

S. O. E. MANDA HISTORY: L. Manda & Nhlanguan 100 Manda 1/2

106 *Seun* = a *Dauk*, a *cellar* a
wooden house a *pillar* part of
that for *roof* *stone* the
tooth, and *stone* (6 or more and
of *pillars* // 247)

107 (Li(i) *juet*) - *business* *negotiation*
between *people* *concept*
of *business* *of* *business*
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108 *Ngemangena* - *let* *business*

109 *Lelobur* - *handsome* *young* *fellow*

110 *Sutuh* - *one* *who* *makes* *or* *cuts* *a* *thing*; *who*
divides

111 *Manchak* - *person* *with* *gold* *in* *his*
hand

112 *Ngan di wankloko*; *a* *peace* *person*; *one* *who* *says* *what*
is *his* *link*

uku Makhshana "SeNgudzeni"
 Makhshana "SeNgudzeni"
 Ulikhande live letgudzeni
 kungenandlala, ukho wase ulivela
 tindlela, kankhla sekukhona lagay,
 pathis in it, idlas that ad ynders
 ingulabutanukolisa,
 who are going to guide it further
 mbimbisi yakho, sinakahlle, nemakhlle
 Cu. ukhambisa "the" built body y. a. well
 Maja wemisa letgudzeni bahucala
 built body Maja for it built like the
 kemandiralo. Ukubizana waklale
 early and of old people¹⁰⁷ people has been
 wawusi khensu, kungats, kantiya
 wa u Sikhambisa "people" wawusi
 langagidlala Haka sekawushisa umuzi
 234 in the they are sitting you should
 wakho nkosi lowats, asikwakhleli wema,
 on fire ukhambisa which "people" that at should
 kapho asakhona Maja ukhukhshana,
 built it for you like Maja is he is 20/10
 Usetgudzeni, ukhambisa live
 Makhshana "SeNgudzeni" you found
 letgudzeni kungenandlala waklakhala
 the Makhshana "SeNgudzeni" pathis you
 tindlela "kantiya" kutingekhlle
 with (y. a. w.) pathis in it the ukhambisa
 were not that it was ukhambisa

9 100 Mhlabane - small patches of forest

10 Ngudzen - the Mamba umpakhasi and surrounding area, located about 25 km east of Hlatikhulu in southern Swaziland

102 Mhlabisi - possibly mbembese - one whose back is concave and appears to be leaning forwards, buttocks pushed upwards

103 Ngweni - a sinanalelo of some the clans of Swaziland. See glossary

104 Sethencisi - concave.

105 (ti) ntfemti - young girls of marriageable age.

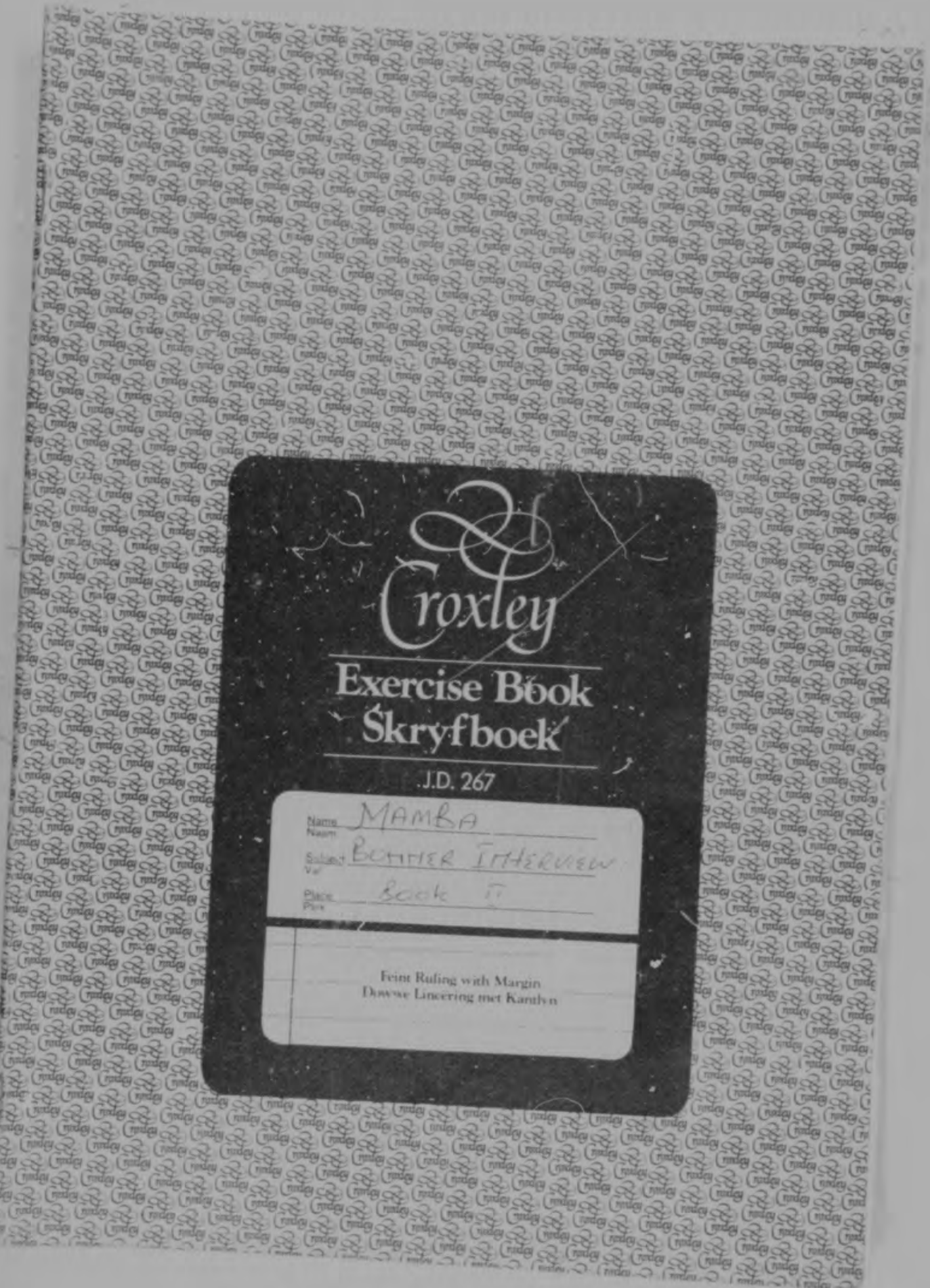
96. Madunani: a place amongst the tudwana. (see n. 86)

97. Ndushulweni:

98. Mgungundlovu

99. (w) Likhahlamba -

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3 Mshayi wempala uyozifaka Ogidemi
 Mshayi wempala uyozifaka elugibani
 Impetsimpetsi yakatsi kuvela kabi, uveli
 live lakatsi kaphtsitela,
 him who appeared wrongly who you appeared
 kaphtsiteliswa yungu lembeli
 our country got help for our country was
 yungu ye Mangisi manye rekha alimane
 Bakartgwani kexangasatala emakhaya
 Etshafeni tekhalu takartgwani
 people of Nwanam were raised yungu the
 tase tyawagedla emaphike. ^{the best} ~~place~~ ^{place} held back the wings Nwanam

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1 ngumpetsimpetsi yakatsi uveli kabi
 uveli live lakartgwani kaphtsitela
 who he appeared the inner (it is belong)
 kaphtsitelisa yungu lembeli
 ye Mangisi manye rekha alimane,
 Impetsimpetsi yakatsi uveli kabi

123 (liti)mp - *see previous*

140 Kaitgwani - can be translated as
the place of *kwani*

the *kwani* part on the eye on the tekhulu¹²⁰ *kwani*

136 Lusane -

137 Mcheza -

138 Malane -

139 Magugetu -

140 Lukhanda - upper of the head of cattle
in which the horns are set.

141 izimani - splits

142 Tjani - the name of a kind of
grass it is also a name of
a place about 12 km. south of Ngudani
the Namba umfakata.

140 Mbekebene: royal residence of Namba king, Malayi,
situated to the south east of the Mbekebene river
on the edge of the Middleveld.

128 Since - literally - cutter's measure,
in this case the word
Sukowati for the word
Sukowati which is a name
of a place.

129 Mfekatane -

130 Tikhulu -

131 Nkwiyela - name of a place

132 Mancanda -

133 Mashucela

134 Luge gwenyanya - name of a person
lit. hill of a concubine.

135 Meluseki - name of a place

122 Kusha - 1) Move away on the belly.
2) Run away at the ground
3) Rustle through leaves
4) Search for small insects
5) Run out and find among other
fall out from a bundle.
6) Climb to make the
(C. M. M. 9. 6. 11. 350)

123 Lohave - small black hawk

124 Urandeeze - possibly a bird in a tree?

125 Mankhahone - It is a person
who is curious, observant and
eager to test any or most things
he finds.

126 (U) Minkumbi - trough for dogs to eat at; a
kind of a cup

127 Lu - mountain,

114. Mammals

115. Hattaka; discuss, expand

116. Hattaka: possibly derived from ku+inga
(to blow away)

117. Swabian ...

118. ...

119. Hattaka: a stone ...

120. Guggen ... the name change.

121. (Hattaka) - large class ... some
...
...
...
... (Hattaka) ...

tatyawusena kubikukulu lepaiver
lokarnomnooma kanta tubakamba
Maja temuruzile eyela wetsundza
kubulula likhona lale, kuzabandza
kuvela kusatsundza kufa uyese
Mkatjane. Maja selubula
Senakukukhile ngungame
Makcemechi ka...
wathleto abengekalute, katyomnde-
mbika, ka...
we... ka Mnyama kubalali
kamatsete, katamatsete namambila
katsete tindzulu wadzalula
ka Mampjya kaha Mampjya katjanga
Mampjya...
Umlente, wadzalula Sivuleni
udali ngqobulaza kubakampjya
Sivula...
wadzalula Gugum, nalinabile
Gugum...

Malayi zidze, uyahanta zidze
 d...
 ukuyala emuva kuzulu, una abuyela
 kuzulu-ke, chi inkhos, ayisokhu
 uSomhlolo, Sowubalekull, unukile
 Semakhe wa...
 ule kuti Sufu, Sewangahlonake
 Malayi uyahanta uya le uyamhlonake
 Uma Ankhanga-ke, ukuya naye-ke
 Sengumtsill, una zidze sempela-
 ke uyatuya-ke bulhasi, uSomhlolo
 kuyi kuti berangatyala
 ngatuya kutomkusi nani, Sewangaty-
 sile, Sewangahlonake wesacele
 na eak...

mawala, Waso ma ngaphansi-ke
 mawala¹⁵⁸ and [unclear]¹⁵⁹ [unclear]
 to lodlammu sekuta nguzena lola
 under [unclear] the diamin before the
 ngaphansi & kantsi khatalwera.
 guma om yot awoyoye to lottle
 nguzena kwatalwa kucala ali
 be the one who went first. Ch it
 kwahamba, kwahamba ke, kwahamba-
 went and went and went and went [days
 ke, kwahamba ke kwakonakala
 went by], and it appeared [appeared]
 kwelutsi ngesikhatsi-ke sesikubalele-ke
 in Malayi's²² time and [unclear]
 kuMaloyi-ke Sekuriga Sombhilo
 Sombhilo by the letter he was scattered
 sesikulendzawo kwase kubhambuka
 in this area that was [unclear]
 zidze-ke, acifwa ngelShaka, una
 was seen [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 efika-ke ka Mulahlawatywane
 Shaka¹⁵¹ when he came here in this [unclear],
 ulwa naye-ke Malayi, ulwa naye,
 of Nguzeni Nalwa [unclear] [unclear] then he
 mchosi-ke seyiyalalaka a Sombhilo
 kuno. Sombhilo was [unclear] [unclear] that,
 ngelwa kutsi nansi mpho yakazubi
 here is the [unclear] [unclear]² he went
 usuya ke kuMaguthu¹⁶⁵ uyametsa-ke
 elibe a Malochu¹⁶⁵ [unclear] Malayi

155 Zedze - variant Zwide: Ndlovu's king in the early nineteenth century.

156 Shaka - Zulu king in the early nineteenth century (c. 1816 - 1828)

185 Rallagobholo: vuvuzela & Echo (huh), Ngoni as situated in the Dromedary mountains, with view of modern ...

Huru kompane yase shishi
 and gave it to Huru, the yurae and
 yaphila-ke kyukthuru inkhoni
 Huru Huru probably finished in many
 base utawa gathu bukhu
 by [daughter] Huru. Then the King
 kompane Shuta nyena-ke
 shifted to Huru the young one He
 Ayukhos. Lottu Kwasikeyema
 then became the King ¹⁸³ for Huru. ¹⁸³
 Ke khona kapu, Swuta
 ended that. Then the eldest became
 ngulompane-ke. Womkhulu ngaleso
 junior through that fact
 sent Salaphu krahanba-ke
 of that. Days passed to and they were
 soo kahamita kanye kalihitela
 being together ¹⁸⁴ until they were
 ngelatomti kaze by ka kulenzano
 starting the ⁶⁷ ¹⁸⁴ until they came
 Hengola Shhona Sepka kapu
 this place is ⁶⁷ ¹⁸⁴ but, at same
 kaNgwanu Sehamuka. A entansi
 had in Hgama's ¹⁸⁴ from down
 katembi. Clutinywa kwemaki ¹⁸⁴
 una akkaembu ² ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁴
 khona kapu wajung wasikhulu
 That is how it went Huru continued to
 Kemy lala-ke Huru ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁴
 ce ¹⁸⁴ and ¹⁸⁴

156 glaza - see glossary.

183 According to Matschula (chart opposite p.4) Hlubi and Dlamini were the sons of Ludvanga and Dlamini was the one who gained the kingship, not Hlubi. In yet another version (Simamba Nkomo) it is claimed that there were originally three brothers, Chamba, Hlubi and Dlamini, Hlubi the rightful heir was deprived of the kingship, and the royal lineage descended through Dlamini, the followers of Hlubi becoming the Ndlelao.

184 eButfongwa: place of the Thonga people

HM Kutzaluka kusefu sa gabuka
 About the ¹⁵² ~~... ..~~ a
 kanyt kanyt rutakotiyant
 together with the people of
 Tatitlamana badi kodlamini
 Blamini and Huki was among after one
 ra Huki, katalwa ngulanga
 another by both and was born of kanyt ¹⁵³
 Nyakoke kanga Sowulalala
 Thus Langa killed the sons of his
 tunklumi takhe kitimboli watsi-
 He then said to those two
 ke = kutamadrodzana akhe
 sons of his this Blamini was
 kamabde kangulomkhali-ke kodlamini,
 the [elder] among the said,
 watsi ke kitaruceliza huwala
 he who is young to fight first in
 kullenza tunklumi kutaba nyayena
 Skinning the beast, he will be the
 yena. Mkhono wami gchewenta
 one who will be my son then
 kwake ke. WaLanga waso utsateu
 his descendant. Langa then said
 umukhona kitongkhalayhu umka
 blant kufe ad yant of the
 kolomkhali kodlamini, utsateu-ke
 the [elder] among the Blamini. He
 Wensiniki lokhalybaka umka
 will be more than the strong one

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158 Langa - name of a princess. Langa daso
not appear on the royal genealogy compiled by
Matsekula, about opposite p. 4.

- 2 ⁷⁹ Ngu² Hlanganiso
3 am M Hlanganiso?
- x libutfo lakho tabb
you libutfo²⁵ lube?
- 2 Ngir kawa
3 am [of] Tubani²⁴
- y who told him that his. my?
- x wena wapunaziswa ngitam?
who taught you?
- 2 anu? natate kulabatizala nje
awu? 3. How then from the elders.
- x kawutitola kanyani? kawulalala
how did you go there? you need to
enladi odza emal anala kikitandala?
listen for the name of Mulanali, it was libutfo
- 2 enkhe.
- 1 | apemuy
- 1 | — malle yebukhase, velle
the kingdom family is indeed
yisibhalo, Sesingabenyake velle and
the one of the tribe in the tribe black
kikunene, Sesissetse Caphe
you to you people of the night. Can you just
Caphe, kakantamla ladzabukhaphu?
say you a true thing about tribe that
nadzabukhaphu Syllu?
people of tribe Spabukhaphu d?
how did you chabuka?

151 (L. No) San-alle - assembly of the people, and for
the sidos where local affairs are decided

152 San-uked - see glossary

1 wo. libite lam nane ngugulogwaja.
My name is Logwaja

x Logwaja
Logwaja

1 Mamba
Mamba

x Mamba
Mamba

1 yebo libutte lam ngugewitibawu.
yes My libutte name is Tibawu

x tibawu
Tibawu

y 1

x ututa ligama talendzawo lalo-
He is asking for the name of this child
mphakatsi?

1 ngu Sezuluwini
It is Zuluwini

y when did he get all this?

x watjelwa ngubani tentile letenthe
who told you all the things you
asowusithele nanye ka-
have told him, now?

1 Angitwa kulakadzala.
Guard them from the elders

x ligama lakhe tate ngutani
what is your name tate

147 Legwaju - name of a person

148 Umphaluts - a chief administrative
organization and his main
residence

149 Tibanu - a tribe²⁵ within the
Nanta clan

150 Zulu - name of an resident or
Umphaluts¹⁵⁹

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timphi²⁰ in which the Mambas were involved?
 as when Mswati would send out an imphi²⁰, and
 the Mamba people were required to take up arms and
 join in. Do you have your own timphi, fought
 by the Mambas so that is besides those which were
Bayethe²¹?

xx

L.M. There is only one. xx When inkhosi²² Maloyi²³ went
 to fetch Somhlolo xx the Nhleko people so looted
 cattle from so the place of the Mamba people.
 They were settled there at Njufukati²⁴. When the
 Mamba people came back from there so with
 the king, Somhlolo, they found that the cattle had been so
 stolen by the Nhleko people. so Maloyi then sent out
 a imphi²⁰ to attack them and so to retrieve the
 cattle. That is the one!

xx

1. so Did that imphi have a name?

L.M. No, it did not. so

xx

1. so What was the name of the Mamba libutfo which
 attacked the Nhleko people?

L.M. I doubt that there is anyone who knows the libutfo
 of Maloyi so because we are relatively young.¹⁸
 I know that of Mbatjane²⁵.

xx

1. What is your libutfo, Mlandobu²⁶ or what?

Hguyeki levo indzabuko yetfu raul
That is you ¹⁰ indzabuko ¹⁵² you
bekumine ¹⁰

x ¹⁹ Wena sakamamba silongi sahlo
Is you ¹⁹ silongi? Mamba you
base? ²⁰
base

5 yeko
yes

4 bakankhosi, kakankhosi
They are of khosi? then are ¹⁹ khosi?

x Mamba
Mamba

4 kakankhosi
They are of khosi?

x lebam kakankhosi.
Who are of khosi?

4 kakamamba
The people of khamba

x inwala yetakamamba katsa ¹⁵⁵
How many days does the ¹⁵⁵ inwala

emalanga lamanzaku?
of the Mamba people take?

1 asiygidzi inwala
We do not ¹⁵⁰ see inwala ¹⁵²

x luselwa
It is luselwa? ¹⁷⁸

1 luselwa ye kuphula, kuti nomu
It is only luselwa when

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those of Mswati?

xx

1 They fought all the wars of Mswati, even that one of Ingogadvo.³⁸ They say some of their forefathers were killed there.

M.D. The imphi that was sent out by Mbandzeni, that was the one of Mshadza - after the English people came to request the imphi assistance - where the Ndlaulela³⁹ went out. Did the Mamba people go out to that imphi²⁰?

S.M. They did go out. It was Maja³² who went out there. Mbandzeni then said that Maja should not go, he should come back home for he is also an inkhosi²², and they, Mbandzeni and Maja, would fukamela⁴⁰ the imphi²⁰. In the cattle byre at Mbekelweni⁴¹ Maja returned xx. Mbandzeni said oo you had to come back, you cannot go there. I have sent out the imphi and we will fukamela⁴⁰ it with you here.

xx

M.D. Did you people of Mamba attend the imphi of 1939 to 1945, that which was sent out by Sobhuza⁴².

xx

S.M. That one! We did go out indeed, and the people of Ngwane were running away, together with all these Natkhendza⁴³!

M.D. Awe⁴⁴, get away with you, get away with you! Who was running away? You are swimming in dangerous waters!

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then Mjibha, and that is where it ends.

xx

M.D. You people of Mamba, you know that from the time of the early kings until this very one, you used to go out with the people of Ngwane. What can you tell us with which imphi²⁰ of KaNgwane¹⁷ did you participate, fighting, and during which king's reign. I will also remind you of the imphi²⁰ if you have forgotten them.

Mswati, let me say rather, Samhlolo sent out an imphi. We of KaNgwane¹⁷ were fighting with the Zulu, there at Lubuya³⁵. Do you know that imphi? Were you people of Mamba present in that one?

xx

if you Mambas went out with our imphi as I said, yes, the Mamba people do go out to the imphi. Even this last one, they went with the imphi²⁰ to the imphi²⁰ as I will start from Samhlolo, that is where you, you the Mamba people present at the imphi of Lubuya?

xx

1. They were at the battle of Lubuya.

M.D. We are through now with the imphi of Samhlolo, that of Lubuya. Were you present when Mswati sent out imphi²⁰ to attack the Sotho people, up over there at Kakhohho³⁶? Were you taking part in those, you of Mamba?

L.M. We did go to Mshadza³⁷.

M.D. No, do not say Mshadza, that one is of Mbandzeni,

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L.M. I am a Lisotja.²⁷

xx

I I would like you, nkehoi²⁸, to explain oo this matter carefully: here, oo in Mamba chiefdom, you have another name for the emaSotja.²⁷ Is that not so?

L.M. It is so.

I oo echi had his own libutfo; which do you start with?

xx

L.M. We started with Njfuline.²⁸ xx We do not know his libutfo. xx Then we come to Magadlala.²⁹ We do not know his libutfo. Then we come to Mamba³⁰, we do not know his libutfo. Then we come to Malayi²³, we do not know his libutfo. We now come to Mbatjane²⁵ and we know his libutfo. It was iNore³¹ xx There are many. Unfortunately I have forgotten the other ones.

2. The Mjibha is oo a Mamba one, mention those of the time of Mbatjane.

L.M. In oo the time of Mbatjane I know oo of the iNore. xx Maja³² then came after him. oo Maja's were iMjibha, then iNsele. Then it was iNdlome. These are the ones that I know. Then came Bhekweni³³. In Bhekweni's time there was the Magugude, then Mgboza, then Matalane. Then Dlameni³⁴. Then Ludlambendlu, then Tibawu,

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M.D. Who was their chief?

L.M. We do not know.

xx

1 Did you ^{oo} find other tikango here besides the Mavimbela and the Hlanze people?

L.M. The Nhleko¹³ people were here. ^{oo}

N.M. And the Mlotse¹⁴ people

xx

1 How did they come here, in the Mamba area? ^{oo}

L.M. They are emakhandzambili.

M.D. Who else ^{oo} did you find here?

L.M. They are many: the Matsebula¹⁵ people; the Mkuwane¹⁶ people.

1 Did you attack them when you arrived here?

L.M. No.

1 xx Who was the king of ^{oo} kaNgwane¹⁷ when you split there, coming here?

L.M. I do not know, nkhosi¹¹, because we are ^{oo} relatively young¹⁸.
I ^{oo} think that it could be Samhlo's father.

xx

M.D. Can you tell us, nine bekunene¹⁹ about ^{oo} some of the

1 The whole area is that of the Mamba people. They have their small area. Where are they scattered? xx

L.M. They have their own place xx down there in the bushveld⁶

H.K. oo Do the Mambas have something like an insila⁷?
xx

L.M. Bhokweni⁸ had an insila⁷ oo named Matumba

1 Was he not an umfana⁹?

L.M. No!

M.D. Are you sure you know what an insila⁷ is? xx
oo An insila⁷ is chosen as a boy, and should grow up with the king. When the initiation rituals for the kingship are performed, whether it be incision or whatever, the boy who is to be the insila⁷ has to go through the same process. In other words he is then taken as if he is his brother because he has indeed come with the sibongo. Even the emakhosikat¹⁰ of the king oo and those of the insila⁷ dine together. oo The emakhosikati of the insila are respected just the same as those of the king oo

1 There is no insila!

1⁰ Did you, nkhosi¹¹, also find the Hlanze¹² people here?

L.M. We found them here.

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⁽³⁾ (5)

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information heard from: 'the old people'

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L.M. xxoo We found these people here when we arrived.

N.M. When we were from kaTembe⁽⁴⁾.

xx

M.D. You should have said they are emakhandzambili.

L.M. In actual fact, the indvuna is of Mavumbela⁽⁵⁾.

xx

I Is there is reason why they became the emakhosikati, the ones who bear the Mamba oo kings? Or was it because you found them here?

M.D. Where did you find the Mavumbela people? Were oo they here?

Namba

p. 36 where are Idushulwani, Mguqusheni

p. 37 AA " in Mhlabana
residences
of Maja?

p. 38 who were Manyane

p. 38 where is Sivukene
who was Vubaza
" " Mpingo.

p. 44 who is Masika?

where is Hakehale

p. 45 " " elulwani impakasi

Nguyake levo indzabake yetfu ruzi
That is you + indzabake you
Lekandi

o the night¹⁹
x Wena sakamamba selongo sakho
In you selongo mamba you
Eate?
Eate²⁴

5 yeto
Yes

o kakankhos kakankhosi

This are of you "This are of mamba"

x Mamba

Mamba

o kakankhosi

This are of you

x kaban kakankhosi

who are "kaban"?

o kakamamba

The people of mamba

x mawala yetakamamba kaka

How many are you?

Emalanga lamangaku

o mamba you are

1 asyigaz mawala

Who are you?

x kaban

o mamba

1 kaban you kaban mamba

o mamba you kaban mamba

kandi ngamubusiklone ke wese kudla
 End 3 Am the first ... build
 yalida wllam kyle utam uchila kugidza
 an Abian ...
 unenala utam unewadze ngeluyhan dwo
unewadze ...
 kweradlove luv sancele simt
 a left hand ...
 ngam unewadze ... kudla utam uchila
 fup ...
 phela ...
 will simt out ...
 uyollasela kuma ...
 an ...
 abaleka angema kume ngam unenala
 individual ...
 anisuyuphuzdze ngamema Kwabengwa ke
 ukut ...
 khomu lapho lokusimenzhlambelo
 into ...
 nye - kuzo kibe ngam unenala nye
 there that is ...
 Sabuufela ngaloke kutukhosi tene
 That is how ...
 lapha kuzigama ngam unenala uSimbilolo
 in Ngwani place ...
 wase uyasiniko uSimbilole ngam unenala
 Simbilole ...
 sinenzhlambelo nye lapha kabanila
 an ...
 Mamba ...

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152 Abundant - Great quantity of washing
enclosure in the royal store where the
king a doctor with great medicine, and
where by which the revenue is obtained

153 Manala - The store

166 is left and right tusks of the elephants from
which pens sheaths were made

32-34

Clouds of dust going down the Mungane⁶⁵ and Nhlaya⁶⁶
towards the end when they came to Mchonwane⁶⁷.
Finger that is stiff as with cold,⁶⁸
Ready to scoop out men's tikikila⁶⁹
at the place of Malayi's family,
The doorway is not blocked by a door,
Instead, the heads of men are used.

Nkholi. "

xx

I also know of the tibongo of Mbatjane²⁵, the one
who was born of Malayi²³. I even know those
of Maja³², born of Mbatjane.

xx

oo Mbatjane.

He is known as Dumudumu⁷⁰,

Flock of birds,

He eats down and he coots up.⁷¹

Luwewe⁷² who responds with alacrity when called,

Because it has been called by Mtsotfwa⁷³ and

it responded;

I have been telling you, Mbatjane,

You should stop taking men's cattle by force,

When you take by force cattle which belong to the
emadivuna⁷⁴ of kaMamba,⁷⁵

It will bring you sorrow;

You have taken by force those of Mbookwe⁷⁶ and others, oo

The others who are those who try cases.

Who are the emadivuna⁷⁴ of kaMamba⁷⁵.

41-42

For they see you eating the emaganu¹¹⁶ of Nkwayela's¹¹⁷ place,
 Keeping Tom who peeps into all courts,
 You have peeped at Mancandzi¹¹⁸ and at Mashicele,¹¹⁹
 You fought with two bulls, boy of Maja,
 Yet you, you were alone.

If it had been only one, oo you would have won,
 One bull is lean, oo the other is fat,
 The lean bull was Sugogolwengwenya,¹²⁰
 The fat bull was Meluseki.¹²¹

Bullets are flying, they are flying at eNgudzeni,⁸⁷
 They don't hit a person, they hit the Ngudzeni rock;
 You who walk in the eNgudzeni,

Take care of your skull, it is spilling
 You summoned people¹²² to the Malalane,¹²³

oo Exhorting them to be prompt at edusaseni;¹²⁴

You summoned people¹²² to the Mchoza,¹²⁵
 oo exhorting them to be prompt at edusaseni;

You summoned people¹²² to the Magugudu,¹²⁶
 oo exhorting them to be prompt at edusaseni.

Our bull whose forehead¹²⁷ is reddish,

It came from Mbelebeleni¹²⁸ with its horns wide open
 thinking that it will stab at those with curved horns;

Women of the eNgudzeni fetch much firewood;

You can see that the cold at Ngudzeni is chilly oo;

The child stepped in at eTjanini¹²⁹ until the izimvava¹³⁰
 broke.

Wena wekunene!⁸²

pp. 44-48 xx

My name is Sagwaja x Mamba .xx My Rubutfo,
I am of the tiBawu.

xx

H.K. Who told you all the things that you have told here,
now?

J.M. I heard them from the elders.

xx

N.M. I am of the tiBawu. xxoo I heard this history
from the elders.

xx

H.K. oo where did you hear it? Did you hear it from the men
of the emabanda?

N.M. oo Yes.

¹³⁹
M. xx Where did the Mamba people dzabuka? How did
you dzabuka?

● N.M. xx We dzabuka'd together with the people of
kaNgwane¹⁷. Dlamini¹⁴⁰ and Hlubi¹⁴¹ followed each other
by birth oo both born of Langa¹⁴². Thus, Langa
killed two of his cows. He then addressed his
two sons. oo saying,
'He who finishes first in the skinning of his
beast, well through his achievement, become
my arm¹¹⁻³'. Langa then took a blunt knife
and gave it to the elder son, Dlamini. He
took a sharp knife oo made of iron, and gave it
to Hlubi, the younger son.

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Beater of oo impala until they are in the gully,
 Beater of oo impala until they are in the snare;
 oo Ow commotion, for he appeared at a bad time,
 when he appeared, the country was in confusion,
 Our country was disrupted by the two timphe,
 The war between the British and the Germans;
 The people of Ngwane were no longer staying at home,
 They were sleeping out in the bush;
 The tikhulu of KaNgwane¹⁷ pulled in their wings.¹³¹

M.D. It is dusk now!

xx

d.M. Known as our commotion, for he appeared at a bad
 time,

When he appeared, the country was in confusion,
 Our country, KaNgwane¹⁷, was so disrupted by the
 two timphe;

The war between the British and the Germans;
 You are happy, women of Htikhulu,¹³²
 You who saw the liquca¹³³ going to visit Manku's residence,¹³⁴
 You came to Lobamba¹³⁵ and they delayed.

Drops of water that are cold, they are coming from above,
 It has embraced with the hands at Ngudzeni,¹³⁶

The oo pod is deep, Mbatjane;

It is up at eNgudzeni.

A certain man tried to enter it, and he sank with his
 headring.

They call the inkhosi²² 'Khisimusi',¹³⁷ as if it their
 Christmas which they celebrate inside the
 houses of the whites!

Mena wekunene!⁸²

17.38-41

The people of Matsetsa are still today tsetsa¹⁰⁰ing matters;
 You went through ka Mantjinga,¹⁰¹
 The people of Mantjinga are ntjinga¹⁰²ing a leg;
 You went through eSivubeni¹⁰³
 And you were like Vubaza¹⁰⁴ amongst the Mpinqo¹⁰⁵ people;
 You went through eYugwini¹⁰⁶
 And even today the people of eYugwini are still carrying
ligugu¹⁰⁷.

Wena wekunene⁸²!

Bhokweni¹⁰⁸

Bird that ate other birds,
Husha¹⁰⁹ them little chicken-hawk,
 Ow Manhlahlana¹¹⁰ who is sitting on the induze,¹¹¹
 One whose feathers are the claw of soil.
 He is keeping the herds of ka Mamba⁷⁵ from wandering,
 Maja's hawk with reddened eyes¹¹²,
 It looked persistently at the umkhumbi¹¹² of Mamba,
 until it became shy,
 The fog has confused me, you of the Mamba people,
 by covering the mountain;
 It has covered the Ngudze¹¹³;
 It has covered Maloyi²³, and it has gone to cover Lucolo;¹¹⁴
 I could only see the since¹¹⁵ shaking;
 If it had covered me, an insignificant man,
 I was not going to sleep,
 I would shiver until the break of morning.
 The tikhulu¹⁷ of ka Ngwane have come together,
 Elephant, they are piercing you,

It will run madly for its residence at Ndushulweni⁸⁴ and that of
 Ngungundlone,⁸⁵
 And that of Sukhahlamba⁸⁶ which we built for Maja,
 Where Maja is, he is in the coves, he is in
 Ngudzeni,⁸⁷

You found the Ngudzeni area without a path,
 You came and made paths in it.

Today there are grinders who are going to grind it finely;
 Our Mbimbisi⁸⁸, well-built body,

You are well-built Maja,

You are built like the early Nguni⁸⁹ people of old;
 His back was a sibhensu⁹⁰ as if people might sit on it.

Here, they are setting your umuzi on fire, nekosi,⁹¹

The one which you requested us to build for you.

Where Maja is, he is in the coves,

He is at Ngudzeni,⁸⁷

You found the Ngudzeni area without a path,

You scratched paths into it.

The young goats were not these,

They had gone to sina⁹¹ in the great lijadvu⁹² of
 Ngomangoma,⁹³

Yet those of kaMamba,

They nurture a grudge against Maja,

For he had killed their ukhwana⁹⁴ soon
 after he appeared.

After his father Mbatjane died, Maja is
sibhukulu⁹⁵ of Makhobotlolo;⁹⁶

He is Mgandi of Nhloko,⁹⁷

He was not going to be the heir,

The heir was to be a boy of Manyane's.⁹⁸

You passed through kaMatsetsa⁹⁹

04-36

You took by force those of Mdimpile⁷⁷ and others,⁷⁴
 The people who try cases, who are emadvuruna of kaMamba⁷⁵
 You wrath, Nkhoru⁷⁸, is in the lenses of the eye;
 If only it was in the eyelids Nkhoru, I would
 be taking it out.

I do not know when it is that the waxes sleep,
 For they glow day and night trying the trail;
 Rues which ^{has} round and polished stones.
 The inkhoru²² has cut a shield from a zebra hide
 And he also cut a shield from a game;
 And I could not hold it,

I am a commener, it would not suit me.
 When entering a residence, only suphuru⁷⁸ remain.
 Suphuru will remain; joining them.

Construct a fence with long amahlala⁷⁹ for
 For the ingcungu⁸⁰ will walk over with ease if they are
 short.

Because he has found it overgrown at Manyisela⁸¹
 He sent a head, yet everyone else sent a foot;
 You play with a coil of grass like a puppy.

Ulena wekunene!⁸²

xx.

Maja

Black calf which get itself involved in affairs,
 It is in the Maduneni,⁸³
 Do not milk it tindvura of kaMamba,⁷⁵
 Leave it to suck on its own, for once you try to milk it,
 It will come out and cavort like a calf going to its
 mother.

30-32

L.M. I do not know about the coland issue. The story that I know is that he took her and she became an inkhosikati, but they say that she never bore a child there.

H.K. Did they not send her an inhlanti⁵⁸?

L.M. ~~where~~⁴⁴ I do not know.

H.K. Are these cattle^{have oo} which belong to the king at KaNgware¹⁷

L.M. No.

H.K. Are there 70 tinhlankhla⁵⁹?

L.M. There are none?

H.K. Please give us your tinvaratelo.

L.M. It is said first gall,
'fang of the right hand', then, 'Nkosi', 'Elamini',⁶⁰
'fang of the right hand', and you stop there.

XV
1 What about tibango?

L.M. I know those of Malayi:

Malayi,

Mgily next to the north,⁶¹

Dust, dust which refuses to allow birds to bleed,⁶²

Saying only his 'oo', dust must rise,

Saying to Hlekwa⁶³ and Mlotse⁶⁴.

27-30

L.M. We came with oo them from the Lubombo. We were still together. When the Nguni people came to Shiselweni, they went up the Phongisa⁵⁴ River

M.L. And you oo went up the Nguni⁵⁵?

L.M. And we oo went up the Nguni!

xx

H.K. oo Are these emakhosikati of the Mamba people who came out ^{from here} and went to marry there, oo at kaNgwane¹⁷?

xx

L.M. There is one who led us to be the Mamba. She was banjwa'd⁵⁶ by the king, Mswati. She was a child of Mbatjane, oo Mswati then married her. xx The Mamba sibongo started coming about then. xx Bhokweni⁸ oo took two children to the king, the king who is still alive today, the Nguni⁵⁷.

xx

H.K. Two children of Bhokweni are at the royal place?

L.M. Yes. xxoo Mbikakhe was the name of Mswati's emakhosikati.

xx

H.K. Was she given land here where she could settle after the king died?

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doing that until it was realized that there was something bad & what he was doing thereby to the inkosi²² to Malayi. He had, in fact, stated to wear the flank first, before it was sent to the inkosi. Even when he killed a leopard he would start by sitting on the hide before it was sent to the inkosi. People then informed the inkosi saying, 'Awe,⁴⁴ your brother, this one he is reviling you. He is now doing this'. Then Malayi went to request from Samthlolo permission to kill oo Phdile because oo he was doing this. The inkosi then sent out an army to kill me

M.D. Which inkosi?

L.M. Samthlolo xx it came out from Katgwane¹⁷, and oo it killed him.

M.D. Then, how did you Namba people come here, Dopyan oo say that you were recommended by the inkosi to settle here, or did you split on your own from Nese Ngwane xx from those who were going there, to Shiselweni⁵². And you came & settled on your own this side.

L.M. We split off of our own accord. We were not given out by the king. We were going with them also.

M.D. You were coming with the people of Ngwane from here, at the Sukombo⁵³.

21-24

N.M. Yes, but what does special mean?

H.K. How many are there?

N.M. There are two

H.K. They are not sung by just anyone?

N.M. They are also sung when there is sacrificial gijwala⁴⁹ for the ancestors.

xx

H.K. Are the ingaba kancofula⁵⁰ sung?

xx

N.M. No!

xx

L.M. The menwala is not gijwala⁵¹; no, it is not gijwala, inkhosi⁵¹

M.D. Was there a Mamba person xx + called Pholile was killed by an Ngunene king?

xx

L.M. It happened that this Pholile was an mntwanenkhozi⁴⁵ among the Mambas. At the time when he was killed he was in charge of an area on behalf of the Mamba monarchy. - oo rather like khuvuna who lives in an area and one in charge there on behalf of the Mamba monarchy oo. Now, as to his acts, he paid tribute to the king. When he slaughtered a big beast for the purpose of ancestral sacrifice, he would send a flank oo to the king. He continued.

18-21

S.M. They were caught by force, mtfwanenkhozi⁴⁵! They were taken by force. The police had to catch them and throw them into the vans, because they were trying to run off!

M.D. Were the Ngcamphalala⁴⁶ people here when the Mamba people came here?

N.M. I suppose that they were - indeed here because I found the Ngcamphalala being here

M.D. No, nkhozi⁴¹! If you talk, you must speak the truth. As for you, nkhozi, you were not born in those days

N.M. I do not know them; I only came to know of them recently. I found that they have their place. I do not know whether they have just come or what.

M.D. That is better, nkhozi⁴¹, for I am afraid to talk about what you have just recently seen. xx

H.K. Nkhozi⁴¹, what I want to know is whether, during the time of incwala, you sing special songs?

1. Do you have your own songs, nkhozi, which are specifically for the purpose of your luselwa⁴⁷ here, or do you sing imigubho⁴⁸ which are sung by whosoever.