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THE MASAI

THEIR LANGUAGE AND FOLKLORE

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Naa, ten ċari ol-mēut, il-lenyok eitauni pe cripye 'n-doiye 'musetani oo 'l-turesh.

Naa, ten ċari o-sīrua, naa 'n-gānda eitauni, p' eānyeki 'n-gīshu.

Naa, ten ċari e-sidai, naa 'l-ōpir eitauni pe epika 'l-muran ten epwo en-jore. Nepika sii 'l-ayok ten emurati.

Naa, ten ċari ol-ñgatuny, naa ol-chōni lenye citauni p' citaa 'l-muran en-dōki naji ol-ñgatuny, naata 'l-papit adoru, nepik il-lughuny ten epwo en-jore.

Naa, ten ċari o-engat, neitauni ol-kidoñgoi, p' eitaa 'l-móruak ol-lenywa.

Naa, ten ċari ol-maalo, neitauni 'mōwarak, naaoshi te-'n-aidura pe meimin ol-orere.

Naa, ten ċari sii e-muny, neitauni e-mōuo negwetunyeki 'l-kuman ooidoñgyeki 'l-oroi oo 'l-oiñgok. Neitái sii 'l-kuman loo-'l-aigwenak.

Lello-shañgit cataye 'l-Maasae en-gias.

Naa, ten enya ol-ōwaru 'n-gīshu araki 'n-dare, pe edol il-Maasae, nēar, amu ējo: 'Einos in-gīshu añg.' Ore 'l-ōwarak ooinos in-gīshu oo 'n-dare, ol-ñgatuny, o ol-keri, o ol-ñgojine, o en-derash.

If a giraffe is killed, only the long hairs of the tail are preserved. The girls use these as thread to sew the beads on to their clothes.

Should an eland be killed, strips of the hide are taken and made into thongs for fastening the cattle with.

When an ostrich is killed, the feathers are made into head-dresses, which are worn by the warriors when they go to war. Boys also wear ostrich feathers when they are circumcised.

Whenever a lion is killed, the hide is taken, and the warriors make a head-dress out of the mane. They wear this when they go to war.

If a wildebeest is killed, the tail is kept, and the elders make their fans from it.

Should a greater kudu be killed, the horns are preserved and blown when people move their kraals, so that nobody shall lose the way.

Lastly, if a rhinoceros is killed, its horn is taken and carved into clubs, which are used for beating the he-goats and bulls with. The counsellors' clubs are also made of rhinoceros horn.

These are the wild animals of which the Masai make use.

A Masai will also kill a beast of prey if he sees it eating cattle or goats, for he says: 'It has eaten our cattle.' The beasts of prey which eat cattle and goats are lions, leopards, hyenas, and jackals.