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Mother: A Kwansaba

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Mother spends her time judging everyone.
Talking shit while we watch her decline.
Her family prays while she plays house
with men, their minds, waiting on them
to exist exactly how she wants them.
Waiting. While we wait for her to--
Waiting. Waiting on Mother to get well.

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