

## "HELLO SWEET BABY"

"Hello Sweet Baby" kití thusím hi Bruce & Carol Britten (*Love & Marriage leh Answer for your Marriage* kití khangdon lajá jidíng lhen dingdan le Nupí Upat nunga Nupa hinkho lungkim taha manding dan Lekhabu jih te Nupa) in english paova ajih hon, India adinga OM Books (Secunderebad) in Publish abolla konna kiledoh ahi.

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## Chapter – I

Sunpi nisat hat pettah ahin, Joyce to nisa in kamaihon asal louna dingin kamaihon kasel lele lhonne. Hiche laitah chun kenjong ka ice cream gah leh pummin, "Priscilla in itih le nao anei de'o, kalung akham lheh'e" katin ahileh; Joyce in eihin ve'in, "ipi denga nachuti khoh sah ham?" eihin ti. Hichun kenjong, "Kahepoi, kagah moh hetnom jeng ahi," tia kadon butleh Joyce'n jong, "ken jong kahet nomme" tin a ice cream chu agah leh in, "kalung ase'e, nao avop jouva patnin koiman jong akivop pi nom tapon, school ahai nia pat koijong ain'uva gache ji ding hinam, kalung akhame" tin ahin seije.

Kenjong, "ain'u nahet hilouham, ain'uva iga chea pha hilou ham?" kagah ti jingle Joyce in, "Keito'am igache? Vete, kalung ase'e kati mai mai ahi, aloi le agol kahi nomme kati ahipoi. Ahim himma jong igachea ipi thu igasei dingham? Ama lungthim la naosen nabou aumtan, keilung gella school le golnop ma bou aummin..." tin eihin don butnin "kalung adonge koipen tah kom johna naosen umding ham?" tin athusei asu jomme.

Kenjong, "Adongmapa nule pan kilah inte" katileh, Joyce'n, "nao neija icha min akilah pai jeng ding vang kagel thei him him poi" tin lungna tah'in asejin, keijong "achuti louva iba alo ding ham?" kati leh Joyce'n lungnatah pummin "kahepoi, ahin keivang ka school kai sunga kajol gai thu najah lou holding ahi," tin eihin donbutnin, "keija jong japon nate" tin kale donbutne.

Phulou helouvin Joyce'n apung ave'in, "Kanun anhon phatna in nahung lhunding ahi eiti hichu'o" ahin tin, "achuti le Dan na igache thei louding hitam?" katileh, Joyce'n jong "Sindie, neihethemo jingle kimuto ta hite" tipumin inlam jonnin alhaito athotai. Kenjong Bye Bye bolto thon kanun eisol bangin Coke bottle 2 lading'in Dan lam jonnin kache'e.

Dan minlging chu Dan's Quick Foods akitin, khangdong ho dinga mun nomtah ahi. Joyce to keijong niseh tobang'in kache jilhonne. Chumunna chu Table jong 12 tobang nehthei nehnading le Cold drink donna ding umma ahin, Joyce le keijong khatvei vei leh pung khat val cheng Cold drink don pummin kihoulim na kamang ji lhonne.

Joyce hi kaloi phapen ahin, khatle khat kakihe themto lhonnin, kakihou lim Ihon jongle midang banga saopi pi hilchet angai jipoi. Ajeh chu kakah honna ima cha ki'imto kanei Ihonpon, ima jouse kaseipeh jin, aman muneonan einei deh jipoi. Ahin Joyce to kakibah Ihon louna chu; ama mimel hoi ahin, amaiso ahoijin, akeng jong akitoh chetnin, ahin keija vang agong behsetne.

Midang honvang kamel ahoije ati ji naovin, ahin keidingin vang tahan ahah sa'e. Ahim himma numei chu kum 16 alhinteng atahsa jong kigong tup ji ahitan, keivang agu kang ngen kahi. Kamel vang aseh behsek hihnan, ahin Joyce bangin vang kahoi poi. Pasal khattou ahung kiheija eihin vetlhon teng Joyce bou ave ji'ui ti kahei.

Hitichun Dan kahun to lhonnin Coke chu kachon apot dinga kotlam kahin jotleh, "Hello, Sweet Baby, na bottle gihsatah teni chu ken nadop peh'inge," kiti aw khat kajai. Keijong kaki heijsa kagah vetleh pasal khat smart tah'a kivon, lengkou lenthim tah mailhai sella meseu khat kamun, kenjong, "Phanante, ken kidop nange" tin kadon butne. Ahin kathusei kihetmo sah pummin amapan ka bottle choi khat chu alan, "ahileh nang khat choijin lang ken khat choijing'e," ahinti.

Ipi denga ka bottle chu tuh chah puma kiche doh'in tia kanodoh lou ahidem? Kalung adonge. Hitia chu kabol ding doltah ahi. Ajehchu tuni channa hi pasal in eiki houpi teng lunglutna neocha jong kana neikhah lou ahi. Ahin hichepa vang ajat chombeh'in, keidingin manlutna tah aneije. Ipi jeh ahi kahepoi, ahin amelhoi jeh le a'aw so son'um jeh chu hinte.

Dan na konna ka'innu chu agamlhat lou jehchun minute 5 sungin kaki Ihon lhonnin, amapa chun "janhi kahung Ihun ahi. Ka'in ahileh Malesus khopi aum ahin, nipi sunga ka suty kah'a hi kani komma hiche khoa hi um kahi," ati. Lhani sunga kinung le pai kit ding ahi ti kahet chun, avellin kinung mu khah kit tahir khaleh tin kadip achah man lheh jeng'e. Hitichun ka'innu kahun Ihon ma'in abottle choi chu einung peh'in, "jingle hiche phatma ma hileh kimuto kit ding kakinemme" tin ahin seijin, kenjong ka inlam jon pummin, "ikimuto kit mai thei," tin kadon butne.

Amin chabeh jong kahet lou kageldoh in keile kei kinuisat pummin mang nomtah khat mat dannin kalung anom lheh jeng'e. Kalung sunga atahsa dong hoitah leh atahsa phatdan, akisuh chet dan chu aumden tan ahi.

Ka innu varandah kaldohna kalbi 2 chu chopkhup pummin kot kason hong paijin, "Hello Mum, kahin kithopi ding ham?" tin naiseuvin kadong paijin ahileh kanun jong kidang satah'in medinga akohpi at banchu nga jennin eihin vei. Ajeh chu nidanga chu akithopi dinka eihin kou masat teiji ahi. Hichun kanun jong, "Kipa aume Sindie, drawer sunga chemcha chu hinkichoi jin," atin, "nilhah tengle Ruth nao gadon dinga nakitepna chu nasuh millou ding katah sane" ahinti.

Kenjeng kana suhmil ahitah to lhonnin, "hichu'o kaga che pai jeng loule" tipummin jan an ding kabol ban chu kanga'in kache paje. Kalung thimmin amapa ngaito nading phat neimanlou jennin hiche nilhah chun Ruth chapa kum ni bep Joel chun kalung thim jouse alamange. Ahim himmin jong anu le apa kangailut jeh ahidem, Joel don hi kachim ngaipoi. Ruth le Simon hi leiset chunga miphra pen pen ahi lhonne. Ama nin lung'olna le lungnopna eipe honnin, akom lhonna kaum teng mihemma kafen lo um kasa jilheh'e. Amani chunga kadei lou pen vang chu khatvei vei leh Pathen thu asei ji lhon hi ahi. Ahin anui lhonna ahung kidai ji lhon teng amit lhonna kon lungsetna dimset meivah banga hungvah doh ji chu kangai sangin, akingai lulhon lheh'e ti aki lang ji'e. Ruth bou bou hi alen ho laha ngampella kaki hou limpi thei ahin, hinlah Dan munna pasal khat toh kaki muto lhon vang seidoh lou dinga kagel lhuh ahi.

Jingkho ahung vahin kipana lamdangtah pummin kajing thouve. Kanu natong dingin akigon, school suty ahia, amapatoe kimuto nadinga kigotna kaphat tami Kaman thei ding jehchun kaki pah lheh'e. Ahin phulou helouvin kalung thimma: kimuto dingin hunghih khale vang! Moha kamthen manna amot sei mai mai ahidem! Hoimo eina sale vang; tin kalaidip adap lheh'e. Hiti chun kalupna geija toupummin, ipi kabol ding ham? kaga kimupi dingham? Kaki mupi da dingham? tin kagelle.

Pon kasop jouva kakasil jouvin, kakigellin; nilhah lamle Dan gaki pha pou pou hen katin, ahin kasunggil tah'in vang akitepna molso hen eihung kimu pi tei tei le ati. Sun an neh jou jouvin, kamel ahoi nathei channa jem pummin Dan lam kajontai. Hoiding dei beh set jallin lampi pamma dukan hoa phatvet (mirror) um ho achun kakive in kakisem peh'e. Hitia lamsuh kajot laija kakeng koh togin melsetah'in slap... slap... atichun eisu molphou lheh'e. Hiche pettah chun aw khatnin, "Hello Sweet Baby, hiche ahung ging chun kaheng lam ahin jot ahiding kakinemme" ahinti.

Keijong kaki heijsa kavet leh pasal donghoi tah khat banga ana kingai chu kamun, "thil gin nangai nom ham?" tia nuiheuva kadoh le amanjang, "aging chu nangbanga ahoileh..." tin meseu vin eihin donbutne. Hichun kenjeng "kamin aging ahipoi, Sindie ahi," tin amasang laitah'in kading'e. "Nilhah pha Sindie" tipummin akhut jetlam ahin jahdoh'in "nang kamu jeh'in kakipah'e" ahinte. Ahin kenjong chibai bollouvin kalu kagah heimangin, ka aw thutaha dimset dannin kagah bolthun "kahet khah loutoh chibai kakibol ngaipoi," kagah tileh, aman jong, "Oh! Ngaidam, kamin Ben ahi" tin totkommin lung thengsellin ahin seijin, "tun kiphondoh tona akichaito lhonnin Coke henga ipi nasei nommem?" tin ahin jomme. Hichun kenjeng tot pummin, "Coke koma thu kaseija aman ahet dinga natah san...?" tia kadonbut le, amapa amasanga sanga hoijo cheha meseu pummin, "ahile, Smart Baby, keitoh Coke donkhom nanop'em?" tin eihin dongin, kenjeng nuipummin "Heng'e, chehite" tin kadon butne.

Keinin jong anunglam taha table chu kakilhen honnin oltaha cold drink don pummin kaki houlim lhonne. Apa chu railway'a natong ahin, keipa ahileh Electrician ahi. Ken u'pasal khat le nao numei khat kaneijin, aman u'numei khat bou aneije. Ahim himin houlim na sangin totna le nuinan phat kaha suhmang lhonne. Jazz music ngaisang mi ahi kahedoh'in, aman ice cream du kahi ahedoh'e.

Thutampi kasei doh lhonlou vangin nilhah ahung kichai ding lamchun amapa chu ahe tahbeh mong dannin kaki gelle. Kahung kikhen hon to lhonnin, olchan, "khat veivei le kahin phone ji ding nahi," tin ahin seije.

Bye, kati to lhonnin inlam kahin jonnin ahi. Kalung thim akipah lheh jengin, kakeng jeng jong tol tongkha louva lenga bangin kahe leove. Ahin kalung thimma, "eihin phone tah tah na dem'o?" tin kagellin, "Hin phone nante" tin keile kei jah dingin olchan, "Hin Phone Nante" kati.

## CHAPTER – 2

Ajing jing kah'in Ben in eihin phone hih khaleh tin lungthim tija pummin kathou dohe. "khat vei vei leh kahin phone ji ding nahi" tia pasal khatnin numei khat koma gahsei chu hahsah lou tah ahi. Adei loule alunglutna louhel, avella mukit ding anop louhel na nungah khat koma jong gahsei bailam pen chu

ahi. Lung nomlou tah'in hitichun kanu natonga apot doh geijin lupna chunga chun katouvin, koima jong kaki houpi nompoi.

Keijong kaki kisuhtheng bang kabollin, ka breakfast kanen, Joyce ki phone hen tin kagellin, ahinla seiding jong kahetdeh loujeh'in kabol kitpoi. Lungthim nomlou tah'in katouvin kalungin angaito vang Ben bou ahitan, eiki velmupi kitnom louna ding ipi kabol khel aumdem tin kaki ngaito ving veng'e.

Phulou helouvin phone ahung gingin, kenjong dip phuchut chut le kinepna lentah neipummin, "Hello" kagah tileh; kangainom tah aw khatnin "ipi iti nahim?" tin tot konnin eihin dongin, kenjong kithing sip sep pummin "ipi nasei naham?" kagah ti leh "Dan na kon hung potdoh kahin, melmu dinga kakinep pi tahkhat somai ahung kilang doh poi" atin; hichun kalung a'ol sah lheh jengin, tot kommin, "ahile koiham naki mupi nom?" ti'a kadoh le "Nangma nahi" eihin ti.

Kalunghim kipanan adip jengin, imajong seithei lou leovin kalung gella: eiholle, eikimupi nomme, tibou kagelle. Hichun Ben in, "ahile iti nagellem? Dan na neihung kimu pi ding ham?" ahitin, kenjong "pungkal khat sunga kahung lhunding ahi," tin thanom tah'in kadonbutne. Ajeh chu kavon jong kikhel loulai kahin, kasam jong bah thel thul nalai ahi. Ben jong chom khat set thip chetnin aumin, kenjong eikimupi nom lou hitante tin kalung lhamanne. "Pungkhat jen jen" tin lung opkai tahin ahin seijin, "hijongle akhoh hih'e, ana ngah nang'e" atin, kenjong "ahile Bye" tin phone koito kavon koina indan sunga lhailut katho jengin, kavon hoipen tah kalheng doh'in, kasam jong nidanga banglouvin gahchetnin kaki kanne. Kalungin Ben to kimu to ding bou agellin, akitepna banga eihin phone jeh'in kakipah lheh jeng'e.

In kadalhah to lhonnin kathanop val akilah doh louna dingin angaina bangin oltah'a chebang kathon ahi. Dan kalhunnin Ben in kot panga eina ngah'in "hitih chan ipi nahin bol ham?" tin ngahlel tah'in eina dongin, kenjong kapung kaveloi jin, "minute 50 bou la ahin, ipi nachuti kino naham?" tin kadon but pajie.

Kamu masat pen nikho'a pat banglouvin amelso tuni chun lungnop mo mel pu pummin, "tuni inlang kache got ahin, kache masanga kahin mu nom nahi," eihinti. Inlam kile kit ding ahitai ti kajah chun kalungsung chim lha abang jeng'e. Athusei asujommin, "Nili bou potdoh ding kahi, Friday nilhah lam le kahung kile lhungding ahin, nilhah leh iki muto thei ding ham?" ahinti.

Hitichun khopam lamma kapotdoh lhonnin kalam jot lhon pummin, "Ben neihethemmin, hiche nilhah chutle chun naodon ding kaneije," tin lhase tah'in kadon butne. Hichun Ben'in "bolding dang kaneije tia naodon ding chu cancel thei hilou ham?" tin eihin dongin, kenjong "hichu bolthei pong'e, Ruth nao ahi. Ama le ajipa Houin kaija che lhonding ahin, anao ana don peh dinga kasei sa ahi," kati. Ben'in "Ruth chu koiham?" ahintin, kenjong, "kaloinu ahi" tin kadon butne.

Ben jong bang nemcha khat chunga atouvin, keijong akomma katouvin, phulou helouvin kalung thima thilkhat kagel doh'in, Ben jah'a, "Vete nang jong nahunga phalou ham? Ruth toh ajipa nilhah an neh joujou le pot hon ding ahitan, ken anaovu Joel matah'in ka'imut sah jitan, nisa lhum don le hunghung lechun..." tin kasei pajie. Ben in jong thanom tah'in, "kahung ding ahi" atin, ken jong paper khatna Ruth te in jotna lampi kasem peh'in, amanjong khasu pummin akilah'in asakhaova akihet tolhon'in adingdoh in nuseuvin, "Friday nilhah le kimuto tahite," eihin ti.

Kalung kaha gelval jeh chun eidalhah jong kamu mantapon, Joyce kaheng lam jonna ahung jong kamu poi. Joyce'n "hilaija gollhang melhoipa chu koiham?" tin nuiheuvin eihin dongin, kenjong, "Ben ahi" tin achunga lunglutna ima neilou dan tah in kadon butne.

Joyce in Bazar kaidingin eitemmin, nilhum keijin Ben chungthu eidongin, keijong Ben chunga lunglutna imaneilou dannin kaumjingin; ahin kasunggilla kalunggel dihtah pachu ahet doh ding katah sane.

Phat le ni ache chen Thursday jong ahung kichaitan, khatvei vei le kalung gella amel mulouva minute khat jong hinbejou dinga kaki gellou kom atam je'e. Hitichun Friday ahunglhung tan, Ruth koma Ben hungding thu seidoh lou dia kagel ahi. Thildang jouse kaseipeh ji vangin hiche chung chang thu vang seilou dia kagel ahi. Ajeh chu Pasal khat toh nachang honna inna naum honding aphapoi, atiding kahet masat ahi. Ahia Ben to ken ipi thilse kabol hon deh ding ham? amel kamu ding kal kangah lel lheh jengin ahi.

Naosen Joel kalupsah jouvin, banga wallclock kikhai chu kave loi loi jenge. Magazine khat kalan sim jong sim louvin kamoh phohphoh jenge. Chupettah chun kot ahung kikiovin, keijong gangtahin kot kaga hongin ahile Ben chu amasanga bangin son umtah melpu'in ana ding'e. ken jong "Ben nakhol jin nopnam?" tia kagah dohle "anompoi" tin meseu vin eihin donbutne. "Ipi dinga am?" kati leh, akhutna kakong hinkoi pummin katoulha lhonnin, olchan ngailutna dimset aw'in, "kahin miss jeh ahi" tin eihin donbutne.

"Kenjong kahin ngaije" tin jahcha tah in amaijong vengamlouvin olchan kadonbutnin tollang kavei. Ben in jong olchan akhutna kakha ahin phong touvin, amai lam eingat sah'in, "neihin ngaitah beh ham?" tin olchan ahin seijin, kenjong nuiheuvn kakhassuh'in ahi.

Ol chale nemheuva eihin kiss chun kalung thim pumpi hi junmang ding abah sah jeng'e. Ben jong hung kihei jin kamit chang tah ve pummin, "kahe'e" tin ahin seijin, kenjong "ipi am nahet?" tin kicha thim pummin ka kiss dan chu adeilou hinte tin kadong pai jengin ahileh, eihin kiss kitnin, "kahei nangma sweet Baby nahi, kamu masat pen nikho'a pat na kiss atuiding kahei," atin, kenjong kamot nuisat jengin ahileh avellin eihin kiss kitne.

Hichun asakhao asoh'in, "Inna kaum sungin la thah khat kajan, nangkanom ding katah san jalla a CD chu kahin choh ahi," tin parcel neo cha khat eihin pei.

Kipah tah'in "kakipah'e" tin achunna plastic bag chu kahongin Ruth CD player umnalam jon pummin "hoiche la pen hi ham?" tia kadohle "amasapenpa, kahin nungsun louhelding nahi, kiti lachu ahi" ahinti. Kenjong kagah lha le "Kalungsung lengnu nahi. Kahin na nahi. Kalungset. Kahin nungsun louhel ding nahi..." atin, kenjong Ben lam ve pummin alachang hin ipi aseina ahidem tin lungdong tah'in kaum'e. Lachu ache jom peh'in, Ben jong nuiheuvn eihin kai pheijin, akomma eitou sah'in, akhutna eihin koijin akom lamma eikai naicheh'in, "Tuni ahin chule a'itih'a ding kalungset nahi, kadalhah louhel ding nahi, lungset tah'in kicha hih'in, kadalhah louhel ding nahi, nailam cha'a um jing ding kahi," ahinti. Hichun la ahung kichai to lhonnin olchan, "kipa aume'e, angei lheh'e" tin Ben jah'a kaseije.

Kaphat hon adang se se chu toule kihou lim nan kamang hone. Akhut kachunga akoijingin, ka'ang ol cha hin khoiji pummin eihin kiss jinge. Kenjong nop kasa lheh'in... ahin alang khatna kijong kakichai. Eihin kiss tilou thildang bolding agot lou jeh'in kakipah lheh'e. Neokhat kakichat jeng vangin hiche nilhah chu bei theilou hileh kanom lheh jenge. Ben'in 'ngailut kachan chu eimudoh sah lheh'in, kahin kho'a hitobang ngailutna kachan lam chu kahe khapoi.'

Kanu le kapan jong eingailui ti katah sane, ahin eingailut danhon eimusah honpoi. Ahim hima nule paten achateu angailut ding mongu ahi. Ben vang ajat chom beh'e. Mimel hoitah ahina banna manlutah kahi tin jong eigelle.

Acheding phat ahung lhun tah'in akhut chu lhakang nom lou sasa in kalha'in, ajing nilhah teng Dan munna kimuto kit dingin kaki tem lhonne. Ache doh nungin kalung sunga kidang tah nopna hochu lungkham nan adeldoh pai jeng'e. Iti dana pasal khat to keini changseh guhthima nilhaha kaum khom lhon ham? Ipi dinga hitia pichu kaki kiss sah'a kaki koi sah ham? Kanule kapan hitobanga kaum hi ahin hedoh hondem? Tin kalung akham lheh'e? Ahin ajing jingkah'in hiti ho jouse chu kalunghima kon paidoh jou pummin Ben ngaitonan kalung pumpi kape kittai.

Nikho ho chu ache gang lheh'in, niseh tobangin Ben toh hinkho kamang khom ji lhone. Bazar kakai khom ji lhonnin, Tenis kakichem ji lhonnin, kawah le ji lhonnin, ice cream kane ji lhonnin, khatvei vei leh giltah'in kaki houlim ji lhonnin, ahin atam jo totna le nuinan kamang ji lhonne.

Inna kaum teng la chu avel vellin kangai jin, kahin khoa konnin Joyce amang cheh cheh'e. Joyce to kakimoto lhon sun chu Bento khopi sunga kave le petlhon chu ahi maije. Kakah lhonna kigolngai nachu adao cheh cheh'e ti kahen, ahin khoh kasapoi. Keidin Ben bou athupi pen ahitai.

Hitichun kahin kho apumpi kikhel na nikho chu ahung lhung tai. Hichu Ben to kakihet nahon sotpi hijou nung abah jeng vangin hapta ni joubou ahi. Inna kachanga tou puma hibanga asat pet tah hin ice cream kinele iti atui de'o tia kangaito laitah hin phone ahung ging'in, "Hello" katileh "Hello Sweet Baby, ice cream kine le nati'am?" ahintin "nasei dih lheh'e" kati leh "minute som sunga neihung kimu pithei ding ham?" atin, "pung ko le akim teng" kati leh "henge Baby" tin phone aksi tai.

Kasam gangchella kakan tup to lhonnin, kalung thimma "khatvei vei le nidanga bang louvin aw achom ji na'e, ahin eh! Kalunggel hinte" katin ka room sunga konnin kanu jah'a, "Mum, Ice cream nea

kache thei dingham?" katileh, kanun "akhoh hih'e Sindie" tipummin ahung totnin "Ice cream nane ne'in nahung thao ding ahitai" ahinti. Kanun Joyce to kimutoa ice cream ne dinga eikoi jeng ji jeh chun koito kahidingding eidongjipon, kenjong kajou kasei khoh angai jipoi.

Dan kagalhun le Ben nin ice cream akeh khat kine jou khat akhut lang khatna achoija, alang khatna kadu pen pen chocolate ana jun deh deh khat achoi kamui. Ka chocolate agah le tolhonnin "khongajin, nalei jin ka chocolate atong kha go'e" tin kagah phun sanin ahileh, "nanga ahi iti nahet ham, Sweet Baby" eitin, kenjong "achunga kamin aki jih dimsetne" katin aban aneh kitman kalah peh'e.

Hiche ni chu asa lheh jengin, ahin kalam jot hon puma ka ice cream vot lheng nehchun kathigui ho asu dap lheh in ahi. "ice cream nadu mongmonge na? Sindie" ahintin, kenjong "kadupen ahi" tin kanom paijenge. Hichun Benin, "Tekah nan nanule napan natahsa din aphapoi atia ice cream hi kum 25 nalhin geija naneh khah lou bang hihen, akhonna naneh khah'a nadu lheh jeng hileh, amasanga nana neh lou chu nakisih'a masanga patna kana neh hita leh... nati louting ham?" tin eihin donge. Kenjong "ipi nasei naham Ben?" tia kadoh leh "hiti ahi ka Sweet Baby, thilthah khat na hetdia kadei ahi. Ice cream tobang ahin, hisanga jong chu tuijo ahi," ati. Kenjong angaito dinga kaginchat pa chu agel louting kakinep jalchun, "ipi naseina ahi kahe thei hih beh'e" kati leh "hungin, navet sah inge" eiti.

Hitichun kalam jot sung honchun kathipchet lhonnin, aning koi lang kalhun lhontah'in ani umna indan lama chun akal toutai. Amit ha'a thudoh lentah um pummin, "nahung lou dingham?" eihin tin, "kahe hih'e" kati to lhonnin kakhut olchan ahilan kalbi chung lama eipui touve. Kot agah hongin ahileh room sungchu athip chet jengin, kenjong "nani lah'am? Hilaija hi um ji hilou ham?" tia kadohle, "hapta khatna dingin golvah na khatna agache'e" atin, "Koi golvah ham? Kahet khah miham?" tia kadoh pai le Bennin "koi hileh akhoh na aumpoi" tin chom lhontna eidon butto lhonnin akenga kot chu agah nung kha'e. Chuin akhut le aban pumpi kachunga adimset jengin hitobanga homtho na neitah chun masangin eina kiss khahih'e.

Kenjong kanungsot jngle, ngailutna le khoto na'a dimset pummin, "nakichat ham?" ati. Kenjong seiding tomo mannin, "ahipoi... kahepo... hiti ding hi kagel phah lou ahi" kati leh, Bennin jong "lungkham hih in" tin nuseu vin a awso le amaiso'a lungmon umtah mel pu pummin eihin donbutne.

Lupna geija chun katou honnin, ol ol in ka ngong le kabil ho ahin chop panne. Hitichun kamuh lang ahung lhungin, atilla chu oltah'a kaki chopto Ihon ahin, hinlah ahung hat cheh cheh'in akhonnan kamuh hon chu ka ha honto kaneh beh hontai. Chuin kakam ahung kat danna kahet tah chun kati ahung jan, hitia kichopto ding chu kanop lou jeh'in, kaki houlim Ihon theina dingin olchan kagah nungsetne. Ahin ima kasei masangin olchan, "thilthah khat bol hite... tun bol jeng hite" ahinti. Kenjong nom lou pum pumin "ahivanga Ben..." katileh, amanjong "ven, ice cream tabang ahibouve" tin kasunga kalunggel lhai le le ho chu angah'e.

Kakicha nalai lheh'in, ahin alang khatna gah kitimat ding kagelle katha anome. Kaki lungset lhonne ti kichen tah in kahen, chuleh kaletna kapilhin nung gei jen jen ice cream neh nadinga kanga ding chu adihlou jong kahei. Ice cream neding thouthou chun pilhin nung nga angaikhoh lou banga kitimat jong hi hiding'in kagelle. Hijong le ipi dinga pilhing ho khun kitimat na hohi eihon gamlha taha asel mangu ahidem? Ajeh apha uma ahidem?

Eihin Kiss in, "Sweet Baby" tia ol cha ahin seito lhonnin, a kiss chu ahung ol kittan, ken jong kason doh tapoi. Kalungin angai chat pen chu akomnai ja um ding hi ahi. Benna dinga kahung kiselut nikhoa patnin leiset chung hi keidingin athah abangin ahi. Hitia ka kichopto Ihon to lhonnin akam ahung kan, kenjong keija kakat sah'e. Akhutnin katichung apumpi ahin khoijin, ken jong kajah dapon, jahda dingjong kanompoi. Kaluchanga pat kakengto geijin ngailutna kidangtah lunggel chun eidip jenge. Kalung gella keile keijin "khatvei sehseh ipi ipi asetna umem? inga nga'a ija pang dingham? koima cha amasa pennin agai ngaipoi; alenhon aseiju kaja khamonge" kati. Kavon hon jouse kasut Ihah lhonna kakeo honna lupna chung kalhun Ihon chun ima angah poi. Kakeo seha kauma khoh kasah lou chu kalung adonge. Ahin chupet tah chun... na kase'e! koiman anat ding lam eisei peh khah lou ahi. Keichun anopma nomjeng dinga kagel ahi. Ajo jo chun kabeng khatvei ahin chopmin, akihei mangin aimutai.

Kakap theipoi. Kalha jong ase tahtah theipoi. Kajah vang achai. Kidang jong kasa'e. "Hiche chu ham?" keile kei kakidongin, "kitimat kiti chu hiche bou chu ham? mijousen anopma nom atiu chu hichu ham?" Ben suhkah ding kanop loujeh chun oltah'in lupna'a kon kahung potnin kavon kakilahin kakivon

kittai. Ipi bolbe dingham kahet be lou jalleh lunggel je jong kahet lou jalchun chair'a katouvin a imut chu kave'e.

## CHAPTER – 3

Kapung kavet le Ben ahung khah jouchun pung kal khat anache tai. Kipah tah'in "Hi Baby! Ipatep chu naki pa'am?" ahintin, kenjong lhasam taha nuipummin kajou kaseijin "Henge anomlheh e" kati. Akhutna ahenglam che dinga eihin jap tolhonnin lupna geija chun eihin tokhah louding kinem pummin katouve. Akhut na kabeng hinkhoi pummin, olchan eihin loilhun ei kiss'e. Kenjong kalung sunga lunghang tah'in, "tuitah'in eikiss in, ahin kangai chat dihtah eihet pehpoi" tin kagelle. Ben in kalunggel ahin sutannin, ipi dinga navon naki von kitham? Navon beiya naum leh nahoije" eihin tin kenjong, "oh! Kavon puma kahoi lhouham?" tin ka aw angeina theichannin kadonbutne. Ben in kachunga lunglutna anei subei theiding thu ima kasei nom lou ahi.

Ben jong lupna chunga hungtoudoh pummin eihin ven, "Ipi thuham? Sindie, ipin nalungboi sah ham?" tin eidongin, kajou kasei theina dingin kapung kaven, "neihethemin Ben, kagel sangin ana vaigei tai. Ina kache tahloule kanu analungdong ding ahi" tin lung opkai pummin khatvei ka kiss in gangchellin kotna kapotdoh tai.

In lam kajotnin kahet khah mi khat touvin eimukhah ding kichat mannin khopi sung lamlen kapel doh'e. Koima cha kimusah louva inlhunna kachangseh'a umding kanga lel ahin, adeh'a kisil lhah'a amasanga banga then sit set kit ding kanga lel ahi. Thipchetnin ka room sung kalut pajin, kanun amu louna dingin kavon kasut lhan, keile keijin phat kamua kakisop theng kit kah'a dingin lupna noija kaselle.

Jan an neh phat geijin ka room sunga kaumin, ka'in sungmiten eivetnule ahedoh jeng dinguba kagel jalchun, an nehna table'a amahoto kimuto ding chu kaki khoto lheh'e. Ahin ahedoh pouvin, amaho dingin hiche nilhah chu nidang banga khatvei anneh khom kit maimai bou ahi. Hijehchun keijong bolmo sasan angaina bangin nusom tei pummin houlim naa kapange. Anneh ahung kichaija ka inkote maija kon ka room sung kalut kit chu kakipah lheh jenge. Ahin keija konnin kalung gel cheng nodoh dingin imut hung lutding anom mongmong tapoi. Kamit kasim channin Ben tahsa kachunga umdannin kagellin, achaloh dan katahsa le kalunghim agomma suna'a chu akilang jinge. "ipi iti kahi dem?" tin thipchetnin kakidongin "ipi dinga hitia lungboi jeng kahim?" kakiti.

Avella kitimatna kanei kit Ihon chun Ben in Condom amangin, "hoidoh nading ahi" atin "lungkham hih'in, Sweet Baby, lungsetna ikivetsah to hon sehleh hiche hohi Kaman ji ding ahitai" ati. "Lungsetna kivetsah" ti thucheng chun eisukhah lheh'in, "kitimat hi hichea ding chuham? Lungsetna kivetsah to hon kahim?" tin keile kei kakidong'e.

Hapta Ihungkei chun Ben in angaichat channin kakimat pi'in, kakimat honseh le anopma nom ding'in kangaiton, ahin numei danghon aseijuto bang louvin aphat sehleh kalung lhaji lheh'e. Kakimat Ihon masang teng ngailutna neitah'a eihin jutji, eihin koija, eihin chulla, eihin kiss ji chu nop kasa ji lheh'in, Onem heuva, "Sindie, I Love You" tia avel vella ahinseiji hochun kalunghim pumpi asu jun lha ji'e. Ahin hiche anop naho jouse chu eihin kitimatpi jiteng abejitai.

Chomlouvin hapta khat... ni... thum... ache'in, akhonnan paoding jengjeng ngapcha talouvin kalung amot han han jengtai. Khatvei chu kanun khohsah na neitah'in, "Sindie, iti nahim? Naki khel lheh jengtai, masanga kipah jing jeng ka Sindie hoilama iti hitam?" tin eidonge. Kanun eikhohsah lheh jengin, ahin Ben invang eikhoh sahpoi. Aman akhohsah penle alunglutna pen chu katahsa lunglhaina aman ding chu ahimai jenge.

Hitia kakingaito laitah chun phone ahung gingin kagah lahle Ben in thanom tah'in "Ice cream nedinga neihung kimupi thei dingham?" ahintin, keijong kadanom lheh jengin, ahin kadathei loujeh chun thanom tah danin ka aw kabolthun, "henge Ben kahung vah cheljeng ding ahi" tin kadonbutne. Ka phone kakojin kalunghima, "Actress nasatah kakisoh tan, ahin acting hi kachim lheh jenge" tin kakigelle.

Akimuto pi dinga oltah'a kache chu kakeng Cement na kitom bangin agih lheh jenge. Kachung chang thuhi khat kombeha seiding kanom lheh jengin, ahin Joyce kom jenga jong kaseingam poi. Ajeh chu Joyce jong kahet khah lou bangin kageltai. Hiche laitah chun "Sindie" ahung kitin, aw chu kidangsa

tah pummin kakihei pheijin, "Ruth, kahin mukhah louna asot lheh tai..." tin kiphalam tah'in kaseipaije. Nuiseuvin Ruthnin "kahin miss lhehe" ati to lhonnin, "Saturday nilhah le nao neihung donpeh thei dingham?" tin eihin dongin ahi. Kalunggel chu thildangin abopdim jeh'in thu eihin doh ahi tichu kahe doh vahpoi. Keijong hungkin khang phutnin, "uh... henge keijong katha anom lhehe" tin kadonbutne.

Ruth nin khotona neitah pummin kamit chang tah ahinven, "Sindie, boina naneiham?" tin eihin donge. Keijong gangchella kakingaiton, kajou kasei angai tah jehchun "imacha katipoi" tin kadonbutne. Kakihoulim pi nom lheh jengin, ahin Ben chungchang thu aheting kanop loujeh chun kilepnan, "Priscilla in nao aneitai ti janhin kajan, numei ahi" kati. Ruth in jong meseuvin "pha chula tua patna school kailouva na atohjoh ding ahitai" ahinti. Kenjong seibeding kahet pailou jehchun chomkhat kathip chetnin, "Priscilla in nao ahin vopma patnin thiltampi... kitimatna lampang ho le adang dang chung changa thudoh tampi kanei nomin, chomkhat iki houlim thei dingham?" kati. Ruth'in "ikihoulim theihih dingham? tunin ong?" tin eihin dong pajin, kenjong, "Ngaihah'e tunin potna ding kaneije" katile, "ahileh jing nilhah le kainnuva ong?" atin, kenjong "henge" tipummin kapung kaven, "mangpha" tin kache ban kasu jom paitai.

Ajing nilhah'in Ruth in kagah lutle Joel in achapang aw ngeitah chun "Sindie, Sindie" tin kakom lama ahung lhaije. Ruth in komla twi kani lhonna ding ahin sungin katou khom honnin, chomkhat thildang dang kasei hon jouvin, "Itobang thudoh nalung thimma naneiham?" tin eihin donge. Kenjong ka aw ahithei channa angaina banga aginthei na topmin "Priscilla chunga changa kon hin kitimat chung changa hin lunggel eineisah lheh'e" tin kasunga gihsataha um thucheng ho kaseidoh theina ding chun kahu kakilah thahin, "Ruth, kitimatna hi nop nasah'am tia kahin doh thei dingham?" kati.

Kidang sahna ima beihellin Ruth in, "Henge Sindie, Kapasal to kitimat nop kasai" tin aw nemheuvin eihin donbutnin, "ipi dinga neidoh ham?" eihinti. Hiche chung changa hi lunglutna neibeh setlou dan in ka aw kabolthun, "Magazine hon kitimat chung changa aha sutlheh'un, chule numei phabep in jong hiche thu aha seijeh'uva kadoh nahin; kitimatna hi nop tahbeh mong mong ham tahi ikiloikhom naosunga hin hiche thuhi koiman aseikhah loujeh le nangsehseh hi dohthei dinga kanei jeha kadoh nahi" Kati.

Ruth jong hethem mama pummin nuiseuvin, "Kitimat hi nop jong anopma nomthei, tijat umtah jong hithei ahi. Hiche hi kitimat teni kiguijopna in apoe. Kiguijopna chu adih ahileh kitimatna jong anopma nom ahin, kiguijop na dihlou ahileh kitimat nahin themmo kichanna leh kichatna lunghim apei" tin aseije. Hichun kenjong katheitui kamkhat kagah don pummin, "kiguijopna dih nati chu ipi nasei naham" tin kale doh pajie. Ruth in, "kiguijopna dih tichu kichen le nupa hinkho kitahsan tonale kingailutna adimset chu ahi. Ka pasallin eingailui ti kahen jingle thaija eimot nungsun louding ahi kahei. Kakomma aumthei na ding maimai jeha kakimatpi angaipoi. Kitimat na kanei lhon teng jongle ama nopsahna ding sehseh gellouvin kaija ding leh kanopsah na abukim theina ding angaito ji'e" atin, kenjong, "achuti ahileh, kadohnom chu; iti danna kichen masanga kitimatnahi phalou ham? tih ahi" tin kdonge. Ruth in Joel agah pommin theitwi themkhat agah pen, "ajehchu Pathenin phalou ahi, atijeh ahi, chule phalou ahi atina jong ajeh hoitah aineije. Aman eihe chil lheh'ui. Eiho jong amasem ihiuvin, kitimat jong hi ama sem ahin, hijeh chun ipi dinga aphalou ahi ati ham ajeh ahe'e" atin eidon butne.

Kenjong "aphalou ahi atina ajeh themkhat neisei peh thei dingham?" tin kale dohin ahileh Ruth'in "Pathenn in dan hi ajeh beijin eipe ngai pouve. Aman eingailu uvin dan jonghi eivenbit theina dinguva eipeh'u ahi. Tekah nan, jonthanhoi ja kimang cha jinghon kitimatna jeh'a natna anei jihoukhu na hetkhah'em?" atin, kenjong "AIDS naseina ham?" katileh "AIDS jonghi jatkhat ahin, AIDS tiloujng jonthanhoi ja kon natna tampi aume. Tekahn, gonorrhea kiti natna jongkhu kitimatna akon kipeson ahin, hichun mihem khat chu chanei theilou aso'e. Kaveng sung jenguva jonghin numei khatn in adangmapa to akitimat jeha gonorrhea natna veija chanei thei louding khat kahei. Ajinei masanga chu kitimatna lampanga hi ana da'a hileh tia ichanna kisih hitam!" atin, keijong kamit ahung koulap jengin ima vang kaseipoi. Ruth in aseijom kitnin, "Pathenin kitimatna hi nopsah na dinga agon ahin, Nupa jousen nop asahna diuva asem ahi" tia aseito lhonnin, kenjong athusei kasu tangin, "khongai tadin, kimkhatnin Pathenin kitimatna hi nopsah na dia asem ahipoi tin asejuve" tin kadonbutne.

Ruthjong ahungnuijin, "chuti louve, Pathenin mihem in kitimatna'a hi kipana sangtah ineidiu adei ahi. Ahin thilkhat hetding chu Pathenin nga'a dinga twi asem banga kitimatna jonghi nupa dinga asem

ahi. Hijeh'a chu kichen masanga kitimatna neihon Pathenin anom dingle kipana ding lunggel neipumma asem nopna chu changjou jilouvu ahi" ati. Kenjong "Ahin mitampin atheng (virgin) kichen pi hi tijatum tah ahi. Kakichen hon masanga kitimatna kaneipi louleh iti danna lungset dihtah chan kahi theiding ham? atiuve" kati.

Joel jong aimutan, Ruth'in alupsah to Ihonnin kathusei eihin donbutnin, "khangdong tampin aseijiukagel doh'e. Ahin adih tah chu: Kichenna chunga anoppen chu numei khat le pasal khat ani gellhonna thengsellakichen Ihon hi ahi. Hitobanga nupa hinkho mangpan ho dingchun nangni akon bou seha kijil patnale hetpatna nanei honding ahin, chuteng nangin napasal chu iti lunglhai ding ham nahetding, aman nang iti nalunglhai sah dingham aheting, ananopsah nahon subothei ding masanga nanabol khelho chunga lungnatna ima cha naneilou ding ahi. Ajeh chu nabol masatpen Ihon ni hiding ahi." ati.

Kenjong tollam ngan, "ahileh ipi dinga Pasalhon adongma houva konna kitimatna hi angeh khoh ten jiuham?" tin kadonge. Ruth'in, "Pasal tampi hin ama'a dinga bou agel jiuvin, kitimatna hi nopsahna golseh (gamses) khat ahin nop kasa'e atiuvin numei khat akingaipi'un, akitimat piuvin, khohsahna le lungsetna neitah tah louvin adalha jiuvin, chuteng alungthima, kangaichatpen nopsahna chu kamutan, aphatai ati jiuve" tia seipummin, Ruthin alu apejin, "ichan geija melsetah'a ama ho ding bou agellu hitam!" ati. Kenjong kajou kasei kitnin, "hiche hohi kahe khahih beh'e" tin kadon butnin ahileh Ruth in, "kenjong kaji neimasangin kahe poi, ahin kajinei jouva pat kitimatna hi peh ahi ti kahedoh'e. Hichu na ji'in anopsahna dinga napeh chu ahin, naji nopsahsa sah chu ahi. Hiche ahin asetna aumpoi. Pathein in kitimatna hi nupa ho akipeh to dinguba thilpeh'a apeh ahi. Tun hiche hi kahet themtah tolhonnin Pathen lunggel le juiding dan apeh ho jallin kakipah lheh'in, chuleh kitimatna hi nupa hinkho man masanga koitup dinga dan apehho jal ahi," tin aseije.

Kenjong, "kakichenni hon geija chu atheng kahi nati naham?" tia kadoh paileh, Ruth in "Henge, keikahin, Simon ahin, atheng kahi cheh cheh Ihonne. Ahin hijong chu thilbai ahipo. Pathen panpi jalla bou kajo Ihon ahin, chuleh ahithei channa lupna room sungle ningthip nanglah kapeldoh Ihon jeh ahi," tin nuiheuvin asejjin, gah gal geldoh pummin gal gamlatah agahve'e.

Ruth jong ahung kihejin, eihin ven, "Sindie, kapasal toh kakichen nilhon gei kangadoh Ihon jallin kakipah'e. Nangjong ngah'in, Sindie, chutileh nanungsang geldoh puma nakisih louding ahi." ati.

Keijong nuimo sasa nuipummin, "ikihoulim jeh'in kakipah'e" katileh "Phatseh'a ikihoulim thei ahi, Sindie, Saturday niteng kimuto kit ding kakinemme" ati. Kenjong "henge" tin Joel bengchu olchan kagah choppeh'in Ruth "Bye" tin kapot tai.

Inlam jonna kache laihin car khat ol ol la hunghai, a>window kihong khatnin eihin khelpan, Radio choh thetta kilha chun, "Kanungsun louhel ding nahi, lungset tahan kicha hih'in..." tila ahin san ahi. Kenjong kamit lhi twi banga longlha jung jung chu kakham tang jou tapoi. Ruth chu adih lheh jenge. Keile kei kaki suhnat louding ahi, tichu kana hethouve... Ben henga chu ngai hih'e kana ti ding hija...

## CHAPTER – 4

"Ben hitia um jom jingding hi kanom tapoi!" tin a'opma chun kamai kasulut jengin ahi. Abanna eihin koijin, amalamma eihin kainaijin, "ipi naseina ham? Sweet Baby" eiti. "Nungah kahikit... katileh aop chu kamittwi ja akot gam jengin," Nungah kahi kit nomtai, Nupi dan danna umhi kachim tai, kitimat kitding kanom tapoi," tin kaseitai.

Eihin hepi'a eihet themding kakinep ahin, hinlah eihin nungsotnin, kamaikoh laitah ahinven, kitimat kitding kanom tapoi nati chu ipi naseina ham?" tin lunghang tah'in eihin donge. Gang tah'a ka lhah louding sompummin, kamitna mittwi dimset tochun amai kavet tho jenge. Hichun Ben'in "kitimat hibanga nom hi iti danna bolkit ding nada ham? neiseipeh'in?" eiti.

Phulou helouvin kahin hethem tai. Keijong kalungchang le ka'aw'a lunghanna dimset pummin kaka kahaijin, "idang khat tou koma jalkhun chunga pannabei nahibouve tia kasei ding nakichat ahi, keija ding neigel pehpoi, Ja nachanna chu kasuh mangpeh ding nakichat ahi ti kahedohtai." Tin kaseije. Lupna chunga konchun kachop doh thon, kanung kangat khummin, gangchellin kavon kakivon tai. Hitia chu pot

dinga kakihei laitah chun, amit chu lunghan na akichi leojenge ti kamui. Kapotdoh avet to lhonchun thipchetn in aumin ahi.

Inlam jonna kache laichun kalung sunga keile keijin, "Ben kasuhmil ding ahitai. Kamu masang kahinkho man bang banga chu Kaman kit ding ahitai" kati. In kalhunnin, kanaonu kom kahopan ahivangin imacha seilouvin phone umnalam kajon paigin ahi. Joyce number jengjong kanasuh mil dehchet ahitai. "Hello Joyce" tin kipah tah aw'in "nadam dam hinam? tunilhah lamle Bazar kaija chehite, ong?" tin kasejin ahi. Joyce jong sotpi thip chetna aummin, "Ben iti hitam? Malesus a kile kit hitam?" tin khacheh'in eihin dongbutne. Kenjong "ahipoi, ikimuto khah louna sot ta'a... kati ahi..." tin ohchet chutna kadonbutle "kakipah'e Sindie, neihin phone jeh'in. Keidinga phat chomcha beh jong naneilou hitam tia kagella kana lungna lheh jeng ahitai" tin Joyce'n onem heochan eihn donbutnin, Kenjong "nalung hihsuhnat ding kalungtup hilou hel ahi, Joyce kaboi behsek jeng jeh ahi. Chule neingai dammin jong kahin ti nom jeh'a phone kahin bol ahi" katileh, Joyce'n "akhohna aumpoi, Sindie, ikimuto jing phat dontah leh khopi sunga kimuto hite" tin kejond "kakipah'e" tin phone kakoitai.

Bazar kakai jou honnin Dan na katou honnin Coke kadon lhonne. Kalou ding kasom tin ten vangin kemit twi ahung pot thouthouve. Joyce'n mundang avetding kangah'in, akiheidoh doh'in kamilhi kaki theh paigenge. Ahin Joyce'n eimandoh paigin, "Sindie, tunilhah lamse chu nang nabang poi... namit twi jong namitna akot deh duh'e. Lungset tah'in ipin nalung khamsah ham neisei peh'in?" ati. Chutah chun kenjong "Oh Joyce..." katitolhonnin kabenga mittwi ahung long lhajengin, Keijong pamlam ma kalhai doh tai. Joyce'n eihin juigot chu kamun, amaiso'a khotona dimset melpu puma matding eihin gotna lamma milah le chair lah ahin paljeng chu aitih'in sumil ponge. "Sindie, Sindie!" tin eihin jollin, keijong aningkoi khat kagei kahse chun kalhai lhai jenge.

Eihin mupha mong mong taponte ti kaginchat tah'in oltah in kachein lunghan na mittwi chu agotan, ahin kalung hanna kasunga twisa phul banga phul chu abei thei dehpoi. Kalupna chung kalhun nin lekha neo khat ana ummin: "Ben'in nahin phone, gah phone'in" kiti khat ana ume. Kanao Eunice in ajih hitei ding ahi. Hitia hi hilchetna imacha umlova kum 12 ahitah jeng vanga lekha ajih ji nahlai ahi.

Kalung akichi lah lah jengin, kaphone na ichan na kalung hanga ham ti hetsah ding tin kagelle. Ahin chupettah chun phone ahung gingin, "Hello" katileh "Sindie, kathem molheh'e" tin ahin seiye. Ka'aw buhbangin avot lha jengin, "atahbeh naseiham" kati leh "adih tah ahi Sindie, kahin lunghan sah jeh'in kathemmoi, neingaidamin. Kahin lungsetne ti nahet chula'em?" eihinti. Kalunggel buhbang banga khallha jeng chu themkhat ahung junlha'e. "Neingaidam'am?" tin nemheu chan eihin dongin, kenjong "kangaidamme" kati chun apumpin ajun lha jengin, olchan "I love You, too" kati.

Ben vang, abol thei lheh'in aching lheh'e. Aman kalungthim pumpi hi olchan atuh in, ahin atuh det lheh'e. "Ven, Sindie, kitimat chung changa nathusei chu kahe theme. Hapta khat sung ingah thei ahi" ahintin, Kenjong "heng" tin nuiheuchan kadon butnin, "kipa aume" kati. Ahethempoi tichu kahei. Kathi neilai ahijeha kalung chubanga chu kagel danna agel ahi ti kahei. Ahin ken thila kaneipon, itih phatle thi kanei kitding ham jong kahepoi. Kathi nei chu achavei ji lheh'in, khatvei veileh nivei thumvei cheng kijomma kanei ji lou ahi. Hijongle Ben komma kathinei ji phat chung chang ima kaseipon, hapta khat sung kitimat louhella ka'um hon ding jeh chun kakipah lheh'e.

Hiche hapta sung se se chu nop kasalheh'e. Ben to Bazar kakai lhonnin, phat tampipi la ngainan kasumang ji lhonne. Lha masa sung sese achu hitobang chu kanabol khah lhon lou hel ahi. Ajeh chu nupa danna kimutoseh'a kitimatna hinkho jeng kana man lhon ahin... Kihoulima, totna chuleh nuikhom hi ichanna nopma hitam...! Khatvei vei le khosunga Joyce kamu jin, amitna khotona neitah pumchun eive ji'in, ahin kakihou pi jipoi. Lungkhamna nei kahi tia kachunga lunggel anei ding chu kanop lou ahi. Hiti chun hiche hapta chu abei kittai.

Avella kalupkhom masat pen kit honchun imacha kikhelna anei dehpoi ti kamui. Ahin lunggel noplouna kanei chu Ben na konnin kasel mange. Kalunggel cheng kihoulim pi ding kanom lheh'in, ahin hih chun alung hansah kit ding ahi kahei. Hijeh chun lupna chunga kon kathoudoh'in inna kalhun vah angaije tin kilepna jatchomchom kasem thun kache tai.

In kalhunnin lungnachim tah'a lung kagel theina dinga kachanga um kanop jeh chun ka room sunga kalut paige. Kalupna A kalupma, "Kanungsun louhel ding nahi..." ti la kangai to lhonnin kalunggela

keile kei jong kakihethem joupoi. Ben kalungset... kalungsetlou... akikhelto jap jap jenge. Ben to ka von hon puma kaum honteng kalunggel anopmin, hinkho jong anopjin, ahin kavon hon beijsa kaum honteng kalung alhajin, nopna aumjipoi.

“Kakipahpoi” tia pen ding kanom lheh’in, ahin koi komma kapen dingham? Hitobang chun hpta lhungkeichun kalunggel asang jap... anemjap jengin ahi. Nipi Suty (Summer Holyday) akichai ding kon chun Ben to Dan’na katou lhonnin Coke kadon lhonne. Kipah tah awso dannin, “Suty kipat tilla itoukhom nalhon masapen munna avellin itou khom kit lhonne” kati. Ben thipchetnin aumin, kenjong olchan, “Hilai munna iki muto masatpen lhon chung chang thu kihoulim hite” kati.

Ben'in kathusei chu khatcha ajah lou bangin “jingle kache ding ahitai, Sweet Baby” ahin ti. Kenjong “atah tah'a am? Itih chan gei dingham?” katileh “Sindie nalhoh mangchan! Inna kache ding ahitai, Malesus'a, Tuesday nileh School kihong pan kit ding ahitai” ahinti. Nikhat le a'itih'a dinga eidalhah ding ahi ti chu kana suhmil dehchet ahitai. Kenjong “Oh” tikal seiding kahetapoi. “Ahileh ipi dinga kalha selouham? Ipi dinga kalung ol jo'aham? Iti danna kapoh gih lentah kidom doh ding banga gella kahim? Ipi dinga lungna tah'a kaplou kahim?

Kakhut ahin thammin, “itih le kahin mu kitding ham kahepoi, Baby” eihinti. “Jingle ikimukit louding ham?” katileh “Hithei ponte, matah'a kapot ding ahitai” ati. “Weekend teng neihung kimupi jilou dingham?” katileh, “kahepoi, Sindie, weekend na dingin lamsao ahijeh'in hahsan tin, sumjong leobeh setding ahi” ati.

Kalungthim asang jap... anemjap pan kittai. Khatvei leh Ben in eihung kimupileh katin, chomloule eihung kimupi thei louding jeh chun kakipah kitji'e. Kalungsung giltah in vang kitimatna kanei kitlhon louding ahitai ti kahen, hichu chom louva hunghung ding ahitan, School noptah'a kaki kai kit ding ahi tahjeh chun kakipah'e.

Dan kadalha lhonnin, ahithei channa ol'in kache lhonnin, ka'innu kanai lhon to lhonnin, Ben lamma kamai kahei phejin, “Ben ka...” kaseiban kajom masangin Ben'in kakhut anin chomkhat atuh'in “I love You Sindie, Good Bye” tin akihejin, akal themkhat ason jouvin ahung kinung hejin, “ila hon sumil hih'in” tin ache mangtai.

Kalunggel ahin... aumchan ahin... ima akitoh thei aumpoi. Lekhabu hoa kilungsetna thusim ho to jong akibang poi. Jingle cheding ahitai ti kahei, ahin jingle che tahtah ding jong abangpoi. Ben'in Good bye eiti chomkhat louva akichai pajeng lou banga lungsetna jong akichai pai louding katah sane. Inlam kajot tolhonnin keile keijin “Ben chomkhat joule hung kile kitding ahi, eisumil jouponte” tin kagelle.

## Chapter – 5

Tujing kah thilkhat kabol khel lheh'e. Nuilou dingphatna kanui kha'in, tun kajah chalheh'e. Tumasang chun hitobang hin kana umkhapoi. Hichu Ruth in Jesu chungchang asei petna thilsoh ahi. Ruth to kakihet lhonna pat akum kuma Jesu chungchang thu asei kana ngailhah peh jing ahin, Jesu agolpha penna anei chu thilkidang tah ahi. Aman Jesu thu aseiteng Pathen thuseiho banga thupi seija seitho (Preach) louvin iloi le gol khat chungchang thu ikihoulim jiu bang khun aseiji'e.

Jing an neh jou jouva Ruth kaga villeh, a machanga pon anakhupet ahin, apon khuito tho chun kakihoulim lhonne. Kenjong eisuboi thil ho chu kaseijin, “khatvei veile koiman eingailut lou bangin kagel ji'e” katileh, “ipi jeh'in em, Sindie?” tin avon khuipumchun eihin donge. Kenjong, “kahepoi, kanu la anatoh aboi behsetnin, ama'a dingle keidinga lunggel na man phat aneipoi” katin, Ruth'in “Napa la'em?” tin eihin dong kitnin, keijong ka chair'a gah kinung ngai pummin, ‘Kapa phatseh'a thip betna umjing’ tin kagellin Ruth jah'a “keikom ahin, midang kom ahin thu atam seiji poi. Kanun la kanatoh kalel valle tin in ahung lhun teng tha jong aneiji tapoi” katileh Ruth in athil khuina akon eihin vetouvin, hepina neitah'in “Sindie, nalung thimma nangailut'u nahet chu la'em?” eihinti. “Henge, eingailu naovinte ti katah sane” tin amitna eivet peldoh nathei dingin tollam kaven “eingailutnao phatseh in eimu sah thei leo kati” tin kadon butne.

Ruth kagah vetkitle a'machine lam anavekit tan, kenjong “ipi dinga phatseh'a eiki ngailu lou ahidem?” tin kadonge. Ruth'in eihin vekitnin ahileh kakiveto chet lhonnin, “Sindie, ken golkhhat kaneijin, amachun phatseh'a nalungset jingin, naki houlim pi nom phat teng jongle nakomvel la aum jinge” tin

eidonbutne. "Koi ham" tia kadoh pai jengle "Jesu" atin, hiche'a chu kahung nuidoh ahi. Nuiding kagot lou ahin, ahia' ama chamma hung pot ahi. Alunggel chu nuiyatna thei tah ahi. Iti danna kahet khah lou khat chun eilung set thei ding ham...? In kanung lhunnin keile kei kaki gellin, "Ruth henga ngaidam kathum ngai ahi" kati. Ahin jinga school kihong kitding ahitah jehchun gelding kahao valle tin kanot thap kit tai. Thilsuh mil hi kabolthei lamtah khat hidan ahi.

Ajing jingkah school kajot chun kamaiso kipanan adime. Joyce'n aning koi khatna einangah in "ipi nathasetna umham?" tin kipah tah'in kadong'e. Joyce'n "Kum sunga dinga school kihon ni hi thaset umpsen pen ahi' tin school lam kajot lhonto tho'in aphon peh'in ahi. Kenjong "thaset um penpen anichan na bou ahi" katin "akhoh cheh khat aume" katileh, "Ipiham?" atin "Exam ahi" kati. Joyce'n jong "adih'e" atin ahung nuijin, "high school kajo jo leh ichanna nopding hitam! kum ni bou kaneitai" tin kakihoulim nalhon chu masang laija Ben kana het masang'a bang chun along jel jengin ahi.

Joyce'n "ipi subject nalah dingham?" tin eihin dongin, kenjong "Typing, Biology le..." katileh "Biology!?" tin kidang satah in kathusei abottannin, "iti danna am? Ojapu Sanka in alah ahin, khubang ning kitel(boring) aumma?" ahinti. Kenjong "lampi dang umlou ahi. Biology kalah ngai ahi. Science background kanei loule iti University a Science kajo thei dingham? kati.

Chomlouvin School chu student adim jengin, khat le khat "nasuty itobang nam" tin akidong to saosao jengun, khattouvin eihin dohkhah leh lhasam tah'a nuipummin "aphanai" tin kadonbut ji'e. Class kipat masangin Joyce'n "school kikhen teng ka'innuva hungin, kihoulim hite" atin, kenjong "kipa aumlheh jeng'e Joyce; ahin kalel lheh jengin, inna che'a kichol do ding kanom joi" tia kadon butle, Joyce kidang satah'in "kichol do ding? Atah naseiham? Nalel tahbeh ham?" atin adingin, keijong kajah ahungchan, imacha seilouvin kakha kasuh'e. School kikhen nin kanaonu jah'a "khattouvin eihin phone le ka room sunga kaumding ahi" tin karoom kalut pajin, kala lhon chu ngai pummin ka'imu tai.

"Sindie... Sindie... thouvin!" tin kanun kakeng aloh'in, "Phong hungaham?" tia gangchella kadoh paile, "ahipoi, jan an nehphat ahitai, hungin imut du!" eihin ti. Hapta lhung keichun kanun ja'an neh phat seh'in eiphong'in, anhon kaki thopi loujehchun eiphoh ji'e. Kenjong kaki thopi jilou jeh chun nopmo kasa lheh'in, ahin ka imut soh ji val ahi. Kalung gella chu school kai chun eilel sahji dan hinte tia kagel ahi.

Nilhah sehleh ka homework kabol jin, phone ahung gin chetleh kinem tah'in Ben na hinte tin kadel jin, kamdam heuchan "Hello" tin kadon butjin, ahin phatseh le kalung natna akibe cheh cheh ji'e. Sunday nilhah ahung lhuntah'in vang ipi dinga Ben'in eihin phone louham tin kalung akham lheh tai.

Monday jingkah in Joyce to school chedinga kakisuh to jilhon phat minute 30 masang bepma kathou doh'in, kalel lheh jenge. Janna ehtha nivei jen kache jeh hinte tin kagelle. Kenjong kinotah'in ka an kanen, inna konnin kalhai doh tho'in ahileh Joyce'n "kana dalhah dehchet nahitai" tin eihon same. Kenjong imut soh pumpum in "Ngaidam" kati.

Kalam jotlhon pumchun Joyce'n kalekhaho achojin, ken ka uniform konggeh kakigeh'e. "History class teng nalel lheh ji'e ti kamu jin na'imut soh ji ham? oleh history hi hah nasah ham?" tin eihin donge. Kalekhabu kakile lah'in "ahipoije, hiti joh ahi. History class seh leh ka'oi hi kidang tah'in anom mojin, alo ding bangin kaumjin ahi. Kahe hih'e ipi jeh ham? hiche class petsehseh lebou kakhuti ji. History hi katheida tahkhat ahin, ahin hitobang hin kaum khapoi! Ahim himma jong History class hi sun'an neh masang jep ahi ji jeh'a ka oisung hi ana bei'ja hinte. Class sunga kihung lolha kha jengle vang jachat um lheh'inte." Kati. "Thildang khat jongchu, nga kaneh gotchan jongle hitobang chu kaneiji'e. kakomma khattouvin nga aneh jongle kading doh'in kadalha jitai. Masanga chu nga kadulheh jeng ahin, hinlah tunvang... Oh...! kagel maimai jongle kaloh asoh'e."

Joyce'n ka anneh chung changa ima aseipon, ahindoh dinga kagin chat louhel eihin dongin, "Ben'in nahin phone nam?" ahinti. Kenjong "tuchanin ahin phone naipoi" katileh, "hitobang pannabei pasal chun nalung thim anatsah ding kanompoi" tin khacheh'in ahin seijin "Pasal ho lunggel hi kahei. Tonsot geija ding lungsetna'a akitep ji'un... chomlouvin nasumil pai ji taove, sumil theilechun kadei lheh jenge!" tin ahin seije.

Ka best frend in hitobanga thu asei ding chu katahsang hih beh'e. Kagel dannin amaho sanga Bento phat tamjo Kaman khom ji lhon jeh'a thangthip hinte katin, thu ngeilou tampi seikhum ding kanom lheh jeng'e. Ahin aloi le gol hina chu lhaso ding kanoplou jehchun ima kasei poi. School kalhun

kahselhon chun apao poh josang kaum Ihon tapoi. First period kichaija Biology class kache ding konnин nuseuvin kageh ven ahileh ama jong ahung meseuvin, loile gol kahilhon nalaije ti kahe chenne.

Biology class akeh khat sung se chu kajin buh sung nomlou tah'a dim set sut chu gelnan kamang'e. Ojapu Sanka thusei chu ngai teiding kagot vangin kasung lam nommo tah chu akhoh cheh cheh'e. "Koitabang nalah'uva hi school kai nopsa na'umuvem?" tin Sanka in hasei jin ahin sejin, koima akhut tung aumpoi. "student ho nahet dingu chu tulai leiset khantou nan angaichat to lhonna chihna, themna hi nei angaije ti hi ahi" ahinti.

Kenjong minute khat jong kanga bejou lou phatchun kakutut katungin ahileh "henge, Sindie, lekhasim akhoh dan nahet tah'em?" ahintin, kenjong "ahipoi... henge... ahin kadoh nom chu: Kapot theiding ham?" kati leh ojapu Sanka jong akin jap jengin, student ho jouse jong anuidoh louna dingun aki timmui. "Henge Sindie, napot thei ahi" tipummin, "Ahileh tun Class ho..." tin a'aw chu ahung nemlhan keijong ehbuham lam jonnin kalhai tai.

Clas ni kijomma ehbuham phalouva kaum theilou kahedoh tai. Hijeh chun class kipat masangseh le ehbuham che masa dingin kakigel tai. Kanumei chankhompi kaloihon kaboina chu ahe doh pan pan taovin, totnan einei ji'un, "Sindie, tulai ipi nadon ji'ham? class sung sangin ehbuham naphat natam suh mangjoi" tin eitot ji'ui. Joyce jengin jong eitot ji tan, kenjong "katailang hi ahung naji'in, kathi neiphat hi hunghung ding hitante' tin kaseije. Numeija dinga lhaseh'a thinei ding konna tainat hi angaina ahi tihii adih lheh'e. Ahin pung kahseh'a ehbuham lut jinghi vang athah beh ahi. Chule ka tai jong aha nat cheh cheh ji lheh'e.

Ka break sungin Joyce to kaloi ho komlam jonnin kache lhonnin, "Volley ball chu itobangam?" tin eihin donge. Kenjong "nop kase'e, keiho team in phatseh'in kajou vui" katin, ka aw kanem sah'in Joyce kakai naijin olchan "ka period nei masang nikho hohi kathei da ji lheh'e" kati. Joyce'n jong "ibolla em?" ahintin, "ka'ang teni hi ana lheh'e, jan hi ikichep petnuva kaki chop ma akithin channa chun ka ang teni hi ana ji lheh'e" katileh, Joyce'n "nanga teni nakichop teng akithin jouleh nakipa ding hichu la'em?" tin olchan "keija hi ven, ka ang hi kanu'a sangin kappa'a to akibang joi" ati. Kaloi ho kom kalhun hon to lhonnin "Kipa aume" tin haseijin kaseije.

Hiche nilhah ka gah imut leh kanaonun kaban ahin loh'in "Telephone" tin eidalha paitai. Imutsoh pum pummin phone umna lam kajonnin, "Hello" kagah tile "hello, Sweet Baby, inati ham tuni chu nalel toh na'e" ahintin, Kenjong "henge, ahipoi, ka'imut ahi kati najoh ahi" tin kaseijin ahileh "sunlai changtah'a imu?" ahintin, "henge" tin kahau vin "tillai to banglouvin tulai hi kamoh lel lel jeng'e" katileh "na oja hon natoh ding natam peh ji vallu ham?" ahintin, "ahipoi, ken jong ipi jeh ham kahepoi" tin kadon butne.

Tunvang kakhang chen mong mong tan, dohdinga kagot chu kagel doh'in, "ipi dinga nahin phone vahlou ham?" tia kadoh leh "Baby, School kipat hapta masapen aboiji dan nahet chula'em" atin, kenjong "nahapta sung keija dinga aboi jeh chun neingai dammin" tin kalungnat na chu kahet sah'e. Hichun Ben'in nemheu chan "tunin nalung anopmo thime. Ka sweet Baby kipah jingnu chu hoilam ba hitam?" ahinti. A aw ngei tah kangai to lhonnin kameseuvin, Ben'in ichanna kalung hanna leh kakichatna asuhmang ji hitam?

Chuin "school itobang nam? Tin eidong'in, kenjong "Biology class tilou aphanai" tin kadon butnin, "itih le neihung kimupi kit ding ham?" tin kadonge. Phatsot tah thip chetnin aummin, kenjong doh lou ding khat kadoh ahi ti kahei. Akhonna kheh'in seinom lou pum pummin "kahepoi..." ahinti. Kenjong "Ben kahin miss lheh jeng'e..." katileh "aphai... Tuesday nileh kahin phone kitding nahi, Bye" atin, "Ben ka..." kati kit vangin aphone ana koitai. Aum chan chun eisuboi lheh jeng'e. Eihin phone masang sang chun kagolha cheh'in ahi.

Ka room sunga kakile kitnin kalupna chunga katouvin, kan eilhamon thei pon, ahin kahai thei deh poi. Chutah chun phone ahung ging kitnin, Ben'in eihin nung phone kit hinte tin thanom tah'in kadomin "Hello" tia kipah tah'a kaseileh, "Hello sindie, ipi nathanop pi hitam?" ahintin, kakipana jouse amangpajin kakap pan kittai. "Inati ham? Sindie" tin Ruth aw chu ngailutna adimsetne. Kenjong 'Keija dinga manlутah khatnin eihin phone ahi..." katin, Ruth in "hichun naki pasah ding hichu la'em" atin, "ahinai ahin achuti poi, eilung natsah bepme" tia kadon butle "kahin pohnat hulheh'e Sindie, nahunga ikihoulim ding ham? ahintin, "Angaihieh'e, ima ti ponge, phapai tante" kati.

Ruth in aseiban asei kitnin, "ahileh aphae Sindie, Saturday nilhah teng nao neihung donpeh thei ding ham tia kahin phone ahi" ahintin, kenjong "kachunga nalung hang louham?" katileh "ipi jeh'a am?" atin, "Jesu thu naseija kanui sat jeh'a chu" katileh, "kalung ahang poi Sindie," atin, kenjong "ngaidam kaki thumnom ahi..." tia kangeh le "hichu angai khoh poi. Nao neihung donpeh thei dingham? kajipan continental Hotel la jan'an nedinga eipui got ahi" atin, "Oooh pha chula! Henge kahung ding ahi" tin kadon butne.

"Kipa aume Sindie, ahin, nadam mong mong hinam?" tin a aw chu khoto na a dim setnalaije. Hichun kenjong "kahepoi, tulai hi ajatchom beh'in nopma kasa lheh'e" katileh kakam sunga kon thu ahung pot jal lah lah'in, "Ka ha imut lheh'in, thinei ding bangin katai ana jingin, angaina'a sangin an neh kahatnin, ahin nga kane theipoi. Pung kal seh in ehthan kachen, jan jongle nivei beh kache je'e. Niseh le history class a nopmo kasan, khatvei veile kakapmin, chuleh kanuijin, kalu chang ana na'e" tin kadon butne.

Kachung thilthah lhung sese chu khatvei seija agolcha kaseidohna masapen ahi. Ahin phulou helouvin kathusei cheng chu kale lahdotheikit ding hile kati. Ipi dinga Ruth komma hoho chu kasei ham?

Kasei ding kasei chajin Ruth chu sot tah thip chetnin aume. Athip sot beh set jeh chun Phone adalhah hitante tin, "Hello... Ruth...?" tia kakouleh, a'aw chu adam heu jengin, "Oh Sindie, nao navop hinte" ati. Kenjong kidang satah'in "naovop teng akiphondoh na asymtom khat cha kaneipon, naovop teng oipoh lending, jing kahseh leh loh ding achung nungpenna kitimatna jong ngai ahin... hiponte... jingle thi neipai tang'e" tin ima helou dan tah'in kadon butne. Thudoh dang aneina ding man phat kapeh nom lou jehchun, "Saturday niteng kimuto hite, Bye" tin gang chellin kaseijin phone kakoitai.

Phatvet maija kadingin, kasang khol kahoh touvin, ka'oi kaven, amailam, asihlam, kaven, akikhel ima aumpoi. Hiponte kati. Ahin kathi neina chu asot lheh tai. November kichailam ma chu kanei ahin, tun February ahitan, hapta 8 tobang ahitai tin kagelle. Keijong phulou helouvin kidang sahnhan eihin phan, Kasang khol kaloi suh'in, ka lou tei sompummin, Ruth thusei chu olchan kaseijin "Oh Sindie, nao navop hinte" kakiti.

## Chapter – 6

Phat khat khat le jan hi kaho ji lheh'e. Janteng lungkhamna hi hatah in akibe ji'e. Imutting kagot ji jongle kaning akihel jin, twi umlouna'a nga kilha bangin kakipeh le le ji'e. Umthimbeh ding kagot ji jongle kalung thim anom jipon, tujan jong kachuti'e. Ahin akhonan ka'imu nah nah'in kamit kahung ha dohle jingkah anahitai. Niso hoitah chun kalung gimna jouse adel mangtan ahi. Kalung thima iti kagai dingham? Gai ponge. Kagai jongle kahet tei ding ahi kati.

Nini sungchun katahsa angaina banglouvin anopmo lheh vangin kakichatna jouse kasumil lin kalunggel akipah lheh'e. Ben

'in Tuesday niteng eihin phone ding ahi ti chu kagel doh'in, a'aw jah ding kinemin kangah'e. Kalung thima "tuchungvang, eihung kimu piding thu ima seiponge" tin kagelle, ahin kalungsung dihtah vang muding nommin thilhading ahi maije. Atahbeh'in Tuesday nilhah in aseimabangin eihin phone ne. Ngai ngai umjeng mikhat ahi. A School thu le kei school thu kasei lhonnin, kalung ngai chatnan, "Neihin suhkhhah dan ho ka miss lheh'e Ben" eitidoh sah'in, amanjong "adih'e Sweet Baby, nangin neihin tohkhah danho jong ka miss'e" tin nguieu le ngailut umtah aw in ahin seije. Kalung sung ahung lumdoh'in, eihin koiding le eihin kiss ding kangai cha lheh'e. Phatsot tah thip beh'a kaum jeh chun, "naum nahlai hinam? Baby" eihin tin "henge Sweet heart" tin oltah'a kadonbutnin "kaum nalainai, ahin hilang joh'a chu um hileng kanom lheh'e" katileh, aman jong "ken jong kagelle" tin chomkhat athipmin, chujouvin "llahon chu ana ngaiji jin langn eihin geldoh jin ong? Good Bye" tin phone akitai.

"*Kahin nungsun louding nahi...*" tila thumvei kangai jouvin kitchenna anhon kithopi dingin kalhailutne. Koulou hella kache jeh chun kanu lungdongin amit akou lah jenge. Ahin ima eidong pon, kenjong ima kasei poi. Kaki pana imachan asuh kehding kanop lou ahi. Plate ho table'a kakoi to lhonnin, olcha chan "*Tuni ahin, a'itih'a dinya kalungset nahi. Kahin nungsun lou holding nahi...*" tin kasan ahileh, kanaonu room sunga ahung lutnin kalasah chu ajan, "Hiche la mong mong chu kangai chim lheh'e" tin

amit ahin pei le in ahi. Kenjong kanuisatnin hagin cheh'in kasan, "Lungset tah'in kicha hih'in, kanungsung lou holding nahi. Nakomma ka'um jing ding ahi" tia kasahleh a khutjunga akol asimin alhai mangtai.

Jan an nehsung se se chun hiche la chu kalunga aging jingin, kanu kapa le kasopi teni to toukhom chu nop kasa lheh'e. Ahoulimu akiman chah dannu aseiju chu kangainom thei lheh jenge. Vanlai jolla leng kabang jengin, imachan kaki pana suse thei ponte.

"Mum, bu chu atui lheh'e" tia kipah tah'a kaki thuh be le, abonnun athip beh jengun ahi. Kenjong ipi dinya kilomlou tah'a thip chetnuham kagah vetle, abonnun kei eina ve'ui. Kenjong "ibolla neichuti vetnuham?" katileh kanun, "Bu chujat jen naneh chu kalungu donga ahi" ahinti. Kenjong "hiche hi atam ahipoi" katileh "nivei kong dima nakithuh bena ahitai" eihintin, kenjong "Hichu iti'am? Gavin in jong nivei vei akithuh beji chula'em?" kati leh, kanun "na'u Pasal Ihing ahitan, tampi pi aneh ngai ahi" atin, kenjong "Pasalin tampi aneh theileh numei jin aneh moham?" tin kabulah'a me kithuh toh kakopme.

Akhonan kapa ahung paovin, "hiche hojeh pouhin thu lentah so pouhite. Sindie, an lhom cha cha bou naneh ji jeh'a tu'a tampi naneh le kalungu dong ahibouve' ahinti. Kanun ahinjop pajin, "nahiti peh le navon jong tu'a sanga ateni a lenjo a khuithah sohkei ngai ding ahi" ati. Vangphat umtah'in kahung thao dingbou agellun, imacha ginmo na eineipouve. Ahin athuseiju chun kalung gel ahin doh sah kitnin, ahim hima jong kavon themkhat jong neopenna ahitai... Ipi jeh ahidem?

Kathih khe kakoilhan, kagil jong akel tapoi. Ka'oi chu kichatnan ahin dipmin, phulou helouvin naovop kahiham, kahilouham ti kakhol doh angaitai ti kahen, oltah'in kalung thimma tohgon kaneije. Kenjong kanu jah'a, "Mum, Saturday nilhah le Ruth nao kaga don peh ding chu nahetnah lai na'em?" tin kadongin, kanun jong "kasumilpoi, chule nangin jong nache masanga in nasuh theng ding sumil hih'in" eiti. Chujouvin kenjong "sun an neh jouteng in kasuh thenga phalou ham? Jingkah lamle library a lekha kagasim nomme" tin kadonge. Kanun jong "aphai Sindie, sun teng in hunghun ding som teijin" atin, kenjong kakha suh'in kongho chu kitchen langa kachoiltnin ahi.

Hapta Ihung keichun sun le jannin kichatnan eidip jinge. Akhonnal Saturday ahunglhungin, Library lam kajot to lhonnin, kalung sunga thudoh jouse donbutna muding ka nom lheh jeng'e. Keijong biology umnalam chu kajon pajin naovop chungchang lekhabu kahol masangan khattouvin eina ve khadem tin muntin kave toh masan ahi. Hichun kanung lamma kon kidang tah in aw khatnin, "kahin kithopi theiding ham?" tin eihin dongin, kaki nunghei leh Librarian nu anahin, kalungsung phu chul chul chu ajadem tin kalung adonge. Kenjong "angaihah'e, kakipah'e... kahol chu kamutai" tin Botany umnalam chu kakoh'in ahileh amanjong akha asun eidalhatai.

Kenjong a table lam akinungle kit kangah'in chujouvin kahol ban chu kajom kittai. Lekhabu koina a kon kalah masat pen chu lekhabu satah "Pregnancy" kiti chu ahi. Naovop hetna chung changa kamu sunchu: "thisan kihoptoh dan akhan(increase blood supply)" le "junthahna lam ahung nem(softening of uterus)" ahi. Aphachompoi, a scientific behsetne! Kathisan le kajun thah nalam akhoh poi, kahetnom chu agai kahim? Kahilouham? Tibou ahi. Ani channa kalah doh jong chu alet dan akibangin, ahin kinep umjep chu "naovop nahim?" kitina bung sung chu ahi. Kasim in ahileh kakom naija mi ahung jing jehchun kalekhabu chu kasang kholsunga kasel jing angajin ahi. Hiche lekhabu a jong kahet theilou thucheng thupi tahtah ajao jeh chun kahe thei pon, pung 2 lang kahol nungin ngahdoh din kagellhan, ahedoh nading lamdang um nante tin kagelle.

Hichenilhah chun ka'insuh theng dan chun kanu akipa sah lheh'e. Kalung sunga kon thudoh lentah chu aman nadingin na hatah in katong'e. Chomkhat jouvin thudoh to chun Ruth te in lam kajone. Kagalhunnin Ruth in naiseuvin einalam ton ahin amitna ngailutna le khotona adimsetne. Phone na kakihouna hon chungchang chu ima kaseidoh honpon ahin kalungsunga thudoh aum chu aheting katahsanne.

Simon to apothon ding konnin, eihin ven, "Joel na lupsah jouteng kalekhabu nana vethai ahi, akhoh le lunglutna thei tahtah namuding ahi" atin, imacha dang seilouvin kamithon na kakihethem to honnin, kenjong kipatah'in, "Kipa aume" kati.

Joel chu angaina sanga ma in kalupsah'in, lekhabu kikoi nalam kajon pajin lekhabu 2 chu kinep aum thimmin, kaladoh'in, kasim pajin ahi. Ahin aha phatchom behsepon, kasunga lunglhahna lentah pummin kaga lekoi kittai. Lekhabu koina chu kinepna umloupumma kavet kitleh "Family Medical Book" kiti chun kamit alakitnin, kenjong kaladoh'in, chapter 9 naovop kitina mun chu kaphongdoh'in,

jankhovah ding hijongle bung 9 sungchu sim chai teiding'a kagot ahin, kasim sim le kidang tah'a kahetdoh chu, "Numei jin athinei kitding hapter ni masanga pasal to kitimatna aneile nao avop bailamme" ti chu ahi. Kaloi le gol hon thinei kikah lah hi naovop ma kon hoidohna phattah ahi tia eina seipeh'u ahin, hiche ho lampang hi ahetthemlou dannu akilange. Abung chailam ma kangaichatna'a eikitihopi ding kamudoh tai. Hichu "Family Plannin Clinic in naovop le voplou ki test na hi manbeijin abol peh ji'ui" ti chu ahi.

Adih lheh'e! kangaichat chet chu ahi! tin telephone Directory kaphet in family planning clinic kiti lai phone number chu paper khatna kakijih doh'in kasakhaova kaki koije. A Address chu kavetle kidangtah'in aumna mun chu Library umna vengsung mama ahi. Tampivei kana hopa ding dan anahin, kana mudoh khahih beh'e.

Ruth in eihung thah'in, ima katamseilhonpoi. Ka'in maiju kaphah honnin, amitha chu lungsetna le khotona dim pummin, "Sindie, iti hen lang, ipi hunghung jongle naloi le gol kahi jinge" atin, kenjong mundang kaven, aman athusei ajommin, "chule Jesun jong naloi le nagol la nasim ding kinemmin angah jinge" ati. Kenjong "kakipah'e" tin athusei hethem tah dannin kadonbutnin, "Good Bye" kakitito lhonnin kaki khen lhontai.

Monday jingkah chu oltah'in ache in, keivang nui jong kanui nompoi. Joyce chu kalung ase lheh'e. Aphatseh in kipasah ding ego'in, ahin atamjo athuseijong kajah pehpon, athusei kajanai ti ahetna dingin kagah moh khasuh ji ji'e. School kikhennin PCO mithipna khat kamukahsen sot tah lam kajotnin, kamu phatnin phone No chu kasakhaova kon kaladoh in khut kithing pummin phone kabollin, eihin donbut ding kangah'e. "Family Plannin Clinic" tin numei aw khatnin ngeitah'in eihin houvin, kenjong "Hello, naovop kitest thei ding ham kahetname" tin kadon butnin, ahileh a'aw chu kipah jing pummin, "Henge, jingle jingkah pung 8:30 teng nahung theiding ham?" ahintin, "Henge" katileh "Jingkah najun thah masatpen themkhat hin choijin" tin eihin donbutnin, kenjong ipi'a kahetdingham?" tia kadoh leh, "Bottle neo khatna hin choijin, jingkah leh kimuto taote, ong?" atin, kenjong "Henge, Good Bye" tin phone kakoi tai. Thase tah puma inlam kajot to lhonnin kichatnan nasatah'in eilon vuuh be'in ahi.

## CHAPTER – 7

Kanun bottle keoho apai ngailou kahen, hijeh chun chaksanga akoina'a konin ENO bottle nwokhat koiman eimulou kah chan kala'in, hoitah in kasop thengin ka underwear ho koina drawer sunga kaselle.

Ajing jingkah'in matah in kathouvin ehbuu sunga kalutnin, guhthimin bottle sunga kaga henge. Clinic kache teng ipi ti kachoiding ham ti kanagel doh phahih behe. Ka School bag sunga kikoi lela ajo leh jah khaleh anamset settoh, junkalla perfume namtuimo aumpon, hijeh chun akhon nan plastic bag ni'a kachunin achunga lekha'a kachun kitne.

Kanu anatohna'a ache masangin, akoma kache'in, nat thoh gim tah bangin kamai kasoisah leovin, kajou kasejin, "Nu, ka period in eipha'in ana lheh jengin, sunlang thim ahilouleh school chethei ponge, lekha khat neigah sutpeh in lang, school la Eunice gahpoh sah'in ong?" tin kangeh tai. Kanun eihin ven, "Henge" tin asakhao va konnin louchang ni ahin ladoh'in, "Anat a'ol dom loule hiche hi ananein" tin kenjong "kakipah'e" tin na satah aw'in kasejin, "Good Bye" kati to lhonnin oltah'in ka room sunga kalutnin kalupna'a ajo kanun achedoh masangin eihung ve kit khadet tin kalumin ahi.

Apotdoh thomgin kajah jah'in, kalupna'a kon kathoudoh'in, kakisillin, kavon kakivontai. Ka Radio aphatseh'a lhasa'a kakojing ahin, phulou helouvin kala hetngai khatin room sunga alodim jengin, "Kahin nungsun louding, nakomma kaumjing ding ahi" tin ahung ginge.

Ka op aphi dut dut jengin, Radio lam kajonin karoom sunga poison hin polut bangleuvin kahe'in, kagathat gang chellin ahi. Chuin ka bag kakichoi jin gang chellin khopi sunglam kajon tai. Kajotna Clinic mun kalhun tah'in kagel to banglouvin Sign Board neochakhat na "Family planning Clinic" tin anakisunnin, thalchang neokhat nin in le in kikah lah'a lampi neokhat chu agah koh'in ahi. Chutobanga neocha le ningkoija aum jeh'a chu masanga Clinic umlam chu kana hetlou dan ahi. Hiche lampi achun kache suh'in ahileh kot khat kamun, jahcha thim tah'in asunga kalutne.

Room sung chu alenin banga chun poster akitah dimsetnin ahi. Aning langkhatna chun Secretary nu atouvin, alang khatna chun Chair phabep akidon chair ni chu keigol bep hiding numei ni maiso nguichetna tou teni chun alo'e. Secretary nun kamin ajih lutto lhonnin, "Hilaija khun chomkhat touvin lang ngah'in" tin touna umnalam chu eikopeh'e.

Keijong numei teni to kigamlhat thimtah touna khatna katouvin, koiman ahedoh louting kinem tah pummin kajun koina bag chu tolla kakoi lhai. Kajet lamma tou numeinu chu kavet leh amel ahoi lheh'in, avon jong chun mantam tah tah ahi ti kamun, kicha jong akicha lheh'in, akeng apelto'in, achungnung chun ajaple le'e. Sa kasalheh jengin, magazine khatna kakijap jap jenge.

Kaveilam sang tou numei nuchu kagah vet kitle amai tollam ma akun chah kheh'in, asang ponung chun atahsa kithing sip sep chu atom chah kheh'e. Iti danna hibanga sa room sunga hi dap asah thei ahidem? Keivang sa sa'in kaki jap gang cheh cheh'e. Ahin chutah chun keijong jahcha le nervous jeh'a kakeng kasuh jap katou jap chu kahedoh'e.

Numei khat uniform blue kivon khat kotphunga kon chun ahung potdoh'in, min ahin kouvin ahileh kajetlama tounuchun a bag tolla akom cha'a akoi chu akichoijin tollam vepumin anung chu ajuilutne. Minute som tobang jouvin hiche numeinu chu ahung potdoh kitten, amaija lungdonna beihellin, nuseuvin room sung chun ahin jot paigin kotna apotdoh tai.

Blue uniform kivon nuchun mindang khat ahin koukitnin ahileh kaveilama nguichetna umnu chun gangchellin akipat doh'in, abag akichoijin, ache pheijin, amasa'a nu sang chun akicha joi ti akihetheije.

Hiti'a katouva kaphat ahunglhun ding kanga laihin, inmai lam kot ahung kihongin Numei ni ahung lut honnin, Secretary nun atouna honding ahin kopeh honto lhonnin, atoun honnin, kei eihin vethon pummin guhthim chan akihou lhonnin, kachapan dan thu sei hihon le akilomme.

Chom louvin insung lang kot ahung kihong kitnin ahin blui uniform kivon numei dang khat ahung pot doh'in, amanu chu ameljong ahoijin, chapang jong achapange. Amanun a card chu aven, "Sindie" tin ahin kouvin, kenjong kabag kakilah'in lungdong louhel banga anung kajui laichun numei kama'a lutnu chun kamu pa'in, amitna mittwi dimset pummin "Counselling" tia kijih na room sung chu alutne.

Hiche numei melhoinu to a office sunga kalut hon to lhonnin, nuseuvin loi le gol phatah bangin, "ikimoto thei lhonhi kakipah'e Sindie, kamin ahileh Martha ahi. Keiho ding thilkhat neihin poh peh uvem?" eitin ti. Keijong khasu pummin kabag chu kafen ahileh, meseuvin "aphalheh'e, touvin touhite" eihin ti.

Martha office sung chun neocha ahivangin atheng sit setne. Amajong thih touna khatna toupumin amasanga plastic chair'a toudin eihin kopeh'e. Amanun jong pen le paper alan, "Sindie, test kabol masangin thudoh themkhat kanei nome. Hiche Office sunga nasei jouse hi nangle kei kah'a bou ahin, guhthim thu ahi. Hijehchun seiding kicha hih'in, thudih bou seijin ong?" ahinti.

Keijong kakhasun, ima kasei poi. Amanun "kum ijat nahi tah'em?" tin eihin dongin "Somle gup" tin kadonbutne. "Amasanga nao nanavop khah tah'em?" atin, "kavop khapoi" katileh "Naperiod nei nukhah pen itih hitam?" tin eidong kitnin, kenjong "November 28 vella hahi" kati. Hichun amanun "Birth control naman khah'em?" atin, "amasapen vang chun kamangpon, abanna patna condom kamang ji'e" tin kadonbutne.

Themkhat agahjin nungin, amaiso'a thudoh neipummin, "Sindie, ipi dinga amasa penna chun birth control mangchalou va kitimatna naneiham?" eihin ti.

Kalung gella chun kajon thanhoi chung chang hi koima koma kaseidoh ngamlou dia kagel ahin, ahin hiche nuvang hin baithetnin midang hon gojuh, nisat thu asei bangun aseijenge. Keijong kagah hai nem to lhonnin kakam ma kon thu ahung potdoh jung jung jengin, "Ka thinei hi achavai lheh jengin, khat veivei leh lha 2 lha 3 cheng thinei louvin kaum jin, hijeh'a chun kaki timat masat pen lhonna nao kamoh vop jeng dinga kaki ginmo lou ahi. Abanna pat condom amang tan, hiche hochun kagai theina dinga kon asuhtang louting hija ham?" kati.

Amanun jong "Sindie, kasopi deitah, nang ho khangbep numei hin kitimat masapenna jong nao avop jeng thei ahi. Athinei aduhdah aduhdah louvin apo poi. Gai jeng thei ahi. Tahbeh'a numei thinei khalou lai hon jong nao avop theju ahi" tin aseije.

Hitichun chomkhat akhongaijin, athusei ho kangaito nadinga phat eipeh abangin, chujou chun, "Condom hohin nao avopda sah thei nai, nadongma pachun amasapenna jong chun condom aman chah

ding dol anahi. Ahivangin khatvei veil eh numei hohi adongmapan condom aman ji vangin agai thei thou thouve” ati. Itidanna hithei ham ti kadoh nom lheh vangin hitobang thu gahdoh ding chu kangam deh poi.

Martha jong achair'a gah kinung ngai pummin, “Nang tobang school kai lai numei ho dinghin birth control angai khohpoi. School chapang chun kitimat na lampang hohi “No” ati jeng ding dol ahi. Ahin numei chun kitimatna aneinom mong mong leh birth control aman ngai ahi. Birth control jouse hin 100% naovop akham thei deh poi. Ahin kimkhatnin vang 90% chan akham jouve. Birth control jaolouvin numei hin kitimatna anei jou chomkah louvin nao avop nome. Nikhat teng birth control chung chang hi hoitah'in kakihoulim pi nomme. Ahin nanu le napa akon phalna angaichai. Ajeh chu nakum Ihom danhi nanu le napa vetsui na noija um nalai nahi.

Kenjong kakeng lam kaven, oltah'in, nemheuvn, “Kaji nei masang sen koimato kitimat kit ponge” kati. “Hichu ahi thilpha! Nakitepna chu najui jouva ahileh boina tampi napeldoh ding ahi. Ahin hilai clinic sunga katoh diu kasei diuva Ihachu, “Kitimatna nanei nomleh birth control naman ding ahi tihi ahi.”

“Ahileh tun test bol tahite” tin amitchun ka paper bag lamchu agah ve pheije. Keijong kakhasun, ama nun jong test tube le hai(bottle) neocha cha 2 ahin ladoh'in, kabag ahon Ihah to Ihonnin ENO plastic hai nijen chu amun ahung nuije.

Amanun hai sunga kon chun kajun vat 5 bep bou aladoh'in ahileh, kenjong “chujat bou chu nangaichat ham?” tin kadong paigin, amanun “henge” ati. Kenla bottle dimsetna hin kipo'a amanun chujat bou aman chu kalung adonge.

Kajun chu test tube sunga athun jouvin, hai neocha sunga twi eng pa joh chu ahal lutnin, apung agah ven, thihkhe neocha khatna twi agah choh halle. Minute khat tobang jouvin hai neocha khat jopa bongnoi tobang chu ahal lut kitnin pung agah veikitne.

Kenjong, “Hichu I'hung tiding ham?” ti'a olcha'a kadoh leh, “Numei naovop ho jun lah'a hin Hormone HCG (Naovop ahi ahilou kihetna thisan jatkhat) ajaojin, hiche HCG chu najun lah'a ajaoleh hilaja ithilhal hi kang (white) dending, hichun nao vop nahi ti avetsah na ahin, hinlah HCG ajaolou leh thilkihal hi hung san(red) ding ahi” ati. Hichun kenjong “itih chan nga ngaija ham?” tia kadohleh “minute khat ngabe angaije” eti.

Kani honna pung kavet Ihonto Ihonnin, kakhut ul kai chu kanoito'in, pung ahung Ihin tah'in Martha lam chu kave pheije. Ajeh chu “test tube” lam chu kavet ngamlou ahi. Martha'n, “Sindie” ati to Ihonnin atest tube chu avah jep lama ahin domsangin, “Kitchen tah'in nao vop nahi ti akilange” ahintin, keijong gah himsa pummin test tube chu kaven ahileh, neocha jong asan muding beihellin abon chang chun akangset jengin ahi.

Martha'n aw nemheu tah le mihepi them tah'in “Sindie, agang thei penna na'in sungmite nahetsah ngai ahi ti he'in. Na'insung mite hetsash ding nangaito khah'em?” eitin, kenjong “kangaito khapoi, tichu naovop dinga kaki ngaito lou ahi” tin lungdong tah'in amalam chu kavei.

Martha'n, “kahetheme, Niseh le hitobang hi kamudoh jing khat chu ahi. Numei koimachan achunga hitobang alhun theilam anagel pha jipoi. Tujengin jong nao navop tai ti iphotchet nungin jong tahsan ding hahsa nasah tei tei ding ahi. Ahin Sindie, naovop nahi” tin chomkhhatset thipchetnin ken thu kasei ding angah'e. Ahin ken ipi kasei dingham? kakichat pen pen chu atest tube ahin, aguilhung tah beh tai.

Martha'n kakhut ahin tuh'in, table chunga angamin, amitha'a thutah dimset pummin, “Sindie, suhmang ding ngaito hih beh'in, nacha nah nah natha louding ahi” tin eihin tilkhouve. Amala ahoulim lim in, kenjong ngaiteding kagot vangin, athusei jou se ngaitding kana sumil jitai. Mang tijat umtah mat kabang jenge. Oh! Hungkhang jenging ting, naovop kahi hi janmang phaloutah joh anahi jeng thei hile ong!!!

Martha ahung ding doh'in, kotlama eipui pheijin, “Sindie, Christian numei khat numeihio counseling boldingin niseh leh ahung ji. Amanu miphatah ahi. Amanun hilai munna numeihio manbeija akithopi thei nadinga a service jengjong angah ahi. Nakihoulim pi nommem?” eitin, Kenjong kalu kapei pummin, “tuni hida maihen” kati. Kamithli long louvin imacha kasei thei tapoi. Clinic chu dalhah'a leiset tahbeh sunga lut kitding kanom ngeije.

Lampi suh'a kache suh to lhonnin, numeikhat kamai hoitah'a hin vechen khat kahopa'in, kenjong kamai munchom dang gangchella heidoh pummin, kintah'in kache pheijin ahi.

Pamlam kalhun chun nisa sat chun kamit asukha lheh'e. In gangchellin kalhungin, ka uniform kakivon gang chellin school kache pai ngai ahin, kakigotna school kalhun chun period 5 channa kimlaitah ana hitai. Ojapu Sanka nopmosatah'a eihin vepumin katouna'a toudingin amitha'in ahin seije.

Nilhum keichun leiset danga um kabang jengin, chubang nisa vah le sa noi ja chun dap kasan ahi. Joyce'n thipbeh'a kaum chu hethem theilouvin, khatvei chu kalujang oltah'a hin kiu pummin, "Sindie, hilaja hi um nahi hinam?" eihin ti. Inlam kajot hon pummin, ibolla school kalhun geiham eidong dongin, kenjong achainan "thinei dinga natna khun eihin phah jeh ahi, lampi'a sotpi neina ngalou ding kakinemme" tia kadonbut leh amanjong "kangah sotpoi" tin lainat aw in eidonbutnin, a awso'a konchun kajousei hi atahsan poi ti kichen tah'in kahedoh'e. Ahin ima eidoh belou jehchun alangkhatna kakinemme.

Chujan chu kalupna chung senan kakineijin, nilhum keija ka im ka mitlhi chu alon nom channin kalon sah jung jung jengin ahi. Imut ding kanomlheh jengin, Avella hungtho doh kit tahlouding hijong le khoh kasapoi.

## CHAPTER – 8

Kalupna chunga lumpumin, aboncha adihlou hileh ti kanom ngeije. Naovop ding kada ngeije. Kahin kho leh ka makho suseding naosen kadeipoi.

Bento kakihoulim lhon teiding angaije. Ahin phone ka pickup chan leh kasou aphi non jivallin, ima kasei thei jipoi. Paothei ding hinama jongleng ipi kasei dingham? iti seipeh ding ham jong kahepoi. Hijeh chun amajoh'in eihin phone ding kanga thojoh tai. Aphon kanga jing pummin, iti dan na pa khat ahitai tihi angei thei penna kasei pehding ham ti kagelgel ji'e. Koboina hohi a suhlhapna puma abailam penna gah seiding kanom lheh'in, ahin asuhlhap na ding kahepoi. Ahin bollin eiti jouse kabolding ahi kahei, ajehchu Ben lunghai sah jingding kanom lheh jengin ahi.

Katah san khatchu Ben in athuhi ahet hetleh Malesus akon bus hin kilah pajintin, eihung kimupintin, ei kiss'intin, eingailut jalchun ima lungkham nading aumpoi tin eilhamonin tin, chuteng kani lhonna ka'insung mite kahet sah lhonding ahi... tihi kakinepna ahi.

Akhonnan ni li jen kanga nungin eihin phone'in, "Hello sweet baby, hinkho itobang bang nam?" eihin ti. Kenjong "Ibolla neihin phone vahjep louham? Neihin phone louna hapta khat lhingdeh ahitai" katito lhonnin ka awso ngeimo tah ahung hichu kalung adonge. Kichat le lungdon umtah nikho hochun lungdam sella houpi dinga kalung gel chengchu asuh mo ahitai.

"Neingai dammin, sweet baby, kama khodinga thulhuh kasem nalamin kaboilheh jengin, ka school kai na achaina pen kum ahito lhonnin, masanga ding... hoilai university'a ka apply dingham? ahiloule Soccer teama kalut dingham... ti hobang... nahet chulana...? Hitoho'a kaboijeh'a ahi" tin bailam tah'in eihin donbutne.

Ka awso a kalung hanna apotlou na teidin kitim pum pummin, "Namasanga thulhuh semding khat nanei nalajie" tin kaseije. Bennin jong "Hichu ipi ham? Baby" ahintin, hitah chun kalung hanna jouse lonlhi asoh'in, mittwi lumpehpuh chu kabenga ahung longlhan, "Ben," tin kakap'in, "Oh! Ben..." seidoh thei louva kaum phatnin, "Naka hai jinlang ipi ham neiseipeh'in, phone bolman tam ahi nahet louham!" ahintin, a aw chu kikin nonan adim jengin; kakinepna lungsetna chu hoilamba hitam...!

Kenjong avellin seikit ding kagon, "Ben... nao kavoptai" katileh sotpi athip beh'in, "ikati'e natim?" ahinti kitnin, "Najah chula'em" tin nemheuchan kadon butne.

"Vangset umtah ahi" tin ngeimo tah leh lunghang tah'in ahin seije. Kenjong "Iloding nati'em?" tia kadoh leh, "ngaijin Sindie, Ikaloding keineidong hih'in, nang boina joh ahin, kei kakin aumpoi. Naovop kei kahipon, nang joh nahi. Chuleh nasunga um naosen jongchu keija mong ahi iti kahet ding ham?" ahinti.

Hiche thucheng kalla chu eisuna ding aumpoi. Ahin ka aw kanemsah tei teijin, "Nanga ahi, Ihani tobang ahitai kanaovopna" kati. Kakap lha deh chetnin, ahin kakitim'e. Benjong ahung nemlha'in, Kathemmoi, Sweet Baby, keija hihih dingham. Kidang kasah jeh ahibouve" ahinti. Kenjong kathu doh chu kadong kitnin, "ahileh Ben... e'itiding ham?" tin aphalamma eihin donbutding kakinemme.

"Bolding khat sehseh bou aume. Sumangin!" eihintin, kenjong "Abortion nati naham?" kati paileh, "henge" ahinti. Hichun kenjong "Khongai tadin Ben, Abortion hi dih kasapoi. Ningkumin numei kakihetpi khatnin anao asumangin, achunga kalung hang lhehin, houpi ding jong kanom poi. Angeiphetah beh peh'a, 'Annette, iti danna nacha natha ham" tia houset ding kanom leuve'" tin kadonbutne.

Bennin, "Ngajin, Sindie, lampi dang naneipoi. Chapang ideipoi" ati jengin, hiche thucheng chun kalungchang asunnin ahi. Kenjong lhase tah'in, "ahijongleh Ben, nang seisei hijeng hen. Ahin l'inkoten hin hedoh leu ipi aseidiuvem?" katileh, "kon aseipeh diuham? hedoh mongmong pouvinte... tua naseinu chu... amin ipi hitai... Annette... amanu chun iti nabolding nahil nante" tin eihillin ahi.

A awso chu adap lheh'in, abaitoh lheh jengin, hijeh chun kenjong kadoh lou khoh tah khat, "Ben neilungset nem? tia kadoh leh, a awso'a ngailutna umlou hel pummin "mingol thudoh ahi, henge kahinlungsetne" eihin ti. Hichun kenjong "nahunga neihung kimupi vah loudingham?" tia kadohleh "hingo nange" atin, kenjong "nakitep ngam tohmo na'e" katileh, "iti kakitep ngam dingham? hichan gam bus a lamlhah hi totna ahipoi. Chuleh suti hung lhung kitding anaipen jong lhakhat val avat nalai nahet chula'em" atin, hichun kenjong, "ahinai, Ben, kahei, ahin kaki mupi gang nome" katileh, "Ven kache angaitai, Bye" tin phone akoitai.

"Koi hih lajin" ti tei tei nading kamcheng le tha kaneipon, kenjong kaphone kakoilhan ka room kalut tai. Kachair chunga katouvin, tol ma kaven, kap jong kakap thei poi. Kalung aki chi'ah lah lah jenge.

## CHAPTER - 9

Anah nah in Friday nin Annette kahou pi ngammin ahi. Volley ball team khatna kaumkhom hon jeng vangin kakiha het beh honpoi. Achung chonna keisanga class 2 a sang ahijeh'in ka ngamsung poi.

Kateam hon nilhah lang practice kajo'uto lhonnin numei atamjom avonnu akikhelun, kenjong olchan "Annette, nakithopina kangaichai. Phat naneithe dem? Ahithei dingleh class room sunga koima umlouding ahin kakihoulim pi nomme" kati.

Ka kichat dan chu aheting katah sane. Amanjong olchan "henge Sindie, ipi thuham?" ahinti. Midang jouse akon kagamlhat hon masangsen ima kaseipon, kenjong, "Boina khat kaneije Annette. Neikithopi thei ding katahsanne" kati pummin ka aw aphesepsup nalaije.

Class room sung kalutlhonnin, anungpen bench windou to kigamlhat khatna katou honnin, Annette chu misang tahle kongjang lentah ahijeh chun bench chu amadinga neoto abange.

Lhonglang kavetto lhonnin, tija pummin, "Annette, abortion kangaichai" katileh, amanjong aw dam heuchan, "Iha ijat nahi hitam?" atin, "lhani" katileh, "nadongmapan ahetnam" atin, "Henge" tin kadonbutne. Hichun amanjong "ahileh ipi aseijem?" ati kitnin, kenjong "Abortion boldinga eisolla ama ahi" katileh, amanjong "angai ahi, pasal hon hichu abol nom jiuve" tin aseije.

Ben chung chang thu chutia asei chu kangai nompon, kenjong "eingailut jeh'a keidia aphapen eibolsah ahi" tin jangpet'in kadon butne. "Hijaham?" tin Annette jong ahung tot thimmin, "Chubangse'a chu nalungset ahileh nacha chu akikoija, nangjong nakichenpi jngle iti ham?" tin ahin seibeji.

Oh! Iti danna hiche hochu totna anei ahidem? Ben huhding kanom ngeijin, ahin adonbutna ding phatah kageldoh joupoi. "Ven nadongmapa themmo na kahol got ahipoi. Kei nao eivopsah pa tobang lou himai theijong ahi. Ahin nao suhmang ding chu nangma lunggel la kon ahilou kalung adonge. Tichu nangjoh in ipi dinga nangaito masat lou ham?" tin kakhut ahin tuh'in aseije.

Hichun kenjong, "Abortion bolding hi kagelthei hih beh'e" kati leh, amanjong "ahileh ipi dinga nabol gotham?" eitin, "ajehchu kadongmapan eisol ahi" kati.

Phulou helouvin, kalunga thil tampi ahung kilangin, Abortion hi koilung dei ham? Ben akon ahi. Benna konbou ahi. Keilunggel ahi hih beh'e. Ken geljong kagel phapoi. Thildang him him kagel theipoi. Kalung thim akipel jeng jung jenge.

Annette'n lungna tah'in eihin ven: aman jong asatah'a hitobang ana to laija athohnat chu ageldoh hileh akilomme. "Monday niteng na lou(medicine) ngaichat chu hin ponange" tin nem heuvin ahin seije. Kenjong "anadem?" tia olcha kadohleh "Ahanat poi. Thinei ding to akibangbep'e" atin, "Athi alongdem?" katileh "ni phabep chu athi alongnan, ahin akang paitai" ati.

Annette'n kalung monna dinya asei ahichu kahen, atamsei channin kati aja cheh cheh'e. "Sum ijat kahin pohding ham?" katileh, "aman atamma tamthei ahin, ahin ken aman lhommakim na khat kahei. Sunday nilhah lamle neihin phonein hin hetsah nange" atin apen aladoh in paper neokhatna aphone No ajih doh'in eihin pen, "lungkham hih'in Sindie, koima komma seidoh ponge. Nangjong nakam kihop tupmin, boina kato nompoi" atin, kenjong "Neihin panpi jeh'in kakipah'e" tin gahnui kasom tatei jin ahi.

Inlam kajot to lhonnin nisa asalheh nalaijin, ahin asat chun kasunglam kithing thing chu aphajoupoi. Kamit katheh le katheh akimat chetnin, koiman kamai amulouna dingin kakunin lam kajotne. Oh! Monday ni masanga thi jeng thei hileng kati ngeijenge.

Ipi khohtah'a kanu le kapan Sunday nikho penpen hi houin kaina dinya alhen hon ahidem? Houin kaho'e. hiche houin nah in koima cha kakivoppi thei aum pon, thusui pa jong ago betbutne. Kabol thei sunsun chu touva lungdang gelji hi ahi. Ahin tunin vang imacha jong kagel nompoi! Thildang hilou thilkhat sehseh kangaito to jeng hi kachim tai.

Kabol mong mong tah beh ding hinam? kacha katha jeng ding ham? Ahin la kabol tei angaijin! Ka'insung mite jah'a nao kavop me la kati theipon, Lou chu neleng katahsa iatidem? Na kasadem? Kasunga naocha iatidem? Na asadem? Athi ding kahitai ti akihet dem...?

Koima kaseipeh louting ahi. Koiman ahet louting ahi. Joyce jengjong. Ben bouvin ahet ding ahi. Ruth la? Kaseipeh louting ahi! Naovop kahi ti'a agel chu agelkhel ahi tia angaito ding kadeijoi. Ruth kagah gel to lhonnin, phulou helouvin kaveilam sanga nupi khat tou kamun, abana pasal chapang khat kingaija imu kamui. Amapa chu Ruth chapa Joel golbep ahi. Amel chu lungmon aumdan chu! Ichanna chapang hi anudia kipana hi'a hitam?

Keija katha thei mong ding ham? kaji nei jou jengjungle kon ahetnam, nao kavop kit lou maithei ding! Hiche seh seh hi kacha jong ahung himai thei ding kon ahetnam!

Oh! Bolthei ponge. Bol thei mong mong ponge! Ahin lampi dang ipi umem? Kaboi lheh jenge! Koi kom kajot ding ham! Ben kangaicha'e! Oh, ichanna Ben kangai chat hitam!!!

## CHAPTER - 10

"Sumil'in, Sindie, Haimil jengin! Nangle kei akichai ihi hontai" eihintin, "Ahivanga, Ben..." tin mitlhi long pummin katao tei teije.

"Ngaijin Sindie, jangpetin seijin, Annette naphone na abortion kabol louting ahitai nati mong mong ham?" tin eihin dong kitnin, "Henge Ben, ahin ngaijin, ka..." kaseiding seijouman louvin, "Ven Baby nao sumang dinya kasei nahin, ahin kasei nabol nomlou leh iki guijop nahon hi kichai ahitai" ahinti jenge.

"Ahin Ben, kahin lungsetne. Nangin jong neihin lungsetham tin kagellin" katileh "Kalungset kana hisah ahi. Nangin jong neilungset nahisah ahi. Inini honna ana gelkhel ihi hone. Adang imacha aumpoi" ati jengin, Kenjong "Ben, neihin kithopi kangai chai" katileh "sum themkhat nahin thot nange" tin eidon butnin, "Hiche seh seh chu ahipoi Ben, nang kangaichat nahi" kati vangin, "kasei hitalou ham? Angaikhoh poi. Kakhop settai. Kahin kho hi boina beihella acheding kadeije. Ahin nang boina lentah'in nahung pange" eihin ti.

Kenjong "keima hinkho hilah? Ben" tin lunghang tah'in kakisen in, "Boina neilou ding neigel ham? boina jouse hi nangin neibol doh peh hilouham?" kati jengleh "Ngaijin Baby, nang boina chu nang ahi. Chuleh nasunga naocha um Pa kahi chung chang chu sumil jengin. Tuni'a patnin apa koi ahijong kahepoi. Nanga kon imacha jong kavel jah nom kit tapoi. Nahet nam?" eihin ti jengin, Kenjong "Kahepoi, chuleh keija kon najah be be jeng ding ahi! Good Bye!" tin kalung hang ahi ti chu ahet tei tei nadingin kaphone chu hakojin kakojin ahi.

Kapona lheh'in, kalung adong val jengin "Pathen" tin inchung lam kaven, "ipi dinga nei kithopi louham? Ipi dinga kahin khohi hiti manthah jengham?" tin kasame.

Achaina kamit twi ahung kan phatnin, humpi thanga oh kabang jengin, ka umthim thei pon... kapuma poh keh ding kabang jengin, koiham khat... eingailu'a koi khat kakihoupi angeije.

Kaphone kala'in Ruth number kameh'in ahileh aging ging jengin, ahin koiman alapoi. Kenjong Number dang ka dail pha kitnin, "hello Joyce, kei kahi. Chomkhat kihoulim nading phat nanei thei dingham?" katileh "Henge, Sindie, ipi boina umham?" ahintin, "Joyce, thilkhat kasei pehgot..." kati leh kakappan kittai. Joyce'n nemheu chan "Sindie, ipi ti aham?" atin, "Ben ahi, eihin phonein kasuh miltah dingin eihin seije" tin kaka jeh chun thujong kasei lhavah thei poi.

Joyce jong chomkhat athip chetnin, "Sindie, chubanga lungnat pi dingin kagelpoi" ahintin, "Ipi nasei naham? Itobang loi le gol nahi ham?" tin kadong paije. "Neingai damin Sindie, Ben chu nang dinga pha pasal hidinga kana gellou ahi kati najoh ahi" ahinti.

"Lungset tah'in hitichun seihih'in, Joyce. Nahet lou ahi... ahinkoima koma seidoh lou dinga nakitep ngamam?" katileh "Ikah lah'a thuguh koima koma kasei doh jilou nahet chula'em?" atin, Kenjong "Ven Joyce, Nao kavop ahi! Ben apa ahije" kati doh'e.

Ahai kisan boi leuva aum chu kajan, akhonnан "Ben'in ahetnam?" atin, "Henge, keijakon hiche thu avellin kajah nomkit tapoi ahinti" kati.

"Oh" tilou Joyce'n jong seibe ding ahepon, chomkhatset thip beh'a aum jouvin, gangchellin, "Sindie, kanun an honna kakithopi dingin eingai chai, ken ollin hin phone kit tange ong?" tin phone akoitai.

Eikithopi lentah ahi! Kangaichat tenguleh kaloi ho hoilam gei gam ji hitaovem? Tu'a koi kabel ding hitam? Koiham eihu hing thei dinga! Ka room langa kalhailutnin kakot hakha'a kakhab'in lupna chunga kakhup busetnin ka kiseplha jenge.

Phone gin kajan, ahin kachat lohpoi. Koima tojung kakihoulim nompoi. Chomkhat jouvin kanaonun kot ahung kiuvon, "Ruth in nakihoupi nomme" ati. Kenjong "ipi kaseihon dingham kahepoi" katileh "ipi kaseipeh dingham?" atin, "nasei nom nom" kati peh'e. Ahin kalunggel kakhel pajin kotna kalhaidoh pajin kanaonun avel lah kit masangin phon Kaman paije.

"Hello, Ruth" tipumin kanao nun kathemoi ti ahetna dingin kaven kagah meseu vin ahi. Ruth in "Hello Sindie, ito nabah bah na'am kahet nom jeh'a kahin phone nahi" tin kipah tah'in eihin houve.

Thu eihin doh ding kanop lou jehchun kajoh'in, "Ruth ipi dinga kahin khohi nanga bang hithei louham?" tin kaledoh'e. "Ipi nasei naham? Sindie" eihin tin, Kenjong "Katinachu, thil hoilou tah'in nalhun khum teng iti danna na nasah ji louham?" katin ahileh, Ruth ahung nuijin, "Sindie, kaka ji tampi vei namu ji hilouham?" atin ahi. Kenjong "Ahinai, ahin nang mitlhi chu keija to abang jipoi. Nangin boina jeh'a kon thilpha hunghung ho jeng naseijin, naka jeng ji jongle kinepna nanei ji'e" kati.

Ruth'in "Kum phabep masang chun kinepna him him kaneipoi" atin, "ahileh iti nahung kikhel ham?" tia kaleiset boina hinkho suhlhapna ding lampi mudia kinemtah'a kanga laihin, "Jesu jeh ahi. Kahin kho'a Jesu aum jeh ahi. Ahin boina beideh'a kahipoi. Ahin aman kinepna eipe ji'e..." atin, kenjong "Oh, ngajengin! Iti danna ama chu jaolouva thu nasei thei louham?" tin ngeilou tah'in khacheh'in kaseijn, ahin themmo kakichan poi.

"Jesu thu seilouvinkaum theipoi. Ama kagol phapen ahi" ahinti. Chuin kenjong "Na Jesu chu chubanga kidangtah ahileh, ipi dinga Nao kavop ham?" tin kamit kasingin, kakam akon thu kamot seidoh jeng jehchun kakisih lheh'e. Ipi dinga kaseiham? Ahet ding kadei lou ahi. Ama khubanga miphia hija, tua hi chonse melsetah'a eigel ding ahitan, aloi le gol dinga jong eidei lou ding ahitai!!!

Ruth lungsetna aw nemchu nidang kahinkho sangin lungmon na eipe'e. "Boina nanei chu kahin khoto lheh'e Sindie. Nanu nahil tahem" eihintin, "Kahilpoi" katileh "gangchella naseipeh angajie" ati. Kenjong "ibolla em? Ipi abolthei deh dingham?" tin chomlhotnin kadon butnin ahileh "hitobang dinmun ho ahin nute ho eikithopi phatah ahijiuvon ahi" atin, ahin "kithopi na kangaichapoi" tin lungmong tah dannin kadonbutnin ahileh "nangai chat tahbeh louham?" tin a aw angajin anemin, "Kei koma tu mama'a nahunga phalouham? Kimaiton kihou lim lehen phajo ding ahi" atin ahi.

Koimato kihoulim nading tha le jung kaneipon, lupma, hitobang janmang bang thil hoilou cheng hi suhmil kanom jon, Ruth jah'a, "Nidangle'e Ruth, tunin kangap chapoi..." katileh, aman jong "ahileh'e

Sindie, nangaichatna nakithopi ding le naseinom chan ngailha dingin kimansan kaum jinge ti sumil hih'in" atin, keijong "kakipah'e" tin kalung pumpi pun in kaseije. "Kahin taopeh jing ding nahi, Sindie" ahin tiben, 'ija pangding ham?' tiding kanom lheh'in, ahin kalung thim kehsa hi khohsah'a Pathen umtah beh hikhatnin te tin kagellin, hijeh chun "Henge, Bye" tin phone kakoitai.

Ka roon sunga kalutnin, kalupna'a katouvin kalunghim boi lahlah pum chun lunggel ding kason teije. Henge agangthei penna kanu kahil tei angajie. Alung suna lheh intin, ahin kappa aseipeh thei nadinga kanu kahil angajie. Ajehchu kappa komma kasei ngam louhel ding ahije.

Ahin vangset umtah chu "Nao kavop'e tia inu komma iti seidingham?" kiti lekhabu aumpon seiding dan kahethei hihbeh'e.

Kanuto kihoulim hi hahsa kasah ji him him ahi. Aboi thei ji lheh'in, anatoh na'a achelou kah jongle anhon ham, insuhtheng hama aboi jingin, akom kache channin room dang sutheng dingin eisol j'e. Hitichun aphat gonkom kahol nalamin ni tampi acheman kittai.

Akhonnan nidang kanga be joulou ding ahitai ti kahen, kaseidoh loule ballon kikhong poh banga pohjal ding kabang jengin ahi.

Kanun ponsan khatna alu anatohteng akan ji bangin akikan kitnin, Common room alut to lhonin alunghimma natoh ding tami agel chu kahetheije. Keijong amasang laitah'a kadingin, "Mum, kakihoulim pi nome, thu khoh ahi" katileh, "aphai Sindie" tin muntheh eihin pen, lupna room lang gatgeh thengin lang, ken hilai anasutheng ting, ijo teng cha idonna ikihoulim ding ahi" atin, ollin eihin sonnin, kenjong lungnom motah'in "henge heno" kati.

Insung akisuh theng jouteng an hon phat hung hipaiding ahi ti la kahen, anneh jou teng kanu le kappa kapalen te inn ache honding ahin, in hunghung gei lhonding ahi tijong kahei.

Hiche nilhah chun Common room ma amani nganan pungthum tah katouvin, kalunggel anopmo lou nadingin ka school work jouse kakibol chaijin ahi. Ahunglung hon nungin kapan angaibangin, "Good night" tin a room lang akijot pai tai. Kanu jong lutpai ding kigo kakom ahin hopa tah'in akhut katuh'in, "Mum tu'a ikihou thei ding ham?" katin ahileh, Boina lentah nei kahi ti akhatvei nana he doh pannin ahi. Amajong atouvin, kenjong kakhut phang ul long teni chu kanoi to'in ahi.

"Mum, an kahaneh valleh kahung thao ding ahi tia nanasei chu nagel doh'em?" katin ahileh, kanun jong abol ji ngaibang'in thuchaina asem paigin, "Oh! Sindie, hiche pou chu nalung na'a ham? nagihval/nathaoval hihnal" ati.

"Nu, nahet them lou ahi. Gih cheh cheh'a kahi. Ahin ka ann tamneh ji jeh ahipon, Nao... kavop joh ahi" kati.

Amasa chun kidang asan, abanniin amaiso chu ginchat lelnan ahung dimme. Kalu'apat kakengto gei ahin ven, aphotchetna aholle. Kamitna mittwi ahung londoh chul chul tah chun atot kahipoi ti ahedohbep'e.

Hoitah'in eihin ven, "Atah nasei ham? Sindie, Clinic'a naovop test nakibol lem?" atin, "Henge Mum" tin kadon butne. Chutah chun phulou helouvin amit twi ahunglong doh'in, akhutna amai asimmin, "Sindie, iti danna hitobang hi neibol khum jeng ham?" tin akaptai.

"Heno" tin amaija kon akhut chu kaloi lhagon, "Neingai dammin. Lungset tah'in kaphih'in" tin kamit na khomu theilou jen leuvin kamitli along lha'e.

Imacha seibe louvin, akihei pheijin, a room sunga alhailut tai.

Katoudennin, kalunghim um nalaija, kahai jong um nalai hinam, kalung adonge. Lungjong kagel thei poi. Kalungsung chu athi'a abang jenge. Minute som tobang kachutin, akhonnan hahsa tah'in kading doh'in ahi.

Karoom sung kalutnin, ka phatvetna kakiven, hiche hojouse hi keichung hilouva midang chunga lhung hinte – phatvetna kichatah'a ding kamu khu kei hileng jong akilompoi. Hitia kadin pummachun kamitna kon mittwi along jung jung jengin ahi.

Kanule kapa room sunga kon ol ola kap ging leh kihoulim husan kajai. Ka lupna chung senan kakinejjin, ka lukhap chun ka bilkol kakisip'e. Kane hape'in kapetnin, kalou tei kasomin, hichun athah beh'a kichatna khat kahin neikitnin – hichu 'jing nikho ahung lhun kitding khu ahi.'

## CHAPTER 11

Kahung khah leh kanu kalupna geija anatouva kalengkou olcha ahin tham kahen, "Sindie, tu'a ikihoulim thei ahitai" atin, kamit kagah hadoh leh amitsan peh chu kamun, kamai gangchellin kahei mangin, "Henge Henu" katin, ipi ahin seiding ham kati aja masai.

"Sindie, jan lhah'a chu kakihoupi thei lou nahi. Lunggelna ding phat chomkhat kanei angaije. Tun kasei ding jouse seithei tadingin kaki nemme" tin akhut chu kalengkouva konnin mundanga akoije. "Tahbeh'a nang to toukhomma hitobang thu seikhom dinghi kana gelphah lou hel ahi."

Phulou helouvin kanu chu kavet leh ateh lheh jengin, amaija chun lunghah na adim jengin, mundang kaven kajah acha lheh jenge. "Thengtah'in nachunga kalung ahang lheh'e Sindie. Napi leh Nani'in thenna hinkho mang dinka nana hilna hon nanung sun jeng maichu" ahintin, Amasanga kakeo changa kisut lha bangin kakigel jenge. Kanu jachat dan chu kavetleh kajah ahachat chom lheh'e.

"Janlhah'in hiche chungchang thu kangaito laihin, keile kei themmo kakichanne. Nu hina khatna kadihlou nale kalosam na tampi kageldoh'e" tin hahsa tah'in ahin seidoh'e.

Hitah chun kinepna khat kahin neijin, Hiche hi kei thepmo hilou tah tah hinte tin kagelle. Ahin kanu kamchenga kon thucheng khautah chun kalung alamang paije, hiche "Ahin thutahchu: Keithemmo ahipoi. Jinei masanga kitimatna neihi aphasou ahi nahenan, ahin nabol tei teije. Hijeh chun hiche hi nang kigel lhahna joh ahi – keija kon ahipoi."

Kamitna mittwi ahung dim kitnin, "Ahi'a Heno..." katileh, kathusei jalou bangin athusei ajom kitnin "Pasal pa jong chu kathemmo sahnai, koi ahi nahetnam?" atin, kenjong lhasam tah'in "Henge" kati. Kanun jong "Tahbeh'in am?" ahintin, pasal khatseh hilou tampi toh kalup khom danna agella alung natchu kahedoh'in, "Henge, amabou to chun..."

Kathusei kajo ma'in, "Koi ahi kahet lou vangin amapa chu themmo kachanne. 'Amapa thepmo hinte, kachanu ada acham louva alup pi jeng' tin kagelle" ahinti kitnin, kenjong "Ahipoi Mum, aman hunam'in eibolpoi" katileh "Kahei!" tin olchan ahin seije.

Amit agah kitheh'in, aseijom kitnin, "Sindie, tujingkah napa toh kakihou honin, thil tampi kana bolhon ding ho: *dan kana tamsah honding, kana vetsui honding nahidan, chuche phatlaja chu hoja nache ji kanahet honding, koito nahi kana hethon ngai ahin, pasal to nachang phat naman khom honding kana phal hon louting, town sunga nachenom jongle nanao ham ahiloule Joyce to nakilhon ji ding dan; tumpi kaseidoh honnin, ahin aboina chu, hiti chun bol honleng, 'nagollui hone neiti honding chu ahi.*" Ahin tun hiho jouse bolla seiding chu avaigei tai. Hiche in amusah chu, themmo na kibang nei ihiuve tihi ahi.

"Ahivanga Mum, nao kavop theidinga kana kigellou ahi" katin, ahin kathusei chu angol hoidan kahedoh'e.

Kani honnin sotthimpi thip chetnin ka'um honnin, chuin kanun eihin ven, Kap pummin, "Ipi dinga hitobang hi nanabolham? Sindie. Ipi dinga ham? Hibang se'a kahin tahnna, hibanga kahin kineppi nahi!!!" ahinti.

"Kathemmo'e Heno" kati, ngolhoi tah thu kasei kitnin, ahin kathemmoi kati vangin akanna ding aumdeh tapoi. "Sindie" kanu aw chu ahung nemlha kitnin, "Kalung thimma avel vella kagel doh jing jeng le thutah chu: kahin ngailut'e. itobang jeng jongle chun kahin ngailu jinge tihi ahi." atin, kenjong "Heno, kenjong kahin ngailu'e" kati to lhonnin kani lhonnin athah beh'in kamit twi hon ahung potnin, kimat chetnin kakikol to honnin, kanu jah'a, "Neitah sannin, nang lungsuhat na dinga kabol ahipoi. Ipi dinga kanabol ham jong kahepoi" kati.

Amitlhi chu pon nemkhatna akitheh hullin, "Doctor nakimu pi nadinga phat ineiju angajin, napa to keijong pasalpa toh kihoulim hon nange" ati. Kenjong "Naosen pa hiding anompoi" ti kaseipeh ahileh, kanun "hichu itih'a aseiham?" atin, "niphabep masang chun eihin phone ne" kati. Ahin kanun, "A ipi chu hileh, alangto'a nule pa te kakihou vu ngai ahi" atin, keijong kakhasu'e.

Hiche nilhah jan an nehkhom chu kahinkho'a dinga lungnat umpen pen chu ahitai. Table angai ngaija katouvun, an jong angai ngai ahin, ahin ima akibang aumpoi. Kapa ahina ngaibangin thipchetnin aumin, athipdan chu ajat chom beh'in, keilam ahin ve ngampoi.

Matah'in lupna lam kakijotnin, ka'in kote to kihoulim ding chu kapel doh'e. Amaho keija kon aki kangse louvangun, kei amaho'a kon kaki kangse angatai. Hitobang insung nom lah'a lhading chun lhingjou kakisas tapoi.

Kidangtah chu, hapter phabep masanga chu Ruth jah'a kain koten eingai lupouve ti'a kana phun ahin, tun hichu adihlou ahi kahedoh'e. Eina ngailut jingjengu ahin, ken ka mulou joh ahi.

Sign board kitah chun, "Naoneiding masanga kivetna Clinic" atin, hia chu kanu to room lentah khatsunga kalut Ihon to Ihonnin, Nurse nu houpi dingin kakam kan, ahin kanu keisangan aman gang jon, amanu chu kamin aseipeh'e. Nurse nun kanu chu form fillup ding khat ahinpen, hichun kanu nung kajui jin ahileh mihon lah'a chun katouna honding alhengin ahi. Chapang neocha amadinga ima kibol theilou bangin ngol kakosalheh'e.

Kakom lama tou numei nu chu kavetle akhut chu aoipoh lentah chunga chun angamin ahi. Keijong kanu lam kalevet kitnin, athilbol chu kaven ahileh, a form chu keija dingin a fillup in ahi. Kenjong, "Nu, ken kibolthei nange, chapang bon kihitalou" tia olcha kagahsei leh, Kanu chu nguichet na aum kamun, "Ngaidam, Sindie, kanagel phahlou ahi. Nakibol thei tahbeh ding ahinai" atin, form chuleh pen eihinpei. Ahin a form chu kavet phatnin ka bolthei lou tampi kamudoh'in, adeh'in hospital fee kon apeh dinghaM, kappa natoh namun address le adang dang aum jeh'in, kanu abonin ka fillup sah kittai.

Nurse nu koma achekit chun keijong magazine khat sim beh kakisan, simlouvin kamot phoh phoh'in, kavella nupi gai ho chu kavet nom lheh jengin, masanga chu hitobang oipoh size jat chom cheh hi kanamu khah lou ahi. Kenjong atahsau aoipoh masanguva amel diu dan ho kagah ngaito'in, keijong lha phabep jouteng ito kahung bang dem kangaiton, kavon kakicheina hoitah tah ho kavon thei tahlou ding kagel doh'in ahi.

Kamin ahung kikou tah'in, kanun eiki Ihonpi lou jehchun kakipah lheh'e. Midang lung kalah louna tei dingin gang chellin lam kajotnin ahi. Hichun nurse lenthim tah upa thim khatin eikimupin, room neocha sung khatna eipuilutnin ser eite'e. Chujouvin plastic chakhon khat eipen, "najun themkhat angaije" tin ehbuh lam eikopeh'e.

Kajun khon sunga um mikhat gah pehding chu katha aselheh jenge. Chujouvin, nurse nun kavon kakisut Ihah dingin eisollin, hospital von kang khat eipen dressing room neocha khat sunga eisol lutne. Kenjong kot kakhah pajin, sotpi einga louna dingin gang chellin kavon kaki sutlhah'in, vonkang eipeh tilou adang ima kakivon poi, akeo changa um kabange. Kenjong kot kahonna kagah vetleh nurse nu chu ngahlel thim tah'in ana ding nalajie.

"Touvin" tin touna sangthim tah khatna eitousah'in, ka blood pressure aven, "ipi dinga nahungham?" tin kihet mosah tah'in eidonge.

Kenjong "naovop kahi" tin hephalou tah dannin kadon butnin ahileh, "nathi nei nukhah pen chu itih hitam?" atin, "Nov. 28 lah chu ahitai" kati.

Hichun kanu to ka form fullup hon chu aven, kakum ve hileh kilom tah'in keilam ahinve kitnin "Pathen nakipan chapang na'e" hinte hile akilomme.

Chujouvin akipat doh'in, room sungchu adalha'in, eidalhah chu kalai ana hihbeh'e. Kenjong kave le len ahileh room sunga chun banga Doctor ho diplomas tilou adang ima akitahpoi. Akhonnan doctor pa room sunga ahung vah lutnin "Good morning Sindie, kei Dr. Walmon kahi, naum nop nam?" ahintin, kipah tah'a eihin houpi chu kidang kasalheh'e. Keichun nurse nutobang hiding ham kati anahin, hiphaf chun kenjong "Nop hinale akilome" tin kadon butne.

"Nao vop nahi ti kahen, nathi nei nukhah pen itih hitam?" ahin tiktnin, kenjong kalung thimma nurse nutoh hung kihou honle phading hija, tia gelpummin, "28<sup>th</sup> Nov" kati.

"Apha'e" atito Ihonnin, eilupsah'in, akhut vot vehvuh'a chun kanoi teni ahin khoijin, eihoupi pi jehchun ipi abol ahi kahai mil theijin, kalung anopdomme. Hichun Doctor pan "ahileh Sindie, tu'a hi kahin vet (examine) patdiu ahitai" ahin tin, chutah chun nurse nu ahungkile kit kamun kitnin kalung alha lheh'e. Ahin phate'a kavet phat kitleh amasa'a nu chu hitalouvin, khangdon jep khat, tulai mitbeh kibeh khat joh anahitai.

"Ama hi Sindie ahi" tin Dorcot pan agah seipeh'in, amanun jong "Hi, Sindie, kei Mary kahi" tin nuseuvun ahin seijin, nang kamu jeh'in kakipah'e" atin, keijong kagah meseuve.

Amanun jong "Sindie, table ning langa naki khin lhah'a hiche thih chunga hi nakeng nangap doh dingham? Doctor pan nahin vettling ahi" ahinti.

Amanun kaum ding banga kaumtheina dinya eihin kithopi to lhonnin, kato chu table ning langa aumin, ka keng teni chu hakah in akikah'in, ka kengchong teni chu khutphang tobang thih ni'in atuh chah kheh'in, akeochanga um kabange.

Doctor pan thilkhat, thilsuh dal nathei dan deo manchah khat ahinlan, "Hiche thilvot vihveh hi speculum kitii ahi" tin ahin hilchennin "hiche hin nasu ahin honding ahin, chutia chu asunglam kimuthei ding ahi" ati.

Kenjong "nasei dih'e, avot vih veh'e" tin gahmechop min kaseijin, kajachatna jouse suhmil ding kago'e. Chuin doctor pan aw khao deo jep'in "tun Sindie, tu'a hi na su sunga kon pep smear dinya imahamkhat themkhat kalahdoh angaije" atin, kenjong "Pep smear? Ipi kiseinaham?" ti'a kadoleh, "Nasu sunga cancer nat umam um hih'am test bolha ahi" tin eidonbutne.

Kenjong "Cancer neidinga neigin moham?" katileh "Kaging mopo'i, ahin test kabolchai masangsen kasei theipoi" ati. Hichun kenjong "hitobang cancer natna neidinga chu kachapan behseh louham?" tin kadong phakitne. Ajeh chu numei pilhing ho natna ding danna kagel ahin, kei pilhingin kakigelpoi. Ahin doctor pan "Hilou, nachapan behset lou ahi. Numei chapang cha'a mito kitii matna neihon hitobang natna hi anei nom joh'u ahijoi. Adeh'a mitamtah to kitimatna anei dehset lah aneibai cheh ahi. Hapta ni masang in numei kum 16 bep khat a su sunga cancer natna umkhat kamudohui" atin, kenjong "oh" mitamtah toh kakimatpoi kati doh deh chetnin, ahin seilou dingin kakigel lha kitne. Ajeh chu chapang cha'a mito kitimatna nei kahi kasel thei deh poi.

Doctorpan a spectulum chu apeijin, akhutna khuttom akitomin ka su sung chu asoh'e. Anopmo toh, na kasa lheh'e. Ahin aman khoh salou din aseijin, ahi'a kahetkhah lou mi khatnin akhut kasunga absolut chu iti khoh salouva kaum thei ding ham?

"Sindie, lhathum tobang naovop nahitai. Tu'a hi nurse nun nathisan test boldinga themkhat alahding ahin, nulepa kah'a jonthan hoija kon natna (Sexual transmitted disease) nanaijam, nanei hih'am kahin test diu ahi" atibe'e.

Hichun kenjong "ahivanga, Doctor, AIDS ahilou le hitobang nat ho neiding chun kaki tahsanpoi. Ajeh chu pasal khat tobou lumkhom kahin, aman hitobang natna chu aneipoi..." katileh, Doctor pan, "Anei mongmong poi tingam pon nate Sindie, hijeh'a chu blood test nakibol ngai ahi. Nurse nu ahung kiman man leh, navon nakivon ding kadeije. Chujou teng nabol ding phabep seipeh dinga kahung kitding ahi" atin apot tai.

Kavon kagah kivon chai leh ahung lut akitoh pajin, ahin seipai jennin, "Sindie, nanaovop tilla neihung kimupi hi kakipah lheh jenge. Nang golbep numei tampi hin anaovop'u aseidoh ngam ji pouvin, doctor kom ma vai geitah tah'in ahung ji'un, hichu anu ding ahin, acha dinga ahin phalou ahi. Tuhin nang ma tah jong chapang nahin, kikhan lhit loulai nahi. Hijeh'a hi natahsa hi 100% a naonei dinga kigo bulhing loulai ahi. Hijeh'a chu nang dinga an phate naneh'a, vitamin kapeh dingho hi phate naneh ding aphi. Naneh chanseh leh nasunga naocha jongchun naneh jouse aneh ahi ti nasuh millou dingin aphi. Nacha chu adam thei ding nadei leh niseh le an phatah tah 3 vei naneh ding ahi. Sa, bongnoi, anche louhing sel, leh thei kitihohi hi pha ahi. Chini ahiloule alhumthei la chi haneh hih'in. Twi tampi pi donnin" atin "dohbe nom naneijem?" hinti pajin ahi. Kalunga hichan kahsehseh'a thupha hijat aseidoh jeng chu kangaiton, dohbe ding kahet louto lhonnin "um lou hileh akilome" kati leh "ahileh apha'e Sindie, lhakit teng nakimuto pi kit tange" atin kenjong "kakipah'e doctor" kati.

## CHAPTER - 12

Dr. Walson kakimoto pi kit chun ima ase aumbehseh tapoi. Kavon kakisut kit angaitapon, kavon ka hotou mai mai ja kalup din eisolin, chuin a stethoscope chu akol to suton ka oipoh chu angaijin ahi.

"Ima cha kaja hihlaije, tin nuiseuvin aseijin" aban teng naosen lungchang phut gin (Heartbeat)kija tante. May lhakim lam le naosen nasunga achaloh nahet pan ding ahitai. Dohnom dang naneijem?" eitikitnin ahi.

Hichun kenjong "thilkhatsehseh kadoh nome doctor, Ka oipoh kadelpha thei dingham?" katileh "Nopmo ji'a ham?" atin, "Henge doctor" katileh, amanjong "Naosen ima chu tiponte, ahin nasih lamma nalup ding joh kadeije" atin, keijong kakhasu'e.

"Aphai, Ihakit le kimu kittate. Anphaten ne'in, twi hadonin" atin apot paipai tai.

Doctor pa kom kadalhah to lhonnin, doctor pa kom kache ji chu nop kasa ji lheh'e ti kahedoh'e. Eihe theme ti kahen, kanao vop chung chang hoitah'a eikihou limpi ji'a amabou ahi. Kanu koma kaum teng achanu chapang cha kanahi banga kaum dingham, ahiloule numei pilhing umma kaumding ham kahethel jipoi.

Ruth jong kakihet mosah chehcheh'e. Mitampin einot thap bol banga einotthap bol nading phat kapeh nompoi. Koiman einun bol ding kanompoi, adeh'a Ruth'in einunbol ding kanom naisaipoi.

Joyce ahileh amabouhi school a dinga kanaovop he'a ahi. Kaloi phapen ahi jingnai, ahin keito school che'a ka kilhon jihon hi nop asahlou ding katah sane. Seiding jong kaneiji Ihon tapoi. Ama thanopna Party ho la kasei thei hon tapon, ajeh chu kajao thei jipon, naosen thu seiding la kanompon, ajeh chu kitimat lam to kisai ahijeh chun.

Janhi School lam kajot laihonnin Joyce,n olchan "Nop'am?" atin, kenjong "ipi'am, annop?" tin lungdong thimtah'a kadoh leh "pasal to hitobanga chu umkhom" atin, kenjong "anoppoi" tin kadon butne. Joycy'n "ahileh ipi dinga na umkhom Ihon ham?" ahin ti kitnin, kenjong "kahepoi, Ice cream tobang dinga kagel ahi" kati leh Joyce jong lungdong tah'in "Ice cream???" ati jengin, kenjong "heng, anopma nom, tuiding, kidangtah hidinga kagel ahi" tin kadonbutnin ahi. Joyce jong alung dong cheh cheh'in, eihin vekitnin, "Ice cream tobang?" ahinti kitnin, "khai, sumil jengin" kati to lhonnin lamlhungin thip chetnin kache kit lhontai.

Sanka'n class alah teng student ho jouse ima dang bollouvin, guhthimma kihoulim, lekha neochacha kithotto, tot hobou abollun, aman jong imacha ahedoh deh jipon, a aw go betbut chun apao pao jengji'e. Kagel dannin kabonnuva athusei kangaiju ahisah hileh akilom ji'e.

Atot naova kajao ji tahlou chu kaloihoo alung dong thei lheh jengun ahi. Ahin keila thipchetnin katouvin, ka jacket chun ka oipoh hungkhang deodeo chu kaseljin, Ojapu Sanka'in pahcha, ukeng ho thu aseiji teng kalung gel subject chombeh, kanao chungabou aumjin ahi. Phatseh'in naosen bou chu kageljin, Doctor pa kakimupi jou hpta ni tobang jouvin kasunga naocha ahung chaloh kahe'e. Hiche nikho'a patchun naocha chun kalungsung agihsah chom lheh'in, janteng kalupma ka'imut ji masang leh jatchombeh'in kangaiji lheh jenge.

Phat khat khat teng nao hin koi akilodem! Tin kalung akham jin, iti kasin doh ding ahidem? Kanun anatoh angah'a nao eisinpeh ding ham? ahilouleh Ben'in alung ahin heijin keile naosen hi eihin kilah hondem? Tin kagel jin, School itih tahle kahaiding ham? Oja go betbut Sanka ho tobang hi dalhah ding kanom ngeije. Ahin inna kauma ipi kabol deh dingham? khoh cheh ding ahi.

"Sindie" ahung kitin, phulou helouvin ojapu sanka in tampi vei eina kou ahi chu kahedoh'in, ka class ho jousen jong kei eina ve'ui. "Sindie, thu kadoh teng ngaijin! Ipi thudoh kanei ahi nahetam? Ipi nangaito ham class ho jong hi gah hillin!" ahintin, Ojapu Sanka alunghan, adeh'a kachunga alunghan kamupatna ahi. Kadonbut ding ngah louvin aban ajom pajin, "Break sunga hilaija hi naumdending, na lekha bu'a pahcha phuding dan bung sung chu nasim ding ahi" tin ahinseibe'e.

Keijong kakha su'in, abonnuva Sanka lam avet kittah'un kahai ahungnem lha dome.

Sun ann nehphatnin Joyce'n abonni anahesoh keijin "Sanka to nakiboi kha hone ti kajai" tin amit naiseuvin ahin seijin, kenjong hiche thuchu tamsei ding kanop lou jehchun, "Henge, jachat aumlheh'e" tin kadon butne. Vangphat umtah'in athusei ahin khellin, "Ngaijin Sindie, ka innu nahung khah louna lhakhat tobang ahitai. Tunin hungin lang inehthei kisem ji hon Hamburger kisem kit hite" atin, Lungset umtah Joyce, kachunga phatding asom teitei, ahi'a ipi kabol bethei umam? Kenjong "Henge Joyce, katha anom lheh'e kati." Joyce'n ka'oi ahin thammin, "Hamburger naneh ding ph'a hinam?" atin, "henge, Joyce hamburger aphanai" katin, numei dangho toh kabah theilou hi kalel lheh jenge.

Joyce to kaneh thei semhon hamburger sunga tomato souce kagah sunlut hon chu kachil ahung putnin, "naosenin jong aduding katahsanne" tin ka oipoh neocha bohlitlet chu kasangkhol sunga kagah

jutnin ahi. Chutah chun naosen chungchang kaphah poh lou hileh katilheh jenge. Ajeh chu Joyce'n thudoh pansat na ahin neijin... geldinga jong kadei tahlou thudoh ho eihin donge.

"Kojjin nanao nadonpeh dingham?" tin aneh thei agah nehpattu lhonnin eidongin, "Ken kakivetding ahi. Chapang kangailui, dei aumun, ipom le anop'e, chuleh hiche chapang hi eingailu'a hung pang ding ahi" kati.

"Sindie, chapang puma hinkho manding hi noppinte ti'a nagellam? Adeh'a nang golbep numeidia?" ahinti kitnin, Kenjong nop'inte kati dehpoi. Inkho chu hinkho hithou thouding ahi. Hinkho hi khatveile sanga khatveile nemji mong ahi. Ahin naosen hin eikithopintin, hinkho chungchanga hi lungmonna eipeh teiding ahi" kati kitne.

Joyce'n alu apejin, "Sindie, chapangin hinkho noppna abelappoi, nachanglha bepding ahi. Pasalhon numei naonei hochunga lunglutna aneipouwe" ati.

Kenjong "iti nahetham?" katileh, Kathudoh donbut louvin "naa nangin nakivet leh naschool kai najolou ding, University a jong nalut louting ahi. Sindie, naodon ding adang khat nagel ding angajie" atin, kenjong "koi'am? Kanun anatoh ahin dalhah a kanao eivetpeh ding katahsanpoi, kageldoh thei sunsun chu natoh khat kakimu'a, numei khat sunteng naodon di'a kakikoi ding hi ahipenne" kati.

"Training neilouva itobang na natoh dingham?" tia eihin dohtu lhonnin, aneh thei ane kitnin, athusei ajom kitnin "chuleh nanao don dinga thalah nadei mong hinam?" ahinti kitne. Chuphat chun kenjong "Oh ngajenge! Naboi na Kaman dohtai... chapang nadeipoi ti kahel" katileh, "ahipoi! Apath ahunglhun kah'a kahin kho'a kon koidoh phatding kanop ahi. Tupet hin kagol bep loilegol kadeijin, ji kaneiteng, chanei phat hunghiding ahi!" atin, kenjong "Hijeh'a chu nalung hanga, nangsanga kakipat masat                    jeh'a                    nathang                    thip                    maham?" katileh "Hah!kathang thip naisaipoi,kathu sei nangai lou joh ahi. Kaji neiteng cha kanei bepding ahi kati joh ahi" ahinti.

Kenjong "kon ji kanei tahlou ding ahi ati ham?" katin ahileh "Pasal ho chu numei pasal dangin ahin peh cha neijo chunga lunglut diu nahisah ham?" tin eidonbutnin, kamitna kon lunghanna hungpot thimin, "hiche lampang hi iti danna nana hiti thep ham?" kaledoh pajengin ahi. Hichun Joyce'n jong tollam aven aaw ahung nem lhadomin, "Ka sopi pa Priscilla chunga alunglutin, adeilheh'in, ahin pasal dangto ahin cha neisa ahi khu agelgeljin, tun kichen pi dingham? Kitchenpi louting ham agellhathei pon, thil hahsa tah ahi" tin ahin seije.

Kenjong "Oh" katin, ahia Joyce, iti danna Benin eikichenpi ding natahsan louham? Amacha hichu la'em?" kati leh Joyce athip chetnin, amaiso chu kavetleh eipo na lheh jenge.

"Nahetlou ham, kalung sunga thilkhat hin Ben ahung kilekitna eihung kichenpi ding, golvah loupitah kabol honna, in neokhat kalo lhonna kipah tah'a kachen khom honding ahi tin aseiji'e" tin kakinepna thu kaseije.

Joyce'n "Sindie, hiche ho chu mang tobang lunggel maimai ahi. Khang jengin" eiti. Kenjong "iti danna hiti chu hithei louting ham?" tia katao thojeng leh "Atahbeh lang ve'in, Sindie, Ben'in nalungset poi. Nana lungset ding jong katah sanpoi" atin, Hiche thucheng chun kalungsung anasa chu chenna kisunbe abahsah jengin, "Ipi nasei naham tin lunghang tah'in kadonge.

Óh! Sindie, kasei peh nomlou nanahi" atin, "Ipi am?" tin ipi aseiding ham chu kati ajalheh jenge.

"Suty sunga chun Ben lam jeng navet jinglai chun, amit chun muntin ave jinge" ahintin, "aphotchetna ipi naneijam?" tia kadoh toh kilhonnin kamit'a konnин kamittwi ahung pot pan kittai.

Joyce'n jong "Sindie, suty akipatna pat akichai gejin Benin eihin phone jingin, lheplhah teiding gon eihou pi jinge" atito lhonnin eihin kahu jengtai.

"Ipi dinga neisei peh louham?" katileh "nalup khom honlam kana hetlou ahi. Ahim himma nao navop ding kanatahsan lou ahi. Suty akichai teng akile kit tahding kahen, kalung gella chu ache nungteng, sumil tan nate kati ahi." tin ngailutah'in eiseipeh'e.

Katha alha Ihop jengin, kakhutna kakoi jin achunga kaki pumsekhum jengin, kamit lhi putchut chut nin kakape. Oh! Ben, ichan geija kahot hitam? Ahi'a ichan geija ahung kile kitna eina ngailut banga eingailut kit dia kadei kit hitam! Kahin kho asuh set ahitai! Iti danna kana chuti mit chot ham? Ipi dinga chutobanga eiman chah dia kana kiphal hitam?

"Oh Joyce... Joyce..." Kakap jengin, "Nadih lheh'e. Ben chung changa kalunggel jouse hi janmang bang bep ahi. Ahin tun kakhah doh nom tapoi! Kana ngol behseh jenge.

## CHAPTER - 13

Pohgih le lungnatnan kalungsung adip lha jengin, ka jengjong ahah satan, kaka jeng jongle kamit twi chu lunghan nale muda na lonlhi jeng ahiji tai.

An kine hihjungle khoh kasapoi. Atuina jong aumpoi. Ben lim jouse jong abonna kahal lhahsoh ahitai. Iti danna anop dan dan na eiman chah'a tu'a bohse kipai eibah sah jengham? Ice Cream tobang ahi tin ana seijin, tun Ice cream kine jou athei keo, anen dehduh, akipai mangding kabange.

*Kalungset jing ding nahi tin eina tepmin*, kenjong katahsa kanapen, tun kacha hon Pa ahitan, eingailut ding kadeijin, eihin lungset kitdin kangaichai.

Niseh in kalungsung hong chu alen deo deo jengin ahi. School kai jengjong kanga tai. Staff ho jouse le student jousen nao kavop ahe taove. Ken jong kasel tapoi. Khatvei veil eh mengcha thisa tobang-thilkhat vetda aumbehseh jeh'a mijousen akiheimang san kabang jenge.

Phat tamjo inna kaumin, khopi sunga kavadoh min amuding jong kanompoi. Keila chapang cha kahin, ka oipoh la aletna len ahijeh chun mijousen eive ji'ui.

Nikhat chu ka school uva kon numei 5 in eihung vil jeh'u chun kakipah lhehe. Kanao vop chu athao anop toh thei lheh jengin, abonun kavella akigollun, ka'oipoh chu tham ding ago'un, ahin khat chajong kaloi le gol hiding anompoueve.

Janhi chu ka birth day ahin, kasopi mun chom cheh'a kon thilpeh 4 kamui. Aboncha chun moja toni cheh ahi. Adan hi koiman agai dinga kilomlou numei gai hoding thilpeh ding hi ahetlou dan ahi.

Khatvei veil eh kahinkho hi kumsom sunga iti ding ham kalung adong ji'e. Jile cha kanei ding hinam? Itobang minu kahung hidem? Thilkhat kahet chu: katobang lunggimna tobanghi kacha ten ahinto loudiu kadei hi ahi. Nungah gollhang til (teen) ahung hitenguleh khangdong holah'a hinkho dih, apha le atheng aman diuva katil khouding ahi. Loilegol hon (group) lah'a hinkho amandiu ahi. Numei khat nin pasal khato changa hinkho aman teng tijat umtah tah asohdoh ji'e. Ipi dinga kana mahet doh lou ahidem?

Keile keilung gella, tunilhah vang Ben phone ingting, eingailutna le apanpi nalouva nikhat jong hinbe joulouding kahitai ti gahhetsah inge ti'a phone kadop leh kakut akithing jengin, "Hela" tin numei khatnin eihin donbutnin, Ben u'nu ahi. Kenjong "Ben umam?" katileh, chomkhat athipmin, koikahi ngaito hileh akilomme. "Aumpoije, Numei sangthim khatto party a ache hone ' amin chu Gladys hileh akilome. Message nadalhah nomem?" atin, "Angai hih'e, kakipah'e, Good bye" tin karoom langa kalhailutnin, kalukhap thakhopsetnin bangsenan kaneijin, jan'an jong nehnom louvin – mittwi joh kane tai.

## CHAPTER – 14

Tunin Ruth gakivil le tin kagellin, achesa lha 2 sunga chu hpta 1 na 2 vei eihin phone teiji ahin, hinlah kakihou pi khapon, Eunice joh phone kalah sahjin, ka'insung mite jouse "Sindie inna aumpoi" tiji kahil sohkei ahi.

Ahin tunvang Ruth to kihou jongleng Kaman nading kahetapoi. Tua'a kagenthei kalla gentheibedin kakigel thei tapoi. Tunvang eiphoh hen, eipai doh jongle khoh sa ponge. Angai danin kaumta. Mijousen eipam pai ahitai.

Kaphatvet kavet leh lunhang tah melpu'a samjong potlou kamun, kenjong thase pummin kagah kisuhtupmin, minute som tobang jouvin Ruth te inlam jonnin dap le gonoi chun kachetai. Kalhun chun kakengle ka oipoh chu akot mantan, kappa raincoat lui chun katahsa mundang jouse ahuhdoh'in ahi.

Ruth in eihin mumu chun akipah lheh jenge. "Sindie! Hunglutnin!hunglut paipajjin!" tin akhutna eihin koijin, detchetnin eikolchah'e. Ka raincoat kakiah nahlai ahin, eikoi alha lha'in, ka coat chu eisut lhahpeh'in kotpanga chun atwi ana vat kang nadin akhaije.

Kenjong chair ajang, atahdom khat kakilhennin (Anem ho'akhu katou leh dindoh hah kasa jin ahi). Chapang Joel jong keilama ahung lhajin, eihin koichun kalungsung onghom lentah chu asuneo chom lheh'e.

Ruth in Joel kichepna car katouna masanga chair'a umchu aladoh'in ahung touvin, "Na inkote itobang bang naovem?" tin eidonge.

"Apha pha naove" tin kagah khasuh'e. Hichun Ruth'in "Tu'a nadinmun hi iti asan nah'uvem?" tin eidong'in, kenjong, "Kajou kasei peh thei nahi" tin lungnop motah'in kaseijin, "Ka'insung miten kanaovop hi hoitah'in asang naove, kati thei ahi. Eunice jong kanao chingtah le phatah ahin, aloihon totna einei tenguleh ajao jipoj kati thei ahi. Ka'upan jong a soccer thanopna akon minute phabep bep keikomma aum'a eilung monsah na dingin akahlhaji'e kati thei ahi. Kapan jong eingai damin hoitah'in eisange kati thei ahi." tin kadonbutne.

Ruth jong thipchetnin aumin, amaiso chu khotona'a adimsetne. "Hiti ho jouse chu kasei peh thei ahi. Ahin seileng abonna jou lentah ngen hiding ahi" tin kaseibei.

"Ahileh thutah chu ipi ham?" tin Ruth in nemheuchan eihin dongin, Joel agah pommin, apheichunga atousah'e.

Kenjong kahu kagah kilah thah'in, "Eunice aloi agol hoto aumteng, eihet khah lou bangin aumjin, ka upan soccer magazine chomkhat kikoilha le eikihou pi manding abahsa jengin; kappa ahileh imacha seilouvin eihin motvet thojin, thilkhat tou hinseileh nabehtset ding hinte" tin chomkhat kathipmin, kapan ipi seile kilom intem kagellin, "apaolou chu aphajoi" tin kathusei kabelapme.

"Ipi bolleu nalungham?" tin Ruth in Joel a'imut to lhonnin eihin dongin, kenjong "eisan diusehseh bouhikadei ahi" tin kamitlhi kikitheh'in "eingai damuva insung mikhat banga eingailut diuhi kangai cha'e" kati.

Ruth ahung khasun, ahetheme ti kahei. Ahung pao kitchun a'aw nemtah le khoto na neitah'in, "Koiman nasan lou danna nagel chu nopmo kasalheh'e. Ahin vanna Pa khat aumin, Ama chun nahina banga banga nasang nome ti nagel doh khah'em? Aman 'acha hi ding nanopma, acha dinga nakipehlutna nalhen angah jinge."

"Kilhen? Ipi kalhen dingham? acha kahi jing jeng hilouham? Ibon chaova acha ihiu hilouham?" tin kadongin ahileh Ruth jong anuijin, "Pathen achate ihidiu adeijeh'a eisemu ahin, ahin mihon anung ngat jiuvin ahi" ati.

Joel jong a'imutai ti amuto lhonnin, olchan "minute 1 khongai tadin" tin alupna lamma apom pheijin eidalhah sungchun, Pathen kana nung ngattai. Niseh kahin kho ahin kapampai jin, keima deilam jenga kache'e ti kagel doh'e.

Ruth ahung kile kitchen, chadopna'a chabel khat le khon ni ahin dommin, keija ding ahin sunto lhonnin, "nang Pathen cha dihtah nahim?" tin kadonge. "Pathenin mijouse asan ding ahi. Ahin achate kiti hochu ama sangho chu ahiuve. Tichu aloile gol dingle a Pakai dia sangho tina ahi?" tin eidonbutne.

Kenjong "hiche bolding chu ipi aphatchomna umam?" tin tahsan lel tah'in kadongin ahileh "Tampi aume. Pathen chu isan tenguleh Aman eingai damun, Hinkho twipi kinong lah jenga jong lungmon eipiuvin, tonsot hinna peh dingin jong eitemun ahi. Pa chamkim chun achate dia peh ding thilphaa tampi aneije" atin, Kenjong "Chamkim tichu?" tipummin, kinepna beihella lhahum ding kabang jengin, "Oh Ruth, acha dingin eidei ponte" tin kadon butnin ahi.

Ahin Ruth in "ipidinda'am nadelou?" tin eidongin, "hiche jong hi ajeh khamset hilouham?" tin ka'oipoh kakoh'e. "Pa chamkim khat cha hithei ponge. Hiche ka'oipoh lentahsehseh hi kachonsetna ahipoi. Kaumchan, kakampao... niseh'a chonset kaboljing ding kikitahsane. Pathen cha hiding leuvin phatna kaneipo'i" kati.

Ruth maiso chu anemchet jengin, "Sindie, koima cha apha tahbeh aumpoi. Ibon chaova ithil phalou bol jeh'ua genthei thoh ding ihi uve. Ahin Pathen in eiho tobang michonse hodin lampi eigon peh'un ahi. Aman achapa eiho jouse khella thoh'a thiding le ichonsetnao soptheng dingin ahin sole."

Kaki houlim honto lhonnin phat anache gang lheh'e. Kahin kho'a dinga amasa pennha hiche thu chu lunglutna kangaina masapen ahi. Masang chun thusei hon, "Jesu eiho dingin athi'e" tia asap'u kaja jinge. Ahin hoho chu Houthu maimai bou ahi kanitiji.

Ahin tun Ruth in asei tahhin, kamu pan tai! Dihtah'in Pathena kon tonsot meidilla dia paidoh kahitai ti kamudoh'in... ahin ngaidam changtheikahi! Pathen cha hung hi'a Amato tonsotna hing thei kahi kahedoh'e. hichu iti danham? Ajeh chu Jesun kachonsetna jouse keima poh ding khella apoh'a! kei dinga athi jeh'ahi. (Rom. 6:23; John. 1:12; John. 3:16; 1 Peter. 3:18; Rom. 5:6-8; Isaiah. 53:5-6; 1 John. 5:13)

"Ruth" tin ka aw chu akithing sipsep jengin, "Nangbangga Pathen cha hiding kanome" katin ahileh "Kipa aume, Sindie. Tumama in hichu ama seipeh'in" atin, kenjong "seipeh'in tichu? Taoding nati naham? Taoje bon kihelouva" tia kadonbutle, Ruth'n jong "Kei iti neiki houlim pi ji'am?" atin, "Kamoh seijeng ji ahi" katileh "Pathen henga jong hiti chun bollin, moh seijengin" tin aseije.

Kenjong tollam kaven, kamit kasing chah kheh'in, "Pathen... ipi kasei dingham jong kahepoi" tin kamit kaha'a Ruth kavet leh, amitha chun nuseuvon eihin tilkhouve.

Kenjong kamit kasing kitnin, "Pakai chonse tah kahi. Tun Jesu chu katahsantai. Lungset tah'in kachonsetna neingaidamin. Nacha in neisemin chuleh nalung dei bang tah'mi hiding in neikhelin" tin Ruth kaven "Amen???" kati.

Ruth in achair ahin dalhan ka komma ahung touvin, kakhut atuh'in, "Ngailut kappa, Sindie dinga kataona jouse nangai jin, najatai ti tunin nadonbutna kamutai! Kakipah tangeije, Amen" ati.

Ruth taona jong chu taona to abah dehlou chu kalung adonge. Keijong kamit kahaleh thiljouse angaingai ahin, hinlah thilkhat amang to abangin, keijong "Aum tapoi!" tin ka pengjah'e.

Ruth'in jong "Ipi um talou ham?" tin eidongin, "Kalungsunga tijat umtah onghom lentah umchu! Tun aumtapoi" Ruth lam chu kamaija kipana dimset pumchun kave'e.

Ruth jong keilama ahung kangai pheijin, detchetnir eihin koije.

Phone ahung ging chun kakipanahon asumo lheh'in, Ruth in jong "Sindie, nanao Eunice ahi" ahinti. Kenjong "Hi, Eunice, ipi thu ham?" tia kadohleh a'aw chu achitah lheh jengin, "Town sunga kaum'e tidinga eihin sol, Ben'in eihin sol ahi. Dan munna konin ahin phone'in, chukomma chun nakimoto pi nome" ahiti.

## CHAPTER – 15

Go jong aphatan, lampi chu kaven kakunin lam kajotne. Ben chungchan thuleh ipi ahinseiding gellou ding kanom ngeijin, ahin kabolda theipoi.

Ipi dinga hunga ham? Kichat le kipanan kaki thingleuve. A'in lamma puija golvah bolpi ding eiti himaithei ahi. Oh! Ipi dinga kavon naovop'a kicheina von a pink pa chu hinkivon louva, blue luidehduh, asakhaova thao natpa hi kakivon ahidem? Lampi asaolama che'a Dan mun chu akilelama lhunding, Ben in eihin mu masanga en mumasat din kagelle.

Gangchella kacheto lhonchun lampi'a umho jouse chun kalungphut gin chu ajah diu kagingchai. Kamumu chun kadingin, suty kipat nikho'a adin namuna adin chu kalunga ahung kilange. Tun'a akivon dan chuto akilom'in, amel ahoi chom lheh'e. Amai chun mundang ave'in, ahin amitna kon chun kisonna adimsetne ti kamutheije. Amel ahoi lheh jengin, ja'aum lheh jenge. Kakhutna angong koiya hiding kanom lheh'in, ahin chupettah chun, songtum lentah lah'a seding kanom lheh kitne.

Ahin akom lama oltah'in kachen, "Good afternoon Ben" katileh, apet petnin son'um tah amelput chu abeipaijin, mitchang lentah in eihin ven, chubannin ka'oipoh lam avei.

Ben a nervous theiding kana tahsan lou ahi. Ahin aleijong kiloh theilou leuvon, "ka...ka..." atijengin, amitchun kakhalhanga kon metre keh khat tobang noilam chu ave jinge. A aw chu masanga son umtah, jangpet tochun abang tapoi. Amajong akigo phakitnin, aban chu aheh lelen, "Hiti tobang nanahi dinghi kaginchat louhel ahi" atin, Numei naovop chu itobang hinte tia natahsan ham? tiding kanom lheh'e.

Ahin ka'aw chu kanemsah'in "ito nabah bah hinam?" tin kadonge. Avellin kamit lam hinvetkit ding agon, ahin thihman in amit chu aloi lhah bangin ka'oipoh lam chu avekittai.

"Uh!... pha pha hinaleh akilome" tin kiphalam tah'in mundang avelen, khopi lampi'a chun munthip domma kakihou limthei honna dingin kache suh lhonne. Abanna athusei doh chengse chu chinpha a asei abang jengin, school chapang hon poem abyheart bangun; "Thil 2 jeh'a hung kahi, Sindie, akhatna'a Birth day present kahin pohpeh nahin, ani na'a... kaki ngaito leh kakigellhah na chu... na

naosen Pa kahi ti koima koma kasei dohtheipoi. Tichu na naosen chunga mopohna podin kakigel hih'e" ati.

Lunghannan twipi kinong bangin eihin chup min, songa se bangin thuchenga kasep'in, "akibange! Tun naseiding naseitah leh, inna nakile kitna mopohna bei hinkho naman kit theiahitai! Seiding dang naneitah loule nachetah louding ham?" tin kadonbutne.

Dihtah'in eidalhah ding kanompoi. Ahin akivon na thengsitset chun kadong kitoh lou hoimo sesu chu eikigeldoh sah'e.

Noilam kaven, kamit kaphegang chellin, kakimaito naho chunga hin kamittwi mom chip chep chu ahungpot doh'a gollel kahiding kanompoi.

Lungdong thimtah'in akihejin, cheding agotan, ahin ahung kinung heijin eihin kimaito pi kitnin, akhut kithing cheipchep chun box neocha hoitah'a kijem khat achoijin, "Hiche hi kahin pehai deh chetne" tin odam heovin ahinsejje.

"Kipa aume" tin kalung thimma kachunga athilbol jouse manding dan in kagelle. Amajong achetai. Kunpumma achemang chu kaven, Avella kamu kittah lou ding jong kahei. Chutah chun ka room'a kachanga um kanomin, gangchellin katahsa gihtah chun eipoh jouthei sunsun chun inlam kajontai.

Kakot hatah'a kakha'a kalupna geija katou tolhonnin, kamit twi chu hiche box hoitah chunga chun kalon lhah sah'e. Akichunna wrapping paper chu rose pahsan neochacha'a kijem ahin, kamit katheh'in olchan akikana ribbon chu kalhamin, asin kahongin, lekhapon kanga kitom sunga chu ipi um ahidem tin olchan kahongin, lunghantah'in moja kichun box chu bang gamlhapenpen senan kaneije. Tolla achuh kavetto lhonnin, kamittwi athah'a ahungpot pum chun kapengin, "Ben, iti danna hiti'a pi neidalhah jeng ham?!" kati.

Kalung gilla chu koima akon thilpeh kisan tahlouding kati ahi, Hinlah Ruth'in thilni kadei tah cheh eipen, amasa le ahoipen chu Bible ahin, anina chu Notebook ahi.

Tuni changeija hi kahin kho Bible kana simkhah lou ahi. Tu hpta'a patna hi jingkah sehle kasim patding ahitai. Ruth in John Gospel la kapat dingin eihillin, chang phabep kasim jouteng ka notebook a kalunggel kadeisah bible changho le kahet theilou ho kasundoh jin, Ruth in hiche changho chu asim kitjin, nilhah lamteng kaseikhomji lhonnin, kahethem ji'e. Nom kasalheh jengin, Bible chutobanga thanop'um ahi chu kidang kasa'e.

John lekhabu hin Jesu chung changthu aha seijin, itobanga hingdinga eideijem ti tampi kahetbei. Tunvang Eunice kasen gotji jongle kalunga, "Keiman kangailut bangin nangho khatle khat kingailuto cheh'un" titihu chengho bang ahung kilang ji'e.

Hitichun Eunice jong keidin ahung pha cheh cheh'in, akhut ka'oija akojin, naosen ahung chaloh ding angah ji'in, hichu nop asaji lheh'e. Kenjong naosen angailut chu kei eingailutna ahi tin kagelle.

Ka'upa jengjong keija din ahung pha cheh cheh'in, khat veivei leh "Good morning" ahin tijin, khatvei komle "naphat phat hinam?" eihin tijin, ahin hichu ama'a kon khantouna khat ahi.

Ruth'in "Sindie, nangjoh nahi akikhella, hichun na'insung mite nachunga ahin phatsah ahi" eiti.

Achung nung penna thilsoh chu kappa chung ahi. Janhi'a anatoh na'a kon ahung lhunna, ka pon khuina'a ahunga, kakomma ahung tou chun kati ajathimin kanatoh chu kavethimbeh'e.

A'aw chu angaina bang louvin anem chetnin, "Sindie, ichan geija nalung thim na'a ham kahe theme. Keijong eisuna lheh'e. Ahin nahet dinga kadei chu: Kahin ngailutda chomdeh'poi" tin akhut lentahchu kalengkou chunga second phabep akojin, ading doh'in achetai. Keijong kanuijin, kapan kangaidame ti'a asei ja jatkhat ahi kahei.

Ahin tule tuhin lunglhahna ni kaneije. Akhatna chu Joyce ahi. Hapta masa chun Ruth in itobanga Christian kahung hina dia eikithopi ham ti kaseijin, Jesun kachonsetna eingaidamtai, Nangjong..." kaseiding kaseichai masangin, Joyce ahung nuijin, "tahbeh'in nakikhel le Sindie, lha masa'a sangchu tuhin nangto umkhom anom jotan, namasanga thil phachom khat muding kinepna hamkhat nei nabange" eiti.

Chuin lhasetah'in, "Keikoma naseidoh theilou khat nanei hileh akilome" atin, kenjong "hichu adih poi Joyce, kathuguh hi seidoh baitah ahi. Nangin jong tonsot hina naneithei ahi. Hichu Jesu natahsan..." seijou manlouvin Joyce'n alu apeijin eingah sah'in, "ngaih'h'e Sindie, ken houthu kangai chapoi.

Kahinkho hi first class ahi pet ahi” atin, Joyce’n Jesu akisan gang nomlou jeh chun kalung alha lheh’e. Ahin kalung nen angajjin, Ruth’in eina taopeh ji banga katao hat angajje.

Ani na kalunglhahna chu kanu ahi. Geldinga jong kadeilou thu ho eikihoulim piji’e. Tekahnan, tujing kah machine na kapon khui lajin kanungjang hanatnin anan, phulou helouvin kanu ahunglutni, ahoulimin, “Ben insung miten naosen akilah nom lou uleh e’ilo dingu ham ikihoulim angajje tihi nahetnam” ahungtin, Kenjeng lunggel sese louvin, kabahche chu table chunga kalhah sah’in, “Mum, phatdang teng iseithei ding ham?” tin heu phabep kalah ben kapon khui jomding kagoi.

Kathusei jalou bangin kaveilama chair'a chun ahungtouvin, nuinom behsehlou pummin ahungmeseuvin, “Napa toh Ben nulepa kaphone honle achapa hon naosen khat Pa ahiding chu atahsan honpoi. Avella ikihou lim pi kitnu angajjin, ahin nao hi adeilouvu abangin, chuti ahileh naosen hi amaho kom hilou eiho kom joh'a aum ding kinep aume. Ajehchu chapang jouse hin ngailutna angaichai. Nanop nah’em?” tin eihin donge.

Kidonbut da leh ahoulim ngatante ti kakinemmin, ka nungjang nat jong akhoh cheh cheh’in, hiche ho thuseiphat hidin kagel poi.

Ahin athusei ngai ngai ajommin, aseikitnin, tampi vei asei kajah sa ahitai. Hichun, “Naosen hi eiho to aumleh kon adon dingham? lunggel kaneipoi. Kenla kanatoh ngathei pongting, khattou chu naodon dia ikoi theiju ahinai. Hinla tulai hiche jong chu aman atam kitnin, chuleh chapang chu anu tah’in akisin angajjin, ahi'a inna na'umma nao nakisin kitle school kai iti najo kitding ham? chuleh university chu seilouva mang ahitai! Oh Sindie, napa le ken ichan geija na graduate ding kana kineppi hon hitam ti nahet hilouham? Ahin tun...”

“Heno, lungset tah’in” tin kabahche ka lhahsa kitnin, “hiche thuhi nidang teng iseithe hilouham? Kanungjang anai...” katileh “ahileh Honey,” tin ahung me kitnin, “neikihoulim pi nom channin nang din phat kanei jinge ti sumil hih’in” atin, kenjeng “henge Mum” tin lhasam tah’in kame chopme.

Eidalhah nungchun, midang ngailut hi kahabol jep angajje ti kahen, adeh’in kanu chunga! Chuleh ka’insung mite jousen Jesu ahin tahsan diu hi kakinepna ahin, chuleh keija kikhelna ahin mudoh diu hi ahi.

“Ijakai itobang bang nam?” tin Dr Walmon in kipah tah’in eidongin, naosen heartbeat ngaito akopme. Kenjeng itobanga kanungjang na’a ham kasejin, aman jong, “olmo hih’in, hichu naovop laileh angaina ahi” atin, kasei jouse... kanoitwi pot, ka’oipoh kikai pol letlut jong angaina ngen ahi ati.

Kenjeng kaseilouva khoh dannin kagellin, “Thengtah’in Doctor, ka oipoh let hi kakhop lheh tai” katileh, hin hethem tah’in anuijin, “hiche jong chu angaina ahi. Geldoh’in sottah nanga tahlouding ahi. Nanao nei nading hi 10<sup>th</sup> September vellah hidin kaging chai” ati.

Kenjeng “Ginchat? Tichu aphat chet nahet louham?” katileh ahung nulhan, “Koiman hichu heponte, nahung kiteng anoilam khatvei ikholkitding, hichun nanao neiphat kicheh jep'a eihetdohsah ding ahi” atin, kenjeng lungkim louthim tah’in, “Kipa aume” katin, “hapta ni joule kimutokit tate” atin ameseuvin ahi.

## CHAPTER – 16

Jan khovah keijin kanung jang katokung lah anat jingjehchun atamjo imu louvin ka window apat lhavah chu kave ven ahi.

05:30 AM. Nisa ahungso to lhonnin, ka’oipoh lam chu kikhin suhjep abangin, kanung lam anatchu akibe cheh cheh’in, room sunga chu kava lele leh a’oljep abange.

Hicheho jouse hi midang chunga lhung jo hileh katinalai lheh jenge. Ka lhol buh Kaman chahsom teijin, “hiche hi atahham? Nao kanei tahtah ding hijaham? Ka naosen kapom teng kalung gel ito abang dem?” tin kangoito vingveng jenge.

Hatah’in hanat in ahunganah ahileh ding jong dingjang thei louvin kabung lhajenge. Cha nei hi ito abangdem tijeng jong kahet khah lou chu kagelleh kahung kicha lheh’e. Kahet khah louhelna leiset khatna lutding kahitan, hiche leiset chu kipana le thanopna ahin, alangkhatna kichat le gimgentheina leiset jong ahi.

05:45 AM. Tunvang naoso nat'in eipah ahitai ti kahe chentai. Ajehchu naonei ding konle eihin phah ding ahi ti'a eina seipec sao ahi. Hiche nat chun eihin phah komle lamjot kangah jeng ham, ahiloule katou lhah ham, kakun jengham angajie.

Kanu jong hung thouvah tantin, natong dia kisa boi chengchung kitding ahin, akitimo laitah le kasuhboi nom jipoi. Ipi denga week-end ham, ahiloule phat ongdang khat teng hungpot ding asom joh lou ahidem!

10:00 AM. Hospital ahin kakichat alhom jepme. Nurse nun eihinheh pet teng hahaija gah hai nemding dan eihillin, hichun nop eisah sah lheh'in anat jong athoh oljep ji'e.

Kanu jong lungneng tah'in kakoma atouvin, amit ha-a kon chun kanat thoh jouse hi amanjong eithoh hu'e ti kahe theije.

Dr. Walmon in eihung kimupin, kanao hungpotna ding jong centemetre thum bou ahom nalaije ti amun, nao nei nadinga hi centemetre 10 ake ngai ahi. "Nilhah lamteng neitan nate" eihinti. Nikho sot ding dan chu kagelle kangap chalel lheh'e.

11:00 AM Nurse thao tah khat chadopna ho'a bottle neo khat le adang dang hin choijin ahung lutnin, "Namin Sindie ham?" atin, a'aw chu atah betbut jengin, "Na mulvou dia hung kahi" atin, Keijong lungdong tah'a kanule nurse nu lam kaven "ipi aseina ham...?" katileh, nurse nun, "najun thahna phang mul kavo'a enema kapeh ding ahi" tin plastic bottle khat twi asung dimmin, "hiche enema hin na gilho asuh thengding, chuti'a chu nao ahungpot doh tngle nato lang kon ehhungpot uithe thu louding ahi" ati.

Kamaiso hoimo thimtah le nopmo sa thimtah in, iti danna naonei hibanga hi kidah um hintem tin kagelle.

Nurse nun jong nopmo kasah chu ahethemin, "chuti lom loma phamo chu ahipoi. Ima tipon nate" eihinti. Chutah chun hanatnin ahungnan, kakhut tenin kalupna chu kikituh chah kheh jengin ahi.

Anat chu ahung kichai chajin, kamul ahin vouvin, "Na nao neijou hapta ijat hamkhat nathi long nalai ding ahin, naphang mul kivolhah hi navah nasah lheh ding ahi" ati.

Chujouvin tube khat ka tohom sunga ahenglutnin, bottle sunga twi ho chu kasunga alonglutin, "Kakitim joupoi, kikitim joupoi!" tia kataotho jengle, nursenun, "nakitim ngai ahin, najo ding ahi!" tin aw khaotah'in ahin sejin, "ajo leh kahin kithopi'a nalupna'a kon ehbuh langa ka puilut ding nahin, ehbuh'a natouding, nasunga twi kikaplut chu asotna thei channa na'um densahding ahi. Nakoisot channa chu nasung theng ding ahin, nathen channa chu nao neidia naki san teng nop nasah ding ahi" ati.

01:00 PM. Adamlou dangho sun an ding ahin choi panpan taovin, keijong sun'an neh ding chu kakinem lheh jenge. Ajeh chu jing an jong kaneh lou ahitan, kagil kel mong mong ahitai. Hinlah ima eipe deh pouvin, "nangin ima naneh louding ahi" tin nurse khatnin ahinsejin "tu'a an naneh leh ajo naosonat nin nahin haphah teng naloh ding ahi" atin, kenjong "ahin haphah!" Ahin haphah'a anat cheh ding chu kagel ngampoi.

02:00 PM. Tun vang naonei na ding munjong centemetre 5 tichu akeh khat akihong tai. Katahsa kikitim jou lou chu phamo kasalheh'e. Naoso natnin eihin heh jiteng akham nading tha him him kanei jipoi. Eihin phah channin anat na anasa cheh cheh'in, chujouteng avella ahunglhun kit kahsen chomkhat ahung oljin, kichol naman phat ahungum jin ahi.

Katai jin eihin heh chan leh amasapa'a sang chun ana jep jep jin ahi. Eihin pha channin kalupna kikituh chah khehjin, pen dohlou dingle kalouding kasom tei ji'e.

Akhonnar nurse nu jah'a "anat thoh ol nading lou neipen" tin kathum tai. Ahin nurse nun "angaipoi, na nasah channa chu naki hasan cheh cheh ding, hichu apha ahin, lou naneh leh anat chu phading, naki san louding ahin, hichu phalou ahi" ati.

Kanulamchu kaven, paolou hellin eikithopi din kangeh'in, amitha chu kavet leh hetthemna... ngailutna leh geldohnan adimme.

Avella eihin heh kit tahchun ipi ham khat kot le alumpelpul dannin kahen, "iti ham?" tia'a kichatah'a kopen jengle, Nurse nun ave gang chellin, "atwi keh/jal ahitai" atin, kenjong "Ipi'am ajal?" kat kitleh "Naosen toma pang twipai chu keh'a ahitai. Tua hi nanaosonat in naheh chu khoh cheh ding, gang jong gang cheh cheh ding ahi" ati.

03:00 PM. Nurse nu phat akikhel to lhonnin, nurse dang khat ahunglutnin, eive kitnin, tun vang centemetre 7 akeh tai atin, anat val tah jehchun kon kahoilai avet jeng jongle khohsah na kanei tapoi.

Kanu jong chadom dingin agapotnin, apot pot chun, phulou helouvin ahung kile kitloi ding kanom lheh jenge.

04:00 PM. Nurse nujah'a kasamin "Eh buh'a kache nomme, akinna kinnin" kati.

"Lum thim thimin", tin eihin thupeh'in, "hichu nanao apenlhah nading mun lang hung kichon suh ahi. Abanna nahin heh kit teng ha san na naki san ding ahi. Nao domnu henga report kaga bol ding ahi" ati.

04:10 PM Nurse nu ahung kile kit kamun, kakengto langa ahung dinge. A uniform chu akikai sanpolin, amanu chu naodomnu ahiding kakineme. "Aphai sindie" thunei tah'in thu ahinsejin, "nanao luchang na su'a ahung mumdoh kamu tai. Nao neina room sunga tollut phat ahitai" ahinti.

Nao neina room sunga chu table sang thim akanga kitom khat chunga eidom doh'un, hitia eidop le laiju chun kanao chu hungpot doh ding, tolla hung khelha jeng ding dannin kahe'in, ahin achuti lom lom poi.

Nao domnu chun stethoscope chu ka'oi to asuton, naosen heartbeat chu angaijin, tampi vei abolle. Achainan nurse nu jah'a guhthimin ipi hamkhat asejin, nurse nu jong gang chellin alhaidoh'e.

Chomlouvin Dr. Walmon room sunga ahung lutnin, ka'oi pohchu angai pha kitnin, amaiso'a lung donna um chu kamu theije.

Tijatnan kadim jengin, chapang cha'a naonei ho anao nei teng athiden ji'ui atiu chu kageldoh'in, chutahchun anoi langa naosen lu chu ahungpot doh to lhonnin ahung kikeh let le achaloh chukahe theije.

Dr Walmon in "avellin khatveisehsek kisen kitlechun naosen apumpin hungpot tante" tin eihin tilkhouve. Kenjong katha'um cha sun sun chun kasen'in ahileh naosen chu apum in ahung pot doh'in, keijong ha haijin kahai jin, nopsa deo tah'in kapeng doh'e.

Chujou chun husan khat – "naosen" – "kanao cha hi!" "Pasal melhoitah ahi!" ti'a nurse nun asei kajai.

Pathen thangvah'in umhen! Nurse nun ka'oipoh thep sitset chu asonin, alaigui chu aloidoh'in, "chomkhat joule anungjui – naobu jong hungpot ding ahi" tin aseije.

Naobu lamlam chu kana suhmil hel ahi. Ahung potdoh chun avom eng thim'in chule asanne.

Chujou chun kalupna lamma eichon pheijun, naosen chu kabana akoijun, kalupna chu ka room langa ason lut'ui. Keijong kalupna'a chun hinkho thah khat kakom'a alup jal chun Pathen kathang vah'e.

Keijong imut ding kanom ngeijin, chuleh sottah kalung gel akicholdo theipo. Kacha ngailuttah peng lha'a ahitah tolhonnin, kalung thim hi kipana adim set ding kanom ngeije. Ahin, kakipana hi lunghem nato akichoh hal chet jengin, Ben'in chapa khat aneitai tihi jaleh akipah dem? Tunia pathin, chapa khat'in apa akon angaichatpen ngailutna le tilkhouna peh ding anom tadem?

Pakai Ben kangaidam theina din jona neipen!!!

Naosuh mang ding kana da jalleh akhonna Pathen lama kahung kihei khah jeh'in Pathen kathang vah'e. Tun vang masanga bang hitalouvin akikhel kahitai. Kum masa langa chu ngailutna ngaicha gikel kanahin, ka'insung miten eingailut louvu va kana ngaito'a Pathen in jong eingailut louva kana gel ahi. Hichu ngailutna kana ngaichat jeh, Ben in eingailutah beh'e tia kana gelnom jeh joh ahi. Jonthan hoi nalam panga Pathen dan thu pal keh puma ngailutna muding kana kigel chu ngol kaki salheh'e.

Tunvang ngailutna ngaichan kathom hao tapoi. School munna kaloi ho'a kon ngailutna neocha bou kachan maithei ahi. Ahin Pathen in eingailui ti kahen! Aman eingai dammin tonsot henna eipe tai.

Oh, ipi dinga Ruth in sotpeh'a patna Pathen thu einaseipeh ji chu kana ngailou ahidem? Kanop na lam lama hinkho manding kana kilhe jeh'in, tun kadei tah naosen ka angsunga kakipom jeng vangin kalung thim agih salheh'e.

Kalung dei banga kana kiman chah hin kachapa dingin a 'Pa' chaan na aso lo'in, keija dingin jong kanungah hoilai ka chaan lona aso doh lotai.

Kakhang len bai lheh'e. Kichapang kit le iti kanop kit hitam?

Kahin kho chessa hola kakhel kit thei tapon, tua kahin kho dingle kama kho ding kangaito angaitai. Pathen cha kahi. In na hihen, school hijong le boina katona jouse'a eiumpi jingding ahi. Chuleh Amatoh atonsotna kahin khom jing ding ahitai. Psalm 23 nahi ichanna kangailut hitam!!!

“Tu'a patnin kahin khohi midang hon Jesu ahet doh theina diuva kithopinan Kaman chah nomtai. Chuleh kachapa dinga minu phatah le kidangtah hiding kanom me.”