SOBO.

Emosoga (4 texts).

1.

Record 187.

Olesasoiioyomä; edehiofa rio; The first one was no good; so you put another one; ovimeda damo olana anemetotawa I try another one that I must talk loud wamlasainyo; komedataowawa lomlasalso I talk loud that they may all to make other people hear; rakbojubewinyo odonime; wero; that all this world may hear . . . my mother is alive; hear; odelowodome; emę̃soga; oseme omamoroxwo; my native place; is Emosoga; my father is a big man; oimiideliluokeoibo; gmameluo komieva ; I go work for the white man; I get good work to do; work omegbe rhënede omamilwo, mle mlomamoigo; [so] I get good money; I have good health good work, tumwemi; mituwu, mitemiamie; ogene iyuwe to go home; I do not die, I am not sick at all; so may Ogene bless lilwo mitumweme. work to go home.

2.

Record 198 a, b, c.

Esięnye	onilqmq	oděv	•	odělomoroi
So	mother's son	had a		his son's name
osāgale ;	osägale	owaiye,	owom	1 ′
was Osagale ;	Osagale	got wife,	got a s	

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vleni; ode
                        bisiowodo;
                                              děleduwexi
                  he went another country; and made a spear;
went away;
            so
do okulükpe; lõmogole bese
he made armlet; his mother before
                                        lowore, ŏniloiyi
                                        he came, his mother
   obleiva;
                    loiyi
                               vemoloii,
                                              owemi
                                                        oiye
                              with his son,
went to his wife
                  his own
                                             to house
                                                         80
            kiyaromoroiyi
 odata
                                věmora,
                                                angiemo;
                           wait, my son, he is coming;
            to her son's wife
she said
elexëvere
           ukbi ;
                     odāliaii
                                  iyobevo, qbewqlukbe,
          bed; she took them back to bed, she took them to
   go to
                                                    bed.
odata
              ke eya,
                            keyara mgrqii
                                                    medawe
                                             ane
                            to her son's wife
she said to the woman,
                                              if
                                                    I breathe
                               Ödaveta
                                                    bogrwi,
  ylifete aneyememe rele.
                                          medawe
small, small
               then I sleep.
                              So she said I breathe roaring,
bogrmi,
                                  odawe
                                                     ylifete,
           aneyemeyemere;
                                             ylifete
roaring,
           then I don't sleep;
                               she breathed
                                            small
                                                     small.
      aiyelomoloji
                                       ološiwerekene,
she saw the wife and son
                             who were sleeping with her,
   onilosagale;
                                    odesőrokiko,
mother of Osagale;
                      so she (Osagale's wife) called other people,
                              (i.e., son and other wives)
   anuwevle,
                        anomerele,
                                           olukikodabeta;
                       she sleeps,
                                       the other one said;
she woke them all,
   anoyimirele;
                                              <u>qiadë</u>bifere
                      agexereemera
she never sleeps yet;
                          wait a bit,
                                           so they waited a bit
                          odawegr-i
                                         oiye eyalosagale,
  aiyebidafo
               dę
 all were quiet so
                   she breathed like leopard so wife of Osagale,
vemolosagale, aiyobi
                          aibebevle
                                       aiedagie
                                                      aso,
 son, Osagale, both
                         got up softly
                                        ran away at night,
   adagiekbeki;
                          okiděvie,
                                               onilosagale
they ran to market;
                       in morning,
                                        mother of Osagale
    ogwoneyosagāle,
                                 gwonemo,
                                                   losagăle
looked for his wife and son,
                         looked for his son,
                                                Osagale's;
 obebeme ovlovo;
                          oionilosagale
                                             yobovio mure;
she saw no one at all; so mother of Osagale
                                            took some stick;
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odawofokberie kwodalo; odemunevio
                                           osunele
                                                     okberie.
 she knocked iron front:
                         so she sang
                                            she sang
                                                       iron,
                  måwodę; okperie måwodę måwodę; the road; iron showed the road the road;
måwode,
show me the road,
   mäwode,
  odafok běrie
                      teki;
                                         odameeyasagale,
                    to market; so she saw wife of Osagale,
she knocked iron
                    eialemome,
mlemolosagale,
                                      tine,
                                                   wagieba,
 son of Osagale,
                   wife of my son,
                                                stop running.
                                      hear,
      eyălosagale;
                                                 aiedagie;
                             aitonemo,
 e,
      wife of Osagale; they begin to run again, they run away;
yes,
           odakiyayelo;
                               oniosagale
                                                 oviobõmure
                            mother of Osagale
            they forget;
head pad
                                                  took a stick
         odawofini
                            odemunerie, ukoki,
                                                   mäwode,
she knocked (head pad forward) she sang, head pad, show road,
             oiyi
                      eyalosagale
                                             adeteseunó;
māwode;
show road:
                     wife of Osagale reached trunk of tree;
            so
                      unodefirokrekre ;
                                                evalosagale
    unčkere,
tree, become small, tree come down and be small; wife of Osagale
                aidalwenuno; elunogro,
                                                    nődegro;
 vemorqii
               sang to the tree; tree grow big,
                                                    grow big;
with her son
                odelětie; eyålemome
   oniosägale
                                               tine wagieba,
mother of Osagale reached there; her son's wife stopped there now,
                          odakwalubiako,
          oniloii
                                                 oluxwivie,
e,
         his mother she pulled out tooth,
                                                front tooth.
yes.
                                                  owošiloo.
                            odefirewe
     anoxerewe;
                         it turned axe for cutting tree,
 she made it into axe;
odemunęrie; unőkomwagba wagba;
                                                   Žxwoxwo
                                                   field mouse
   she sang;
                  tree, sing song
                                     song;
 odětetiye anihehe, něnode, konoplwilwoluwolwe; reached there ho, big mother, that's the hard work we
 reached there
                                            used to do;
                                                 omālilue;
              diluo
                              lomali,
 onana
                                                did not do;
                            old woman,
  that
               work
                     mimiewexié;
                                              oiodaweweke,
   wewire;
 cut with axe; I cut tree for you; so she gave him axe
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oxwoxwo minea onokodiside; onokoside, sĭde. field mouse sang tree, join up, join up, tree join up together; qiyomale oniosagale odakwamibiako; sol old woman heard mother of Osagale pulled out tooth; odevioxwoxwo; urememixielo threw it to field mouse: [she said] tree will soon fall ęlodabere odemie odanereside ; oniosagalewe. but he made it join; so bush rat took axe from mother of Osagale. onake okpilwolowolwe e. nene Yes. my mother this thing this is big work I used to do bikomo mimiewexi oniosagale odě munevio, I help you to cut tree mother of Osagale he sang, nokomwagwa wagwa. Elodaweta; momimiewexe sang a song a song. So bush rat said; I help you to cut tree odawokelo; elodě munevio nokoside side she gave axe to bush rat; rat sang join up together. od**åkmarako** odowohielo: elod**ăgie** ; She pulled out tooth threw it to bush rat: bush rat ran away: oniosagale oděbiviabo wiwerexi wyredă odanw e to cut for herself mother of Osagale tree bent just: began bobone odabe bobona; aiyosagale ode muněvio bent to one side and another; wife of Osagale began to sing atuvieli vele vele omoko lokbuve. that goes to Uve, sang sang a song parrot obiomogbomoli oromlesagale. oveli, who sees Osagale, salute him, his mother wants to kill your son and wife apiapialokpuve, atuvele ; oromle Osagale hornbill that goes to Uve went, she sang; that sees Osagale obigmogbomoli atuvele \mathbf{vele} vele: omokoda salute him, mother wants, etc. sang sang sang; so parrot odata diwologbone; kosägale ane oniwe said to Osagale said what are you doing here; your mother oxuia. evimowele. Osagale daleixi odeviukbeno wife and son. is killing Osagale took spear threw it up

odagovioviopexi: odadiofome, nodaigi bese said to spear: if it be war, stop [my mother] before [till] mioteti: oděginedajyi; osagaděteti; I get there; so it stopped [her]; so he got there; onilada kwalo biako odewoviosagale; Osagālahis mother took out tooth she threw it at Osagale; Osagale komake ako; qdawa akakovle. Sagadata dodged tooth; he dodged it on one side. So Osagale said kogene anoiidelu obo limioma koneloji bad thing for to Ogene if I do my mother oyole loiyi woniloii be iyolana, ané: qgenexwoi war near my mother day now, I say; god will kill [let my mother kill me to-day] anikeviexwé, anogeněxwoji, ané, ob**ēdia** who can kill her son, Ogene will kill her, I say, if not keviexwile anogenexwoniloji; odevůxiloji gbenu; Ogene will kill her; he threw his spear he said up; qdagovio; këxiro anoxiré [e]wase, loture he spoke to spear; spear turned into medicine, burnt onilgii; odevio exi xre xrenilgii onivexi; his mother; he threw spear at at his mother he threw spear; odava woniloii; gnilodewu; gbeloto; he hit his mother; his mother died; she fell down; Ogenedata; mewali nana ukudi Ogene said; When I pass there before glass of rum fell [from my hand] mebewali. onieve beva wabo I pass again [on way back], half kola fell from my hand now; ogene dese kidi luevo akbola gb**oruane**; what are they doing in world Ogene called cockfowl; animorhileno ogborane nasala; mēdara, vak<u>b</u>qla to see what they do in world cockfowl can't go; if I go, oigogene awowegora odanoro ufiurege they take and sacrifice me so Ogene threw down rope

odawulolonene toto; so he found rope to go up and down to the ground; anisidililuebo. Osagalidegu ngiikpisiwodo. which he used to do Osagale began to speak "I go another country." deduwexi dőkolukbe besimiore he took his spear, he took matchet, "before I come, my mother luevewa geyame kokie kwa eliya ogyemome drove my son and my wife into bush; she wanted to kill them; aiyedeyele enure; omoko data kowe but they climbed the tree"; parrot said to him: koiimidetetiye; medata midelo bemioma akolonime. when he reached there; I say if I do bad thing for my mother, mibîbelo. ðxwewe. obemiomaa. she will kill me. if I don't do bad. if I do what is not bad, eximexwonime. odegenexwe; Ogenedata So it killed her; let spear kill my mother. Ogene said: narowoniloji; oniloidaromo, Qgenedata ketinelale wake his mother; so his mother woke, Ogene said "Go away: ibixuomõluxwò; omoxwoviekayele who has child must not kill it; I had a child and fed it every day" [Ogene said] Ogene dejăriviyo obixirewase exiromo Ogene made law there son's spear shall not turn medicine lodexwoni vakbona oye exidiode obixire and not kill mother, in this world so spear could not turn ewase. Ogene kewore mikwalali mikworili medicine. Ogene breathed into me? I go, I come back, (i.e., made that law.) edemetise anamo iya mitigo I salute [you] my companions put beans I put cowries: ubiakwäsijo kwokbolukbo sĭelele ome Asijo's teeth [are] big big teeth, my own [are] very small and " m." Osielele do. junora my small teeth can't pass another way. I salute you. "Yes." [all say.]

3.

āiilo Esieye, Ehe. akwolobalo; oyegiele Well, [Answer] Ehe. We were in this world; he did not want oviogbele uwú. Oiye aiyovo odeviomo; So bore a child; poor man to die. some woman odadwemera; omoroyidwa ; oniloiyi, onilomona it began to grow; it grew small; its mother, the child's mother animikekboweli; omorgini mome; "ves" said I am ready to go to farm; my son; her son Odawonęto komorcii onedevie, said. She roasted yams for her son the yams ready onilomona odawhurione wokomoroii; the child's mother cleaned the yams gave to her son; **o**nilomo odatake mëneme iara the child's mother said to him I am ready to go kwoweli; oionilgii qdayala omoroni e ; her son said "yes"; so his mother went to the farm; kwoweli; odetoweli; onilomo mayę reached her farm; she did not know to farm: his mother omoroii vienenelobobuko. Igyede odemůdia; that her son [he] cried and ran after. On the road he stood; erhimi odetetiyi asalomonaiva erhimi millipede reached there where the child was millipede datakomona: anomonablolekeve; omonancijo, said to child: to cut him half a yam; I can't, gmoněnana ; animiseblokowe a small yam like that; I can't cut it for you at all wanimiblokowe; inenevotokewe; why can't you cut it; my mother roasted it for me; miseblokowe erhimidalolomonukowo, giye I can't cut it for you millipede climbed up his leg, so deletuwirowo; erhimidatakomona: aniblolekeve; .climbed to malleolus; millipede said to child: cut me half a yam;

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animiseblokowe
                                  ojomonademunevio;
I can't cut vou half a vam
                              so child, that, began to sing:
  babo.
              giërite,
                              neno,
                                        giérite,
                                                   érhimi
my father, run to me,
                            my mother,
                                         run,
                                                  millipede
             tegwalęlimoko; gię̃rite;
lålëlalë ;
                                              ototole,
is climbing; to the parrot's comb; run; he does not go down,
                gierite;
                              erhimidė̃bimoa
                                                    ēlālō:
   otenule.
                         millipede begins to climb
he does not go up,
                 run:
                                                     up;
     odalalelale;
                               deterugbo; angmona
he climbed and climbed; he reached the knee;
                                                   to child
           – omonanimikeblokowě;
                                    gmonenana :
blolekeve :
            cut me half a yam;
he called:
                                   small yam like that
      inenewotokewe
                                    wanimiblokowe?
my mother roasted it for me why should I cut it for you?
miseblokowe; erhimidebimovio
                                    ēlālō, qdalālituxoxi;
I can't cut it; millipede began to climb up,
                                           he reached the
                                               navel:
                                         niblonekewe;
irhidebetakomona,
                        erhimi,
 he said to child,
                     millipede, cut me half a yam;
                                          omoněnana;
    omonanimikéblokowe
child said I can't cut for you
                                      small yam like that;
     inenewotokewe,
                                    wanimiblokowe;
my mother roasted it for me, why should I cut it for you;
      owowi none wovie;
                                        mikeblekowe;
I feel as if I must cry to-day; I can't cut it for you;
  omonademunio
                       babo
                                gierite
                                          neno
                                                    gierite
child began to sing
                       father
                                 come
                                          \mathbf{mother}
                                                     come
  erhimiläleläle
                           tegwalelimoko,
                                                  gierite;
                         to the parrot's comb,
millipede is climbing
                                                   run;
     oto tole
                      gierite,
                                   otenulē
                                                   gierite;
he does not go down
                              he does not go up
                        run,
                                                    run;
  erhimidebiművio
                       elãlõ,
                              läleläle;
                                           deletoxoli;
                              up, up; he reached the neck;
millipede begins to climb
                        up,
                          blonekeve;
erhimi dabeta komona
                                             omonaneyo;
                       cut me half a yam; child said "no";
 millipede said to boy
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animikeblokowe; owuwewowu none I can't cut it for you; you are going to die to-day onemēna liaa, wojamle nonee: omonade muneo boy began to sing my yam to-day; you can't see eat, erhimiläleläli habo gierite neno gierite; millipede is climbing father run mother run; tegwali ĭmoko; gierite, ototole, gierite to the house of the parrot; run, he does not go up, run, gierite. erhimidebe muvië otenule člalo; he does not descend run. Millipede began to climb up; ðda läleläli deletunu. erhimidabe takomona Millipede said to boy he went up and up to the mouth. onemikiakowe, aniblolekewe; omonaneyo, cut me half a yam; boy said "no," I can't cut you half a yam, omoněnana, inenewotokeve; odajalajewevo small yam like that, my mother roasted it for me; she went and left nenime blonime mebebeva kpoweli; kpoweli; to farm; to go to farm; I said to myself I met no one migiędę̃; medamerhimi, koiodikpokpuwu I saw a millipede, millipede was troubling me on the road; erhimidebemuvio elalo: odeteleleluwe; fikiloneme; with a yam palaver; millipede began to climb: he reached the nose; gierite omonådemunio babo gierite neno boy began to sing father mother run. run, tegualimoko, ototole, erhimilal**ëlalë** to the parrot's house, he does not go up, millipede is climbing gierite; erhimiqdalwevolüwe gierite; otenulę, he does not go down, run; millipede climbed up ožikponolwole, gionilomon adagie uwelomona into child's nose he climbed and went inside it, so his mother ran up qselomonoděnokpare; nowelire, child's father ran from bush palm oil place; from farm, owokarhierhimi, onilomona owioboviomure took small stick child's mother to draw millipede down,

oselomonamudia; ajanmavavio bovio erhime ekarie to take out millipede child's father stopped; both set to work ublolerhimi lomlasano unwelomolaiye; to make it come out of child's nose; half a millipede odădagievlūnwe; odexivioto ublokiko half stayed inside the nose; half millipede fell to ground ubloyeodegbo alŭlululu obisenofă; they tried in vain he can't come out again; so half rotted vio evo lunwe; odexireuhulünwe; there in the nose; he blew his water from nose; erhimi võmona. koiye ðxwo lonno owuri: man sick of catarrh; millipede and child, it breathed it out lonuurhi ivåbemle wolgriakbo; eye owwo sick of cold into the world: if not we should not see man koiwolorhie; erhimivomana – davo vakbolå ; in the world; millipede and child so he breathed it out; who is " Iya." Ubiakwasijo anamo. mekpolali mekporili : " Ah." A woman's tooth I stop. I come back; gsięlękiunolå; kwokbulokbo; omęsięlele, and can't leave my mouth; my own are small, [is] big tooth; onisi diëlzelakbola? ogenedesegburoni, ogenedaveta Ogene said what do they do in world? Ogene called cock fowl, ob**oronen**emesalā ; leno obolelwe cock fowl said I can't: and see what they do go odeseğkbulo anāwolwegora; ggene called a he-goat they'll take me to sacrifice; Ogene ekblöne delenebuloluewo; anumorik**pa**kbo; to go and see the world; see what they are doing; he-goat said oiagene onolo fwirege mesālaha aowegiye; they'll sacrifice me"; so Ogene let down rope and "I can't go came down odanonisidialwe; odäwylglonene toto; to see what they did; came down with rope to earth; figmoneobo; onilomonadegu mewoneto the child's mother said "I roast yam for my son and put it in his hand;

mědanyara, kpoweli; yovo, maiye I leave him, I go, go to farm: I don't know owokpanobako bigiede erhimidäyalowe he followed after me on road millipede asked him for yam onoivesake overhimi odalwo unwelo: "I can't give yams" so millipede began to climb and go into his nose: lömome kåriekårie, obibinő: my son scratched and scratched, it did not come out; Qgenedata; ketinělale ublodebluje : erhimi osenio; Ogene said; "from to-day on" half was left"; millipede can't hear: lodaiyåromome oganejurivio koiyi erhimi Ogene made a law he asks yam from my son if millipede oyo qmq one evalo vigiede; kitenelale erhimi asks child on road; "from to-day on" millipede for vams oserionu lowotota korakbo Ogene odejeseriö can't open mouth to speak to a person Ogene put a law. Qtotąke qlakbqinyo. velamelevlewa: Olelio. for bush animals: he can't speak to a person. It is finished.

4.

BINI STORY TOLD IN SOBO, cf. p. 21.

Oiyenă oděloyi Bobose; odeloseloi ovie; Ogene Her Bobose: father's name is slave: name Ogene odelosialoji. Ogene kwobole aiye loii anoliyeli; her husband's name. Ogene went to his wife to salute her; anuluese ; anomolaxixa onwotawota; "I thank you; I want to play with you" you tell the truth; aya mavadaxixa; axixaxaxaxa; ode blole played, played, played; they two played; she cut yams wokoniloii; glgvo ošali loiixixa; ole, odakielo for her mother; then husband her played; yams, she forgot

oniloii data komeme wololo noxirole; omarqii his mother look out for told me on fire vams: my son odata koniloii noxirone mewoxixana alubiwe: mother his roast yams for me I used to play eyes turned; onilodata animikěxele olenă, owelegtokofia she said to him I can't roast yams yams these, if you like make them oniloii **ö**titiye owelotokofia; his mother reached there if you like to make yams burn: oiyögenedenye. onilokowo Bobose odata ole, and Ogene heard. his mother made palaver said yams, Bobose onemi mebebe woto nogenenyu; carefully my yams roast don't let Ogene hear : wodauxwo welonime kogenenyo; you have made palaver for Ogene here you are my mother; odaleegia odikb**ü**rie, leaxwure: odata kexai, he takes soup and spoilt it; she went to water side, said to sand(?), gdårienu ; anorhienu ; oiyi odeyerugbenu; went up the hill: come up; so she came up; **o**dawiriokexwo odilitugovo oniloideblo; she kept on washing herself at midday so her mother went to him; wurie animělewe; molekbumweme at water side to beg something of her; to go home anemekiă, nimikękpumweme, mevoneto, leyo "I can't come, I can't go home, I roast yams, I get them. wodekbweli; ogenenyò kogenenyo. Oniloii for Ogene here" she shouted: Ogene heard. Her mother odeblo ; otu romorgii anuwebeko waromomekere she begged my child to come out she went; company my ngriumweme; giye otulomoroji aidebrokwűrie, and come home; so her child's company they went to the water, ngmorekpumweme aidatake anoiikukpumweme she must come home "I can't go home they said anoikekpumwemi. Onilodisigele lowodoyebe;

She called igele

I can't go home."

that live for that country;

angwebiko walomomekebe; solioxrolovava she begged them to beg her child for her; if she come inside house angiyeberiqfa; oniloidata keogene, okexexexoxo; she says she can't come in again; she said to Ogene, to wash: ane gbagbo bela latake wikilidie osewé. sore, make Ogene go her child, because he was his friend. say vurie; ogenedataké aneyare; odabetaké Oiyogenedeblo to water; Ogene said come out; So Ogene went she said anisikenowe ogenedavitaké nisikenove; kogene to Ogene [come] near me Ogene said come near me: ojogonede sikene: odeflögene, tojetogene she held Ogene, she put hand on Ogene so Ogene went near; aiedexeteyame aianmava; odexireo ururhuleli they two; they turned fish with fish tails all two fell in water kojeliwuwurhurhu vwame. in the water they got fishes' tails in the water.

IYEDE.

1.

Record 282.

afegbogbo Akbema, agbobokamaihia We cut farm, we cut bush trees cut, we fire bush akewerafa. akbodu, aulebe we clear sticks away, we plant yams, we clear weeds enaijuakihie akawolękwa waniekboubenu akawabele. we put in sticks we run the yams up the sticks we train them up, elekiblabo, iblabonokariile yams cut hands, i.e., are full grown, yams cut hands before we begin to eat

izinikevwaipedu; olele.
in nine months we dig yams and put in stack; that's finished.

Amememedaka agboi atorhe eyananakewe, We cut farm, cassava we cut trees, we set fire women clear small wood,

eyanawenekako kemedaka akonekekbebe, women finish clearing and plant cassava we clear grass when we finish planting,

melamiwule eyanakevwo; enwuye egbé, in seven months women begin digging; they grind it they cook, kario, olele.
we eat, it is finished.

Ovu.

1.

Ekbenwa adanwanu kagbo adagbano, We clean farm, when we finish we cut trees when we have cut, katorhe kesixwiri kevolo ędevolonukečime we set fire we brush it we plant yams when we have planted farm we put small sticks

emelamerha kavoro enedaigie kavagbalo in three months we brush weeds when yams grow we tie them melaiiwule kawabene; yeneblabole ameworebe. we take tendrils; in seven months it cuts hands we clear grass again.

Melamišile kariole emelamixwe kevwone; kawekberu, In nine months we eat in ten months we finish; we take to stack,

kafaro. Olele. we stack them. Finish.

Kakemedaka kaverebeo edawelebionu We plant cassava we brush farm when we finish brushing emelamirhili kevwemedaka edevwure, kaxwure in nine months we dig up cassava when we bring it, we wash it kečili; iyanaka ixwiye, kemio; okęderhie keriri, women grind it, dry it; at daybreak they cook it; we eat, Olele. kario. End. we eat.

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Ekbenwa, ameńwa, amebelagboo We cut farm, we brush farm, we cut big trees amelivie eraneo, imikpęxwele, imelexwolo we set fire to farm, we clear away small wood, we plant yams belebelive, imelexwolo omejere meraworo, cut in two, we plant yams they grow up we clear the ground, ekečimo ometabo, awugino, okawugino, we put the sticks yams grow, they climb up when they climb, egba, kelevwoi, evwoičumwomi emelairini nine months complete, it is time to dig them, we bring yams home edečerelea, awekpędu. kitii, they are there, they eat them, they tie them up.

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