

ADA NEGRI:

Zgodba molčeče

(nadaljevanje)

"Morda sem jaz sama kriva. Ali kaj sem mogla storiti? ... Torej... Sedaj poslušajte. Ni sem mogla več spati. Poslednjo noč sem slišala moža, ko je stopil zopet v spalnico k služkinji. Stvar je trajala že dolgo, vedela sem to; ali moja usta so bila kakor zapečateni. Kakor je vse to naglusno! Ali to poslednjo noč, jedva se je bil splazil zopet v posteljo, ga je streslo, pridružen je zastokal in zahropel. Bila je tretja ura. Odvila sem ključek električne svetilke. Z rokami se je držal za vrat in ležal tako in se ni ganil, oči so mu izstopile iz očne, davilo ga je in dušilo in ni ga bilo več spoznati. Videl me je, gledal me je. Pričakoval je moje pomoči. Jaz pa se nisem genila: sklenjena nad njim, nepremična, kakor iz kamna, sem

oprezovala ta obraz, to telo, prokletstvo nenadne bolezni, ki ga je priklepala v onemoglost bednega mesa. Hropel je in nisem mu pomagala, blazna od mrznje in škodoželjnosti, kakor da bi mu bila jaz sama zadala smrtni udarec. Ne vem, kakšna moč me je zadrževala. Ko sem klicala, je bil že v zadnjih zdihljajih. Če bi mu bila pomagala o pravem času, bi bil morda ostal pri življenju, ozdravel. Morilka sem."

Teško je soplja. Bil je hipen molk, ki ga je pretrgalo samo ono sopenje. V četverokotu ametistnega neba, obrobljenega z okvirom odprtega okna, je živa

in prisluškujoča šepetala zvezda: "Vem, vem." Rekla je to, česar duhovnik ni mogel reči. "Vidite"—je nadaljevala vdova, bolj z usti nego z glasom. "Pomagam se, kakor morem. Ali tako sladko je streči bolnikom, pomagati umirajočim, učiti dečice! ... Presladko. Kako mi to ugaja. Morda sem bila rojena za postrežnico ali usmiljenko. Hraniti se z bolestjo bližnjega, da ga tolažimo, je veselje, je sreča. Kazen moram pretrpeti. Naložite mi strožji red, tršo pokoro. Vem, da sem zagrešila zločin."

Čakala je s sklonjeno glavo. Stari duhovnik, zatopljen sam vase, je premišljeval in molil. Ni bil presenečen. Preveč groznih stvari je slišal v petdesetih letih svojega svečenštva v temi tragičnih izpovedi. Nobene skrivnosti ni bilo za njega v krogih rodbin, za kulisami hiš in duš. Vedel je, da je sleherno srce na svetu samo in da ne more najti nikjer pomoči, če ne pri Bogu. Vedel je tudi, da se pomoč čestokrat razodeva na način, ki ga mi ne moremo presoditi. Položil je roko na sivo glavo ženi,

ki je klečala upognjena na stopnici ob ognjišču: gledal je prijazno zvezdo, trepetajočo v okviru okna in je dejal: "Ego te absolvo."
(KONEC)

JAPONSKI SAMOMORILCI

Mimo Danske je Japonska dežela z največ samomorilcev na svetu. Po statistiki, ki jo je izdalo japonsko ministrstvo za socialno skrbstvo, je leta 1955 na Japonskem napravilo samomor 22,138 ljudi, to se pravi za 1.4 odstotka več kot leta 1954. Med evropskimi deželami "vodi" kot že rečeno, Danska, za njo pa so Avstrija, Zahodna Nemčija in Svica.

IZGUBLJENI GOLOBI

Neke vrste golobi, ki morajo biti seveda primerno izvežbani, najdejo v najkrajšem času pot domov, ako so bili izpušeni v oddaljenih krajih. Take razdalje dostikrat znašajo po več sto milj. To so tako imenovani golobipismošče, homing pigeons.

Z gojenjem te vrste golobov se bavijo golobarski klubi in posamezni golobarji v Ameriki in v drugih delih sveta ter ob raznih časih prirejajo z njimi poskusne ali tekmovalne polete.

Zadnje čase pa se nenavadno veliko število takih golobov izgubi na poletih; včasih do 90 in več odstotkov. S poletov se eno-

stavno ne vrnejo domov. O takih izgubah se goloborejci pritožujejo iz Arizone, New Mexice, Colorada, Californije, New Yorka, New Jerseyja in Pennsylvanije, pa tudi iz inozemstva, zlasti iz Anglije in Francije.

Golobarji ugibajo, če teh izgub niso krivi radar, televizija in poskusne eksplozije atomskih in vodikovih bomb v raznih delih sveta. Gotovega vzroka za golobne izgube pa za enkrat nihče ne ve.

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