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Didiza.

2 nhenhe. Ngu Didiza' uladl - - - adlel - -  
Yes. He was "Didiza" - - - (she's avum - - - (ayambonga mane lamagam' awavakoli) reciting his praises but it's in-audible)

1 kaSikwati ngukuphi gogo?  
at kaSikwati where is it gogo?

2 Ngu Mduku zephuka kural' emhlanganisweni.  
He was "Mduku (stick) which broke first in em-  
Magwaza ulishoshela linjenge sigwaca," baye  
-hlanganisweni." You stabbed and shoshelád" like a  
le emphini bayehlasela.  
quail." They <sup>had</sup> gone to there in the war to hlasela."

1 Bekungukuphi lapho gogo? Lenzawo  
Where was it there gogo? That place where  
bekungukuphi? (babuta... kanye kanye)  
was it? (bota ask at the same time)

2 lapha kwakukhona didiza?  
where there was didiza?  
(kukhona lotsi: "Sikwati.")

(Some-one saying: "Sikwati")

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Sikwati, where was it? Sikwati where  
Sikwati?

was Sikwati?

2 Hu! ngilayela nina phela tifundziswa  
Hu! (exclaims), but then I'm directing you, you learned  
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people who knows kaSikwati (there's a female  
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- 113 beSutfu — (see note 57 (Book 1))
- 114 hlaselwád — (see note 65 (Book 1))
- 115 Lishiselo — (see note 21 (Book 1))
- 116 bobabe — (see note 16 (Book 1) esp. last meaning)
- 117 boDidiza — Didiza and others (here the speaker attempts to quote some of the people who participated)
- 118 dumba — possibly a slip of the tongue. The speaker could have intended to say "thumba" (capture)
- 119 kaMdlangamandla — of the Mdlamangamandla clan / people / Mdlangamandla place
- 120 inkhosikati — chief's or king's wife; a title for any married woman.
- 121 kaNgwane — (see note 4 (Book 1))
- 122 hlaselád — (see note 15 (Book 1))
- 123 bakaHlophe — (see note 54 (Book 1))

a male voice saying: "No, no, ---") where it - Kuphi. LabeSutfu bahlaselwa-nye is. The beSutfu<sup>13</sup> were hlaselwád<sup>14</sup> and it had Kwakhiwe la, eShiselweni, kiShiselo labuya been built here, at eShiselweni, who do you ngabani laph' eShiselweni. Labuya think the Lishiselo<sup>15</sup> was restored because of? It ngabobabe boDidiza, bahlasela beSutfu was restored because of bobabe<sup>16</sup>, the boDidiza<sup>17</sup> who babadumba bahamba nabo. Niyayat' attacked the beSutfu; dumbád<sup>18</sup> them and went with ingoma: "Kwazamazama beSutfu bakaSikwati them. Do you know the song (which goes): "It shook the kaMdlangamandla inkhosikati yaKaNgwane beSutfu of Sikwati, the one of kaMdlangamandla<sup>19</sup>, Kahamb' ezweni." Kahleni nine bobabe the inkhosikati<sup>20</sup> of kaNgwane<sup>21</sup>, does not walk on the bahlasela. Live lakaNgwane lakhiwa<sup>22</sup> country." Stop joking you, the bobabe hlaselád. The country bakaHlophe vele-nye vele, of Swaziland was built by the bakaHlophe<sup>23</sup>, indeed, indeed,

- 1 (uyahumusha) (interprets)
- 2 nhenhe. yes.
- 1 (uchubeka nekuhumusha: --- Didiza (continues interpreting: --- Didiza was fighting --- " abelwa --- " )
- 2 Kukuphi-ke kaSikwati, uyati wena where is kaSikwati then, do you know you mfana?

- 124 mfana — (see note 40 (Book 1))  
 125 incwadzi — book (compare with note 67 (Book 1))  
 126 emakhosi — (see note 10 (Book 1))

mfana<sup>124</sup>?

- 1 Angiyati lendza ... ngiko loku bengibuta  
 I don't know this plac --- that's why I was asking  
 gogo kutsi ngukuphi kaSikwati.  
gogo that where is kaSikwati.
- 2 Yati phela uyifunda' encwadzi.  
 Know it because you read about it in the incwadzi.
- 4 (uyahleka) — saying that the Hlophes  
 (gets tickled again)  
 1 Angeke ngiyati phela mine gogo  
 I can not know it, me, gogo. This  
 yindzala lendzawo ngiko loku sibuta  
 place is old (belongs to olden times) that's why  
 kini ---  
 we are asking from you (elders) ---
- 2 Ingani usibuta tona tindzaba  
 But how come you are asking us about them,  
 tetindzala temakhosi? (usho ngekufutselana)  
 the old stories of emakhosi<sup>126</sup>? (says this heatedly)
- 5 --- temakhosi ngeke tifikwe a---  
 --- of emakhosi can not be taken if ---  
 naka --- nakungachazeki kahle kutsi  
 if --- it is not clearly clarified as to  
 kwahamba nyani ngoba sengiyivile  
 how it all proceeded because I have now  
 lendzaba mine babuta lokutsi laba  
 understood this, they are asking that these  
 bakaHlophe bangemaSwati yini, kanjani  
bakaHlophe are they Swazis or not and how  
 lobuSwati babo  
 are they Swazis.
- 1 mnh.

127 mntfwanenkhasi — (see note 94 (Book V))

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes in blue ink, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

mnh (yes)  
5 Angits' injalo, mntfwanenkhasi?  
Is it not so, mntfwanenkhasi!<sup>27</sup>

1 mnh.  
mnh (yes)  
5 Bachamuka noba bakhandza enaswati  
Did they come (here) or they found the Swazis  
(uyahumusha : "... saying that the Hlophes  
(interprets : "... utsi laba bakahlophe  
are Swazis and how are they? " Unlumbi  
ngemaswati nekutsi <sup>bangawo</sup> kanjani? " White woman  
utsi : "Sorry." )  
Saying : "lucolo." )

A Basikhandza.  
They found us.  
5 noma kunjani?  
or what happened?

1 (uyachubeka nekuhumusha : "The Hlophe,  
(continues interpreting : "Labakahlophe  
they are Swazis or not ...") Bowusho  
bangemaswati nobe cha ... " ) Were  
injalo?  
you saying that?

5 nhenhe, ngiva lokutsi lo ... lonje ...  
Yes, I hear that ... I was  
ngulongilalele kutsi micondze lokuva  
still listening that you want to hear  
lokuva lokutsi labantfu baka Hlophe  
about the Hlophe people: as to where  
bachamukaphi. Noma bachamuka noma  
they came from, whether they came or they  
bangema tja alendzawo (Kukhona

are people of this place. (some-one heard saying:  
lovakala atsi: "How's is he?"  
Unjani?")

2 --- Kege  
--- Kege

5 Bebavele lapho na?  
Did they originate from there?

2 a sivelelanga tsine la  
we didn't originate here

1 anivelanga la?  
you did not originate from here?

2 Cha.  
No.

5 cha, ngumbuto ngule -- le ...? leleniwerbutako  
No, it is a question, this --- this one which  
kufuneka nivala lapho ngoba mine

you ask. You need to understand each other  
ngibukeka 'kungats' anivani kokutsi  
on that part because the way I see it is  
bad --- labangaka --- ba-badzala

like you don't understand each other on that  
kangakanani? Kulendzawo? Angitsi  
how old are they in this place? Isn't that  
ni-lapho Blamini?

what you (plural) ask Blamini?

1 mhi. Bekufuneka ---  
It is. We wanted ---

5 --- bati kangakanani?  
--- Know how much?

1 (Umlumbi utsi: "Can --- can you  
(white woman heard saying: Ba -- babute  
ASK the ---

128 MKhosi — a sinanatele (extended form) of the Blamini clan name

Kutsi --- " )  
5 Angitsi , anikacondzi lapho ?  
Is that no so? Is it not what you want?

1 Angiva-ke Blamini  
Pardon, Blamini.

5 Ngitsi , MKhosi , nyengoba niba --- niban ---  
I'm saying , MKhesi<sup>DE</sup> , as you --- you ---  
ungatsi niyabany , kitisa -nye laba  
as it seems you shake , there baka-  
bakaHlophe nibany , kitisela kutsi babantfu  
-Hlophe , you shake them to find out  
laba --- labanjani ksigodzi sabo ,  
what --- what kind of people they are <sup>(and)</sup> where  
bachamuka kusiphi sigodzi ?  
did they come from ?

1 Cha , kwakucala -nye ngingatsi b ---  
No , first thing , let me say , we were  
Bekubutwa kutsi laka --- uyise  
asking that who was the father of the  
walabantfu labatsattu ngubani ,  
three people and they said who he was . We  
bamusho , kwabese kufuneka loyise  
then wanted to know the father of  
wakhe-ke ,  
his

4 iya .  
Yes .

1 bamusho . Ngulapha sekusuka Khona-ke  
and they said who he was . It was where  
Kutsi ngulaba labasa --- lesikhatsi  
they then mentioned that it was where he ---  
lo abegwazana Khona-ke asangushifi .

129 gwazana'd — term refers to the use of spears or assegais for fighting (could also mean being a hero)

130 dzabukad — originated (also tear; crack; split away from; be grieved)

131 eNgogweni —

the time when he <sup>129</sup>gwazana'd when he was chief. (umlumbi uvakala atsi: Can you, can (white woman heard saying: "Buta, buta you ask the gogo, can she tell us gogo kwekutsi kukhona yini langasitjela anything about - - - ." Labanye kona nge - - - " Others too are then sebaya khuluma nabo ) heard talking.)

5 Kukhona lakucasha khona kitsi There is somewhere we miss the point. lakusicashela khona kutsi le ezingeni We miss it on the point that there in that Kulo Mndzebeli labadzabuka khona Mndzebele where they dzabukad<sup>130</sup> and then bate bay' eNgogweni laba... went to eNgogweni<sup>131</sup> the ... these lamadvodza lawa. Ku... kuyasicashela-ke men. We miss it there on the point that did lapho kutsi abehlasele yini lo. this one attack or not.

1 (cyahumusha: "There's something which (interprets: "kukhona lokusiphica ko... we can not understand from these three lapha kulamadvodza lamatsatfu. Uma men. When they moved from here they besuka la, base bacala kubanga. began to quarrel. We don't know Asati kwekutsi kwabangwa yini why that maked them to seperate. That lokutsi behlukane. Mguloko lokungukona is actually happened to - - - its where

isa gogo — (see note 5 (Book 1))

mbambamba kwenteka --- Mgulapho  
we don't know. "Umlumbi soyakhluluma  
singacondzisisi kahle." White woman speaking  
kepha akavakali)

but it's in-audible)

5 Soyasuka-ke lo'rigodvo -ke gogo ---

then this rigodvo, gogo<sup>132</sup> ---

1 Ase ngite -ke ---

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