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ABSTRACT (EWE)

Nugomekukudɔ sia ku dɛ Afɔlao gbevuviwo fe gbe si wotu dɛ Evegbe dzi hedona le Afɔlao, Ghana la ɲu. Nugomekukua fe taɔɔzinue nye be gbã, yeaɔe go nu vovovo siwo de nu Afɔlao gbevugbe sia me. Eveliae nye be yeaɔe susu si ta gbevuviawo wɔ gbe sia hedone ɔɔ. Nugomekula le Afɔlao gbevuawo fe dzedoɔowo kple nuwɔnawo dɛ mɔ dzi, eɔo dze kple wo eye wòle nu deka eve dɛ agbãle dzi ku dɛ nu siwo wòde dzesi le gbevuawo fe gbea kple agbenɔnɔ ɲu. Nugomekula wɔ esiwɔ le nutovi ene siwo me gbevuviawo dea ha le Afɔlao. Nutoviawoe nye Zorokpome, Dekeme, Atisuko fe kple Bɔda. Edze le nugomekukua me be Afɔlao gbevuawo tsakana Evegbea kple nya vovovowo tso gbegbɔgbɔ bubuwo me vevietɔ Dlisigbe kple Fransegbe tsakpana nya yeyewo abe ɲkɔnyawo, dɔwɔnyawo, ɲkɔnyaɔɔnyawo kple dɔwɔnyaɔɔnyawo le wofe gbea me. Nyayeyewɔwɔ mɔnu siwo gbevuawo zãna tɔ kpa nyawo le gbevugbea mee nye nyawo fe nɔnɔme tɔtrɔ, nyawo fe yɔyɔ tɔtrɔ kple nyawo fe gɔmesese tɔtrɔ. Nyawo fe nɔnɔme tɔtrɔ siwo gbevuawo zãnae nye nyakuizazã, nya gbugbɔ gagblɔ, nya yeyewo kpakpa ku dɛ nyagbediɔ ɲu, nya xoxowo siwo wona gɔmesese yeye kple nyafofu. Mɔnu siwo gbevuawo tona hetrɔa nyawo fe yɔyɔe nye nyadzitsotso, nyatrɔgbo kple nyakui kpekpe dɛ nya ɲu. Hekpe dɛ ɲu la, Afɔlao gbevuawo nana gɔmesese yeye siwo to vovo tso dzotsofe gɔmesese si nɔ nyawo si. Nyawo fe gɔmesese tɔtrɔ mɔnu siwo gbevuawo zãnae nye nusɔɔ dɛ nu ɲu, akpa zazã si nɔte di na blibo, ame ɲkɔ siwo va zu nya, badedemo na nya, tɔtrɔgbeblɛwo kpakple tɔtrɔ siwo naa nyawo fe gɔmesese miaa ta. Le nyamenyawo gome la, gbevuawo dzea susume gbagba geɔe abe fefe kple nyawo, bubludodo nya kple nya di kokoewo, hafi kpana nya siawo elabe wo gɔmedeɔe de to ɲutɔ. Nu si ta Afɔlao gbevuawo kpa gbevugbe siae nye be gbea nye dzesidenu na gbevuawo. Dzesidenu sia dzena le wofe agbenɔnɔ hã me. Agbenɔnɔ sia to vovo na Afɔlao bubuawo fe agbenɔnɔ alegbegbe be Afɔlao metsitsiwo mekpɔa dzidzo dɛ gbevuawo ɲu kura o. Edze faã be Afɔlao gbevuviwo fe gbe sia kple wofo agbenɔmɔnuwo la, ɲutsuviwo koɲ fe nue wonye. Gbevuawo fe agbenɔmɔnu aɔewoe nye gbevu ɲkɔtsɔtsɔ, vevietɔ ku dɛ gbɔɔɔɔ nyawo ɲu, ɲkɔ siwo nya se, ɲkɔ fafãwo kple ame dzeaglãwo fe ɲkɔwo. Gbevuawo hã la ha siwo ku dɛ gbɔɔɔɔ,

aglädzedze ɔe dziɔuɔu ŋu kple ga ŋu sese. Wofe nudodo hã ɔe dzesi ŋuto. Gbevu ŋutsu kple nyɔnuwo siaa dea ama wofe taɔawo, ŋutsuwo dea toge, nyɔnuwo kpaɔ ɔa, eye ŋutsuwo wɔa rasta. Afɔao gbevu aɔewo zãna vu gagãwo kple moto xɔasiwo vevieto le *fufufewo* abe sɔɔɔfe alo kutefe siwo ku ɔe wo dometo aɔe ŋu. Le *fufufe* siawo la, gbevuawo noa gbe eye wozãa atike siwo se meɔe mɔ be woazã o atso afia amewo be yewo le yewo ɔokui si vavã. Tso wu enu la, nugomekukua ɔii fia be Afɔao gbevugbea, ŋutsu sɔhewo fe nu koŋ wɔnye elabena Afɔao metsitsiwo megbɔa nya nyui aɔeke ku ɔe gbevugbea dolawo, vevieto wofe nyɔnuviwo ŋu o.