



Endaweni ebizwa ngokuthi iGaMaupye, engaphandle kwedolobha iPolokwane, kuhlala uMnumzane Masoga Maupye nowakwakhe uNkosikazi Masohlo Maupye.

UMnu Maupye wondla umndeni wakhe ngokulima. Uvuka njalo ekuseni aye emasimini nenja yakhe uPichonki.



“Namhlanje ngizokubamba lokhu okudla izilimo zami,”  
kusho uMnu Maupye ngokuzethemba.

“Angisebenze kakhulu kuze kube semini,” usho kuPichonki.



UMnu Maupye usebenza kanzima emasimini.

Wondla umndeni wakhe ngezilimo zakhe.

Akayithengi impuphu nemifino.



Emva kwamahora ambalwa, kufika uNkosikazi Maupye ensimini.

Ulethe ukudla kwasemini namanzi.

“Sawubona Mokone,” kubingelela uNkosikazi Maupye.



UMnu Maupye uyadla, uyaphuza bese ephumula.

“Kulo nyaka, sibusiswe ngemvula. Izilimo ziluhlaza futhi zikhula kahle,” uyaphawula.

“Kunjalo, sizothumela amasaka ayishumi amabele ayogaywa,” kuphendula uNkosikazi Maupye.



“Khohlwa yilokhu okudla izilimo zakho! Kuningi ukudla,”  
kuhleka uNkosikazi Maupye.

“Ngiyabona ukuthi awungazi, sithandwa sami.

Ngiyafunga, ngizokubamba!” kuphendula uMnu Maupye.



Kwathi kusenjalo, Umnu Maupye ubona onogwaja udla izilimo zakhe. Wagxuma wawujikijela ngegeja.

“Ngizowubamba!” kumemeza Umnu Maupye.



Wabaleka wayoshona unogwaja.

UPichonki akazange awuthole.

Igeja nalo lase lephukile.

UNKosikazi Maupye uphefumulela phezulu.