

NKWE ‘ENWE-NGHỌTA’ N’ABỤ AKỤKỌ IFO IGBO ỤFỌDỤ

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Ụmị

Ọtụtụ oge, ndị nkuzi agụmagu na ewumewu Afrika anaghị etinye uchu na nziputa nkwe n’abụ ifo Igbo. Ọ bụ ihe doro anya na nkwe na-arụ ọrụ pụrụ iche n’ifo. N’agbanyeghị nke a, ụfọdụ nkwe a na-eziputa n’abụ ndị a bụ nke a na-eleghara anya oge ụfọdụ. N’ihi nke a, ọrụ nchọcha a nyochara nkwe ndị e nwere ike ihuta dika ‘enwe-nghota’ n’abụ ifo Igbo iji chọputa ma ha enwere nghota ka ọ bụ na ha enweghị nghota. Iji mejuputa nke a, e nyochara akụkọ ifo ise e dere ede nwere abụ n’ime. A hoooro ifo ndị ahụ n’akwukwo akụkọ ifo Igbo abuo. Nchọcha a gbasoro usoro nkowa. Site na nchoputa e mere, nchọcha ziputara na nkwe ‘enwe-nghota’ n’abụ ifo nwere ike idi n’udi nsinuda. A chopotakwara na a bia n’ifo ndi e nyochara, ‘uda enwe-nghota’ ndi di na nkwe ndi ahụ na-enye aka n’ikwalite mma ndanusoro abụ ndi ahụ. Ihe ndi a niile na-enye aka akwalite mma abụ ifo. Ozo, nkwe ‘enwe-nghota’ bụ nke e nwetara site n’emereme nakwa etu emereme na agwa si aga n’ifo ndi ahụ. Ọ na-enye aka n’ikwalite ntoala akụkọ ifo. Nchọcha chikotara site n’irutu aka na uda n’abụ ifo abughi naani maka mma, kama, ha na-arụ ọrụ pụrụ iche site n’ikowa emereme ndi di n’ifo.

Okpurukpu okwu: Nkwe, Uda, Akukọ ifo, Igbo, Abụ

Teachers of African literature and tradition most times do not pay much attention to refrains in Igbo folktales. Refrains play a crucial role in folktales. However, some refrains expressed in the songs are sometimes neglected. This paper, therefore, examines ‘meaningless’ refrains in Igbo folktale songs to determine whether they are meaningful or actually meaningless. To actualise this, five written Igbo folktales that have songs are analysed. The tales are taken from two Igbo textbooks on folktales. The research adopts a descriptive approach. From the findings, the study notes that ‘meaningless’ refrains in Igbo folktales can be onomatopoeic. It also observes that in the studied folktale songs, the sounds go a long way in adding to the rhythmic beauty of the songs. All these add to the aesthetics of the folktale songs. Also, the sounds in the tale songs are derived from the actions and movement patterns of actions and characters in the tales. This means that sounds, as realised from the tales, help in developing the plot of the tales. The research concludes that sounds in folktales are not just for aesthetic purposes; they play meaningful roles in folktales as they help in explicating the actions in the tales.

Keywords: Sound, Igbo, Folktale, Song

Mkpelite

Akukọ ifo maobu ifo bu ngalaba agumagu onu Igbo di okpu. Ọ bụ nke na-esi n’otu ogbo fere ogbo ozọ (Emenanjo, 2004; Ibeli, 2016; Starmack, 2018). Nke a mere na enweghị ike ikowa kpomkwem, oge akukọ ifo malitere maobu onye cheputara akukọ ifo n’agbanyeghi na e nweela akwukwo ederede ebe e deturu akukọ ifo di iche iche. Otu ihe di mkpa irutu aka bu na e nwere ike ikpo akwukwo ndi di etu a – akwukwo ndekota akukọ ifo maka na ndi odee akwukwo ndi ahụ

enweghi ike iziputa n'uju, na akuko ifo ndi di n'akwukwo ha sitere naani n'ekereuche ha. Otutu akuko ifo ndi di n'akwukwo di otu a nwere ike ibu akuko ifo a maara nke oma n'obodo maobukwanu, o buru nke odee sitere na roghari akuko ifo ndi o nurula, rogharia ma deputa. Otu ihe di mkpa gbasara akuko ifo bu na o nweghi nke e nwere ike ikọ n'otu udi n'enweghi mgbakwunye maobu mwepu n'ime ya. Iji maa atu, o buru na a kororo umuaka akuko ifo 'Nwa agboghobia na-agba nho di', a ga-achoputa na uzo umuaka ndi a ga-esi akoputa akuko ahụ ma a si ha kogharia ya ga-adiriri iche na nke ibe ha. Azuonye (2013a) kowara na akuko n'omenala Igbo di n'udi abuo gbara okpurukpu - akuko ala na akuko ifo. O kowara na akuko ala metutara akuko ihe mere n'oge gboo nke bu eziokwu. Akuko ifo na nkowa ya metutara akuko ndi sitere n'ekereuche, nke na-ejije emereme ma burukwa nke isi sekpu nti gbadoro ukwu n'iwu na usoro ebimndu obodo. Azuonye (2013a) kwuru na akuko ala bu nke a na-ahuta ka ihe nwoke nwe maka na o bu umu nwoke ka e ji akuko ndi di etu a mara, ebe akuko ifo gbasara umunwaanyi maka a na-ahuta ha dika akuko e ji azuzi nwa, bu nke e ji amatarari umunwaanyi.

Na nkowa Ogbonna-Oluikpe (2021), akuko ifo Igbo bu nke nwere aha di iche iche n'olundi Igbo nke gunyere – ife, iro, akubufe, akukufere, akuko, inu, ilu, ihwe, na ihwo. Nwaozuzu (2007) kwuru na mkpali mmuo nke mmadu na-enwe n'ikuzi ihe, ikpa mmadu obi anuri na ikocha bucha usoro e nwere ike ihuta dika nsiripuru akuko ifo. Nke a bu maka na ndina akuko ifo na-agbadokari ukwu n'adimuchu, agbambu, nrube isi, nsopuru, omume oma, dgz. Emenanjo (2004) na Agbo (2011) ruturu aka na akuko ifo Igbo bu nke a na-akokari n'oge mgbede, oge a rucharala oru ubochi. N'oge di etu a, umuaka na-agbakọ n'ama obodo maobu ebe e kwekoritara, okachasi n'ebe ha na-anog egwu egwu onwa. Akuko ifo ahụ bu nke ndi okenye nwere ike ikoro ha maobukwanu nke ha nwere ike ikọ n'onwe ha. Iko akuko ifo nke onwe n'etiti umuaka na-enye aka akwalite ekereuche. Nke a bu eziokwu maka na ka otu nwatakiri na-ako, ka nwata ibe ya na-eche maka nke o ga-ako ga-atokari nke a na-ako. Finnegan (2012) kowara na mma akuko na-esitekarị n'aka okoo na ndi ngere ya. Nke a na-aputa ihe n'etu okoo si ewebata okwu, njije emereme nakwa nkamma ndi ozo game ka ihe a na-ako nwee nka. Starmack (2018) kowara na ezi akuko ifo, nke gara n'ezigbo usoro, ga-enweriri mmalite; agwa ndi nwere ike ibu mmadu, mmuo maobu anumanu; akuko ga-abu nke ga-adi mfe nghota ma burukwa nke ga-enwe ezi mkpebi. O ga-enwekwa ihe mmuta di n'ime ya, nke a turu anya na ndi ngere ga-aghota ma huta n'usoro ebimndu kwa ubochi ha.

Nwachukwu-Agbada (1991) ruturu aka na akuko ifo Igbo na-enwe usoro e si amalite ya. O kowara na a na-enwe nkebiokwu ndi e ji amalite akomako akuko ifo. Ha na-adi n'udi mkpoku na aziza. Ebe oko-akuko ga-ekwuputa nkebiokwu ahụ, ndi ngere ga-azaghachi ya. Omumaatu mkpoku na aziza gunyere: ifo chakpii – woo; otu mgbe – otu mgbe eruo. Akuko ifo Igbo na-enwekwa isiokwu na abụ na-eso ya. Okafor (2005) kowara na abụ ifo bara nnukwu uru, okachasi n'ime obodo ndi mebere ala Igbo. E ji abụ ndi a akuziri ndi okenye na umuaka agwa oma nakwa akparamagwa a turu anya n'aka ha dika ndi bi n'obodo. Na nkowa Akporobaro (2012), o ruturu aka na otutu akuko ifo na-enwe abụ na-eso ha. O kwuru na abụ/nkwe ndi ahụ a na-ahụ a na-ahụ n'ifo na-arụ uzo oru abuo. Nke mbu bu iziputa onodu a ga-eji gbaa ufodu ihe gbasara emereme di n'ifo n'anwu. O ga-esite na nke a mee ka ndi ngere nwee mmetuta. Ozo, n'ihia na abụ/nkwe ndi a na-adi n'udi mkpoku na nzaghachi, o na-akwalite njije di n'ifo ma mee ka emereme ya buru nke di ndu. Na nchocha a, e nyochara nkwe ndi o di ka a ga-asị na ha enweghi nghota n'abụ ifo Igbo ufodu.

Ntuleghari Agumagu

Ọ bụ ihe dị mkpa inye nkọwa gbasara nkwe ‘enwe-nghota’ maọbụ nke ndị ọka n’amụmamụ egwu kporo ‘nkejiokwu enwe-nghota’. Ofuani (2017) kowara na ikwu na nkwe/nkejiokwu enweghi nghota sitere n’echemeche ndi ọcha nwere gbasara egwu ndi mba Afrika. Na nchọcha ya, ọ kporo nkwe ‘enwe-nghota’ nkejiogwu. Ọ rụturu aka na nke a bụ naani oge o metutara egwu. Ofuani (2017) kowara na ihe ‘nkejiogwu’ ji dabaa bu maka na ọ bu nke a na-ewebata n’egwu ndi Afrika iji mee ka ha nwee ezi ndakorita uda maobu nwee ezi mmeju. Ọ rụtukwara aka na a bja n’ogo agumagu, nkejiogwu bu nke sitere na nkaasusu dika nsinuda, eserese, ntimkpu na nchikota. O ji egwu ndi Aniocha ziputa ka nke a si aputa ihe. Ọ tonyere aro ka a kpoọ ya nkejiagumagu ma o metuta agumagu, okachasi oge ọ na-eziputa agumagu; nkejiogwu ma ọ buru nke onodu wetara maobukwanu ‘ekwe-ntughari’ ma ọ buru na enweghi ike itughari ya. Ebe ọ bu na nchọcha a gbadoro ukwu na nkwe abụ ifo, nke no n’okpuru agumagu, ọ ga-ebute mgbagwojuanya ma a kpoọ uda di etu a – nkejiagumagu. Nwosu, Ibezim na Ugochukwu (2021) na nnyocha ha mere gbasara egwu onu umuaka ruteru uda ndi di etu a dika uda enweghi nghota.

Okpewho (1992) ji omumatu nkwe/aziza abụ ifo Igbo – *Tuluzam zam tulu zam*, were kowaa na nkebiokwu dika nke e deputara enweghi nghota. Ọ kowara na enweghi ike itughari uda/nkwe ndi ahụ na ndeputa n’asusu ozo maka na enweghi nghota maobu oru ha na-arụ ma e wezuga imezu ndanusoro/udaoge abụ. Okpewho (1992) gakwara n’ihu kowaa na o nwere ike ibu na uda ndi a sitere n’asusu okpu, nke gabigarala mgbanwe di iche iche, nke na enweghi ike inye ezi nkowa banyere nkwe ndi ahụ. Azuonye (2013b) kowaputara na n’agbanyeghi ihe Okpewho (1992) kwuru, ọ di mkpa imata na *Tuluzam zam tulu zam* dika o si metuta omumatu Okpewho (1992) abughi nkwe enwe-nghota; kama, nkwe a sitere na nsinuda nke e ji mara mmadu, anumanu maobu ihe di na gburugburu. Nkowa Azuonye (2013b) doro anya mana ọ di mkpa irutu aka na otutu oge, a na-ahuta uda ndi di etu a dika enwe-nghota maka na e kwenyere na enweghi ike itughari ha n’asusu ozo. Azuonye (2013b) gakwara n’ihu ideputa udi nkwe asato a na-ahuta n’abụ ifo. A ga-akowa ha n’okpuru n’uzo di nkenke.

a. Nkwe n’udi nkwasara: nke a bu udi nkwe a na-ahutakarị n’abụ Igbo. A na-eji udaume niile enye omumatu nke a [a! e! o! ọ! i! i! u! u!]. Azuonye (2013b) kowara na a na-ejikarị ‘o’ eziputa nke a n’Igbo maka na ọ bu uda e ji adota uche mmadu. Omumatu e nwetara n’akuko *Omalinze* bu;

Omaliinze, Omaliinze, Okoro oma
O, Omaliinze
Nwa nze, Nwa nze, Nwa nze
Okoro oma
O, Omaliinze

Nkwunwo uda ndi a na-enye aka eweta mmetuta n’ebe ndi oguu no.

b. Okwu ntimkpu: Azuonye (2013b) ruteru aka na ndi obu-abu Igbo na-ewebatakarị okwu ntimkpu n’abụ dika Tufia, Ihaa, Isee dgz.

ch. Nkwe ndanwo/nkwe icheoku: N’ebe a, a na-enwe ndanwo uda site na nkwanwo okwu ndi di n’abụ. Omumatu Azuonye (2013b:44) nyere maka nke a bu;

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Nwa nkwo m sughu sughu ...
Sughu sughu!
E nwere ndanwo okwu 'sughu sughu'.

d. Nkwe nsinudamara: n'ebe a, a na-eji uda ese eserese n'uche ndi ngere/oguu. A na-eji okwu eziputa uda egwu, uda ihe maobu ukwu egwu. Tulee omumaatu o nyere (ihu 45);

Osa na-ata akwu o !
Charatam chatam!
Osa na-ata akwu o!
Charatam chatam!
I na-ata akwu o?
E gbuo ha nne gi o!
Charatam chatam!

Charatam chatam n'ebe a bu nsinuda nke na-egosi etu osa a na-arutu aka n'elu si ata akwu.

e. Nkwe ucheuda: nke a bu nkwe na-eji nghota sitere n'uche, nke e kwenyere na ihe nwere, okachasi ihe enweghi ike imeputa uda. Azuonye (2013b) nyere omumaatu nkowa oku site n'iji uda dika *keri keri* maobu ikowa mgba site n'iji *viam viam* maobu *fiam*.

f. Nkwe n'udi egwu: Azuonye (2013b:46) kowara udi nkwe a dika nke na-adi n'udi egwu maobu fomula. Odidi ha n'udi egwu na-eme ka ha nwee mmetuta. Omumaatu ha gunyere – nda (nda were nda; nda werere werere nda); une (inine; ineene; une, unembele une); Kparanuma dgz.

g. Nkwe mmejuri: nke a bu nkwe ndi na-emejuri echiche/nghota di n'abu. Echiche ndi di n'abu na-emejuri onwe ha. Omumaatu;

Tufuonu nwa mere aru o! ...
E ru echi amuta ozu!
Refuonu nwa mere aru o! ...
E ru echi amuta ozu o!

gb. Nkwe isiokwu: n'udi a, a na-ekwunwo isiokwu/ndinisiokwu abu. Omumaatu nke a bu abu Omalinze n'akuko ifo *Omalinze*. N'ebe ahụ, e nwere nkunwo Omalinze, nke bu isiokwu akuko ahụ.

Usoro Nchocha

Nchocha a nyochara akwukwo ederede. O gbasoro usoro nchocha kwolitativu. Usoro nchocha a dabara ebe o bu na nchocha a gbadoro ukwu na nnkwe ndi a hutara ka ndi na-enweghi nghota maka na enweghi ike itapia ha maobu tugharia ha n'asusu ozu. E si n'akuko ifo Igbo ise, bu ndi e seere n'akwukwo Nwafu (2011) na Emenanjo (2004), nweta nkwe ndi e nyochara na nchocha a.

Nwafu (2011); ihu 13 – 16; Osa na umunumanu
ihu 17 – 20; Mbe na ngwere
ihu 63; Nwa nnunu ukwa

Emenanjo (2004); ihu 44 – 47; Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala

ihu 108 – 111; Eke mbe agana esu

N’ime akukọ ifo ise ndị e nyochara na nchọcha a, naanị otu, nke sitere n’*Omalinze*, metụtara anụmanụ na mmadụ (Eke mbe agana esu). Nke ọzọ sitere n’*Omalinze* metụtara naanị mmadụ (Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala). Ndị nke niile sitere n’*Akukọ ifo ala anyị* nwere naanị agwa anụmanụ. Iji nyochaa ma nweta data a chọrọ maka nchọcha a, e bu ụzọ guọ akukọ ifo ndị a hōrō nke ọma, ma nweta nkwe ndị e nwere ike ihuta dika enwe-nghota. Ka e mechara nke a, e nyochara nkwe ndị ahụ dika o si metuta akukọ ifo ha di na ya. A tulerere mpụtara nkwe ndị ahụ n’akukọ ifo.

Nchikọta Akukọ Ifo ndị A Tulerere

N’agba nke a, a chikọtara akukọ ifo ndị e si na ha nweta nkwe ndị e jiri mee nchọcha. Atọ ndị bu ụzọ sitere na Nwafọ (2011) ebe abụọ ndị ọzọ na-esote si n’Emenanjọ (2004).

▪ Osa na ụmụanụmanụ (ihu 13 – 16)

N’akukọ a, ụmụanụmanụ kpebiri igbu ma rie nne ha maka ụgani di n’obodo. Osa ji aghugho kpogoo nne ya n’igwe ma gwa ha na nne ya nwuru oge o pere mpe. ọ gwakwara ụmụanụmanụ na ọ bu atani ka o ji mere nne. Ọ kpọtara atani ma gbuoro ha. Oge ọbula ọ choro ihu nne ya ma rie ihe, ọ na-aga aguru nne ya egwu. Enyi ya, mbe, mechara choputa ihe ọ na-eme site n’ijuputa osa ihe mere o ji ama abuba kariya ụmụanụmanụ ndi ozo. Mbe gwara ụmụanụmanụ maka ihe osa na-eme, nke mere ka ha kpebie iga n’igwe gbuo nne osa. Site n’enyemaka okiri, atumatụ ha mara afọ n’ala.

▪ Mbe na ngwere (ihu 17 – 20)

Akukọ ifo a korọ maka mbe na ngwere. Ha bu agbataobi. Otu ubochi, ngwere no n’akuku onu ndi mmuo ma tie aki. Aki ya dabanyere n’onu ha, nke mere ka ọ choro ha gawa. O gosiri umu mmuo obi umeala na ezi ozuzu. Oge Eze umu mmuo gwara ya ka ọ horo otu nnukwu maobu obere igba, ngwere horo igba nke obere. Ọ laruru ma kuọ igba ahụ, nke mere ka oriri daara ụmụanụmanụ. Oge mbe huru nke a, ekworo juputara ya obi, nke mere ka o were aki mee otu ihe ahụ ngwere mere. Oge o zutere umu mmuo, o richapuru ero di n’ala ha ma gwa ha ka ha bunye ya igba ka ọ lawa. O buuru nke nnukwu igba. Oge ọ laruru kuọ ya, umu mmonwu di iche iche putara ma choo ipiagbu ya.

▪ Nwa nnunu ukwa (ihu 63)

Akukọ ifo a di n’udi mkparitauka, n’etiti nwa nnunu ukwa na onye na-agba ya ajuju. Nwa nnunu na-aturu nne ya ose. Ọ kwara na ọ buru na o mechaa nke a, ọ gaa ikwunne ya maka na ha na-afu opi.

▪ Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala (ihu 44 – 47)

Akukọ a gbasaara umuaka abuo bu enyi. Otu sitere n’ezinaulo nwere ego; ebe nke ọzọ sitere n’ezinaulo dara ogbenye. N’agbanyeghi onodu umuaka ndi a hutara onwe ha, ha na-emekorita ihe onu ma na-erikorita nri. Oge obula nke obula n’ime ha choro iri nri, ọ na-eji egwu akpoku enyi ya ka ọ bia rie nri. Omume a adighi nne na nna ndi nke ji ego mma n’ahu. Ha hutara ya na ọ dighi ezigbo ihe oriri nwa ha na-erite n’ulo ndi nke ogbenye. Oge ha gbara mbọ ikwasa mmekorita di n’etiti umuaka ahụ mana o nweghi isi, ha wetara ogwu na nke dibia iji gbuo nwakiri ahụ. Nwunye

nwoke ahụ dupuru nwa ha bu enyi nwa ogbenye ebe di ya tinyere ogwu ahụ na nri ma bunye nwa ha nke nta ka o nye nwa ogbenye ahụ. N'ihie etu e si kwado nri ahụ nakwa ihe ndi juru na ya, nwa ha rituru ya tupu o bunye nwa ogbenye. Nwa ha nwuru ebe nwoke ogaranya ahụ ji aka ya gbutopu nwa ogbenye oge o na-ekwo onwu. Mmuo enyi nwata ahụ na nwanne ya mechara kororo ya ihe mere ha. Nwata a gwara nne na nna ya ihe ha mere ma kwe ha nkwa na ha agaghị ahukwa ya anya ozọ. O dara n'ala ma nwuo.

▪ **Eke mbe agana esu (ihu 108 – 111)**

Akuko a koro maka mbe na otu agadi nwaanyi bu onye agbataobi ya. Nwaanyi a maara esi nri. Oge obula o sichara nri, mbe abia iguru oku. Nwaanyi a ga-akpo ya oku nri. Mbe na-ejikari ohere a erichapu nri nwaanyi ahụ. Oge mbe mere nke a otutu oge, o kpebiri ichoputa uzọ ozọ o ga-esi na-eri nri nwaanyi ahụ. O nyanyere mgbirimgba n'aka na ukwu ya, ma zoo n'otu akuko n'ulo nwaanyi ahụ. Oge obula nwaanyi kuputachara nri o chororo iri, mbe ga-amalite guwa egwu ma were mgbirimgba o yi mewe mkpotu. Nwaanyi ahụ ga-eji ujo hapu nri ahụ ma gbapu. Mbe ga-aputa ma richapu nri ya. Ka nke a mere otutu oge, nwaanyi ahụ jekwuuru otu nwa dibia nyere ya eso. Eso ahụ nyeere ya aka jide mbe.

Uda 'Enwe-Nghota' n'Akuko Ifo ndi A Tulerere

N'ebe a, a tulerere nkwe ndi a horo maka nchocha. E nyochara nkwe ndi ahụ ma gosiputa ma ha enwere nghota ka o bu na ha enweghi. Tebulu no n'okpuru chikotara nchoputa ndi a.

Tebulu 1: Nkwe ndi a tulerere

Nkwe	Aha akuko ifo	Uda e nwetara	Nkwa	Udi uda
1.	Osa na umuanumanu	Sam sam sakiri	Agaramije osa	Nsinuda
2.	Mbe na ngwere	Gbamputu gbamputu Gbamputa gbamputa	Uda obere na nnukwu igba	Nsinuda
3.	Nwa nnunu ukwa	Tum zam zam tu zam zam Popolili popoli	Uda sitere n'otutu onu nnunu ma o na-atu ihe Uda opi	Nsinuda

		Pipilo pilom pilom lom pii		
4.	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala	Walawala	Uda mmiri na-eru eru	Nsinuda
5.	Eke mbe agana esu	Uyom uyoy uyom	Uda mgbirimgba	Nsinuda

Uda *sam, sam, sakiri* sitere n'emereme oša. Oge okiri biara ikpo oša na umuanumanu achowala igbu nne ya, o guuru oša:

Osa! Osa!
Sam, sam, sakiri
Osa! Osa!
Sam, sam, sakiri
Umuanumanu egbuo nne gi!
Sam, sam, sakiri (ihu 15)

Okiri ji uda a gwa oša mkpa o di na o hapuru ihe niile o na-eme ma gaa zoputa ndu nne ya. Uda a na-egosi udi omume okiri turu anya n'aka oša. O bu ihe doro anya na oša na-ama sam sam; nke a sitere n'akparamagwa/agaramije oša.

Uda *gbamputu* na *gbamputa* bu uda sitere n'igba. Uda ndi a na-aputa ihe ma o buru na a ku o igba. Dika o si metuta akuko ifo, 'Mbe na Ngwere', e ji uda ndi a ziputa mkpotu/uda sitere na ngwa egwu umu mmuo bunyere ngwere na oša. Nke e bunyere ngwere na-ada:

Gbamputu, gbamputu
Igba nri na ofe
Gbamputu, gbamputu
Igba nri na ofe (ihu 19)

Ebe nke e bunyere mbe na-ada:

Gbamputa! Gbamputa!
Igba mmnwu na osisi (ihu 20)

Ewezuga na uda ndi a sitere n'igba, e jikwa uda ndi a ziputa mmetuta na mputara e nwetara na njem ngwere na mbe gara na be umu mmuo. *Gbamputu* n'akuko a gosiputara okuku igba a kuru nke oma nakwa omume ziri ezi. *Gbamputa* ziputara uda na-ezighi ezi, nakwa nke sitere n'akparamagwa mbe. Mbe ji anyaukwu na anyafu bagide njem n'ala mmuo maka ihe nrite ngwere ritere oge o gara ala mmuo. N'ebe o puru iche, uda igba ndi a di na nkwe akuko a mere ka akuko buru nke ga-ekwe nkwenye; nke mmadu nwere ike ikwenye na o mere. Ha gakwara n'ihu iziputa mma nkwe akuko ifo, ma mekwaa ka o kwe okwukwe dika egwu/abu. *Gbamputu* na

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gbamputa na-egosikwa udi igba umuanumanu ndi a hooro. Ngwere hooro obere igba ebe mbe hooro nnukwu igba.

Uda *tum zam zam tu zam zam* sitere na nwa nnunu ukwa. O putara ihe site n'otutu onu nwa nnunu na-atu ihe ekere. Ozo kwa, *zam zam* na-egosi etu nwa nnunu si atu onu ahụ o na-atu. Lee abu a n'okpuru:

Nwa nnunu ukwa! Nwa nnunu ukwa!
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
Nwa nnunu ukwa! Nwa nnunu ukwa!
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
I no ebe ahụ eme gini?
Ana m aturu nne m ose
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
I tuchaa ya i mee gini?
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
M tuchaa ya eje m ikwunne m
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
Ikwunne gi na-eme gini?
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
Ikwunne m na-afunu opi
Tum zam zam tu zam zam
Fukene ka ha si afu
Popolili popoli so nwoke n'ike n'ike
So nwaanyi n'ike n'ike
Odu bere pipilo pilom pilom lom pii

Zam zam n'ebe a na-egosiputa ime ihe ngwa ngwa. O na-egosikwa adimuchu na mbo nwa nnunu na-agba n'ituru nne ya ose. O mere ka a mara na ihe kpatara o ji atu ose ahụ ngwa ngwa bu ka o nwee ike gaa ikwunne ya. Uda *popolili popoli, pipilo pilom pilom*, sitere n'opi. Nwa nnunu furu nke a iji gosi etu ndi ikwunne ya si afu opi. Uda opi nwa nnunu furu gosiputara uda ngwa egwu e nwere ike imeputa. Nke a ga-enyekwa aka ime ka akuko nwee nghota ma kwekwa nkwenye. *Tum* sitere na nnunu; *zam zam* gosiputara ime ihe ngwa ngwa; ebe *popolili pipilo pilom* sitere n'opi. N'agbanyeghi na enweghi ike itughari uda ndi a, o putaghi na ha enweghi nghota zuru oke n'akuko ifo. Ha kwalitere nghota na ndanusoro di n'abu. Uda ndi a mere ka akuko di n'udi abu - mkpoku na nzaghachi; ebe ajuju na usa di n'udi mkpoku, nsinuda ndi no n'abu na-abia n'etiti iji weta mma.

Walawala bu uda e ji ziputa mmiri n'akuko ifo 'Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala.' Oge obula umuaka abuo no n'akuko bu enyi choro iri nri, ha na-eji egwu akpoku onwe ha. Ha na-agu:

Okooo Okooo	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala
Okooo Okooo	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala
Okooo, gi biawa o	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala
Gi biawa o, na o ghewo o	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala
Na o ghewoo, na a ga-erio	Nwa mmiri na-eru walawala (ihu 46)

Walawala na-egosi ọ̀nọ̀du nakwa etu mmiri si eru – walawala. Nke a na-egosiputa udo, ịdinaotu na ọ̀ganihu. Igbo na-ekwu okwu, si na mmiri enweghi iro. E ji ụda mmiri na-eru walawala gosiputa adi na mma nakwa abumenyi di n'etiti umaka abuo ndi bu enyi n'akuko a. Uda nyeere aka n'itinyeso nghota n'emereme di n'akuko.

Uda *uyom uyoyuyom* sitere na mgbirimgba mbe yi n'aka na ukwu o ji aghori nakwa emenye agadi nwaanyi o na-eri nri ya ujo. Oge obula o chorochoro imenye nwaanyi ahụ egwu, o malite guba:

Eke mbe agana esu
Uyom Uyoyuyom mbeneke Uyoyom

Eke mbe agana esu
Uyom Uyoyuyom mbeneke Uyoyom

O chufuru nwaanyi, O chufuru nwoke
Uyom Uyoyuyom mbeneke Uyoyom (ihu 109)

Uyom dika uda dabara n'akuko a maka na oge obula mmadu yi mgbirimgba n'ukwu maobu n'aka, o buru na o megharia akuko ahụ ndi ahụ, ha ga-emeputa uda *uyom*. Uda a ruru oke oru n'akuko a maka na o nyeere aka ime ka akuko buru nke e nwere ike ikwenye na o mere eme ma burukwa nke e nwere ike inwe mmetuta banyere ya. Ozo, uda a mekwara ka nkwe abụ ifo a buru nke di n'udi abụ ekwerekwe. O nyekwara aka ziputa mma di n'ifo.

Nchikota

N'agbanyeghi na ufodu nkwe abụ afo na-enwe uda enweghi ike ikowa ngwa ngwa ka okwu nkiti ndi di n'abụ, nke a aputaghi na ha enweghi nghota di na ha. Ha na-aru oru puru iche maka na ha na-enye aka eme ka mma puta ihe na nkwe ndi ahụ. Ha na-akwalite usoro eriri akuko ifo ndi a maka na ha na-enye aka agbakwunye echiche na-eziputa emereme di n'akuko. Nchocha a choputara na uda ndi di na nkwe abụ ifo abughi naani maka iji choo nkwe mma; kama, ha na-aru oru puru iche n'ifo site n'ikowami emereme ndi di n'akuko ifo.

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