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The Year of Three

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GILLETTE: LEMBE RA NHARHU — XIYENGE 1

Ku hundzile malembe ya makume manharhu na nharhu ku sukela hi lembe rolero. Nharhu i nomboro leyi lukiweke evuton'wini bya mina, eka leswi ndzi nga swona, eka leswi ndzi swi endlaka, eka ku va kona ka mina hi kwalaho — naswona leswaku ndzi yi twisisa hi ku helela ndzi boheke ku rindza malembe ya makume-tsevu: kanharhu makume mambirhi, makhona manharhu, ku fana ni xikhongelo, ku fana ni xivumbeko xa makhona manharhu, ku fana ni mikwana minharhu ya Manana Gillette.

Nomboro ya nharhu. A hi nomboro leyi humaka eka yin'wana — i nomboro yo sungula (prime). Leswi vulaka, hi nkarhi wun'we, swilo swinharhu: ku hetiseka ka munhu.

A ku ri lembe leri ndzi tiyimiseleke ku teka nsati, ndzi kuma xikhundlha xa khampani lexi endleriweke mina ntsena, ndzi amukela ku nghenisiwa eka Vu-Mason, ndzi vona ku velekiwa ka vana va mina, ndzi kuma tinhundzu ta mali to tlula ta vatirhikulobye kanharhu, naswona ndzi kula entirhweni hi ku engeteleka ka tiphesente ta makume manharhu na nharhu.

Lembe leri faneleke ku vekiwa eka rhaka — naswona ndzi swi vula namuntlha, endzhaku ka malembe ya makume manharhu na nharhu.

A ku ri na lembe leri ndzi hlanganeke ro sungula hi ku tiya na buku ya Rudyard Kipling *The Jungle Book*, kutani na *If*—, leyi a yi tsaleleke n'wana wa yena endzhaku ka loko jaha leri ri file ri ha ri ntsongo.

Ndzi khumbekile swinene, tanihi wanuna, tanihi tatana, tanihi Mason. Endzhaku ka sweswo vutomi bya mina a byi nga ha fani na khale.

Rudyard Kipling — mutsari, muqambi wa swiphato, Mason, mutsari wa mahungu. U velekiwe eIndia hi 1865, hi ku helela malembe ya dzana emahlweni ka mina. Se ku hundzile malembe ya makume nkaye a fambile.

Namuntlha ndzi tikuma ndzi ri karhi ndzi langutisisa swiboho leswi wanuna wa ximbewu xa India a nga ta swi teka loko a ri murhangeri wa khampani leyi nyikeke ndyangu wa mina hinkwaswo.

Ndzi tshemba swinene leswaku na yena u hlayile *If*—.

U amukelekile, Mnumzana Phuresidente. Na wena u phuresidente wa mina — hikuva u murhangeri loyi a hlayisaka manana wa mina. Hikwalaho ka sweswo, ndzi nga ku khensa ntsena.

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