

Mapogo - an original film script set in modern Africa

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**INT.DAY.AN AIRPORT IN AFRICA.**

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Sonya and Paul, two Europeans, are saying goodbye to a visitor, a European woman, obviously over-dressed for the tropics. She gives Sonya a kiss and shakes hands with Paul.

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WOMAN

4

Your development aid project, Paul, has achieved so much more than we expected. But, you must understand with a new government in place, there will be new projects, exciting projects and new priorities. We await with expectation your exit strategy.

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The woman goes through the gate to the departure lounge. Paul and Sonya wave to her and turn to leave the airport.

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CUT TO:

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**INT.CAR.AIRPORT CARPARK.**

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PAUL

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What an asshole. Look at her, here in Africa, dressed for shopping in the West End of London.

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SONYA

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She is merely doing her job. She was sent to evaluate your aid project.

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PAUL (annoyed)

13

The bitch continually uses the royal "we" when she talks. She was sent to kill our project...bloody Prada in high heels with barbed wire words around her ankles. Funded by tax payers.

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SONYA

15

New politicians decide their foreign aid priorities. It's always been like that.

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PAUL

17

You don't see it, Sonya. The way they control us...all the way from New Zealand. Development Aid, it's just another PR word to make them feel good.

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SONYA

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We do good.

20 PAUL  
 21 We vaccinate children. Two  
 million dollars has gone into  
 this project so far. We've made  
 it work with sweat and long  
 hours...and that shit in high  
 heels comes to sweet-talk us and  
 tell us to fuck off. Look!

22 He opens a box and tips out several cans.

23 PAUL  
 24 Her cans of fly spray. And she  
 complained about a mosquito bite  
 on her sweet white ankles. I'd  
 like to bite her fucking leg off  
 and feed them to the crocodiles.  
 Bless their hungry little jaws.

25 SONYA  
 26 Paul. Stop. Please.

27 Paul starts up the Land Rover and drives off.

28 **3** INT.DAY.MEDICAL CLINIC.

29 A young African woman in a nurse's uniform is working at a  
 desk. She looks out of the window and sees a middle-aged  
 European man approaching. He enters the office.

30 BETINHA  
 31 Good morning, Doctor Joseph.

32 JOSEPH  
 33 A good morning to you, Betinha.  
 Have you checked the vaccines?

34 BETINHA  
 35 Yes. The new supply from Jo'Burg  
 is here. I checked the quantity.  
 All present.

36 JOSEPH  
 37 I am expecting another vaccine  
 supply today...special. I'll take  
 care of it when it arrives.

38 BETINHA  
 39 I will do it.

40 JOSEPH  
 41 No, I need to do extra checks on  
 this new batch of vaccines.

42 **4** INT.DAY.PAUL AND SONYA'S HOUSE.

43 Sonya and Paul, both casually dressed, are sitting at a  
 table.

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44 SONYA  
45 I know we were lovers - but it's  
over, Paul. We live together,  
that's all.

46 PAUL  
47 So, it's Joseph is it?

48 SONYA  
49 I don't sleep with him. He never  
asked...so there. Stop it.

50 PAUL  
51 Moral arsehole.

52 SONYA  
53 He's a friend and colleague.

54 PAUL  
55 Sonya - I'm sick of that line.  
Friends. You want to be friends  
to everyone. You even liked that  
damned Prada dressed woman from  
Foreign Affairs.

56 SONYA  
57 You...me...Joseph, we are here to  
help. We're foreign aid workers.

58 PAUL  
59 We were!!! Past tense. We are  
being dumped by our damned  
government. Buggar Doctor Joseph  
too.

60 SONYA  
61 He puts in long hours. And he  
finds money to help the local  
people.

62 PAUL  
63 Because he's a white South  
African, getting aid money is  
buggar all to him. He knows the  
fat cats.

64 SONYA  
65 So.

66 PAUL  
67 He's still an arsehole.

68 A small boy comes running to the house.

69 MOHAMMED  
70 Miss Sonya. Miss Sonya.

71 Sonya goes outside and sees the boy

72 SONYA  
73 Hello Mohammed.

74 MOHAMMED  
75 Miss Sonya. My friend...he hurt.  
Friend is Amir. He fall from  
tree. He got big hurt.

76 SONYA  
77 Okay. I'm coming. Where is Amir?

78 MOHAMMED  
79 Is close.

80 SONYA (shouts)  
81 Paul, I need your help.

82 Paul comes from the house and they run with the boy until  
they come to a large tree at the edge of the village. A small  
group of children are gathered around another boy lying on  
the ground. He is bleeding from the knee and the forehead.  
Sonya examines him carefully.

83 SONYA  
84 Amir. You only have a small hurt.  
I will take you my house and wash  
the blood away and give you two  
big sticky plasters. One for your  
head and one for your knee. All  
your friends will want to look at  
them.

85 Paul picks the boy up and carries him back to their house.  
The children follow. Sonya puts the boy on a chair and puts  
two sticking plasters on his grazes.

86 SONYA  
87 All finished, Amir. Now. Go and  
see your friends. Here is an  
orange for you.

88 Amir is hesitant and embarrassed.

89 AMIR  
90 I not take orange, Miss Sonya. I  
go now. My leg. It better. You  
nice lady, Miss Sonya. Tenk you.

91 Amir leaves the house. Sonya is holding the orange. She  
watches the boy as he walks away and then turns to wave to  
her. She waves back, sits down on an old chair peeling the  
orange. An African man arrive on an old bicycle.

92 SONYA  
93 Hi Kim. We were talking earlier  
about you, Betinha and our next  
trip.

Paul comes out of the hut. He nods to Kim who sits down

95 KIM  
96 Betinha. She got big problem. Her  
sister sick. She needs an  
operation.

97 PAUL  
98 Is it serious?

99 KIM  
100 I not know. Betinha want her pay  
money to give to hospital for  
operation. I give her all my  
money, I tell her you will pay me  
next month salary.

101 SONYA  
102 Oh Kim. You make it difficult.  
Paul and I are supposed to pay  
salaries in arrears...not in  
advance.

103 KIM  
104 Is no problem. This is Africa.  
All money is for family. Betinha  
is like sister to me.

105 PAUL  
106 This is the last time I do this,  
Kim. It's against regulations.

107 KIM  
108 Ok, Mister Paul. But, I am  
African. Is our culture.

109 PAUL  
110 Last time. Tomorrow we work - do  
some more vaccinations. Are you  
ready for the trip?

111 KIM  
112 Yes. I bring my children too. I  
go now. See Betinha sister.

113 Kim gets on his bicycle and cycles away. Paul is exasperated

114 PAUL  
115 Oh bugger. Kim breaks all the  
rules...again and again. Now he  
wants to take his kids with us  
tomorrow. Damn that man.

116 SONYA  
117 Don't worry.

118 PAUL  
119 He's breaking NGO aid  
regulations.

120                               SONYA  
121                               Stop being petty.

122                               PAUL  
123                               Damn the local people.

124                               SONYA  
125                               Not all of them. I see you  
                              looking at Betinha...with her  
                              pleated black hair, dark eyes and  
                              a skin that makes me jealous.

126                               PAUL  
127                               I see nothing.

128                               SONYA  
129                               You see all the time. I've been  
                              watching you, Paul Williams. But  
                              Betinha will become the good wife  
                              of a good local man. You want a  
                              coffee?

130                               PAUL  
131                               Huh. I suppose so.

132                               SONYA  
133                               I've a surprise. I have a secret  
                              supply. There - that's brought a  
                              smile to your angry face.

134                               PAUL  
135                               How big a secret supply?

136                               SONYA  
137                               Enough for one cup every day for  
                              a month. It's from...Miss Prada.

138                               PAUL  
139                               I miss these luxuries. We work in  
                              a bloody hot tin hut and drive  
                              for hours to get anywhere. I am  
                              getting tired, Sonya....I'm  
                              tired.

140                               SONYA  
141                               We'll visit Mwalakala village  
                              tomorrow.

142                               PAUL  
143                               I'll stay here. You go with Kim  
                              and Betinha. Kim is such an  
                              impresario. They adore his big  
                              voice, his laugh and his love for  
                              everyone.

144                               SONYA  
145                               His love for everyone? Every  
                              pretty woman. He's got a wife and  
                              two kids.

146 PAUL  
147 Kim's a good man.

148 SONYA  
149 But not always a faithful one.  
I've seen his love for everyone.  
Why do men do this Paul?

150 PAUL  
151 Like what?

152 SONYA  
153 You know damn well what I mean.  
Seeing women like a meat market.

154 PAUL  
155 I don't know.

156 SONYA (annoyed)  
157 You do know. You're just like Kim  
sometimes.

158 PAUL  
159 The health program would die  
without him and Betinha. We need  
Kim. ou know the villagers and  
how suspicious they are.

160 SONYA  
161 I know. Local magic prevails.

162 PAUL  
163 Joseph was saying today the  
villagers think we inject  
something into oranges to stop  
their women having babies. He  
says Manuel believes it too. He's  
scared of vaccinations.

164 SONYA  
165 It's depressing. Manuel is a good  
man and a good driver.

166 5 **EXT.DAY. \A NATIVE HOUSE.** 5  
167 A local woman is preparing food on a rough home-made table. A  
small child is watching her and sees a Land Rover approach  
and stop. Manuel is driving. Sonya and Dr.Joseph get out of  
the vehicle.

168 JOSEPH  
169 Good morning, Amina. How is your  
father today?

170 AMINA  
171 Is same, Doctor Joseph. His head  
has left him. I say something to  
him. He not know. I have to say  
again.



Doctor Joseph, Amina and Sonya go inside. The child follows them. This is a poor village house. An elderly frail man is lying on the makeshift bed. Amina gently wakes him.

173 JOSEPH  
174 Hello, how are you today, father?

175 The old man does not answer and just looks at the Doctor.

176 AMINA  
177 He drinks and sleeps.

178 The Doctor uses his stethoscope to check the old man's heart.

179 JOSEPH  
180 Is he coughing?

181 AMINA  
182 Yes. All night, but is okay now.  
He not eat much, but he want  
local beer. So, I buy beer. Is  
cheaper than food.

183 JOSEPH  
184 But, you must encourage him to  
eat food too.

185 Sonya is looking around the room with the little girl. She  
notices that there is a place on a wall where a picture used  
to be.

186 SONYA  
187 Aissa. What happened to your  
little picture of Jesus?

188 The girl looks at the place where the picture was and then at  
Sonya.

189 AIISA  
190 Little Jesus. He was in his small  
glass box there on wall. He fall  
down. And break. Many pieces. He  
gone now.

191 SONYA  
192 Oh, Aissa. Would you like to get  
me another one?

193 AIISA  
194 I like it, but mother say big man  
Mohammed God who will look after  
us. I want new picture. But man  
say not have photograph of this  
God. I not understand.

195 Sonya smiles. Joseph talks to Amina.

196 JOSEPH  
197 I'll come and see him a few days.  
But, he must eat. Not just drink  
beer.

198 Amina nods her thanks as Doctor Joseph and Sonya leave the  
house. They get into the Land Rover and depart.

199 CUT TO:  
200 6 INT.DAY.INSIDE THE LAND ROVER 6

201 SONYA  
202 Do you think Amina will give him  
food?

203 JOSEPH  
204 I doubt it. Local beer is cheap  
and the old man likes it. He'll  
die soon, but I have to tell her  
that he must eat. It is my duty  
as a doctor to give sound advice.

205 SONYA  
206 I was talking with the little  
girl. I asked about the missing  
Jesus picture. It broke and now  
Amina wants a Muslim picture to  
replace it. These poor people.  
They become Christians to please  
us as we give them food, medicine  
and money. But they are all  
Muslim.

207 JOSEPH  
208 I know. Very confusing for the  
children. Two religions.

209 SONYA  
210 Should we be teaching  
Christianity, I wonder?

211 There is no answer from the Doctor.

212 7 EXT.DAY.A VILLAGE. 7  
213 A Land Rover enters and stops in a village. There are people  
and chickens and pigs on the street. Kim, Betinha, and Sonya  
unpack boxes and a tent from the back of the vehicle.

214 KIM  
215 I sorry my children not come with  
me today. Is not good. My wife  
say children must go school and  
then work at home. She not  
respect me.

216 BETINHA  
217 Don't worry, Kim. Hear the birds  
talk happiness in the sky and  
watch children laugh. Oh... be  
careful with that box.

218 Sonya  
219 Kim, you must sing some songs for  
the children and tell custom  
stories.

220 KIM  
221 OK. When the sun meets top of  
sky. I do. Is not mid-day you  
say?

222 We hear an aeroplane sound. Kim, Betinha and the villagers  
look up to see a plane flying low. It dips its wings once and  
goes over the horizon.

223 KIM (excited)  
224 Ha. I think is our good leader  
Mapogo - the Lion. He come back  
from Angola. Mapogo. Mapogo.

225                                 SONYA  
226                   Are you sure, Kim?

227 KIM  
228 Is his plane. He wave to all  
people here. No one else wave  
plane wings.

229 Sonya  
230 The guerrilla leader?

231 KIM  
232 Mapogo, good man. He come now in  
aeroplane to help us.

233           A second Land Rover approaches and stops. Manuel is driving.  
The door opens and a white man gets out.

234 BETINHA  
235 Good morning, Doctor Joseph.

236 JOSEPH  
237 Always, Betinha, you have a  
smile.

238 BETINHA  
239 Thank you. I will help you with  
your vaccination boxes.

240 JOSEPH  
241 No, we can manage. Manuel. You  
help.

242 Manuel lifts some boxes out from the vehicle.

243 JOSEPH  
244 Betinha. How many children are  
there are in this village?

245 BETINHA  
246 About ninety. But only a few will  
have the vaccine. The rest are  
scared.

247 JOSEPH  
248 We'll work with the young girls  
today. You will give your pep  
talk?

249 BETINHA  
250 I'll talk to some girls and after  
they have their vaccine, the boys  
will want it too. Silly boys.

251 JOSEPH  
252 How is your sister today,  
Betinha?

253 BETINHA  
254 Is still big sick, Dr. Joseph.  
Some days she laughs, sometimes  
just she sits there with a sad  
face and says her body is sore.

255 8 **EXT. DAY. ROUGH ROAD.** 8  
256 Kim is driving a Land Rover with Dr. Joseph sitting beside  
him. Sonya and Betinha are in the passenger seats.

257 KIM  
258 There's someone ahead of us.

259 The Land Rover approaches another four-wheel drive vehicle on  
the road. Both have to stop as the road is narrow.

260 BETINHA  
261 It's the sisters from the  
orphanage. Come Sonya, we must  
greet Sister Benedict.

262 Betinha and Sonya get out of their vehicle and walk towards  
the other vehicle.

263 SONYA  
264 Hello sister. It is good to see  
you.

265 BETINHA  
266 Sister Benedict. Bom dia.

267 Two nuns get out of the vehicle. One is old and other is  
young. The older one embraces Betinha and Sonya.

268 SISTER BENEDICT  
269 Betinha and Sonya. A blessing on  
both of you. This is Sister  
Terese. She has just joined us.

270 BETINHA  
271 You are most welcome to our  
country.

272 SONYA  
273 Welcome sister. This is your  
first time in Africa?

274 SISTER TERESE  
275 Yes. I am from France.

276 BETINHA  
277 Is your little family of orphan  
children growing?

278 SISTER BENEDICT  
279 It is a gift to us. God's  
children are always welcome.

280 The two nuns go to the car and shakes hands with Dr. Joseph  
and Kim.

281 JOSEPH  
282 Sister Benedict. Welcome Sister  
Teresa. Before we go, please take  
our small gift.

283 He beckons to Betinha who immediately realises what is being  
asked of her. She opens the boot of the car and takes out a  
box and hands it to Doctor Joseph who gives it to Sister  
Benedict.

284 SISTER BENEDICT  
285 Thank you.

286 JOSEPH  
287 A few bandages, antiseptic and  
sticking plasters to deal with  
the next small tragedy when a  
child falls down.

288 The two nuns say farewell and slowly drive away. Betinha and  
Sonya get into the vehicle and Kim starts the engine.

289 BETINHA  
290 Doctor. I promised Sister  
Benedict that I would ask you for  
some vaccines for her family of  
orphans.

291 JOSEPH  
292 Of course. You know what to do.

293 9 **EXT. EVENING. OUTSIDE PAUL AND SONYA'S HOUSE** 9  
294 Kim, Paul, Sonya and Inspector Mussa are sitting around  
drinking and eating. Kim is a happy drunkard. Paul is  
extremely drunk. He offers the bottle to Sonya who declines.

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SONYA

I don't drink whisky. You men  
enjoy it.

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KIM

Miss Sonya. Whisky makes people  
happy and all men and women must  
be happy. I will ask beautiful  
Nurse Betinha to drink with me.

299  
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SONYA

I don't think Betinha will drink  
your whisky either.

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KIM

Then I find other pretty lady.  
Plenty pretty ladies in this  
country.

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SONYA

Including your wife, Kim.

305  
306

KIM

Oh - wife is good. But she not  
respect me when I arrive home  
drunk. Is best I drink with  
someone else. Then I go home,  
have good sleep. My wife is OK  
when I wake up sober in the  
morning. Where is Betinha?

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PAUL

She'll be at the clinic. Joseph  
is there too. They are working  
late. A new batch of vaccines  
arrived today.

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KIM

Sometime I think white men are  
too serious. I see many white men  
who come work in Africa. Many  
faces but not many smiles. White  
men sometimes like stone statues  
who walk. What you think, Mussa?

311  
312

MUSSA

People are different, Kim.

313

Kim laughs and pours the Inspector, Paul and himself another  
whisky.

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315

PAUL

Do you know Kim, I am going home  
to New Zealand.

316  
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KIM

This is your home at the moment,  
Paul. Enjoy Africa. Then go your  
home happy.

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PAUL  
I can enjoy nothing. I am  
finished. Life is over.

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MUSSA (laughing)  
You have drunk too much.

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323

PAUL  
I am sober. Life is over. New  
Zealand is cold and wet in  
winter. If I work in an office  
there I will die.

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MUSSA  
Why my friend? You have a job, a  
house, money?

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PAUL  
I will die of boredom. Perhaps, I  
should die here. Will you bury me  
when I die, Kim?

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KIM  
You are serious man tonight,  
Paul.

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PAUL(extremely drunk)  
You must bury me, Kim. I do not  
want to be left on the ground in  
the jungle. Animals will take me.

332  
333

KIM  
Okay.Okay.My friend. We die  
together. I will bury you and you  
will bury me.

334

Paul is drunk. He looks at Kim and cannot comprehend what is  
being said

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PAUL  
You promise?

337

Kim pours another drink

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KIM  
Mussa. Do you know where Mapogo  
goes to hide now he is back?

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MUSSA  
That is not my job, Kim.

342  
343

KIM  
I see his plane come over  
village. He give us big smile  
with his wings.They go up and  
down. Mapogo. Lion. He has come  
back to help us.

344 MUSSA  
345 Many people don't like him, Kim.  
He has many enemies.

346 KIM (happy)  
347 Not me. I am his friend...all  
time...all my life. Mapogo.  
Mapogo.

348 10 EXT. EVENING. A VILLAGE. 10  
349 Betinha and Sonya are putting away the medical equipment into  
the Land Rover. Dr. Joseph is checking his notes.

350 BETINHA  
351 I thought that small girl would  
cry when she saw the needle, but  
not with her brother and Dad  
watching her!

352 JOSEPH  
353 I expected more children to come.

354 There is a noise and we see two men fighting. Kim watches for  
a moment. The two men stop fighting and move away from each  
other.

355 KIM  
356 Aah... It is nothing. A bloody  
nose. A kick. A black eye.

357 SONYA  
358 Sometimes I am ashamed of you  
Kim, and your indifference to  
violence. Someone could be hurt.  
Go and see if you can help?

359 KIM  
360 I don't even know them.

361 Inspector Mussa goes toward the men.

362 SONYA  
363 What's a senior police inspector  
doing in these backwoods?

364 The police inspector comes towards them accompanied by a man  
who is staggering as he walks.

365 SONYA  
366 Whew. I smell the drink.

367 KIM  
368 Ah - but he's happy. Sonya, men  
like to be happy. Maybe he  
unhappy at home.



369 JOSEPH  
370 Our friend here has had too much  
drink. Inspector, he has a cut on  
his leg that needs attention.  
Sonya, get me a swab and some  
antiseptic to clean him up.  
Inspector. You are travelling  
this week, like us.

371 MUSSA  
372 It is my work. The border is  
nearby. Much smuggling. But is  
small scale. Bags of rice and  
maize. But, is not allowed.

373 JOSEPH  
374 You are right inspector. The law  
is the law. We must all obey it.

375 MUSSA  
376 The law is for all.

377 JOSEPH  
378 When I saw you, I thought you  
might be working here on other  
matters.

379 MUSSA  
380 I don't understand, Doctor  
Joseph?

381 JOSEPH  
382 Political matters. I hear the  
guerrilla leader is back visiting  
his family?

383 MUSSA  
384 I know nothing of that. He is  
nothing to do with me.

385 JOSEPH  
386 Village people hide him. But, he  
is a criminal with the blood of  
many people on his hands.

387 MUSSA  
388 Many of our people say Mapogo is  
trying to save our country by  
getting rid of the rich white  
people who take all our money.

389 JOSEPH  
390 Do you include me?

391 MUSSA  
392 You are white. But you help us.  
We need more doctors.

393 JOSEPH  
394 That takes years, practice and  
much money.

395 KIM  
396 Mapogo says when he becomes  
President, he will take all the  
money and use it to make men and  
women big doctors and teachers  
and all villagers into...  
something.

397 JOSEPH  
398 Into what something?

399 KIM  
400 I don't know. But he will make our  
people strong when he is new  
President.

401 JOSEPH  
402 When Mapogo becomes President! Is  
that your wish too?

403 MUSSA  
404 I have no wish. I am a policeman  
- poorly paid. If Mapogo becomes  
our leader, he says he will share  
all the money with all people.  
Maybe with policemen too.

405 JOSEPH  
406 Sounds like communism or  
dictatorship. In the West, money  
is private. When I earn money,  
it's mine. That's our belief.

407 MUSSA  
408 Is true. But this is not Western  
country. You are in Africa. It is  
our home. We share. My money, I  
give to my family and my  
brother's family. And I have  
mother. She is sick.

409 JOSEPH  
410 Many Africans hate your leader.

411 MUSSA  
412 Is true.

413 JOSEPH  
414 In my country, people will fight  
you if you take their money.

415 MUSSA  
416 Africans know how to fight too.

417 KIM  
418 I will tell you a small story.  
Our leader was put on small  
island by the white man and  
special river made around the  
prison. It have crocodile. Many.  
You have name for this special  
river - moat - I think - like old  
kings have in England. Mapogo. He  
escaped. He is like lion. Strong.

419 The drunk now has his leg cleaned up and has fallen asleep.

420 JOSEPH  
421 We can leave our friend here.

422 MUSSA  
423 I need a cigarette.

424 The men more away from the drunkard to enjoy their smoke.

425 KIM  
426 Here Mussa. Have one of mine. Dr.  
Joseph? Cigarette?

427 JOSEPH  
428 No thank you. I must complete my  
notes on today's work

429 Joseph goes to talk to Sonya and Betinha and takes out a  
notebook to record some information

430 MUSSA  
431 Kim. How are your children?

432 KIM  
433 Both well. But my small son  
Sante,  
434 I ask him what he wants to be in  
life, he says...to be smuggler.

435 MUSSA  
436 He learns quickly.

437 KIM  
438 He heard me talking about  
smugglers and he says at school  
children sell small gifts. Last  
week he brought home a full  
bottle of coca-cola as a gift. It  
was stolen or smuggled from  
somewhere... I suppose.

439 JOSEPH  
440 And you punished him?

441 Kim laughs out loud

442

KIM

443

Of course not. The family shared it.

444

MUSSA

445

Smuggling is everywhere. No one pays tax except people working for the government. We have big taxes and small salaries and... I too am concerned with small matters... young men and boys smuggling sacks of rice and drunkards... like our man here.

446

Kim gestures towards the sleeping drunkard.

447

MUSSA

448

When he wakes he will be sober and he will start drinking again.

449

SONYA

450

You know him then?

451

MUSSA

452

For many years. His wife died. Then his daughter died. Drink is his family now.

453

SONYA

454

You are too tolerant Inspector. Men can overcome drink and live a good life.

455

MUSSA

456

Bu why? One day he will die. He will have harmed no one. Is not that good? Ah - I see you do not answer. You are like many women. You do not understand men.

457

SONYA

458

I understand men and drink. It destroys men and deprives women of food for the children.

459

MUSSA

460

Life destroys people too.

461

KIM

462

You will join me for another drink, then?

463

MUSSA (laughs)

464

No, Kim. I must go and catch small boys smuggling rice.

465

Mussa walks away and gets into his car.

466 11 INT.DAY.PAUL AND SONYA'S HOME. 11  
467 Paul is in his office working on a computer. Sonya enters and  
sits down. She looks exhausted.

468 PAUL  
469 So - how was the trip to  
Mwalakala?

470 SONYA  
471 The journey was tiring. Six  
hours. Manuel weaved around the  
potholes. He is a good driver.  
Only madmen drive in straight  
lines.

472 PAUL  
473 How did the vaccinations go?

474 SONYA  
475 Not as many as we would like. We  
met the nuns on the road. There is  
a new nun...from France, I said  
I'd visit her next week for her  
vaccination.

476 PAUL  
477 Are the new supplies in.

478 SONYA  
479 No. Joseph said he's expecting  
more. But he was vague on when it  
will happen. It's unlike him.  
He's normally so efficient with  
dates.

480 PAUL  
481 He must have something on his  
mind.

482 SONYA  
483 We met Inspector Mussa at  
Mwalakala too. He was checking on  
smugglers. He brought an injured  
drunk into the clinic.

484 PAUL  
485 That's a surprise. He doesn't  
worry much about drunks. I've  
seen him push them about, and not  
gently either. He can be rough.

486 PAUL  
487 And Betinha? How is she?

488 SONYA  
489 Oh...always charming and  
efficient. She deserves a medal  
for good service.

490 PAUL  
491 Only politicians and corrupt  
generals get medals.

492 SONYA  
493 She needs a medal too for keeping  
Kim at arm's length. He has his  
eyes on her. Both of them.

494 PAUL  
495 What about you? Did you do any  
vaccinations?

496 SONYA  
497 Joseph says I'm still not ready  
yet. He doesn't like mistakes.  
Everything is checked and checked  
again. When I prepare a medicine,  
he'll ask me twice about the dose  
and get me to recite back what  
I've done. Even his bookkeeping  
shows perfection.

498 PAUL  
499 I put it in another way – a  
perfect asshole.

500 SONYA  
501 I wish you wouldn't go on about  
him like that.

502 PAUL  
503 As a doctor he's OK. But as a  
human being he is shit. Did you  
know he has so much money and  
spends it going hunting to shoot  
wild animals. To add insult to  
what he's doing, he gets his  
photograph taken with his bloody  
trophies. Rich smug self-centred  
bastard.

504 SONYA  
505 Well... not so smug as you want  
to put it. His expensive  
cellphone went missing at  
Mwalakala. He was sure he took it  
with him. When he couldn't find  
it he became agitated and lost  
his cool. I've never seen him  
like that. He reported the loss  
to Inspector Mussa.

506 12 INT. DAY. CLINIC 12  
507 Betinha gives a child a big hug. The child waves to her as  
she leaves the clinic.

508 JOSEPH  
509 How many more children?

510 BETINHA  
511 We are finished for the day.

512 JOSEPH  
513 Good. I am taking a few days off.

514 BETINHA  
515 Yes, you will be able to stay at  
home and rest.

516 JOSEPH  
517 No, no, I need something more  
exciting. I'm flying to Jo'burg,  
I'll eat at the restaurants and  
see a few films.

518 BETINHA  
519 I have never been to South  
Africa.

520 JOSEPH  
521 One day I will take you.

522 BETINHA  
523 That will not be possible. I am  
African woman. If I go with you  
people will say things about me.

524 JOSEPH  
525 People will only say good things  
about you, as you are a good  
nurse.

526 BETINHA  
527 Yes, but people talk.

528 JOSEPH  
529 Then I will bring back a gift for  
you.

530 BETINHA  
531 It would good if it is a gift  
everyone can share.

532 JOSEPH  
533 I see. What will you do while I  
am eating and drinking in  
Jo'burg?

534 BETINHA  
535 I will see my sick sister and her  
family.

536 There is a knock on the door and Inspector Mussa enters

537 JOSEPH  
538 Ah. Inspector. Our clinic is  
nearly over. Is this a social  
visit or business?

539 MUSSA  
540 Always I am social. In England I  
541 learn how policemen help old  
people to cross the street and I  
tell boys not to steal apples  
from trees. Policeman do many  
jobs in many countries.

542 JOSEPH  
543 Did you catch any smugglers in  
Mwalakala?

544 MUSSA  
545 If I capture them all, the prison  
will be full. Besides they are  
just boys.

546 JOSEPH  
547 I thought the English taught you  
to put criminals behind bars?

548 MUSSA  
549 Is it a crime to try and feed  
your family?

550 JOSEPH  
551 It is if you steal.

552 MUSSA  
553 I think that if you were an  
African you would think  
differently. But I have solved a  
crime.

554 Mussa takes a cellphone from his pocket and hands it to  
Joseph.

555 JOSEPH  
556 Oh, wonderful. Where did you find  
it?

557 MUSSA  
558 The drunkard took it.

559 JOSEPH  
560 But he couldn't have. I patched  
him up and he fell asleep. He  
fell asleep. You had to wake him  
up.

561 MUSSA  
562 Drunks can be cunning. While we  
were outside he woke up and went  
through your jacket pockets.

563 JOSEPH  
564 I had my wallet there too.



565 MUSSA  
566 He missed that. He was in a hurry  
not to be caught. If he had found  
your money it would have all been  
spent on drink.

567 JOSEPH  
568 Is the thief behind bars now?

569 MUSSA  
570 I'm afraid not. I would need to  
put him behind bars every night.  
He's harmless.

571 JOSEPH  
572 But he stole my cellphone. That  
is a serious crime.

573 MUSSA  
574 You have your cellphone back.  
It's undamaged and the drunk is  
out of your way.

575 JOSEPH (smiles)  
576 Thank you Inspector for getting  
it back, I must and will not be  
ungrateful. I will use it now to  
find restaurants and cinemas in  
Jo'burg.

577 MUSSA  
578 You are going away?

579 JOSEPH  
580 To South Africa for a week.  
Jo'burg is my sin city.

581 MUSSA  
582 You have a girlfriend there?

583 JOSEPH  
584 No - I will be by myself.

585 MUSSA  
586 A woman is a good companion on a  
holiday. I will leave you now.  
Good day.

587 JOSEPH  
588 What a stroke of luck getting my  
cellphone back. But Mussa's  
corrupt too, letting that damn  
drunkard get away with theft.

589 BETINHA  
590 He helps many people.

591 JOSEPH  
592 It's OK Betinha. I like him. But  
I can't stand corruption. A  
disease like that must be cured.  
Africa needs honest leaders. How  
did he know the drunkard had my  
phone?

593 BETINHA  
594 Someone in the village will have  
told him. Inspector Mussa tells  
that person to get the phone  
back. Later it arrives on his  
desk. It is our way.

595 JOSEPH  
596 Betinha. Crime is allowed to  
flourish here. Mussa, a police  
officer turns a blind eye to it.  
If Mapogo gets into power there  
will be even more crime. He's a  
socialist, a communist and  
corrupt too. Look at Zimbabwe and  
the Congo. Rotten. You might not  
like white men, but our  
civilisation brings progress. We  
have laws that we all benefit  
from.

597 BETINHA  
598 Yes, Dr. Joseph.

599 JOSEPH  
600 I'll leave you to lock up the  
clinic.

601 **13** **INT. EVENING. INSPECTOR MUSSA'S OFFICE** **13**  
602 Mussa is setting at his desk talking with Joaquim, the former  
drunk from the village. Joaquim is fully sober and dressed in  
a police uniform.

603 MUSSA  
604 I don't think Joseph suspected  
anything at all.

605 There is a knock on the door. It opens. Kim enters.

606 KIM  
607 My wife said you wanted to see  
me.

608 MUSSA  
609 Kim, my friend come in. You know  
detective sergeant Joaquim of the  
Security Squad.

610 KIM  
611 Yes. We've met several times.

612 Joaquim and Kim shake hands.

613 MUSSA  
614 I have worries about our doctor,  
and who he is phoning in South  
Africa

615 KIM  
616 And?

617 MUSSA  
618 We know two of his phone  
numbers... they are part of the  
CW group in Pretoria.

619 KIM  
620 I don't know them.

621 MUSSA  
622 It's a business group with links  
to the UK, France and the US. It's  
entrepreneurs seeking to get raw  
materials and make long term  
contracts with corrupt  
politicians.

623 KIM  
624 And Doctor Joseph knows them?

625 MUSSA  
626 I'm suspicious. That's why I  
asked Joaquim to take his phone.

627 JOAQUIM  
628 I've been watching him for weeks.  
He calls Jo'burg every night  
around the same time. Our phone  
logs confirm it.

629 KIM (puzzled)  
630 So - who is Joseph?

631 MUSSA  
632 He is a genuine doctor. I checked  
that out. But what is he really  
here for?

633 **14**      **EXT. DAY. CLINIC.**      **14**  
634 Betinha is checking the vaccination supply on a list. Her  
phone rings.

635 BETINHA  
636 Good morning Sonya. Oh...I am  
busy. The new supply of vaccines  
have arrived. I am checking them.  
I know Doctor Joseph will also  
check them too when he returns...  
but I will have done my work.  
I'll call round to see you when  
I'm finished here.

She puts down the phone and looks at the vaccine. She notices that a small batch of around a dozen vaccines have different coloured caps to the others. She looks at the notes with them, sees nothing unusual and puts all the vaccines into a refrigerator. She locks the clinic and rides off on her bicycle. We follow her until she arrives at Paul and Sonya's house.

BETINHA (calling)  
Sonya. Sonya.

Sonya comes to the door. They embrace and Betinha goes inside.

CUT TO:  
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15 INT. DAY. INSIDE PAUL AND SONYA'S HOUSE.  
Paul is writing on his laptop.

SONYA  
We're up to our ears preparing our final project report to send back to New Zealand.

PAUL  
Our government wants progress it can measure. Sometimes it's hard to see any. It rains for a week and then our four-wheel drive gets stuck in the mud for a whole day. We arrive at the village to find the communications service is broken, the portable fridge has stopped and our vaccines are ruined. Then we go home.

BETINHA  
But you make progress. Every girl and boy we help is a human being and that does matter. We go to Alto Molocue next. Some children there have leprosy. Is sad.

PAUL  
We're not here to help lepers. Our project brief is to vaccinate children.

SONYA  
We help everyone. Betinha, I need to get more help from you on how to vaccinate. Can I practice on this orange now?

BETINHA  
Yes. Of course. But let's move away from the window. If anyone sees us doing this we are in big... big trouble.

They laugh and Sonya picks up an orange.

657 PAUL (smiling)  
 658 I'll keep an eye on the door.  
 I'll be the Orange Bodyguard. My  
 report can wait. This is my last  
 aid report before we go back to  
 New Zealand.

659 BETINHA  
 660 You are not staying?

661 PAUL  
 662 Our government has different  
 ideas.

663 BETINHA  
 664 Governments are like chickens  
 sometimes. They walk in different  
 directions on different days.  
 But, now I talk work. I promised  
 Sister Benedict I would visit the  
 orphanage to give the new sister  
 her vaccine jab. We could go  
 together.

665 PAUL  
 666 No. You and Betinha go.

667 BETINHA  
 668 We can stay the night with the  
 sisters and come back the next  
 day. Our work will be over before  
 Dr. Joseph returns. He'll be  
 pleased.

669 16 EXT.DAY.ROUGH COUNTRY ROAD. 16  
 670 Sonya and Betinha are in the Land Rover and approaching the  
 convent. A group of children run towards them. A nun appears  
 and waves at the Land Rover as it enters the compound gate.

671 17 INT.EVENING.A DINING ROOM INSIDE THE CONVENT. 17  
 672 Sonya and Betinha are eating dinner with the nuns. There is  
 much laughter.

673 18 EXT.DAY.INSIDE THE CONVENT GROUNDS. 18  
 674 Sister Terese and Sister Benedict are saying goodbye to Sonya  
 and Betinha

675 SISTER TERESE  
 676 Thank you for giving me the jab.

677 SISTER BENEDICT  
 678 We will welcome you again when  
 you come to vaccinate the other  
 children. Good Bye.

679 The Land Rover starts and leaves the orphanage compound with  
 children shouting and running after it.  
 680 19 INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE. 19  
 681 Kim and Mussa are drinking.

682 MUSSA  
683 If I knew where Mapogo was -  
would I tell you? No. Besides, I  
don't know.

684 KIM  
685 Is your new girlfriend good?

686 MUSSA  
687 In bed or in the kitchen?

688 KIM  
689 Both. Then you know she is real  
woman. This bottle's finished. I  
hear Mapogo brings whisky when he  
returns home. The plane from  
Angola was said to have six  
people on it and a hundred crates  
of whisky?

690 MUSSA  
691 I am told that too. But whisky  
from Angola has a price.

692 KIM  
693 I have a friend who buys the  
whisky and sells it.

694 MUSSA  
695 I have a friend like that too.

696 KIM  
697 Then let us drink to friends,  
good friends...and to Mapogo.

698 20 INT.DAY.PAULS AND SONYA'S HOUSE 20  
699 Paul is stressed and angry and walking around the room.

700 PAUL  
701 Sometimes I loathe foreign aid.

702 SONYA  
703 Paul, Paul - slow down.

704 PAUL  
705 We should get out of here. Leave  
Africa to the Africans.

706 SONYA  
707 It's not that simple. You say  
that again and again.

708 PAUL  
709 We should leave.

710 21 INT.DAY.CAFE. 21  
711 Mussa and Kim are drinking coffee

712 MUSSA  
 713 I have worries for Mapogo. We  
 need to protect him. I have  
 information there is an  
 assassination plan. We have  
 leads... hunches. I need your  
 help and your silence.

714 KIM  
 715 You have both, Mussa.

716 MUSSA  
 717 I need you to go on a journey for  
 me.

718 KIM  
 719 When?

720 MUSSA  
 721 I don't know. I'm waiting  
 instructions from the Head of the  
 national security team, Colonel  
 Franco.

722 **22** **INT. DAY. CLINIC** **22**  
 723 Sonya is rubbing the arm of a small girl after giving her an  
 injection. Betinha hugs the girl.

724 BETINHA  
 725 Good girl. Now - go home and tell  
 your mother and your brothers  
 what happened.

726 The girl leaves the clinic.

727 SONYA  
 728 Wow - I did it

729 BETINHA  
 730 I watched you. Everything was  
 good.

731 SONYA  
 732 I'd like to be a trained nurse.

733 BETINHA  
 734 You did a good job. There are six  
 children waiting. You do half and  
 I will do the rest.

735 SONYA  
 736 I get real satisfaction working  
 here. All my life I've been  
 wasting my time, and time has  
 been wasting me.

737 BETINHA  
 738 We've a few minutes before more  
 children arrive.

739 SONYA  
 740 Let me check. I prepare the  
 vaccination and the needle. I  
 identify and pinch on the  
 subcutaneous tissue. I insert the  
 needle into the fatty tissue  
 overlying the triceps muscle.

741 BETINHA (laughing)  
 742 You are my best student. You  
 don't need to vaccinate any more  
 oranges.

743 23 **EXT.NIGHT.PAUL AND SONYA'S HOUSE.** 23  
 744 Paul is talking on the phone. He is annoyed.

745 PAUL  
 746 OK,OK - I got it. Alright, it's  
 the end of the project - fuck the  
 change of government. Yes, yes,  
 I'll say it was a successful  
 project. No - I don't want to  
 talk anymore.

747 He abruptly ends the phone call.

748 PAUL  
 749 Fucking piss off. I'll put piss  
 off in the exit strategy report  
 too.

750 SONYA  
 751 Who was that?

752 PAUL  
 753 The country manager from  
 Wellington. Arsehole.

754 SONYA  
 755 I hope you didn't call him that.  
 756 So...the worst news is?

757 PAUL  
 758 I am to write about local  
 readiness ... the willingness and  
 ability of local people to do  
 their own work. That means we  
 trust and leave the villagers to  
 vaccinate each other. Finis. End.  
 Kaput.

759 SONYA  
 760 I have better news. I did my  
 first vaccination - in fact four  
 vaccinations today. All went  
 well. But several girls said they  
 had a sore arms. I could see the  
 tears being held back.



761 PAUL  
762 Good on you. Half of us are happy  
anyway. It's an acceptable  
percentage.

763 **24** EXT. EARLY EVENING. THE CLINIC **24**  
764 The clinic is on fire. People are running around and a few  
people are throwing buckets of water at the fire. The clinic  
is burning to the ground.

765 **25** EXT. DAY. PAULS AND SONYA'S HOUSE **25**  
766 A small boy appears at their door. He is carrying a box and  
hands it to Sonya when she comes to the door

767 MOHAMMED  
768 This come from clinic, Miss  
Sonya. Big fire. I find it on  
ground. Not get burned.

769 Sonya takes the box and the small boy runs away.

770 SONYA (calling)  
771 Paul. Come quickly. There's been a  
fire. Oh, my God. The clinic's  
gone... destroyed. Look, I can see  
the glow. Oh... Oh.

772 Paul looks at the box and sees it is discoloured from being  
on the ground, but there are no serious burn marks on it. He  
opens the box to see vials with coloured caps.

773 SONYA  
774 Vaccination ampoules. But the  
colours of the caps are  
different. It must be part of the  
new assignment.

775 Betinha suddenly enters unannounced. She is tired and upset

776 BETINHA  
777 I've just come from the clinic.  
Oh, Sonya. But it's nothing but  
burning ashes. It's gone.

778 Sonya seemed dazed. She looks at the glow of the fire, the  
smoke rising and the box.

779 BETINHA  
780 Where did this come from?

781 SONYA  
782 A boy found it.

783 BETINHA  
784 Oh... our new vaccination  
ampoules. They're useless now.  
The heat will have destroyed  
them.

785 SONYA  
786 I noticed one bottle is missing.

787 BETINHA  
788 I took it from the box before. I  
used it to vaccinate the new  
French sister. Oh..our clinic...  
gone..all our work gone.

789 She is upset.

790 SONYA  
791 Betinha. Sit down and have a cold  
drink. We will replace the  
clinic.

792 PAUL (consoling Betinha)  
793 I have money left over from the  
project. Wellington won't want it  
back as it puts development aid  
in a bad light. I'll spend it  
towards building a new clinic.

794 BETINHA  
795 And Doctor Joseph. He will be so  
upset.

796 **26 INT.DAY.AIRPORT CAFE. 26**  
797 A busy place. Joseph is sitting at a table talking with two  
European men. He is seen from a distance by Kim who is buying  
cigarettes at a local shop. Kim pays for his cigarettes and  
leaves the airport.

798 **27 EXT.DAY.POLICE STATION 27**  
799 Betinha and Mussa are talking

800 MUSSA  
801 So this is all that was saved by  
the fire?

802 BETINHA  
803 It was a batch of new vaccines  
that came while Joseph was away. I  
recognised the box as the vial  
caps are a different colour to  
the usual ones. I'd taken one  
vial for the new nun at the  
orphanage

804 MUSSA  
805 I'll keep the box here for safety  
at the police station.

806 BETINHA  
807 Doctor Joseph is due back today.

808 28

EXT. DAY. THE BURNED OUT CLINIC.

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809

A young African woman on a motorbike stops at the burnt out clinic. She drives around it slowly and takes off her helmet. A child rushes up to see her.

810

ISABEL

811

Hello Mohammed. Do you know what happened here?

812

MOHAMMED

813

Was big fire. But I save box. It have small bottles. I take to Miss Sonya.

814

ISABEL

815

Was that all that was saved?

816

MOHAMMED

817

Big, big fire. All things gone.

818

ISABEL

819

You did a good job, Mohammed. I will go and see Miss Sonya.

820

MOHAMMED

821

Miss Isabel. You like me?

822

ISABEL (smiling)

823

Yes. Oh, I see. You want a ride on my motorbike?

824

MOHAMMED

825

How you know that?

826

ISABEL

827

Because I was a child a long time ago. Quick. Jump on the back of my bike or I will leave without you.

828

Mohammed gets on the back of the motorbike and Isabel drives slowly to the house of Sonya and Paul. Other children gather on the way. She stops at the house. Mohammed gets off the motorbike. He has enjoyed his special journey and runs away. Isabel gets off her motorbike and knocks on the door. Sonya opens the door.

829

SONYA

830

Isabel. I haven't seen you for ages.

831

ISABEL

832

It has been a busy time. I've been visiting schools showing them the new Laranja Batata plant we got from the agricultural college.

833 SONYA  
834 Come and tell me all about it. I  
have some fresh laranja here...  
sweet, sweet oranges from South  
Africa. I'll make us a drink.

835 Isabel takes off her helmet and enters the house.

836 **29** INT.DAY.POLICE STATION.MUSSA'S OFFICE. **29**

837 Mussa is talking on the phone. The vaccine tray is in front  
of him.

838 MUSSA  
839 Yes, Colonel. A boy saved them  
from the fire. I'll send them to  
the army laboratory.

840 **30** INT.DAY.A CAFE

**30**

841 Doctor Joseph is talking with Paul

842 JOSEPH  
843 I can get money too. And you  
spend all those left over dollars  
from your project. We will  
replace the clinic.

844 PAUL  
845 That the way aid money goes.  
Spend every dollar you get. Never  
return a cent to the donor.

846 JOSEPH  
847 Foreign Aid is strange.

848 PAUL  
849 Sonya said you have had a threat  
on your life?

850 JOSEPH  
851 Yes. Worrying. It was a well  
educated African voice telling me  
to get out of the country or be  
killed.

852 PAUL  
853 Is this the first time.

854 JOSEPH  
855 No. It's happened before. I don't  
worry about most threats. It's  
usually a man in the street...  
drunk and smelly or a woman  
screaming at me from a hundred  
metres away with her noisy  
friends.

856 PAUL  
857 When did you get the call?

858 JOSEPH  
859 Within hours of getting back  
here.

860 PAUL  
861 We'll talk to Mussa about it.

862 Joseph nods.

31 **INT.DAY.SONYA AND PAUL'S HOUSE.**

31

864 Isabel and Sonya are drinking orange juice.

865 ISABEL  
866 This is good. I get dry driving  
that motorbike.

867 SONYA  
868 So many local people see oranges  
as imported poison to make local  
women sick. The kids believe it  
too.

869 ISABEL  
870 I know, I want to laugh but I  
can't. It's the same with my  
laranja batata plants. People  
have eaten the white batata for  
centuries and they are suspicious  
of this orange one, although it's  
much more nutritious than the  
white one.

871 SONYA  
872 So what do you do?

873 ISABEL  
874 I give the plants to schools. I  
arrange for the children to water  
them. Then I go back after a few  
months. We harvest the batatas  
and I eat them with the children.  
We make up songs about orange  
potatoes.

875 SONYA  
876 And it works?

877 ISABEL  
878 Hungry children eat any food they  
can get. I give each child a  
laranja plant to take home. Adam,  
the school principal encourages  
the children to grow the laranja  
batata in the school garden.

879 SONYA  
880 So, he is a good man.

881 Isabel pause and smiles.

882 ISABEL  
883 Yes. But.

884 SONYA  
885 But... what?

886 Isabel smiles to herself and pauses before she speaks.

887 ISABEL  
888 He is like many men. He thinks I  
am for eating too. He has hands  
everywhere.

889 SONYA  
890 Oh dear. Another Kim.

891 Isabel smiles and the two women laugh.

892 ISABEL  
893 Perhaps, you will visit the  
school with me to see the garden,  
and if we both stay the night  
Adam will not try to "eat me."

894 32 **EXT.DAY. HOTEL BAR** 32  
895 Kim, Paul and Joseph are drinking.

896 KIM  
897 What do want me to do?

898 JOSEPH  
899 I'm worried about the threat on  
my life. If you would come next  
time with me to the border  
villages that would make me feel  
safe. I'm thinking of asking you  
too, Paul. I've got a gun I can  
use to protect us. It's got a  
huge kick - it could bring down  
an elephant. I use it for  
hunting.

900 KIM  
901 Have you shot animals here?

902 JOSEPH  
903 No - but I have in the Congo and  
Zimbabwe. Expensive sport. But,  
it's exciting. I feel strong, it  
preserves my maleness. I nearly  
got a lion once.

904 KIM  
905 You were lucky you missed.

906 JOSEPH  
907 Meaning what, Kim?

908 KIM  
909 If you kill a lion or try to kill  
one, it's spirit will come into  
you.

910 JOSEPH  
911 Isn't that a good thing?

912 KIM  
913 Sometimes the spirit of the lion  
will kill you...in anger.

914 JOSEPH  
915 I'm not into superstition.

916 KIM  
917 One day I hope you will  
understand Africa.

918 Paul is bored.

919 PAUL  
920 So - when do you want us to go to  
the border?

921 JOSEPH  
922 It's a long journey - around ten  
hours or more. If we leave at  
dawn tomorrow and allowing time  
for drinks and meal breaks, we'll  
get to the border villages just  
before dark.

923 KIM  
924 I will be ready at dawn.

925 JOSEPH  
926 Sonya and Betinha can come in the  
second vehicle with Manuel.

927 PAUL  
928 I'm looking forward to this. It  
will be a good break to get away  
from paper, pen and computer.

929 33 **INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE**

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930 KIM  
931 Paul and I are going to be with  
Joseph at the border villages.  
We'll be away three days.

932 MUSSA  
933 Since we talked last we know of a  
plot to kill Mapogo before he  
flies back to Angola. We have a  
code word and a few names. The  
plan is called Lobed. There may  
be a team of killers.

934 KIM  
935 Lobed. Odd word. What does it mean?

936 MUSSA  
937 No idea.

938 KIM  
939 I'll cancel the trip if you like. Joseph takes second place to Mapogo.

940 MUSSA  
941 No - you stay with Joseph and Paul. Take this cellphone. It only communicates between the two of us. Other numbers are blocked. Keep it on you at all times. If I need you urgently I'll phone. Or you phone me. The next 24 hours are critical for Mapogo. That's all.

942 The phone rings on Mussa's desk. Kim gets up, waves goodbye and leaves as Mussa answers the call.

943 MUSSA  
944 Bom Dia, Colonel Franco. Yes. Our plan is active. Kim is working with us. No-one suspects anything. We have a tracker on Joseph's phone, on Kim's phone and their van.

945 34 **EXT.DAY.OUTSIDE THE NUN'S COMPOUND** 34  
946 The Land Rover with Betinha and Sonya enters the compound and is surrounded by children. The two women get out of the vehicle and go to the office.

947 35 **INT.DAY.OFFICE.** 35  
948 Sister Benedict, Sonya and Betinha are sitting in the office. Betinha is crying.

949 BETINHA  
950 I don't understand. Sister Terese was like me...young, healthy. And now she is dead. Oh, oh....oh.

951 SISTER BENEDICT  
952 It was sudden. She became ill and died with twenty-four hours. There was nothing we could do. It was God's will.

953 SONYA  
954 We were hoping to get to know her better.

955 Betinha is agitated and nearly in tears.



956 BETINHA  
 957 When I vaccinated her, she seemed  
 so well. We spoke about our  
 childhoods and our grandmothers  
 and how they were so different  
 and yet alike in many ways too. I  
 will miss her.

958 SISTER BENEDICT  
 959 In her short time here, she was  
 happy and worked and loved the  
 children. But you must rest now.

960 36 EXT.DAY.A SCHOOL GARDEN. 36  
 961 A number of young children are working in the garden. One  
 girl is holding a Laranja Batata plant.

962 YALDA  
 963 Mr.Adam.

964 ADAM  
 965 Yes, Yalda.

966 YALDA  
 967 I would like to take this plant  
 home to grow in my grandmother's  
 garden.

968 ADAM  
 969 That is OK. But you must water it  
 each day and keep the weeds away.

970 YALDA  
 971 I will do that, Sir.

972 ADAM  
 973 When the laranja batata is ready  
 you must see if your grandmother  
 will eat it too.

974 YALDA  
 975 She will not, Sir. She says  
 foreign vegetables are bad like  
 white men.

976 ADAM  
 977 But, you have eaten this batata.  
 Do you like it?

978 YALDA  
 979 I like it,Sir.

980 ADAM  
 981 I want you to see if someone else  
 in your family will eat it too.

982 YALDA  
 983 My big brother will eat it, Sir.  
 He is always hungry.

Adam smiles at Yalda.

985 ADAM  
986 After school take the plant home.  
I will tell Miss Isabel. She is  
coming to the school soon.

987 YALDA  
988 I like Miss Isabel.

989 ADAM  
990 I like Miss Isabel too.

991 YALDA  
992 I want a motorbike when I grow  
up.

993 37 **EXT.DAY.A TEMPORARY CLINIC AT THE CONVENT** 37  
994 The Land Rover is in the shade by the convent and a small  
group of children are crowded around it. Sonya and Sister  
Benedict are at a small table with boxes, towels and  
syringes. They have just completed vaccinating a small girl.

995 SISTER BENEDICT  
996 Bravo Maya. You are the first  
girl in the convent to have the  
vaccination. I will give you aa  
special badge for being first.  
Now. Who will be the first boy to  
get a vaccination. Amin?

997 AMIN  
998 My arm is not well sister. It  
hurts.

999 SISTER BENEDICT  
1000 I see. And when did the pain  
begin, Amin?

1001 AMIN  
1002 A long time ago, Sister. I am not  
well.

1003 SISTER BENEDICT  
1004 I see. Well, Amin. If you are not  
well, you may go inside and rest  
on your bed.

1005 Amin pauses and then speaks slowly

1006 AMIN  
1007 But, I think want watch what  
happens other children. I mean.  
It be good my arm.

1008 Sister Benedict smiles and looks at the other children.

1009 SISTER BENEDICT  
1010 I thought one of the boys might  
want a vaccination. I have a  
medal for that boy.

1011 There is a long pause among the children and a boy steps  
forward.

1012 AMIN  
1013 Sister. I never won a medal. I  
like now to have the vaccination  
and medal.

1014 He steps forward and sits on a stool. Sonya prepares his arm.

1015 SONYA  
1016 I have to squeeze your arm a  
little. Like this. But, it's only  
a small jab.

1017 She injects Amin with the vaccine. He gives a little grimace.  
Sonya rubs his arm with alcohol.

1018 AMIN  
1019 When will I get the medal,  
Sister?

1020 SISTER BENEDICT  
1021 I was thinking that when the  
other children are vaccinated we  
could all eat the cake that is  
in a big tin in the kitchen. Then  
I will give the medals to you and  
Maya.

1022 The children look at each other and line up for a  
vaccination.

1023 **38** INT. DAY. CONVENT OFFICE

1024 Sonya is sitting with Sister Benedict.

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1025 SISTER BENEDICT  
1026 I want you do a small task for  
me.

1027 SONYA  
1028 Of course.

1029 SISTER BENEDICT  
1030 I do not ask for secrecy ever,  
but today I request that of you.  
Will you keep a secret between  
us?

1031 Sonya is perplexed and nods her head.

1032 SONYA  
1033 Of course, of course. But, why  
you want me to do this, why not  
ask Betinha?

1034 SISTER BENEDICT  
1035 Alas. I dare not ask Betinha.

1036 SONYA  
1037 There are no secrets between us.  
She is as trustworthy as I am.

1038 SISTER BENEDICT  
1039 Sonya, I need to be sure I am  
correct in my thinking, before I  
can talk with Betinha. I am  
asking for your trust.

1040 SONYA  
1041 Sister. Of Course.

1042 SISTER BENEDICT  
1043 I have a small parcel. Here it  
is. Please deliver it to  
Inspector Mussa when Betinha is  
not around.

1044 She gives the parcel to Sonya.

1045 SONYA  
1046 You have my word.

1047 SISTER BENEDICT  
1048 I pray again and again that I am  
wrong in my thinking.

1049 Both women stand and leave the room. Outside the Land Rover  
is ready and Betinha is getting ready to leave. She is  
embracing the children.

1050 39 **INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE**  
1051 Kim is sitting with Mussa.

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1052 KIM  
1053 Have you any idea who started the  
fire at the clinic?

1054 MUSSA  
1055 I think I know the source. It  
concerns Manuel.

1056 KIM  
1057 Manuel. He would never start a  
fire. He's too honest for that.  
We were at school together.

1058 MUSSA  
1059 That means nothing. Most of the  
adults in this village were at  
school together.

1060 KIM  
1061 I trust Manuel. He has been our  
driver for many years.

1062 MUSSA  
1063 Yes, Yes Kim. Listen to me, my  
friend. He is honest, but I know  
he drives his friends all over  
the place with the Land Rover and  
he doesn't put it in his driver's  
logbook.

1064 KIM  
1065 We all do that. I do. You do.

1066 MUSSA (frustrated)  
1067 Yes. Yes. Kim. Let me finish.  
There is a camera on the Land  
Rover windscreen. It's been there  
since we got it, but it's never  
been turned on.

1068 KIM  
1069 Why would we? There is nothing to  
see but the sand on the road.

1070 MUSSA  
1071 I arranged for the camera to be  
turned on. It records for many  
hours. I know where Manuel goes.

1072 KIM  
1073 And... what... he takes his  
children to school, sees his  
grandmother and visits the beach  
market to buy cheap fish. I know  
all that.

1074 MUSSA  
1075 Let me finish. He drove to a  
village where a curandeira lives.  
I checked the camera.

1076 KIM  
1077 So. He has personal problems. We  
all do Mussa. Village magicians  
help us.

1078 MUSSA  
1079 The village Manuel visited has a  
curandeira who hates all  
progress. He's turning people  
into fanatics. He hates contact  
with the white men...their  
medicine...their values and their  
money. Loathes their women and the  
way they expose their legs and  
arms. He hates the government.  
This curandeira wants the village  
people to see him as their only  
true leader.

1080 KIM  
1081 Yes. Is true. I know the man.

1082 MUSSA  
1083 I have reason to believe Manuel  
used the Land Rover to bring the  
curandeira here. Then he and some  
other men deliberately burned the  
clinic to the ground.

1084 KIM  
1085 Are you sure?

1086 MUSSA  
1087 Not entirely. I want you to talk  
with Manuel and check out if my  
suspicions are correct.

1088 KIM  
1089 That could be difficult.

1090 MUSSA  
1091 Someone burned that clinic to the  
ground. As a cop, I intend to  
find the bastards. As my friend  
you will help me.

1092 KIM  
1093 Manuel is my friend too.

1094 MUSSA  
1095 You said that before. We will do  
it this way. You invite Manuel to  
my office. I question him. You  
will be here to support me.

1096 KIM  
1097 And if he is guilty of going to  
the village and bringing the  
curandeira to burn the clinic,  
what then?

1098 MUSSA  
1099 He will be punished.

1100 40 INT. PAUL AND SONYA'S HOUSE

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1101 SONYA  
1102 Joseph is feeling insecure after  
that threat. I sense it in his  
voice.

1103 PAUL  
1104 Fancy threatening a doctor who's  
helping people. Sonya. I get so  
tired. So much of our time here  
is wasted.

1105 SONYA  
1106 Paul, Paul. Please don't talk  
like that.

1107 PAUL  
1108 You don't love me. I know that.  
You've told me. Our love is dead.

1109 SONYA  
1110 Paul - Paul. So many people care  
for you. Me first. Your brother  
in Auckland - Kim, Betinha.

1111 PAUL  
1112 Betinha, that prim black whore.

1113 SONYA  
1114 That's cruel and unfair. Stop it,  
Paul.

1115 PAUL  
1116 You want proof? She's just  
another slut in a smart nurse's  
uniform. Two days ago I saw her  
get out of a police car and go  
into Inspector Mussa's house. I  
kept a tab on her. She stayed all  
night and left early next  
morning. A police car arrived for  
her. More corruption.

1117 SONYA  
1118 You are spying on her?

1119 PAUL  
1120 Sonya, Sonya, Sonya - I have  
eyes. I see. I saw her. She went  
to Mussa's house at night and  
came out the next day. She's a  
whore.

1121 SONYA  
1122 And you're jealous. Because you  
want her.

1123 PAUL  
1124 I live by my principles, not by  
whoring, Sonya.

1125 SONYA  
1126 You are jealous. Green eyed  
jealousy.

1127 PAUL  
1128 I need to get ready for our  
journey to the border. Have we a  
new toothbrush? Mine's looking  
weary.

1129 SONYA  
1130 Come Paul, I'll make us a coffee  
and we can have a cognac too.

1131 PAUL  
1132 I'm sorry. But Betinha makes me  
angry. How can she do such a  
thing? And with Mussa...he's so  
much older than she is. It hurts.

1133 SONYA  
1134 What does that old pop song say -  
love hurts. I hurt too, Paul. I  
loved you and I still care for  
you. Life changes us. Africa  
changed me.

1135 PAUL  
1136 I am...bitter too. Don't like  
being like that.

1137 SONYA  
1138 You will change.

1139 PAUL  
1140 In three months we leave Africa.  
When we reach Wellington we will  
part and never see each other  
again.

1141 SONYA  
1142 No. No.

1143 There is a knock on the door. Kim enters.

1144 KIM  
1145 We have to depart early tomorrow  
morning for the border village. I  
will pick you both up. I'll honk.  
Betinha says she will have the  
vaccines ready in the cooler with  
plenty of ice for the journey.

1146 **41** INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE **41**  
1147 Mussa is at his desk. There is a knock on the door.

1148 MUSSA  
1149 Enter.

1150 Kim and Manuel enter.

1151 MUSSA  
1152 Good morning to you both. Please  
sit down. Manuel, you recognise  
this.



1153 He takes a note book from his desk. Manuel nods. He looks  
worried.

1154 KIM  
1155 It's your Land Rover logbook. We  
were looking at all your journeys  
for the last month.

1156 MANUEL  
1157 Maybe, I have missed putting  
everything in, Sir. I have been  
busy. I have taken my children to  
school, Sir.

1158 MUSSA  
1159 That is not my real concern  
Manuel. You have been on much  
longer journeys.

1160 MANUEL  
1161 I go to the market sometimes,  
Sir. And I visit my parents. I  
will pay for the petrol, Sir.

1162 KIM  
1163 We are not concerned with the  
little journeys. You have been to  
the village where the curandeira  
lives.

1164 MANUEL  
1165 No, Kim. Why would I want to  
drive there?

1166 KIM  
1167 That is what we are trying to  
find out.

1168 MANUEL  
1169 I have not been there, Kim.

1170 Mussa is getting annoyed.

1171 MUSSA  
1172 I know you have been there,  
Manuel. It is on the camera.

1173 MANUEL  
1174 What camera, Inspector?

1175 MUSSA  
1176 There is a camera in the Land  
Rover. It shows the vehicle going  
in and out of the curandeira's  
village. How do you account for  
that?

1177 Manuel is upset. He drops his head down and looks at his  
feet.

1178 KIM  
1179 What were you doing there?

1180 Manuel does not answer.

1181 KIM  
1182 I saw the pictures, Manuel. It's  
the curandeira's village.

1183 Manuel still does answer.

1184 MUSSA  
1185 I have enough evidence for you to  
lose your job and to send you to  
jail for a long time.

1186 MANUEL  
1187 I have a wife and family, Sir.  
They depend on me. And my  
brother. He has no job. I feed  
his family too.

1188 MUSSA  
1189 Then you will tell me the truth.  
I will ask questions and you will  
answer truthfully or you will  
lose your job and be sent to  
prison.

1190 Manuel nods and looks at both Kim and Mussa.

1191 MANUEL  
1192 I want to protect my family.

1193 MUSSA  
1194 So what did you do?

1195 MANUEL  
1196 I was told to drive to see the  
curandeira.

1197 MUSSA  
1198 By whom?

1199 MANUEL  
1200 A man from the curandeira's  
village. He said he would put a  
curse on me if I did not go.

1201 MUSSA  
1202 And?

1203 MANUEL  
1204 I had to bring two men back to  
stay at my home for one night and  
then I was told to take them back  
to the curandeira's village.

1205 KIM  
1206 So you did that?

1207 Manuel drops his head.

1208 MUSSA  
1209 And these two men...do you know  
what they did?

1210 MANUEL  
1211 I do.

1212 MUSSA  
1213 Tell me then. Lift your head when  
you speak to me.

1214 MANUEL  
1215 They set the clinic on fire. But,  
I did not know what they were  
going to do. I not know, I not  
know!

1216 MUSSA  
1217 And afterwards, what did you do?

1218 MANUEL  
1219 I took them back to the village.  
I was afraid, Inspector. My  
family. He could put curse on my  
children and my wife.

1220 MUSSA  
1221 OK. Manuel. You have to be  
punished for what you have done.  
What shall I do?

1222 MANUEL  
1223 I don't know, Inspector. I have a  
family to feed and I help  
my .....

1224 MUSSA  
1225 Yes, Yes...I know all that. This  
is what will happen. Tomorrow is  
your weekly payday. You will come  
here before you get paid. A  
police officer will go with you.  
When you receive your pay you  
will give it all to him. He will  
bring it to me as your  
contribution to the rebuilding of  
the clinic. Is that clear?

1226 Manuel does not reply. He drops his head again.

1227 KIM  
1228 You must answer the Inspector.

1229  
1230

MANUEL  
I will do that, Sir.

1231  
1232

MUSSA  
Now, get out of my office. And...  
do not talk about this to  
anybody. If you do you will go to  
jail and not see your family for  
a long time.

1233  
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**INT.DAY.A HOTEL BAR.**

42

Joseph enters and goes towards two white men and greets them.  
They sit down and order drinks. Kim enters the bar and sees  
them. They are the same men Joseph was talking with at the  
airport. Joseph sees Kim.

1235  
1236

JOSEPH  
Good morning, Kim. Let me  
introduce you. We've just met.  
They are from South Africa too .  
They are hikers and are going to  
tramp across the mountains on the  
border.

1237

Kim shakes hands with both of them.

1238  
1239

KIM  
Welcome to my country. Have you  
been here before?

1240  
1241

MAN ONE  
No, this is our first visit.

1242  
1243

KIM  
It's dry in those mountains. Make  
sure you have plenty of water.

1244

Kim smiles and leaves. We follow him as he leaves the cafe.  
He stops for a moment, looks back at the cafe and walks away.

1245  
1246

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**INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE.**

43

Kim and Mussa are drinking.

1247  
1248

MUSSA  
I've had news that Mapogo is  
getting some backlash from the  
province he's secretly working  
in. His socialist views don't go  
down with either businessmen or  
church pastors.

1249  
1250

KIM  
But he is taking our country back  
from the people who stole it.  
That is good. Many people want  
that to happen.

1251

MUSSA  
We are agreed there, Kim.  
(MORE)

1251

MUSSA (CONT'D)

But Mapogo's enemies are growing  
like trees in the forest.

1253

KIM

1254

Then they will be cut down. Young  
trees are easy. It's the big  
trees that are difficult to cut.

1255

MUSSA

1256

Ah, Kim. You make life simple. I  
should stop talking about trees  
and talk about men who will kill  
to protect their wealth and who  
will kill to protect their God.

1257

KIM

1258

Kill! We don't need that.

1259

MUSSA

1260

Mapogo has assassins out there,  
waiting for him. We must protect  
him.

1261

Kim is quiet for a moment, then gets up and walks to a map on  
the wall. He points to a place and turns back to Mussa.

1262

KIM

1263

This is where Mapogo crosses the  
border. So, it must happen here.

1264

MUSSA

1265

Yes. Agreed. Mapogo's life is  
most at risk on the border.

1266

KIM

1267

Betinha and the rest of the  
vaccination team will be with  
Doctor Joseph at the village  
tomorrow.

1268

MUSSA

1269

Yes. Joseph. And who else?

1270

KIM

1271

Who else..is that a riddle?

1272

MUSSA

1273

An attack on Mapogo will requires  
a team of people.

1274

KIM

1275

And Joseph?

1276

MUSSA

1277

I believe he is heads the gang to  
assassinate Mapogo.

1278 KIM  
1279 Do you have any factual  
evidence...proof?

1280 Mussa shakes his head.

1281 **44** EXT.DAY.A SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY

**44**

1282 Isabel arrives on her motorbike. As she enters the school  
gate the children crowd around her. She gets off the  
motorbike and Adam comes out of the school office.

1283 ADAM  
1284 Welcome Isabel. Come in. Would  
you like a drink after your long  
journey?

1285 ISABEL  
1286 Thank you.

1287 CUT TO:

1288 **45** INT.DAY.ADAM'S OFFICE

**45**

1289 Adam and Isabel are talking.

1290 ISABEL  
1291 You are making such good progress  
in the garden and getting the  
children to eat the new laranja  
batata.

1292 ADAM  
1293 More and more children like to  
eat it and take it home to the  
families. It's making children  
healthier. Their little faces are  
filling out. I eat it myself too.  
I will make you a batata soup  
tonight.

1294 ISABEL  
1295 I am sorry, I cannot stay.

1296 ADAM  
1297 I hope it was not because of my  
behaviour last time. The village  
women are not interesting. I need  
a wife.

1298 ISABEL  
1299 You will find one, Adam.

1300 ADAM  
1301 It is not easy. I will marry you,  
Isabel.

1302 ISABEL  
Thank you. But I do not want to  
get married yet. My career in  
agriculture is still young.  
(MORE)

1302 ISABEL (CONT'D)  
I want to travel and be  
independent.

1304 ADAM  
1305 So many young women say that. It  
is not fair?

1306 ISABEL  
1307 Not fair?

1308 ADAM  
1309 It is not fair on men. We need  
women at home to cook, to look  
after the children and to care  
for us in the evenings.

1310 ISABEL  
1311 You could get all that from a  
village wife, Adam. The women you  
say you want to marry are like me  
and want to do more than sit at  
home.

1312 ADAM  
1313 Ahh... Isabel. I do not  
understand you. All I want is a  
loving woman. You  
remember, Betinha? I went to  
school with her. We talked a lot  
then, we were good friends. I  
often think about her. She would  
be a good wife.

1314 ISABEL  
1315 I am sure she would. She is a  
nurse now and has an important  
job to do, like me.

1316 ADAM  
1317 Ahh... it is lonely here.

1318 ISABEL  
1319 I will try and come more often.  
But, I don't want to stay the  
night. You understand, Adam?

1320 ADAM (smiling)  
1321 Perhaps next time you will have a  
wife for me on the back of your  
motorbike.

1322 46

**INT.DAY.POLICE STATION**

46

Betinha enters the police station. The Police Officer at the desk tells her to go into Mussa's office and wait. Betinha enters the office and sits down. She notices an open parcel on his desk. It contains a used syringe and a used vaccine vial. She cannot understand why they are there.

Mussa enters and greets her.

1324 MUSSA  
1325 Ah. Betinha. I am happy see you  
always.

1326 BETINHA  
1327 Father. I am getting ready for my  
trip to the border village. I  
know you have a cousin near  
there. Do you want me to take  
anything for him.

1328 MUSSA  
1329 Perhaps you could give him some  
money. He has a big family. Leave  
the money at the police station  
for him to collect.

1330 BETINHA  
1331 This will be a new place for me  
to visit.

1332 MUSSA  
1333 You will be well received.

1334 Mussa gets up from his desk and opens his wallet to take some  
money out. As he does Betinha looks at the small parcel on  
the desk. Mussa notices her looking at it.

1335 BETINHA  
1336 What is your cousin's name?

1337 MUSSA  
1338 Peter. He is a farmer. Everyone  
knows him.

1339 BETINHA  
1340 Has Sister Benedict been here?

1341 MUSSA  
1342 Oh, no. Sonya brought it back.

1343 BETINHA  
1344 She didn't say anything to me and  
we were there together.

1345 MUSSA (laughing)  
1346 She must of forgotten.

1347 Betinha looks puzzled and stands up. She takes the money for  
Peter from Mussa and quietly leaves the office. We follow her  
as she walks along the road. She stops several times as she  
is thinking about something and then suddenly puts her hands  
to her mouth, as if in shock. She starts running.

1348 **47** EXT.DAY.OUTSIDE BETINHA'S HOUSE. **47**  
A four-wheel Land Rover arrives. Kim, the driver honks. There  
is no reply from the house. He honks several times.



Still no reply. Kim goes to the house and sees the door is open.

1350 KIM (calling)  
1351 Betinha. Betinha.

1352 There is no answer. He waits and walks back to the car where Sonya, Paul and Joseph are waiting.

1353 SONYA  
1354 I'll go and call her? Perhaps she over-slept. She was so tired last night.

1355 Sonya gets out of the vehicle and enters Betinha's house. She returns after a few moments.

1356 KIM  
1357 Did you wake her?

1358 SONYA  
1359 She's not there. And her small suitcase has gone. I don't know what's happened.

1360 JOSEPH  
1361 She looked so tired last night as we packed the medical kit for the journey.

1362 KIM  
1363 She had been crying.

1364 SONYA  
1365 What happened?

1366 KIM  
1367 Maybe she has gone to see her sick sister.

1368 SONYA  
1369 She would have told us, surely.

1370 PAUL  
1371 We can't wait for long. Is she with Mussa?

1372 KIM  
1373 No. She lives in her own house.

1374 PAUL  
1375 I have seen her at Mussa's.

1376 SONYA  
1377 Betinha is so trustworthy.

1378 KIM  
It will be her sister.  
(MORE)

1378 KIM (CONT'D)  
Maybe she got an urgent message  
and went to the hospital.

1380 JOSEPH  
1381 We can't wait any longer. We have  
a long journey ahead of us.

1382 SONYA  
1383 Joseph is right. Betinha will  
have gone to see her sick sister.  
She will contact us later.

1384 JOSEPH  
1385 We have all the vaccines. We can  
manage without Betinha. You know  
what to do, Sonya. I will help  
too.

1386 KIM  
1387 Ok. We go.

1388 They all get into the Land Rover. Kim starts the engine and  
begins driving.

1389 **48** INT. DAY. MUSSA'S OFFICE. **48**  
1390 Joaquim, the police officer is in the office. Mussa is on the  
phone.

1391 MUSSA  
1392 Yes. I thought as much. Yes. So  
the laboratory has confirmed our  
suspicions. I have Joaquim with  
me, Colonel. I'll send him to the  
convent by motorcycle. I won't be  
able to talk with Betinha. She  
left for the border village this  
morning with Kim and the others.

1393 Mussa ends the phone call.

1394 JOAQUIM  
1395 I'm ready, Sir.

1396 MUSSA  
1397 I need a few minutes to write a  
letter to Sister Benedict.  
Joaquim, go and have your  
breakfast.

1398 JOAQUIM  
1399 Yes, Sir.

1400 MUSSA  
I'll leave the letter in the  
office. When you get to the  
convent hand it to Sister  
Benedict. It's for her eyes only.  
She may send a reply.  
(MORE)

1400 MUSSA (CONT'D)  
Wait and see. I need to go and  
talk with Betinha. She's with the  
vaccination team.

1402 Mussa stands up and says quietly to himself

1403 MUSSA  
1404 What a tragic event. Poor  
Betinha.

1405 JOAQUIM  
1406 Sir?

1407 MUSSA  
1408 Oh, I'm just talking to myself.  
Nothing for you to be concerned  
about. Go ...eat, and I'll  
prepare the letter.

1409 49 EXT. DAY. OPEN ROAD. 49  
1410 Kim is driving the Land Rover, Joseph is beside him and  
Sonya is in the back. A man with a baby rushes in front of  
the vehicle holding the baby up high. Kim brakes quickly and  
stops just before hitting the man. He is furious and jumps  
out of the vehicle.

1411 KIM  
1412 You crazy bastard. I could have  
killed you and I feel like doing  
it now. Stupid villager.

1413 Joseph and Sonya get out of the vehicle while Kim is raging  
at the man. Sonya goes towards the man and gently takes the  
baby from him. Joseph begins to examine the child. Kim sees  
what has happened and stops his ranting.

1414 SONYA  
1415 The baby is so pale.

1416 JOSEPH  
1417 Get my medical box.

1418 Kim goes to the back of the vehicle to fetch the medical kit.  
Joseph and Sonya lay the baby down on the ground on an old  
blanket that Sonya takes from the car.

1419 SONYA  
1420 Is there anything I can do,  
Joseph?

1421 JOSEPH  
1422 It's obviously suffering from  
malnutrition, but the baby looks  
dehydrated too. Sonya - there's a  
small blue bottle in the box.

1423 Kim has got the medical box and opens it. Sonya looks inside.

1424 SONYA  
1425 This one, Joseph?

1426 Joseph nods and Sonya hands him the bottle. He opens it and begins to feed the child in small sips.

1427 JOSEPH  
1428 It's going to take a while, but he'll be Ok.

1429 SONYA  
1430 Let me feed the baby now, Joseph.

1431 Joseph hands over the baby to Sonya who continues the feeding. By now a crowd of people have gathered around the vehicle. Kim looks around and smiles at Joseph.

1432 KIM  
1433 That's our journey over for the next few hours. Sonya's feeding the baby and now the villagers want to feed us.

1434 JOSEPH  
1435 We can't stay for long. We have a vaccination schedule.

1436 KIM  
1437 I'm sorry Joseph, we have an African schedule to fill here.

1438 JOSEPH  
1439 Goddamn. We should never have stopped. This trip is so important.

1440 KIM (laughing)  
1441 And this is Africa, Joseph. You saved a life. The village is grateful. The woman's next baby may be named after you!

1442 The men come and gather around Joseph. A woman comes and holds his hands and drops her head in respect. Sonya is being led to the village and offered a stool to sit on as she feeds the baby under the shade of a large tree.

1443 JOSEPH  
1444 Kim. Our schedule? What now?

1445 KIM (laughing)  
If you wish, you can stay forever. I can find you a wife. Many women would like to marry a white man who does magic. You are a curandeira.  
(MORE)

1445 KIM (laughing) (CONT'D)  
I will be your best man. Then we  
all go in the Land Rover with you  
and new wife.

1447 Joseph shrugs and tries to smile. He is uncomfortable.

1448 JOSEPH  
1449 How long do we have to stay?

1450 KIM  
1451 Several hours. It's custom.

1452 JOSEPH  
1453 Ok. I will check a few more  
children while I'm here. And Kim,  
tell these villagers that when a  
child has diarrhoea, the mother  
must not deprive the child of  
fluids.

1454 KIM  
1455 It's a custom.

1456 JOSEPH  
1457 That kills babies.

1458 50 **EXT.DAY.APPROACHING THE CONVENT.** 50  
1459 Joaquim is on his motorbike. He enters the convent campus.  
Children gather around him. He gets off his motorbike and  
walks towards the office.

1460 51 **INT.DAY.THE OFFICE.** 51  
1461 Sister Benedict is working at her desk. There is a knock on  
the door.

1462 SISTER BENEDICT  
1463 Enter.

1464 Joaquim enters. He has taken off his motorbike helmet.

1465 SISTER BENEDICT  
1466 Joaquim. Such a pleasure to see  
you. Please sit down.

1467 She pours him a glass of water.

1468 JOAQUIM  
1469 Ah. That is refreshing.

1470 SISTER BENEDICT  
1471 I was half expecting you. You  
have a message from Inspector  
Mussa, have you?

1472 JOAQUIM  
1473 Yes, Sister. I was to deliver it  
to you personally.



1496 52 INT.DAY.SISTER BENEDICT'S OFFICE. 52  
1497 Sister Benedict is sitting at her desk. There is a knock on  
the door.

1498 SISTER BENEDICT  
1499 Enter.

1500 The door open and Betinha enters. Sister Benedict gestures to  
her to sit down and waits for her to talk.

1501 BETINHA  
1502 I want to become a nun, Sister.

1503 SISTER BENEDICT  
1504 That is a big decision to make,  
Betinha.

1505 BETINHA  
1506 I want to serve God for all of my  
life.

1507 SISTER BENEDICT  
1508 When did you make that choice?

1509 BETINHA  
1510 I made the choice recently, but I  
have been thinking about it for a  
long time.

1511 SISTER BENEDICT  
1512 Betinha. You already serve God.  
You are both a Christian and a  
trained nurse. You do not need to  
become a nun. You vaccinate  
little children. All this is  
God's work.

1513 BETINHA  
1514 I vaccinated Sister Terese and  
she died.

1515 SISTER BENEDICT  
1516 Yes. She is dead.

1517 Betinha bursts into tears.

1518 BETINHA  
1519 I vaccinated her and she died. I  
know you gave a parcel to Sonya  
to take to Inspector Mussa. You  
tried to make sure that I did not  
know about it. I saw the used  
vaccine bottle in Mussa's office.  
There is something wrong. Joaquim  
was here today. He works for  
Mussa. Please help me. Tell me  
what happened?

1520 SISTER BENEDICT  
1521 It was an accident, Sister Terese  
died because of an accident.

1522 BETINHA  
1523 How can that be? I am careful how  
I vaccinate. I follow all the  
correct procedures.

SISTER BENEDICT  
Is was an accident. It seems the vaccination may have been out of date.

1526 BETINHA  
1527 How can that be? It was new. It  
was in the cold container with  
ice. I used gloves. I used a  
clean needle.

1528           Betinha continues sobbing. Sister Benedict gets up from her  
              desk and consoles her.

1529 53 EXT.DAY. VILLAGE

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1530 Kim, Paul and Joseph are sitting together talking.

1531 JOSEPH  
1532 How much longer before we leave,  
Kim?

1533 KIM  
1534 Soon. We have been respectful and  
accepted the food and drink.  
There will a few speeches and we  
can go.

1535 JOSEPH  
1536 I was expecting us to be at the  
border village by lunch today.  
That's long gone.

1537 KIM  
1538 You white men worry too much.  
Africa waits for you. Africa is  
not worried.

1539 JOSEPH  
1540 I have important work to do.

[illegible]

1543 JOSEPH  
1544 When we leave another child will  
get diarrhoea. We fight the same  
health battles everyday.



1545 PAUL  
1546 Perhaps we try to change cultures  
too quickly and we are  
intolerant. Foreign Aid is part  
of "I want you to hurry up and  
change Africa before I leave to  
go home."

1547 JOSEPH  
1548 Africa has its compensations and  
worries. But, as a white man I  
want to enjoy my maleness at  
weekends?

1549 Kim is puzzled.

1550 KIM  
1551 You want in your bed?

1552 JOSEPH  
1553 No. I want to go hunting, to see  
a lion or leopard or springbok in  
my gun sights. I want to see a  
wild animal fall when I pull a  
trigger.

1554 KIM  
1555 Joseph. You want to kill animals  
for fun and not for food?

1556 JOSEPH  
1557 Where else can you shoot  
elephants and lions, but in  
Africa.

1558 KIM  
1559 I do not understand.

1560 JOSEPH  
1561 Hunting is proof of who is  
superior, man or beast? And we  
win every time.

1562 KIM  
1563 And if the lion wins?

1564 JOSEPH  
1565 Not if I have a gun?

1566 At that moment Sonya returns with a group of women. She has a  
garland of flowers around her neck.

1567 SONYA  
1568 I left the mother some bottles of  
water and told her about boiling  
the water to sterilise it.

1569 JOSEPH  
1570 I doubt if she will understand  
that. Let's go.

1571 Everyone gets into the Land Rover. The villagers crowd  
around. Kim starts the engine.

1572 **54** INT.DAY.MUSSA'S OFFICE

**54**

1573 A woman is sitting at Mussa's desk dressed in a military  
uniform. From the medals and lapels on her jackets we see  
that she a Senior Military Officer. Joaquim is sitting with  
her.

1574 COLONEL FRANCO  
1575 So you did not get a letter back  
from Sister Benedict.

1576 JOAQUIM  
1577 That is correct, Ma'am.

1578 COLONEL FRANCO  
1579 Did the Sister say anything at  
all when she read the letter ?

1580 JOAQUIM  
1581 No, but I watched her face  
change. She looked upset and sad.

1582 Colonel Franco is annoyed.

1583 COLONEL FRANCO  
1584 I'll take that as an acceptance  
that we were right. I wish those  
nuns were more direct. Their  
God turns them into obtuse  
beings, Joaquim.

1585 JOAQUIM  
1586 I don't understand, Ma'am.

1587 COLONEL FRANCO  
1588 Nuns should be like police  
officers and say what they mean.  
Then we will understand each  
other. How long will it take  
Mussa to get to the border?

1589 JOAQUIM  
1590 He should be there by now, Ma'am.

1591 Colonel Franco is thinking to herself and also talking with  
Joaquim.

1592 COLONEL FRANCO  
It is right that it should be  
Mussa who talks to Betinha. I  
want you to go to the border  
village too, Joaquim. I have an  
important message for Mussa.  
(MORE)

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COLONEL FRANCO (CONT'D)  
 You are part of the security  
 team, so I have authority to tell  
 you that this message refers to  
 Mapogo. Go now and give the  
 message to Mussa in private. Arm  
 yourself. Take hand weapons,  
 grenades and an AK47 with a  
 silencer. Take spares too.

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**EXT.DAY.A CAFE IN A BORDER VILLAGE.**  
 Mussa and Kim are having a beer.

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KIM  
 We never saw Betinha. We thought  
 she had gone to see her sick  
 sister.

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MUSSA  
 I phoned the hospital. She did  
 not go there.

1600  
1601

KIM  
 So where is she?

1602  
1603

MUSSA  
 This is a worry. I need to talk  
 with her. It's urgent.

1604  
1605

KIM  
 Talk with Joseph. He's the leader  
 of the medical team.

1606  
1607

MUSSA  
 Doctor Joseph must know nothing  
 about why I am here.

1608  
1609

KIM  
 OK

1610  
1611

MUSSA  
 Have another beer and I'll tell  
 you why.

1612  
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**INT.DAY.INSIDE THE LAND ROVER.**  
 It is the end of the day and Joseph, Kim and Paul are in the  
 Land Rover. Sonya is talking with them.

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SONYA  
 I am staying here for the night  
 and going back home with someone  
 else in the morning. She has an  
 empty vehicle. So we will talk  
 woman to woman. All the way.

1616  
1617

PAUL  
 If you like that. Ok.

1618

KIM

1619

We will travel all night. It's cooler than day travel. And we have some drinks.

1620

They all wave goodbye to Sonya and Kim gets into the driver's seat. He starts the Land Rover. As they drive off we hear the sound of a lion roaring in the distance.

1621

JOSEPH

1622

Did you hear that Lion roaring. Sounds like a big one.

1623

KIM (laughing)

1624

Is Mapogo. He is hungry.

1625

PAUL

1626

I wish I could see it.

1627

JOSEPH

1628

If I had my gun I could have got him.

1629

PAUL

1630

Have you confronted a lion with your gun?

1631

JOSEPH

1632

No such luck. Hunting is full of surprises. Sometime you meet a wild animal face to face and sometimes you don't. You get a sense of mortality when you have the gun. You are in charge.

1633

KIM

1634

It's be dark soon guys. Want a drink to pass the journey?

1635

PAUL

1636

Yes. I could do with one.

1637

KIM

1638

There's some beers in a box. Help yourself.

1639

JOSEPH

1640

We did a good job today with the vaccinations. My work is over now.

1641

PAUL

1642

Oh, I'm surprised. I thought you were here for another few months. There's a never ending supply of kids and adults to be vaccinated against all the wandering viruses of Africa.

1643 JOSEPH  
1644 Alas. I got a message today. I  
have to go back to Jo'burg.

1645 PAUL  
1646 So when do you leave?

1647 JOSEPH  
1648 Just as soon as we get back to  
base. I'll be off tomorrow. It's  
short notice, but that's the  
world we live in. Full of  
surprises.

1649 KIM  
1650 Yes. Surprises. Pass me a whisky.

1651 JOSEPH  
1652 In my country, you don't drink  
and drive.

1653 KIM  
1654 I am quenching my thirst. It is  
allowed. But you will soon be  
back in your own country with all  
those strange rules. What have  
you learned about Africa, Joseph?

1655 JOSEPH  
1656 I have learned to work hard and  
then repeat it day after day. I  
hope for progress but I don't  
often see it happening.

1657 KIM  
1658 It is custom.

1659 JOSEPH  
1660 I have learned to trust people, I  
trust you Kim.

1661 KIM  
1662 Is that wise? Can you see it?

1663 JOSEPH  
1664 What do you mean? Trust is in the  
mind.

1665 KIM  
1666 You would not trust Mapogo?

1667 Joseph ponders the question.

1668 JOSEPH  
1669 He is potentially evil. He will  
be a dictator if he ever comes  
back. I hope someone stops him.

1670 KIM  
1671 But who will stop the person who  
wants to harm Mapogo?

1672 JOSEPH (laughing)  
1673 I don't know.

1674 Kim stops the car.

1675 KIM  
1676 Good whisky. Driving is tiring  
when it starts to become dark.  
Have a drink with us, Joseph?

1677 Joseph is cheerful.

1678 JOSEPH  
1679 I don't drink beer often. But  
tonight is special, is it not? My  
last night.

1680 The three men toast each other and drink.

1681 **57** EXT.NIGHT.AFRICAN COUNTRYSIDE **57**  
1682 We see the Land Rover on the road lit by its car lights. It  
stops. Kim gets out and urinates into the bushes. As he gets  
back into the car, Joseph gets out.

1683 JOSEPH  
1684 I need to do this too.

1685 He goes to urinate. Kim gets back into the vehicle and closes  
the driver door. He locks the passenger side. Joseph finishes  
urinating and goes to the door of the vehicle. It won't open.  
He tries again. It still won't open. Kim starts the engine  
and the vehicle begins to move.

1686 CUT TO:  
1687 **58** INT.NIGHT.INSIDE THE LAND ROVER **58**  
1688 Paul looks around and realises that Joseph has been left  
behind.

1689 PAUL  
1690 What the hell is happening, Kim?  
Stop the vehicle. Joseph is  
outside. Stop.

1691 Kim does not answer and keeps on driving. Joseph can just be  
seen outside walking towards the Land Rover.

1692 KIM  
1693 Paul. Stop asking questions.

1694 PAUL  
1695 Let Joseph in. Stop playing silly  
buggars. Let him in.

1696 Kim accelerates and the Land Rover goes faster.

1697 PAUL  
1698 Kim. You are crazy. If you leave  
Joseph out there, he'll be killed  
by a wild animal.

1699 KIM  
1700 I hope it is a lion and not a  
hyena or a snake.

1701 PAUL  
1702 You are fucking mad, Kim. You  
are murdering him.

1703 KIM  
1704 Yes. Yes. You are right.

1705 Paul shouts at Kim.

1706 PAUL  
1707 Stop the bloody vehicle. Stop. Or  
I will take over and kick you  
out.

1708 Kim drives faster, then brakes and stops the Land Rover.

1709 KIM  
1710 We are well away from him now.

1711 PAUL  
1712 Go back and get him. We don't  
murder people, Kim.

1713 KIM  
1714 But Joseph does.

1715 PAUL  
1716 Crap. Crap. He is a trained  
doctor.

1717 KIM  
1718 And a trained killer.

1719 PAUL  
1720 Where did you get that nonsense?

1721 KIM  
1722 Do you remember a long time we  
met the two nuns from the convent  
on the road ?

1723 PAUL  
1724 Yes, Yes. The old one and the new  
nun from France.

1725 KIM  
1726 The new nun died from a fatal  
vaccine jab?

1727 PAUL  
1728 Well, that certainly wasn't  
Joseph. He was in South Africa at  
the time.

1729 KIM  
1730 Betinha went to the convent and  
gave the sister a vaccine jab.

1731 PAUL  
1732 And...Joseph?

1733 KIM  
1734 He had procured the vaccines. The  
one that killed the nun was part  
of a new batch that arrived just  
before Joseph went on holiday.

1735 PAUL  
1736 That's not proof, Kim.

1737 KIM  
1738 Betinha, without knowing took one  
vial from the new batch of  
vaccines and went to the convent.  
After the vaccination of Sister  
Terese, the empty vial was left  
for disposal. Terese died. Sister  
Benedict was suspicious and kept  
the vaccine bottle. Then came the  
fire that destroyed the clinic.

1739 PAUL  
1740 Joseph didn't set the clinic on  
fire. Bloody hell, Kim. He's a  
doctor. He was out of the country  
for God's sake. Lay off. This is  
crazy conspiracy theory. QAnon  
will be next, with the pizza  
parlour that doesn't exist ...  
being the centre of a crazy plan  
to do..to do...I don't know what?

1741 KIM  
1742 When the fire was on a child  
saved a small tray of vaccines.  
One was missing. Mussa got them.  
He was suspicious of the cap  
colouring, as they were different  
from the normal vaccines. He sent  
them the forensic lab for  
checking. Poison. Each vial  
contained poison.

1743 PAUL  
1744 Poison. For whom?

1745 KIM  
1746 For Mapogo and his followers.



1747  
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PAUL  
Mapogo. Joseph's doesn't even  
know where he is and why should  
he care?

1749  
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KIM  
Joseph is funded by men who will  
lose everything when Mapogo  
becomes leader.

1751  
1752

PAUL  
Who gave you that crap?

1753  
1754

KIM  
Mussa has the suspect vaccines  
tested. They were full of  
poison. They were for Mapogo and  
his followers.

1755  
1756

PAUL  
But Mapogo is alive.

1757

Kim laughs out loud.

1758  
1759

KIM  
Yes, Yes. He is safe and tonight  
he flies out of the country.

1760

Kim laughs and they continue driving into the night

1761  
1762

PAUL  
Kim, please stop the vehicle and  
turn back. We must get Joseph. He  
is in danger. A lion will get him  
for sure.

1763  
1764

KIM  
It is his fate.

1765

Kim starts the vehicle and continues driving. Both men are  
silent. The dirt road is poor. It is totally dark. Kim drives  
slowly. The vehicle lights swing as he carefully avoids the  
numerous potholes. Kim sees a tree has fallen across the road  
and stops the Land Rover.

1766  
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PAUL  
Oh. We don't need this. I'll get  
out and move it.

1768

Paul opens the door and climbs out. He goes to move the log  
and suddenly there are bright lights shining on him. He is  
dazzled by the glare. We hear voices.

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VOICE 1  
Got you.

1771 There is the sound of a scuffle and Kim is pulled out of the  
vehicle and held down over the bonnet.

1772 VOICE 2  
1773 So, you bastard. Where's Joseph?  
Answer me.

1774 Two men are carrying guns. They are the same two white men  
that Joseph was talking with at the cafe and the airport. One  
of the men hits Kim with his rifle.

1775 KIM  
1776 He's gone.

1777 VOICE 2  
1778 Where is Joseph, you black  
arsehole. Where is he?

1779 KIM  
1780 You are too late. He'll be dead  
by now. You will never kill  
Mapogo.

1781 VOICE 1  
1782 What's he saying?

1783 VOICE 2  
1784 Doesn't make sense? What have you  
done with Joseph?

1785 KIM  
1786 He is dead. We found out about  
his plans.

1787 VOICE 1 (laughing)  
1788 You fool. You black stupid fool.  
So, you killed him for us. Good.  
Saved us a job.

1789 VOICE 2  
1790 He was just a decoy. You stupid  
fool.

1791 KIM  
1792 Well. The bastard will be animal  
meat by now.

1793 The men hit Kim several times with their rifles.

1794 KIM  
1795 Yes. I kicked him out of the  
vehicle into the night.

1796 VOICE 2  
1797 Into the jungle! Savage.

1798 The two men fire several bursts of bullets into Kim, then  
drag Paul to the front of the vehicle.

1799 VOICE 2  
1800 You're next.

1801 Paul is terrified.

1802 PAUL  
1803 I'm a foreign aid worker from  
abroad. I don't know about  
anything.

1804 VOICE 2  
1805 You are part of the Mapogo plan  
or you wouldn't be here.  
Communist.

1806 PAUL  
1807 I know nothing.

1808 VOICE 2  
1809 Where are the people who protect  
Mapogo?

1810 PAUL  
1811 I've no idea.

1812 VOICE 2  
1813 We will find them. Mapogo will be  
dead in under an hour. His plane  
will hit a mountain top.

1814 PAUL  
1815 I know nothing. Let me go.

1816 There is a burst of gunfire and Paul falls down over the body  
of Kim.

1817 VOICE 1  
1818 Set the vehicle on fire.

1819 VOICE 2  
1820 Stand back. I'll put a grenade  
in.

1821 A hand grenade is thrown into the driver's seat. It explodes  
and the vehicle bursts into flames.

1822 **59** INT. MUSSA'S OFFICE **59**  
1823 Mussa and Colonel Franco are sitting at a table covered with  
notes, a shortwave radio and several cellphones.

1824 COLONEL FRANCO  
1825 Are the team in place and ready  
to attack?

1826 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
1827 Yes. All is prepared. Joaquim is  
on standby.

A phone rings. Mussa picks it up

1829 INSPECTOR MUSSA (on phone)  
1830 Yes Colonel Franco. We're both  
here.

1831 COLONEL FRANCO  
1832 Is Mapogo's plane safe.

1833 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
1834 It has landed.

1835 COLONEL FRANCO  
1836 Is there any news on Kim?

1837 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
1838 They are driving back tonight.  
1839 Joseph is with them.

1840 **60** INT.DAY.OFFICE **60**  
1841 A village school. Adam is working at his desk and there is a  
knock on the door.

1842 ADAM  
1843 Come in.

1844 A boy enters

1845 ISMAIL  
1846 I have message from my father. Is  
important, Sir.

1847 ADAM  
1848 Yes, Ismail.

1849 ISMAIL  
1850 Father say big problem, he see  
big car on fire. He want you  
come.

1851 Adam rises and moves towards the door.

1852 ADAM  
1853 Wait for me, Ismail. I will tell  
the school monitors where I am  
going.

1854 **61** EXT.DAY. MUSSA'S OFFICE. **61**  
1855 Mussa is talking with Colonel Franco

1856 COLONEL FRANCO  
1857 Bring me up to date on Joseph.

1858 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
I accessed his cellphone and  
found information about his calls  
to Jo'burg.  
(MORE)

1858

INSPECTOR MUSSA (CONT'D)

We assumed it was about an assassination attempt on Mapogo. I returned the phone and he was unaware it had been opened. When Joseph went to Jo'Burg, Joaquim tracked him to the security headquarters.

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JOAQUIM

Joseph went there daily and stayed for several hours each time. On one occasion I saw him exit the building with two other white men. These same men were spotted at the airport cafe talking with Joseph.

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INSPECTOR MUSSA

They entered the country on tourist visas and we tracked them from the moment of entry. They received several courier parcels from Jo'Burg.

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COLONEL FRANCO

What was in them?

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INSPECTOR MUSSA

One contained two aircraft beacons, the type used for giving signal information to civil aircraft.

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JOAQUIM

Our engineers said only airport security should have access to this type of equipment. They're used to guide aircraft to special locations.

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INSPECTOR MUSSA

We dismantled the beacons ability to function.

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JOAQUIM

From the outside, the beacons looked as if nothing had been touched.

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COLONEL FRANCO

I will send a team to retrieve the beacons. Our military observers made a note of the mountain area where they were placed.

1876 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
 1877 Did you pick up the two white  
 men?

1878 COLONEL FRANCO  
 1879 A foreign military helicopter was  
 waiting there for them to be  
 lifted out. When it took off I  
 gave an order for it to be shot  
 down.

1880 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
 1881 What do we know about the men?

1882 COLONEL FRANCO  
 1883 They represented big money  
 interests trying to exploit our  
 country.

1884 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
 1885 And Joseph?

1886 COLONEL FRANCO  
 1887 We have no knowledge of where  
 Dr. Joseph is. He left the border  
 town in the vehicle with Kim and  
 Paul. We believe he killed both  
 Kim and the foreign aid worker  
 and then escaped with the other  
 members of the assassination  
 team. We believe he is making  
 his way back to JoBurg.

1888 INSPECTOR MUSSA  
 1889 So where do we go from here?

1890 COLONEL FRANCO  
 1891 Our next job is public relations.  
 We will honour Kim and Paul and  
 pretend that Doctor Joseph was in  
 the same vehicle. I am setting up  
 a special security unit to hunt  
 for Joseph. Joaquim. You are in  
 charge. Your job is to hunt down  
 Doctor Joseph wherever he is and  
 kill him.

1892 62 EXT. DAY. A COUNTRY SCHOOL 62  
 1893 Betinha, Isabel and Sonya are walking in the school grounds.  
 A small girl comes towards them.

1894 YALDA  
 1895 Mr. Adam. He say you come quick.  
 Man talk on radio.

1896 The two women hurry to Adam's office

1897 CUT TO:

- 1899 **63** **INT.DAY.THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE** **63**  
The radio is on. Adam beckons them to sit down.
- 1900 RADIO ANNOUNCER  
1901 Here is the news. Three foreign  
aid workers have been killed  
outside the border town of  
Mwalakala. Two were Europeans and  
one was a local man. Their  
vehicle was travelling at night  
when it hit a tree that had  
fallen over the road. The vehicle  
caught fire and all three  
occupants died.
- 1902 Sonya burst into tears.  
1903 **64** **EXT.DAY.A CHURCH** **64**  
1904 A priest is conducting the service. There are a number of  
people attending the funeral. We see two coffins. The  
mourners include Sonya, Betinha, Isabel, Sister Benedict and  
Adam.
- 1905 CUT TO:  
1906 **65** **EXT.DAY.GRAVE YARD** **65**  
1907 A group of children from Adam's school are at the graveside.  
They sing a lament as the coffins are lowered into the  
ground. Betinha and Sonya are crying. Adam and Isabel move  
towards them. Isabel takes Sonya's hand. Betinha notices  
Adam. She moves towards him and they hold hands.
- 1908 **66** **INT.COURTYARD. AFTER THE FUNERAL.** **66**  
1909 People are sitting and talking with food and drinks. Betinha  
and Adam are talking. Isabel and Sonya are sitting together.
- 1910 SONYA  
1911 Isabel, look at Adam and Betinha.  
They get on so well together.
- 1912 ISABEL  
1913 I'll let you into a secret. Two  
secrets. Did you know that Mussa  
was Betinha's father?
- 1914 SONYA  
1915 No. She never told me? Why?
- 1916 ISABEL  
1917 Oh, the usual man story. He left  
his wife when Betinha was still a  
baby. Later the mother died of an  
illness and Betinha's aunty  
adopted her. Betinha still loves  
her father and sees him but she  
doesn't talk about it much.
- 1918 SONYA  
1919 And the second secret?

1920  
1921  
ISABEL  
Adam and Betinha are going to get married.

1922  
1923  
SONYA  
Oh, that is good news. Sister Benedict will be pleased too. She told me Betinha wanted to become a nun after she found out she had accidentally killed Sister Terese with Joseph's poisoned vaccine. Betinha was heartbroken. Adam will repair her heart.

1924  
1925  
ISABEL  
But....But. How could Doctor Joseph help so many children and also want to murder adults? Why?

1926  
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