



Endzaweni lekutsiwa yiGaMaupye, lengaphandle kwelidolobha laseNasipoti, kuhlala uMnu. Masoga Maupye kanye nemkakhe Nkt. Masohlo Maupye.

UMnu. Maupye wondla umndeni wakhe ngekulima tilimo. Njalo ekuseni kakhulu uvuka ahambe nenja yakhe, Pichonki.



“Lamuhla ngitayibamba lentfo ledla tilimo tami,” kusho uMnu. Maupye ngekuciniseka.

“Angichubeke nekwenta umsebenti kute kube semini,” asho kuPichonki.



UMnu. Maupye usebenta ngekutikhandla lokukhulu emasimini.

Wondla umndeni wakhe ngaloko lakulimako. BakaMaupye abayitsengi imphuphu kanye netibhidvo.





Ngemva kwema-awa lambalwa, kwafika Nkt. Maupye emasimini.

Bekaletse kudla kwasemini kanye nemanti.

“Ngivusela wena Mokone,” kusho Nkt. Maupye.





UMnu. Maupye wadla, wanatsa, wase uyaphumula.

“Kulomnyaka, sinemvula lenyenti. Tilimo tiluhlata futsi tinhle,” asho.

“Ucinisile, sitawumikisa emasaka lalishumi emmbila kutsi ayogaywa,” kuphendvula Nkt. Maupye.



“Khohlwa ngaloku lokudla tilimo takho! Kunalokunyenti lokusele kwetfu,” kuhleka Nkt. Maupye.

“Ngiyabona kutsi awungati kahle, wena nkhosikati. Ngingakubhejela ngekutsi, ngitakubamba!” kuphendvula uMnu. Maupye.





Kusenjalo, uMnu. Maupye wabona logwaja adla tilimo takhe. Wagcuma waya etulu wase ujikijela likhuba lakhe kulogwaja.

“Ngitakutfo!” kumemeta uMnu. Maupye.





Logwaja waphunyula wabaleka.

Pichonki akazange amtfole logwaja.

Kantsi, likhuba lona lephuka.

Nkt. Maupye wabubula ngenhlitiyo.