

## Piperouga

During the Piperouga custom all the village's women went to the fields to gather wild lilies called kokomixes. They dressed a little girl with those lilies in a way that only her eyes could be seen. In the end they put a wreath on the girl's head. They stopped at every house's entrance. The housewife got out at the doorstep and helded a cup of water. She aspersed the little girl, the Piperouga, mumbling "Lord, rain, Lord, rain". In the end she threw the rest of the water at the housetop wishing for rain to come in the same way to the one the water was running down from the housetop.

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