

Akụkọ Ifo Dịka Ugegbe E Ji Ahụta Ndu Ndi Igbo

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Ichafu

Ndi Igbo bi na mpaghara owuwa anyanwu Naijiria nwere agumagu ha nke a na-aguputa n'onu tupu obibia ndi ocha. Otu n'ime agumagu onu ndi ahụ bu akuko ifo. Ifo bu akuko a roro arọ nke ndi Igbo ji anori oge ma na-akpakwa onwe ha obioma. Nchoputa na-egosị na otutu ndi mmadu na-eche na o nweghizi uru akuko ifo bara; karisia n'oge ugbo a. Ebumnobi oru nchocha a bu inyocha ifo iji mata usoro omenala na usoro ebimndu ndi Igbo ndi gbara elu n'ifo Igbo na igosiputa etu ifo si aru oru dika enyo e ji ahuta ndu ndi Igbo. Omenchocha a nwetere njiede o jiri mee nchocha a site n'igbado ukwu n'akuko ifo ndi o gerela oge o na-etolite, akuko ifo ndi o nwetere site n'akwukwo nchikota akuko ifo nakwa ihe ndi o maara dika onye Igbo toro n'ala Igbo. Nchoputa gosiri na e wepu iji akuko ifo noria oge ma kpakwaa ndi mmadu obioma, na akuko ifo bu otu uzọ gbara okpurukpu ndi Igbo si eziputa omenala, nkwenye na usoro obibi ndu ha. Atutu e ji wee mee oru nyochaa bu atutu keenyouche nke gbadoro ukwu na mmekorita mmadu na ibe ya dika o si metuta agumagu. Oru nchocha a nyere ntuziaka ka onye obula gbasie mbo ike ihu na agumagu odinala akukoifo anwughi; kama ka achoputa uzọ ndi ga-enyeaka iji hu na o selitere isi nke oma n'oge ugbo a.

Okpurukpu okwu ga: Akuko ifo, ndi Igbo, mbamuru, omenala, ugegbe

Mkpolite

Ndi Igbo, nke di na mpaghara owuwaanyanwu Naijiria nwere uzọ odinala di icheiche ha si akowaputa onwe ha, azulite umu ha ma na-akuzikwara ndi na-etolite etolite ihe. Otu n'ime uzọ di otu a bu site n'agumagu onu ha nke akuko ifo so n'otu n'ime ha. Mba di icheiche na agburu di icheiche nwegasiri akuko ifo nke ha. Akuko ifo nwegasiri aha a na-akpo ya na mpaghara ala Igbo digasi icheiche dika 'ifo', 'ife', 'iro', 'akukoufe', 'akukoufere', 'akukoifo', 'inu' na 'ihwe. Akuko ifo so n'otu nnukwu ngwaoru ndi Igbo ji akowaputa onwe ha, egosiputa omenala ha, egosiputa ahumiheyuwa ha; akuziri ndi na-etolite etolite ihe, anori oge ma na-akpakwa onwe ha obi anuri. Akuko ifo bu udi akuko puru iche nke na-esite n'otu agburu rue na agburu ozo.

Akuko ifo bu enyo e ji ahuta ndu, emereme, mmekorita, adimike, ezughi oke, atumaanya, olileanya mmadu, ujo n'ihe ndi ozo dika o si metuta ndi bi n'ime uwa. N'ihu na nnyocha ifo bu nnyocha ndu na akparamagwa ndi mmadu bi n'uwa. O bu n'ihu nke a ka akuko ifo ji di oke mkpa na ndu ndi Igbo; karisia n'ebe izulite umuaka di.

Ntuleghari oru ndi ozo ruru

E meela nchocha digasi icheiche dika o si metuta ifo, okachasi ifo Igbo. Otutu ndi orunchocha agbalisiela ike inye nkowa akuko ifo. Hamilton & Weiss (1990) kwara akuko ifo dika akuko nke a na-ahafe site n'otu agburu ruo na agburu ozo; tinyekwara na o bu akuko aroro aro nke obodo jikotara aka onu wee nwere¹. Ha gwara n'ihu kwara na a na-esite n'akuko ifo huta omenala mba nwe ha.

Otutu ndi oru nchocha gunyere Nwadika² na Nnabuihe³ kwenyere na ifo Igbo bu akuko na-emeghi eme. Ha kwetakwara na onweghi onye maara oge ifo malitere maobu onye/ndi malitere ya. Ha

¹ M. Hamilton and M. Weiss, *Children Tell Stories* (New York: Richard C. Owen Publishers, Inc., 1990), 39.

² Nwadike, I. Uzoma, *Eke na Ekwurugwu: A book of Aetiological or 'Why' Tales* (Ibadan: Heinemann, 2001).

³ Nnabuihe, C. B., *Nwaada Loolo: Akwukwo Akuko Ifo Ndi Igbo* (Lagos: Ofona Ogu Projects Africa, 2005).

kwenyekwara n'ifo malitere n'ih i mmasi ndi mmadu ka ha mee ka ndi ozo mata otu ha siri huta uwa. Ha kwekoritakwara na a na-e sitekwa n'ifo amata ihe ndi merela, tinyekwara icho ka ndi ozo keta oke na ahumihe uwa ha, icho ikato ajo agwa na ito eziagwa ma site usoro digasi otu a wee mee ka e nwe udo na-ezi mmekorita n'etiti ndi mmadu na ibe ha.

Abia na njiri mara ifo, Uba-Mgbemena kowaputara na njirimara ifo gunyere ndia, n'ifo anaghi adi naani n'udi akomako, n'ifo bidoro oge ndi Igbo malitere usoro ebimndu ha, n'onweghi akuku Igbo o bu naani ha nwe ifo, na-amaghi onye/ndi malitere ifo, na asusu ifo, na-adi mfe ma gakwaa siriri werere, tinyekwara na o nwere usoro okwu ndi e ji ebido ma na-emechi ifo⁴.

Ufodu ndi orunchocha gbaliri ikewa akuko ifo site n'igbadokwu n'oru ifo na-aru, isiokwu ndi mejuputara ifo, agwa ndi no n'ifo, ndina ifo, na emeremere/ebe emere ifo (Egudu⁵, Iroaganachi⁶, Emenanjo⁷, Okpewho⁸, Chukwukere⁹, Chukwuma¹⁰ na Nwadike¹¹). Mana Finnegan kowara n'igbadokwu n'agwa wee mee nkewa ifo adabachaghi n'ih i na enweghi ndiche putara ihe nke oma n'etiti agwa ndi digasi n'ifo¹². Nnabuihe¹³ puturu iche n'otu o si wee kwaa ifo. O kwara ifo dika iduu na ifo nkiti.

Abia n'oru ifo na-aru, otutu ndi odee na ndi orunchocha akporola aha tinyekwara Okwechime¹⁴, Okoh¹⁵, na Ikeokwu¹⁶ kwenyere n'oru ifo na-aru na ndu ndi Igbo gunyere iji noria oge, iji kuzie ihe, iji zulite umuaka, igosiputa ihe ndi merela eme, gosikwa ihe ndi na-eme ugbua ma site n'uzo di otu a tuputa atumatu maka odinihu. Anyachebelu n'akuku nke ya hutara ifo dika ihe juputara na mgbama/odimara (symbol) n'igosiputa udi oru, nkwenye, mmekorita, aha dgz; ndi a na-ahuta na ndu ndi Igbo. Anyachebelu gbara mbu weputa odimara/mgbama (symbol) ufodu gbaraelu n'ifo Igbo; ndi gunyere odimara: aha, oru, alimdi na nwunye, ochichi, nkwenye, aha, oge, onuogugu, agwa, mmekorita na ndi ozo¹⁷.

N'ime oru nchocha ndi a niile e merela, o dighi nke nyochara oru ifo na aru dika enyo e ji ahuta ndu ndi Igbo kpomkwem. O bu ya ka oru nchocha ji di oke mkpa.

⁴ Uba-Mgbemena, Asoonye, "The Roles of *Ifo* in the training of the Igbo child" *Journal of the Folklore Society* (1985): 53 – 54

⁵ Egudu, R. N., *The Calabash of Wisdom and Other Igbo Stories* (New York: Nok Publishers, 1973).

⁶ Iroaganachi, John O. *Oka Mgba* (London: Longman, 1973).

⁷ Emenanjo, E. Nolue (ed), *Omalinze: A book of Igbo folktales* (Ibadan: Oxford University Press, 1977).

⁸ Okpewho, I., *African Oral Literature: Backgrounds, Character, and Continuity* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1992).

⁹ Chukwukere, N. F., *Igbo Folktales about Women: Features and Ideological Implications* (1993).

¹⁰ Chukwuma, Helen, *Igbo oral literature theory and tradition* (Abak: Belpot, 1974).

¹¹ Nwadike, *Eke na Ekwurugu*

¹² Finnegan, Ruth, *Oral Literature in Africa* (United Kingdom: Open Book Publishers, 2012): 334 – 335.

¹³ Nnabuihe, *Nwaada Lolo*

¹⁴ Okwechime, E.O., "Igbo Oral Literature and Globalisation – the Missing Link," *JONLAC: A Journal of Nigerian Languages and Culture*. 6, (2) (2004): 111-117.

¹⁵ Okoh, N., *Preface to oral literature* (Nigeria: Africana First, 2008).

¹⁶ Ikeokwu, E. N., "Functionalism and the Pedagogy of Igbo Folktales" *Journal of Igbo Studies* 2 (2007): 21-26.

¹⁷ Anyachebelu, A. L. "Social Symbolism in Selected Texts on Igbo Animal Folktales in Nigeria. (A PhD Thesis University of Lagos, 2018).

Atụtu

Atụtu keenyouche “Mirror Image” bụ atụtu a gbakwasara ụkwụ wee nyochaa ọrụ nchọcha a. Atụtu keenyouche so n’otu tiori e nwere ike iji nyochaa agumagu mba. Isi ahuru wee kwaba okpu dika o si metuta atutu keenyouche bu Louis-de-Bonald (1754 – 1810) okiruro onye French (French philosopher). O kowaputara na site n’iwetu anya guo agumagu agburu obula, mmadu nwere ike ikowaputa udi ndu agburu ahụ biri (Ogunsina¹⁸). Ngalaba atutu keenyouche n’inyocha agumagu na mmekorita na mmekorita mmadu n’ibe ha n’ime obodo hutara agumagu dika enyo na-egosiputa otu agburu maobu mba nwe ya di Lowenthal¹⁹. Atutu keenyouche hutakwara udi agumagu obula dika ihe ndi odee kpachapuru anya mebe iji wee gosiputa ihe ndi merela/ na-eme n’agburu maobu mba ahụ Ogunsina²⁰.

Atutu keenyouche na-enyeaka egosiputa mmekorita na-enweghi nkewa nke di n’etiti oru nka/ekereuche (art) na mba nwe ha. Vastsa kwenyere na ma ihe oma na ihe amamaka n’ihu agburu obula na-enwe na-agbaelu n’agumagu agburu nwe ha²¹.

O bu n’ihi nke a ka oru nchọcha a ji wee horo atutu keenyouche dika ihe a ga-agbado ukwu na ya wee mee oru nchọcha a. O bu eziokwu na akuko ifo bu agumagu odinala, ma akuko ndi mejuputara ifo ndi Igbo bu ezigbo enyo, a na-esite na ya huta ndu ndi Igbo.

Usoro Oru nchọcha

Omenchọcha nwetara akuru ngwaoru o jiri kwara ngwaoru n’ifo a kporo ‘Nwa a gutara na mmiri’ di *Nza na Obu*²². Ifo a nwekwara uzọ abuo ozo e si ako ya. Otu bu ‘Nwunye nke a kporo asi’ nke ozo bu ‘Omalinze’, ifo abuo ndi di n’*Omalinze*. N’ime ifo ato ndi a, omenchọcha kara gbadokwu n’ifo ‘Nwa a gutara na mmiri’ nke sitere n’akwukwo akuko *Nza na Obu*, ma werezie ‘Omalinze’ na ‘Nwunye nke a kporo asi’ dika ebe ndabere iji hu na orunchọcha a nyere ihe a chorọ. Akuko ato ndi a nwere otu isiokwu, ndina ha bukwa otu. Ndiiche putara ihe n’ifo ato ndi a bu mgbanwe agwa n’ebe ufodu agwa di n’ifo ahụ di.

N’aka nke ozo, omenchọcha a gbara ufodu ndi nkuzi na umuakwukwo ndi Igbo ajuju onu iji choputa otu ha si wee huta ifo dika ihe na-enyeaka egosiputa usoro ebimndu ndi Igbo. Ufodu akwukwo ndi e dere gbasara ifo Igbo nyekwara Omenchọcha aka. Omenchọcha webatakwara amamihe na nghota ya dika nwaafọ Igbo a muru, o tokwaa n’ala Igbo. Nihi na o nwere ohere isonye n’iko na n’ige akuko ifo oge o na-etolite.

Nchikota “Akuko Nwa a Gutara Na Mmiri”

Nwa a gutara na mmiri na-ako maka otu eze luru ndinyom asaa ma kpo otu n’ime ha asi. Ndiinyom Eze muru ya naani umunwaanyi. N’ihi ya, o nweghi nwa nwoke obula nke ga-anochi ya ma o nwuo. Ihe kpatara na ndinyom Eze niile enweghi nke mutaara ya nwa nwoke dika afa si wee kwue bu n’ihi na nna eze megburu otutu umuogbenye. Ogbaafa gwara Eze na o buru na o choo ka ndi nwunye ya muta nwoke, na o ga-eburu uzọ nyeghachi umu ogbenye dum nna ya kpaakorọ ihe ha, ihe ha dum. Eze gbara mbọ mee ihe afa kwuru, n’ihi na o chosiri nwa nwoke ike.

Eze a mechara gaa na nke onye dibia ka o nyere ya aka ime ka ndi nwunye ya muta nwoke. Dibia ahụ nyere ya mkpuru aku asaa ka o nye ndinyom ya nke ha ga-eti taa mkpokoro ya ma tufue nke bu aku. Ndiinyom Eze bu ndi nganga, n’ihi ya ha tiri aku taa uru ya, ma tufue mkpokoro ya. Otu Odibo Eze huru Mkpomasi n’anya nukwara ihe Eze kwuru, ma kpaakorọ mkpokoro aku ahụ ndi nwunye Eze

¹⁸ Ogunsina, B. *Sociology of the Yoruba Novel: An Introduction*, (Ilorin: Integrity Publication, 2006), 20.

¹⁹ Lowenthal, L., *Literature and the Image of Man* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1957), 15

²⁰ Ogunsina, *Sociology of the Yoruba Novel*, 10

²¹ Vastsa, S., Literature is the Mirror but Must Be Able to See the Mirrored.

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²² Ogbalu, F. Chidozie, *Nza na Obu*. (Onitsha: University Publishing Company, 1973): 69-72.

ndi ọzọ tufuru kpogara Mkpọrọmasị. N'akuko di n'Emenanjo, afa gwara Eze na o ga-ebute otu ogbe akwu ojukwu mmuo keere ndi inyom ya dum mkpuru akwu niile di na ya ka ha taa. O gwakwara Eze na o nwere otu mkpuru akwu di na ya nke o ga-abu nwaanyi obula tara ya, o mutara ya nwata nwoke o na-achosi ike²³. Oge Eze gbutere akwu ahụ, o jiri aka ya keere ndiinyom ya mkpuru akwu niile di na ya, mana o nyeghi Mkpọrọmasị. O dosikwara ndiinyo ndi ọzọ aka na nti ike ka ha ghara inye ya nke ha ketara. Isi nwaanyi were oke ya lakpuru n'ulo, ma hu otu mkpuru akwu oti gbara; o were ya tufuo n'ezi, si na o gaghi abara ya uru. Ka o na-esi ndi ọzọ n'ite, otu oke ngwere biara buru mkpuru akwu ahụ o tufuru bugara enyi ya nwaanyi, bu Mkpọrọmasị bi n'ebe a na-achupu aja²⁴. Ma n'akuko di n'Ogbalu, o bu otu n'ime ndi ohu Eze huru Mkpọrọmasị n'anya mere ka mkpokoro aku ahụ rute ya aka. Mgbe oge omumu nwa ndi nwunye Eze ruru, ndi nwunye Eze isii o huru n'anya muchara nwaanyi nwaanyi, ebe naani Mkpọrọmasi muru nwoke. Ma o rue mgbe Mkpọrọmasi ga-amu nwa, o buru Anasi jiri ya ime. Anasi Eze a bu ajo nwaanyi afọ tara mmiri nke mere na mgbe Mkpọrọmasi muru nwa, o tubara nwa nwoke o muru na mmiri, were osisi nku kpa ya si ya n'aka si ya na o bu ihe o muru²⁵

Nwatakiri nwoke ahụ Mkpọrọmasi muru, nke Anasi Eze tubara na mmiri hugidere rute ebe otu agadi nwaanyi ji isi ama ukwa no. Agadi nwaanyi ahụ kporo ya laa n'ulo ya. Akuko ọzọ kwuru na o bu "Otu Diochi huru ya ka o sere n'elu mmiri wee gaa kuputa ya. Mgbe o no n'elu nkwu, o lere anya hu na o bu nwaanyi nke a kporo asi muru nwa ahụ. O wee kuru nwa ahụ laa si mgbe ya zuchara ya ka o ga-akoro eze ihe mere"²⁶. Akuko nke ọzọ kwara na mmiri ruuru ha puta n'ebe otu agadi nwaanyi na-ama ukwa n'ikpere mmiri, ebe ya mere ya, o wee guputa ha kporo ha lawa n'ulo ya. N'ulo ya, o legidere ha anya wee ruo mgbe ahụ dikwara nwaanyi ahụ mma nke oma²⁷.

O rue otu ubochi nkita Eze kpaara nri rute n'ulo ebe nwatakiri ahụ no; nwatakiri ahụ gurụ ya uri a:

Nkita Eze ichobwa m o
Nna m Eze tiri iwu
Nyaa Nyabo
Amuta nwaanyi tufega
Nyaa Nyabo
Amuta nwoke kpobata
Nyaa Nyabo
Amuta nwoke kpobata
Nyaa Nyabo
Anasi Eze onye iwe
Nyaa Nyabo

Kwa ubochi, o buru na nkita Eze gachaa n'ulo ebe nwatanwoke Eze no, o laruo ulo, o na- amalite piawa Eze odu ya. Otu ubochi Eze kpebiri wee soro nkita ya wee rute n'ulo nwatakiri ahụ. Agadi nwaanyi ahụ wee koro Eze ihe niile gbasara nwa ahụ na otu o siri buru nwa Eze. O tutara Eze aro ka ndi nwunye ya niile sie nri buputa, onye obula nwatakiri ahụ riri nri ya, a mara na onye ahụ bu nne ya. Eze mere ihe Agadi nwaanyi ahụ gwara ya. N'ikpeazu o bu nri Mkpọrọmasi ka nwatakiri ahụ riri; na-agbanyeghiri na o bu oke na ngwere ka Mkpọrọmasi ji wee sie nri nke ya. N'ih na Eze zuru ndi nwunye ya ndi o huru n'anya ihe ha ga-eji sie nri utu ma o nweghi nke o nyere Mkpọrọmasi. Eze mechaziri wee buru Mkpọrọmasi saa ya ahụ, zuru ya otu igbe uwe, zuru ya ma o-la-edo, ma o-la-ocha na ihe ndi niile o na-azughiri ya na mbu. Site n'ubochi ahụ, Eze akpobata Mkpọrọmasi n'ulo ya, nye ya ihe niile o choro. "O kpobatakwara diochi n'obi eze ka o buru otu n'ime ndi ichie ya"²⁸. O rue oge Eze nwuru, nwatakiri ahụ aburu eze n'onodu nna ya.

²³ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 2

²⁴ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 1-2

²⁵ Ogbalu, F. Chidozie, *Nza na Obu*, 70.

²⁶ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 175-176

²⁷ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 177

²⁸ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 177

Ntucha Data/Ntosasi

Akuko ifo bu akuko ihe na-emeghi eme nke na-agbakwasa ukwu n'ala mmadu, n'ala mmuo, na n'ala umuanumanu. Mmemmadu juputa n'ifo, n'ih na a na-enye osisi, anuohia, anuulo na ihe okike ndi ozo agwa mmadu. Agwa di n'ifo bucha ihe niile di n'elu uwa. E ji agwa ndi ahụ ndi di n'ifo e gosiputa udi agwa a na-ahuta na ndu ndi mmadu ndi bi n'ime uwa. Na ntosasi a, a ga-egosiputa ka ifo Igbo si aru oru dika enyo e ji ahuta ndu ndi Igbo.

Ifo dika enyo e ji ahuta ndi Igbo

Enyo bu ihe na-egosiputa otu ihe di. O buru na mmadu achoo imata otu onye ahụ di, o ga-aga lee onwe ya n'enyọ. O bu otu a ka ifo si wee di na ndu ndi Igbo. Ifo bu ihe di oke mkpa n'igosiputa otu ndi Igbo di; otu ha si ahuta uwa, otu ha si emegasi ihe di icheiche dika ekpemekpe, ochichi, alumi na nwunye, igu aha, mmekorita dgz. E ji ya egosiputa akpamiike odogwu, amamihe, eziagwa, egwu, ahumihe gbasara uwa, ikpa ochi, ito mmadu, inye Chukwu ugwu na nsopuru nakwa igosiputa ihe kpatara ihe ufodu ji di etu ha di, dika etu onwu siri bia n'uwa. Nke a putara na mmadu nwere ike isite n'ifo mata usoro ebimndu ndi Igbo.

Dika atutu kenonyeuche si wee kwuo, akuko ndi a na-agbadokwa ukwu n'ihe ndi ndi okoo huru maobu ha nuru metutara obodo ha na okiririki ha. E nwereike isi na ndi okoo na-ako maka mpaghara ebe ha si dika ha si wee huta ihe ndi merela maobu ihe ndi na-eme. N'ih na o bu n'okiriki mpaghara ebe ndi okoo bi ka ha si enweta ihe ndi na-emejuputa akuko ha. O bu n'ih ya ka ahumihe mba na usoro ebimndu mba ji agbaelu n'akomako ha. O bu otu ahụ ka o dikwa na ndu ndi Igbo. O bu site n'uzo di otu a ka ifo si buru enyo na-eseputa ndu ndi Igbo ma na-egosiputakwa ihe ndi nna nna ha weere dika ihe oma maobu ihe ozo. N'ih nke a e nwereike isi n'ifo juputara n'odimara/njirmara (symbol) na-egosiputa ndu ndi Igbo.

Iji wee gosiputa otu ifo si buru enyo na-ebuputa ndu ndi Igbo, orunchocha a gbadorokwu n'oru ato kachaa gbaaelu ifo na-aru. Ha bu ndi a: ndumodu, nkocha na otito. A ga-elebanyekwa anya n'odimara 'symbols' ndi gbakwaraelu n'ifo eji wee kwara ngwaru n'oru nchocha a, iji gosiputagasia uzo ndi ozo ifo si aru oru dika enyo eji ahuta ndu ndi Igbo. A ga-enyocha ihe ato ndi a site n'ilebanye anya n'otu ha si wee puta ihe n'ifo a 'Nwa a gutara na mmiri', ma rutukwa aka na 'Omalinze' na 'Nwunye nke a kporo asi' n'ebe o di mkpa. Nke mbu a ga-elebensyaanya bu ndumodu.

Ndumodu

E ji ifo akuziri umuaka ihe di icheiche dika igosi nsopuru, irube isi, inwe obi ebere, ikwu eziokwu, isopuru nsala, ibelata oke ochicho, nganga, ekworo, nnupu isi, dgz. N'ime ufodu ifo, a na-ahuta mmegbu, ita ahuhu, ikpoasi, obi ozo, nnupu isi, dgz. O buru na egosiputa ihe ndi a n'ifo, n'ikpeazu a ga-enweta ihe nlekwasi anya nke bu iweputa uru ifo ahụ bara. O buru na eleanya n'ifo e ji wee mee nchocha a, Eze kporo otu nwunye ya asi na-enweghi ihe ozo obula o mere ya. Asi di ya kporo ya enweghi ihe aga eji wee tunyere ya. O bu n'ih asi di ya kporo ya mere na o zutara ndi ozo ihe, o gaghi enye ya. Eze amaghi ma o di ndu ma o nwuru anwu. Ihe oriri ya bu ihe ekpofuru n'ikpo ntu ya bu nri gbara uka na ahia ji. Ndu nwaanyi a di, o kaara ya mma na o nwuru anwu karja ihusi anya niile o na-ahusi²⁹. O rupuuru ya ulo n'ebe a na-achupu aja di n'ezi ama ya³⁰. Mkpomas, na-agbanyeghi udi asi di ya kporo ya oge niile ahụ o lutara ya n'ulo ahụ, e nweghi onye o kpaliri, o lughu ogu maobu tuo atumatu igbapu oso puo n'ulo ahụ. O dighikwa oge o nupuuru di ya maobu onye obula isi; rukwue oge o muru nwa nwoke nke Anasi napuru ya nye ya osisi. Nke a gosiri na o bu nwaanyi nwere ezi nzulite site n'ezinaulo a muru ya. A zuputara ya nkeoma malite na nwata n'ih na ndi Igbo kwenyere na a naghị amu aka ekpe na nka. Nke a bu nnukwu ndumodu nye onye obula, na-ekwesiri izulite umuaka nke oma, ka o ga-abu ha tolite, ha agaghi esi n'ime nkuzi ha natara dapu.

²⁹ Ogbalu, *Nza na Obu*, 71

³⁰ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 1

N'otu aka ahukwa, Mkpọrọmasị mechaziri buru ya na-ekwu ihe na-eme na be Eze, "site n'ubochi ahụ, o buzi ya na-ekwu ihe na-eme n'ezi na ulo Eze, ndi ozo na-eso ya n'azu³¹". Ndi nwunye di ya jibu ya mere ihe ochi bu ndi na-akparikwa ya wee buruzia ndi no n'okpuru ya, na-anarazi ntuziaka na ndumodu site n'aka ya.

N'ime mmekpa ahụ niile ndi a Mkpọrọmasị gabigara, o bu naani Ngwere bu enyi na enyemaka o nwetara. Di ya azoputaghi ya, obuladi ndi obodo n'onwe ha e nweghi nke nyere ya aka. Mgbe o di ka ahuhu o na- akwado iri isi ya Chinke sitere n'aka onye a na-amaghi hu na o nwughi n'ezi omume ya nke ga-eme ka a ga-asị na o bu ajo ihe mmadu ime ezi ihe. Ndi odibo eze, enweghi nke meere ya ebere. O bu naani anumanu bu onye meere ya ebere (hand of providence). Oge ufo, enyemaka na-abia site n'ebe mmadu na-atughi anya; nke a bu aka Chukwu. N'ebe e nyeere ndi nwunye eze niile ndi o huru n'anya mkpurukwu ka ha taa, isi nwaanyi tufuru nke gbara oti. O bukwanu nke ahụ gbara oti o tufuru atufu buzi nke Chukwu jiri kwara ngwaru ime ka Mkpọrọmasị di ime. Mgbe ndi mmadu na-achọ iwepu onye ozo n'onodu ruuru onye ahụ, Ekekereuwa na-ebilite mee ihe o jiri wee buru Chi. N'ih i n'odinachi nwere ka o si aru oru na ndu ndi mmadu iwebata mmadu, mgbe ndi ozo gupuru/juru onye ahụ. Chineke nwere ka o si aru oru ime ka ihe a napuru mmadu rute onya ahụ aka. N'ebe a o bu Mkpọrọmasị, onye ajuruaju mecahaziri soro n'onu na-ekwu. Ifo a bu ezigbo omumaatu nkwenye na onweghi ihe kariri Chukwu n'omume na o nweghi ihe Chukwu turu aghaghi ime. Tinyekwara nkwenye na uwa na-eme ntughari. N'ih i na o bugh i onye o diri mma tata, ka o nwereike idiri echi. N'ih i ya mmadu obula ekwesighi igbu onwe ya n'ih i onodu adichaghi mma onye ahụ hutara onwe ya n'ime ya. Mmadu ekwesikwaghi iji uwa eme onu maka na o nweghi onye ma echi. O bu onye ndidi na-eri azu ukpoo; otee aka o di njo, o di mma.

Akuko Ifo Dika Ihe E Ji 'Akocha Agwa Ojoo Di Iche Iche

Ifo bu otu uzọ ndi Igbo si akato agwa ojoo. Ndi Igbo kwenyere na mmebo e meboro nwaamadi n'ohaizugbe ka ogbugbu e gburu ya n'ohaizugbe. N'ifo e ji wee mee oru nchocha a, n'akuko nke di n'Emenanjo (1977), ihe kpatara na nwunye Eze niile enweghi nke mutara ya nwa nwoke bu n'ih i na "nna ya mefuru otutu umu ogbenye kpakorokwa ala ha dum. O gwara ya na o na-achosi nwa nwoke ike, na o ga-eburu uzọ nyeghachi umu ogbenye dum nna ya kpakorokwa ihe ha, ihe ha dum³²". N'aka nke ozokwa, ndi nwunye Eze ndi o huru n'anya amutaghi nwoke oge Eze mechara ihe afa gwara ya mee n'ih i mpako na nganga. Dika akuko di n'Ogbalu si wee kwue "Ma ndi nwunye Eze bu ndi nganga. Ha ahughi otu mmadu ga-esi taa mkpokoro aku, hapu nke bu uru ya. Ya mere, ha tie aku ha taa uru ya, tufue mkpokoro ya sir i ha taa³³".

Ndi nchocha diiri bu nna Eze. "Nna ya mefuru otutu umu ogbenye kpakorokwa ala ha dum³⁴". O bu nna Eze bu isi sekpu nti butere nsogbu amughi nwa n'ezinaulo nwa ya n'ih i ajo agwa o kpasoro ndi ogbenye.

Eze, onye kporo nwunye ya asi na-enweghi ihe ojoo o bu la o mere ya nwetakwara nchocha nke ya. "Asi Eze kporo nwunye ya enweghi atu, nke na mgbe o gbutere akwu ahụ, o jiri aka ya keere ndinyom ya mkpuru akwu niile di na ya, mana o nyeghi nke ahụ o kporo asi. O sir i na o ga-abu ihe aru ma nwaanyi ya kporo asi mutara ya okpara. O dosikwara ndinyom ozo aka na nti ike ka ha ghara inye ya nke ha ketara³⁵".

Ndinyom Eze n'akuku nke ha kpara agwa ojoo, n'ikpo nwunye di ha asi n'efu tinyekwara ibi ndu nganga na nnupu isi ha. Akuko ifo a kwara na Ndinyom Eze bu ndi nganga, n'ih i ya ha tiri aku, taa uru ya, ma tufuo mkpokoro ya³⁶. Akuko nke di n'Emenanjo (1977) koro na mgbe isi nwaanyi weere oke ya lakpuruo n'ulo, o huru otu mkpuru akwu oti gbara. O wee were ya tufuo n'ez i, si na o gaghi

³¹ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 4

³² Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 1

³³ Ogbalu, *Nza na Obu* 70

³⁴ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 1

³⁵ Emenanjo, *Qmalinze*, 1

³⁶ Ogbalu, *Nza na Obu*, 70

abara ya uru. Ka o na-esi ndi ozo n'ite, o maghi mgbe oke ngwere no n'elu aja weere oso ridata buru mkporu akwu ahụ o tufuru bugara enyi ya nwaanyi. O wee were ya tufuo n'ezi, si na o gaghị abara ya uru³⁷.

Anasi bu isi nwaanyi Eze, onye kwesiri ka o na-agbaziri ndi ozo buzi ya bu onye nara Mkpomasi nwa nwoke ahụ o muru tubanye n'ime mmiri. "Ma o rue mgbe Mkpomasi ga-amu nwa, o buru Anasi gaeji ya ime. Anasi Eze a bu ajo nwaanyi afọ tara mmiri nke mere na mgbe nwaanyi a muru nwa, o tubaa ya na mmiri, were isisi nku kpa ya si ya n'aka si ya na o bu ihe o muru"³⁸.

Udi akuko a bu iji wee katoo agwa ojo dika imegbu ogbenye, inapu ndi mmadu ihe ha n'ike, tinyekwara nganga/mpako. N'ih na udi agwa ndi di otu a bucha agwa ndi Igbo na-aso nsọ.

Otito

Ndi Igbo bu ndi ma ka e si enye mmadu maobu ihe ndi ozo otito maka ike ha kpara maobu ihe oma onye/maobu ndi/ihe mere. N'ih na e too dike na nke o mere, o mee ozo. O bu n'ih ya ka Igbo ji asi na-e too onye akidi o gwota ozo. Ihe kpatara ndi Igbo ji enye mmadu otito maka ihe oma onye ahụ mere bu iji wee gosi onye ahụ n'ih omere di mma. N'ih ya, ka onye ahụ mere gaba n'ihu; tinyekwara iji mee ka ndi no n'akuko nomie udi akparamagwa di otu ahụ. Nke a ga-eme ka onye obula na-agbalisike ime ihe oma iji wee nweta otito.

Otito gbara elu n'ifo a nke ukwu. Ndi otito diri n'ifo a bu Diochi na agadi nwaanyi ji isi ama ukwa. N'ih na o bu ha gbara mbu ihu na o nweghi ihe ojo mere Mkpomasi na nwata nwoke Eze wee rue oge Eze matara na ya nwere nwa nwoke. N'ih ezi agwa Diochi, Eze mechara kpobata "Diochi n'obi Eze ka o buru otu n'ime ndi ichie ya"³⁹. Ndi ozo otito dikwara bu Mkpomasi, onye na-agbanyeghi mkpli niile o natara na akpomasi niile a kporo ya, tachitere obi ya wee ruo mgbe onodu gbanwere ya.

Otito dikwara otu Odibo Ezekwa onye nutara ihe Eze gwara nwunye ya ndi ozo, ma wee kpokoro mkpokoro aku ahụ ndi nwunye Eze ndi ozo tufuru kponye Mkpomasi. Otito dikwara Ngwere maka i gbata onye na-enweghi enyemaka, Mkpomasi oso enyemaka. Otito dikwara Nkita ahụ mere ka eziokwu puta ihe.

Odimara (Symbols)

Odimara bu ihe e ji anochite anya ihe ozo iji wee mee ka nghota puta ihe nkeoma. Otutu odimara gbara elu n'ifo e ji wee mee onochochaa. Ha gunyere:

i. Omugwo

Ndi Igbo na-eme nwaanyi muchara nwa omugwo. O bu Diochi n'akuko nke di n'Emenanjo⁴⁰ nakwa Agadi nwaanyi ahụ ji isi na-ama ukwa n'ikpere mmiri, (nke guputara Mkpomasi na nwa nwoke o muru wee kporo ha laa n'ulo ya) nochitere anya o mugwo. Dika akuko ahụ si wee koo "o legidere ha anya wee ruo mgbe ahụ dikwara nwaanyi ahụ mma nke oma"⁴¹. Akparamagwa ndi di otu ahụ nochitere anya omugwo.

ii. Eziokwu

Nwata nwoke ahụ nke Mkpomasi muru, e ji anyaukwu na ikposi wee tunye na mmiri, kama imikpu n'ime mmiri ka mmiri gbagbue ya, hugidere rue ebe otu agadi nwaanyi ji isi ama ukwa no, onye kporo ya wee laa n'ulo ya. Osise nwata ahụ sere na mmiri bu odimara iji gosi na etigbuha eziokwu, emechaa, o selite isi; na eme elu mee ala, o nweghi onye puru igbachiri onye chi ya agbachihiri.

iii. Udo na ikpe ziri ezi 'instrument of justice'

Ndi Igbo kwenyere n'ikpe nkumoto na ikpe ziri ezi nke o bu ofo na ugu na-anochite anya ha na ndu odinana ndi Igbo. Agwa Nkita Eze, Diochi na agadi nwaanyi ndi gbara mbu ihu na nwata nwoke ahụ

³⁷ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 1-2

³⁸ Ogbalu, *Nza na Obu*, 70

³⁹ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 176

⁴⁰ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 176

⁴¹ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 173

Mkpọrọmasị mụrụ dī ndụ nọchitereanya ikpe ziri ezi. O bụ site na akparamagwa ha ka Eze si mata na o nwere nwa nwoke a mụtara ya, tinyekwara ime ka Eze mata onye bụ nne nwata ahụ kpomkwem. Nke bụ ihe mepere uzo ka Mkpọrọmasị nweta onodu ruru ya na be di ya. Ngwere kwa n'akuku nke ya bụ nnukwu ngwaoru ime ka Mkpọrọmasị nweta ikpe ziri ezi. N'ih i n'oge isi nwaanyi Eze tufuru oke nke mkpuruakwu nke ya n'ih i na o gbara oti, o bu ngwere bugara ya Mkpọrọmasị bi n'ebe a na-achupu aja⁴². O bụ ihe a ngwere mere kpatara ka Mkpọrọmasị ji keta oke isoro ndi nwunye di ya taa akwu ojukwu mmuo ahụ enyere ndi nwunye ndi ozo ma enyeghi ya.

iv. Mmegbu, obi ojo na anyaukwu

Agwa ndi a, ndiinyom Eze, Ohu/odibo Eze, Anasi Ezebu gosiputara akparamagwa ojo nọchitere mmegbu, obi ojo na anyaukwu nke a na-ahuta n'ndu ufo du mmadu bi n'ua. Omumaatu, Ohu Eze, bu ya kwabara Mkpọrọmasị na nwa o muru n'ime mmiri⁴³, "... ma odibo Eze, nke na-elekota imu nwa anya, siri na a ga-atunye nwa ahụ na mmiri. O were nwa nwoke ahụ tunye na mmiri"⁴⁴. Ndiinyom Eze, n'akuku nke ha enweghi onye n'ime ha kpasoro Mkpọrọmasị agwa oma maobukwanu wee obi ebere n'ahụ ya, dika nwunye di ha. Kama nke ahụ, Anasi Eze bu isi nwaanyi Eze buru onye tubara nwata nwoke ahụ n'ime mmiri ma were osisi nye Mkpọrọmasị n'onodu nwa o muru. Eze n'onwe ya kwa onye kporo nwunye asi ya na-nweghi ihe ojo obula o mere ya nakwa nna Eze, onye nakooro umuogbenye ihe ha. Ndi Igbo na-ekwu okwu si na "ihe ojo gbaa afo, o diri onye mere ya". N'ih i nke a ka ka Eze ji wee taa ahuhu ihe ojo nna ya metara nke bu na Eze amutaghi nwa nwoke tutu rue mgbe o nyeghachisiri umuogbenye ihe nna ya na-akoro ha.

Odimara ndi ozo gbara elu n'akuko a gunyere ndi a:

Osi ahụ Anasi Eze nyere Mkpọrọmasị nọchitere anya mgbanwe o rubere mmadu 'exchange of destiny or a person's entitlement'.

Uso mmiri nọchitere anya ulogwu, ebe a na-amu nwa.

Odibo Eze, nke na-elekota imu nwa anya nọchitereanya ndi na-ana nwa (mid wives).

Mpuruakwu⁴⁵ / **mkpokoro aku**⁴⁶ na **mkpuru akwu ojukwu mmuo**⁴⁷ na-egosiputa ogwu odinala

⁴² Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 1-2

⁴³ Emenanjo *Omalinze*, 2

⁴⁴ Emenanjo, *Omalinze*, 175

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N'ihe ndi nwereike inyere onye na-achọ nwa aka ịmụta nwa 'fertility drug'.

The Ndiọzọ Gbakwara Elu

Nri ndi igbo

Ndi Igbo nwere ụdi nri digasi icheiche e ji mara ha. Ufodu n'ime ha gbara elu n'ifo a bu nkwu, ukwa na akwu.

Ekike

Ekike ndi Igbo gbara elu bu ọla ọcha na ọla edo.

Oru ndi Igbo

Otu otu oruka ndi Igbo gbakwaraelu n'ifo e ji mee nchocha a. Ha gunyere ndi a: Diochi, dibia (ogwu na afa), Odibo eze (n'ihi na azucha mmadu n'oru/ahia, o mutachaa, o gaa mepee nke ya), ikpa anu ulo dika nkita na izuahia dgz.

Nchikota

Orunchocha a lebara anya n'otu ifo si aru oru dika enyo esi na ya ahuta ndu ndi Igbo. Orunchocha a kowaputara n'ifo bu enyo e ji ahuta atumanya, ujo, nkwenye, omenala. Ifo na-enyekwa aka ime ka ahumihe ndi igbo gbara elu; tinyekwara igosiputa usoro ndi igbo si ahuta ihe obula n'uwa.

A na-esite n'ifo Igbo nwee mmuta na nghota puru iche dika o si metuta ndu ndi Igbo n'ozuzu oke, dika o si gbaaelu n'orunchocha a. Nke mbu bu ikocha agwa ojoo. A na-esite n'ifo akato agwa ojoo. Nke a na-enyere umuaka aka imuta udi agwa a turuanya n'aka ha, ma gbara ajo agwa oso. Nke ozo bu inye mmadu maobu ihe nkiti otuto ebe nke ikpezu bu inye ndumodu. Ifo ndi a juputakwara n'odimara (symbol). A na-e sitekwa na ha hutakwa otutu ihe ndi metutara ndi Igbo, dika nkwenye n'arusi, n'afa, n'ogwu na Chukwu, mmekorita mmadu, ekpemekpe, ochichi, udi nri, ekike dgz. Omumatu, Oke nsogbu na-agbakaria elu n'ifo dika ukọ nri maobu ugani, mmegbu na aghugho na-egosiputa na ndi Igbo na-enwe ukọ ihe, ukọ mmadu, ukọ ala, tinyekwara mmegbu na aghugho, nke na-eweta nsogbu.

E ji ifo akuziri umuaka ihe di icheiche dika eziumume, omenala, na nkwenye ndi Igbo di icheiche. Nke a na-enye aka eme ka umuaka site na nwata muta ihe ndi di mma na nke di njo nakwa etu ndi muru ha si na-elegara uwa anya. O na-enyekwara umuaka aka imuta eziihe nakwa igbaso eziumume, ka ha were bie ezi ndu tosiriri ndi ga-abu ndi nne na nna, ndi isi ezinaulo nakwa ndi ndu obodo. Orunchocha a kwenyesiri ike na ifo bu ihe di nnukwu mkpa na ndu ndi Igbo. N'ihi ya ka o ji di mkpa onye o bu la inyeaka ihu n'omenala akuko ifo anwughi.

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