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Dates of inscriptions on Baobabs Gantsche Gura
1876 - 1878 - 1905 - 1911 - 1917 - 1933 - 1935 - 1951

Starvation

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Was there ever a time in Qao's life when there was no food and people starved? The winter season is bad everyone is hungry. Veldkos is dry - you can't see the stems. Game is there but the men can't get it. Qao does not give them luck at that time.

*Toma died of hunger and thirst. That is the only one he saw die - at ID^{uoa} Dooa Inui. He was very old but still had strength in his legs for walking. He could set snares + hunt. When a person is very hungry + has no water - anyone can die. Did *Toma have no family to take care of him? He had 2 sons Qao + !Naisi. These boys helped him but they could not get the right things to feed him. They tried to hunt but couldn't find anything. Qao knows no one else personally. He has heard of others starving.

Iqasa - wife of Iqui Sae 41

Sept 20 1952

Divorce is called ! Kao joo sojt j.

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192 Iqasa's father's 1st wife did not want him.
There is no formality. The woman just left him.
Does this happen often? Yes.

302 [It's baby has something on its head looks like gum.

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Childbirth. etc

Oct 23, 52

!Gaa
Frederick

Tried !u, Di'ai, unka,
who refused. Then !Gasa. Then
!Gisa and !Gum. Also ≠ Gisa and Nam.

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!Gasa's Kaross is red - called !n̄ is the
powder. The color is !ga

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Food Taboos

P.14. June 3, 53.

Demi, Grau,
Grau-hu of Be & Kuan 11a

524 Girls-all leaning on each other back in a line.
They all fall down (take picture of).

Another game: girls stand in line. One pacing
the line. One from line joins other pacing and
they dance a jiggle up and down and cross
their raised arms. Dance ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ day-.

(Sun. Fire. ?)

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Ostrich dance. There is no ostrich dance, is there? No.
Is there a ostrich medicine? No

L.S.M. Childbirth etc. July 6, 1953 P.M.
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Be, Ikushay², = Nisa, + Xama joined us. Iqui ma had a knife, Be took it away. He cried, she gave it to him. A big knife. He was gone off.

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The children go to anyone who is eating and are given food. Any child to any person.

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Remember they leave leaves on the
enclosure poles.

(Is this part of the channel? - S.W.)

L. S. M.

Childbirth

Oct 17, 1952

^{Kushay}
"Guse (Qui's)

1 Grasa - (mother of Naoka)

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Penis of ! Naishi is turned up under breeds clout.

Rain again. The hawk calls it^{to} here.

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! Kwo'lo from ♀ group is drinking
water from eggs. At ! Qui's.

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Oct 23, P.M.

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1 Grasa's baby wanted tea, fretted for it as her mother drank from a tin. While she fretted, she turned at once to her to nurse.

262 Eating old skin of a giraffe that they found.

Gao and Dam from Kubi came
and ! Nani

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^T # Goma will go to get tobacco from Gum Tsa
Does gum Tsa (a European) have a farm.
He gives it as a gift as we do. Does not
ask for work. The place is 1 hour
other side of Eiseb. 5 sleep.
He gives a headful - as we do.
Gum Tsa has a farm. He has
Bushmen working for him. Plenty of them.
1 Gama's relatives are there.

^T # Goma found Brian's glasses. ^{Brian} Did not give
a present. We MUST give him one.
They were with the Cheva (Goma said)
(Goma gave him a box of matches.)

621 ^{! Ti! Kay's} Anqi'gae part of the wept are a number of his people.
Nisa his sister
Bau ..

- = well accent.
Noma
Goma
Chasis

wives jealous.

was Gao & med. Nav 25's father?

luck in his arrow?

1 boy may be lucky boy
large band?
head man
Med "

misc thoughts

181 850 I saw 's baby could walk if he kept his feet wide apart and if his attention was not distracted from ~~each~~ ^{his legs} step. He held his torso a little forward. Each step was a peril, because ~~little~~ till he gave a little heave and caught himself with the other foot. He was about 22 inches tall, ~~and looked to be about a year old or a little more.~~

181 2 I expect not to be believed. People I have talked to have not believed me. They think I am gentle, responsive to gentleness ~~and~~ off, and that I tend to select and notice gentleness. This is all true and it is also true ^{remembers} that our — pages of ^{notes} records and the observations of all four of us produce no other incidents of the kind

181 3 825 Python. Staged to photograph it. Trusted Bushmen to handle it. Did not feel in danger.

181 4 Gesture quick, small. Glance so quick and small that one thinks at first one is not being watched. I do not believe this is indifference, not noticing unawareness. Their ~~eyes~~ ^{actions}, expressions, ^{and} bearing of people does not pass over them. Their ~~actions~~ ^{seem} covered. Cannot use "suppressed" because it has a ~~technical~~ specific meaning as a psychological term, and I do not know that that is it. ^{their} Action is the opposite of overt; ^{seem} covered. Not hidden or secretive but so small as to be at first not noticed. After a long time as one begins to learn what is signifiant one notices the gestures

"We are but young. The old people did not tell us."

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Quiet, still like insects small animals
smallness. What they see - ^{like lizard} see stars
amounts they have. gesture

Mostly they are like ourselves - learned to
understand some of the difference
life unvaried. New situations. Not used to
meeting them.

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Qao - a young boy. has red powder in his hair.
I asked about it. He said it was to make him
look nice.

Qao's Name is same as Qao helmet
" falter is "ao. Mustach - here.

The red powder was put on by his mother.
It has no power.

Hunting

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Talked about hunters wearing ostrich skin. Old
people used to; they have not tried. Have no
skin. Hunt clouds etc in ostrich skins. Qao
would do this if he had an ostrich skin. (helmet)

Fear

Qao helmet on | qui
Dum from qua - Qao with the
red powder

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What are Bushmen afraid of? Like what they asked.
Lions? Snakes? They talked together.
and then demonstrated fear of lions by acting
out how they would attack a lion with
assegai, ^{both throwing their and the} one yelling & leaping in front
while the other darted in behind, and
pulled the assegai out - to throw it again.
I took a picture. They are highly amused.
It ended the discussion of fear.

Lesions probably syphilitic etc

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Oru + goma - at his waist. Treated with aureomycin ointment + tablets. 11 Tablets given. Did not o
! Nani who fainted - + went to Kai Kai.

Bandaged twice with a. ointment.

gao helmet has 3. Sept 22.

one on rt. side at waist. healed now
" .. left .. open. not treated by me

" .. buttocks. which he has just squeezed
The pus is on the ground by the visitor's fire.

Treated. aureo. ointment + tablets.

When I treated Oru I did not think syphilitic. after I saw the other's lesion in the same place I assumed syphilitic.

^{Kushay} 11 Guse has a terribly swollen face Oct 1. a boil coming. Does not look like the lesions above.
Oct 3. AM. Di! ai came while I dressed 11 Guse's boil. She squeezed it very much. Got latex spoon, pus out. I don't want to interfere. If things did not go well they would think it because I didn't do the right thing.

Oct 3.
11 K. huga has had a fearful looking condition on left breast. It is shrunken + covered with a gray scab half an inch thick. At first I just walked away saying to Msey I could do nothing. I didn't know what it was from leprosy, to cancer, or fungus, in festation or what. Next day I brought Msey to look. It was horrible. I spoke about it to Lots De Biers. He said it might be a cold sore, and encouraged me to try for a month or so to put ointment + bandage after thoroughly washing. Oct 1st AM. I did. Wash it. bandage it with Bacitracin ointment. Oct 2. I took off the bandage and all the scab + all the skin had come off. Oct 3 Lawrence looked with me. It looked much better. We applied b.

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ointment again + bandaged. We'll leave it
one day. Meanwhile we gave Aureomycin.
Today getting genealogies, the group behind
Fagima's okeru. I find ^{Nasaka} Kauga is Gao's son
by his first wife / ~~Maaga~~. Each time I
dressed her breast I got him to come +
consult. Not knowing it was his daughter.

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Gunda's toe was smashed by the water drum
when he rode back from the water hole in the
truck on Sept 27. In the day I tell about
how Gao sat beside us while Eli + I
nearly fainted at the sight. Something
white was sticking out. As we started to
work over it a pair of brown hands reached in
among ours pushed the white thing back
pushed the flesh into place - Made the toe
look neat. Oct 3. It has been swollen
and sore-looking. Gunda had temperatures
of 100.6 + 100.4 each afternoon. We gave
Aureo. + dressed toe. But leaving it now
to every other day. It is coming along still
swollen. Gunda says it does not hurt.
His standing the first dressing without
crying was notable. Myolima D.E.R.
He is a charming, beautiful, smiling boy.

164 Bushmen never show pain when I dress wounds.
Gau's leg which got the deep stick puncture
^{day 10 + the 14th} is still unhealed Oct 3. but much better. I
got a big splinter out with forceps one day. The
opening is now shallow + small - Swelling
+ soreness gone.

Bushman complain flu / pains in their chests
Di'ai has a pain in her shoulder.
A baby from Kai Kai has similar one to K's breast.
It is responding to treatment. He lets me dress it without
a bag in same group has badly infected thumb. It is coming
along. He smiles broadly + sweetly when I dress it.

Arrow being wound. point - with some. by + goma.

512 ! i speaks crossly to Iqishay

Diki is putting powder on her Karoo Oct 7.

! i juggles baby by juggling herself, or tutting to baby's arm and juggling it

Tsam K^{gao} asked for a piece of hide to eat. Pounded and ate it hair + all.

The baby has black + white beads around upper ^{2 strands} beads around wrists 3-3 strands blue + white, no red head on a snake.

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8 strands of black + white over its shoulders - under left arm. 1 strand blue + white below knee and 1 strand blue + w. around ankle.

512 They called me Dill K^{gao}-Na.

512 They gesture with lips. point by pointing + pointing lips toward what they indicate.

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When they count they put fingers to lips sometimes

512 Lawrence bought the quib. Ko Kowo (uo)
262 They are not eaten - I. said in some countries these are eaten. ^Tgoma says that is another kind. they too eat another kind.

Where did

gao several night ago was roasting birds on spit

#T goma tonight had me roasting. Take pictures.

Di'ai + Igui Oct 67. in excellent rain sham. have been alone

Not visiting Igui ^{peers out of} group do not visit other ha.

gomo - whose eyes are sore for Igam wife of gao does not visit.

Skim she is in town its back on gao.

! Kham lame man is called by Di'ai gu na - He calls her M^{gama} check the

My name - ! Nai must have a good hunt. I one who got meat empty

wide apart eyes. name? gao has, it Di'ai in g. group got drunk

Random notes.

423 Evidence for sense of personal possession - the use of cans. Each tin belongs to its owner. There may be a dozen around a skem and if I go to share my tea, a coffee to the person I'm talking with he or she will not reach for one of those, but will call a child or himself get up and go away to his own skem to get his own can.
Fama at the dance when we had cocoa. said rather worried - that people might not have brought their cans to drink from.

Yet a can once filled is passed around. anyone present getting a sip or two.

262 201 Do laughing at disaster an outlet? of what? acts on side kin chev. fort^T times to get poison An old egg shell was broken. Everyone shouted with laughter.

All disaster comes from our things
cracks, traps, tin cans matches.

524 Strip figure made by Tsam gas Iqui undo ego and several girls.

192 The bullet of 11 gawa is I quri
The heat of 11 gawa is Kha

264 Eating is not voracious or greedy. People wait till it is given them, do not grab & clamour for it not even the children.

622 ^{Ti} ^{has} ~~the~~ visitor + wife 11 Nao took grass of shem before leaving picture shows leaving
People live in shems left by other visitors sometimes.

576 I Cranded a cigarette but Fama only mee
headman. He passed it on to 11 ad, son of Fama.

Misc

July 10, 1953

Toma's skum burned, a bit in the back
He lost his pipe. Nothing else was lost.

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How did the fire start! It was lighted
by Iqui ma son of Kluauua. He lit a
match & threw it on the skum.

I said matches are a danger. They say
every fire is dangerous.

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In the am. boys and girls (even the young
women at 9.9.) ride ~~back~~ ^{to our camp} from the weft
with Heiner and run back to the weft,
they often carry someones baby. Ben
Khu 110 Kluauua etc run like deer up
the hill the babies, not crying, on their backs.

177 1878 + 9 The Trek of Boers crossed the
Kalahari. 128 wagons Many died of thirst
Rescued by Alberts from Rietfontein. Got to Okavango
Many died from fever at Lake Ngami
Then after 2 yrs. in Kookoed went into Oupola

1917 - 1918 Wm Matienklodt was at Gaultcho
See A Fugitive in South West Africa

Fredrick told me about making beer of Hara bab

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The seeds from the flowers are put with sugar and cold water to make the beer. The seeds are taken from the ants who store them in their holes. They take them out to dry them after rain. ~~Ants~~ ^{Afrikaans} used to fool the ants by spraying water over the ant holes. The ants think the rain have come + bring the seeds out.

The seeds are used for tea. They are roasted & made into meal. Used as substitute for meal. A fine food.

The beer give me a good appetite. It is too much work to collect the seeds myself. There are so many ants to do this. Fredrick says they bring the seeds out after rain to dry them, and if clouds come + the ants know rain is coming, they carry the seeds back in.

Bushman here at Gam call themselves
the Red people

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Qum is 20° 19' S 20° 47' E

Gas says when he translate "Bushman" in an interview he says "Na que du a". It is not possible to get the exact meaning of every word from Gas. I'll try this again. If I stop to struggle over a thing like this at the time the interview breaks up - or drags out too long people have to go to get wood. We don't conclude.

Qui & Gas (Xi's bro)

Feb 16, 53

I would not mind being interviewed here.

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After the morning's work Qui sat back + asked said he would like to ask me some questions. What was my mother's name, my father's name we laughed and I told him. Then my father's brothers and sister. There were 12 in that family. Qui & Gas were impressed. They asked their names.

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I could only remember 11. They laughed and laughed. I said it was the same with them. My people live far away. I did not know all the children of my father's brothers & sisters.

They said yes, they understood that. It was the same with them. We were very merry.

I told them my father's father had 2 wives and the 12 children were not born by one mother. There had been 2. Later I explained that in our custom a man could

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1 Qui + Gao interviewed me

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have only one wife at a time. Qui said when he came to America he would try to have that law changed. He would suggest that Tsou Gao: na (Lawrence) take another wife. I said I could see some advantages to that. Then I asked if women liked to be co-wives. Qui said many did not. They were jealous, but it made a man feel good to have two wives fighting about him.

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I said I wondered how it would be for women to have 2 husbands. The Bushman had the custom of having only one husband. Qui said for a woman to have 2 husbands would be very bad. That would cause fighting.

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Qui then asked me what kinship term we used for Bob. I said none. He said they thought so. That they had watched our behavior toward each other & decided John + Bob were ~~the~~ close-strangers.

Qui - gao interviewed me

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I am sure they are far better observers than we are.

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I then told about our naming system. That we do not always name a person ^{for} ^{his} ^{father's} name ^{for} ^{his} ^{father's} name. But that we had not relatives.

! gu' nas called name sakes. That we were honored ^{and} ^{pleased} to have a name sake. ~~And I told them~~ They said they were too. If they had more daughters they would name them all Norma.

I went on to explain our names, and said if they were to ask me why Elizabeth would lose the name Marshall + take that of her husband I would say "I do not know. It is our custom."

Qui crowed with pleasure. "Dankie Dankie" he said. "That is just how it is with us."

We went on about our names - Taking the father's name. I said we considered the father very important being unwilling to go into the long effort of explaining patrilinealism. They said they too

Qui + Gas interviewed me

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felt the father was important. He had most
authority. He took care of his family.
And what is Mrs. They said, if a woman
were alone, with no husband, she could
not have any children at all.

Our mood was gay. I loved having
them ask me questions. Must do this
year.

Kissing

Word is !um to Kiss

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Do they kiss their wives. No.

Only a young child may be kissed.

302 Jao put powder: n gave him up his nose over top of head around each eye in big circles beginning at nose working outward, across eye brows -

Left eye first then right.



* Ngami -

July 18, 1952

Fire.

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* Ngami says the Bushmen at Karakuse when Nagle Farson asked them to show how they make fire they asked for a penny. They put a stone, + on top of it grass, on top of the grass a penny then a piece of coal, + + twirled the stick against the coal, which gets hot + makes sparks + heats the penny which ignites the grass. * Ngami says it takes about 3 minutes.

Water.

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* Ngami says they make a hole in a tree where a branch makes a V - a hole about 12' deep (or very deep near to the root as big around as a jaw tin) When rain comes it fills the hole + they save it for the dry season. They use a tin can like a little bucket + lower it with a strip made of animal fibers to draw up the water.

Each person in band has a tree prepared

Before they had iron they used sharpened sticks. Now they would use a punch (?) bar now. He spoke of using Marum trees for this.

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Pots were made out of round black stone - a very old person told M. The ^{stone} holes were chopped into a square shape, then hollowed by hammering using an elephant's tooth for a chisel + hammering with stone. Used for cooking.