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The Year of Three

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GILLETTE: MVU WA TATU — AKTE 1

Mvu makumatatu ye tatu miaviokele tuka mvu wina. Tatu i ntalu yitungama mu luzingu lwame, mu mana yikedi, mu mana yivanganga, mu kukala kwame kibeni — ye mu kuzaya yo mu mvimba yafwana vingila mvu makumasambanu: mbala tatu makumole, kifwani kia mpembe tatu, bonso lusambulu, bonso tatu-lweka, bonso mbele tatu za Ngudi Gillette.

Ntalu tatu. Ka i ntalu yatuka mu yankaka ko — i ntalu ya ntete kibeni. Dio disonga, mu mbala mosi, mambu matatu: kukuma kwa muntu.

Mvu wina i wabaka mono nzengolo ya kukwela, yatambula ntumwa ya kimvuka yavangwa sambu na mono kaka, yandima kukota mu kimason, yamona lubutuku lwa bana bame, yabaka ndandu mbala tatu kuluta bakundi bame ba kisalu, ye yayela mu kisalu ye nkudusu wa makumatatu ye tatu mu lukama.

Mvu wafwana tulwa mu kadre — ye yivovanga dio lumbu kiaki, mvu makumatatu ye tatu bosu.

Wakala mpe mvu wa mbwanana ame ya ntete ya kieleka ye nkanda wa Rudyard Kipling *The Jungle Book*, ye bosu ye *If*—, wasonika sambu na mwana andi vava mwana wafwa mu kileke.

Ntima ame wanikuka ngolo, bonso bakala, bonso tata, bonso Mason. Luzingu lwame bosu ka lwakala diaka bonso ntete ko.

Rudyard Kipling — nsoneki, nsoneki wa minkunga, Mason, nsoneki wa nsangu. Wabutuka ku India mu 1865, mvu lukama kikilu vitila mono. Mvu makumavwa tuka kafwa.

Lumbu kiaki yikimona mu kutala nzengolo nki bakala mosi wa India ukwenda baka va ntu a kimvuka kiavana nzo ame mawonso.

Yivuvidi kikilu vo yandi mpe watanga *If*—.

Wiza kiambote, Mfumu Prezida. Ngeye mpe i prezida ame — kadi Ngeye i nkengi a mama ame. Mu diambu diadi, yilenda kuvutudila kaka matondo.

Ferdinando