

The priest and his youngest son

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- (1) პაპა დო თიშ უკულაში სქეა.

p'ap'a do ti-š uk'ulaš-i skua
priest and DIST-GEN younger-AGR child

'The priest and his youngest son'

- (2) ართი პაპა ქომოფე დო სუმი სქეალეფი ქგნობვე.

art-i p'ap'a ko-?op-e do sum-i skual-ep-i ko-no-?v-e
one-AGR priest AFF-be.PRF-TM and three-AGR child-PL-NOM AFF-PV-have(ANIM)-TM

'There was a priest and he had three children.'

- (3) პაპაქ ღურადღას დუუჩინგ მუში სქეალენს: - სობღურევე, თითოქ თითო სერს
დავითნი წამკითხითა.

p'ap'a-k ģur-adġa-s do-u-čin-ə mu-ši skual-en-s do-b-ġur-e=ve tito-k
priest-ERG die-VN-day-DAT PV-VM-tell-S3SG 3SG-GEN child-PL-DAT PV-S1-die-TM=QUOT each-ERG
tito ser-s davitn-i c'a-m-k'itx-i-t=ia
each night-DAT David_psalm-NOM PV-O1-read-S1/2-PL=QUOT

'The priest told on his dying day to his children: "I am dying, each of you must
read a psal of David to me each night.'

- (4) მარა უჩაში სქეალენქ თე ზოჯა მუმაში ვაშიასრულეს, ხვალე ართი უკულაში
სქეაქ წაუკითხე დავითნი.

mara učaš-i skual-en-k te zož-ua muma-ši va-še-a-srul-es xvale
but older-AGR child-PL-ERG PROX command-VN father-GEN NEG-PV-VM-fulfill-S3PL alone
art-i uk'ulaš-i skua-k c'a-u-k'itx-ə davitn-i
one-AGR younger-AGR child-ERG PV-VM-read-S3SG David_psalm-NOM

'But the older children did not fulfill their father's command, only the younger
child reada David's psalm to him.'

- (5) თიმუსერს გამეცხადგ მუში მუმაქა დო ქააჩუქჟ ართი ცხენი.

timuser-s ga-me-cxad-ə mu-ši muma-kə do ko-o-čuk-u art-i
DIST-3SG-night-DAT STAT-PV-explain-S3SG 3SG-GEN father-ERG and AFF-VM-give-S3SG one-AGR
cxeñ-i
horse-NOM

'That night his father explained to him and gave him a horse.'

- (6) მაჟირა სერს ხოლო თექ, მუში ჭიმალეფიში მანგიორო, წაუკითხებ დავითნი.

*ma-žir-a ser-s xolo tek mu-ši žimal-ep-iši mangior-o c'a-u-k'itx-ə
 ORD-two-ORD night-DAT also there 3SG-GEN brother-PL-GEN replacement-ADV PV-VM-ask-S3SG
 davitn-i
 David_psalm-NOM*

'The second night [he went] back there instead of his brothers [and] read the David psalms for him.'

- (7) მაჟირა სერსგთი მუმაქ გამეეცხადგ დო მაჟირა ცხენი ქააჩუქუ, ნამუთი ნოკობუე მუში ოშქარი სქეაშოთ.

*ma-žir-a ser-sə-ti muma-k ga-me-e-cxad-ə do ma-žir-a
 ORD-two-ORD night-DAT-REL father-ERG STAT-PV-VM-announce-S3SG and ORD-two-ORD
 cxen-i ko-o-čuk-u namu-ti no-o-k'ob-u-e mu-ši oškar-i skua-šot
 horse-NOM AFF-VM-give-S3SG which-REL PV-VM-want-AUG-OPT 3SG-GEN middle-AGR child-BEN*

'On the second night the father talked to him and gave him a second horse, which he apparently wanted for his middle child.'

- (8) მასუმა სერსგთი ხოლო ათექ წაუკითხებ დავითნი დო მუმაქ მასუმა სერსგთი ქუმუეონგ მასუმა ცხენი, ხვამიორ ქიდიიტუ დო მიდარგ.

*ma-sum-a ser-sə=ti xolo a-tek c'a-u-k'itx-ə davitn-i do
 ORD-three-ORD night-DAT=too also PROX-there PV-VM-ask-S3SG David_psalm-NOM and
 muma-k ma-sum-a ser-s-əti ko-mo-u-?on-ə ma-sum-a
 father-ERG ORD-three-ORD night-DAT-REL AFF-PV-VM-have(ANIM)-S3SG ORD-three-ORD
 cxen-i xvam-ir-o ko-do-i-t'-u-u do mida-rt-ə
 horse-NOM bless-PTCP,PST-ADV AFF-PV-VM-let_go-AUG-S3SG and PV-go-S3SG*

'The third night too he read a David's psalm and the father brought a third horse on the third night, he let him go with blessings and went away.'

- (9) ათე დოროს ართი ხენწიფეში ოსურისქუას ქომონს მიათხინდეს თიჯურას, ნამეთი ჭიხურს ჟი ცხენით ეშასხაპუნდუნი დო თი ზისუხანეს აკუნუდუნი, - თის მიათხინდეს.

*a-te dro-s art-i xenc'ipe-ši osur-iskua-s komon-s
 PROX-PROX time-DAT one-AGR king-GEN woman-NOM-child-DAT husband-DAT
 me-a-tx-in-d-e-s ti-žgura-s namu-ti žixur-s ži cxen-it
 PV-VM-marry-TM-EXT-OPT-S3SG DIST-like-DAT which-REL castle-DAT above horse-INS
 eša-sxap'-un-d-u=ni do ti zisunaxe-s a-ž-un-ud-u=ni
 PV-jump-TM-EXT-S3SG=SUBORD and DIST very_beautiful-DAT VM-kiss-TM-EXT-S3SG=SUBORD
 ti-s me-a-tx-in-d-e-s
 DIST-DAT PV-VM-marry-TM-EXT-OPT-S3SG*

'At that time, a princess would marry such a husband, which could jump with a horse over a castle and would kiss the beautiful one. Him she would marry.'

- (10) ბრელი ხენწიფეში სქუალეფი თი ზისგნახეეში ოთხუეშა მიიშეს, მარა მითინიში ცხენს ვეეშაასხაპუ ჟი ჭიხურიშა.

*brel-i xenc'ipe-ši skual-ep-i ti zisənaxe-ši o-tx-u-ša
many-AGR king-GEN child-PL-NOM DIST very_beautiful-GEN SUP-marry-SUP-ALL
mo-i-š-es mara mitin-iši cxen-s ve-eša-a-sxap'-u ži žixur-iša
PV-VM-go.HAB-S3PL but someone-GEN horse-DAT NEG-PV-VM-jump-S3SG above castle-ALL*

'Many princes came to ask [for the hand of the] beautiful one, but no one could make his horse jump over the castle.'

- (11) თიუანს ათე პაპაში სქუაქ ქიგედოხოდგ თე მუში მუმაში ნაჭყოლოფუ ცხენს, ქიმერთგ ხენწიფეში დოხორეში კარიში წოხოლე.

*tižan-s a-te p'ap'a-ši skua-k ko-ga-i-doxod-ə te mu-ši
DIST-time-DAT PROX-PROX priest-GEN child-ERG AFF-PV-VM-sit_down-S3SG PROX 3SG-GEN
muma-ši na-čq'olop-u cxen-s ko-me-rt-ə xenc'ipe-ši doxore-ši
father-GEN PTCP.PST-give-PTCP.PST horse-DAT AFF-PV-go-S3SG king-GEN residence-GEN
k'ar-iši c'oxole
door-GEN in_front*

'At that time the priest's son mounted the horse his father had given him [and] went up to the gates of the king's palace.'

- (12) ქომიოგგ ცხენს მათრახი დო ქეშაასხაპინუ, მარა ნასუმორიში ეშეე ვეიასხაპუ.

*ko-me-o-g-ə cxen-s matrax-i do ko-eša-o-sxap'-in-u mara
AFF-PV-VM-hit-S3SG horse-DAT whip-NOM and AFF-PV-VM-jump-TM-S3SG but
na-sum-or-iši e-še ve-ge-o-sxap'-u
PART-three-PART-GEN PROX-ABL NEG-PV-VM-jump-S3SG*

'He hit the horse with a stick and made it jump, but it did not jump to a third of it (the height of the castle).'

- (13) მაჟირა ცხენს ქოგედოხოდგ დო ხოლო ქეშაასხაპინუ, მარა თის წოხოლიანი ცხენიშე მაჟირა თიზგმამი უმოშიქ ვაასხაპუ.

*ma-žir-a cxen-s ko-ge-doxod-ə do xolo ko-eša-o-sxap'-in-u mara
ORD-two-ORD horse-DAT AFF-PV-sit_down-S3SG and also AFF-PV-VM-jump-TM-S3SG but
ti-s c'oxolian-i cxen-iše ma-žir-a ti-zəma-ši umos-ik va-o-sxap'-u
DIST-DAT previous-AGR horse-ABL ORD-two-ORD DIST-many-GEN more-ERG NEG-VM-jump-S3SG*

'He mounted the second horse and made it jump as well, but the it couldn't jump more than double that of the previous one.'

- (14) մասுմա գղած մասւմա Յենոտ յշմորտշ դռ յեմասաձոնյ, դռ յոտո յոմասեաձյ առյ չոթյոժո յո դռ ծոժոյ յաչյոնյ տո Ցոշնաելսշ դռ Ցորցզոնոտո յոցյոցցը յոտ ծոժու տո Յորաժա.

*ma-sum-a d̥ga-s ma-sum-a cxen-it ko-mo-rt-ə do
ORD-three-ORD day-DAT ORD-three-ORD horse-INS AFF-PV-go-S3SG and
ko-eša-o-sxap'-in-u do koti ko-ša-o-sxap'-u a-te žixur-iši ži do
AFF-PV-VM-jump-TM-S3SG and again AFF-PV-VM-jump-S3SG PROX-PROX castle-GEN above and
boš-ik ko-o-žun-u ti zisənaxe-sə do girgvin-iti ko-ge-u-dg-es
boy-ERG AFF-VM-kiss-S3SG DIST very_beautiful-DAT and crown-INS AFF-PV-VM-put-S3PL
e-ti boš-is ti cira-ša
DIST-DIST boy-DAT DIST girl-ALL*

'The third day he came on the third horse and made it jump, and he jumped again under the castle and the boy kissed the beauty and the boy married the girl.'

- (15) Այսօր մռա՛րտշ յ ծոժոյ մյժո լյլեժա.

*uk'uli mo-la-rt-ə e boš-ik mu-ši ʔude-ša
afterwards PV-PV-go-S3SG PROX boy-ERG 3SG-GEN house-ALL*

'Then the boy went to his house.'

- (16) Առյ գրու Եյննոյցի հորյ յշլուլած դռ յոյժանյ առյ մյժո Տոնչա դռ յնյ ջոանտորյ: - Իյ Ցոյա դռ յիս Ցոյամո մյժա առտո որյմո Ռյնօ դռ տոժո ծյա մյցալյնօ, մոնուսշ դռ տու յշմոմունյշ-դա, դռծյուցյ, Յարշ-դա, մալյունյ Յորյյօ.

*a-te dro-s xenc'ipe-ši čir-k ko-da-i-lax-ə do
PROX-PROX time-DAT king-GEN wife-ERG AFF-PV-VM-be_ill-S3SG and
ko-i-č'an-u-u a-te mu-ši sinža do u-c'u-u
AFF-VM-summon-AUG-S3SG PROX-PROX 3SG-GEN son-in-law and VM-tell-S3SG
diantir-k če zjua do uča zjua-ši ška-s art-i irem-i
mother_in_law-ERG white sea and black sea-GEN middle-DAT one-AGR deer-AGR
r-en=ia do ti-ši bža mo-u-gal-e=ni=a m-i-č-iisə do
be-TM=QUOT and DIST-GEN milk PV-VM-skim_off-OPT=SUBORD=QUOT O1-VM-tell-S3PL and
ti-s ko-mo-m-i-ž-an-k=əda do-b-skid-ə-k var=əda
DIST-DAT AFF-PV-O1-VM-have(INANIM)-TM-ERG=COND PV-S1-recover-AUG-S1/2SG NEG=COND
ma-žur-u v-or-e-k=ia
PTCP.PRS-die-S3SG S1-be-TM-S1/2SG=QUOT*

'At that time, the queen became ill and summon her son-in-law and the mother-in-law said: "Between the white and the black sea ther is a deer and when you will skim off its milk, they told me, and if you will bring it to me, I will recover, if not, I am dying."

(17) ათე დროს თე ბოშიქ გედოხოდგ მუში ცხენსგ დო მიდართგ.

a-te dro-s te boš-ik ge-doxod-ə mu-ši cxen-sə do mida-rt-ə
PROX-PROX time-DAT PROX boy-ERG PV-sit_down-S3SG 3SG-GEN horse-DAT and PV-go-S3SG

'That time the boy mounted his horse and went.'

(18) ეთიქ ზღუა დო ზღუა შქაშა მიშეელგდო მოჭვალგ ირემს ბჟა დო ქემუუღუ მუში
დიანთირს, ქოჩგ დო დაასქილიდუ.

e-ti-k zğua do zğua ška-ša miša-i-l-ə do mo-č'val-ə irem-s bža do
DIST-DIST-ERG sea and sea middle-ALL PV-VM-go-S3SG and PV-milk-S3SG deer-DAT milk and
ko-mo-u-ğ-u mu-ši diantir-s ko-č-ə do
AFF-PV-VM-have(INANIM)-S3SG 3SG-GEN mother_in_law-DAT AFF-give-S3SG and
do-o-skilid-u
PV-VM-take_care-S3SG

'He went between these seas and milked the deer's milk and brought it to his
mother-in-law, gave it and took care of her.'

Abbreviations

2	second person	o	object
3	third person	OPT	optative
ABL	ablative	ORD	ordinal
ADV	adverbial	PL	plural
AFF	affirmative	PRF	perfect
AGR	agreement	PROX	proximal
ALL	allative	PRS	present
ANIM	animate	PST	past
AUG	augment	PTCP	participle
BEN	benefactive	PV	preverb
COND	conditional	QUOT	quotative
DAT	dative	REL	relative
DIST	distal	S	subject
ERG	ergative	SG	singular
EXT	stem extension	STAT	stative
GEN	genitive	SUBORD	subordination
HAB	habitual	SUP	supine
INANIM	inanimate	TM	thematic marker
INS	instrumental	VM	valency marker
NEG	negative	VN	verbal noun
NOM	nominative		

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