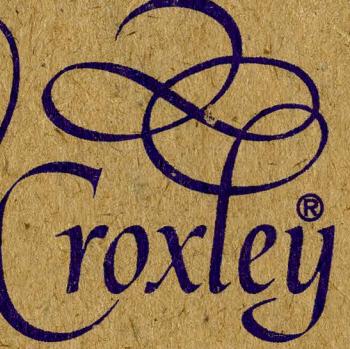


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SI Labo babaphethe lapho, Abona inkosi malise :-
 that were in control there. You see when inkosi - when
 Mankayane bakungabo baka Maseko beba lapho,
 it [live] was still in Mankayane it was the Maseko
 inkosi yefika, chusutfu lapho eguna khona yefika
 people who were there, when inkosi arrived at husutfu
 yaba - baphathwa ba - baphansi kwe sandla
 where he used to end, he was - they were controlled,
 sesesico

they were under the hand of Silo!"

Y. Nebaka Mnisi [In gemuva]
 And the Mnisi [In the background]

SI nhn

nhn

PB Do you know anything about how the NEjāngase
 Kukhona yini lowukwati ko ngekutsi baka Ngāngase
 people came to be where they are? How did
 befika njani kulendzawo lebakuyo? Beka Kangāni
 the NEjāngase people come into Swaziland?
 baka Ngāngase eSwatini?

SI I impela angazi, ntho ngebaka Ngāngase enkuzza
 Honestly I don't know anything about how the
 laphi eswazini ukuthi bezwa kangāni
 Ngāngase people came into Swaziland.

PB When the Simelane were here did they um, um
 Ngalesikhatsi baka Simelane bala, baka e-e -
 what were their relations with the Maseko,
 kwakuyini bukhlobo babo nebaka Maseko, bebavana
 were they on good terms with the Maseko?
 yini nebaka Maseko?

J.B. Na-nam - bebavana kahle yini nala - bem -
 Were you - were they on good terms with - have

57. Malume -
bo malume - plural

maternal uncle.
N.B. Half-brothers of one's
mother are also referred to as
bo malume.

J.D. vana kahle yini nabo Maseko? bakaMaseko -
 you been on good terms with the Maseko? The Maseko -
 PB By the - when the Swazi's were still in eShiselweni
 Ngalesi - ngalesikhatci emaswati asese Shiselweni.
 Si Be - sasiva-sasivaka - sasivana kahle nebaka -
 They - we were - we were on good terms with the
 Maseko uma balapha ngoba bona befitie bahala
 Maseko when they were [still] here because[when] they
 lapha, bahala lapha sasizvana njé kodwa kungekho
 arrived, they lived here [settled here]; we were just on
 litho bolu - (ab'sekile) kangako kuthi sibuhlobu
 good terms but there was nothing that much peculiar
 lobunganani nabo.

to indicate how strong our relations were.

PB Who was the name of the Maseko chief when
 Kwakungubani sickulu saka Maseko ngesikhatci
 the Simelanes came into this area?
 bakaSimelane beta kulendzawo?

Si No. angimazi nkosi
 Cha, I don't know him, nkosi²⁴

PB Do you know anything about Nkopolo, the son
 kuKhona yini lowukwati ko nga Nkopolo, under-
 of Msвати?

Si dzana ya Msвати?

u Nkopolo?

Nkopolo?

PB um

Si

Ngiyamazi njé ngokuthi ungamalume kodwa
 I just know him as my malume⁵⁷ but I don't
 angaqi litho olubi kakhulu
 know anything that much bad[about him]

58. Mbovane Fakudze — One of Swaziland's most
variant spelling: Mbovana noted military rulers, he
was noted especially for his
leadership in the Battle of
Sekhukhunes Stronghold. In addition,
he was induna at the Ndwandwe's
capital at Nkanini when the
(Sisile Khumalo) came into conflict
with King Mbandzeni.

58 Mbouane Fakudze.

58(a) Nkhambule.— the informer is trying to recall the name of a place and corrects himself

59. Sandlane Zwane] An important warrior and variant spellings: Sandlana,] official, serving several kings Sandland] from Msвати to Mbandzeni. He was senior induna at the royal village of Ludzidzini, residence of the Queen Mother.

60. Ludzidzini — The site of an important royal residence during the nineteenth century. Queen Mother Thandile (Lazidze) lived there during the reign of her son. It was located in the centre of the country.

PB Mbovane Fakudze, do you know anything about Mbovane Fakudze,⁵⁸ Kukhona yini lowukwati ko that one? ngaloyo?

SI Yinduna lenthlu Mbovane Fakudze leyabekna Mbovane Fakudze is a senior induna who was yinduna yaka ho - ya - yaka Nkhambule. Ye - ye - appointed - he is induna of ho - of - of Nkhambule induna yaka Nkhambule; Mbovane Fakudze. He is induna of Nkhambule; Mbovane Fakudze yinduna lenthlu yaka Fakudze yaka lobamba is a senior induna [from] the Fakudze[clan] of lobamba Lomdzala ka Somnjálose.

Lomdzala²⁷ at Somnjálose's place.

PB Do you know anything about Sandlane Zwane?

Kukhona yini lowukwati ko nga Sandlane Zwane?

SI Sandlane Zwane ngazi ukuthi yendu na yemtim I know that Sandlane Zwane⁵⁹ is induna of the wenzosi e - ehdzidzini

wenzosi's umuti⁴⁷ at ludzidzini.⁶⁰

PB Do you know how he died?

Uyati yencí kutsi wafa kanjancé?

SI Angazi letho ngokufa kwakhe

I done know anything about his death.

PB — Kopolo was forced to leave Swaziland?

— Kopolo wapho celelwa kutsi ahambe RSwatini?

SI Ngeke ngazi letho ngayele Nkopolo ukuthi wayeka

I cannot know anything about Nkopolo as to kanjani eSwazini

how he abandoned Swaziland.

PB Do you know anything about Mamisi - Ma - misa?
Kukhona yini lowukwati ko nga Mamisci - Ma - misa?

61 - kazi -

the Zulu king?

SI Mmisi?

Mmisi?

PB Mamisa

Mamisa

SI Mamisa - ?

Mamisa

PB um-

e - muphi -

SI Mamisa nguntwanenkosi wase Sitjene.

Mamisa is umntwanenkosi of Sitjene [area].

PB um which one -

e - muphi -

SI — Kazi nguntanenkosi uMmemezi naye

— Kazi⁶¹ mntanenkosi Mmemezi is also [from] of wakhona ka Ngwane kodwa ingeke ngazi lutho ka Ngwane but I cannot know anything about ngaye.

him.

PB — Mamisa - do you know anything about

— Mamisa — kakhona yini Powukwati ko this Mamisa?

ngalo Mamisa?

SI No.

Cha.

PB Why did um, which um, what was the name of -

Wabangwa yini e- , nguyiphie - , kwakungubani libito the - of the - of the Zulu king or chief who forced la - la - la lenkhosi yakaZulu noma Sikhulu lowa-Somhlolo to leave Shiselweni?

phocelela somhlolo kutsi ashiye iShiselweni?

Utsi usakhumbula kutsi kwakunguyiphini kosi yakaZulu?

He is saying do you still remember as to which was

62. Nina
Unina]

} see glossary

63. Sihlangu -
tihlangu - plural]

1. large battle-shield
2. Sihlangu Senkhosi: "shield of
the king" - epithet applicable to
every Swati man.
3. Gymnosporia shrub.

64 Zizwe
(Sizwe
variant: sive
tive

} see glossary

65. I'khulu
sikhulu
tikhulu - plural]

} see glossary

- Si Kutsi kwaknngiyiph' inkosi yakazulu?
That which was the Zulu inkosi?
- T.D. ihan-Mfjele kutsi awusakhumbuli
ihen - tell him that you do not remember.
- Si Nt - ang' sakhumli [Kuthula] umina ka Ntshingila
Cha - I don't remember [Pause] The nina⁶² of
wesibili uzala ngomntfwanenkosi wase Nyakeni
Ntshingila II is begotten of the umntfwanenkosi of
ya.
- Nyakeni [area] yes
And - and - and -. Has there ever been a dispute
Ne - ne - ne - . Kwake kwaba khona yini kubanga
between the Simelane and any of the other clans
emkhatsini webaka Simelane kanye nalecinye
round here?
tibongo khona lapha?
No. Azange sibe ne - nendlela twine akuthi
Cha, we never had a way [chance] of quarrelling
scabane nabantu ngobe lapha kithi kwatunga -
with [other] people because no sichlangu⁶³ was
ngen' isichlangu, ngoba sizala inkosi. Bonk'izigwe
[allowed] to enter our place because we begat inkosi,
zalaph'ikhulu zalapha zonke zazi - balawa
All zizwe⁶⁴ of this place, ikhulu⁶⁵ of this place, all of them
yizimpi kodwa babalekile kithi, like kithi
were being killed by izimpi but they would flee
basinde.
to us [where] on arrival they would find safety.
[bakhulu mela phansi, bakhulu ma kanye kanye]
[They speak in low voices and they speak at the same time]
- PB Were there any other Simelane um-um-um-um
Bebakhona yini labanye baka simelane - e-e-e-e

66. Tekwa
Tekwa
Kuteka }

1. Take a wife, marry
Tekwa means be married by a man-
is used when referring to a lady.
i.e. A man cannot be tekwa(d).

67. Anti

- Siswati pronunciation of aunt.

PB - (did) any si-Simelane women become um mothers to kinkhona yini labanye bomake baka Simelane labatala to the Swazi king - besides Somnjaloze? inkosi - ngaphandle kwa Somnjaloze?

T.B. Ngaphandle kwa Somnjaloze, bakhona yini labanye. Besides Somnjaloze, are there any other Simelane baka Simelane labatekwa yinkhosí? - noma njé. [women] who were ekwa⁶⁶ by inkosi? - or maybe lamanye emakhosi (akitsi) - [ngemava] [any] other of our makhosi³ - [in the background]

SI Munye unika - una na munye uanti una na There is one, the nina⁶² of - there is one the anti⁶⁷ - kamntfwanenkhosí - kamntfwanenkhosí - nina of mntfwanenkhosí - of mntfwanenkhosí - Masumphe.

Masumphe.

Masumphe?

Masumphe?

Masumphe, ongob'uzalwa ngulala Simelane Masumphe Masumphe, because she is born by LaSimelane Aguye - nguyekh'phela ova-wa-wa bethethwe ngulala Masumphe. She is - she is the only one who Mahlokohla

was thatwa¹⁷ by Mahlokohla.

Masumphe?

Masumphe?

Yes

Yebo

She - she -

U - U -

Umtfwanenkhozi Masumphe, ya.
Mntfwanenkhozi Masumphe, yes.

68. Mkhondyo } - (river) Rising about thirty miles
variant: M Kondoo, } west of Piet Retief in the Transvaal
Umkondo } and enters Swaziland north of
Mahamba in the southwestern part
of the country.

69. Pitelv Tifu — Siswati pronunciation for
present-day Piet Retief in the
Republic of South Africa.

PB Do you know anything about lamgangeni?

Kukhona yini lowukwati ko ngaha Ngangeni?

U Ngangeni ngeeng'khulume ngaye angazi

I shall not speak anything about Ngangeni [because]
lutho baka Ngwane bonke labo bantu

I don't know anything, all those people are of Kangwane

nhn nhn nkosi, ngulaba Kangwane

nhn nhn nkosi²⁴, they are the Kangwane [people]

PB Have you ever heard of a chief called

Wake weva yini ngesikhulu lokutsiwa
Nyamenja who lived -

ngu Nyamenja labehlala -

Nyamayenza?

Nyamayenza?

PB um who lived over, um near the sources of the
e - labehlala ngesheya e - educate nala kusuka
Ass - of the Mkhondo river?

Khona i Ass - umfula uMkhondo? ⁶⁸

Si No angeng'khumbule lutho ngaye Nyamayenza
Cha I cannot remember anything about him, Nyama-
ngazi lutho ngaye, ngiyambuka nje kuthi - u-wakhe
yenja, I know nothing about him. I am just observing
ngalapha ngase - ngaphesheya kweMkhondo, ngase-
him that her has built at that side near, across
Petelr Tifu. [kuthula] Langalibalele? ⁶⁹

the Mkhondo [river] near Petelr Tifu. [Pause] Langalibalele?

PB nhn.

nhan.

Si Langalibalele ang'mazi. Ngi - ngimazi lekithi
I don't know Langalibalele. I know [one] him in our
kwaZulu laba baka Langalibalele kufu
[original] place in kwaZulu, [as to] these of Langalibalele

70. Bukhosi — see glossary.

71. Dingane — Zulu king, half-brother and
variant; Dingaan assassin of Shaka.

72. Shaka.
varient spellings:
Chaka, Chaga,
Tshaka

{ King and first great leader of
the Zulu nation. Born in 1787,
his ascent to leadership in 1818 was
due in part to his great display of
courage, especially in battle.

Find out as to who could reign between the two of them.

the noise.

- SI batabani angibazi layi Swazini ~~zini~~ Swaziland.
as to which clan [they belong to] I don't know them here
- PB Have you . . . heard of a Suthu, a big Suthu
Wake weva yini ngemsutfu, sikulu lesikhulu
chief in Som-hlolo's reign called Mgazi?
semutsfu nakubusa Somhlolo lebekutsiwa ngu Mgazi?
- SI Cha ang'mazi nkosi.
No I don't know him nkosi.
- PB Do you know anything about how Dingane
Kukhona yini lowukwati ko ngekutsi wabulawa
was killed, Dingane, the men trying - ?
Kanjani Dingane, Dingane lenkhosi yakazulu - ?
- SI uDingane wabulawa wamhla-wamhla-wamhla
Dingane⁷¹ was killed by Mhla - Mhlawuli
babum-bambulala. uDingane sebabanga bomhengane
They - they killed Dingane [when] they were quarrelling
sebabanga ubukhosi ngutubulala ka boshaka,
bo³⁵-Mhengane⁷² [when] they were quarrelling over bukhosi⁷⁰
sebafunga kuthi ngubani longabusa kubo bobabili.
[During the] because of the [death] of boshaka⁷², trying to
[umsidvo longevaka li]
[indistinguishable noise]
- SI Ngiyeza kuthi inkosi nNdungunye abe-ne-ne-wo
I do hear that inkosi Ndungunye had a - a had
nobu nobuchawé lobus'manga kodwa umina
heroism which was a wonder [amazing] but his nina
wambeka phansi kuthi ngay-mang-enzi but he
put him down that he should do nothing with
nobuchawé lobaka-akayek'apholis-um-um-sindo
this heroism which he had - he must let go and cool off
What was Ndungunye's kraal?
Kwakungubani sibaya [umuti] wa Ndungunye?

73. Ngolo Ejene Ndwandwe.

Ngolo Ejene Ndwandwe was born in 1900 in the village of Nkandla in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He was a Xhosa man who became a famous Zulu prophet and spiritual leader. Ndwandwe claimed to have received divine revelations from God, through his prophetess, Ntsiki Bokwana. He taught a strict form of Christianity and emphasized the importance of personal salvation and moral purity. He also believed in the power of traditional Zulu customs and practices. Ndwandwe's teachings attracted many followers, particularly among rural communities. He established several settlements, known as 'Ngolocas', where his followers lived according to his teachings. Ndwandwe's influence spread beyond South Africa, reaching parts of Lesotho and Swaziland. He died in 1955 at the age of 55. His legacy continues to be remembered by many in the Xhosa community.

[Bakhulu mela phansé, bakhulu lama kanye kanye futsé]

[They speak very softly and they all speak at the same time]

J.B. Wawubizwa ngeku tswayini umati' wandumungu

What was Ndungunye's muti called?

Si Lötala Ngwane, ang'wazi ligama lawo kuthi
Who begats Ngwane, I don't know as to with what
name was it called.

PB Did the Simelane's um-, did they fight very
Ngabe baka Simelane e - bebalwela futsé yini
often um - to defend this area or not?

e - kuvikela lendzawo nome cha?

Si No. Asilwanga thine laka Ngwane si thathe
Cha. We never fought here in Ka Ngwane, [in order to]
lizwe ngokuliva; sa liphivva yinkosi yaka-
take lizwe⁵⁴ by fighting [for it]; we were given it
Ngwane u Mbandeni.
by ka Ngwane inkose, Mbandeni.

PB [Lumsindoo long evakali] Ngo lo ejeni Ndwandwe

[Indistinguishable noise] Ngo lotjeni Ndwandwe⁷³

Si Ngo lotjeni Ndwandwe?

Ngo lotjeni Ndwandwe?

PB um

e -

[Bayamkabelá]

[They whisper]

Si e - Ngolotjeni - khayi angifini tukhulima -
um - Ngolo ejeni - no & don't want to speak -
yebo angazi ntho ngo Ngolotjeni Ndwandwe, ngiyazi
Yes I don't know anything about Ngolotjeni Ndwandwe,
ukuthi u Ngolotjeni Ndwandwe wakan khatjwa
I know that Ngolotjeni Ndwandwe is a M khatjwa

74. Hluthe A town located in Swaziland
varient(s) Hluti } about eight miles north of the South
Schlutse } African border. One report indicates
that the Zulu King, Dingane, brother
of Shaka, died somewhere east of this
area. He is reportedly buried near
there.

S1 lapha, khona lapha nges' Hlutho,
There, just there at S' Hlutho?⁷⁴

PB Could you tell me anything about Tsandzile,
kukhona yini lowungangitjela kona nga Tsandzile,
Tsandzile the - the mother of Msawati?
Tsandzile u - unina waMsawati?

S1 Awn angazi butho ngo Thandile, angazi butho
Awn I don't know anything about Thandile, I know
ngaye angazi butho
nothing about her, I know nothing.

PB Um - when the Simelane were placed here
E - Ngesikhatsi baka simelane babekwa lapha,
were they placed here um for any - any particular
ingabe babekwa lapha e - e - ngesizatfu
reason?

lesitsite yine?

S1 [uyahleba] ya. No.

[Whisper] Yes. Cha.

PB _____ Simelanes in Zulu land?

_____ baka simelane kaZulu?

S1 kakhulu, banengi kakhulu. Bakhona enKayanene
Definately, they are very many. They exist at Nkayane,
bakho (French), nyamazi waka simelane lawo,
they exist at (French), you know him, that one is a simelane,
bayisizw' esikhulu, banengi kabi. Basengamashifu
they are a bid sizwe⁶⁴, they are too many. They are
namanje.

still mashifu⁴⁰ even now.

PB Are there, are there any famous men
Kukhona, Kukhona yini emadvodza ladumile
men on men on the king's council, simelane
e bandleni [ligogo] lenkhosi, emadvodza aka-

PB men on the king's council you remember?
 Simelane ebandleni lenkosi lo wuwa khumbulako?
 le-leka Ngwane?
 AF at ka Ngwane?

PB nhn -
 nhn.

J.D. Kukhona yini baka Simelane labatina lapha
 Are there any Simelane people who are still
 ebukhosini? [Luyahleba]
 known at bukhosini? [Whispers]

Si labatina - labativako baka Simelane kwatina
 Who are known - known Simelane people - it's known.
 lapha, mine la . . .
 here — me here.

J.D. nhn

nhan

Si Nebaka Zandondo.

And those [from] of Zandondo.

PB ya. In the past have the Simelanes have ever
 Yes. Ngesikhetsi lesengcile ngabe baka Simelane baka
 had any, in the time of Somholo, in the time of
 baba, ngesikhatsi sa Somholo, ngesikhatsi sa-
 Mswati, in the time of Mbandzeni, have the
 Mswati, ngesikhatsi sa Mbandzeni, ngabe baka-
 Simelanes ever had any dispute over who is
 Simelane baka baba nekungevani ngekutsi
 going to be chief?

Kutawuba ngubani sikhulu?

J.D. Usho kutsi baka ba - ngesikhatsi sa Somholo
 He means that did they - in the time of Somholo
 baka ba nekunbabacabana yini baka Simelane
 did they ever had some quarrelling - the Simelane people

→ Nkambule people.



J.D. ngeku tsi' ngubani longaba lotanubekwa abe
as to who will be installed as shifu?
ngishifu?

Si Cha abakaze bakwenza bakihi
No Our people have not done that.

PB About the people could you tell me about the people under
Ngalabantfu, ungaangitjela yene ngalabantfu babe
Somcuba the one there?
phasa Somcuba l - le?

Si USomcuba ku-ab-e-e laba ba -
Somcuba w-was - these -

J.D. — labakha ngesi'khatri⁶³ sa Somcuba ngakhona,
— who built during the time of Somcuba near
letinye tive laba -

[there], other tive⁶⁴ who -

Si Ngeti - ngetinye tive capha is - iz'bongo zabo
[es - es] other five here and I don't know
angizazi nkuthi ngabatkabani.
their fibongo

PB Were they - what, what was their relationship
Babe - kwakuyini buhlebo babo neba ka
with the Nkambule people?
Nkambule?

J.D. Bebanab'dlelwane buni neba ka Nkambule?
What sort of relationship did they have with the
Si Impela ngeke ngazi lutho, angazi lutho.
Really I cannot know anything, I know nothing.
[umsindvo longavakali]

[indistinguishable noise]

Si Baka Mamba, baka hawumisa, Thekwane, base-~~by~~
[es the Mamba people, its the Hawumisa people, Thekwane

The Mngometulu [people]

←

75 Zikhotheni - area about three kilometre east of present-day Mhlosheni in Central Southern Swaziland. A section of the Ndwandwe people presently have a chiefdom in this area.

S[place]

←

- SI khothem' ka Ndwadwa, baka Mingometulu
 ↗ and its those of yikhotheni⁷⁵, Ndwandwa's place, its
- PB where they only - where they only -
 Bekunyalaba kufhela - Bekunyalaba kufhela -
 Yes ba - ba baka Mingomezulu, baka - baka Nyewe
 Yebo Its the Mingomezulu, its the Nyewe
- PB No - no
 Cha - cha
- F.D. No
 Cha
- PB baka Nkambule, they are not, they are not -
 Its the Nkambule, kabasibo, kabasibo -
 SI bakwa Sibande, bakwamdluli - bese kuba
 Its the Sibande, its the Mdluli - and then its
 baka Khumalo, sekuba baka Nkhosi kabakanome
 ↙ the Khumalo, and it is then the Nkhosi at Bhakanome
- J.D. Labe khelene ne -
 Who were neighbouring the -
 SI Laba khelene nebaka Simelane - e - sekuba
 who are neighbouring the Simelane people um - its then
 baka Mamba - ngibabalile baka Mamba.
 the Mamba - I have counted [mentioned] the Mamba.
- PB what are the - were the Mamba here before
 Bayini - labaka Mamba bebalapha kucala
 the Simelane come or did they come after the
 yini bangakefiki baka Simelane noma baka emva
 Simelane?
 Kwe baka Simelane?
- SI Abantu balapha labo, angele ngikutjèle kuhi
 Those are people of this place, I cannot tell you where
 bakuphi ngoba nami ngizwa kuchiva ngabantu
 they are of because I also heard) it being said that

76. Masotjenc

—

[Umsündwo longewakaló]

S1

bala

they are people of this place.

[Umsindvo longerakali]

[Indistinguishable noise]

S1

BakaMdhli befika kucala thine sibathole vele
 The Molukhi people arrived earlier, we actually found
 bokhonapha, ngabantu bala ka Ngwane labo, solo -
 them here, those are people of kaNgwane, they have
 bahamba nentkosi
 always been going with the unkosi

PB

Are the Sibande — ?

Ngabe baka Sibande - ?

S1

Nakabatwa Sibande laba soloku yizinduna
 And these Sibande people have always been
 zenkosi, bahamba nentkosi [Umsindvo longerakali]
izinduna⁴⁸ of unkosi, they have been going with unkosi.

S1

Sibathole balapha kulelizwe lakwa Ngwane -
 We have found them in this lizwe⁵⁴ of kaNgwane -
 Mine lapha
 me here.

J.B.

Ugnbam?

Who are you?

S1

ngingn - ngsimelane, chief Simelane Simelane
 I am - Simelane, shifir Simelane Simelane the
 lolokhulumako, lapha libutfo lami' lis - ng'mase -
 one who is speaking, here my libutfo³⁸ its - & belong to
 masotjéni. Iminyaka yami ngine 52 years - nemnyaka
Masotjéni⁷⁶ My years[age] have lengemashumi lasihlanu
 lemashumi lasihlanu nemnyaka lem'bili ng'khona
 nambili and fifty - two years [stic] present [living]

J.B.

Letindzaba waw'ti -

You got the stories -

77. Umntwana — See glossary

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Fundzaba ng'litfolo ka baba Mhhonono ong'yem
 I got the stories from baba² Mhhonono who is the
 amdala kababa ozala mine. Ngiz'ehola kuye
 elder one in my baba who begets me. Getting them
 ong'yenidala wazikonde kusuka kwethu notre-
 from him who is the elder one and knows everything, from
 nza konde kwethu kwazulu, ng'hlala naye,
 our beginning and all our doing in kwazulu, I was living with him
 ngim'khetel'amanzi, amng'cocela konke size
 fetching water for him, he would tell me everything,
 wefela wafa ng'ingumntana like ng'hlala naye,
 he eventually died, he died whilst I was his umntwana,
 ngi'kuva konke kwakalimelane mane fungila -
 [I was] living with him and I would hear everything
 hlekele nje lokunye ngokuhamba hamba.
 about the Simelane, its just that I have lost
 Kodwa loku leng'ku khulumako ng'khuluma
 some by walking about. But what I am saying
 ka Simelane kuthi ful'cimiso konke thine
 , I am speaking [on behalf] of the Simelane
 baka Simelane asizange sihla selve, asizange
 that it is the whole truth, we Simelane people were
 sihla selve asizange sihla namantu kuzi kubu
 never attacked, we never attacked, we never fought
 ng'namhlange, ngabantu nje kaphel' abahlase -
 anyone up to today; its just people who attacked
 la thina Kodwa aw'sog' umbone uaka Simelane
 us but you will never see a Simelane um-
 e - .