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*And he (. . .the South African writer) sees and understands for the first time that, given equal opportunity, the black tin God a few thousands miles north of him would degrade and dehumanize his victim as capably as Vorster. . .*

Wole Soyinka

It is astounding what outrages  
a black bully with guns can perpetrate in  
Africa.  
He can exalt himself above God, Allah, and  
Jujū &  
force a whole nation to worship him.  
He can prove his baboonery and outbaboon  
white colonialists and castrate a whole  
nation  
by plunging it into abject servility:  
he can fancy himself a Napoleon and crown  
himself Emperor;  
he can style himself a teacher, a prophet,  
a savior, a revolutionary  
philosopher equal to Mao, Marx, and Lenin  
and teach the nation ad nauseam;  
he can seize the attention of the whole world  
by personally beating up foreign journalists,  
like Bokassa beat up Michael Goldsmith;  
he can piss on Uhuru, embrace tribalism  
and clanism and  
call them Scientific Socialism;  
he can loot the land and declare himself  
PRESIDENT FOR LIFE:  
he can appropriate any name, any land,  
any title, any degree, any medal--  
why he can even call himself  
like General Mobutu did:  
"THE PEPPERY ALL-CONQUERING WARRIOR,  
THE COCK WHO LEAVES NO HEN INTACT."  
And rape every chick in sight.