

## **SCENE ONE**

*The scene takes place in IBADAN (in the west of NIGERIA).*

### **First part**

**KATATCHE:** *People of IBADAN, I greet you! IGWE, the great IGWE wants you to come tomorrow early in the morning at the palaver hut. This is very important ooooooooooh!*

**CHIBUKE:** *hi buddy! Have you heard the news?*

**JOHN:** *A A...What news?*

**CHIBUKE:** *We have a meeting tomorrow at the village place.*

**JOHN:** *A meeting? For what?*

**CHIBUKE:** *I don't know anything about it. We will be informed tomorrow.*

**JOHN:** *so see you tomorrow, friend.*

**CHIBUKE:** *Okay, Bye!*

### **Second part**

**IGWE:** *dear people of IBADAN, I greet you!*

**Everybody:** *Good morning, chief*

**IGWE:** *Today, we have a visitor who has a very important message for us, so I want you to listen very carefully. Mr MONTANA, you've the floor.*

**DR.MONTANA:** *Hli ladies and gentlemen! I am doctor MONTANA, the president of ORBIS, an American organization which gives back happiness to blind people by curing them. This year, we have chosen AFRICA and today, we are in your village to take the names of those who are blind in order to cure them with the chief permission. So we are waiting for you. ( after Mr MONTANA speech, there are applause.)*

*The spokesman: silence! The leader will speak.*

**IGWE:** *As you have so well understood, thanks to modern medicine, blindness will be eradicated. In my case, I thank our gods because AMY my niece will be cured. ( Approvals and disapproval of the villagers)*

**KATATCHE:** *Keep calm, please.  
(consultation between AMY's mother and the brother)*

**EMEKA :** *I want to speak please!*

**IGWE:** *Speak my son.*

**EMEKA:** *I speak on behalf of my mother. AMY has always been a polite, loving, hardworking and studious girl at school before she became blind and thanks to these attitudes, she managed to win the*

*affection of all the villagers. We won't bear losing her, so my mother and I think that, this is not a good idea because it's very risky. We prefer to make use of the traditional healer.*

**IGWE:** *I've understood what you said. They are about wise, but I prefer listening to DIMIKELA the healer. She has certainly many things to say.*

**DIMIKELA:** *I knew that! I knew things were going to end like this. Instead of keeping our customs, you allowed yourselves be influenced by these westerns. What about our traditions?*

**Some villagers:** *yes! The traditional healer is right.*

**KATATCHE:** *Shut your big mouth! Who allowed you to speak?*

**DIMIKELA:** *it's an abomination! (grimaces and fuss) my spirit man is categorically opposed to this surgery. (fuss) and according to what he shows me, if AMY goes, she won't come back and I don't wish that! Since our ancestors period, the sick persons in this village have always been cured by traditional medicine. So I don't think it's a good idea.*

*(Mumur)*

**IGWE:** *Keep calm please! Maybe our guest wants to say something. MR MONTANA, we are listening to*

you.

**MR MONTANA:** *I knew it would be hard to convince you. Therefore, I am here with a witness. So that, you will be more sure of the capacity of my organization of curing these kinds of diseases! On this, here is CHRIST, a man who is no more blind.*

**CHRIST:** *Hello everybody! My name is CHRIST. I am one of the patients to have benefited from this surgery. I assure you that this surgery is totally free. You have in front of you, the best doctor concerning this surgery. I thank the gods for meeting MR MONTANA, because he persuaded me to undergo this surgery. As you can see, I was blind in the past, and today my right eye functions well. In two days, the left one will be functional too. I hope that, thanks to my intervention, you will take a good decision.*

**(Applause)**

**(Consultation between AMY's mother and her brother)**

**EMEKA:** *After talking with my mother, we are okay with this operation because the witness reassured us.* **(Applause )**

**IGWE:** *Dear people of DJOULATOWN, please, be silent. I thank MR MONTANA and his organization for*

*their help. As it should be done, AMY and the other blind people will leave this village for the capital. We are finish with the meeting now. Have a good day!*

## **Scene II**

*AMY is going to travel to the capital. She receives her mother's and other people ( her uncle, her brother, the spokesman, and witness) advices.*

*(The daughter and the mother have a conversation.)*

**MARY:** *my daughter, my one and only hope! We will be separated soon. I'll miss you so much!*

**AMY:** *Mom, seriously said, I am very afraid! I don't know how the operation will happen. And if I lose definitely the view ... and if I die ...*

**MARY :** *No! No bad thoughts! Don't worry, MR CHRIST reassured us. And then MR MONTANA looks like someone who knows his job. Don't worry, God is with us.*

*( The village head arrival )*

**IGWE:** *How is my loving niece? Good , I hope. Mary bring me water please.*

**AMY:** *I am fine uncle. Thank you.*

**IGWE:** *What about you, Mary? (after drinking water)*

**MARY:** *I am very fine, thanks. What news?*

**IGWE :** *There is nothing wrong. I've just come here to wish a safe journey to my loving niece. The trip is scheduled for tomorrow, so I came to ask about her news. Are you ready my daughter?*

**AMY:** *Yes uncle, but I am afraid!*

**IGWE:** *Don't worry! These white people are professionals. They will heal you without you notice anything. It seems that they have the magic at their finger.*

*(Laughter and input of AMY's brother, the next-door neighbor and the spokesman.)*

**The three persons:** *good morning!*

**IGWE:** *how are you young people? God bless you! I think it 's time for me to go now. So, see you tomorrow.*

**Everybody:** *see you tomorrow chief!*

**MARY:** *EMEKA, bring our guests, water.*

**KATATCHE and CHIBUKE:** *no, thank you madam. We are not thirsty.*

**KATATCHE :** *we came to see Amy; tomorrow is the big day! You will miss us so much! And especially your*

*beautiful laughter...*

**CHIBUKE:** *Hey! She has already a boyfriend. Stop wooing her.*

**KATATCHE:** *Do you think she only belongs to you?*

**CHIBUKE :** *yes she does.*

**EMEKA :** *Keep calm please! That's nonsenses! The most important thing for the time being is her journey.*

**AMY:** *Don't worry. After the surgery, I will first finish with my studies and after, I will get married. So don't quarrel.*

**KATATCHE:** *In any case, I will be patient. I am sure you will be my fifth wife.*

**CHIBUKE :** *What? You have no shame. Your fifth wife... your fifth wife. She doesn't deserve that. She will be my only wife.*

**EMEKA:** *My sister won't marry villagers like you. She will marry man from the capital, who owns a big car and a castle.*

**AMY: (laugh)** *Don't hurry me up now. I have not yet been cured. And no one knows what the gods have planned for me.*

**MARY:** *Well said! It's late and my daughter has to*

*rest.*

**KATATCHE and CHIBUKE** : *Okay! See you tomorrow.*

**EMEKA**: *I am going to escort them mom.*

**AMY**: *Bye! Good night.*

**MARY**: *Thank you for the visit. May god bless you.*

**( The next day at the station)**

**IGWE**: *Have a good trip my daughter and I wish you to come back in good health.*

**MARY**: *Be careful and wise my daughter, and listen well to the doctor's advice.*

**CHRIST**: *Do not worry, I'll be with her. The doctors must remove my bandage. I'll watch over her.*

**KATATCHE** : *The car is about to leave. If you continue talking, she won't undergo the surgery.*  
*(AMY gets on the car and says a final goodbye to her family).*



### **SCENE THREE**

**MARY:** *( She is alone)*

**HEY TUNEKE!** *My daughter has traveled for the capital for two months, and since she went there, I have no news of her. This begins to worry me. Maybe something had happened to her... Maybe the doctor refuses to tell us in order to save his career...*

*(At the same moment, IGWE arrives).*

**MARY:** *Good morning IGWE. May the gods be with you.*

**IGWE:** *I return you the " good morning ". I come in peace with good news for us. The surgery went well but the doctor preferred keeping AMY to the capital in order to remove the bandages.*

**MARY:** *May the gods be praised! I was beginning to worry.*

**IGWE:** *Tomorrow, EMEKA will go to wait for her at the station. You, glad you to prepare the party which must be organized in her honor.*

**MARY:** *Okay. Everything will be ready by her arrival.*

**IGWE:** *I have accomplished my mission. See you later.*

**MARY:** *Thank you very much IGWE.*

*( After the chief departure)*

*I am the most fulfilled of the mothers. My baby is now cured. Come my son come to celebrate your sister's healing.*

**EMEKA:** *What are you talking about mom? Do you want to say that my sister has been cured? I want to know where she is. I am going to take her in my arm.*

**MARY:** *No she has not come yet. Tomorrow, you will go to wait for her at the station.*

**EMEKA:** *No problem. I am going to inform my friends and all the villagers.*

**MARY:** *Yes, you're right. Let's go together.*

*( The next day at the palaver hut)*

**IGWE:** *Welcome home my daughter. We missed you a lot. As you have regained the sight, I'm sure you'll make us happy.*

**MARY:** *What happiness! She's like a new born baby. She is so beautiful!*

**EMEKA:** *And she already speaks the language of the white people.*

**IGWE:** *Let her breathe a little. My daughter, talk about your stay in the capital, please.*

**AMY:** *Dad, it was really wonderful to regain the*

*sight. I was led by DR. MONTANA his self. His wife was at my little care. They told me that, thanks to my recovery, I will go back to school and become a great woman of the country.*

**IGWE:** *In this case, we will be happier.*

**MONTANA:** *And with your agreement, I want AMY to come with me in the town for continuing her studies.*

**MARY:** *Sir! Will you do this for us? Will you take my daughter with you?*

**MONTANA:** *Yes of course; If it doesn't matter.*

**MARY:** *Thank you sir. Only the gods will bless you and your family.*

**AMY:** *I'm as happy as you but I want to add something. My healer, I mean our healer has been of great help. I know that it's through her prayers and sacrifices that my surgery happened well.*

**DIMIKELA:** *Thank you my daughter for thinking about me. They were so overwhelmed with joy that they forgot my contribution in your recovery. I suffered a lot during two weeks, in the bush to appease my spirits. I made a lot of sacrifices, and eventually they agreed. It's because they think that with your recovery, you will realize many exploits.*

***Today thanks to your experience realized that the traditional medicine is not the only one to give happiness to the sick persons. So I thank DR.MONTANA for helping us.***

***IGWE: I thank everybody. We can start celebrating AMY's recovery now. Music!***

***(Everybody sings and dances).***

***THE END***

# ***CHARACTERS***

AMY: The blind person, MARY'S daughter.

EMEKA: MARY's son, AMY's brother

MARY: AMY and EMEKA' mother

IGWE: The village head

MONTANA: President of ORBIS

CHIBUKE: The next door neighbor

KATATCHE: The spokesman

JOHN: A villager

CHRIST: A witness

DIMIKELA: The traditional healer.