipo, VaZinwamhanga ndivo vaitora chigaro chokutaurira magamba aya zvokuita. Zvakashamisa magamba maviri aya kuti zvakanga zvaitika sei kuti Tambaoga namambo vashayike pamusangano uyu vose. VaZinwamhanga vakazovatsanangurira chikonzero chacho.

"Ndinoziva kuti mose muchashamisika kwazvo namashoko andichakutaurirai. Asi ndiri kutaura makurukota ose ari pano kuitira kuti muone kuti zvandichataura hazvisi zvomumusoro mangu. Aya mashoko echokwadi. Makurukota aya ndivo zvapupu zvangu. Handina nguva yokutsanangura zvizhinji. Muchazvinzwa mangwana. Munofanira kuchengeta mashoko aya muhana dzenyu chete. Hakuna kumwe kwaanofanira kusvika. Mambo hakusisina. Mambo akapondwa."

"Yowe-e! Akapondwa?" ndiChigiya uyo.

"Ndiani akamuponda? Riini?" ndiChiroodzawo uyo.

"Nyararai ndichipedza, nguva iri kupera. Chapupu chakaona chinoti ndiTambaoga."

"Tambaoga! Tambaoga chaiye!"

"Hongu, Tambaoga chaiye. Zvino chimirai ndipedze. Tiri kuda kunyatsoziva nyaya yose iyi mangwana, mangwanani. Usiku huno, imi muri vaviri, munonorara kumana kwaPfumojena. Hapana vanhu vanofanira kukuonai. Rungwanangwana, utonga husati hwatsvuka, munoenda kumba kwaTambaoga, kugota kwaanorara. Kana asina kuisa chihuri munopinda momurinda kuti asatize. Iko zvino hapana chaanoziva nezvatiri kuronga. Haazive kuti zvakaitika tinozviziva. Rungwanangwana irworwo tichaunganidza mhuri yose yamambo pamwe chete, kure kure, kunze kwomusha kusina vanhu vanoona. Tinoda kuvazivisa mashoko aya. Tinozokutumirai nhume yokuti muchiuya naTambaoga. Nyaya yose munozoinzwirawo ipapo. Saka mungachienda zvenyu naVaPfumojena."

Vakasimuka ndokuenda zvavo. Mamwe makurukota akaendawo kudzimba dzawo. Vose vakaenda vachiziva zvavaifanira kuita rechimangwana racho. Ava mangwana, utonga husati hwatsvuka, mhuri yose yamambo, pamwe chete nemhuri yaZinwamhanga dzakaunganidzwa seri kwechikomo chomuzinda. Vana vaduku ndivo vakasara asi Tapiwa akanga aripowo nokuti akanzi aifanira kunzwawo nyaya yacho. Madzimai amambo, pamwe chete nomudzimai waVaZinwamhanga, vakashamiswa kwazvo kuona vachimutswa nousiku hwakadaro. Vose vakaungana hana dzichingorova chete.

Mushure mokunge vose vachiti ware ware, kugara pasi, VaZinwamhanga vakatanga kutaura. "Ndinoda kutanga ndakuzivisai kuti taungana kuno kure nomusha nenguva dzakadai nokuti nyaya iri pano inyaya isingafaniri kuzivikanwa nomunhu wose wose. Imi chete vomumuzinda ndimi munofanira kuiziva. Ndinokukumbirai mose kuti mudzikamise hana dzenyu. Munofanira kuyeuka kuti muri mumuzinda. Zvomumuzinda ndezvomumuzinda, zvokunze ndezvokunze. Dai taramba takanyarara, mose maitambudzika kwazvo musi-

ngazivi chaitika. Saka tafunga zvokukuzivisai iko zvino. Mambo hakusisina nokuti akapondwa."

"Yowee! Maiweee! Ndagonzi ndadiiko? Uyai mundinzwirewo mashura ari pano! Maiweee kani! Yuwiii!" Madzimai akachema, uyu napake uyu napake. VanaTapiwa vakachemawo zvikuru kwazvo. Tapiwa akatsvaga mukoma wake akabva amushaya ndokushamisika nazvo. Akafunga kuti zvimwe Tambaoga akanga ari kune rimwewo divi achitambudzikawo. Nguva dzose kana munhu achichema panhamo anotsvaga mapfudzi okuchema akaisa musoro. Anotsvaga mumwe munhu wokuchema naye pamwe nokunyaradzana. Saka Tapiwa akatsvaga mukoma wake ndokubva amushaya. Ipapo akabva aenda kuna amai vake.

"Amai, Tambaoga ari kupi? Mambomuona here?"

VaTakanongwa havana kupindura. Hameno kana vachinge vakanzwa mubvunzo uyu. Vakaramba vachingohwihwidza nokudedera pamusana penhamo iyi. "Amaiweee! Inga ndazvitaura wani kuti hana yangu yarova ndichikuudzai kuti uku hakuna chakanaka! Amaiweee! Nhai Mupakaviri, ndakakutadzirei? Inga ndakakuberekèra majaya wani!"

Tapiwa akatsva mwoyo achiona amai vake vachitambudzika zvakadaro. Akaonawo kuti havaimbogona kumupindura mukati mokusuwa kwakadaro. Akabva ipapo ndokuramba achitsvaga mukoma wake asi haana kumuwana. Zvakamutambudza kwazvo.

"Chemerai pasi. Musaridze mhere. Hatidi kuti vokunze kwomuzinda vanzwe. Musakanganwe zvatambotaura," vakadaro VaPfumojena.

Madzimai akachema kwenguva ndefu kwazvo. Vakaregedzwa vachichema kudzimara shungu dzavo dzamboti sererei. Mushure mezvo VaZinwamhanga vakasimuka zvakare. "Mose mose mungade kuziva kuti mambo akapondwa nani uye zvakaitika riini. Mungadewo kuziva nzvimbo yaakaponderwa. Tichaedzazve kuziva chikonzero chaakauraiyirwa. Izvi tichazviudzwa nomunhu akazvlita. Dambanemhuka, mhanya undotaurira Chigiya naChiroodza kuti vachiuya nomunhu wavo."

VaDambanemhuka vakamhanya vachienda kumusha. Vanhu vose vakanga vambonyarara kuchema. Kuchema kunombokanganikwa panhamo kana kuchinge kwouya chimwe chinhu chinoshamisa. Ndiani akanga achiuya naChiroodza naChigiya? Vanhu vose vakamirira nameso matsvuku. Tapiwa akafunga kuti zvimwe ndiko kwakanga kuna Tambaoga. Akafunga kuti zvimwe aibatsirawo Chigiya naChiroodza vakanga vakabata munhu akaponda baba vake.

CHITSAUKO 10

Tambaoga anosungwa

Zvavakandorara kumana kwaVaPfumojena, Chigiya naChiroodza, vakamuka usikusiku, hweva isati yabuda. Vakambokurukura zvavo, mushure ndokuchizorangana zvokuita. "Nyarara tinzwe, Chigiya. Kunenge kune munhu ari kumhanya panze apo."

Vakanyarara. Zvechokwadiwo kwakanga kune munhu aimhanya achibva kumuzinda wamambo chaiko. "Ndinofunga kuti igurukota riri kuuya kuzotishevedza. Vanofunga kuti tiri pwere here dzinotadza kumuka nokukurumidza? Ndizvo zvandisingadika izvozvo," akadaro Chigiya.

"Hameno kani," akapindura Chiroodza.

Vakamboramba vachikurukura zvavo. Mushure mechinguva vakashama kuona pasina munhu akauya kuzogugudza pamusuo pavo. "Iwe Chigiya, munhu uya aenda kupi?"

"Kana ini zvandishamisawo chaizvo. Kumhanya nokufemereka kwaanga achiita ndafunga kuti ari kutandaniswa. Zvino ari kupi? A! Nyarara tinzwe. Ndanzwa kunge kune sasa rapfigwa."

"Hatingazvitevedzi izvo, Chigiya. Musha uno mukuru, hama yangu. Zvinoitika muno zvizhinji kwazvo. Pamwe anga-

ngodaro ari muroyi. Ngatichirongedza tiende. Hweva yabuda."

Vakarongedza zvombo zvavo ndokubuda vanyerere. Vakapfiga sasa zvinyoronyoro.

Mushure mokurwisana nomurume uya, Tambaoga akabatwa nehope dzakakomba kwazvo. Akakotsira somunhu akafa. Hope nokuneta zvakanga zvamukunda pachokwadi. Akatozomuka kunze kwachena. Paakapepuka haana kusimudza musoro. Akangozvipidigura chete ndokurara nedumbu sezvinoita munhu uya ari kuzengurira kumuka. Mushure mekanguva akasimudza musoro ndokutendeuka. Maziso ake akanga achine hope. Akaapukuta.

Akavhunduka kwazvo paakaona mumwe murume akanga akamira seri kwesasa. Akabva abata bakatwa rakanga riri pasi pomutsago wake. Haana kuzogona kusimudza ruoko urwu nokuti rwakanga rwatsikwa naChigiya akanga ari nechokumusoro kwake. Akatarisa kubva pagumbo rakanga rakamutsika kusvikira kumusoro. Chiroodza akanga ari kumakumbo, seri kwesasa, ndiye akazarura musuo kuitira kuti Tambaoga anyatsoona zvakanaka. Paakacherechedza magamba maviri aya, akarasa kutya kwose kwakanga kwamubata.

"Chigiya naChiroodza, seiko muchiita jee rakadaro? Munoziva here kuti mandivhundutsa kwazvo?"

"Jee? Ndiani ari kuita jee?" Chigiya akabvunza.

Murimamo, Tambaoga akazvuunura maziso ake kuti anyatsoona zvakanaka. Mhinduro yaChigiya, pameso pake nopomumwe wake, pamwe chete namazwi avo zvakabva zvamuudza kuti pane chimwe chinhu chakanga choda kuitika. Ropa rake rakatanga kumhanya-mhanya nomuviri. "Ko, kana risiri jee, zvino munofunga kuti muri kuitei? Zvamuri kuita zvinorevei?"

"Uri kudiwa kumusangano, Tambaoga."

"Muri kupenga here? Ndiani anoita musangano mangwanani akadai?"

"Hameno. Ndiweka unotofanira kuziva nezvomumuzinda wenyu uno nokuti iwe unogara muno uye unoziva zvamunoita zvose."

"Ko, imi matumwa naani? Mauya riini?"

"Tatumwa naVaZinwamhanga namakurukota ose. Vamwe vose vomumuzinda vaveko, kusiya iwe chete." Nguva yose iyi ndiChiroodza aipindura mibvunzo yaTambaoga. Basa ibasa zvaro asi pamwoyo pake, Chiroodza akanga achida Tambaoga zvakakomba. Kana panguva ino zvakamurwadza kuti amubate somusungwa. Akaedza kwazvo kupindura Tambaoga nounyoro achiedza kuti zvisamurwadze mupfungwa dzake.

"Ko, Tapiwa namadzimai vari kuitei kumusangano wamakurukota?"

"Uchazvinzwirako, Tambaoga. Zvinotiremera kwazvo kuita zvatiri kuita izvi. Chipfeka ugare wakagadzirira. Kuchauya munhu anozotidaidza zvino uno."

"Ko, magotumwa seiko kuti muzonditora muine zvombo? Asi ndatosungwasu?"

"Hongu, wasungwa."

"Nemhosva yei?"

"Yokuuraya baba vako, mambo Mupakaviri."

"Nhai? Ndiani akakuudzai kudaro?"

"VaZinwamhanga pamwe chete namamwe makurukota. Usashamiswe zvako kana kurohwa nehana. Unozviziva kuti baba vako vakafa uye kuti ndiwe wakavauraya."

"Hongu." Tambaoga haana kuda kuvanza kwete. Hapana chaaitya kumagamba maviri aya.

"Saka ndiwe wakavaurayaka?"

"Uri benzi, Chiroodza. Usataure kwandiri uchidaro."

"Zvakanaka, chisimuka tiende. Nhume yokutishevedza yasvika." VaDambanemhuka vakawana musuo wazaruka kare. Havana chavakazotaura zvakare; vanaChigiya naChiroodza pamwe chete naTambaoga vakatenge vagadzirira kare.

CHITSAUKO 11

Tambaoga anopoya

Maziso avanhu vose akanga ari kunzira yaibva kumusha. Havana kuziva kuti munhu ainzi akauraya mambo ndiani. Vakangoona varume vana chete. Pavakasvika, madzimai ose akatarisana vachishaya kuti munhu wacho ndoupi. Vakambofunga kuti munhu akanga aenda kundotorwa achinzi ndiye akauraya mambo akanga apoya. Tapiwa akafara achiona mukoma wake asi kwakava kufara kwenguva shomanana.

Vakati vose vanyatsogara, vamirira kunzwa zvaizotaurwa, VaZinwamhanga vakasimuka. VaDambanemhuka vakagara pasi. Uyuwo Tambaoga akamira pakati paChigiya naChiroodza. VaZinwamhanga vakati, "Munhu uyo ndiye akaponda mambo."

Vose vakashama kuti ndiani. "Hatisi kumuona isu. Ndoupi?" Tapiwa akabvunza.

"Tambaoga."

Madzimai akangoramba akashama miromo. Vakaita savanhu vabatwa nechidzimira. Ipapo VaTakanongwa vakabva vapunzikira pasi. Hapana akavabata kunze kwaTapiwa chete akaenda kundovamutsa, ndokuramba akavabata achivadzikamisa. Tambaoga akatarisa kuna amai vake asi vakanga vasisaoni. Vakatarisana naTapiwa. Asi Tapiwa haana kuona kutya muna Tambaoga. Chaakaona chete kudzikama pamwe chete nokutirira kwomwoyo. VaZinwamhanga vakaenderera mberi.

"Mose munoda kuziva kuti Tambaoga akabatwa sei. Kana neni ndinodawo kuziva. Chigiya, dondipa nhava iyo." Vakatambidzwa nhava yacho yakanga yatorwa mugota maTambaoga. "Tambaoga, nhava iyi ndeyani?"

"Ndeyangu."

"Tinoda kuona zviri mukati mayo, mwanangu." Vakabva vabudisa ngundu yamambo Mupakaviri; vanhu vose ndokakahadzika nazvo. "Ko, ngundu iyi ndeyani?"

"Ndeyababa vangu, mambo Mupakaviri."

"Ko, wakaiwana kupi? Vakasiya vakupa here?"

"Kwete, havana kusiya vandipa. Ndakainhonga pamuunze womukoko, kuchikomo cheMaringa."

VaZinwamhanga vakaburitsa zibakatwa zihombe munhava yaTambaoga. "Ko, bakatwa iri nderaani, nhai Tambaoga?"

"Handizivi muridzi waro."

"Ko, iwe wakariwana kupi?"

"Rakanga rakabaya baba vangu kumusana. Ndini ndakaribvisa ndokubva ndarichengeta."

Vanhu vose vakashama namashoko aya. Kwete kuti vaidavira zvaitaurwa naTambaoga, asi kuti vakashama kuona banga rakanga rauraya mambo wavo.

"Heya ndiwe wakabvisa banga iri kumusana kwamambo. Wakavaona kupi?"

"Vakanga vazendamiswa pakati peibwe nomuunze muchikomo cheMaringa."

"Uri kureva muunze womukoko here?"

"Kwete, ndinodavira kuti vakaurayirwa pamuunze womukoko ndokuzotorwa voendeswa muchikomo cheMaringa."

"Wakaziva sei zvose izvi?"

"Ndakaona muhwezva wakaitwa pavaikakatwa."

Panguva idzi vanhu vakanga voratidza kuti vakanga voda kubvumirana nezvaipindurwa. VaZinwamhanga vakazviona asi hazvina kuvatambudza sokuti vakanga vachine mimwe mibvunzo mizhinji yavaida kubata Tambaoga nayo.

"Zvakanaka, mwanangu. Iwe unoti wakaona mambo akabayiwa nebanga kumusana ukaribvisa. Dzaive nguvai idzodzo?"

"Rungwanangwana, zuva risati rabuda."

"Ko, wakaziva sei kuti mambo akanga apondwa?"

"Handingakutaurirei kuti ndakazviziva sei. Izvo zviri kwandiri."

"Hezvoka." Vanhu vose vakashamisika kwazvo. "Ko, ungaramba sei kutaura nokuziva nezvokupondwa kwababa vako? Asi une mhosva zvechokwadi? Tambaoga, wakafumomuka zuva risati rabuda uchienda kuchikomo cheMaringa. Wakasvikako kusati kwachena, ndokuona mambo ari paaka-

nga asiyiwa. Saka zvinoreva kuti waiziva paakanga arika? Uri kuona here kuti kana uchinge usina kutitaurira, tinongoti ndiwe wakasiya wamuisapo? Kubvezvo tinobva tangoti ndiwe wakamupondaka?"

"Handina basa nezvamunofunga nezvamunotaura ini. Chokwadi ndicho chine basa chete. Saka ndicho chandiri kukutaurirai. Kana pasina kana kuti paine zvandinoda kukutaurirai, zviri kwandiri ini muridzi, Tambaoga, mwana waMambo Mupakaviri." Apa akabva atonyanya kugumbura vanhu namakurukota. Hazvaikodzera kuti mwana mudiki akadaro ataure mazwi akadaro pamberi pavakuru. Zvakaratidza kuti Tambaoga akanga achizvikudza.

"Tambaoga!" VaZinwamhanga vakanga vashatirwa zvino. "Tarira uone, uri mwana mudiki iwe. Vazhinji, kazhinji vezera rako, vanotiza kana vachinge vaona chitunha musango. Zvakanaka, iwe hauna kutiza zvako nokuti vaiva baba vako. Asi chitarisa uone, varume vose ava ndivo makurukota ababa vako. Apo vakanga vachiri vapenyu, pachinhu chipi nechipi zvacho chavaiita, vaishanda navarume ava. Kunyange dai uriwe waizoita mambo, waitosungirwa kushanda pamwe chete navarume ava. Ndidzo hama dzako; ndiwo maoko ako, ndivo misimboti yako uye ndivo vanogona kukubatsira mubasa ripi neripi zvaro. Ko, zvino zvawakanga waona kuti baba wako apondwa, wakadii kumhanyira kuno kuzotitaurirawo? Tose tingadai takaziva zvokuita. Baba wako mukama wangu, mwana wamai vangu, akandisiyira zamu. Sei usina kuuya kuno kumusha kuzotitaurira?"

"Chandakaregerera ndini ndinochiziva ndega."

"Nhaika? Zvakanaka. Iwe unoziva zvinhu zvizhinji kwazvo. Pakutanga wambotaura kuti wakaenda panzvimbo pavakanga vasiyiwa, nokuti wainyatsoziva nzvimbo iyi. Nokudaro, ini, kufunga kwangu ndinoti ndiwe wakavaponda. Idzi ipfungwa dzanguwo. Tichanzwa zvinobva kune vamwe mushure mokunge ndapedza kukubvunza. Zvino zvausina kutitaurira, waida kuti zvigozozivikanwa naani uye sei?"

"Izvi handina kumbozvifunga."

"Kwete, Tambaoga, mwanangu. Iti chete wakanga usi-

ngadi kuti zvizivikanwe. Ko, zvawakavaona uchibva wabvisa banga raiva kumusana kwavo, wakaita sei navo?"

"Ndakavatakura ndikanovaisa kuninga."

Vanhu vose vakashama nazvo. Vakambofunga kuti Tambaoga akanga openga. VaTakanongwa vaizvinzwira kurekure, savairota. VaZinwamhanga vakaenderera mberi nemibvunzo yavo. "Ko, ninga iyi wakaiziva sei? Wakanga uchiiziva here?"

"Kwete, ndakanga ndisingaizivi."

"Zvino wakagovaviga sei muninga yawakanga usingazivi?"

"Ndakaitsvaga ndikaiwana."

"Zvino wakanga uchida kuti vamwe vanhu varege kuziva kuti vakafa? Ini namamwe makurukota tinofunga kuti dzimwe nguva baba vako vakakuratidza ninga iyi vachiri vapenyu. Zvimwe ipapo ndipo pawakabva waronga kuti uchazovauraya uchizovaviga muninga iyi pasina anokuona. Asi zviripo zvacho ndezvokuti pane munhu akakuona. Unoda here kumuziva?"

"Kana neniwo ndakaona munhu. Pandakabva kunoisa baba muninga ndakaenda pamuunze womukoko pandakasvikoona ngundu yababa. Ndakaiisa munhava yangu pamwe nebakatwa rakabaya baba vangu. Asi ndakazonzwa mutsindo womunhu. Ndakahwanda ndisingadi kuonekwa asi ndichida kuona chaaitsvaga. Ndakafunga kuti ari kutsvaga banga kana kuti ngundu. Munhu uyu akatevedza muhwezva akasvika pavakanga vakazendamiswa, pakati peibwe nomuunze. Kubva ipapo akatevedza gwara randakafamba naro kuenda kuninga. Ndakaramba ndichimutevera ndichida kuona kuti ndiani asi handina kuona chiso chake nokuti aifamba akagwadama, pamwe achikambaira. Akapinda muninga ini ndikapindawo, ndiri shure kwake, asi ndiri kure. Ndakazosvikomuona asimudza dimuro rake, atosvika pandakanga ndaisa baba. Ndinodavira kuti aifunga kuti zvimwe anowana baba vachiri vapenyu. Handina kuona kuti ndiani nokuti maive murima. Ndakamuti, 'Hombarume!' Ndokubva apoya kubuda muninga. Ndiye munhu andakaona asi handina

kumuziva. Zvimwe iye akandiziva zvangu nezwi rangu. Kana ari pano ndinoda kumuziva."

"Kwete, iwe hausiriwe wakamuona asi kutoti ndiye akakuona. Akakuona wakatakura baba vako akabva akutevera. Akakuonazve wopinda muninga ndokubva amhanyira kuno kumusha kuzotiudza. Munhu iyeyu haana kupinda muninga. Zvimwe wawakaonana naye muninga mumwewo zvake. Zvakare handifungi kuti ichokwadi kuti wakasangana nomunhu muninga. Mombeshora, tipire tinzwe nyaya sokuona kwawakaita Tambaoga kuMaringa. Madzimai aya anoda kunzwawo."

VaMombeshora vakasimuka ndokurondedzera kutevera kwavakaita Tambaoga kudzimara apinda muninga. Mushure meshumo yavo vakagara pasi. Kana naiyewo Tambaoga akadavira kuti zvimwe VaMombeshora vakanga vamuona zvechokwadi achipinda muninga. Chinhu chakanyanyomutambudza ndechokuti zvino murume akatiza muninga aiva ani.

VaZinwamhanga vakazosimuka ndokutanga kutaura zvakare. "Tose tanzwa zvataurwa naMombeshora. Kana iye Tambaoga haana kuzviramba nokuti abvuma kuti akapinda muninga. Nokudaro Mombeshora akamuona zvechokwadi. Ko, ropa raiva muhuro napachipfuva raiva raaniko, nhai Tambaoga?"

"Raiva rababa vangu. Rakaerera pandakanga ndakavatakura."

"Ndiro here riri pabanga iri?"

"Hongu, ndiro."

"Ko, wakadii kurigeza?"

"Ndinoda kuramba ndichiriona. Rinondiyeuchidza kufa kwababa vangu pamwe nebasa guru randichada kuita. Iri richava basa gukutu kwazvo."

"Rinokuyeuchidza kuuraya kwawakaita baba vako. Uyo anoita upenyu hwebanga, anofawo nebanga, mwanangu. Pane munhu ane chaanoda kutaura here?"

Hapana munhu akasimudza musoro. VaTakanongwa ndivo chete vaingonzwikwa kuti pfiku pfiku kuchema. Ta-

mbaoga akavatarisisa. Akaona kuti hapana chaaigona kuita. Chinhu chakanyanya kumurwadza ndechokuti vanhu vose vaivepo vaifunga kuti iye aive mhondi. Vose vaaitarisana navo vaikurumidza kutarisa pasi kana kurutivi. Kana naTapiwa, munin'ina wake haana kugona kutarisana naye. Zvingadai zvakaita nani dai akatarisana naTapiwa. Dai vakatarisana vangadai vakatswinyirana maziso kuti azive kuti zvose izvi zvakanga zvisiri zvechokwadi. Tambaoga akaona sokunge nyika yose yakanga yamuramba.

"Munhu akauraya baba vangu ari pano, pakati pavanhu ava. Ini ndava musungwa asi munhu akaita basa rakaipa kudaro ari pano zvake. Vari kudavira pamwe vanodavira zvaanotaura asi vachiramba zvandinotaura ini. Munhu uyu akaedza kundiuraya usiku. Kana ndikarara pano zvakare, ndiri musungwa kudai, anondiuraya, iye achipunyuka. Kwete, handirari pano. Ndinofanira kutiza. Handizivi kwandichaenda, saka ndinozofunga zvandichaita kana ndatiza pano apa."

Vazhinji vakanga vakatarisa pasi. Chiroodza naChigiya vakanga vakamira kumativi aTambaoga vakaita sokunge vakanga vakanganwa basa ravo. Tambaoga akaviruka. Pakaitika bongozozo pakati pavanhu. Akaziva kuti kana akatizira shure, Chiroodza naChigiya vaigona kumubaya nokuti kwakanga kusina vanhu, kuchingova kuchenachena. Saka akanhamuka napakati pamadzimai ndokusiya yangova mheremhere mumashure. Seri kwamadzimai ndiko kwaiva namakurukota akanga akaisawo misoro pasi. Pavakasimudza maziso vakangoona makumbo obhururuka napamusoro pavo ndokubva vanzvengerazve pasi pakare. Pavakazviona, Chigiya naChiroodza vakatadza kukanda mapfumo kana miseve nokuti vakatya kubaya madzimai namakurukota. Vakaedza kumhanya nomukati mamadzimai namakurukota ndokuzoguma vongogumhana pamwe nokuita ndare namadzimai. Vose vakaramba vachimhanya-mhanya kwese kwese panzvimbo imwe chete. Zvakaitika ndezvokuti, munhu akaedza kumhanya napapa, waiona odhumhana kana kupiyana nomumwe zvakare; kuti atendeukire uku, odhumhana

nomumwe zvakare. Kuti aende napapa, osangana nokudhumhana nomumwezve. Rakanga rangova besanwa.

Mamwe madzimai haana kuziva kuti chii chakanga chichiitika. Vakaona mapfumo mudenga ndokufunga kuti zvimwe kwakanga kwaitika hondo. Mumwe wavo akabvunza achiti, "Ko, chii chaitika, nhai?"

Mumwewo akapindura achiti, "Tambaoga ari kubaya makurukota."

Kubuda kwakaita Chigiya naChiroodza munyonganyonga iyi, Tambaoga akanga atoenda, ave kure kure chaiko. Zvino vakanga vongomhanya-mhanya sezvinoita imbwa iye inenge yanzvengwa netsuro, isisazivi kuti yomhanyira kupi. VaPfumojena ndivo vakazovashevedzera kuti vachidzoka zvavo kuti vaone kupedza nyaya nokudzokera kudzimba dzavo nokuti Tambaoga akanga aenda chaizvo. Vakabvunza madzimai kana paine akanga akuvara asi hapana akavapindura. Vamwe vakanga vazvimba mhanza, vamwe vakabata mabvi. VaZinwamhanga vakanga vasvodogoka nokuti vakanga vawira muchigomba pavakaedza kutiza Tambaoga akanga anhamukira kuzovauraya. VaMombeshora vakanga vapinzwa chigunwe muziso nomumwe mudzimai. Vakarwadziwa zvokuti vakanga vongopembera kwose kwose, iro ziso richingochururuka misodzi.

Apo zvinhu zvose izvi zvakanga zvichiitika, Tapiwa akanga agere naamai vake achivanyaradza. Hongu, pfungwa yake yakanga ichida kudavira kuti zvechokwadiwo Tambaoga akanga aponda baba vake asi mumwe mwoyo wairamba. Pakapoya mukoma wake akanga akatarisawo. Haana chaakataura asi mwoyo wake wakadada naTambaoga paakaona ugamba hwakadaro.

Kwakava norunyararo. Pane zvino VaZinwamhanga vakataura vagere pasi pamusana pegumbo rakanga rava kurwadza. "Madzimai, nyatsodzikamai. Kana maenda kudzimba dzenyu, munofanira kuita mabasa enyu samazviya ose. Zvinhu zvaitika pano hazvibvumirwe kuudzwa vamwe vokunze. Tambaoga atiza asi isu tanga tichida kuti atongwe nedare rose, namakurukota, namachinda, pamwe chete navamwe vanhu

vose vari pano. Ndivo vaizoziva zvokuita naye pamwe nokusarudza mambo wavo mutsva. Kunyange atiza zvake, tichamubata chete. Hakuna kwaanoenda. Kure kwemeso nzeve dzinonzwa. Kunyange akatizira kure kwakadii tichanzwa kwaanenge ari chete. Chiendai zvenyu, madzimai, asi makurukota anofanira kumbosara."

Tapiwa akasimukawo pamwe chete naamai vake. Aifamba akavabata achitya kuti zvimwe vangapunzike kana kuzvirovera pasi. Vakazonyarara kuchema kwapera nguva chaiyo. Tapiwa akabva afunga kuti zvino yakanga yasvika nguva yokuti vambokurukura vose.

"Amai, zvinhu zvose zvaitika apo zvinonditambudza chose. Zvino ndiri kuti mumbomira kuchema. Tinoda kukurukura."

VaTakanongwa vakasimudza musoro vakatarisa mwana wavo sovakanga vasingamuzivi. Pfungwa dzavo dzairatidza sedziri kure kure kwazvo. Pakarepo vakabva vatanga kuchema zvakare. "Nhai Tambaoga, mwanangu, kubva wauraya baba vako! Wakaitireiko kudaro, nhai mwanangu? Ko, zvino waenda kupi? Ndinosara naani zvino?" VaTakanongwa vakanga vasiri kubararadza sokuti vakanga varambidzwa kuita izvozvo padare.

"Amai, muri kuchema ani zvino ipapa? Muri kuchema baba here kana kuti Tambaoga?"

"Ndiri kuchema murume wangu. Ndiri kuchema mwana wangu, Tambaoga. Tambaoga akauraya murume wangu."

Tapiwa haana kuziva kuti zvaireva chii. Kana munhu achinge apindwa nenhamo, pamwe anotaura zvinhu zvisina nomusoro wese. "Nhai Tambaoga, mwanangu, wandisiyireiko?"

"Kwete kani, amai. Tambaoga mupenyu."

"Akauraya murume wangu."

Tapiwa akabva atonyanya kutambudzika achida kuti azive kuti amai vake vakanga vava kupenga here kana kuti kwete. Akagara navo masikati ose. Kuzoti zuva rorereka, akanetawo nokugara pamba. Kana munhu usina chokuita unofunga tunhu tuzhinji kwazvo. Tapiwa akabva pamba ndokuenda

musango. Akanga asina kunhu kwaaida kuti aende chaiko. Aida kungofambawo zvake achizorodza pfungwa dzake, achida kuzodzoka kumba kana kunze kuchinga kwasviba. Akanga ane dimuro rake nemiseve nedati.

CHITSAUKO 12

"Kazano Kangu Kaya"

Apo akatiza, Tambaoga akambofunga kuti zvimwe ari kuteverwa. Akacheuka akaona kusina aimutevera, asi chakanyanya kumushamisa inyonganyonga yakasara ichiitika pavanhu vaakanga atiza. Naiyewo akambofunga kuti zvimwe vanhu vaakanga asiya vakanga vava kurwisana kana kuti zvimwe vakanga vava kurwisa Tapiwa naamai vake. Akapotera churu chakanga chiri kure zvishoma ndokubva apinda kuti anyatsoona. Haana kuda kumbozvilta kuti asiye amai vake naTapiwa vachipondwa.

Akanzwa VaPfumojena vodaidzira vachiti, "Chidzokai! Munofunga kuti muchamubata here? Chiuyai tipedze nyaya iyi tione kuenda kudzimba dzedu." Tambaoga akaona Chigiya naChiroodza vodzokera kwakanga kuna vamwe. Akanyemwerera achiziva zvake kuti magamba maviri aya akanga achinyara kwazvo kuti vakanga vatizwa nomunhu mumwe ivo vari vaviri, uye vaine mapfumo.

Akaramba akahwanda mukati memiti achida kuona zvaizoitika. Mushure mechinguva chakati, akazoona madzimai achisimuka kuenda kudzimba. Kwakasara makurukota chete, pamwe chete naChigiya naChiroodza. Varume ava vakataura kwenguva ndefu kwazvo ndokuzosimukawo zvavo voenda. Kana vakanga vafunga kuti Tambaoga akanga aenda kure kure, vakanga vakanganisa mukufunga kwavo.

Tambaoga akarara muchuru ichi kwenguva ndefu kwazvo. Arimo akaronga zvaaida kuzoita. Zvokutiza achienda kure

kure akabva azvikandira kwakadaro uko. "Hongu ndinogona kutiza ndichienda kwasekuru, kuManhize, ndichinogara ikoko ndichifara asi handiendi. Ndinofanira kugara imo mumatunhu ano. Ndinotsvaga munhu akauraya baba vangu ndiri muno. Izvozvi kana vanhu ava vachida kunditsvaga, vanonditsvagira kure kwazvo vachifunga kuti zvimwe ndiko kwandaenda. Havamboziva kuti ndiri muno. Zvakare ndinoda kuti vazive kuti ndiri mudunhu rino. Vakazviziva vanobva vatya kwazvo. Ndinoda kuvatyisidzira kusvikira vava kurara pamwe chete vose. Kana vachinge vangotya chete, vanobva vaita zvinhu zvinovaburitsa pachena, nokuti munhu ane mhosva anogara achitya nguva dzose."

Akambofunga mutambo waaichimbotamba navamwe achiri mudiki wezera raTamuka. Vaiita denderedzwa vobatana maoko. Kwaipinda munhu mumwe chete mudariro. Vose vaimhanya vachitenderera vachiimba vachiti, "Apa, pakasungwa noutare; apa, zinyekenyeke." Painzi zinyekenyeke ndipo pakanga pasina kusimba. Munhu aiva pakati pedariro aiedza kutsvaga nzvimbo yakanga isina kusimba kuti apoye achibuda panze. Tambaoga akanga achida kutsvaga munhu akanga asina kusimba pakati pavo vose; omutyisidzira obva adura zvose zvaaiziva.

Akatanga kurangarira munhu mumwe nomumwe pavashanu ava achisiya Chigiya naChiroodza. "Ava vaviri vaingova nhume chete. Zvinonzi, 'Mutumwa haana mbonje'. Ko, babamunini, VaZinwamhanga?" VaZinwamhanga vakanga vasiri mbwende, kwete, asi vaingoda kuita utsinye chete. "Zvechokwadi kana vachinge vapindwa nomweya wakaipa, vaingogona kuuraya baba. Ko, zuva riye randakatamba naTapiwa pamberi pavo, chii chakaita kuti vatye kudaro? Zvinoreva here kuti vakanga vatotaurirwa nyaya iyi naMombeshora saka vakavhunduka kudaro? Hameno, tichaona. Ko, VaPfumojena? Kwete. Uyu murume ane mwoyo wakanaka kwazvo. Haangagoni kuita zvakadaro. Ko, VaManyengavana? Hameno, zvakare. VaDambanemhuka? Hameno apa. Pose apa pane kupokana. Ko, VaMombeshora? Aka ndiko karume kasina kutsarukana. Nguva dzose ndaishama

kuti baba vakakaitirei gurukota. Munhu haaonekwi namamiriro aakaita. Vamwe vakanunira kunze samasusu asi mukati iri tsvina yoga. Zvimwe Mombeshora ndiye munhu kwaye kukunda vose. Hazvingazivikanwi."

Akafamba achitevedza magwenzi chete. Akakwira muchikomo chapamuzinda ndokutarisa dzimba dzamambo nedzaVaZinwamhanga. Akaona Chandisaita achibva kutsime nechirongo chemvura. Ipapo akabva anzwa nyota chaizvo asi hazvaibvira kuti awane mvura panguva idzodzo. Pakarepo akaona Tapiwa achibva pamusha achipinda musango. "Tapiwa! Zvaita zvakanaka. Kazano kangu kaya!" Akadzika kubva muchikomo ari nerimwe divi. Hoyo, nomuchisango ichocho ari kure nomusha. Akasvika pamutamba ndokumbomira zvake achidya matamba. Ipapo nyota yake yakamboderera zvishoma. Akatanga kufamba zvakare.

CHITSAUKO 13

Maranganwa omukoma nomunin'ina

Tapiwa akanga ane pfungwa dzakewo paaifamba musango kudaro. "Hongu, kutaurwa kwazvaitwa pamusangano zvinoratidza sokunge baba vakaurayiwa naTambaoga. Asi aizouraya baba nemhaka yei? Ndiye mukuru mumba medu. Zvose zvirimo, kunyange dai baba varipo kana vasipo, ndezvake uyezve umambo ndohwake."

Mukomana uyu akanga asiri munhu anoda kufunga zvinhu zvinonetsa kana zvenhamo. Nguva dzose chaaida kwaiva kufara. Ipapa akabva afunga kutamba kwaaichimboita naTambaoga. "Mukoma havasisipo, saka ndotamba zvangu ndegaka? Naiyewo otamba zvake ega, nhai?" Misodzi yake yakabva yatanga kudonha. Akafunga zvokuenda kujecha rokurwizi ravaigarotamba vachirovana naro vasina kupfeka. Izvi vaizviita mushure mokutiva mudziva raiveko. Pakanga pane

kanzira kavaigarofamba nako, ivo vega chete, vachienda kudziva iri. Tapiwa akafamba nakanzira aka ndokusvika padombo guru raiva pedyo nenzira.

Akazongoerekana amira chete. Tambaoga akanga akazendama padombo iri sokunge akanga asina chinhu chaimunetsa panyika. Ruoko rworuboshwe rwaiva pachiuno, rworudyi rwuri padombo, akazendama nehudyu.

Vakaramba vakatarisana. Tambaoga akanyemwerera asi Tapiwa akaita pfungwa dzainge dzakapesana-pesana—rufaro, kusuwa, pamwe chete nokutya. Rudo, ruvengo nehasha zvakabva zvangosangana maari. Ndiyeyuka mukoma waakanga achifunga. Hoyo, ava pamberi pake asi haachazivi zvokuita. Ko, Tambaoga akanga achisekei? Chii chaimufadza panguva dzakadai? Mushure menguva chaiyo Tapiwa ndiye akazotanga kutaura.

"Makazviita here, nhai mukoma?"

"Zvii?"

"Zviya zvataurwa mangwanani."

"Tapiwa, ini handizivi. Ko, iwe unofungei?"

Tambaoga haana kuzonyemwerera. Uso hwake hwakanga hwapinduka. "Ini ndabvunza imi, mukoma. Ko, makazviita here?"

"Ndiri kubvunza iwe, Tapiwa. Ndati iwe unofungei? Tapiwa, unofanira kuziva kuti wava munhu mukuru. Unofanira kuzvifungirawo pachako. Ndati iwe unofungei?"

Tapiwa akaramba akatarisa mukoma wake. Mushure mechinguva akazoti, "Hamuna kuzviita, mukoma."

"Wazviita zvako, Tapiwa. Ndinokutenda nokuti une chivimbo neni. Ndibate maoko."

Vakabatana maoko. "Chinzwa, Tapiwa. Ndinoda kukutaurira zvose zvakaitika. Dai wanga uchifunga kuti ndini ndakauraya baba handaimbokutaurira. Ko, amai vanofungei?"

"Ndavasiya vachingochema asi masikati ose ndanga ndiinavo. Ndamboedza kutaura navo asi havasi kutaura zvinonzwikwa kwete. Mukoma, ndanga ndichifunga kuti mato-

enda kure kure kwazvo. Ko, muchiri kuitei mumitunhu ino? Hamuzivi here kuti kana vakakubatai vanokuurayai?"

"Havambondibata. Handimbotiza munhu akauraya baba vangu. Pakati pavanhu ava, Tapiwa, pane munhu akauraya baba vedu. Ndiye andiri kutsvaga. Ndiyo mhembwe yandaitaura iya. Ndichamuvhima kusvikira ndamubata."

"Ko, zvino tichamubata sei? Munongozivawo kuti ini zvokufunga mazano handizvigoni ini. Ndiudzei kuti tinomubata sei?"

Tambaoga akafara kwazvo kunzwa munin'ina wake achitaura zvakadaro. Zvakanyanya kumufadza ndezvokuti munin'ina wake akanga ane shunguwo dzokuda kubata munhu iyeye, pamwe nokuda kumubatsira. "Saka chinzwa, Tapiwa. Ndinoda kutaura chokwadi chakaitika."

Akatsanangurira munin'ina wake zvose zvakanga zvaitika —kurotswa kwaakaitwa nababa vake, kuenda kwaakaita kuMaringa, kuwana kwaakaita baba, zvose nokunovaviga kwaakaita kuninga. Akamutaurirazve nezvomurume uye waakarwisa muninga pamwe chete nezvokuurayiwa kwaaida kuitwa usiku mugota make. Ipapo Tapiwa akabva aziva zvaaida kuziva pamwe nezvokutamba kwavakaita pamberi paVaZinwamhanga.

"Ko, nhai mukoma, madii kutsanangura zvose izvi pamberi pavanhu mangwanani?"

"Uchiri pwere, Tapiwa. Hausi kuona here kuti muvengi wedu aripowo pakati pavanhu ivava? Wanga uchida here kuti azive zvose zvakaitika? Hausi kuona here kuti taibva tamuchenjedza? Munhu uyu akaedza kundiuraya usiku nokuti ari kutya. Ari kutya kuti ndiri kumutsvaga. Saka achazviburitsa pachena nemhaka yokutya kwake ikoko. Tinofanira kumuzivisa kuti ndiri muno makare."

"Ini ndava kugara nemi kuno. Handichadzokera kumusha zvakare."

"Kwete, Tapiwa. Ungatondibatsira kwazvo kana uchinge uri kumusha. Unofanira kudzokera. Iwe uchiri muduku, saka panguva ino muvengi wedu haana mhosva newe. Ko, chiiko chasara choitika pandapoya napakati pavanhu?"

Tapiwa akamuudza zvakanga zvaitika zvose. Vakambokanganwa nhamo dzavo ndokuseka zvokuti mudumbu makasara mopisa nokurwadza.

"Ndinofunga kuti Chiroodza anga achida kuti mutize chete. Asi Chigiya, uu-uu-u, makafanira kumuchenjerera."

"Hongu Chiroodza munhu akanaka, asi Chigiya handimbofa ndakamutya."

"VaZinwamhanga vasvodogoka pavapinza gumbo mugomba. VaMombeshora vatosvorwa muziso." Vose vakabva vaseka zvavo. "Ko, madyeiko, nhai mukoma? Hamusi mava kuziya nenzara here?"

"Ndichauya ndodya kumba."

"Kumba? Muri kuuya kumba?"

"Hongu; unofunga kuti ndiani angambofunga zvokunditsvaga pamba? Vose vari kungofunga kuti ndapedza mitunhu nemitunhu ndichitiza chete. Uudze amai kuti vaise sadza mugota mangu. Kubvira nhasi iwe unorara mugota mangu. Tamuka ngaarambe achirara mugota menyu. Kana achitya anonorara naamai. Handidi kuti azive kuti ndinosvika pamba nokuti achiri pwere. Rimwe zuva angazobvotomoke pana vanhu."

"Zvino munosvika nguvai?"

"Pakati pousiku. Basa redu riri kutangisa mangwana. Iwe chindipa uta hwako pamwe chete nemiseve yacho. Kwete, regera zvako nokuti pangadai paine vanhu vakuona uchibva kumba uinayo. Vakakuona uchidzoka usina vangazonyumwa. Chienda, ndozokuona pakati pousiku."

Tapiwa akaonekana nomukoma wake ndokubva atendeuka kuti achidzokera kumba. "Ee, Tapiwa!"

"Mukoma."

"Paunenge uri kumusha gara uchiteerera zvose zvinotaura munhu upi noupi zvake. Ndinoda kuziva zvose zviri kuitwa navanhu ava. Unofanira kuteerera zvose, wozondiudza kana ndauya. Ndiro basa rako guru iroro. Rimwe rose nderangu. Ufarise amai. Uvaudze kuti vasatambudzike zvavo."

"Zvakanakai, mukoma." Mwoyo waTapiwa wakazara norufaro. Paakasvika kumba, amai vake vakanga vasunga

musoro negavi nokuti wakanga wava kutema pamusana pokuchema. Akasvikochonjomara pamberi pavo. Mumba imomo makanga musina mumwe munhu sezvo vazhinji vakanga vasingazivi nezvokufa kwamambo. Saka hakuna akanga auya kuzobata maoko. Ivo vapamuzinda vakanga vasingabvumirwi kuungana pamwe chete vachitaura nazvo.

Tapiwa akabata musoro waamai vake namaoko maviri ndokutaura munzeve mavo nakazevezeve. "Amai, ndange ndina Tambaoga."

"Huu? Wati kudii?"

Akaisa chigunwe pamuromo pake achivaratidza kuti vasataurisa. "Ndati ndanga ndina Tambaoga."

"Tapiwa!" Maziso avo akanga zvino achiti piriviri kutsvuka nokuchema. Asi panguva iyi akapenya nokufara pamwe nokuda kunzwa mamwezve mashoko. Tapiwa akavatsanangurira kusangana kwaakanga aita nomukoma wake pamwe chete namashoko aakanga audzwa. "Zvino achauya kuno, nhai Tapiwa? Hauoni here kuti ipapa panotyisa? Vakamubata vanomuuraya chokwadi."

"Havambomubata, amai. Hamusati maona zvaari kuita."

Kwasviba, Tamuka akasvika achibva kunotamba kwaakanga aswera. Akasvikirana pamwe chete naChandisaita. Muswere wese wezuva akanga aswera achitamba navasikana vezera rake. Mwana uyu raiva jengavasikana pachokwadi.

CHITSAUKO 14

"Mangwanani kwamuri magamba"

Tapiwa akapepuka ndokubva ada kuridza mhere. Akapfumbirwa muromo noruoko. "Ndini kani! Ndini Tambaoga!" Izwi racho rakataura nakazevezeve. "Iiii, Museyamwa! Inga muri mutizashizha chaiye!"

"Ndange ndichirota hope dzinotyisa kwazvo. Ko, masvika rini?"

"Ndasvika karekare. Hausi kuona kuti ndatopedza kudya sadza?"

"Mukoma, munofamba somumvuri chaiwo."

"Ko, amai vari kumba here?"

"Vanga vati vanoda kukuonai kana muchinge masvika. Ini ndini ndatozoramba ndichiti hazvibviri kuti muonane nhasi asi mumwe musi. Chimbokotsirai zvishoma, mukoma."

"Chimbotanga wandiudza zvawanzwa nhasi. Ndichakotsira zvangu asi ndinofanira kuenda usiku huno zvakare."

"VaZinwamhanga vaita mumwezve musangano namakurukota mauro ano. Ndanzwa kunzi paitiranwa nharo kwazvo. Ndinoziva kuti mamwe makurukota haasi kunyatsobvuma kuti ndimi makauraya baba. Vari kuda kuti nyaya iongororwe patsva."

"Ndivanaani vasiri kuwirirana navamwe?"

"Zvinonzi ndaVaPfumojena naVaManyengavana. Vanonzi vaita nharo kwazvo. Sokutaura kwavo, VaPfumojena vanoti dai muchinge maonekwa, hamufaniri kusungwa kwete asi kuti munyengetedzwe kutaura zvamunoziva. Vanoti pakucheredza kwavaita mangwanani, munonzi imi maramba kutaura zvizhinji zviri muhana yenyu. Izvozvo ndizvo zvavari kuda kuziva ivo, asi vakoneswa navamwe. VaManyengavana ndivo chete vari kudivi ravo."

"Vamwe vose vari kuda kuti ndisungwe nhai?"

"Hongu. Izvozvi vari kuda kutuma vanhu vanonokutsvagai kwose kwose. Chinhu chokutanga vari kuda kuziva kwamaenda nako. Kana vaziva divi ravanofunga kuti ndiro ramatiza naro, vanotumira mauto anonokutsvagai. Mangwana chaiwo vari kutuma Chigiya naChiroodza kuti vanobvunza-bvunza nokufeya- feya kana pachinge paine munhu akambosangana nemi mumisha yakatenderedza muzinda uno. Kana varonda gwara racho ndipo pavachazodzoka kuno kuzotora mauto vokuteverai."

"Zvino kwavari kutanga kundobvunza ndokupi?"

"Vari kutanga nokwaMukombarongo nokuti ndiroka divi ramatizira naro zvamapoya mangwanani."

"Vanenge vari vaviri chete here?"

"Sokunzwa kwandaita, vanenge vari vaviri chete."

"Zvakanaka. Iwe chirara zvako. Ini ndichamborongedza zvombo zvangu zviri muno. Ndinoda kuti ndive nazvo mangwana. Muno mune chipfuko here?"

"Pane chimwe chiduku chiri seri kwesasa. Asi hamuna kunwa mvurasu? Ndicho chandauya ndakatakurira mvura yenyu yokugeza neyokunwa."

"Ndambenge ndanwa zvangu kurwizi. Chirara zvako."

Tapiwa paakapepuka zvakare, kunze kwakanga kwatoedza asi Tambaoga akanga asisimo. Akatenge atova kure kure kwazvo, muchimwe chisango chaive pedyo nenzira. Akagara muchisango ichi akazvambarara, uta nemiseve zviri parutivi.

Akamirira kwenguva ndefu chaizvo kudzamara kunze kwadziya chaizvo. Mumisha, madzimai akatenge apedza kubika. Tambaoga akanga achitarisa munzira yaibva kumuzinda. Paakasimudza musoro zvakare akabva atora miseve yake ndokuiisa papfudzi. Akaisa mumwe chete pauta. Pfumo akarisiya riri pakare ndokufamba achienda pedyo nenzira. Akamira seri kwomuti achiitira kuti vanhu vaakanga achida vanyatsosvika pedyo. Pavakanga vave chinhambwe chinoverengeka, akapinda munzira ndokusvikomira pamberi pavo. Chigiya naChiroodza vakabva vangomirawo.

Chigiya aive pamberi akatanga kufemera pamusoro, zviya zvinoita munhu kana achinge ashatirwa. Chiroodza akaswederawo ndokusvikomira kuruboshwe kwaChigiya. Tambaoga akafara kwazvo nokushamisa kwaakanga aita varume ava. "Mangwanani kwamuri, magamba," akadaro kwavari achinyemwerera. "Ndinofara kukuonai."

Hapana akapindura, saka Tambaoga akaenderera mberi. "Zvechokwadi ndafara kukuonai. Ndiri kutaura chokwadi changu chose. Ndine urombo nokuti ndakakutizai nezuro. Makasara zvakanaka here?"

Chiroodza ndiye akatanga kutaura. "Tanga tisingafungi kuti tinosangana newe, Tambaoga. Uri kuitei kuno?"

"Ko, ndoenda kupi?"

"Zvawakatiza waida kuenda kupi?"

"Ndakanga ndichingobva pamuri chete. Ko, imi muri kuenda kupi?"

"Tiri kutsvaga Tambaoga. Iwe unofanira kuzviziva."

"Zvino mandionaka."

Nguva yose iyi Tambaoga aitaura naChiroodza. Aiita sokunge akanga asina hanyn'a nazvo. Haana kumbotya kubatwa kana kuurayiwa. Asi paaingunotaura kudaro, akanga akanyatsotarisisa Chigiya. Murume akanga achinyatsoronga mazano okuti angaratidza ugamba hwake kuitira kuti agononyatsotendwa naVaZinwamhanga. Aifunga kuti ndivo vakanga vava kuzoita mambo. Saka iye aida kuvafadza napose paaigona kuitira kuti agoitwa mukuru-mukuru pamuzinda.

Chiroodza akapindurazve. "Uri wega, Tambaoga. Uri kutamba nokufa. Unofunga kuti uri kuita chii izvozvo?"

"Ndiri kutsvaga munhu akauraya baba vangu."

"Hausiwe here wakavauraya?"

"Ndinokukudza kwazvo, Chiroodza. Ndinofunga kuti une pfungwa. Usataure marara akadaro."

Chigiya akabva akanda pfumo rake. Paakangosimudza ruoko, Tambaoga akabva asvetukira kurutivi. Panguva imwe cheteyo, akatepfenyura museve wakasvikobaya Chigiya napabendekete roruoko rwaakanga ashandisa kukanda pfumo. Murume mukuru akabva ati pasi zhi-i. Tambaoga akaenda kwaakanga ari ndokusvikodzipura museve uya, kwete zvinyoronyoro, asi nesimba nehasha. "Uri rema chairo, Chigiya. Unonyanya kuda ugamba kani. Kuda kwaunohuita kuchakuurayisa. Dai ndanga ndichida ndingadai ndakuuraya. Unotofanira kunditenda nokuti hapana mumwe munhu andinoda kuuraya kunze kweakauraya baba vangu."

Pakadzipurwa museve Chigiya akaridza mhere pamusana pokurwadziwa. Zvino akanga ongobhon'a nokuyaura ari pasi kudaro, ropa richingoerera. "Chiroodza, kanda pfumo rako pasi usvuure gavi tisunge murume uyu paakuvara ropa rirege kubuda." Chiroodza akaita saizvozvo. Mushure mechinguva

chidikidiki akauya negavi rakanga riri bamhi. Akasunga ruoko rwaChigiya ropa ndokusara robuda zvaro rave shoma, richiita zvokusinina chete.

Tambaoga akatora mapfumo aChigiya naChiroodza ndokubva agara pachibwe. Chiroodza akasimudza Chigiya, Tambaoga ndokumuudza kuti amutevere. Haana kuenda navo kure. Vakangopota paseri pechigwenzi. Akaita izvi kuti vanhu vaifamba nenzira iyoyo varege kuvaona. Vasvikapo, akavagarisa pasi ndokutanga kutaura.

"Ndinoziva zvangu kuti manga matumwa kuzotsvaga gwara randakatora ndichibva padare. Zvino ini ndava kukutumaiwo kuna vakutumai. Endai munovaudza kuti Tambaoga haana kutiza, ari mudunhu rino. Ndiri kutsvaga munhu akauraya baba vangu. Vaudzei zvakare kuti ndiri kuswedera pedyo zuva nezuva. Kusati kwapera nguva ndefu, vachaona ropa. Kana vachinge vaona ropa iri ngavazive kuti Tambaoga asvika, ari kuda munhu wake.

"Zvino ndinoda kukutaurirai mose muri vaviri kuti daka iri harisi renyu. Saka munofanira kukurumidza kubva mariri. Rambai kutumwa kuita zvisinei nemi. Kana mavaudza izvi, dzokerai kumisha yenyu. Ndikazokuonai zvakare, penyu panobva papera. Kana muchinge musina kuteerera, imhosva yenyu. Saka chiendai munovataurira izvozvo."

Akaramba akavatarisa apo vakanga vava kuenda. Chiroodza akacheuka ndokutswinyira Tambaoga ziso. Achinyemwerera, Tambaoga akaitawo zvimwe chetezvo, ndokuparadzana zvavo.

CHITSAUKO 15

Tapiwa anotapa mazano apadare

Tambaoga akambogarapo kwechinguva. Akazosimuka ndokutora mapfumo avanaChiroodza avakanga vasiya. Akaendawo kwaakanga asiya rake ndokuritora, pamwe nechipfuko chaakanga atora mugota make usiku. Akaenda pakati pesango iri ndokuviga mapfumo ose, otora chipfuko pamwe chete nemiseve nouta. Muswere wose wezuva akaswera achidzidzira kupfura asingapotsi. Akanga achidzidzira pamiti. Akambenge adzidziswa kushandisa zvombo kubvira achiri mudiki namakurukota ababa vake. Izvi aingoitira kuti anyatsozivisisa somunhu akanga apinda pakamanikidzika. Kudya hakuna kumunetsa sokuti akanga ane zvimikuyu zvakanga zviri muchipfuko, asi nyota ndiyo yakazomufungisa zvokumhanyira kurwizi kwaakanosvikoisa imwe mvura muchipfuko.

Pane nguva inofamba mhuka dzesango zhinji, kazhinji kana zuva richinge rorereka. Panguva ino mhuka dzinenge dzofura kokupedzisira, dzogadzirira kundorara. Nokudaro Tambaoga akaona mhembwe asi yakanga iri kure chaizvo. Akakotama ndokunokora tuvhu otuurutsa achida kuziva kwaienda mhepo. Ipapo akaona kuti akanga ari kumhepo kwemhembwe iyi. Akatora chipfuko chake ndokupakatira uta nemiseve. Achinyahwaira, akatenderera sango ndokuuya norumwe rutivi. Akainyangira zvishoma nezvishoma achibva amira. Akatya kuti akasvika pedyo ingatize. Akapfugama nebvi rimwe chete. Akanyatsonanga museve wake ndokuutepfenyura. Mhembwe yakakwakuka ichibva yadonhera pasi pakare. Haina kumbozosimuka zvakare. Akanga aibaya pambabvu, pedyo nebendekete. Akadeura mvura yaive muchipfuko omhanyira kwayaive iri.

Haana kusvikodzipura museve nokuti aitya kuti rimwe ropa ringarasikire pasi. Akaicheka muhuro, ropa rose ndokupinda muchipfuko chikabva chazara. Mushure mezvi akaivhiya

ndokuitumbura achisvina ura odzorera mukati makare. Akasunga-sunga dumbu rayo ndokuiputira mumashizha.

Zvino zuva rakanga rodoka. Tamboaga akamborara zvake. Pakazoti pava pakati pousiku ndokubva amuka. Mitoro yakanga yamuwandira. Chipfuko ndicho chakamunetsa nokuti akanga asingadi kuti chiputsike. Akaisa mhembwe yake papfudzi ndokubata chipfuko zvakasimba noruoko rworudyi. Uta nemiseve zvakanga zviri muhapwa.

Akasvikopinda mugota achibva amutsa Tapiwa. Sezvineiwo Tapiwa haana kuvhunduka panguva ino. "Tapiwa, ndauya nemhembwe yandaurayira amai. Ndatoivhiya kare saka hapana chichanetsa. Ndaiturika mumadziro, seri kwesasa. Ko, wanga uri pano here kusvika kwaita Chigiya naChiroodza?"

Tapiwa akanyemwerera zvake. "Hongu, ndanga ndichitovako kudare kwaVaZinwamhanga. Ndanga ndaenda sendiri kundotarisa gumbo ravo rinorwadza. Ndaita sendiri kurwadziwa mwoyo uye ndavaratidza sendinokuvengai chaizvo pamusana pokuuraya baba kwamunonzi makaita. Babamunini vave kundida zvandisati ndamboona."

"Ndizvo zvaunofanira kuita izvozvo. Zvino zvafamba sei?"

"VaMombeshora vange varipowo. Mazuva ano havachambosiyana kwete. Tose taona Chigiya naChiroodza vosvika. Vanga vasina mapfumo avo uye Chigiya anga akabata bendekete rorudyi. Pandaona rwakasungwa negavi ndabva ndangonyumwa kuti ibasa raTambaoga iroro. VaZinwamhanga naVaMombeshora vangoramba vakashama miromo zvikanzi naChiroodza, 'Tasangana naTambaoga kunzira yokwaMukombarongo. Ndiye abaya Chigiya nomuseve pabendekete apa. Atiudza kuti tikuzivisei kuti ari muno makare uye hapana kwaari kuenda. Ari kutsvaga munhu akauraya baba vake. Ataura kuti ari kuswedera zuva nezuva. Zvanzi mukaona ropa, zivai kuti Tambaoga asvika. Zvino ini naChigiya tauya tichikurukura munzira umu. Bopoto renyu hatinei naro isu. Tava kuenda kumusha kwedu uye musatidaidze zvakare.' Handisati ndamboona kutya kwakadaro, mukoma. VaMombeshora vadedera zvandaonawo ini.

"Vabva vangotumwa kunodaidza VaPfumojena, VaDambanemhuka, naVaManyengavana. Vachangosvika, VaZinwamhanga vabva vangovapira nyaya yose vachibvunza kuti voita sei.

" 'Tarisa uone, Tambaoga ava kufunga kuti tisu takauraya mambo. Hongu, neniwo ndava kufunga kuti haasi iye akauraya mambo. Haasi Tambaoga. Ko, iwewo unofungei, Mombeshora?'

"VaMombeshora vapindura vachiti, 'Kubva haasi iye.' Uku kwanga kuri kubvumirana naVaDambanemhuka."

Tapiwa akaenderera mberi zvakare. "VaZinwamhanga vanenge vanga votyawo. Vabva vataura kuti, 'Zvino mwana uyu ava kuvhima isu. Chokwadi tikasachenjera anogona kutiuraya. Tinofanira kuwana vanhu vanotichengeta.' Ipapo vanyengetedza Chigiya naChiroodza kuti varege kuenda kumisha yavo. Asi vabva varamba chose. Izvozvi vatoenda kumisha yavo. Zvino mangwana VaMombeshora vari kutumwa kundotora chikwata chamauto kuti chizochengeta muzinda uno wose. Zvanga zvanzi vaende voga asi ivo varamba. Vataura kuti vari kutya kusangana nemi. Vari kufunga kuti midzimu inokuudzai kwavanenge vari. Zvino zvazonzi vanoenda naVaDambanemhuka. Vari kundotora mauto ari kujinda, Chirichoga."

"Ko, vanoenda nguvai?" Tambaoga akabvunza.

"Vari kuzosimuka pano mukubuda kwezuva."

"Zvakanaka, Tapiwa." Ipapo Tambaoga akanga atopedza kudya sadza. Akageza maoko ndokutanga kutaura zvakare. "Nhasi handisi kurara pano, Tapiwa. Ndicharara musango nokuti pane basa guru kwazvo randinoda kuita."

"Ivo VaZinwamhanga vambouya kuno vachiti vari kuda kutaura naamai. Asi amai varamba. Vataura kuti havasi kunzwa zvakanaka."

"Vari kurwara zvechokwadi here?"

"Kwete, havasi kurwara. Varamba nokuti vati vanoda kutanga vanzwa zvamunotaura imi."

"Chinzwa, Tapiwa. Amai ngavabvume kutaura navo. VaZinwamhanga ngavauye kumba mangwana, manheru vanhu

vapedza kudya. Ndichada kunzwa zvavanotaura. Saka toonana mangwana." Tambaoga akabuda ndokutora chipfuko chaakanga asiya panze. Usiku ihwohwo, achifamba somumvuri, akashanyira dzimba nhatu. Akazokotsira ava musango, kunzira yaienda kwaChirichoga.

CHITSAUKO 16

Denderedzwa reropa nomuseve

Kunze kwakanga kwaedza. Mudzimai waVaMombeshora, VaMuchadii, vakanga vataurirwa usiku kuti murume wavo aizofamba karwendo rungwanangwana. Havana kutaurirwa kuti aizenge achienda kupi kana kuti aifambirei. Somudzimai akarurama, vakamuka vachida kugadzirira murume wavo mbuva. Nokudaro vakada kutora huni panze dzokupfutsa moto.

Vakazarura musuo ndokuisa gumbo panze kuti vachibuda. Pakarepo vakasvetukira mumba makare. Vakatadza kunyatsomira ndokubva vaita manhede pamusoro paVaMombeshora mumagudza mavakanga vari, vasati vamuka. VaMombeshora vakavhunduka.

"Zvaita seiko? Wava kupenga here, Muchadii?"

VaMuchadii vakabva vatadza nokutaura kwose. "Pa . . . paamm . . . aa, pams . . . pamu . . . suo. Ropa! Museve mutsvuku!"

Murume akakwakuka ndokurasira gudza kwakadaro uko. Vakamhanyira kumusuo kuti vandotarisa. Vasvikapo, vakaramba vakangodzvondora meso. Pamusuo pavo pakanga pane ropa. Ropa iri rakanga rakaita denderedzwa. Mukati medenderedzwa irori makanga mune museve mutsvuku, museve wakanga uine ropa.

VaMombeshora vakaita somunhu airota. Vakayeuka

mazwi akanga ataurwa naChiroodzu. "Mukange maona ropa, zivai kuti Tambaoga asvika."

"Zvino Tambaoga ari kufunga kuti ndini ndakabaya mambo ini? Vadzimai, ndipei nhabwa dzangu ndipfeke." Vakapfeka nokukurumidza.

Vasati vasimuka, vadzimai vavo vakavabata ruoko. "Mava kuenda kupi?"

"Rega kundibata kani! Chirega ndiende nguva dzisati dzapera."

"Munoenda kupiko? Munoda kudarika ropa iri? Hamuoni here kuti uroyi chaihwo uhwu? Mungaridarika mukapona imi? Zvinoda kushoperwa izvi. Munopenga here?"

Vakatarisana mumba imomo. "Rega ndiende kani, nhai Muchadii!"

"Munoda kuenda kupiko?"

"Kuna Zinwamhanga."

"Kunotorei? Iko kwaZinwamhanga kwamunongoti, mangwana, kwaZinwamhanga, mangwana, kwaZinwamhanga, mangwana, kwaZinwamhanga, kuneiko? Aiwa, tichanzwa zviriko!"

Vadzimai vakasiyiwa vanzi kwakadaro uko, supfu, ndokundorovera kumadziro ndiye njaya. VaMombeshora vakasvetukira panze. Mudzimai akafunga kuti achangoona murume ati rapata, aomera ipapo. Murume akamboti dhuu kufunga akabata chirebvu. Nechomumwoyo akati; murume murume, anofa aedza. Akabva angorovera mwoyo kudombo ndokudududza achidzokera shure kuti anyatsokunga simba rokusvetukisa.

Akanyatsokombama achidududza akaita sedhibhura, tsinga dzamakumbo nedzomutsipa ndokuti tande tande. Kurumanisa mazino nokumisa manamda pameso kwaakanga akaita zvakaita kuti aratidzike somunhu aiva nechaimurwadza. Rume rakakwakuka setsuro yavhundutswa; ndokuti kapa kapa, kwakadaro uko pu-u. Rakambokunguruka sembongoro iri padurunhuru. Chokwadi munhu unonzwa kurwadza kana uchinge uri parugare. VaMombeshora vakazonzwa

kurwadza kwatopera chinguva chaizvo. Murume akamuka zvake ndokumhanya achienda kwaVaZinwamhanga.

VaMuchadii vakaramba vachingobvunda vari mukati memba. Vakadzvokora denderedzwa nomuseve waro. Pakarepo VaDambanemhuka vakabva vangosvikawo nepo vachifemereka nokumhanya. Chavakatanga kuona idenderedzwa reropa nomuseve waro. Vakaudyura maziso vakaritarisa. "Tambaoga asvika! Tambaoga!"

"Vamwe venyu vaenda kwaZinwamhanga."

VaDambanemhuka vakabva vangomhanyawo vachienda kwaVaZinwamhanga. VaMuchadii vakafunga kuti chokwadi varume vomumusha uyu vakanga vava kupenga vose. VaMombeshora vakasvika kwaVaZinwamhanga vachimhanya savaitandaniswa nezana reshumba. Vakasvikotarisa pasasa chete, vachida kugogodza, asi pavakazotarisa pasi, vakatamba-tamba vachidududza sovakanga vatsika moto. Maziso avo akabuda semijokoro. Vakatarisa tsoka dzavo ndokudzikwizira pasi sokunge vaida kudzisvuura. Vakanga vatsika rimwezve denderedzwa reropa nomuseve pamusuo paVaZinwamhanga. Murume mukuru akaita seanopenga.

"Heeee! Heeeee! Heeee!" Vakaramba vachingodaro, vachikwizira tsoka dzavo pasi.

VaZinwamhanga vakanga vasvinura zvino. Vakanzwa ruzha rwaiitwa panze naVaMombeshora. Ipapo vakabva vazarura musuo. "Ko, zvaita seiko, Mombeshora?" VaMombeshora vakangonongedzera chete. VaZinwamhanga vakatarisa pasi pakanga pakanongedzerwa nasahwira wavo. Vakarovera gotsi pachisumbati chapamusuo vachidzokera mumba. Vadzimai vavo vakashamiswa nazvo ndokubva vabvunza.

"Chii?" VaZinwamhanga vakangonongedzera kumusuo. Kungozviti dhuu, vadzimai ava vakadududzawo vachidzokera mumba, ndokusvikotsika moto wakanga wasara mumadota. Havana kunzwa kutsva. Vakangoti chete, "Uroyi! Uroyi! Uroyi! Ndakagara ndazvitaura ini kuti musha uno hauna kunaka, una varoyi. Hezvoka! Mazvionera namaziso enyu. Munochiti ndinonyepa."

VaZinwamhanga vakapindura vadzimai vavo vachiti,

"Kwete, hahusi uroyi. Tambaoga asvika. Tambaoga chaiye asvika."

"Tambaoga!" Vakabva vanyarara. Vakafunga kuti murume wavo akanga openga nouroyi hweropa rakanga riri panze. VaZinwamhanga vakasvetukira panze. VaDambanemhuka vasvikawo, VaMombeshora naVaZinwamhanga vakangonongedzera kumusuo wemba.

"Kana nekumba kwangu zvirikowo. Ndasiya vadzimai vangu vaenda kundoshopera." VaDambanemhuka vakataura vachibvunda.

Vari vatatu vakaenda kudare. VaZinwamhanga havana kuparadza nguva. "Hama dzangu, chipindai munzira. Munofanira kukurumidza kudzoka. Zvinhu zvaipa izvi."

"Ini handiendi. Handiendi! Nhamo yandaona nhasi ndokunzi ndiendezve! Kwete. Kumasango uku handitsiki. Kana muchida kuti ndiende, tangai masunga Tambaoga. Ko, unodii kuenda, iwe, Zinwamhanga?"

"Ini ndichasara ndichikurukura naPfumojena naManyengavana. Usaite umbwende hwakadaro, Mombeshora. Iwe ndiwe uchatanga kuurayiwa pamusana pokutya kwako. Dambanemhuka, chiendai. Tambaoga baako. Haazvizivi kuti muri kuenda kwaChirichoga."

Mushure mokunyengetedzwa kwenguva ndefu kwazvo, VaMombeshora vakazobvuma kuenda zvavo asi mwoyo wakanga uchiramba. Chimwe chakaita kuti vabvume ndechokuti vakanga vachivimba kwazvo naVaDambanemhuka. VaDambanemhuka vakanga vari murume akagwinya, akayamwa mukaka akaguta. Zita rokuti Dambanemhuka harizi iro ravakapiwa pakuzvarwa kwavo, kwete; vakatozoripiwa varoora pamusana poumbirimi hwavairatidza zvavaienda navamwe kundovhima. Vaiti kana vasangana nemhuka, kunyange inotyisa sei, vaimira kuti vaiuraye chete. Rimwe zuva vakambotizwa navamwe, ivo ndokusara vachirwisana neshumba vega, vakaiuraya. Panguva idzi vakanga vane mavanga-mavanga okumarwa-marwa nengwe yakanga yavasvetukira, vachibva vaiuraya ichibva mumuti. Mumba ma-

Mambo Mupakaviri makanga mune dehwe reingwe iyi. Ndokusaka VaMombeshora vakavimba nomurume uyu.

VaZinwamhanga vakasara vachituma munhu kundodaidza VaPfumojena naVaManyengavana. Pavakasvika, vakapirwa nyaya yose, ivo vanyerere zvavo. Payakapera, VaPfumojena vakapindurawo vachiti, "Kwangu kumba hakuna ropa iri. Ko, kwako kwakadiiwo, nhai Manyengavana?"

"Hakuna."

VaPfumojena vakaenderera mberi, "Zvino chandinoona ndechekuti, mwana uyu ashinga kutsvaga munhu akauraya baba vake. Ndiri kutya kuti pamwe angauraye munhu asina mhosva. Kana ndabva pano ndichaedza kunotaura naamai vake. Ndiri kuda kuti mwana uyu adzoke, tigare naye. Tinoda kumubatsirawo kutsvaga mhondi yakauraya mambo. Kana taishaya, taishayawo. Ko, tingadii? Iye ndiye anozoita mambo."

"Mungabatsire kwazvo, VaPfumojena. Iniwo ndichanotaura naamai vake mauro ano. Ndapota zvangu, edzai kuita saizvozvo. Mwana apanduka uyu," vakadaro VaZinwamhanga.

VaPfumojena vakaisa ivhu paropa rakanga riri pamusuo waVaZinwamhanga. Vakatuma VaManyengavana kundofushira rakanga riri pamusuo waMombeshora pamwe chete nokwaVaDambanemhuka. Vakaona kuti zvechokwadi hana yaVaZinwamhanga yakanga yazunguzika chaizvo. Vakataurira VaManyengavana kuti kana vadzoka kwavakanga vavatuma, vaifanira kudzokera kwaVaZinwamhanga kwakare. Mushure mezvi VaManyengavana naVaMombeshora vakasimuka voenda kundoona nezveropa riye. Pakarepo Tapiwa akasvika padare raVaZinwamhanga.

"Ko, gumbo renyu radii, nhai babamunini? Rava kuita zviri nani here?"

"Aiwa, ndava kungofambawo zvangu, mwanangu. Amai varara sei kumba uko nepwere?"

"Varara zvavo, babamunini, asi amai vari kutambudzika kwazvo nezvaTambaoga."

"Wati zvichaitwa seiko, nhai mwanangu? Iyi yava ngozi

yapinda mumba. Tichaona zvatingaite. Zvinhu zvicharurama zvazvo."

Tapiwa akaratidza kusuwa kukuru kwazvo. VaPfumojena vakamutarisisa pamwe nokunyatsoongorora chiso chake. Murume uyu akaramba kunyengedzwa. Kusuwa kwemwana uyu kune zvimwe zvakwaireva, kwakanga kusiri kusuwa chaiko.

CHITSAUKO 17

Dambanemhuka naMombeshora

Musi uyu kunze kwakaedza Tambaoga ari muchisango chomunzira yaienda kwaChirichoga. Haana kumbonzwa nechando chose nokuti yaive nguva yechirimo. Akamuka ndokuzvitwasanudza. Akatenge asarudza muti waaida. Muti uyu wakanga uri murefu kwazvo. Munhu aiukwira aigona kuona zviri kure kwazvo pamwe chete nokuona vanhu vari munzira iyoyi.

Akakwira mumuti ndokusvika kumusorosoro, kumashizha chaiko. Akagaramo kusvikira zuva rabuda. Mushure menguva ndefu kwazvo, zuva ratokwira, akaona zvaakanga akamirira. Akaongorora mberi kwenzira kuti aone kana kwakanga kusina vamwe vanhu, akaona kusina.

Tambaoga akaburuka ndokutora chipfuko chake opinda nacho pakati penzira. Pakatikati chaipo payo, akanyora denderedzwa nomunwe. Akatora chipfuko ndokudira ropa achitevedza denderedzwa riye. Apedza kudaro akatora museve waakanga azora ropa ndokuuisa mukati medenderedzwa. Museve uyu wakabva waita mutsvuku chaizvo.

Akatora mimwe miseve mitatu ndokuizorazve ropa kudzamara yatsvuka. Akabva ipapo odzokera shure achiita seakanga achienda kwaibva vanhu vaakanga akamirira. Mushure mokufamba chinhambwe chidiki, akatsauka opinda

musango. Akasarudza nzvimbo yaaigona kuona zvose asi iye asingaonekwi. Akatarisa muchipfuko akaona musisina ropa. Izvi hazvina kunyanya kumutambudza nokuti rakanga rashanda basa raro. Akaisa chipfuko mugwenzi ndokutora uta nemiseve yake. Akatora museve mutsvuku, wokutanga ndokuuisa pauta. Ipapo akabva amirira vanhu vake.

VaDambanemhuka naVaMombeshora vakanga vachifamba zvavo vachifara chaizvo. Hakuna chavakange vamboona, nokudaro VaMombeshora vaidauka nomufaro. Pane zvino ndivo vakanga vakatungamira, vachitoseka zvavo. Vakanga vofambisa zvino kuitira kuti vakurumidze kusvika. Zvokudzoka zvakanga zvisingatyisi nokuti vaizodzoka vava vazhinji navamwe varume vaive mumauto chaimo. Ko, zvino chii chavaizotya pakadai?

VaMombeshora vakamira savakanga vasungwa makumbo. "Zvaita seiko, nhai Mombeshora?" Hapana akapindura VaDambanemhuka. Naivowo vakatarisa pasi vakarohwa nehana. Vakacheuka-cheuka vachitarisa kwose kwose asi hapana munhu wavakaona. "Bata hana, Mombeshora! Bata hana kani! Dzikama!" Hazvina akateerera. VaMombeshora vakatanga kudududza vachidzokera shure. Kana ivowo VaDambanemhuka vakadududzawo vachidzokera shure, vakabata ruoko rwaVaMombeshora. VaMombeshora vakabva vapunyuka ndokutanga kutiza.

"Mombeshora, mira! Mira, Mombeshora!" akadaro Tambaoga mwoyo wake usisina tsitsi. Akadzvova zvokuti kana makomo nesango zvakadavirawo. Akatepfenyura museve mutsvuku. Tibvu! Wakapinda muganda romuti waive mberi kwaVaMombeshora. Pavakauona, VaMombeshora vakabva vati pasi bhii kuwa. Parapata-parapata, ndiye nyamu kumuka zvakare ndokubva vati chitsoka ndiyamure. Ipapo Tambaoga akabva atoseka zvake. Akatepfenyura mumwe museve mutsvuku zvakare. Uyu wakasvikokwizira shure kwavo ndokubaya nhabwa yavo. Nhabwa nomuseve mutsvuku zvakawira kumberi kwavo. Museve wakabayirira nhabwa pasi iwo ndokumira kuti dzi. Museve mutsvuku pakati penzira! Ipapa VaMombeshora vakabva varidza mhere.

Akatepfenyura mumuwe museve mutsvuku zvakare.

"Yoweeeeeeeeee!" Zvina ani! Munonzwika naaniko mukati mesango, baba imi? Tatara-tatara, vachingodzedzereka, ndokuramba vachingomhanya nenzira chete. Tambaoga akatobva aoma zvake mbabvu nokuseka. Akatumira mumwe museve wechitatu ndokubva wasvikochinjika nzira pamberi pavo. Vakadoedza kunzvenga kuti vasautsike asi zvakaramba. Pavakautsika vakabva vati nomusoro pasi, nyonde. Vakamboumburuka ndokubva vamuka, ndokuti zvakare, chitsoka ndibereke. Izwi remhere zvino rakanga radzikira risingaendi kure.

Tambaoga akadaidzira zvakare. "Ndiri kuuya, Mombeshora!" Vakaramba vachitiza chete. Zvino nhabwa yeshure kwakanga kusisina, asi VaMombeshora vangu kana kumboita hanyn'a nazvo.

VaDambanemhuka vakanga vachizviona zvose izvi. Hongu, naivowo vakanga vava kutya asi kubvira musi wavakazvarwa, havana kumboisa musana kupfumvu. Nokudaro vakaona kuti dai Tambaoga akanga achida kuuraya VaMombeshora angadai akavauraya nyore nyore kwazvo. Aikandira miseve yake kurutivi achingoda zvake kutyisidzira. Pane chinhu chaakanga achitsvaga pakuvhundutsira ikoko, nokudaro vakaramba vamire zvavo pakati penzira.

Tambaoga akabuda musango ndokuenda kwavakanga vari. Akasvikomira pachinhambwe chidiki kubva pavakanga vari. Akanyemwerera sokusina chakanga chaitika ndokuti kwavari, "Masikati, VaDambanemhuka."

"Masikati, Tambaoga."

"Ko, munofungei nokuuraya kwandakaita baba vangu? Hamudi kundisunga?"

"Ndine zvikonzero zviviri zvinonditadzisa kukusunga. Chokutanga ndechokuti iwe une miseve yako, ini handina. Chechipiri ndechokuti ndava kuona chokwadi chokuti hausiwe wakauraya mambo."

"Kunyange dai ndine miseve yangu, imi mune pfumo renyuwo. Saka ndinoona kuti chikonzero chokutanga hachina basa. Tochibvumirana zveduka nechikonzero chechipiri. Handina Kuuraya baba vangu ini. Zvakanaka, chiendai

zvenyu asi ndiri kuswedera pedyo zuva nezuva. Imi musaende kundozembera pandiri kuswedera pacho, VaDambanemhuka. Manga chena inoparira parere nhema. Imi muri gurukota rakanaka, saka handidi kukuzadzai ropa."

"Tambaoga, mauro anezuro wakaisa ropa pamba pangu. Uri kundifungira here kuti ndini ndakauraya baba vako?"

"Ndiri kutsvaga, VaDambanemhuka. Munhu anotsvaga, anotsvaga kwose kwose, saka ndakuudzai kuti ndiri kuswedera pedyo zvishoma nezvishoma. Zvino ndakuudzai kuti musazendamira pandiri kutsvaga pacho. Munofanira kuramba muri kunze."

"Ndinotenda chaizvo, Tambaoga mwanangu. Ndinoda kuti uvhime zvakanaka, pamwe chete nokubudirira." Vakatendeuka vodzokera kumusha. Tambaoga akavatevera achinhonga miseve yake, mushure ndokupinda nayo musango.

CHITSAUKO 18

Mombeshora anosvikoomera padare

Zuva rakanga rodeuka. VaPfumojena, VaZinwamhanga naVaManyengavana vakanga vari padare. Tapiwa akanga aripowo. Kana kudya, ndipo paakadyira. Pane chinhu chaakanga akamirira. Aida kuti chiitike iye aripo kuitira kuti agozvionerawo namaziso ake. Akaramba achikanda maziso kunzira yaienda kwaChirichoga. Pazvakaitika, nomwoyo wake wakarwadziwa chaizvo. "Babamunini, pane munhu ari kufamba achipunzikira pasi uko. Ndianiko?" akabvunza.

Vose vakabva vati meso jee, ikoko, kunzira yaibva kwaChirichoga. "Inga ndezvechokwadi nhai!" VaZinwamhanga vakadaro. "Ko, zvaanenge Mombeshora?"

Vose pamwe chete naTapiwa vakamhanyirako. Zvechokwadiwo akanga ari Mombeshora, uye akanga asisina upenyu. Akanga ava kuti akambosvinura, otsinzinya, aka-

mbofamba, opunzika achimukazve, zvichiramba zvichingodaro. Muromo wake wakanga wakangoshama, irwo rurimi rwuri panze. Akanga achifema nomumukanwa, zvaigona kunzwika kure chaizvo. "Hee! Hee! Hee!" Chipfuva chaikwira chichidzika, chichikwirazve chichidzika. Akazopunzika kokupedzisira akabva atadza nokumuka kwose.

VaManyengavana ndivo vakatanga kusvika pamwe naTapiwa. VaZinwamhanga naVaPfumojena vakazotevera mushure.

"Zvaita seiko, Mombeshora?" VaPfumojena vakabvunza. Hapana akavadavira. Zvino VaMombeshora vangu takanga tapfiga maziso, kwangosara kufema chete. Muviri wose wakanga uchiterera dikita chete. Tapiwa akarwadziwa mwoyo kuona munhu mukuru achitambudzika zvakadaro. Vose vakacherechedza kuti VaMombeshora vakanga vasisina nhabwa yavo yokushure.

"Tapiwa, mhanya kumba kwangu undopiwa nhabwa yangu naamainini vako. Vaudze kuti vakurunge usvusvu nokukurumidza kwazvo. Mhanyisa."

Tapiwa akamhanya chaizvo. Paakadzoka akawana VaMombeshora varadzikwa parutivi penzira. Vakapfekedzwa nhabwa iye ndokuzotakurwa voendwa navo kumba kwaVaZinwamhanga nokuti ndiko kwakanga kuri pedyo. Zvakare vakanga vasingadi kuti vanhu vazhinji vaone vachitya kuti vangazobvunzwa twakawanda. Havana kupinda navo mumba kwete. Vakaradzikwa panze mumumvuri kuti vafurwe nemhepo. Usvusvu hwakauya vakahusvutiswa naVaPfumojena. Ipapo dikita rakabva ratonyanya kubuda. Vakaradzikwa pakare ndokubva vakotsira.

Panguva yavakanga vakakotsira, VaDambanemhuka vakabva vasvikawo. Vakasvika zvavo vachinyatsofamba zvakanaka. Vanhu vose vakavaunganira vachida kuziva zvakanga zvaitika. VaDambanemhuka vakanyatsotsanangura kuonekwa kwakanga kwaitwa denderedzwa reropa pakati penzira pamwe chete nokutiza kwakanga kwaita VaMombeshora, miseve mitsvuku ichivatevera. Asi havana kutaura kuti ivo pachavo vakazosara vachitaura naTambaoga. Vakati ivo

pachavo vakangotsaukawo ndokutiza naparutivi. Izvi vaida kuzvitaurira VaPfumojena naVaManyengavana chete.

VaZinwamhanga vakatura mafemo ndokuti, "Hona, Pfumojena, nyaya iyi yakura. Tambaoga akaramba ari musango hapana munhu angakutsike. Mangwana chaiwo tinofanira kuita musangano nomuzinda wose kuti tichenure Tambaoga adzokere muno mumusha. Inyaya yakura kwazvo iyi."

"Ndizvo zvandanga ndichifungawo, Pfumojena. Izvi zvinoda kuitwa mangwana chaiwo kana tichinge tarara zvakanaka. Kune zvizhinji zvingangoitika," vakadaro VaDambanemhuka.

"Chiona, Zinwanhanga, kana pachinge pane zvaitika usiku huno zvinenge zvisinei nesu izvozvo. Toita sokunonzi hapana zvatinoziva. Kana zvichinge zvaitika zvinofanira kubva nokumwewo. Nhasi Mombeshora anonorara kwaDambanemhuka. Kana ambokotsira, Dambanemhuka anouya achimutora zuva rodoka. Ndinoda kuti vafambe vasingaonekwi. Iwe, Zinwamhanga chisara pano. Chengeta Mombeshora uyu. Achauya otorwa zvino uno. Vamwe vose ngatichienda. Tinoda kundoonana naVaTakanongwa," vakadaro VaPfumojena.

Vakasvikoona VaTakanongwa vari voga zvavo mumba mavo. Tamuka naChandisaita vakanga vari kunotamba samazuva ose. Munguva dzechirimo pwere dzinotamba zvokupindiridza. VaPfumojena vakapinda vachiuchira.

"Pindai zvenyu, Mhukahuru," vakadaro VaTakanongwa.

VaPfumojena vakapindurawo ndokuti, "Tisu tauya, mukweguru. Tiri kutsvagawo ruyamuro."

"Taurai zvenyu, Mhukahuru."

"Ndauya navamwe vangu ava kuti vaite zvapupu zvangu. Kana mwana ari pano uyu, Tapiwa, achandipupurirawo. Tose tiri kubva kuna Mombeshora. Abva musango achiita somunhu afa pamusana pokutiza Tambaoga.

"Hongu tose takaita zvoupenzi patakaita pfungwa yokuti zvimwe ndiye akauraya mambo. Iye zvino tava kuzviona kuti hazvimbova zvechokwadi. Iye ari kutotsvagawo munhu akauraya baba vake. Zvino tose taona kuti mwana anofanira

kuchenurwa pamberi pavanhu vose, sokupomerwa kwaakamboitwa mhosva iyoyo. Tinoda kuti achidzoka zvakare muno mumusha. Tinoda kushanda naye pamwe chete. Munoti kudii nazvo, nhai mukweguru?"

"Ko, ndingatiiwo ini zvangu munhu womukadzi? Zviri kwamuri imi varume. Paakapomerwa mhosva ini ndakambotaurawo chimwe chinhu here? Inga ndakangonyararawo wani ndichiti zviri kwamuri imi vanhurume. Itai zvamunenge mafunga zvenyu, Mhukahuru."

"Ndiri kuda kuti Tambaoga achenurwe vanhu vose varipo, vose vakanzwa achipomerwa mhosva iyi. Saka iye zvino ndiri kutuma Manyengavana kundodaidza Chigiya naChiroodza zvakare. Ndine zano rangu randichada kuita navo mangwana."

Vose vakatarisa VaPfumojena vakabva vazvishayirwa pazvo. Havana kuziva kuti izanoi zavaive naro. Asi vose vainyatsoziva ungwaru hwaVaPfumojena. Saka vakabvumira zvose. "Manyengavana, enda undoshevedza Chigiya naChiroodza. Vanozorara kumana kwako. Handidi kuti vamboonekwa. Kana Zinwamhanga haafaniri kuziva zviriko mangwana. Chienda iko zvino. Munofanira kuuya nhasi wakare. Ndinokudai pano usiku huno. Kana mukasvika tarara, ndinozokuonai mangwanani."

VaManyengavana vakabuda ndokubva vaenda. VaDambanemhuka vakakwenya VaPfumojena ndokumbobuda panze. Variko, vakataurirana zvose zvakanga zvaitika musango renzira yokwaChirichoga. Vakataura zvose zvakanga zvataurwa naTambaoga mushure mokutiza kwaVaMombeshora.

VaPfumojena vakaramba vanyerere, vachifunga. Pava paya vakazoti, "Hongu, yasvika nguva yokuti chokwadi chichibuda pachena, Dambanemhuka. Mariva ose ateyiwa. Chasara chete ndechokuti zvimhidya zvichidhinguka kuti mariva edu abate mbeva. Tikanyatsoteya zvakanaka, tinobata mbeva yedu mangwana chaiye. Iwe chienda zvako."

VaDambanemhuka vakaenda kumana kwavo, VaPfumojena ndokudzokera mumba. "Mukweguru, ndinodavira kuti mune chivimbo neni. Ini handingakunyengedzei sezvinoita

vamwe. Iye zvino ndava kutaura ndiri ndega. Vamwe vose vaenda. Tapiwa ari muno zvake asi haatyisi. Ndiri kuda kuona Tambaoga ini. Ndingamuone sei?"

VaTakanongwa vakanga vari mudzimai ane ungwaru. Hongu, vaive nechivimbo naVaPfumojena asi hapana munhu wavaida kuvimba naye zvakanyanya. Upenyu hwakanga hwavadzidzisa zvinhu zhizhinji kwazvo. Saka vakapindurawo vachiti, "Ko, ini ndingaziva seiko? Handizivi kwaari ini. Handisati ndambomuona. Paanogara hapana anoziva. Nhasi anonzi ari pano, mangwana zvichinzi ari apo napapo. Munhu akadaro munomuona sei? Anongova pose pose panguva imwe chete. Handizivi zvamungaita."

Dzakanga dzasangana chembere mbiri dzoungwaru. VaPfumojena vakanga vachiziva zvakanga zviri mumwoyo maVaTakanongwa. Havana kuda kunyengedzwa namazwi avo. Vaiziva kuti chero vangosvitsa shoko iroro, usiku hwakarehwo vaizogona kuona Tambaoga. "Kubva zvakanakai, mukweguru. Ini ndava kuenda zvangu asi ndiri kuda kuona Tambaoga kumba kwangu mauro ano." Vakatarisa kuna Tapiwa ndokumutswinyira ziso vachinyemwerera; mushure ndokubuda voenda zvavo.

VaDambanemhuka vakazobva kumana kwavo kwasviba vachindotora VaMombeshora kwaVaZinwamhanga.

CHITSAUKO 19

Zinwamhanga anokoka Tambaoga kumusangano

Yakanga yasvika zvino nguva yokuti VaTakanongwa vachiisa muriwo pamoto. Muriwo uyu waiva wokusevesa manheru. Vakatuma Tapiwa kugota kuti andovachekera nyama yokubika. Akambovhunduka nokuti akanga asingafungi kuti angaone munhu mugota. Tambaoga akaseka

zvake. "Museyamwa, hamutani kuvhunduka nhai?" Akanga amire seri kwesasa.

"Ndanga ndakavarairwa zvangu, uye ndanga ndisingambofungiri kuti ndingakuonai nguva dzino mukoma. Ko, mauya riini?"

"Ndauya kuchangosviba. Chii chaunganditaurire nhasi?"

"Zvizhinji kwazvo. Ndinofunga kuti zvatakaita zvakwana. Kana paine chinhu chaicho chamanga muchida kuzoita, munofanira kutochiita iko zvino. Zvinhu zvinoda kuitwa zvichapisa. Zvikazotonhora zvinobva zvazonetsa chaizvo. VaMombeshora vasvika kuno rava guva chairo. Vakurungirwa usvusvu asi nazvino havasati vambotaura nomunhu. Kana ini ndavanzwirawo tsitsi pandavaona. Kana pane zvamunoda kuita chibvai maita iko zvino, nokuti iye zvino vanogona kuita zvose zvamunenge mada kuti vaite."

"Hapana zvandinoda kuita asi kuti ndiri kuda kuona kuita kwavo pazvinhu zvose izvi. Iye zvino vari kupi?"

"Vauya kuzotorwa naVaDambanemhuka. Ndiko kwavari kundorara nhasi. Handizivi kuti zvaitirwei asi VaPfumojena ndivo varonga zvinhu zvose."

"VaPfumojena vanga vari kuno nhai?"

"Hongu, vataura kuti vari kuda kukuonai nhasi mauro."

"Manga mavataurira kuti ndichasvika kuno nhasi?"

"Kwete, amai varamba kutaura asi munongozivawo kungwara kwomukuru uya. Anenge anonyumwa kani."

"Zvakanaka, Tapiwa. Chienda nenyama yaamai; ukurumidze kudzoka."

Tapiwa akabuda. Akangofamba nhano mbiri chete ndokunzwa zita rake richidaidzwa zvinyoronyoro. "Tapiwa! Tapiwa!" Akatarisa kwakanga kuchibva izwi, seri kwomuti wakanga uri kurudyi kwake. Izwi iri rakataura zvakare. "Ndini Pfumojena. Taurira Tambaoga kuti ndiri pano. Ndiri kuda kutaura naye. Ndingapinde zvangu here. Asatye zvake nokuti ndinoda kutomubatsira."

Tapiwa akapinda mugota makare ndokusvikoti, "Tambaoga, VaPfumojena vari pano. Vari kukumbira kuti vangapinde zvavo here. Vari kuda kutaura newe."

Tambaoga akanyemwerera. Chikuriri chine chimwe. Mushure akazopindura achiti, "Ngavapinde zvavo, iwe chiendesa nyama kuna amai. Ukurumidze kudzoka. Usavataurire kuti ndiri muno. Handidi kuti Tamuka naChandisaita vazive. Chienda."

VaPfumojena vakapinda mugota. Havana kupinda vachiuchira kwete. Vakasvikogara pasi. Tapiwa akabva akurumidza kudzokawo. VaPfumojena vakatanga nerokuti, "Ndauya kuzokuona, Tambaoga, kuti tikurukurirane tiri vaviri."

"Ko, maziva sei kuti ndichasvika kuno?"

"Handina kuzvarwa nezuro, Tambaoga. Asi mvi dzachena mumusoro mangu umu hausi kudzionasu? Zvino yazosvika nguva yokuti chokwadi chose chichibuda pachena. Vazhinji vedu takaziva kuti kubvira zuva rokutanga riye, hausiwe wakauraya mambo. Taida kuona zvinoitika. Zvinonzi mukapa munhu gavi rakakwana anoguma azvisungirira. Ndinodavira kuti munhu uyu takamupa gavi rakakwana ndokubva akwira mumuti. Iko zvino changosara kuzvisungirira chete. Ndinofara kuti wakatiza pamusangano uya. Zvawakaita zvakabatsira kwazvo. Zvino ndiri kuda kuti iwe unditaurire wega zvakaitika zvose pawakazoenda kuMaringa, zvose nezvawakaita waveko kusvikira pakudzoka kwawakazoita kuno kumusha."

Tambaoga akavatsanangurira zvose; hapana chaakambosiya. "Mwanangu, nyaya yako ndainzwa. Mariva edu tateya ose asi riva guru, richatibatira nhoro tinoriteya mangwana."

"VaPfumojena, nyatsonditauriraiwo, handisi kunzwisisa zvamuri kureva."

"Unoziva here mutambo wepwere, uya wavanoita vachiti, 'Apa, pakasungwa noutare, apa, zinyekenyeke'?"

Tambaoga akanyemwerera sokuti akambozvifungawo; mushure ndokupindura achiti, "Hongu, ndinouziva."

VaPfumojena vakaenderera mberi. "Hauonika! Ndinofunga kuti zvino tave kuziva nzvimbo yedu yakaita zinyekenyeke. Ipapo ndipo patinoda kudambura napo tichibva tabata mhuka yedu." Vakatsanangura zano ravo rose kuna Tambaoga nomunin'ina wake.

Tapiwa akapindurawo achiti, "Babamunini VaZinwamhanga vakati vachauya kuzokurukura naamai mauro ano."

"Musavataurire zano redu iri," vakadaro VaPfumojena. "Ini ndini ndoga ndinoziva zvandichavataurira. Riva haritaurirwi kuvazhinji nokuti ringapotse."

Tambaoga akavaudza kuti haaizouya kumusangano sokuti aida kuramba ari musango kusvikira musangano wamuchenura. Akavaudza kuti haaikwanisa kusvika pamusangano achine tsvina yaakanga apiwa. VaPfumojena vakamuudzawo kuti izvo zvakanga zviri kwaari asi akanga akafanira kugara pedyo kuitira kuti kana vachinge vava kumutsvaga vakurumidze kumuwana. Mushure mokunge vakurukura zvavo, VaPfumojena vakabuda voenda kundoona VaManyengavana vakanga vauya naChigiya naChiroodza.

Tambaoga akati kumunin'ina wake, "Chiona Tapiwa, panouya VaZinwamhanga kuzotaura naamai, ndinoda kunge ndirimowo mumba imomo."

"Munoda kunge murimo? Ko, VaZinwamhanga vangazotaura sei zvavanoda kana imi murimo?"

"Regera izvo kwandiri, ndini ndinoziva zvokuita. Ticharonga zvose naamai kana vachinge vauya kuzondiona. Usambotya zvako, munin'ina."

"Ko, vana vanenge vari kupi, Tamuka naChandisaita?"

"Nyarara zvako. Chimbotaurira amai kuti vauye kuno tizorangana." VaTakanongwa vakangonzwa kudaro chete ndokubva vamhanyira kugota. Vakanga vave nezvizuva vasati vaona mwana wavo. Ndizvo zviya zvinonzi namadzimai kubereka kunorwadza. Vakasvikowira pamberi paTambaoga ndokubva vatangisa kuchema. Tambaoga akambovaregera vakadaro sokuti aiziva kuti dzimwe nguva kuchema kunobatsira. Misodzi inogeza kutya neshungu. Zvikaramba zviri mumwoyo zvingaputika zvikazokonzera ukosha namatambudziko.

Pavakapedza, Tambaoga akati, "Chinzwai, amai, ino haisi nguva yokutamba kana kuchema. Tichachema zvedu. Mukaramba muchichema tinoparadza nguva. Ndakakutaurirai kuti mubvume kuti VaZinwamhanga vauye kuzotaura nemi nhasi.

Ndinoziva kuti vachauya vanhu vatorara. Pavanouya ndinoda kunge ndirimo asi handidi kuti vandione. Munondifukidza nedengu renyu guru riya, seri kwesasa. Kana vabvunza kuti mudengu munei, munoti ndimo munorara huku. Chandisaita naTamuka vanorara kugota raTapiwa. Kana vangopedza kudya chete, ini ndinobva ndauyawo."

Vakabvumirana sokuronga kwavakanga vaita. Mushure mokudya, Tapiwa akatora Chandisaita naTamuka oenda navo kugota kwake. Akatamba navo ikoko kusvikira vose vakotsira. Akatamba mitambo inorukutitsa muviri nemunin-'ina nehanzvadzi yake. Akanga audzwa izvi nomukoma wake. Vana vakakotsira sovakafa. Iye akazorarawo zvake aona kuti vaviri ava vakanga vasisamuki.

Panguva dzino Tambaoga akanga atova mudengu kare, seri kwesasa. Amai vake vakanga vawaridzawo rukukwe rwavo nokufuga gudza asi havana kuwana hope uye havana kunge vaisa chihuri.

Mushure mechinguva chakati, sasa rakazarurwa zvinyoronyoro. VaZinwamhanga vakapinda. "Manheru, muramu."

"Manheru, Museyamwa. Garai pachigaro icho."

"Ko, madii kurega ndikagara zvangu pano parukukwe apa?"

"A! Mungagare sei parukukwe rwangu ipo paine chigaro chiripo? Garai pachigaro apo."

"Rega ndigare napano kani, iwe!"

"Murume mukuru, hamunyari here? Munoda kugara parukukwe rwangu, murume wangu ati aroverwa guva here? Mukati munombozvifungawo izvozvo?"

"Gara zviya ndezvechokwadi nhai? Regai ndigare napano pachigaro apa. Ipfungwa dzanyanya kuwanda mumusoro kani. Tinodzoka tokanganwa zvinhu zvakadai. Ndizvo zvandanga ndauya kuzokurukura nazvo, mukweguru, muramu."

Tambaoga akange achaputika noukasha. "Ho, atokanganwa zvake nhai? Chokwadi vakuru vakareva vakati, 'Chinokanganwa idemo . . .' "

"Zveiko?" VaTakanongwa vakabvunza.

"Izvo zveguyaka zvawareva."

VaTakanongwa vakamboseka zvavo. Kwakanga kuri kuseka kwokushora. "Imi woye! Seka zvako mwana waKurwizi! Mungataure zveguva iye murume wangu akashaya mazuva mashomanana achangopfuura aya? Mukati makamboverengawo here mazuva acho? Handiti rino ndiro zuva rechitanhatu mushure mokupondwa kwake? Vamwe vanhu vati vaudzwa here kuti akafa? Pane chii chati chaitwa nezvirango zvinoitwa pakufa kwamambo?" Vakaseka zvakare. "A! Ini zvangu ini!"

"Handizvo zvandiri kureva, muramu."

"Ko, zvino muri kurevei? Ini ndava kuda kukotsira ini. Hamusi kuona here kuti nguva dzapera? Munoda kuti ndirare ndigeresu?"

"Tariraka uone, muramu. Zvinhu zvinoda kugara zvakarongwa nokuranganwa. Hongu, nguva yokurova guva haisati yasvika. Pachine zvirango zvizhinji kwazvo zvinofanira kuitwa asi ini ndini ndega munin'ina wake mumusha muno. Saka pane zvinhu zvizhinjiwo zvatinofanira kufanorangana tiri toga."

"Zvinhu zvakaita sei?"

"Senhaka."

"Heya? Muri kuda kugara nhaka?"

"Honguka, handiti nhaka ndeyomunin'ina? Munoti ndingagare nemhuri yomukoma wangu isina anoichengeta here?"

"Heya? Zvino manga mauya kuzombofanonyenga pamwe chete nokunyengetedza nhai?"

"Kusava! Ndizvo zvandanga ndati tifanorangana zveduka." Akabva anyemwerera murimamo.

"Imi munofunga zvenhaka mukati morufu, ko, mukoma manga machema riniko, Museyamwa?"

"Waita seiko, muramu! Inga vakuru vakati, 'Chadeuka, chadeuka'. Chichajorerwa pakare here? Chirega tichitarisa zvemberi."

"Zvino kana zviri zvenhaka munoenda zvenyu kuvaduku; kuna Rwaringeni naFarai. Kwandiri regai zvenyu. Ko, ndichabereka here ini? Gotwe rangu, Chandisaita, hamurionisu?

Dai ndakanga ndichida kuita mumwe mwana, munofunga kuti ndingadai ndisina kumuita karekare? Ndichadeiko munhaka?"

"Kweteka, muramu, zvinobva kuvakuru. Kana mukuru achinge abvuma bedzi, vaduku havarambi."

"Zvino ini handidi zvangu. Kana zviri izvo zvamavinga kuno endai zvenyu."

Vakanetsana kwenguva ndefu kwazvo. VaZinwamhanga vakazouya zvakare nerimwe zano ravo guru. "Tarisa muramu, mwana wako, Tambaoga, akauraya mukoma wangu." Vakaburitsa bakatwa riya. Rakanga richine ropa raro. "Ropa raunoona apa nderomukoma wangu. Ropa hariende roga iri. Ndanga ndichitoti kana ukabvuma zvandareva, nyaya iyi toikanganwa zvedu, tochibva tachenura Tambaoga mangwana, achidzoka zvake muno mumusha. Vanhu vanozofunga zvavo zvavanenge vada. Kana vachida kumupa umambo, vanogona zvavo kumupa, ini ndichigara nhaka yomukoma wangu."

"Munoda kuchenura nokuda nhaka chete nhai?"

"Ko, zvino ndingaite sei izvo zvakaitwa nomwana?"

"Ko, zvino zvandaramba munoita sei?"

"Tinomutsvaga kusvikira tamuwana. Tambaoga anofanira kufa tigoona zvaunozoita zvawaramba kugarwa nhaka."

"Kana zvakadaro musatsvagire kure nokuti iye Tambaoga ari pedyopedyo." Izvi zvakasvota VaZinwamhanga zvokuti vakabva vabata bakatwa ravo. Havana kuriburitsa pachena. Vakabva vabata VaTakanongwa ruoko.

"Heya unotoziva paari nhai?" Izwi ravo rakanga rashoshoma nehasha. "Uri kutoziva zvako paari? Handei unondiratidza. Ndinoda kuenda ikoko. Ukaramba ndinokuuraya ndichibva ndanokukanda mudziva. Kana tasvika ndiwe unonomudaidza. Akaramba kuuya ndinokubaya. Iye, Tambaoga agokunzwa uchiridza mhere. Ndinokubaya zvishoma zvishoma kuti unyatsonzwa banga racho richipinda. Uri kuriona here banga racho?" Vakariburitsa pachena vachiratidza kuna VaTakanongwa. "Tambaoga wacho akangoedza chete kundirwisa, iwe unobva wafa." Vakabva vakakata

ruoko rwaVaTakanongwa. "Haudi nhai?" Vakati pahuro paVaTakanongwa dzvi ndokubva vavarigira pasi, vakaita maji. Ruoko rwaVaZinwamhanga rworuboshwe rwaiva pahuro, rudyi rwakabata banga. Muromo webanga iri waiva pachipfuva chaVaTakanongwa. "Haudi kuenda? Haudi kunondiratidza kuna Tambaoga nhai? Ndati Tambaoga ari kupi? Ndiudze iko zvino."

Nezwi raive kurekure, VaTakanongwa vakadaidzira vachiti, "Wandidzipa kani!"

Vakanga vachinzwa kufema kwaVaZinwamhanga kuchiuya kumhuno dzavo. Maziso aVaZinwamhanga akanga ava kupenya. VaTakanongwa vakashaya kuti Tambaoga akanga aita sei. Akanga afa here mudengu maakanga ari? Vakamboda kutaura mumwe mwoyo ndokubva waramba. Kunyange akadii zvake asi akanga anonoka. Vakanga vofunga kuita zvavo zvaidiwa naVaZinwamhanga. Vakanzwa muromo webanga wava kusvika pachipfuva chavo, pakati pamazamu.

VaZinwamhanga vakanga vonge vaipenga. Pfungwa dzavo dzakanga dzava pamwe chete bedzi—kuuraya mukadzi uyu. Havana kuona dengu rakanga rosimuka seri kwesasa. Havana kuona mukomana akasimuka akamira kuti twi semhuka iya inonzi twiza. Pauta pakanga pane museve mutsvuku.

"Nhasi pako pakuperera, Takanongwa. Ndiudze kuna Tambaoga. Ari kupi?"

VaTakanongwa vakanga vatoona Tambaoga asi havana kumutarisa. Vakangonyepera kuratidza kutya. Mumwoyo mavo vakati, "Chikurumidza kani, Tambaoga! Hausi kuona here kuti banga rava kupinda iri?"

VaZinwamhanga vakatizve, "Aka ndiko kekupedzisira, Takanongwa. Ndati Tambaoga ari kupi?"

"Ndiri pano," Tambaoga akapindura achidaro.

Kucheuka kwakaita VaZinwamhanga hakungagoni kutsanangurwa. Kana munhu avhundutswa neshumba haagoni kudaro. Vakatarisana naTambaoga. Vakaona museve mutsvuku wakanongedza pamwoyo pavo. Havana kudavira zvaiva mumeso mavo. Vakatadza kubvisa ruoko rwavo

"Nhasi pako pakuperera . . ."

pahuro yaVaTakanongwa. VaTakanongwa ndivo vakatorutakanura. Banga raiva muruoko rwavo rakadonha rega. Minwe yavo yakanga isisagoni kuribata. Rakanga ranyanya kurema nokuti iyo yakanga isisina simba.

Tambaoga akanakurira banga riye kure negumbo ndoku-

bva adzokera kundomira kwakadaro uko. VaZinwamhanga vakabvunda seshizha riri mukati mechamupupuri. Mabvi avo akanga orovana zvisina akaona nokugwagwadza. Vakapunzikira pasi, mazino avo achigeda-geda. Zvakaita savakanga vabatwa nenhetemwa. Hatingazivi zvakanga zvaita rurimi rwavo. Pavakaedza kutaura vakaita sokunge vairwuruma. "Usta . . . usta . . . Tham . . . baoga, ndiri ba . . . baba . . . va . . . vako, Re . . . reg . . . rega ndi . . . tsh . . . sa . . . tsana . . . ng . . . ure." Vakabva vatadza kuenderera mberi.

VaTakanongwa vakanyatsogara pasi zvakanaka. "Torai huni panze amai, muise muchoto. Ndinoda kunyatsoona mhuka iri pano iyi."

Vakatora huni moto ndokunyatsobvira. Ipapo, VaZinwamhanga vakanga vachingobvunda. Pavakaona uso hwaTambaoga kutya kwavo kwakabva kwatopamidzwa. Vakanga vakatarisana norufu.

Tambaoga akafunga zvose zvakanga zvataurwa naVaZinwamhanga iye ari mudengu. Mwoyo wake wakamboti, chiuraya zvino, mumwe ukati, kwete, kwete pana amai vako. Vanhukadzi vane mwoyo mitete nokuti havangazvikanganwi muupenyu hwavo hwose. Kwete nhasi; kwete zvino, asi neimwewo nguva. "Ndinofanira kutanga ndatsvaga chokwadi, chokwadi chizere, chinozivikanwa nokudavirwa navanhu vose. Iyo ndiyo ichava nguva yangu."

Kwenguva ndefu akavarega vachingunobvunda nokuzvinetsa. Mumwoyo makezve akati, "Regai ndivadzikamise kuitira kuti vagogona kupindura mibvunzo yangu." Saka akati, "Musatye zvenyu, babamunini. Handikuurayei. Nyatsogarai zvakanaka, munodzokera kumba kwenyu iko zvino."

VaZinwamhanga vakatura mafemo. Nenguva dikidiki iyoyi vakanga vaita seharahwa chaiyo. Kudedera kwavo hakuna kupera asi vakanga vadzikama zvishoma.

"Ndanzwa muchiti munoda kuziva kwandiri. Ndizvo zvamanga moda kuurayira amai, here? Zvino ndauya; manga muchidei kwandiri? Pindurai zvenyu. Musambotye. Ndiri kuda kungoziva zvangu."

"Kweteka, mwanangu. Ndanga ndisingadi kuvauraya asi kuti ndanga ndichingovatyisidzira chete."

"Heya! Manga muchivatyisidzira chete? Manga musingavaurayi nhai? Zvakanaka hazvo. Asi ini manga muchindida, nhaika? Manga muchidei? Ndauya. Manga muchidei kwandiri?"

"Ndanga ndichifunga kuti ndiwe wakauraya mukoma wangu, baba vako."

"Nhaika! Manga muchifunga kuti ndini ndakauraya mukoma wenyu, baba vangu? Kubva zvakanaka hazvo. Zvino hamuchafungi kudaro, nhai? Ndizvozvo here?"

"A, kwete, mwanangu. Iko zvino ndabva ndazviona kuti hausiriwe wakavauraya. Ndinokumbira ruregerero kwauri nokuna amai vako," vakadaro VaZinwamhanga vachitaura nezwi rakaderera.

"Pakanaka, babamunini. Ini ndinokusununguraí. Ndisingazivi kuti amai vanoti kudiiwo nazvo. Munoti kudii, nhai amai? Babamunini vanoda kunzwa kana muchivasununguraa nokuvaregerera."

VaTakanongwa vakapindurawo vachiti, "Zvose zvakanaka, mwanangu."

Nechomumwoyo, Tambaoga akati, "Chokwadi chembere iyi inoziva." Akachizoti kuna VaZinwamhanga, "Mazvinzwaka, babamunini? Amai vakuregerai. Neniwo ndakuregereraí. Saka nyaya yenyu yokutadza yapera. Zvikanganwei zvose. Iye zvino tichatanga kukurukura pamwe nokurangana sababa nomwana. Zvino imi munofunga kuti baba vakaurayiwa naani?"

"Apo panonetsa, mwanangu. Panotoda kunyatsofungwa. Ini ndafunga zvokuti mangwana chaiwo tinofanira kuita musangano wokukuchenura pamberi pavanhu vakanzwa tichiti wakauraya mambo. Mushure mezvo tichazoshanda pamwe chete newe tichitsvaga mhondi iyi. Mhondi iyi ingangove mutorwa, ingangove hama, asi tichaibata chete."

"Apo mataura chokwadi, babamunini. Tichaibata chete mhondi yacho. Zvakanaka, moita sokureva kwamaita mangwana, mushure mazvo tochizoona zvatingaite."

"Ndatenda, Tambaoga, mwanangu. Ko, iwe hauuyewo here kumusangano?"

"Ndinenge ndichiona zvandingaite, babamunini. Pamwe ndichasvika, pamwe handisviki. Kunyange ndisina kuuya, itai zvenyu musangano wacho. Tinozoonana mushure."

"Zvakanaka, mwanangu. Ini ndave kuendaka zvangu kumba kundorara. Ava mangwana. Murare zvakanaka."

Tambaoga akambovaperekedza. Akangovaburitsa pachivanze chete ndokubva adzoka. "Mufambe zvakanaka, babamunini."

"Zvakanaka, mwanangu." Nechomumwoyo, VaZinwamhanga vakati, "Chokwadi ndapona napaburi retsono."

Tambaoga akapinda murima reberere remba. Akaramba akavatarisa kwenguva ndefu kwazvo, achingoona musana wavo. Akavaona vopinda mumba, vopfiga musuo. Ipapo akabva afunga zvakanga zvataurwa naVaPfumojena. "Ukapa munhu gavi rakakwana, anoguma azvisungirira." Zvino chishwe chakanga chava kuda kushweteka.

Akapinda mumba maiva naamai vake. VaTakanongwa vakanga votya kurara voga. Akavaudza kuti vaise chihuri iye ndokubva aenda zvake kugota kwake. Akakotsira kwenguva dikidiki.

Hweva isati yabuda, akanga ava musango kare. Pakubuda kwezuva akanga ava mumuti. Riva guru raVaPfumojena rokubata nhoro rakanga rateyiwa zvino. Tambaoga aida kuona nhoro ichipinda mariri. Aida kuona kudhinguka kwaro. Iye ega aida kundotora nhoro iyoyo pachake.

CHITSAUKO 20

Mombeshora anoreurura

VaPfumojena vakafumomuka rungwanangwana vachinovesa moto padare ravo. VaManyengavana, VaDambanemhuka, Chigiya naChiroodza vakazosvikawo mushure mechinguva. VaPfumojena havana kuda kumboparadza nguva yokubvunza vamwe kuti vakanga varara sei.

"Dambanemhuka, tiudze kuti Mombeshora arara sei nhai," vakadaro VaPfumojena.

"Ndinovimba kuti ave wadi zvake asi arara achingovhumuka usiku hwose. Hamheno zvaanga achidaidzira achiti, 'Ndakatarisa divi! Ndakatarisa divi! Ndakanga ndaramba! Handizvigoni!' Arara achingodaro usiku hwose. Ini handina kumbokotsira nhasi. Ndaramba ndichingomunyaradza chete."

"Nhai? Unofunga kuti angagone here kuenda nesu kumusangano?"

"Ndinodavira kudaro. Ndasiya arere ndichiitira kuti ambonyatsozorora."

"Zvakanaka. Imi, Chigiya naChiroodza ndakutaurirai zvose zvamunofanira kuita pamusangano. Ndinoda kuti muzviite sokutaura kwandakaita. Munofanira kuyeuka kuti zvose zvinotobudirira kana muchinge mazviita nenzira kwayo.

"Musaita somuri kutamba. Zvinofanira kuratidzika sezviri kuitika zvechokwadi mumaziso avanhu vose. Iwe, Manyengavana naDambanemhuka munenge makagara kumativi aMombeshora. Iye anenge ari pakati penyu. Munofanira kunyatsomuchengeta pamwe chete nokunyatsomucherechedza zvaanenge achiita. Zvino musati maenda kundomutora, taurirai vanhu vomusha uno vose, vakuru chete, madzimai navarume kuti vaende kundoungana kwaZinwamhanga. Majaya nemhandara vanoendawo, kusiya kwepwere chete.

"Nhasi hapana chinoda kuvanzwa. Rina manyanga hariputirwi. Uku kwava kutozivisa vanhu kwatava kuita uku, kuti mambo hakusisina. Kana izvi zvichinge zvapera, tinoridza

shima yokuzivisa mutunhu wose namamwe matunhu kuti mambo hakuchisina. Ini ndofanofamba. Chigiya naChiroodza, chitorai tunhu twenyu mugosara muchitevera."

Mushure mamazwi aya vamwe vose vakabuda ndokunanga kumabasa avakanga vapiwa. Pakasvika VaPfumojena, VaZinwamhanga vakatenge vava padare pavo. Vanhu vose vomumuzinda navamwe vose vokunze, vokumamana amakurukota vakasvikawo ndokuratidzwa nzvimbo dzokugara. VaManyengavana, VaDambanemhuka, Chigiya naChiroodza vakasvikawo ndokundogara kunzvimbo dzamakurukota. Tapiwa akanga ari kunze chaiko, achikura mashizha achiaunganidza. Vanhu havana kuziva kuti mashizha aya aive ebasa rei. Zvimwe Tapiwa aida kugara paari.

VaPfumojena ndivo vaitora misangano yose mikuru kana mambo achinge asipo. Vanhu vose vachiti ware ware, vakasimuka ndokuchitanga kutaura; "Takuunganidzai mose pano kuti tikuzivisei mashoko anokosha kwazvo. Vashoma vanoziva mashoko aya asi vazhinji vanga vasingaazivi. Gomo rakaparara. Ndiri kureva kuti Mambo Mupakaviri akatisiya. Akafuga rake ega."

Panenge pataurwa mashoko akadai, zvinowanzoitika zvacho zvinozivikanwa navanhu vose, nokudaro hatingaparadzi nguva yokutsanangura. Vamwe vakakanuka, vamwe vakachema. Vamwe vakasimuka kuti vabate maoko. VaPfumojena vakavagarisa pasi. "Muchabata zvenyu maoko mushure momusangano uno. Tinoda kutanga tapedza basa rataunganira pano. Hakuna munhu akamboonekana namambo-Mambo akafira musango. Akasiya ati, 'Ndichambonotwasanudza makumbo ndichifamba-famba zvangu'. Uko ndiko kwakava kupedzisira kuonana naye achiri mupenyu. Patakazomuona zvakare akanga atofa kare kare, abayiwa kusango ikoko. Wee! Weee . . .! madzimai, chimbomirai kuchema zvenyu. Tiri kuda kuti munzwe mashoko makuru atakudaidzirai kuno. Nyatsoteererai. Zarurai maziso nenzeve dzenyu kuti muone nokunzwa zvose nokuti tiri panyaya huru kwazvo.

"Zvino munoda kuziva kuti, ko, ndiani akaita izvozvo?

Ndiani akagona kubaya gamba guru rakadaro? Ndiani akabaya shumba yakadaro? Ndiani iyeye akanga asingatyi? Ndiani akaparadza gomo guru rakadaro rakanga risina ukwiriko?

"Isuwo takafeya-feya tikazviwana. Takazviziva zvose. Zvino tinoda kukuratidzai maitiro azvakaitwa. Mose varume namadzimai ndinoda kuti mutarise kuna Chigiya naChiroodza. Ndivo vachakuratidzai zvose. Musacheme, musashame, musataura nokuita mheremhere. Zarurai zvinhu zviviri chete, meso nenzeve. Kana pachinge paitika chimwe chinhu, imi rambai munyerere chete." VaPfumojena vakagara pasi. Vanhu vose vakanyarara kuti zii; hapana akambopfakanyika.

Chiroodza akasimuka ndokupfeka dehwe rembada raiwanzoshandiswa naMambo Mupakaviri. Akatorazve ngundu youmambo ndokubva aiisa mumusoro. Akabva aita saMupakaviri chaiye. Akafamba zvake somunhu ari kumema munda. Hoyo neseri kwavanhu, neseri kwamakurukota, oenda muchikomo. Akasvika pamumvuri womuti ndokuzamura achitasanudza maoko ake. Akagara mumumvuri uyu akazendama pahunde yomuti. Akabvisa ngundu mumusoro ndokuiisa pasi. Mushure menguva pfupi akaita somunhu akakotsira.

Nguva yose VaPfumojena, VaDambanemhuka naVaManyengavana vakanga vakatarisa VaMombeshora. Maziso aVaMombeshora akanga achiti wetsu kubuda. Nhoro yakanga yapinda muriva.

Chigiya akasimuka. Uso hwake hwakanga huchityisa. Maziso akanga achipenya, miromo ichingodedera. Nechomumwoyo, VaPfumojena vakati, "Ndizvozvo, mwanangu. Ita sokutaura kwandaita. Pinduka uite semhondi."

Chigiya akanga ane banga refu kwazvo raVaPfumojena. Akanyangira Chiroodza nerimwe divi. Hoyo nezasi kwechikomo, ari kuhwanda namagwenzi. Zvino akatangisa kukambaira, dikita richierera kumeso. Akagadzirira banga. Zvino ava seri kwaChiroodza. VaMombeshora vakanga zvino vava kudedera. Vakaedza kusimuka ndokubva vabatwa naManyengavana naVaDambanemhuka. Apa pakasungwa noutare, apa zinyekenyeke!

VaZinwamhanga vakanga vakatarisawo VaMombeshora asi kwaisava kutarisa kwomwoyochena. Kwaiva kokudzvokora kwokutya pamwe chete nokurohwa nehana.

Chigiya akasimudza banga. Ipapo pakabva paita runyararo sorweguva. Chainzwikwa kufema kwaVaMombeshora chete. Vakaedzazve kusimuka. Muviri wavo wose wakanga wodedera. Vakabatwa zvakare ndokugariswa pasi. Chigiya akaomesa kumeso ndokubva amonya muromo. Akabata banga namaoko maviri ndokurisimudza mudenga. Akambomira zvishoma ndokubva aridzikisa kumusana kwaChiroodza.

VaMombeshora vakaridza mhere. "Yoweeee! Yoweee! Ndizvozvo! Ndizvo zvaakaita. Ndizvo chaizvo! Ndaivepo!"

VaZinwamhanga vakadaidzira. "Nyarara, Mombeshora! Nyarara!"

"Handinyarari. Ndizvo zvawakaita. Ndiwe! Ndiwe wakauraya mambo. Ndiwe, Zinwamhanga!"

"Mombeshora ave kupenga uyu. Musungei," vakadaro VaZinwamhanga.

VaPfumojena vakasimuka ndokubata VaZinwamhanga. "Nyarara, Zinwamhanga. Rega tinzwe kunyepa kwaMombeshora."

"Handinyepi! Akandifurira! Akati anozondipa mombe kana ndichinge ndaita zvaanoda. Aida umambo pamwe chete navakadzi vaMupakaviri. Akauraya mambo asi ini ndakaramba. Haana kuenda kumikoko yenyuchi. Akatevera mambo. Ini ndaivepowo. Akamuuraya ndichiona. Akandifurira! Ini handina kuona Tambsoga. Aka . . ."

VaPfumojena havana kunge vaona pfumo rakanga riri kuseri kwaVaZinwamhanga. Ivo vakanga vakabata ruoko rwaVaZinwamhanga rworuboshwe. VaZinwamhanga vakabata pfumo norudyi. Pakaita rombo rakanaka nokuti pfumo racho rakanga rakadzikwa, muromo waro uri kuno shure shure. VaZinwamhanga vakaribata nomuhuro maro. Mubato waro wakasvikorova VaMombeshora nomumusoro ndokubva vati pasi nyonde nomuromo.

VaZinwamhanga vakakanda pfumo pamwe nokudaidzira vachiti, "Zimbwende! Ndingadai ndakakuurayawo iwe."

Ipapo vakabva vasvamhuka vakabata muromo wepfumo nokuti rwiriko rwakanga rwatyoka pavakazvinda shamwari yavo. Divi ravakanga vari rakanga risina munhu. Vazhinji vakanga vakatarisa VaMombeshora, vamwe vachiedza kuvamutsa.

VaZinwamhanga vakashevedzera vachitiza, "Zvino munondidii? Ndini ndakamudya! Zvino munoda kuitei?" Vakaramba vachimhanya chete.

Chigiya naChiroodza havana kukurumidza kuziva zvakanga zvichiitika. Vakaramba vari muchikomo vachingoita zvavakanga vaudzwa kuti vaite, asi zvavaifungira zvacho zvakaitika nokukurumidza uye vasingazivi. Pavakadaidzwa, Chigiya akanga ari mubishi rokukakata Chiroodza sezvakanga zvaitwa mambo kuMaringa. Vakazosara vodzika pasi, VaZinwamhanga vatopedza masango. Vakatora mapfumo avo ndokutanga kutandanisa VaZinwamhanga.

Tapiwa akatora mashizha ayo akanga aunganidza ndokuakanda pamoto waiva padare ipapo. Paiva namamwe mashizha manyoro akaita utsi hwakawanda kwazvo hwaikwira mudengadenga huchionekwa kwose kwose. Vanhu vakashama nazvo. Mashizha airevei mumoto, pasina chikonzero? Ndizvo zvazvinoita nguva dzose. Ane chake haabvunzwi.

CHITSAUKO 21

Zinwamhanga anourayiwa

Kubvira nguva yavakaungana pamusangano uyu, Tambaoga akanga achiona zvose zvakanga zvichiitika pamuzinda. Akanga achiri mumuti maakanga akwira zuva richibuda. Akaona vanhu vose vava kusvika paVaZinwamhanga. Akavaona vachipiwa nzvimbo dzokugara. Mushure mechinguva akazoona kwangosara munhu mumwe chete akanga akamira. Akabva aziva kuti ndaVaPfumojena. Akazoona VaPfumo-

jena vogara pasi, Chiroodza naChigiya vachitanga basa ravo. Pakarepo, akaona vanhu vongomira-mira. Pakanga pava nenyonganyonga. Akaona munhu mumwe chete akanga obva pana vamwe vose achimhanya asi chaakanga akamirira haana kuchiziva. Akaramba arimo mumuti. Hakuna kupera nguva ndefu apo akaona kuitika kwechinhu chaakanga akamirira.

Tambaoga akaona utsi hwokwira mudenga akabva afara. "Wazvita zvako, Tapiwa. Wandizivisa kuti riva redu riya rabata nhoro yaro. Chirega ndiburuke ndinoitora." Akatarisa kudivi rakanga richitizira munhu wake akabva angoriona. Akaburuka mumuti nokukurumidza kwazvo. Museve wake mutsvuku waive pauta uye banga rakauraya baba vake rakanga riri muchiuno. Akanga aritora usiku hwakanga hwoda kuurayiwa amai vake naVaZinwamhanga. Akaenda kundomirira mugwara chaimo momunhu wake. Pakarepo akanzwa mutsindo wokumhanya akabva ambohwanda seri kwechigwenzi kuitira kuti arege kukurumidza kuonekwa. Akatarisa kwaibva nako munhu uyu akabva angomuona. Paakaona kuti zvino zvinhu zviya zvazonaka akabva angobuda pachena.

Pakarepo, VaZinwamhanga vakabva vangomuona ndokumira. Vakaziva kuti kutiza hakwaimbovabatsira, zvakare gumbo ravo rakanga risati ranyatsopora kunyange zvazvo vakanga vambogona kumhanya. Vakazivawo kuti panguva ino, Tambaoga akanga ava kuziva zvose. Mazwi avakanga vadaidzira akanga asvika kure, saka izvi zvaireva rufu kwavari. Ndizvo vakasarudza kufa vachirwa somurume.

Tambaoga haana kuvakurumidzira. "Mandichenura here, babamunini?" Munzvimbo yokuti vapindure vakabva vangokanda chiromo chepfumo riye ravaida kubayisa VaMombeshora. Dai Tambaoga asina kusvetukira parutivi, chingadai chakasvikomuti pachipfuva dyu.

"Ndine urombo, babamunini. Pfumo renyu rapotsa." Akasimudza uta hwake kuti abaye. "Kwete, handingabayi munhu asina chokurwisa nacho. Umbwende ihwohwo." Mushure mokufunga uku akarasa uta zvose nemiseve ndokusara angove maoko chete.

VaZinwamhanga havana kumbomupa nguva. Vakamu-

nhamhukira sechipembere. Tambaoga akangoti zvishomashoma nzvee ndokuti pakadaro apo zete kumira; murume mukuru ndokuchinzi ga, chino chomumatsenganzungu. Mukuru akaparuma pasi. Tambaoga akavamhanyira achiti anovadzipa pahuro. Akanga akanganwa zviya zvakamboitika mugota make. Akarohwa kumeso namakumbo ndokuti maji gaga. Zvechokwadiwo mukuru uyu aive nesimba. Vakasvikomuwira pachipfuva ndokubata banga riye raive muchiuno make. Kungozviti bamhama, Tambaoga akabva avati ruoko hetu! Ndokuvhizhuka nesimba rake rose. Zvino vose vakanga varara nedivi. Hepu! Tambaoga akaenda pamusoro. Vakanga vorwira banga zvino. VaZinwamhanga vakanga vabata banga namaoko maviri. Vakanga vakaruma mazino, vakanyenama sembwa iri kun'en'ena bvupa. Zvakatatsurana zvatatsuranazve.

VaZinwamhanga vakaedza kuruma ruoko rwaTambaoga ndokubva varohwa muromo negokora. Musoro wavo wakadzokera pasi pakare. Ibvi raTambaoga rakadzvinyirira huro yavo pasi, rimwe riri pachipfuva asi maoko avo ose akanga ari pabanga. Vose vakanga vaneta. Zvishoma nezvishoma, Tambaoga akadzora maoko avo kusvikira muromo webanga wava pachipfuva chaVaZinwamhanga.

Meso avo akanga achiti dzvondo kubuda kunze pamusana pokudzipwa kwavakanga vakaitwa nebvi raTambaoga. Akambovatepfenyura zvishoma kuti anzwe kana pane mazwi avaida kutaura vasati vafa.

"Makauraya baba vangu nokumusana vakakotsira. Iri ndiro banga ramakashandisa saka ndiro richakuurayaiwo, uye takatarisana."

Akavadzvanyirira pakare. Nazvino maoko aVaZinwamhanga akanga achiri pabanga. Akasaidzira maoko avo pasi ndokubva adzika pamwe chete nebanga. Akanga akatarisa kumeso kwaVaZinwamhanga nokuti aida kuti anyatsovaona. Akadzikisa banga zvakare. VaZinwamhanga vatsinzinya meso pamusana pokurwadziwa. Pakupedzisira Tambaoga akadzikisa banga. VaZinwamhanga vakasimudza chipfuva chavo

adokubva vafema kamwe cnete. Mushure mazvo makumbo uvo akati pfari pfari ndiye tasa.

Tambaoga akasimuka. Haana kubvisa banga pachipfuva chaVaZinwamhanga. Pamusangano wokutanga ivo voga vakanga vataura kuti, "Munhu anoita upenyu hwebanga anofa nebanga." Nokusaziva zvavaitaura vakanga vatozvitonga voga.

Tambaoga akanga ava kudedera. Akagara pachibwe ndokuisa musoro pakati pamaoko ake. "Basa rangu ndaita nokupedza, baba." Ipapo akabva atangisa kuchema.

Chigiya naChiroodza ndivo vakatanga kusvika. VaPfumojena, VaManyengavana, naVaDambanemhuka vakazosvikawo mava mushure. Vakangosvikomira vakatarisa vashaya chokutaura.

VaPfumojena vakaenda pakanga parere chitunha chaVaZinwamhanga. Vakaona kuti vakanga vatofa kare kunyange zvazvo muviri wavo wakanga uchiri kudziya zvishoma. VaPfumojena vakapfugama ndokubvisa banga muchipfuva chomushakabvu.

"Chigiya, newe Chiroodza, gadzirai dara nokukurumidza. Munobatsirwa naManyengavana naDambanemhuka. Kana mapedza, munotakura Zinwamhanga mouya naye kumusha, kumba kwake." Vakapukuta ropa rakanga riri pabanga namashizha omupembere. Mushure mezvi vakarityora-tyora nedombo ndokurikanda muguru. Banga iri rakanga rakonzera matambudziko mazhinji kwazvo.

Pane ino nguva Tambaoga akanga anyarara kuchema. Mumazuva anoda kuita matanhatu akanga apfuura, Tambaoga akanga aona matambudziko mazhinji kwazvo. Mumazuva iwaya akanga akura kubva paukomana. Munhu anopfuura mune zvakadai haagoni kuchema kwenguva ndefu; zvakare angazogonawo kupfuura nomukati mezvizhinji zvingatevera. Akatarisa VaPfumojena ndokuti, "Toita sei?"

Vakamutarisa ndokuti, "Muupenyu tinoona zvizhinji. Zvino toenda kumusha."

Vari vaviri vakambofamba kwechinhambwe vanyerere. VaPfumojena ndivo vakazodimura runyararo urwu. "Tasara

tichitevera. Tanga tichiziva zvedu kuti negumbo rake, Zinwamhanga haangaendi kure. Dambanemhuka anga anyumwa kuti iwe wanga wakamugaririra. Wanga uchiziva sei kuti achatiza?"

"Ndanga ndisingazivi asi kuti ndange ndichingofungira kuti pamwe zvingangoitika. Ndanga ndakangogadzirira. Zvose zvanga zvichiitika kumusha ndanga ndichizviona. Pandaona utsi ndabva ndaziva kuti zvabuda pachena uye muridzi wazvo ava kutiza. Ndakaudza Tapiwa kuti agozondizivisa nokuisa mashizha mumoto kana zvichinge zvangoitika saizvozvo."

"Asi iwe wanga uchinyatsoziva here kuti ndiZinwamhanga akauraya baba vako?"

"Pakutanga ndakambokufungirai mose mose. Mumashure vamwe vose vakazobuda mupfungwa dzangu kusara kwaZinwamhanga naMombeshora chete. Pavakataura rungano rwavo rwokuti vakandiona kuMaringa, ndakambofunga kuti ichokwadi kuti VaMombeshora vakandiona, asi pashure ndakazoona kuti vakanga vanyepa. Ivo vakati ndakatakura baba ndichinovaisa muninga asi dai vakanga vandiona pachokwadi, vangadai vakaona kuti ndakanga ndisingazivi ninga iyi. Ndakatsvaga musuo wayo ndikapoterera neibwe rose. Ndakazopotererazve ndichiriridza kuti ndinzwe pane mwena. Zvose izvi hapana akazvitaura, saka vainyepa. Ipapo ndakambofunga kuti zvimwe ndivo vandakatandanisana navo muninga, ndikafunga kuti zvimwe ndivo vakanga vauraya baba vangu. Ndakazonyatsorangarira kuti VaMombeshora havadi kuona ropa uye havadi kuuraya chinhu. Nemi munoyeukawo nguva zhinji dzavaitumwa nababa kuti vauraye mbudzi yedare vachiramba chaizvo.

"Saka ndakabva ndaziva kuti VaMombeshora havana kuuraya baba asi kutoti vaitoshandiswawo nomumwe munhu kuti vape uchapupu hwamanyepo. Kwakanga kwangosara VaZinwamhanga chete, saka ndivo vandainyanya kufungira. Mose ndakakutumidzirai mashoko okuti ndave kuswedera."

"Ko, munhu akanzwikwa naChigiya naChiroodza achitiza usiku opinda muguta ndiani? Haangave Zinwamhanga nokuti

harisiro divi rokumba kwake. Ndiri kureva zuva riye rawanga wopondwa uri mugota mako."

"Ini ndinodavira kuti ndaVaZinwamhanga. Ndinofunga kuti vakanga vauya vose, VaMombeshora ndokusiyiwa panze kuti vatarise vanhu. Pavakaona VaZinwamhanga votiza, ivo vakatizawo. Ndinofunga kudaro ini."

"Kana neniwo. Tichazonzwa iye Mombeshora. Apona napadikidiki chaipo nokuti angadai apondwa naZinwamhanga. Dai pfumo ranga riri kudivi rakanaka, Mombeshora ngadai afa. Zvino razomurova mumusoro chaimo asi ndasiya atogara zvake. Vanhu vose ndavaudza kuti varambe vakaungana kudzamara ndadzoka." Zvechokwadiwo vakasvika vanhu vose vachiripo.

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Rungano rwaVaMombeshora

Zvakasvika VaPfumojena naTambaoga pakanga pana vanhu, pakamboitika nyonganyonga yokufara, kusuwa pamwe chete nokuchema. VaPfumojena havana kuda kukurumidza kuzivisa vanhu zvakanga zvaitika nokuti izvo zvaizouya mushure. Chinhu chokutanga chavakanga vachida chaiva chokuti VaMombeshora vanyatsotsanangura zvose zvakanga zvaitika pakufa kwamambo. Vanhu vose vakagara pasi ndokunyaradzwa.

Saka VaPfumojena vakasimuka ndokuti, "Zvino tose tazoziva munhu akauraya mambo. Iye ega azvidura, saka hapana kupokana. Atiza pano asi haana kuenda kure. Tose tine mibvunzo mizhinji yatinoda kubvunza nokunyatsoziva. Tine munhu mumwe chete anonyatsoziva izvi. Saka tinoda kuti Mombeshora atiudze zvaanoziva. Kana pane chakaipa chawakaitawo iwe, unofanira kutaura zvako. Zviri kwatiri isu tiri pano kuti tikuregerere kana kukuuraya."

VaMombeshora vakasimuka ndokutanga kurondedzera rungano rwavo. "Madzishe, ndinokumbirawo kwamuri pamwe chete namadzimai ari pano kuti mudavire zvandichakutaurirai. Kana pachinge pane chakaipa chandakaitawo ndichataura kuti mose muchinzwewo. Ini handisi kukumbira ruregerero kwete, nokuti pazvinhu zvakadai, ndinoshaya mazwi okukumbira nawo ruregerero kwamuri pakutadza kwandakaita.

"Rimwe zuva ndakanga ndiri pano padare naZinwamhanga. Mose munoziva kuti takagara tiri shamwari kubvira paupwere uye VaMupakaviri vaindidawo nokundiitira zvose, vachindibatawo somunin'ina wavo chaiye. Ndinodavira kuti izvi ndizvo zvakaita kuti vandiite gurukota pavakaita mambo. Kunyange ini zvangu ndakange ndiri mutorwa kuna mambo asi vakanditora nokundibata somunin'ina wavo chaiye, sezvavaiita Zinwamhanga.

"Apo Mupakaviri akanga ava mambo ndakaona kuti Zinwamhanga akanga asisina rudo kwaari. Izvi zvakanyanya kuitika mushure mokuzvarwa kwaTambaoga. Iyewo Zinwamhanga akanga ava kuda umambo. Mazwi aakanga otaura akanga ava kuratidza kuti ava neshanje pamwe nokusagutsikana nezvaakanga ava nazvo. Shanje idzi dzakaramba dzichienderera mberi zvichibva zvasangana noruchiva. Rimwe zuva akati kwandiri, 'Unoziva, Mombeshora, dzimwe nguva kana uchida chinhu unotofanira kuchitora wega. Hapana anokupa. Kana uchinge wakachenjera unochiwana chete'. Takaramba tichitaura kudzimara azonditaurira mazano okuti aida kuurayа mambo kuitira kuti agowana umambo, pfuma pamwe chete navakadzi vamambo. Zvechokwadi ndakaedza kumurambidza ndokubva aramba kunditeerera. Akandiyambira kuti ndikangozvitaura chete, pamwe chete nemhuri yangu, aizotipisira mudzimba tose. Handina andakataurira.

"Kwakazosvika zuva iri, zuva rakanzi namambo ndichambofamba-famba zvangu ndichitwasanudza makumbo. Isu takanga tiri padare rino. Mambo akaenda, Zinwamhanga ndokubva atevera nebanga rake, zvikanzi ngatiendei tose. Chokwadi ndakaramba asi iye akatya kuti ndikarega kuenda

naye, ndingasara ndichitaurira vanhu. Akati kana ndichinge ndisina kuenda naye, aizondiuraya. Ndakaona kushinga kwake ndikaziva kuti anondiuraya chete. Zvino takatevera mambo kuMaringa. Takamuona tiri kure. Paakarara pamuunze womukoko takabva tamumhanyira. Ini ndakanga ndobvunda nokutya. Ndinodavira kuti mambo akanga akakotsira nokuti ini handina kuda kuenda pedyo; asi Zinwamhanga akasiya andiudza kuti ndikatiza chete, ndafa. Akanyangira mambo neshure ndikaona osimudza banga rake. Ipapo ndakabva ndatarisa kurutivi. Pandakatarisa zvakare akanga ozvuva mambo achienda naye kugomo. Akazobvako achimhanya ndokubva tatiza tichiuya kuno kumusha. Zvaakataura zvokuti akanga aenda kundotarisa mikoko yenyuchi, kwaiva kunyepa chete.

"Zuva rakatevera akatuma vanhu kuzondidaidza kumba kwangu. Pandakasvika akanga achitambudzika kwazvo nokutya nokuti haana kunge ayeuka kubvisa banga rake pana mambo, kana kuviga ngundu yavo, kana kufushira ropa raidonha kwose kwose. Akati ndimuperekedze kwakare, ndikabva ndarambisisa. Akasimuka ndokuenda kuMaringa. Paakadzoka akandiudza kuti haana kuona banga kana ngundu yamambo zvakare akanga atakurwa, abiswa paakanga ari. Paakatevera gwara romunhu akanga atakura mambo, akawana mambo aiswa muninga. Munhu iyeyu akamuti, 'Hombarume!' ndokubva apoya. Akaziva izwi romunhu akanga amudaro. Akati raiva izwi raTambaoga. Ini ndakaramba ndichiti Tambaoga haaiziva ninga, asi iye akabva angoramba nerokuti aiva Tambaoga chete. Zvimwe akanga aratidzwa ninga iyi namambo kare. Zinwamhanga aiva nechokwadi chokuti Tambaoga akanga asina kumuziva pamusana perima raiva muninga. Akati taifanira kudaidza mamwe makurukota ose kuti tivataurire nyaya yose. Akaronga zano rokuti ini ndigonyepa kuti iye, Zinwamhanga akandituma kumukoko wake kunzira yokwaChidamhuri.

"Zuva iroro akandituma kuti ndinoona VaTakanongwa ndichiita sendiri kuda kuona mambo, ndozomirira kuona masvikiro aTambaoga, ndichionazve kuti anenge akaita sei.

Zvechokwadiwo Tambaoga akasvika aine ropa muhuro, pachipfuva napadundundu. Ndakabva ndaonawo kuti chokwadi ndiye akanga atakura mambo achindomuviga muninga. Asi iye, Tamboaga akanga anyepa zvake kuti raive ropa remhembwe yaakanga abata padhibhura iyo ikazomubanha ichibva yatiza. Zvimwe akanga asingadi kuti amai vake vazive zvose zvakanga zvaitika.

"Rechimangwana ndakaona Zinwamhanga achibvunda kwazvo nokutya pamusana pezvakanga zvaitwa naTambaoga naTapiwa pamberi pake. Vana ava vakanga vane banga raakanga ashandisa kubaya mambo. Raiva banga raZinwamhanga. Tambaoga naTapiwa vakamuratidza zvaakanga aita achibaya mambo. Akabva aziva kuti Tambaoga ainyumwa nezvakanga zvaitika. Iye akanditaurira kuti madzimai amambo akanga auya kuzomutaurira kuti mambo atsvagwe. Takadaidza mamwe makurukota nokuti takanga totya. Ini ndakanyepa kuti ndakanga ndaona Tambaoga achindoviga mambo kuMaringa. Makurukota akabvuma zvose asi zvakanga zviri zvemanyepo chete.

"Pakuenda nokudzoka kuninga ini ndakanga ndichifamba naZinwamhanga. Takakurukurirana tikaona kuti Tambaoga akanga achiziva chokwadi chaicho uye zvakadzoka zvotityisawo. Zinwamhanga akati Tambaoga aifanira kuurayiwawo, ndokubva taronga zano rokuti timuuraye usiku hwachona. Akandikumbira kuti ndimuperekedze kundouraya Tambaoga kugota rake. Akandiudza kuti ndisare panze ndichitarisa vanhu.

"Zinwamhanga akapinda mugota maTambaoga. Ndakazonzwa vorwisana ndokuzoona Zinwamhanga obudamo achitiza. Mushure ndakazoona Tambaoga achiedza kumutandanisa. Ini ndakabva ndatizawo ndichienda kumana kwangu. Makurukota akanga adaidza Chigiya naChiroodza kuti vazosunga Tambaoga nemhosva yokuti akauraya baba vake. Vamwe vedu vari pano vanonyatsoziva zvakaitika nokuti makanga muripowo. Asi nhasi chokwadi chabuda pachena. Ini handina kuuraya mambo kana napaduku pose. Mhosva yangu ndeyokunyepa kwandakaita ndichitya uye mukutya

imomo, ndakabatsira muvengi akauraya mambo wedu tose pano. Zinwamhanga akandivimbisa kuti kana zvikabudirira, aizondiita gurukota rake guru kana achinge ava mambo, pamwe chete nokundipa mombe mbiri kana nhatu. Urwu ndirwo rungano rwangu, madzishe namadzimai. Ndaisa chokwadi changu chose pamberi penyu mose. Rina manyanga hariputirwi." VaMombeshora vakagara pasi ndokutanga kuchema somwana mudiki.

Vakuru vakati, "Nyadzi dzinokunda rufu." Hongu VaMombeshora vakanyara kwazvo asi chose chinhu chatinoita muupenyu hwedu chinokanganisa vamwe vazhinji kana chichinge chakaipa. Kana chakanaka, chinofadzawo vamwe pamwe nokuvaita kuti vadade nesu. Panguva dzakadai, ngatimbofungaiwo nezvaVaMuchadii, mudzimai waVaMombeshora, navana pamwe chete nehama dzavo dzose. Vanhu ava vakanyara zvakadii?

Mushure mokunge VaMombeshora vagara pasi, VaPfumojena vakasimuka ndokuti, "Iyi nyaya ihukutu kwazvo. Zvino zvatinoda kuita ndezvokukuisa kumuridzi. Ruregerero nokuranga, zvose zviri kwaari. Nhaka yababa vake ndeyake. Tose pano hatina muromo wokubvunza kuti umambo ndohwani; tinoziva muridzi wahwo. Ndiye wamuri kuona uyu, Tambaoga. Zuva rake rokugadzwa umambo richasvika kana tapedza zvose zvinofanira kugadzirwa mushure mokuvigwa pamwe nokurohwa kweguva ramambo. Tambaoga, munhu wako ataura rake raakaona pazvinhu zvose zvichangobva kuitika. Zvimwe pachadiwa nguva yokumbofunga zvokuita naMombeshora kana kuti ungade kutaura iko zvino."

Tambaoga akasimuka. Kumeso kwake kwakanga kwazvimba pamusana pokurwa kwaakanga aita naVaZinwamhanga. Akatarisa vanhu vose. Vazhinji vaimutarisa nokutya. Kana munhu akambogara musango achiita segandanga, haisi nyore kuzotarisana naye zvakare. Mumaziso avanhu ava makanga muzere kutya, kusuwa pamwe chete nokufara. Akatangisa kutaura. "Tose tinoziva kuti chokwadi chinorwadza uye haisi nyore kuchiburitsa pachena. Pamberi pangu nopenyu, munhu anotaura chokwadi chinonyadzisa nokusuwisa asi

kazhinji kwandiri, munhu iyeye igamba pakati pavamwe. Vamwe vanhu inyanzvi dzokurwa, vamwe havatyi ngozi, vamwe vangarwe seshumba asi vanotiza chokwadi. Tinoda varwi, tinoda magamba nokuti vose ava vanovaka rudzi rune mbiri, asi kana tichinge tisina chokwadi noruvimbo pachedu, tinoparadzwa namanyepo. Takasiya padikidiki kuparadzwa noruchiva, ruvengo neshanje asi hazvina kuzoitika nokuti chose chakaipa hachibereki chakanaka. VaMombeshora vakamboteerera kuchakaipa, naivowo vakatambudzika zvikuru kwazvo kana ndichirangarira zvakaitika musango renzira yokwaChirichoga. VaMombeshora vakarangwa kare asi ndinovayambira kuti zvinhu zvakadai hazvina kufanira kupamhidzwa. Kana munhu uchiziva kuti ichi kana icho chakaipa, regera.

"Ndinodavira kuti VaMombeshora vakawana chidzidzo chavachazodzidzisawo vamwe vazhinji. Vataura chokwadi. Ini ndinoziva kuti kubvira nhasi, VaMombeshora vava munhu akarurama kukunda vamwe vazhinji pamusana pechidzidzo chavakawana. Saka ini ndinovaregerera. Zvakare kana muchinge mazondigadza umambo, vacharamba vari jinda romuzinda. Kutadza ndokwemunhu wose. Hapana munhu asingatadzi. Saka aya ndiwo mazwi angu chete." Akabva agara pasi. Madzimai akapururudza, varume ndokuuchirawo.

VaPfumojena vakasimukazve ndokuti, "Tinotenda. Zvino pane chimwezve chandinoda kutaura. Musi wakaitwa musangano wokutanga, Zinwamhanga akapomera Tambaoga mhosva. Mhosva yokuti Tambaoga akauraya mambo, achipedzezvo ndokutaurira Tambaoga kuti uyo anoita upenyu hwebanga anofa nebanga. Namashoko aya, Zinwamhanga akazvitonga ega. Nokudaro ndinokuzivisai kuti Zinwamhanga haana kuenda kure. Vasangana naTambaoga musango, iye ndokutanga kurwisa Tambaoga nepfumo raanga ainaro. Mukatarisa kunzira uko munoona Chigiya, Chiroodza, Manyengavana naDambanemhuka." Vanhu vose vakati meso ji-i, kutarisa kwakanga kwarehwa naVaPfumojena ndokuona zviri zvechokwadiwo. Varume vana ava vakanga vakatakura dara. Padara apa pakanga pane chitunha. VaPfumo-

jena vakaenderera mberi ndokuti, "Wamuri kuona akatakurwa uyo, ndiZinwamhanga. Naiyewo auraylwa nebanga raakashandisa paakauraya mambo Mupakaviri."

Vazhinji havana kuziva kuti vochema here kana kuti kwete. VaZinwamhanga vakafira chinhu chisiri chavo. Vakachiva umambo hwakanga husiri hwavo, pfuma yakanga isiri yavo, navakadzi vakanga vasiri vavo. Pamusana paizvozvi vakaurayiwa, vakafira mafufu segonzo. Vakaita gudo rafira muchibage. Vakafa vakashaya munhu akavachema nokuwanzwira tsitsi. Vakavigwa kubani kwaivigwa pwere.

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TAMBAOGA MWANANGU

Bhuku iri rine rungano runodautsa muverengi namafaro pamwe nokumushukusha nokusuwa. Mambo Mupakaviri anotanga nokutsakatika. Nevanji wake, Tambaoga, anonzwa izwi rake muhope. Ramangwana anoenda kwakanga ashevedzwa muhope. Anosvikoita masanga namashura. Anoona baba wake ane banga rakanzi zete kumusana. Kuti munzwe zvakazoitika, tevedzai gwara romwanakomana waMupakaviri, achitamba ega munyatwa yokutsvaga mhondi yakanga yapfuudza baba wake.

PLAY IT ALONE MY SON

A dramatic account of the mysterious disappearance of a famous Shona chief, Mupakaviri.

His son Tambaoga discovers that Mupakaviri has been murdered. He starts on a lone trail (Tambaoga Mwanangu—Play it alone my son) to track down his father's murderer. The action that follows and suspense that builds up puts this novel in the top grade of Shona writing. This is the second work from the pen of Giles Kuimba whose first novel Gehena Harina Moto (Hell has no fire) was such a great success.