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(73) In this context, it refers to the biological father and the one's father-in-law.

(74)

40 It's how the . . .

ND Bare-ke bantu botli, bayamlelela  
They then whispered to him (tell privately)  
40 And they had + whispers to King Mswati

ND Kwabonakola-ke kutli ngumuntu oqenelatho-ke,  
And it was seen that he had nothing, and  
Wavale wayibalekela  
he fled.

40 And then Tsetwane had nothing to say  
and then he move away.

ND Kwakamba, kwakamba, kwakamba, kwakamba,  
Time went, went, went and went, then  
yare Mqakula Mthori.  
the king fell sick.

40 Then eventually . . .

Mswati the king became sick.

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NYOZI BLAMINI (ND) (NIASOTJA)

MHLIKIZAJA (ND) ( " )

MOPUNGWANE BLAMINI (ND) (S/Kotung)



(71) Refers to Ndabegwe's daughters.

(72) It refers to a situation whereby if two or more wives are married to the same husband, the senior wife would that one who comes from high status family compared to the other colonies.

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dish

Yena komkhulu kuboyisi. Yena komkhulu  
She was born of a sister brother amongst her  
kuboyisi.

Uncles

140 L avumisa got married to Tsokwane. And

then her sister Thandile came to Mswati.

145 Inu baka ngwase abayabona kuti oha  
Then the ka Ngwane (66) people saw that,  
njengwa Mniko aka Ngwane Noma ngubhuni,  
no, like anywhere else, if I can  
ebe ngaganwa nje wa Ndebazewe,  
many one (71) for Ndebazewe (66) then  
ngithathe lwalo, Nwuyemka Nwuyemka  
many one for somebody else, then someone  
uthatha Wami. Akwazi lona wami  
adelle maries mine Mine cannot have food  
put on the ground while someone has her food put in

146 The Swazi custom

you don't many one place, one food

so there become a parcel.

147 Ngula kwemka Khoma - ke kuliantu-ke  
It's where people started it that Mmazi (15)  
kutini ngakho Mmazi wena wemkane  
Yan Wokunene (18) might kill you yet  
akubalelali kanti ababangqi  
they were not quarrelling

4B Or people were always if not coming all the time to the king.

NB Njengalogogo nye  
Just like this gogo (68)

4B Like our granny.

NB Akazange agoshwe  
He was not expelled.

4B He was not expelled out

NB Kubi nye uvina lo somhlo walibho  
It is just that her mother, this somhlo (3)

4B mamed this La Uvina (32)  
Somhlo married La Uvina

NB Wekwela  
The first one

4B Number one

NB Kanti laboyie botanye

4B Indeed her father (31) and her cousins are from the same family  
And this father of Mokhotati, they  
are the same.

NB Soy epita arendile lo Lavunia rempita  
When La Uvina had already married Mwata (15)

Mwata wa Mwati ulu Mwardwe maye, lda  
came who was lo Edwardwe as well, gus  
Ze de - ce longwe wa Moko Mkulu kebye we  
la Zwite who was ahoko ahoko amongst her fathers



(69) Here it seems to have  
an ambiguous meaning. It could mean biological  
father or ones father's brother.

(70) It literally means big head. It appears  
to mean some degree of minority.

HD The name of the place Embu.

MS Kule.  
There.

HD up north

MS Kusukudeni Kothulw  
It is quite far  
of us

MS Saye sabona, namanye kuvemuti uyabona  
We saw [it], even today there is a windmill  
kuthi 'kukheli' emalungeni.

HD And it is clear that Amalungeni<sup>(6)</sup> were residing there.  
Even today you can find the road,

can simply see that the Blaini people  
here.

MS Capha Kogogo Malungeni, ba tabetoni Dabuye  
About gogogo<sup>(68)</sup> here Malungeni<sup>(69)</sup> the  
Kona akhiko kuthi gogogo Wentu Ngale  
bandfwobenthu<sup>(24)</sup> [plural for mmufwanenthu] left  
to go to Mfowabo, kuthi bantu babekhololawa.  
and the fact that gogogo<sup>(68)</sup> left his brother because people before  
were scattered.  
HD Before people were staying just apart

MS Bokhololawa entshoni  
They used to scatter around the  
king [king's residence]

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7. Sekwele senqilehle nane.  
I have finished  
c. Okay, thank you

ND Ngisho-ke Malangeni e Embo. Sake sefika  
Malangeni<sup>(4)</sup> I mean this Embo <sup>(65)</sup>. We once  
thous. Thina le Kenya  
arrived there ourselves - - -  
bambaba-ke bambaba nothi - - -  
They went with us. - - -

7. Embo, we did go there, e Kenya?

ND e Kenya.

HB yes. It is in Kenya

ND Anu baidhathe ke sayathona Embo.  
They took us to Embo <sup>(65)</sup>

ND And then they took us to Embo.

ND Bafika baidhathe e Embo, bathi uku lapha  
They then showed us Embo <sup>(65)</sup> and  
kwadabuka emalangeni khona.

ND said it is here where emalangeni <sup>(9)</sup> dzabuka <sup>(67)</sup>  
HB And they show us where we  
came from.

ND Licqama lekona kus Embo.  
The name of it is called Embo



HD

ND kage umbongo nye lapho ka Lavunia  
 there is no dispute here at Lavunia (12)  
 cringawaho lelokanyane leiphuluma ngayo  
 all what we can say everyone should  
 nye ilokwanyal kuphuka nabain nabain,  
 fene this history, we thank you  
 awinkhunde lomlando sibonga loko  
 bokunene (10) because you are filling  
 the main between minawathile  
 the gaps of the history of the king  
 lomlando w enkai lebinshipe  
 who is late.

HD If we can just keep quite in letting  
 doing this, forget all about

collect more

ND Nquko kuphela lomlando webifowethu  
 It is the only history of my fathers  
 lebinshipe itolo, newabobabe, and there  
 those who left us itolo (82) and  
 lebinshipe itolo labadala.

HD That is the history who left us, the old ones  
 was left here

(82) Literally it refers to those who died  
yesterday. It may also refer to those  
who have passed away.

ND Lapla bokunene Lapla Nibaza shows  
the question bokunene (2) you are asking  
kutii bambeka kurgena banta yim?  
as to, was there any people here? There were no  
ebekulize banta la bebambalwa  
people there, there were few people here.

HS There were very few people here

ND Barqum balwa nye bangenzi kuti  
few as they were, were doing nothing.  
Bakuti nye.

HS Had put their residences only.  
They were doing nothing but just putting a  
kroal, that's all

ND Nabelathandeka lepha - ke bavele  
those who were found here they  
nye bangena ekhwapheni kuphela  
were under their dom pit (89)

HS There were found at here, they all  
came under the indlunthulu

ND Bakhele.  
They khela (81)



(20) Means they were under them.

(21) Means they were paying allegiance to  
the people concerned.

HB There is nothing wrong that Thekwane  
done

NB Alonanga  
He didn't do anything wrong.  
HD He didn't do anything  
anything

NB Labele - ke lebele malankla leku nye  
his land remained because  
liqhokelo aburilo kutli ngula fikhulu  
it was an allotment not like those  
lijinkelwako leli kwaba liqhokelo  
chiefs who are sikelwa<sup>(78)</sup>ed, this was  
lentinkoji  
an allotment of the liphontaji<sup>(31)</sup>

HB  
all the time

NB Duna kuphela Malangeni ngimanagela  
It is all Malangeni<sup>(4)</sup> I am supporting  
lamalangeni. Naka Hlati kulaba fane  
malangeni<sup>(4)</sup> Even at Hlati<sup>(79)</sup> to these  
bentori kwabekwa koku loku nye. Bavele  
bofana<sup>(89)</sup> of the king. This is what was said.  
nabo bazi laba baka Ngwane. These people  
from ka Ngwane<sup>(66)</sup> themselves knew  
HD And is what they gave to the people

(78) It literally means to cut. However, here it has the meaning being allotted to land.

(79) In this context it refers to those who perform duties on the king's behalf (Servants).

Atthi ku chonakola kutiri amirike live  
 he should be given a big place  
 leliphulu ngokuthi ngati naye wexume kuti  
 because he even knows him wetunene (76)  
 kube kutiwa abafikanga lola Zwede,  
 if la Zwede didn't come, he made  
 Wamcelina bantu bakwala betunene (10), he made  
 him people of the past betunene (were not familiar  
 with disputes)  
 keba ngawazi lombungo. Wamcelina - ke  
 He made her with this inkonkazi (31)  
 lenkonkazi - ke loNkomo u La Umira,  
 this great-grand parent La Umira (32), she was  
 Wamirika lndawo luyaka - ke, Mulando  
 given this place of this age, that is  
 lrawusa - ke tuboqoqo.  
 the history we got from him gogo (68)  
 AD What I am saying, what I got

from our grandfathers

NB Nokubefowethu nje, ade balola  
 He was telling the same story even  
 kona loko to my brother.

HB

NB kuge betunene kuti wona Thetwane,  
 there is nothing wrong that Thetwane  
 Cha did

(76)

HD It' he that he named me.

ND Bathi <sup>leladala</sup> usho <sup>ku Mbandeni</sup>  
The old <sup>people</sup> say [he] is referring to Mbandeni (74)  
HD Then the old people they say you  
are saying to Mbandeni (74) that time.

ND Nithi <sup>lapha</sup> <sup>Abanyile</sup> <sup>minike</sup> <sup>lwe</sup>  
After having come back, you should give  
<sup>lelikwela</sup>

HD This is a big place.  
When he came, before he died, he  
said, when he comes back give a wide  
area, then.

ND Lapha <sup>eLuphongolo</sup> <sup>nye</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>live</sup>  
Here at Luphongolo (25) it was the land  
<sup>Almanwati</sup> <sup>lapha</sup> <sup>atli</sup> <sup>Augaqinimwa</sup>  
belonging to the Swazi where he said it  
<sup>khona</sup> <sup>kwebusa</sup> <sup>Luphongolo</sup>  
would be ended down at Luphongolo (25)

ND Along the <sup>Puongolo</sup> down there where Swaziland  
ends.

ND <sup>kyabonkala</sup> <sup>batimene</sup> <sup>lapha</sup> <sup>Abeyolela</sup>  
It is clearly seen batimene (25) that even  
<sup>velosowethu</sup> <sup>leladala</sup>  
his brother, said it was seen

(25)

Thekwane  
installed me, Thekwane (8)  
HD And he said Mbandzeni is my friend  
who put me in the chair, in the crown

ND Nibothike Mbandeni noma lokufa  
Mbandeni (74) even if death can overcome  
kungangkhulu, sibantanda Thekwane.  
me, you should go for Thekwane (8)  
HD Mbandzeni must go for Thekwane once  
& die.

ND Akonanga buthe  
He didn't do anything wrong.  
HD He has never done anything wrong.

ND Ngilofha abe ngibekwe Nguye, Wangikhobavela  
& am here because I was installed  
ngempokutshi - - - - - tugoqo,  
by him - - - - -  
ku Ngwane . . . . .

HD I am here as a crown king  
because of him.

ND Ngabekwa nguye ngize ngibe yinkosi  
& was installed by him to be king



ND Sewuyeva-ke, iphi Thekwane, uwa tutli  
He heard and asked about Thekwane (8)  
new shamba Amazilutlu Mupini? ule  
then he heard that he had left,  
ka Zulu - -  
gone where? He had gone to Zululand.

HD While he was sick, Mwati, had to

ask where about this Tsekwane now?

ND Siqoliswa bobabe phela Mqimane - thume  
we were told by and bobabe (7)  
nguni

HD - - - from my father

ND Wena wephumele-ke newuliza-ke, asiqulela  
When he was about to die, he called  
ngi kubamba Amkhebeni, newuliza  
Mbandeni (24)  
Mbandeni.

HD And while he was still about to  
die and he had to call Mbandeni.

ND Awa utli ku Mbandeni ngizokuba  
He said to Mbandeni (24), I will not  
kabi, inkoni yababa ngizo linyangileka  
die well, the heir of my father, who

ND Bathrawula - ke ngaloko nyoka, kademi, kademi  
They ended that, that year, long, long ago,  
matlin singazi kutlin inyobakhona  
while we didn't know we were going to be born

ND And they stopped until then.

ND Ukhabezi, idokonyama, kemuzi.  
Those of emantsi (89) do not come  
ND They don't come here to draw, letu water.

C Can you ask what Tsekwane - - -

ND Umntfwanentshini number one Tsekwane was  
Dad Umntfwanentshini (24) Tsekwane (5) number one  
walewa yini, nebantfu yini kumbutfo  
fight with people kumbutfo (24) those who  
hehlarelato, nobato klerela?  
had come to attack?

ND Wakharela kumakolo, lofha wofha  
He attacked his brother, here he attacked  
Wakharela gogo la, Wakharela kwabulawa  
gogo (68) attacked when there was a war  
Ka Zulu, ka Zulu  
ni Z upulawa.

(92)

to the royal court here.

ND Singakwethuka nje kulungile. kavele  
We can be surprised - - -

HD Iya uti sometimes if some come

ND Bathi bobaba bobe befika eboganga  
Bokabe<sup>(9c)</sup> said they came to  
ku Makhokhla rebamka rebafika lo  
Makhokhla<sup>(11)</sup> when they had arrived here  
ka Lavumisa, rebabakala kutlu sebanyeme  
at Lavumisa<sup>(12)</sup>, there [people] of Lavumisa<sup>(13)</sup>  
loku babekaya laba bala Lavumisa  
and Makhokhla<sup>(14)</sup> phoned why he had  
wafika Makhokhla<sup>(11)</sup> wabonga kutlu ade aykwentani  
gone [there].

HD And they came during the time of  
Makhokhla<sup>(11)</sup> and they went back and  
report that

them - - - So Makhokhla  
said yes they have done good, what  
were you looking for there

(90) Literally means fathers. However it seems to have been used to mean his biological father and his father's mother.

(91) Father of the <sup>late</sup> king Sothuga II.

NB Abaya koryogida  
He used to go to dance.

HB

NB

HB Mwati was the king dancing the

musala

NB Cha ngyabonga Mkorozoni tontle lopin kobuta  
I am grateful mkorozoni (38) those who  
bantu bemanga nyarekutu njalo  
talk his would be saying that.

HB

NB kufhela nye lapha ka Lavunira (2)  
The only thing here at Lavunira (2) there  
afunge bangene laba bemante (39)  
people of emante (39) didn't  
HB Only that -

NB Laba bemanti malambela lofan  
Even today, these [people] of emante (39)  
afunge bangene.  
Didn't come.

HB People come from ka Ngwane, go and  
fetch water here, never come allison.

(88) Appears to Mean a Witness.

(89) It literally means people of the  
Water. It is one of the preparatory  
stages of the *inkwala* rituals. The  
Bemanti set out with the Sacred Vessels,  
one group going to the sea, a little  
north of Mopate, and the other to  
the river Kuraba (the old boundary  
between the Sotho and Swazis) Komati  
and Mbuluzi. The departure is a festive  
occasion (Kuper, pp 199)

HB L eikhathi Montwari Tsetwane aloba,  
When Montwari (24) Tsetwane (8) was here  
abeyidza lutwala waqidza lutwala na hankhala  
did he dance lutwala with hankhala  
na?

ND Tsetwane?  
Tsetwane (8)

HD E-e. Tsetwane number one.  
Yes. Tsetwane (8), number one

ND L oqogo wani?  
This qogo (68) of mine?

N Ukho qogo wakho ukhori, lo  
She refers to your grandmother ukhori (47)  
wetaya lo see wetayaya akhandze  
the one who went there and came back to  
inkhankati, reyitho liphakelo  
find that inkhankati (31) had an allotment

ND Akhandze lutwala  
He didn't dance lutwala (87)

HB No, he didn't dance lutwala.

ND akhandze ayiqide  
He didn't dance [it].

c Did he dance lutwala with the  
king?

HB abeyidza ngale phumakabo  
He used to dance it that side with  
his brother.





AD Angoko ngize ngizko lutho  
I cannot say any thing

AD

AD Abakulundanga labodale Nko.  
The del people didn't relate that  
AD They did not tell

C

AD Uti libutfo Mutpawankhori libutfo libutfo libutfo?  
She is saying what is your libutfo (3)  
Mutpawankhori (2)

AD La gogo  
For my gogo (68)

AD Lutho - - -  
Yau's - - -

AD Nko ngu Mbayingane  
I understand it is Mbayingane (85)

AD Mbayingane  
Mbayingane 85

C at the time when There was he first  
stopped here, did he dance lunda with  
Sombido?

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C Can I ask him  
some questions?

HB uti Angelle akubute yini blawini?  
She is saying, can she ask you blawini (2)  
HB A Angajibaga - nye akusho  
She can ask me, it does not matter.  
lutbo.

HB Okay

C Can Amotfo ask us anything  
about Ulu

HB uti ungare, ungare Amotfo yini  
She is saying, can you tell  
nga Shile akhoni?  
about Shile, Akhoni (17)?

HB uti nga dedewabo Thandile  
He is saying it is her sister Thandile (18)

C uyine wala Ndwardwa  
The father of Ca Ndwardwa (19)

HB uyine wala Ndwardwa  
The father of Ca Ndwardwa

(83) Name of a person

(84) Name of a person.

(85)

ND

Siyabonga  
We thank you

MB Maphungwane Blamini. I don't know whether  
Maphungwane (10) Blamini (10)  
you need the spelling?

C No, I can spell it, thank you

C And your libutho . . . your  
libutho?

ND Libutho?  
Libutho (3)

MB Libutho? Awu ngikhomyane. Ngilisotha  
Libutho (3)? I am  
ngobe ngalwa ngalwa  
also liotha (3) newly.

C Is there anything . . .

AB uti seisedzile Mkhosi, Mkhawumbe  
She is saying, are we through athom (17),  
kukhona lowupuma kukubuluma?  
is there anything you would like to say?

ND Choke.  
no

AD NO

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HD | No, he was given libutfo. Ka Zulu.  
While he was working at Tsekwane number  
one he was working at Zulu land, they  
gave him libutfo to look after.

c What was the name the libutfo?

HD | Libutfo  
What was that libutfo (3) where he was  
lopha abe thoskhona libutfo la le  
where he was mntfwanekho (24) libutfo (3)  
c You take his name.

HD | Akokutrathe Akhoi.  
Let him help you Akhoi (17)

MB | Kwajama lami?  
My name?

HD | E-e. Ngobe.  
Yes. Because.

sithi bangabokhuluma  
we said they can continue talking.

MD | ngiyazi kuti kuti  
I don't know  
ngiyakusazi ngume njani, ngiyazi

(Doesn't  
make  
sense)

Maphungwane ngiwaka Slamin  
I am Maphungwane (100) Slamin (101)

(100)

43 The minor's head is here at Magudu

44 Wabamba nempu, Waphinde Wabuya nempu  
He went with imphi (47), he then came with  
ngobulunga kwakhe  
imphi (47), because of our mercy.

45 Ngale kwe Zulu nye - wafika wayiphethe  
In Zululand he conducted himself  
Kahle loko bawuka kuti shambel  
well and he was requested to accompany  
no Thetwane ngobulunga abeyiphethe kahle  
Thetwane because he was conducting himself well.  
46 Just because he had look after

himself and all of the

time

47 Abhethwe  
He was under [somebody].

48 He was under the control of . . .

c

manamqen Umntfwawetheni noma abetisa ngoba  
 known because the one who is listening to  
 utawwa kati lo, lokunqushelwako, ngathi  
 the interpreter will not get it right because  
 maye aberoluphu luphi ngale.  
 it would seem as if he was also launching  
 mjongobe phela yena abantle kobutini  
 an implin(97) that side. But because he was this  
 mjongobe abe ngalo kumbi abe ayiphapha  
 side, may be he also launched it [implin]  
 maye ngini. Koni mjongobe abengate ayiphapha.  
 But even this side could not launch it [implin]

HB While Tsekwane number one while he was

C where was he staying at Jwa Zulu?

HB abekhlalphi ka Zulu?

ND Abekhlal e Magudu  
 He was living at Magudu (98)

C at Magudu.

HD He was staying at Magudu

ND Uyini mkhulu ye uka  
 His great-grandfather is here (99)

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(99) Means that he was buried there.

ND

C Did he fight with ...

HB Ulu adu a no Khanda Meva ?  
She is saying, did he fight with  
Khanda Meva (35)

ND Iqinto Iqinto Jaleka Mutu.  
Things things of Mutu (20)  
(Somebody who was present) Loksho kutu Mutuwanethori utawukumusha  
It means that Mutuwanethori (20) you will not  
kaku kulomutpawentholi ngumutpaw abepetpwe  
interpret rightly for the bantpawethori (24) He was  
abengdwi kokutu kufala yeu  
a person who was under [pestle], He was not  
myengoba apetre, abepetpwe ngale myengoba  
attacking as somebody who was in-charge, he  
Mutuwanethori wabe rewugolodawa nye  
was under that side, as Mutuwanethori (24) was  
abepetpwe kutu abepetpwe  
brought back, it was just it was going  
nye nye amwe kutuwa utawukumusha  
[allack] Mutu Mutuwanethori (24) as he was

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C What was the libuthe of Thokwane,

HD Lohi-kufo, lalingutanga yobani  
What libuthe<sup>(3)</sup> was that, whether it was  
noma kwakumbani kwakunabo Mbalane,  
Mbayyane<sup>(85)</sup> or inyoni abani, what was it?  
inyoni abani inyoni?

NB L. Thokwane?  
Ghis Thokwane<sup>(3)</sup>

HD Hui, libuthe libhe?  
Hui<sup>(93)</sup>, Hui libuthe<sup>(3)</sup>

NB Kwokuyindlavelle  
It was indlavelle<sup>(94)</sup>

HD Indlavelle  
Indlavelle<sup>94</sup>

(Some  
werent  
responses) It is not indlavelle<sup>94</sup>.

HD Indlavelle nyolepha yini?  
Are we listening this side?

C



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