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Cappadocian Greek	English translation
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00:00:13,160> 00:00:21,240	00:00:13,160> 00:00:21,240
Eveldanú ða χróɲa, tun ʧown pápu m ʧaú zoí,	In the past, when my grandfather was still alive,
2	2
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00:00:21,240> 00:00:26,120 íχι t <sup>h</sup> anáĭa.	00:00:21,240> 00:00:26,120 he had cattle.
	ne nau cattle.
3	3
00:00:26,760> 00:00:30,160	00:00:26,760> 00:00:30,160
E, ða t <sup>h</sup> anáĭa íχam da ʧói su spít.	We kept the cattle home then.
4	4
00:00:31,000> 00:00:36,760	00:00:31,000> 00:00:36,760
T∫-aðó íχam stávlu tji ránin da pápu m.	We had a stable and my grandfather looked
	after them.
5	5
00:00:36,760> 00:00:38,440	00:00:36,760> 00:00:38,440
Pápu m, káka m.	My father and my grandmother.
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6	6
00:00:38,560> 00:00:43,520	00:00:38,560> 00:00:43,520
T∫-atóra íχan éna próram as ta ípum úʧa.	They had a program, let's say.
7	7
00:00:43,520> 00:00:48,480	00:00:43,520> 00:00:48,480
Du proí tjóan su stávlu apés,	All the morning they were in the stable
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o 00:00:48,480 --> 00:00:52,280 du vraí pal to íðjo.

9 00:00:54,280 --> 00:01:01,960 Εγό θimúmi [...] pápu m, du pápu m sa χoráfça. 00:00:48,480 --> 00:00:52,280 and in the evening the same.

9 00:00:54,280 --> 00:01:01,960 I remember my grandfather working in the fields.





10 00:01:02,760 --> 00:01:05,840 Pápu m périksin éna ovyó,

11 00:01:06,160 --> 00:01:09,160 çék'iksin du su χόma ap-kát.

12 00:01:09,880 --> 00:01:13,720 <Pápu, jaí ðu ∫ániz-itó tu práma? Kréu na máχu.

13 00:01:13,720 --> 00:01:15,680 Jaí ðu Jánis?

14 00:01:15,680 --> 00:01:18,320 Tí na maz-ipí itó?>

15 00:01:18,320 --> 00:01:21,800 <Itó,> léiksi, <íne Vanʤeʎú ð-ovɣó.

16 00:01:21,800 --> 00:01:25,960 An den ért Vang'eλú jortí,

17 00:01:25,960 --> 00:01:28,920 na pámi z-ɲang'erjóna

18 00:01:28,920 --> 00:01:31,320 na hékum itá u ovyó,

19 00:01:31,320 --> 00:01:33,560 χropá mas de pén kalá.>

20 00:01:33,560 --> 00:01:35,000 <Tí le, re pápu? 10 00:01:02,760 --> 00:01:05,840 Once my grandfather took an egg

11 00:01:06,160 --> 00:01:09,160 and put it on the ground.

12 00:01:09,880 --> 00:01:13,720 <Grandfather, why do you do this? I want to know.

13 00:01:13,720 --> 00:01:15,680 Why do you do it?

14 00:01:15,680 --> 00:01:18,320 What does it mean?>

15 00:01:18,320 --> 00:01:21,800 He said: <This is the [blessed] egg of the gospel.

16 00:01:21,800 --> 00:01:25,960 If the gospel [of Maundy Thursday] will not take place,

17 00:01:25,960 --> 00:01:28,920 we shall go to the garden

18 00:01:28,920 --> 00:01:31,320 and put this egg [on the ground],

19 00:01:31,320 --> 00:01:33,560 [otherwise] our seasonal crop will not be good.>

20 00:01:33,560 --> 00:01:35,000 <What are you saying, grandfather?





21 00:01:35,000 --> 00:01:36,800 Øa hékum éna ovyó,

22 00:01:36,800 --> 00:01:38,520 na paĭ kalá χroná mas?>

23 00:01:38,520 --> 00:01:42,480 <Úţʰa-ni, úţʰa-ni. Perím na ðu raníĭs.

24 00:01:42,480 --> 00:01:46,240 Tʃi pánda me ða fitá na g'æladʒévis.>

25 00:01:46,240 --> 00:01:48,920 <Mi ða fitá na g'ælaépsu, pápu?

26 00:01:48,920 --> 00:01:51,440 Na mi pernájni ja ts<sup>h</sup>anó, pápu.>

27 00:01:51,440 --> 00:01:55,600 <Ta fitá éχni mésa p∫içí. Na g'ælaʤévis.

28 00:01:55,600 --> 00:01:57,400 Atúra akún si.>

29 00:01:57,400 --> 00:01:59,760 <Re pápu, na mi perná∫ kanéna, na mas raní∫,

30 00:01:59,760 --> 00:02:02,200 na epí: <ltó sapúrsin da?>>

31 00:02:02,200 --> 00:02:05,200 <Óçi. Na g'ælaœévis mi ða fitá! 21 00:01:35,000 --> 00:01:36,800 We have to put out an egg

22 00:01:36,800 --> 00:01:38,520 so that our harvest will be good?>

23 00:01:38,520 --> 00:01:42,480 <Yes, it is so. Wait and see it.

24

00:01:42,480 --> 00:01:46,240 You always have to speak to the plants.>

25 00:01:46,240 --> 00:01:48,920 <To speak to the plants, grandfather?

26 00:01:48,920 --> 00:01:51,440 They will think I am crazy, grandfather.>

#### 27 00:01:51,440 --> 00:01:55,600 <The plants have souls inside them. Speak to them.

28 00:01:55,600 --> 00:01:57,400 They hear you.>

29 00:01:57,400 --> 00:01:59,760 <But grandfather, if someone passes, he will see us

30 00:01:59,760 --> 00:02:02,200 and he will say: <Did he go crazy?>>

31 00:02:02,200 --> 00:02:05,200 <No. Speak to the plants!





32 00:02:05,200 --> 00:02:08,080 Mi nang'irjónas tu fitó na g'ælaœévis.>

33 00:02:08,080 --> 00:02:10,360 <Ató akúi mi, pápu?>

34 00:02:10,360 --> 00:02:14,640 <Ató akúi si. Am-páĭ álu, álu intsánus znang'irjóna,

35 00:02:14,640 --> 00:02:16,440 pal pérnun χabár.>

36 00:02:16,440 --> 00:02:18,960 [...] Pápu m ts<sup>h</sup>ánʦin óre!

37 00:02:18,960 --> 00:02:21,360 Ti ʃan? A mas treláni.

38 00:02:21,440 --> 00:02:25,160 Ne. T∫i lew: <Pápu,

39 00:02:25,160 --> 00:02:27,480 na mi mas perná∫ni ja ʦ<sup>h</sup>aná.>

40 00:02:27,480 --> 00:02:30,120 A mas perásun ja trelús.

41 00:02:30,120 --> 00:02:33,720 <Su léo óçi. Θa g'ælaʤévis

42 00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:36,680 mi nang'irjóna du proí. 32 00:02:05,200 --> 00:02:08,080 Speak to the plants in the garden.>

33 00:02:08,080 --> 00:02:10,360 <Can they hear me, grandfather?>

34 00:02:10,360 --> 00:02:14,640 <They hear you. If somebody goes into the garden,

35 00:02:14,640 --> 00:02:16,440 they understand.>

36 00:02:16,440 --> 00:02:18,960 My grandfather was crazy!

37 00:02:18,960 --> 00:02:21,360 What is he doing? He will drive us crazy.

38 00:02:21,440 --> 00:02:25,160 Yes. And I said: <Grandfather,

39 00:02:25,160 --> 00:02:27,480 don't let them think we are crazy.>

40 00:02:27,480 --> 00:02:30,120 They will say we are crazy.

41 00:02:30,120 --> 00:02:33,720 <I say we are not. You should speak to the garden

42 00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:36,680 in the morning.





43 00:02:36,680 --> 00:02:41,440 Na pénis apsá ðu proí, na raná(s) nang'irjóna s,

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00:02:41,440 --> 00:02:47,000 jatí ató aŋglaí si, an ʧísi stenoχoreménus,

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00:02:47,000 --> 00:02:50,320 an ʧísi χarúmenos.> <Tí? Éla, re pápu!

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00:02:50,320 --> 00:02:53,560 Aŋglaíʒ du fitó áma ʧími stenaχoreménos, áma ---.>

47 00:02:53,560 --> 00:02:55,000 <Yo, áku ti si ða léw.

48 00:02:55,000 --> 00:02:56,600 Ranás ta ʧói tum-páris

49 00:02:56,600 --> 00:02:59,120 ða karpútja sa hérja s.>

50 00:02:59,120 --> 00:03:01,280 Úťja pápu m.

51 00:03:01,280 --> 00:03:06,160 Pápu m ítan éna ɣondoruklú sernikós.

52 00:03:06,160 --> 00:03:10,160 Íχιn da muskárja t, íχιn a nag'irjóne-t.

53 00:03:10,160 --> 00:03:13,200 Íχam ʧ-éna kumbína ʧaú. 43 00:02:36,680 --> 00:02:41,440 Go out early in the morning and visit your garden,

44 00:02:41,440 --> 00:02:47,000 because it understands if you are sad

45 00:02:47,000 --> 00:02:50,320 or happy.> <What? Come on grandfather!

46 00:02:50,320 --> 00:02:53,560 Does the plant understand, if I am sad or ---.>

47 00:02:53,560 --> 00:02:55,000 <Listen what I say to you.

48 00:02:55,000 --> 00:02:56,600 You see them, when you take

49 00:02:56,600 --> 00:02:59,120 the watermelons in your hands.>

50 00:02:59,120 --> 00:03:01,280 My grandfather [did] like this.

51 00:03:01,280 --> 00:03:06,160 My grandfather was a very energetic man.

52 00:03:06,160 --> 00:03:10,160 He had his calves and his gardens.

53 00:03:10,160 --> 00:03:13,200 We had a combine here.





54 00:03:13,200 --> 00:03:15,320 Cérizam xoranús xoráfça.

55 00:03:15,720 --> 00:03:23,000 Pápu m tjói, tun eróðun Októvris mínas,

56 00:03:23,000 --> 00:03:27,000 çék'iksin d-alúyaða i da mosxárja

57 00:03:27,000 --> 00:03:29,320 tji péniksi su kóma.

58 00:03:29,320 --> 00:03:34,960 Tum-péniksi su kóma tjói, ipírçe xará.

59 00:03:34,960 --> 00:03:37,000 Heróðun, heróun p∫içí t.

60 00:03:37,000 --> 00:03:39,880 <Na páu su kóma na lásu déimas.>

61 00:03:39,880 --> 00:03:43,640 E péniksin detfú-rta. Tſói tſóan úla adáma.

62 00:03:43,640 --> 00:03:48,680 Úła ja énan. Σímera líu berðéftan ta prámata.

63 00:03:48,680 --> 00:03:52,320 Etímazin du xoráf.

64 00:03:52,320 --> 00:03:58,400 Etímazi na ðu lá∫ mi ða, mi ða vóĭa, mi ð- He prepared to plough it with the oxen, with

54 00:03:13,200 --> 00:03:15,320 We harvested the fields of the others.

55 00:03:15,720 --> 00:03:23,000 Back then, when October came, my grandfather

56 00:03:23,000 --> 00:03:27,000 took the horses or the calves

57 00:03:27,000 --> 00:03:29,320 and went to the field.

58 00:03:29,320 --> 00:03:34,960 When he went to the field then, there was happiness.

59 00:03:34,960 --> 00:03:37,000 His soul was happy.

60 00:03:37,000 --> 00:03:39,880 <I go to the field to plough.>

61 00:03:39,880 --> 00:03:43,640 He went there. In that time everyone worked together.

62 00:03:43,640 --> 00:03:48,680 All for one. Today almost everything has changed.

63 00:03:48,680 --> 00:03:52,320 He prepared the field.

64 00:03:52,320 --> 00:03:58,400





#### alúɣaða.

65 00:03:58,400 --> 00:04:01,040 T∫ói Jániksan polá méris.

66 00:04:01,040 --> 00:04:02,920 [...] Σímera mi du traktér pénis.

67 00:04:02,920 --> 00:04:05,320 Se ðjó salátça ériz-opíz-ortá.

68 00:04:05,320 --> 00:04:06,880 Σániksan polá méris.

69 00:04:06,880 --> 00:04:12,760 Káka m apu đó Jániksi faí, Jániksi ɣatúχ,

70 00:04:12,760 --> 00:04:15,480 ja na fán déimas etjú-ortá.

71 00:04:15,480 --> 00:04:19,960 Pápu m eróun ðipsazméno, niſtikó.

72 00:04:19,960 --> 00:04:22,400 Tʃaú tróiksi, pçíniksi.

73 00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:25,120 T-álu méra pal ta íðja.

74 00:04:25,120 --> 00:04:31,360 E. Tun spériksan da, da jélma,

75 00:04:31,360 --> 00:04:36,080 g'oz∧áizan na ér k'erós, na çerí∫ni. the horses.

65 00:03:58,400 --> 00:04:01,040 Then it took many days.

66 00:04:01,040 --> 00:04:02,920 Today you take the tractor.

67 00:04:02,920 --> 00:04:05,320 In two hours, you come back.

68 00:04:05,320 --> 00:04:06,880 They worked for many days.

69 00:04:06,880 --> 00:04:12,760 My grandmother made food or stew here,

70 00:04:12,760 --> 00:04:15,480 so that they ate a little out there.

71 00:04:15,480 --> 00:04:19,960 My grandfather came back thirsty and starved.

72 00:04:19,960 --> 00:04:22,400 He ate and drank here.

73 00:04:22,400 --> 00:04:25,160 The next day, the same again.

74 00:04:25,160 --> 00:04:31,360 When they sowed the cereals,

75 00:04:31,360 --> 00:04:36,080 they waited for the harvesting time to come.





76 00:04:36,080 --> 00:04:39,800 Alá ťjáχ na g'ozʎaízis k'erós na ert, na çerí∫ ---.

77 00:04:39,800 --> 00:04:44,280 Ipírçe itó, du anavrazmó mésa t, tróiʃk'i si.

78 00:04:44,280 --> 00:04:46,120 A enún? Đen a enún?

79 00:04:46,120 --> 00:04:48,480 Évriksi? Den évriksi?

80 00:04:48,480 --> 00:04:51,520 Kat ap-tu Çeyó.

81 00:04:51,520 --> 00:04:53,560 Itó tu çimó.

82 00:04:53,560 --> 00:04:58,400 Tun eróun Mártis mínas, ťjói áĭdi pal.

83 00:04:58,400 --> 00:05:01,640 Na páĭ na pík nang'irjónas tu t<sup>h</sup>ópus.

84 00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:04,280 To méros ton karpuzjón.

85 00:05:04,280 --> 00:05:06,840 Nang'irjónas tu t<sup>h</sup>ópus.

86 00:05:06,840 --> 00:05:10,840 Na, na ðu lá∫ pal to íðjo. 76 00:04:36,080 --> 00:04:39,800 But waiting for the harvesting time to come ---.

77 00:04:39,800 --> 00:04:44,280 That was stressful.

78 00:04:44,280 --> 00:04:46,120 Will they grow or not?

79 00:04:46,120 --> 00:04:48,480 Did it rain or not?

80 00:04:48,480 --> 00:04:51,520 [All were] beneath God.

81 00:04:51,520 --> 00:04:53,560 This happened in the winter.

82 00:04:53,560 --> 00:04:58,400 When March came, again the same then.

83 00:04:58,400 --> 00:05:01,640 To go to prepare the garden field.

84 00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:04,280 The field of the watermelons.

85 00:05:04,280 --> 00:05:06,840 The garden field.

86 00:05:06,840 --> 00:05:10,840 To plough it again in the same way.





87 00:05:10,840 --> 00:05:14,480 Eróun ʧói. Çék'iksam () da fidána,

88 00:05:14,480 --> 00:05:17,920 γarpu∫ú a fidána.

89 00:05:17,920 --> 00:05:22,200 Périksam da su χoráf.

90 00:05:22,200 --> 00:05:27,400 Çék'iksam da apés su χóma.

91 00:05:27,400 --> 00:05:28,600 Pal to íðjo práma.

92 00:05:28,600 --> 00:05:32,560 G'oz∧áizam, g'oz∧áizam na vyún yarpu∫ú a fitá.

93 00:05:32,560 --> 00:05:37,960 Lerá ťjói den ipírxan ťji polá.

94 00:05:37,960 --> 00:05:42,000 Τʃi g'ozʎáizam da ap-tu Çiɣó.

95 00:05:42,000 --> 00:05:47,680 Méra níχta káka m su nekliJá.

96 00:05:47,680 --> 00:05:49,520 <Çeɣó m, Çeɣó m,> pík'i,

97 00:05:49,520 --> 00:05:53,800 na borúm na fám du çimó. 87 00:05:10,840 --> 00:05:14,440 He came back then and we put (in the car)

88 00:05:14,440 --> 00:05:17,920 the watermelon plants.

89 00:05:17,920 --> 00:05:22,200 We brought them to the field.

90 00:05:22,200 --> 00:05:27,400 We planted them in the soil.

91 00:05:27,400 --> 00:05:28,600 The same again.

92 00:05:28,600 --> 00:05:32,560 We were waiting for the watermelon plants to spring up.

93 00:05:32,560 --> 00:05:37,960 There was not so much water then.

94 00:05:37,960 --> 00:05:42,000 We were waiting for them to grow by the grace of God.

95 00:05:42,000 --> 00:05:47,680 My grandmother was in the church day and night.

96 00:05:47,680 --> 00:05:49,520 <My God, my God,> she prayed,

97 00:05:49,520 --> 00:05:53,800 so that we can eat [survive] in the winter.





98 00:05:53,800 --> 00:06:00,160 Ε, ťjói ðen íχan traktérja póti léiksi pápu m.

99 00:06:00,160 --> 00:06:08,080 Vyáliksan da yarpúʃa, périksan da apán su arabá.

100 00:06:08,080 --> 00:06:10,440 Péiksan da ʧaá sa jíro χorjá.

101 00:06:10,440 --> 00:06:12,760 Álus jíniksin γarpú∫a.

102 00:06:12,760 --> 00:06:17,840 Álos périksin ovyá, álos périksin alévri.

103 00:06:17,840 --> 00:06:20,080 T∫-útʃa péniksan.

104 00:06:20,080 --> 00:06:23,160 Itó ťjóun zoí tni ťjaú. Xoráfça. 98

00:05:53,800 --> 00:06:00,160 They did not have tractors then as my grandfather said.

99 00:06:00,160 --> 00:06:08,080 They picked up the watermelons and put them in the cart.

100 00:06:08,080 --> 00:06:10,440 They brought them here to the closest villages.

101 00:06:10,440 --> 00:06:12,760 They gave watermelons

102 00:06:12,760 --> 00:06:17,840 and they took back eggs or flour.

103 00:06:17,840 --> 00:06:20,080 They did like this.

104 00:06:20,080 --> 00:06:23,160 This was their life here. The fields.