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Costumes

Ink on paper

55 x 43.3 inches

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Description:

This figure without hands is Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 2001 to 2019. Summoned by the International Criminal Court to answer crimes committed by his security service team, he remained in power for 2 years after the end of his term, before agreeing to organizing elections, under the pressure of the population. He is denounced for using rape as a war weapon.

The title refers to Denis Mugwege, Congolese doctor and Nobel Peace Prize winner. He takes care of the women that were victim of war rapes.

The series "Costumes" talks about the emancipation of black men. According to the great prophet Simon Kimbangu that said "Black people will become white and white people will become black". A statement that deeply shocked the settlers.. Here, black emancipated men wear acculturated Western aristocratic costumes (deriving from colonisation). The artist regrets that for some, the prophecy means that the black man has to imitate the colonizer.