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ABSTRACT (EWE)

Nugomekukudo sia ku de Aflao gbevuiwo *fe* gbe si wotu de Evegbe dzi hedona le Aflao, Ghana la nu. Nugomekukua *fe* tadodzinue nye be gbã, yeadę go nu vovovo siwo de nu Aflao gbevugbe sia me. Eveliae nye be yeadę susu si ta gbevuiawo wã gbe sia hedone dọ. Nugomekula le Aflao gbevuawo *fe* dzedodowo kple nuwonawo de mɔ dzi, edo dze kple wo eye wòle nu deka eve de agbãle dzi ku de nu siwo wòde dzesi le gbevuawo *fe* gbea kple agbenɔɔ nu. Nugomekula wɔ esiawo le nutovi ene siwo me gbevuiawo dea ha le Aflao. Nutoviwɔe nye Zorokpome, Dekeme, Atisuko *fe* kple Boda. Edze le nugomekukua me be Aflao gbevuawo tsakana Evegbea kple nya vovovowo tso gbegbɔgbɔ bubuwo me vevieto Dlisigbe kple Fransegbe tsakpana nya yeyewo abe nkɔnyawo, dɔwɔnyawo, nkɔnyaɔɔnyawo kple dɔwɔnyaɔɔnyawo le wofe gbea me. Nyayeyewo wɔ mɔnu siwo gbevuawo zãna tso kpaa nyawo le gbevugbea mee nye nyawo *fe* nonome totro, nyawo *fe* yɔyɔ totro kple nyawo *fe* gomesese totro. Nyawo *fe* nonome totro siwo gbevuawo zãnae nye nyakuizazã, nya gbugbo gagbɔ, nya yeyewo kpakpa ku de nyagbediɖi nu, nya xoxowo siwo wona gomesese yeye kple nyafofu. Mɔnu siwo gbevuawo tona hetroa nyawo *fe* yɔyɔe nye nyadzitsotso, nyatrogbo kple nyakui kpekpe de nya nu. Hekpe de nu la, Aflao gbevuawo nana gomesese yeye siwo to vovo tso dzotso *fe* gomesese si nɔ nyawo si. Nyawo *fe* gomesese totro mɔnu siwo gbevuawo zãnae nye nusɔɔ de nu nu, akpa zazã si nɔte di na blibo, ame nkɔ siwo va zu nya, badedemo na nya, totrogbegblẽwo kpakple totro siwo naa nyawo *fe* gomesese miaa ta. Le nyamenyawo gome la, gbevuawo dzea susume gbagba geɖe abe fefe kple nyawo, bubludodo nya kple nya di kokoewo, hafi kpana nya siawo elabe wo gomeɖeɖe de to nuto. Nu si ta Aflao gbevuawo kpaa gbevugbe siae nye be gbea nye dzesidenu na gbevuawo. Dzesidenu sia dzena le wofe agbenɔɔ hã me. Agbenɔɔ sia to vovo na Aflao bubuawo *fe* agbenɔɔ alegbegbe be Aflao metsitsiwo mekpɔa dzidzo de gbevuawo nu kura o. Edze faã be Aflao gbevuiwo *fe* gbe sia kple wofo agbenomɔnuwo la, nɔtsuviwo kon *fe* nue wonye. Gbevuawo *fe* agbenomɔnu aɖewoe nye gbevu nkɔtsotso, vevieto ku de gbɔdɔdɔ nyawo nu, nkɔ siwo nya se, nkɔ fafãwo kple ame dzeaglãwo *fe* nkɔwo. Gbevuawo hã la ha siwo ku de gbɔdɔdɔ,

aglādzedze ɔe dziɔɔɔɔ ɲu kple ga ɲu sese. Wofe nudodo hā ɔe dzeɔi ɲuɔ. Gbevu ɲutsu kple nyɔnuwo siaa dea ama wofe taɔawo, ɲutsuwo dea toge, nyɔnuwo kpaa ɔa, eye ɲutsuwo wɔa rasta. Aflao gbevu aɔewo zāna vu gagāwo kple moto xɔasiwo vevieto le *fufofewo* abe *srɔɔfe* alo *kutefe* siwo ku ɔe wo dometo aɔe ɲu. Le *fufofe* siawo la, gbevuawo noa gbe eye wozāa atike siwo se meɔe mɔ be woazā o atso afia amewo be yewo le yewo ɔɔkui si vavā. Tso wu enu la, nugomekukua ɔii fia be Aflao gbevugbea, ɲutsu sohewo *fe* nu koɲ wònye elabena Aflao metsitsiwo megbloa nya nyui aɔeke ku ɔe gbevugbea dolawo, vevieto wofe nyɔnuviwo ɲu o.