

THE YIMA WHO STOLE THE CHILDREN

Free Translation

Did I tell the story about the man who carried the children? Yes, I told it.

The children always played. They were this big, the children [pointing to some children nearby].

The Yima came carrying a big basket. He watched them. He looked to see if there was an adult with them. There weren't any adults.

"There are just children."

He came on. He came. He put the big basket on the ground.

"There is someone coming," said the children.

"Younger brother," said the Yima.

"Huh?"

"Brothers, come here. I want to carry you. There are lots of children. All of you come here. I'm going to carry all of you."

He put them into the basket. He put them all in. He put the children in. He lifted the children up on his back.

"Father, father."

Someone heard and went running back to the village.

"Brother-in-law, a stranger grabbed your sons as they were bathing. They went crying that way."

"My sons are bathing."

He pulled out some arrows [that were stuck in the thatch]. The two of them went right away. They went running. He caught up fast as they were on the way. He heard the child crying.

"Father, Father."

"Hey, stop crying. You are going to eat. Don't cry. You are going to eat a banana. I have bananas in the house."

Someone was coming who would knock the bananas over. He came. He didn't stop at all.

The Yima didn't have a weapon, he was only carrying the basket. He came running. The boy's crying prevented him from hearing. He didn't hear him.

He shot him with an arrow.

"He is carrying my sons."

"Saki," went the arrow.

"Aya, aya," he said. He cried out.

His brother-in-law shot him again. He threw the children with the basket and they went sprawling. He shot him in the armpit. He was tottering. They shot him again.

"Come on, he is lying there [dead]."

"Because you didn't come home right away [from bathing at the stream], you have been crying on the trail."

He grabbed the basket the Yima had carried the children in. He threw the basket away.

"Let the basket lay there. Come on, you go ahead."

They came back. He arrived with his sons.

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"Look at what they did. They are going to die now. They are going to be shot now. They are evil. Let's shoot them now."

"I went after he as he ran carrying the children, and shot him."

"My son is always loud when he is bathing."

"We were playing. He came to us. He came, and he called me impersonating my older brother. He called me impersonating my older brother, and he put me inside the basket. My older brother cried out. But I didn't cry out. I was inside holding onto my older brother."

"You shouldn't have been playing. He almost took you away."

They ate back at the village.

"I got the children back before he could eat them. I didn't stop, because it was my son. If he had had a weapon, he would have missed me anyway. I wasn't afraid he would kill me when I went after him. He was running slowly, but I ran fast."

So he died. I was remembering about the children who he took.

Interlinear Presentation

1	Okominine	oniroho	mate	weye
	o- kamina -ne	o- na.NOM+F -ro -ho	matehe	weye
	1SG.S tell CONT+F	1SG.S AUX RP.E+F DUP	children	carry
	vt	aux	nf	vt

nematamonaha				
na -himata -mona -ha				
AUX FP.N+M REP+M DUP				
aux				

'Did I tell the story about the man who carried the children?'

2	Ee	okominaro	amake	
	ee	o- kamina -haro	ama -ke	
	yes	1SG.S tell RP.E+F	SEC DECL+F	
	interj	vt	sec	

'Yes, I told it.'

3	Afa	me	siwa	nofara	me	ama	haro
	afa	me	siwa	na nofa -ra+F	me	ama	haaro
	this+F	3PL.S	play	AUX recently NEG	3PL.S	SEC	that one+F
	dem	pron	vi	prt	pron	sec	dem

'Children are always playing.'

4	E	me	nemete	me	awineke	ahi	matehe
	ee	me	na -hemete	me	awine -ke	ahi	matehe
	like this	3PL.S	AUX FP.N+F	3PL.S	seem+F DECL+F	this	children
	dem	pron	aux	pron	sec	dem	nf

'They were this big, the children.'

5	Isiri	weye	ni	kake	kane	ahi	isiri	ebote
	isiri	weye	na.NFIN	ka -kI	ka -ne	ahi	isiri	ehebote
	basket	carry	AUX	go/come coming	DECL ?+M	then	basket	big
	nf	vt	aux	vi	prt	dem	nf	adj

ahi
ahi
then
dem

'He came carrying a big basket.'

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6 *Isiri wemetemoneke ahi* .
 isiri waa -hemete -mone -ke ahi
 basket stand FP.N+F REP+F DECL+F there
 nf vi dem

'It was a big basket.'

7 *Kake mera kkatome , ebote sawi tabiyo*
 ka -kI mera ka- katoma+M , ehebote sawi.NFIN tabiyo
 go/come coming 3PL.O COMIT look at big be present wanting
 vi pron vt adj vi pn

yama ki ne , yama honara Mate
 yama kii na+M , yama hona -ra+F matehe
 thing look at AUX thing have something NEG children
 nf vt aux nf vi nf

toharani

to- ha -hara -ni
 CH be IP.E+F BKG+F
 vc

'He came. He watched them. He looked to see if there was an adult with them. There weren't any adults.
 "There are just children."

8 *Kakehimatamonaka ahi* .
 ka -kI -himata -mona -ka ahi
 go/come coming FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M then
 vi dem

'He came on.'

9 *Kake , isiri ebote wate , Inamati kake*
 ka -kI , isiri ehebote wata+M , inamati ka -kI
 go/come coming basket big put someone go/come coming
 vi nf adj vt nm vi

fari

faari
 that one+M
 dem

'He came. He put the big basket on the ground. "There is someone coming."

10 *Oof , niso , niso* .
 oof , niso , niso
 hoo younger brother younger brother
 interj nm nm

"Younger brother."

11 *Haa ?*
 haa
 huh?
 interj

"Huh?"

12 *Niso te kama , ahi* .
 niso tee ka -ma , ahi
 younger brother 2PL.S go/come back here
 nm pron vi dem

"Brothers, come here."

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13 **Te weye obeya**
 tee weye o- na -be -ya
 2PL.O carry 1SG.S AUX IMMED+F now
 pron vt aux

"I want to carry you."

14 **Te weye obeya**
 tee weye o- na -be -ya
 2PL.O carry 1SG.S AUX IMMED+F now
 pron vt aux

"I want to carry you."

15 **Mate tama ahi**
 matehe tama+F ahi
 children be many there
 nf vi dem

"There are lots of children."

16 **Te nafi kama ahi te nafi te nafi**
 tee nafi ka -ma ahi tee nafi tee nafi
 2PL.POSS all go/come back here 2PL.POSS all 2PL.POSS all
 pron pn vi dem pron pn pron pn

"All of you come here."

17 **Te weye obeya te nafi ahi**
 tee weye o- na -be -ya tee nafi ahi
 2PL.O carry 1SG.S AUX IMMED+F now 2PL.POSS all here
 pron vt aux pron pn dem

"I'm going to carry all of you."

18 **Te nafi weye obeya**
 tee nafi weye o- na -be -ya
 2PL.POSS all carry 1SG.S AUX IMMED+F now
 pron pn vt aux

"I'm going to carry all of you."

19 **Mera te nematamonaka ahi isiri ya**
 mera tee na -himata -mona -ka ahi isiri ya
 3PL.O put inside AUX FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M there basket ADJU
 pron vt aux dem nf prt

'He put them into the basket.'

20 **Me me nafi te ne matehe te**
 me me nafi tee na+M matehe tee
 3PL 3PL.POSS all put inside AUX children put inside
 pron pron pn vt aux nf vt

nematamonaka

na -himata -mona -ka
 AUX FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M
 aux

'He put them all in. He put the children in.'

21 **Mate te ne mate weye namisakabote**
 matehe tee na+M matehe weye na -misa -kabote
 children put inside AUX children carry AUX up quickly
 nf vt aux nf vt aux

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28 *Me fama nariwemetemoneke ahi*
 me fama na -riwaha -hemete -mone -ke ahi
 3PL.S be two AUX right away FP.N+F REP+F DECL+F then
 pron vi aux dem

'The two of them went right away.'

29 *Me kana ni towakamakia , me kana*
 me kana na.NFIN to- ka- ka -makI+F , me kana
 3PL.S run AUX away COMIT go/come following 3PL.S run
 pron vi aux vi pron vi

ni towakamakia , me towakamakia
 na.NFIN to- ka- ka -makI+F , me to- ka- ka -makI+F
 AUX away COMIT go/come following 3PL.S away COMIT go/come following
 aux vi pron vi

me towakamakia me hibati hawahawa
 me to- ka- ka -makI+F me hibati hawa- hawa
 3PL.S away COMIT go/come following 3PL.S right away DUP be finished
 pron vi pron nf vi

toa tosi nematamonane
 to- ha to- na -sii na -himata -mona -ne
 CH AUX CH AUX slowly along the way AUX FP.N+M REP+M BKG+M
 aux aux aux

'They went running. He caught up fast as they were on the way.'

30 *Inamate ohi ni towasimakimatamonaka*
 inamate ohi na.NFIN to- wasi -makI -himata -mona -ka
 child cry AUX away find following FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M
 nm vi aux vt

'He heard the child crying.'

31 *Abi abi abi abi abi , abi abi abi abi*
 abi abi abi abi abi , abi abi abi abi
 father father father father father father father father father
 nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm nm

""Father, Father.""

32 *Haa , ohi rima tinahi*
 haa , ohi na -rima ti- na -hi
 hey cry AUX NEG.IMP+F 2SG.S AUX IMP+F
 interj vi aux aux

""Hey, stop crying.""

33 *Titafibeya*
 ti- tafa -be -ya
 2SG.S eat IMMED+F now
 vi

""You are going to eat.""

34 *Titafibeya*
 ti- tafa -be -ya
 2SG.S eat IMMED+F now
 vi

""You are going to eat.""

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- 35 **Ohi rima tinahi**
 ohi na -rima ti- na -hi
 cry AUX NEG.IMP+F 2SG.S AUX IMP+F
 vi aux aux
 "Don't cry."
- 36 **Yifari yome tibeya**
 yifari yome ti- na -be -ya
 banana swallow 2SG.S AUX IMMED+F now
 nf vt aux
 "You are going to eat a banana."
- 37 **Oko yifari hati ware ama oni**
 o- ka yifari hati waa -rI ama o- ni
 1SG.POSS POSS banana ripe stand raised surface SEC 1SG.POSS BKG+F
 prt nf pn vi sec prt
 "I have bananas in the house."
- 38 **Yifari hati nawariaba kamakine**
 yifari hati na- waa -rI -haba ka -makI -ne
 banana ripe CAUS stand raised surface FUT+F go/come following CONT+F
 nf pn vt vi
fa
 faa
 that
 dem
 'Someone was coming who would knock the bananas over.'
- 39 **Kamakimatamonaka ahi**
 ka -makI -himata -mona -ka ahi
 go/come following FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M then
 vi dem
 'He came.'
- 40 **Mama rematamonane**
 ma- maa na -ra -himata -mona -ne
 DUP stop AUX NEG FP.N+M REP+M BKG+M
 vi aux
 'He didn't stop at all.'
- 41 **Ye honemanaha isiri ta weye ni**
 yehe hona -himanaha isiri taa weye na.NFIN
 hand have something HYPOTH+M basket contrast carry AUX
 pn vi nf prt vt aux
kakematamonane
 ka -kI -himata -mona -ne
 go/come coming FP.N+M REP+M BKG+M
 vi
 'He didn't have a weapon, he was only carrying the basket.'
- 42 **Ye honarematamonane**
 yehe hona -ra -himata -mona -ne
 hand have something NEG FP.N+M REP+M BKG+M
 pn vi
 'He didn't have a weapon.'

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43 *Kana ni kamakimatamonaka ahi*
 kana na.NFIN ka -makI -himata -mona -ka ahi
 run AUX go/come following FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M then
 vi aux vi dem

'He came running.'

44 *Inamate inamatewe ohi ne ohi ni narabo bari hine*
 inamate inamatewe ohi na+M ohi na.NFIN narabo bari hi- na+M
 child child cry AUX cry AUX ear+M impede OC AUX
 nm nm vi aux vi aux pn vt aux
 , *kana ni kamaki moni himitare*
 kana na.NFIN ka -makI+M moni hi- mita -ra+M
 run AUX go/come following sound OC hear NEG
 vi aux vi pn vt

sa hikaneba ama namatamona ahi
 saa hi- ka- na -hiba ama na.NOM+M -mata -mona ahi
 shoot with arrow OC COMIT AUX FUT+M be AUX FP.N+M REP+M then
 vt aux vc aux dem

'The boy's crying prevented him from hearing. He came running. He didn't hear him. He shot him with an arrow.'

45 *Okatao me weye ne awane*
 okatao me weye na+M awa -ne
 my son 3PL.O carry AUX seem+M BKG+M
 nm pron vt aux sec

'''He is carrying my sons.'''

46 *Saki wati nematamona ahi*
 saki wati na -himata -mona ahi
 (sound of arrow hitting flesh) arrow AUX FP.N+M REP+M then
 sound nm aux dem

'''Saki," went the arrow.'

47 *Aya aya ati*
 aya aya ati
 (expression of pain) (expression of pain) say
 interj interj vt

nematamonaka ahi
 na -himata -mona -ka ahi
 AUX FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M then
 aux dem

'''Aya, aya," he said.'

48 *Kiya kanematamona*
 kiya ka- na -himata -mona
 yell COMIT AUX FP.N+M REP+M
 vi aux

'He cried out.'

49 *Wabori sa*
 wabori saa
 3SG.POSS brother-in-law shoot with arrow
 nm vt

hikanamematamonaka ahi
 hi- ka- na -ma -himata -mona -ka ahi
 OC COMIT AUX back FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M then
 aux dem

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'His brother-in-law shot him again.'

50 *Matehe* *koro* *tokowite* *matehe* *tiriri*
 matehe koro to- ka- na -witI matehe tiriri
 children throw away COMIT AUX out children many fall
 nf vt aux nf vi

towitiemetemoneke

to- na -witI -hemete -mone -ke
 away AUX out FP.N+F REP+F DECL+F
 aux

'He threw the children with the basket and they went sprawling.'

51 *Fariboti* *sa* *hikane* *rama* *ahi*
 fariboti saa hi- ka- na+M rama ahi
 armpit shoot with arrow OC COMIT AUX unusual then
 pn vt aux prt dem

'He shot him in the armpit.'

52 *Kawa* *nawarematamonane*
 ka- waa na -wahaI -himata -mona -ne
 COMIT stand AUX all over FP.N+M REP+M BKG+M
 vi aux

'He was tottering.'

53 *Me* *sa* *hikaname* *me* *sa*
 me saa hi- ka- na -ma+M me saa
 3PL.S shoot with arrow OC COMIT AUX back 3PL.S shoot with arrow
 pron vt aux pron vt

hine , *Hima* , *homahari* *hari*
 hi- na+M , hima , homa -haari haari
 OC AUX let's go lie on ground look+M that one+M
 aux interj vi dem

'They shot him again. They shot him. "Come on, he is lying there."'

54 *Kamakabote* *tinofa* *tika* *ohi* *ni* *yaka*
 ka -ma -kabote ti- nofa+F ti- ka ohi ni yaka
 go/come back quickly 2SG.S recently 2SG.POSS POSS cry AUX walk
 vi prt prt vi aux vi

nine *ninihi*
 na -ne na.NOM+F -ni -hi
 AUX CONT+F AUX IP.N+F DUP
 aux aux

'"Because you didn't come home right away, you have been crying as you walked on the trail."'

55 *Faya* *mate* , *weye* *nano* *ka* *isiri* , *isiri*
 faya matehe , weye na.NOM+M -no ka isiri , isiri
 so children carry AUX IP.N+M which basket basket
 conj nf vt aux prt nf nf

hiti , *isiri* *koro* *towitimatamonaka*
 hi- iti.LIST , isiri koro to- na -witI -himata -mona -ka
 OC pick up basket throw away AUX out FP.N+M REP+M DECL+M
 vt nf vt aux

'He grabbed the basket the Yima had carried the children in. He threw the basket away.'

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56 *Isiri koro towiti Isiri ita ahi*
 isiri koro to- na -witI+M isiri ita ahi
 basket throw away AUX out basket sit there
 nf vt aux nf vi dem

'He threw the basket away. "Let the basket lay there."'

57 *Hima te tai toamahi*
 hima tee tai to- ha -ma -hi
 let's go 2PL.S be ahead CH AUX back IMP+F
 interj pron vi aux

""Come on, you go ahead.""

58 *Me kamemetemoneke biti me kobo*
 me ka -ma -hemete -mone -ke biti me kobo
 3PL.S go/come back FP.N+F REP+F DECL+F 3SG.POSS.son 3PL.O arrive
 pron vi nm pron vi

kanamebana

ka- na -ma -hibana
 COMIT AUX back FUT+M
 aux

'They came back. He arrived with his sons.'

59 *Faya biti me kobo kaname Me te*
 faya biti me kobo ka- na -ma+M me tee
 so 3SG.POSS.son 3PL.O arrive COMIT AUX back 3PL.O 2PL.S
 conj nm pron vi aux aux pron pron

kakatomahi

ka- katoma -hi
 COMIT look at IMP+F
 vt

'He arrived with his sons. "Look at what they did."'

60 *Me abiba na me amani*
 me ahaba.NOM+F -ba na+F me ama -ni
 3PL.S die FUT AUX 3PL.S SEC BKG+F
 pron vi aux pron sec

""They are going to die.""

61 *Me abiba na me amani waha*
 me ahaba.NOM+F -ba na+F me ama -ni waha
 3PL.S die FUT AUX 3PL.S SEC BKG+F now
 pron vi aux pron sec prt

""They are going to die now.""

62 *Me sa nawahabanake*
 me saa na -waha -habana -ke
 3PL.S shoot with arrow AUX change FUT+F DECL+F
 pron result aux

""They are going to be shot now.""

63 *Me kakasi raba tera me amani*
 me ka- kasi na -raba na -tee -ra+F me ama -ni
 3PL.S DUP be naughty AUX a bit AUX HAB NEG 3PL.S SEC BKG+F
 pron vi aux aux pron sec

""They are evil.""

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64 *Me e tisa nawahibeya*
 me ee tisa na -waha -be -ya
 3PL.S 1IN.S shoot with arrow AUX change IMMED+F now
 pron pron vt aux

"Let's shoot them now."

65 *Mate weye ni kanakana ne sa*
 matehe weye na.NFIN kana- kana na+M saa
 children carry AUX DUP run AUX shoot with arrow
 nf vt aux vi aux vt

okanamakini

o- to- ka- na -makI -ni
 1SG.S away COMIT AUX following BKG+F
 aux

"I went after he as he ran carrying the children, and shot him."

66 *Okatao ati watari ati watari aafi*
 okatao ati wata -ra.NFIN ati wata -ra.NFIN a- afi
 my son voice exist NEG voice exist NEG DUP bathe
 nm pn vi pn vi vi

nofe amane
 na nofa+M ama -ne
 AUX recently SEC BKG+M
 prt sec

"My son is always loud when he is bathing."

67 *Ota siwa na otake*
 otaa siwa na+F otaa -ke
 1EX.S play AUX 1EX.S DECL+F
 pron vi aux pron

"We were playing."

68 *Ota siwa na otani*
 otaa siwa na+F otaa -ni
 1EX.S play AUX 1EX.S BKG+F
 pron vi aux pron

"We were playing."

69 *Kakeareka*
 ka -kI -hare -ka
 go/come coming IP.E+M DECL+M
 vi

"He came to us."

70 *Kake okoyomona owa ha*
 ka -kI o- ka ayo -mona owa haa
 go/come coming 1SG.S go/come older brother REP+M 1SG.O call
 vi nm pron vt

narene

na -hare -ne
 AUX IP.E+M BKG+M
 aux

"He came, and he called me acting like my older brother."

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71 *Okoyomona* *owa* *ha* *ne* *owa*
 o- ka ayo -mona owa haa na+M owa
 1SG.S go/come older brother REP+M 1SG.O call AUX 1SG.O
 nm pron vt aux pron

ibeareka *isiri* *tori* *ya*
 ibI -hare -ka isiri tori ya
 put inside IP.E+M DECL+M basket inside+F ADJU
 vt nf pn prt

"He called me acting like my older brother, and he put me inside the basket."

72 *Faya* *owa* *ibe* , *okaniso* ,
 faya owa ibI o- ka niso
 so 1SG.O put inside 1SG.POSS POSS younger brother
 conj pron vt nm

okaniso *e* *kane* *amaka* *hari*
 o- ka niso ee ka- na+M ama -ka haari
 1SG.POSS POSS younger brother yell COMIT AUX SEC DECL+M that one+M
 nm vi aux sec dem

"He put me inside. My older brother cried out."

73 *E* *okarara* *oke* *ha* *owa*
 ee o- ka- na -ra -hara o- ke haa owa
 yell 1SG.S COMIT AUX NEG IP.E+F 1SG.S DECL+F DEM 1SG
 vi aux prt dem pron

"But I didn't cry out."

74 *Okaniso* *tama* *ni* *ofoyara*
 o- ka niso tama na.NFIN o- foya -hara
 1SG.POSS POSS younger brother hold onto AUX 1SG.S be inside IP.E+F
 nm vt aux vi

oke
 o- ke
 1SG.S DECL+F
 prt

"I was inside holding onto my older brother."

75 *Te* *siwa* *nene* *te* *ama*
 tee siwa na -hene tee ama
 2PL.S play AUX IRR+F 2PL.S SEC
 pron vi aux pron sec

"You shouldn't have been playing."

76 *Te* *towakamena* *amaka*
 tee to- ka- ka -ma -hina ama -ka
 2PL.O away COMIT go/come back IRR+M SEC DECL+M
 pron vt sec

"He almost took you away."

77 *Faya* *me* , *me* *tafamemetemone* *fahi*
 faya me me tafa -ma -hemete -mone fahi
 so 3PL.S 3PL.S eat back FP.N+F REP+F then
 conj pron pron vi dem

'They ate back at the village.'

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78 *Me tafama* , *Mate kabehina ka matehe*
 me tafa -ma+F , matehe kaba -hina ka matehe
 3PL.S eat back children eat ?+M which children
 pron vi nf vt prt nf

oyabamakine oni
 o- to- yaba -makI -ne o- ni
 1SG.S away take out following CONT+F 1SG.S BKG+F
 vt prt

"They ate back at the village. "I got the children back before he could eat them."

79 *Okataomako ma onamakerara*
 okatao -mako maa o- to- na -makI -ra -hara
 my son for this reason+M stop 1SG.S away AUX following NEG IP.E+F
 nm vi aux

oke
 o- ke
 1SG.S DECL+F
 prt

"I didn't stop, because it was my son."

80 *Ye honehimanaha otaboro itena amaka*
 yehe hona -himanaha o- taboro ita -hina ama -ka
 hand have something HYPOTH+M 1SG.POSS place pierce IRR+M SEC DECL+M
 pn vi pn vt sec

bisa
 bisa
 also
 prt

"If he had had a weapon, he would have missed me anyway."

81 *Owa katomebona onemako*
 owa katoma -hibona ati o- na -mako
 1SG.O attack INT+M say 1SG.S AUX for this reason+M
 pron vt vt

onakamakiarene
 o- to- na- ka -makI -hare -ne
 1SG.S away CAUS go/come following IP.E+M BKG+M
 vt

"I wasn't afraid he would kill me when I went after him."

82 *Kanakana nareka ahi bebete nawamone hiri*
 kana- kana na -hare -ka ahi , be- bete na -waha -hamone hiri
 DUP run AUX IP.E+M DECL+M then DUP run AUX change REP+F do
 vi aux dem vi aux vt

oninari
 o- na+F -naari
 1SG.S AUX ?
 aux

"He was running slowly, but I ran fast."

83 *Faya abematamona fahi*
 faya ahaba -himata -mona fahi
 so die FP.N+M REP+M then
 conj vi dem

'So he died.'

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84 *Weye ni hikamemetemone wati*
 weye na.NFIN hi- to- ka -ma -hemete -mone wati
 carry AUX OC away go/come back FP.N+F REP+F remember
 vt aux vi vt

owahine oke , mate .
 o- na -waha -ne o- ke , matehe .
 1SG.S AUX change CONT+F 1SG.S DECL+F children
 aux prt nf

'I was remembering about the children who he took.'

85 *Inamatewe , abake .*
 inamatewe , ahaba -ke .
 child end DECL+F
 nm vi

'It's done.'