 Miao rope knotted of old matters. Yang Ya-go wrote.
$Y^{n} \Delta_{-}$

## Stage one

 they say story that of old our old folk plural
 not build house live, simply live bottom rocks
 bottom cliffs with hollow trees only. time those
 dark forests great, wild animals dwelt very much.
 make like this old folk plural simply ate
 wild fruit, hunted game pass time only. if that
 they went hunt game must that make group go $7^{n} \subset L_{0} \quad$ Li. $\quad \mathrm{T}^{\prime \prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{J}_{0} \quad \mathrm{~S}^{r} \quad \mathrm{~L}$ 。 $\hat{\mathrm{y}}$, together hunt. when that return come that time,
 must that blow flutes with other instruments

10 Lo $\mathrm{Y}^{-} \quad \mathrm{S}^{\prime \prime}, \quad \mathrm{J}$ 。 $\quad \mathrm{T}^{n} \quad \mathrm{~J}_{0} \quad \mathrm{C}^{n 0} \quad \mathrm{~V}_{0}$ come make sign, cause those who situated at Cl- T" J", $\mathrm{Y}^{-} \quad \mathrm{L}^{n} \quad$ C $\quad \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{C}} \quad \mathrm{CJ}$ - 'ْ house get know, make like this at house heard
 that their people come finish, then go out go
 call say, you are human or spirit. they heard
 get that own people at house voice call them
 finish, then presently reply say, we are human.
$Y^{-} \quad L^{n} \quad C^{n} \quad$ Lo $\left.\left.\quad \Delta^{-} \quad C\right]^{-} \quad \quad^{\prime n s} \quad\right]_{0}$ make like this come go to house place which
 women young plural situated. time that, people $Y^{n} \quad t^{\prime n c} \quad 7^{n} \quad Y^{n} \quad t^{\prime n c} \quad\left[^{\prime n s} \quad C^{n o} \quad T^{-} T_{n c}\right.$. one group seize one group place live very much.
 fear that some other people come thus they not

20 ل $\quad \bar{C}, \quad \bar{\Lambda} \quad Y^{-} \quad L^{n} \quad C^{n} \quad$ Jo $\quad$ know therefore, must do like this cause have
 reassurance so it is.
 time that, men go out forest gone, women young $C^{n o} \quad \mathrm{CJ}^{-} \quad \mathrm{T}^{-}, \quad$ 〕- $3^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{C}^{0} \quad{ }^{\mathrm{r}} \quad \mathrm{C}^{0}$ situated house only, have good work bad work
 all want cry so it is. there was one occasion
 that men plural go out forest gone, return

Lo J. $\quad \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{l}} \quad \mathrm{CJ} \quad 7^{n} \quad \Delta^{n} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{-}$, 'C come separate from house not far only, heard

Jus $\quad \mathrm{Y}^{-} J^{\circ} \quad J_{n} \quad C^{\text {no }} \quad$ Cl- $\quad{ }^{\prime \prime} \quad$ Cl" that women plural situated house sang song

Jul $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { u }\end{aligned} 3^{\prime \prime} \quad C_{11} . \quad Y^{-} \quad L^{n} \quad C^{n} \quad C_{2} \dagger "$ which very good listen to. make like this they

$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}{\left[\begin{array}{l}\Gamma \\ ]^{n}\end{array}\right.} & \bar{\Lambda} & ]_{u} & { }^{n c} & T_{\bar{r}}, & \Gamma_{-} & \bar{\Lambda} & I^{\prime \prime} \\ \text { bad } & \text { not } & \text { want } & \text { that } & \text { cry } & \text { finish, } & \text { only } & \text { want } & \text { sing }\end{array}$
C]" $\left.\quad \mathrm{T}^{-}, \quad \hat{Y}\right]_{u} \quad{ }^{n c} \quad \Gamma_{n} \quad 7^{n} \quad 3^{\prime \prime}$
songs only, because crying thus not good
 listen to. then that women these good bad all
$T^{\prime \prime} C^{n c} \dagger_{r} \quad \bar{C}, \quad T^{u} \quad C^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} \quad J_{n}$ get cry weep therefore, sons daughters plural
 all call women make "crying". afterwards call go
 call come presently call make "mother". call
$Y^{-} J^{\circ} \quad Y^{-} \quad C^{n c} \quad C_{0} \quad\left[\begin{array}{lllll}n & \left.Y^{-}\right]^{0} \quad J_{u} \quad J_{0} \quad L^{n}\end{array}\right.$ woman make mother their origin was begun like C.
this.
$\left.\hat{Y} J_{u} \quad Y^{-}\right\rfloor^{\circ} \quad \Lambda_{ı} \quad C_{1}^{n} \quad \quad^{-} \quad J_{u} \quad \jmath^{-} \quad \dagger^{r} \quad \Lambda_{s}$ because woman young this, if that had the man
[nc $\left.\quad C_{0} \quad \bar{\Lambda} \quad\right]^{\prime} \varsigma \quad V_{\iota} \quad\left[^{n c}, \quad Y^{-}\right.$ completed, she will take cover completed, make $40 \quad L^{n} \quad C^{n} \quad \dagger^{\prime-} L^{3} \quad I^{\prime \prime} \quad Y^{-} \Lambda_{s} \quad Y^{-} \quad V_{u} \quad J_{u}$ like this every one call man make father is

T- $\quad \bar{j} \quad$ C
come begin here.
$Y^{-} \Delta_{-}$

## Stage two

$Y^{-} \Lambda_{c} Y^{-} J^{\prime}$
つ.
CIV J
Lo C , †"
Lu $\quad$ i ancestors plural afterwards come they then left
 their place away removed go to other place. $\begin{array}{lcccccc}\text { )- } & Y^{n} & L^{\rho} & Y^{-} \Lambda_{c} & L_{n} & J_{v} & C \dagger^{r} \\ \text { there was } & \text { one } & \text { classifier } & \text { man } & \text { old } & \text { who } & \text { named }\end{array}$

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 Gi-zi elder with man Jio-bi-khao, brought them
 come arrive one classifier plain which wide
 very, but not know name. they saw that $\begin{array}{lcccccc}\mathrm{J}^{n} & \mathrm{~L}^{\mathrm{b}} & \mathrm{Y}^{-} \Lambda_{s} & \mathrm{~L}_{1} & C^{n 0} & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{C}} \\ \text { there was } & \mathrm{Y}^{n} & \text { one } & \text { classifier } & \operatorname{man} & \text { old } & \text { situated } \\ \text { at }\end{array}$

 call at here name was plain millet. they lived
 at here planted millet eat only. Now seed
 millet is get come at that place so it is.
$\dagger^{r}{ }^{\Delta}$ -

## Stage three

 afterwards come there was one year which met
 with time year evil. robbers soldiers many,
 world fighting. make like this they sang song 7 . said.


$\dagger^{\bullet} \quad \mathrm{L}^{\circ}$,
train troops,
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Joni } & \bar{C} \\ \text { year }\end{array}$
[n
[ $\quad C_{n \prime}$
[n [ $\quad \mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{n}}$. year this thus evil time thus evil year.
 plant millet millet not ripen,
 plant millet change make ruin,
$C \Delta^{n c} T^{n} T^{\zeta} C^{\zeta} \mathrm{J}^{〔} \quad \mathrm{~J}^{\circ} \mathrm{T}^{\circ}$. world people rose fighting.
 Gi-zi elder man Jio-bi-khao dwell not get.
 Gi-zi elder man Jio-bi-khao brought,
 brought children fled away,

」 $\quad \Delta^{-} \quad S^{\delta} \quad C^{u} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{-} \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{C}^{n c} \quad \Delta^{n}$. fled go to side sun come great river.
 Gi-zi elder man Jio-bi-khao did bring,
 brought children thus did go in order to pick,
 did pick seed bamboo gone hills with come eat.

 Gi－zi elder man Jio－bi－khao thus did bring， $l^{\prime}>\quad \quad \bar{L} \mathrm{~T}^{n} \Lambda_{n} \quad \mathrm{~L}_{n} \quad \partial_{-} \quad \jmath_{n}$, brought children thus did go，
 go cut wild herbs gone bank river．
$C T^{u} \quad \Delta^{n} \quad L_{n} \quad$ J．$t^{〔}$ ， bank river thus did stand，
$75 \quad \dagger^{〔} \quad \Gamma_{n} \quad C_{n} \quad t^{r} J^{r} \quad C \Delta^{n} \quad \bar{J} \quad J^{n} C T$ ． stood thus connector hill rice ripen fully，
$C \Delta^{n} \quad Y^{n} \quad \bar{j} \quad J^{n}$ nc， rice water ripen in the sunshine，
$C \Delta^{n} C \Delta_{n} \dagger^{〔} \mathrm{~J}^{-} \dagger^{-} \overline{\mathrm{J}} \quad \mathrm{J}^{n} \dagger^{\prime-}$ ．
glutinous rice ripen in blowing wind．
$]^{n} \dagger^{r} \quad \Lambda_{s} L_{n} \quad \Lambda_{s} \quad\left[{ }^{n o}\right]^{n} J^{\prime \prime}$
Gi－zi elder man Jio－bi－khao
$J^{r} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathrm{n}\end{aligned} \mathrm{C}_{n} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{n} \quad \mathrm{Ct}^{r}$. not get the way connector give name．
 did call hill rice make grain bank river，
$I^{\prime n} \quad C \Delta^{n} Y^{\prime \prime} C \Delta^{n} C \Delta_{n} \quad I^{\prime \prime} \quad Y^{-} \quad C \Delta^{n}$ ， called swamp rice called make rice，

called glutinous rice make glutinous thus．



## $\Delta^{\prime \prime} \Delta$

## Stage four

 when they came lived at the banks river this,
$7^{n} \quad L^{n} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{-}, \quad \mathrm{C} \Delta^{n c} \mathrm{~T}^{n} \quad \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{c}} \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{T}^{0} \quad \mathrm{~T}_{\text {万 }}, \quad \mathrm{Y}^{n}$ not long only, world then fighting finish, one $\dagger^{\prime n c} \quad T_{\mu} \quad Y^{n} \quad \dagger^{\prime n c}$. $\quad T^{\prime \prime \prime} C^{n} \quad J^{n} \dagger^{r} \Lambda_{s} L_{n}$ group strike one group. at this time Gi-zi elder
 very old finish, with children said, I live
 still thus $I$ went direct. when $I$ die gone
 thus you bury this way exclamation. when he $T_{-} \quad L_{\varsigma} \quad \hat{Y}, \quad \bar{L} T^{n} \Lambda_{ı} \quad \dagger^{\circ} \quad L^{n} J_{u} \quad C_{0} \quad L^{0}$, died gone then, children follow as his words,
 then took him bury this way so it is. we Mao
 graves that bury this way root origin make Ln $\quad$. like this.
${ }^{3} \Delta_{-}$
Stage five
 when Gi-zi elder died gone finish, his son who
 name Gi-myu elder then led Miao live at
 that place, then there were other people wanted

$\mathrm{Y}^{-} \quad \mathrm{T}^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{C}_{n} \quad{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{L}^{\varsigma} \quad \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{r}} \quad \mathrm{CL}_{\circ} \mathrm{J}_{11}$, make get connector crossbows carry with back,
 did take thus swords shining in hand.
 led children return go block,
 attack Ruling Race on bank river.
 loosed seven bows hit seven individuals,

L'" $^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{J}^{n} \quad$ Vo $\mathrm{I}^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{J}^{n} \quad C C_{n<}$. loosed seven arrows hit seven couples.
 attacked Ruling Race thus destined for spirits,
 slashed Ruling Race thus destined for idols.
 Ruling Race feared,
$\begin{array}{lcccc}C\left[^{\prime \prime}\right. & L^{n} T_{n c} & J^{r} & ]_{-} & \mathrm{T}^{-}, \\ \text {feared } & \text { truly } & \text { not } & \text { dare } & \text { come, }\end{array}$

C['" ${ }^{\prime \prime} \quad T_{n c} \quad J^{-} \quad T_{c} \quad L_{0}$. feared in truth not out come.
$\left.\left[^{\prime-} \Lambda_{0}\right]_{u} J^{-} C T_{" 1}\left[{ }^{n o} T^{n} V_{" 1} \quad\right]^{\prime \prime}\right]^{\circ}$, result was Ruling Race stratagem great,
 Ruling Race thus did bring,
$\begin{array}{lcccc}\text { [no } & \Delta^{\prime \prime} & 7_{7}^{\prime} \mathrm{T}^{\prime} & \mathrm{T}^{-} & \mathbb{L}^{\prime}, \\ \text { brought } & \text { make } & \text { agreement } & \text { come } & \text { deceive, }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lclcc}{ }^{7}, & ]^{n} \jmath^{\nu} & \Lambda_{c} L_{\prime \prime} & \rceil_{n} & L_{n}, \\ \text { deceived } & \text { Gi-myu } & \text { elder } & \text { said thus, }\end{array}$

$\Delta_{n} \Delta_{-}$

## Stage six

 Ruling Race retainers,

| $\mathrm{T}^{u} \mathrm{~L}^{\circ}$ | $\mathrm{C}^{\sim} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{C}^{\eta}$ | $\mathrm{T}-$ | $\dot{\mathrm{L}}$ | $\mathbf{t}^{\text {n. }}$. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Soldiers | columns | came | driving | them. |


| $\Delta^{n}$ | $L^{n c}$ | $\Delta^{n}$ | $C \AA$ | $T_{n}$ | $J^{r}$ | $T^{n}$. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| river | red | river | muddy | cross | not | get. |

 man Jio-bi-khao did allow cause,

J。 CJ' [no $\left.T^{n} C\right\rfloor^{-} J_{n} \quad C\left[. \quad Y^{\prime \prime}\right.$, cause animal carry the pig go measure water,
 did measure reach mid day go not get,
$\begin{array}{lcccccc}\mathrm{T}_{n} & \partial_{n} & J^{r} & \mathrm{~T}^{\prime \prime} & \mathrm{L}_{\iota} & \dot{\mathrm{L}} & \mathrm{L}_{\circ} . \\ \text { cross } & \text { go } & \text { not } & \text { get } & \text { then } & \text { return } & \text { come. }\end{array}$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { man Jio-bi-khao then all around did look, } \\
& )^{\text { }} \quad \text { Cf } \mathrm{Y}^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{T}_{5} \quad \mathrm{C}_{0}, \\
& \text { saw water buffalo grazing, } \\
& \text { Co } \Delta^{u} \quad L^{n} C\left[^{n c} \quad J^{u} \quad \mathrm{CT}^{u} \quad \Delta^{n}\right. \text {. } \\
& \text { grazing black extremely upon bank river. }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Jj Cf } \mathrm{Y}^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{T}_{5} \quad \text { CT。 つı } \quad \text { ([., } \\
& \text { cause water buffalo with go measure, } \\
& \text { Cf } \mathrm{Y}^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{T}_{2} \quad \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{n}} \quad \mathrm{~L}^{n} \text { ว॥• } \\
& \text { water buffalo crossed going. }
\end{aligned}
$$

> man Jio-bi-khao led children follow,
> $\begin{array}{lccc}\text { to } & \text { Cr } Y^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{J}^{-} \mathrm{T}_{2} & \mathrm{~T}_{n} & L^{n} J^{\prime \prime} . \\ \text { follow } & \text { water buffalo } & \text { crossed } & \text { going. }\end{array}$
> $150 \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{n}}$ Lo C[nı bTu $\mathrm{C}^{-} \Lambda_{n}$ つ。 $\mathrm{J}^{-} \quad$ bTu $\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{nc}}$. crossed come arrive Ndu-na-yi-mo the banks flat.
> bTu $C^{-} \Lambda_{n}$ 〕。 $\mathrm{J}^{-} \quad \mathrm{CT}^{\cup} \quad \stackrel{\text { 「 }}{\Gamma}$, Ndu-na-yi-mo the banks wide,
go thus seven days seven nights go not finish．
$\begin{aligned} & \text { bTu C }{ }^{-} \Lambda_{n} \text { つ。 } \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \quad C^{\text {Cu }} \quad \text { inc，} \\ & \text { Ndu－na－yi－mo the banks }\end{aligned}$
$155 \mathrm{~J}^{-} \quad \mathrm{CT}^{\prime \prime} \quad \mathrm{L}^{-} \quad \mathrm{L}^{u} \quad \mathrm{~T}^{\prime \prime \prime}$,
$\begin{array}{lccc}\dagger^{「} J^{-} L^{u} & L^{-} & L^{U} & J_{0} . \\ \text { seed heads } & \text { as big as } & \text { the } & \text { egg. }\end{array}$
[̄ $T^{n} \Lambda_{1 \prime}$ Jз $\dagger^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$, children did build,

| †'。 | CJ- | Lu | $C^{-}$ | $V^{-}$ | $Y^{-}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| built | house | timber |  |  |  |

$\Lambda_{n} \quad C^{n}$,
family live,
 did build house timber framed house tiled make
$\Lambda_{n} \quad \dagger_{n}$. family dwell.

## $\mathrm{J}^{\text {n }} \Delta_{-}$

## Stage seven

160 CTu T" CTu T’’ ${ }^{\text {², }}$
sky get sky constant,
 Ruling Race then came back returned came drive.

man Jio-bi-khao then led,
$l^{\prime}>\quad\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { T } \\ T^{n} \Lambda_{n} \quad J 「 C L_{0} \quad \text { J. }\end{array}\right.$
led children together flee.
 Ndu-na-yi-mo the banks wide.

165 [ T T ${ }^{n} \Lambda_{11} \quad \nu_{\bar{\prime}} \quad \Delta_{c}$, children did take off,

 went did with path cattle with pulled cross.
 did pull by water buffalo plural horns oh.

|  | $\bar{L} T^{n} \Lambda_{n} \quad \partial_{\bar{\prime}} \quad \dagger^{\circ}$, children did follow, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 170 | to $\quad C_{\sim} Y^{\prime \prime} C_{\sim} T_{3} J^{-} J^{\text {b }}$ Lo, follow water buffalo behind come, |  |
|  | Lo to $C \Delta^{n c} T^{n} T^{b} C^{b} \quad T^{n} C C^{n} C$. come reach world people Di-njiang-na. |  |
|  | J ${ }^{\circ} \quad T^{n} C\left[^{n} C \quad C L\right.$ 。 $3^{\prime \prime} \quad T^{n}$. <br> place Di-njiang-na with good land. |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { J. } & \dagger_{\varsigma} & \dagger^{\ulcorner } \mathrm{T}_{\text {" }} \mathrm{Jj}_{\mathrm{J}} \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{u}}, \\ \text { did } \end{array}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{J}^{-}$ $\mathrm{CT}^{\prime \prime}$ $\dagger^{+}$ $\mathrm{J}^{\boldsymbol{j}}$ $\mathrm{CT}^{\prime \boldsymbol{j}}$, <br> the bush as high as bottom loft,   |  |
| 175 | $\dagger^{「}$ $J^{-} L^{u}$ $L^{-}$ $J^{?}$ Yo, <br> seed heads as big as egg duck, |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lcc} C \Delta^{n} Y^{\prime \prime} C \Delta^{n} C \Delta_{\\| \prime} & \bar{j} & J^{n}+^{\prime-}, \\ \text { swamp rice } & \text { ripen } & \text { blowing, } \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  did vex Ruling Race the eyes thus. |  |
|  | כ. $\quad t_{\varsigma} \mathrm{J}^{-}{ }^{\top}$, did grow the hemp, |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lcr}\text { L- } & \mathrm{T}^{n} & \text { l", } \\ \text { as big as lower } & \text { leg, }\end{array}$ |  |
| 180 | $\mathrm{L}-$as big asG. <br> $\mathrm{CJ}^{\text { }}$, |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lll} C \Delta^{n} C \Delta_{n} t^{\varsigma}\left[{ }^{n o} \mathrm{~J}^{-} \dagger^{-}\right. & \overline{\mathrm{J}} & ]^{n} C T_{-}, \\ \text {glutinous rice } \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | [n. <br> thus. |

## $\Lambda_{n} \Delta_{-}$

## Stage eight

| $C T u$ | $T^{\prime \prime}$ | $\left.C T u \quad T^{\prime>}\right)^{3}$, |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| sky | get | sky constant, |


$185 \wedge$

 led children with flee,

」 $\quad \Delta^{-} \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \quad C\left[\begin{array}{llllll} & J^{3} \Lambda_{n} & J^{-} \quad C L_{z} \quad T^{n c} \text {, }\end{array}\right.$ fled go to the plain Be-yi the plain flat,
$C_{n} \quad \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{n}} \quad \mathrm{J}^{-} \quad \mathrm{CLz} \quad \mathrm{J}^{\text {P }} \Lambda_{n} \quad \mathrm{~J}^{-} \quad \mathrm{CLz} \quad \mathrm{S}^{\text {nc }}$. connector say the plain $B e-y i$ the plain high.
$\begin{array}{cccccc}\Gamma_{n} & J_{u} & \bar{L} T^{n} \Lambda_{n} & \Gamma_{n} & J_{-} & C^{n o},\end{array}$

 man Jio-bi-khao with children dwell not get,
 man Jio-bi-khao led,
$I^{\prime}, \quad\left[\quad T^{n} \Lambda_{n} \quad J^{r} C T . \quad\right.$ J, led children with flee,


195 to 'כ" $T^{p}$ 'כ" $L^{n} C$ 。 $T^{n}$. reached Hmao-de Hmao-li-no country.

## [ ${ }^{n} \Delta$

Stage nine



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    result was Mang-li-no thus work for rent heavy,
210 Ln CJ` Ln CJ` < =
    compulsory labour hard thus.
    Jn 'כ" [L Tn \Lambda" 凉 Y
    we Miao children did do thus,
    Y
    did Mang-li-no connector compulsory labour not
        \dagger¢ T%,
        able finish,
    Y
    did connector compulsory labour not able end.
    [n ]n つ。CT..
    thus ended.
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