

Family Compound: *Égún* Festival

Yoruba transcript:

Arábìnrin: Bí àwon tó ñ se *égún* ní ti won, tí o bá di àsikò *égún*, wón á wá sínú agbo ilé. Wón á dí kàrà repete, ti a máa máa je, ti a máa se. Ìgbà ìmú wón a se *égún* yẹn, *égún* tí wón máa se, tí ẹ bá ñ wo *égún* tó dúrú nínú agbolé báyii, Nígbà tó bá di èkan, tí wón bá pè... se le dè ma ma wò lóri páànù ni ìsodáa títi keji lóòkan tete báyii, tí egbé áti gbe de ibè yẹn. Bí a ti wà lágbolé ifé wà. Tí ilé bá há, tí won ò ráyè sùn ní òdè kan, è lo òdè ibò mí lo sùn, kò sí pé má lo níbè, bá kan náà ni gbogbo wa nínú agbolé. Bí agbolé wa ti rí ni yẹn.

English translation:

Woman: For those that worship *égún*¹, when it's *égún* festival, they will come into the compound. They will fry lots of bean cakes that we will eat. Sometimes, they will make the *égún*... If you are watching the *égún* in the compound, before you know it, you will just see the *égún* on rooftops across the street; a spirit would have taken him there. There is love in the compound. If the house is full of people, that there are no places in a particular house, you can sleep in another person's compound; there is nothing like "don't go there"; we are all the same in the compound. That is how our compound is.

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¹ *Égún* is a masquerade called the worship of the spirits of the dead.