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Corpus-based Grammar

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14. CORPUS

14.0. Introduction

The corpus, selected from a large amount of data that I collected during my field trips, consists of specimens of the Qashqai oral literature including folktales, funny stories, life stories, asheq narratives, interviews, and folk poems. I collected the folktales from several people, most of them elderly, only in the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe. These texts are similar in linguistic features. However, there may exhibit variations, especially in word usage, from one tale-teller to another one. As with other texts, I collected them from diverse sources mostly the informants of other subtribes of the Amaleh tribe. The funny stories and the asheq narrative are retrieved from the Internet. One of the life stories is the transcription of a life story told by a Qashqai man and broadcast on a local radio station.

The texts presented in the corpus reflect the Qashqai spoken in different subtribes of the Amaleh tribe. This tribe, as it is discussed in the Introduction, has been politically dominant. The so-called Amaleh variety is spread in almost all other Qashqai tribes. Thus, this corpus can roughly represent the Qashqai spoken in the whole confederation. The transcription is phonologic, based on the Turcological notation. One of the folktales is given with morphemic glosses that appear in the Appendix. The translations, which follow the texts, are meant to be close to the original and are therefore not always very natural English. After the translation is provided a numbered grammatical annotation for each text; the only exception is Interview 4 which is not annotated. A relatively long funny folktale entitled “Kurdulu vâ Mâhmâdâli” was removed from the corpus to reduce the page count. The examples in the grammar which are referenced “from a folktale” are extracted from this folktale. It has been already published along with 10 other folktales in the book *Qashqay Folktales* (Dolatkhah 2015).

The following list represents the informants from whom I have collected texts.

Belqeys Jahângiri, about 90-years-old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, illiterate, interviewed in the village Khordeh-Dareh in January 2007 and April 2008.

Imamqulu Haddâdi, 60-years-old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, primary school, interviewed in the village Khordeh-Dareh in January 2007.

Katâyun Parhun, about 80-years-old when interviewed (she passed away in 2009) from the Jamabozorgi subtribe the Amaleh tribe, illiterate, interviewed in the village Khordeh-Dareh in January 2007.

Roqayyeh Moxtarxanlu, 77-years-old, from the Moxtarxanlu subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, illiterate, interviewed in Shiraz in April 2008.

Parvin Bahmani, 59-years-old, from the Bâhmänbâyli subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, former teacher, folk music researcher and singer, interviewed in Tehran in April 2008.

Assadollâh Rahimi Mardâni, 60-years-old, from the Râhimli subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, retired teacher, self-made researcher, interviewed in Shiraz in April 2008.

Malak-Simâ Dolatkhâh, 60-years-old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, interviewed in the mostly Persian-speaking village Mobârak-Âbâd on the 7th January 2007.

Sa‘id Dolatkhâh, 16 years-old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, a high school student, interviewed in Jahrom in April 2008.

Ahmad-Rezâ Jahângiri, 14-years-old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, a high school student, interviewed in the village Khordeh-Dareh in April 2008.

Âshiq Amir-Hosseïn, 58-years-old, from the Ašiqlâr subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, illiterate, interviewed in the village Katasbess in the vicinity of Shiraz in April 2008

14.1. Folktales

14.1.1. Folktale 1: Čoyännär Bäj³⁷ ‘Mister Beetroot’

This folktale was told by Belqays Jahângiri, 90 year old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, in the Qashqai-speaking village of Khordeh-dareh, on the 6th of January 2007.

(1-4). Xob, kişiniñ birisi biçaräymiş, ävdän čixmeyrmiş, tämmälimiş, häyä tämmäl. Arvad gedär bir qonşu ävinä, deyär män niş edäm, belä odun-modun sännän onnän aliräm čeräg ediräm yeyir, älä bura oturir, iş germeyr. Deyär : gedärän, älä bu unu apar kemmäj ed, gäti³⁸ där däminä, yani serkäleyrän ki kili tekilä, towala dardän oyzä de äviñ yanni, ruzumuz geddi tut gäti, kişi ki čixdi yazziya kemmäj qulunjunä, sän däri içärdän qulf ed, daha däri açmä tä varä gedä ziriñ olä, älä o tappi dä tuşäsi, gedä gumm olä». Kişi qowzanär gedär kemmäji tutä, tutär o gäler där däminä, deyär arvad däri aç.

(5-9). Dedi: adiñ nädi ? dedi: bilmiräm, dedi: ged här väx adiñi bulliñ gäl. Geddi gerdi tä bir yerdä ikki Imamqulu³⁹ läyin tefän älinnä şikal väräyinnä. Hay huy eddi, şikallär qäşdi. Geddi tutdu beläsini hereft vurdu. Dedi: xob, bir beläyi zad gerdiñ berkiñi geti⁴⁰ däräynän däräynän däräynän var ged.

(10-14). Sän mänim şikalimi hirkiddiñ. Geddi gerdi bir dowardi, berkini getirdi däräynän däräynän däräynän... Tutdulär beläsini hereft vurdulär. Deyär: oyuruyän sän, kow kow edirän dowardän oyurläyän? Sän beläyi zad gerdiñ de: ow! ginnä bir ginnä ikki, bäräkät gätirä işä, čox olä.

(15-19). Geddi oyantär, gerdi bir mänim täyin qarri elmiş, şivänjedi, äzadarligdi, dedi: ow! ginnä bir, ginnä ikki. Burdä dä tox vurdulär. Deyär: bir beläki zad gerdiñ de: germäyäniz ävväl axir älä bu ossun. Geddi gerdi bir toydi(r), dedi: germäyäniz ävväl axir älä bu ossun. Ordä dä ketäyi yedi.

(20-24). Geddi geddi geddi gerdi tä... bir äşräfi itirmişlär gäzillär, bächčämadräsä gäzir. Birisi, bu bächčämadräsäniñ dedi: bax bax, iñer čoyännardi! Häräkät eddi, dedi: äy bullum! Gäzdilär, tekişdirdilär, dedi: xub, sän äşräfiyi bulmuşän ver! Ddi: yow, adimi bullum.

(25-29). Adiñ nädi? dedi: adim lättä içinnä. Soyan däyil, käläm däyil, turub däyil? čoyonnäri demellardi. Dedi: yow, heč birisi däyil. Inni burdä dä vill eddilär. Vardi geddi geddi, daha inni burdä baxti gätirir.

(30-34). Geddi gerdi bir ävli kečmiş bir erkäni qalmiş, bir ävli kečmiş uş-derd yumurtäsi qalmiş, birisiniñ bir yayuy ayranı qalmiş, birisiniñ bir saz-o-nayaräsi qalmiş, xob, biri torbäsi qalmiş. İydi içinä o allı dalinä o geddi. Geddi geddi gerdi bir div mänzelidir, bilmerdi divdi, gerer bir kohnä qahlädi; häyä, qahlädi. Gedär qahläyä gerer yeddi qazan qatar qomuşlär, altisiniñ altini odlär, alti div gäler baş qoyär içär altisi dä saqqat olur, biri dä där däminnä gezçiymiş bahisab. Deyär: adam madam issi gälir, yayli badam issi gälir, mänim şährinnä iñer adamizad issi gälir. Deyär: bu mänim bowam şähridir.

(35-39). Deyär: yow, mänim bowam şähridir. Deyär: gä⁴¹ şart vuräg, gäl burä, härkäs daş qoydu älinä sixdi su ollu o aparmiş. Div daş qoydu älinä sixdi un ollu, o qirmizi kişi yumurtäyi ukaladi su ollu. Dedi: gäl tifiñäg. O tifiñdi yarim ärşin yol geddi, bu yayiyiñ ayzini açanna ikki ärşin geddi, ayranı vill eddi.

³⁷ Čoyännär (< Persian. čoqondär) means red beet. The man of the folktale is called čoyännär, for he has a red face.

³⁸ The /r/ of the imperative form of *gätir*- ‘to bring’ is omitted especially in fast speech.

³⁹ *Imamqulu* is the name of elder son of tale-teller, and this folktale was told at his home and in his presence.

⁴⁰ The /r/ of the imperative form of *getir*- ‘to take’ is omitted especially in fast speech (see also footnote 43)

⁴¹ The final consonant /l/ of the verb *gäl*- ‘to come’ drops in the imperative mood (see also footnotes 43 and 46).

(40-44). Dedi: inni dä ki apardıñ. Dedi: xob, gäl bařımız tikini atag. O bir čäräk bař tiki addi, bu erkäni vill eddi. Dedi: xob, daha niř edäg? Här käsdän yel čixdi säsi čoxtar ollu, älä o aparmiř.

(45-49). Geddi bir äv ičinä, bu div bir řaqquladännä... divdän bir yel čixdi munu getirdi o dälig bu däligä, atar ottay buttaya. Deyär: sän ordä čoyännär nä iř geyiräñ? Deyär: män bu dälig-duřugu tutiräm yel verännä säni yel aparmeyä. Täpiginän vurännä däri qerrär. Bu dä gedär nayaräyi qoyär bun issinä, här nä vurä.

(50-54). Älä geri qäčirmiř deyirmiř: ävi yanmiřiř ossurayı säslänir belä! Gedär gerir bir tilki řulowunnän gälir. Deyär: hara gediräñ? Iner čox owqatıñ tälxdı! Deyär: qurbanıñ ollum, adamızad bulunmuř ävimi almiř älimnän.

(55-59). Deyär: gäl bir talä tikiñnän qaz baylä boynumä, baylä quyruquñä tä gedäm alam veräm. Baxdı gerdi gälir. Dedi: xob, tilki kaka, säniñ bowañ mänim bowamä yeddi alabärzäni veräsi, bu birisi hanı altısi daha? Dedi: axkey, bu mäni apayır verä bowası bedehinä. Qäřdi ipinän tilkiyi čäkdı, tilki dä onıñ qulunřunnän burä owlanni orä owlanni, dařa owlanni dayılli geddi.

(60-64). Kiři geddi oturdu ämlakıñ issinä. Gerdi belä ruzegarı xub olir. Gälli etiřdi ävinä, dedi: arvad, däri aç tä gäläm. Dedi: adıñ nädi(r)? Dedi: adım čoyännär.

(65-67). Arvad, där izimizä açılmiř. Gälli arvadı getirdi geddi orä oturdu, yedi, iřdi, xoř eddi. Tämam ollu, bu dä Qirmizi ämi qessäsi, čoyännär bāy.

14.1.1.1. *Folktale 1: translation*

(1-4). Well, there was a man who was poor, he would not leave home [to go after work], he was lazy, yes lazy, [his] wife went to a neighbour and said: what can I do [with him]? I borrow wood and things from you and others to bake bread, he eats, sits right here [and] does not work. [The neighbour] said: you will go, you take this flour, make a kemmäj⁴², take it before the door, [and] shake it as if you want to clean off the ashes, [over there] you roll it away, tell [him] may your house be burnt, call our daily food is gone away, take it back! As soon as the man went outside after the kemmäj, lock the door from inside, don't open the door anymore so that he go [and] make efforts; [and let] that very bread [be] his provision; [so that] he go away. The man stood up to go catch the bread, caught it and came back before the door [and] said: wife, open the door!

(5-9). [The wife] said: what's your name? h said I don't know, she said: go! [and] come back whenever you have found your name. He went away, eventually somewhere he met two men like Imamqulu [who] rifles at hand were lying in wait of a game. He made a noise and the game fled. [They] caught him and beat him terribly. They said: well, if you see such a thing, take your hat off and take the valley and go away.

(10-14). You startled [our] quarry. He went [and] saw a herd [of sheep and goats], took his hat off and moved away [crawling through the valleys]. They caught [and] beat him horribly. They said: you are a thief, you walk on pussyfoot to abduct from the herd? if you see this kind of thing, say oh! everyday one, everyday two! [May God give you abundance!]. In order that this [benediction] could bless our business and make it thrive.

(15-19). He went a little further where he saw that an old woman like me⁴³ had died and there were mourning and they were moaning, he said: everyday one, everyday two! [may God give you abundance!]. They beat him severely. They said: if you see this kind of thing you must say: may you not face (this) any more, may this be the first and last [sorrow] you ever have. He went on after this [and] saw a wedding, he said: may you not face it any more, may it be the first and the last [you ever have]. There again, he was thrashed.

(20-24). He went went went [much far] and saw that... they had lost a gold coin and they were looking for it; the schoolchildren, are looking for it. One of them, one of the schoolchildren said: look! look! he looks like a beetroot. He ran and shouted: I found it! They examined him, they said: right, you've found the gold coin, give it! He said: No, I found my name.

(25-29). What's your name? my name has to do with farming. Isn't it onion, isn't it cabbage, isn't it radish? they did not mention 'beetroot'. He said: It is none of them. Then, they released him. He then went further, and his luck turned...

⁴² *Kemmäj*, is a kind of thick bread, often made from barley flour and is reputed as the food of poor people.

⁴³ Here, the tale teller refers to herself.

(30-34). He went [and at another place] saw a rope left from a family who had moved, some eggs left from another family who had moved, a butter-churn full of buttermilk from another one, a kettle-drum and a trumpet from another one, and a bag left from another one; he collected [all these things] in the bag, took it on the back and went away. He went and saw [that] there was a house of demon; he did not know that it was a demon; he noticed only that it was an old castle; err, yes, a castle. He entered the castle and saw that there were seven cauldrons; he set fire under six of them, six demons arrived and started to drink; all of them perished, one of them keeping watch over the door. [The demon] said: it smells of human being, it smells oily almonds; in my town, it smells of a human being. It said: This is the town of my father.

(35-39). [The demon] said: no, it is the town of my father! He said: so, come wager; come here, he who is able to turn a stone into water by force of his hands will win. The demon pressed a stone into flour in his hands; as for the red man, he rubbed an egg in his hands and broke it, [showing that he converted it to water]. Now, let's spit. That one spit about a half meter, and this one opened his churn-skin and squirted buttermilk over two meters.

(40-44). The demon said: this time too, you won. He said: Well, let's throw our hair. That one threw around a kilogram of his hair, this one threw the rope. The demon said: well, what else can we do? He who can break wind most strongly will win.

(45-49). They went into a room, the demon broke wind noisily; and the wind blew the man here and there; threw him in all directions. The demon said: Beetroot, what are you doing up there? He said: I am sealing off all these holes so that the wind does not take you when I fart. The demon kicked down the door [and fled]. The man put the kettle-drum on the roof striking it forcefully.

(50-54). The demon ran away saying: may his house be burned, he who farts so noisily! The demon faced a fox coming from the opposite side. The fox asked: where are you going? You seem to be in a very bad mood. The demon said: may I die for you, the son of Man has come and taken my house.

(55-59). The fox said: come take a hair of yours and attach it to my neck and to your tail, [we will return and] I will retake your house. The man saw them coming. He said: OK, brother fox, your father owes my father seven Alabärzäni⁴⁴, here is one of them, where are the six others? The demon said: alas! this fox takes me to exchange me against the debts of its father. It fled towing the fox [who was attached to its tail], following the demon, the fox was struck by stones everywhere and perished.

(60-64). The man settled in the property. He noticed that his life had favourably changed. He returned home and said: wife, open the door, I want to return. She asked: what's your name? He said: My name is Beetroot.

(65-67). Wife, the door has opened to us. Then, he took his wife and led her over there [in the castle]; they sat down, they ate, they drank and enjoyed the life. It is finished, that was the story of uncle Beetroot, Mr. Beetroot.

14.1.1.2. Folktale 1: glossed text

(1) (1-4)

Xob,	kiši-niñ	bir-i-si	bečarä-yimiš.	äv-dän	čix-me-yirmiš;	tämmäl-imiš,
well	man-GEN	one-POS3-POS3SG	poor-.PF.COP3SG	house-ABL	exit-NEG-IMP3SG	lazy-.PF.COP3SG
mänzur	tämmäl-imiš,	häyä	tämmäl.			
it.means	lazy-PF.COP3SG	yes	lazy			

(2)

arvad	ged-är	bir-in-nän	bir...	de-yär	män	niñ	ed-ä-m?
woman	go-AOR3SG	one-POS3-ABL	one	say-AOR3SG	I	what	do-SUBJ-1SG
belä	odun-modun	sän-nän	onnän	alir-äm	čeräg	ed-ir-äm	ye-yir,
thus	wood.and.things	you-ABL	he/she.ABL	take-PRS1SG	bread	do-PRS-1SG	eat-PRS3SG
älä	burä	otur-ir	iš	ger-me-yir.			
EMPH	this.DAT	sit-PRS3SG	work	do-NEG-PRS3SG			

(3)

de-yär:	ged-är-än,	älä	bu	un-u	apar	kemmäj	ed,
say-AOR3SG	go-AOR-2SG	EMPH	this	flour-ACC	take.IMP2SG	thick.bread	do.IMP2SG
gäti	där	däm-i-nä,	yani	serkäle-yr-än,	towalä	där-dän	öy-z-ä
bring.IMP2SG	door	front-POS3-DAT	mean	shake-PRS-2SG	roll.IMP2SG	door-ABL	other.side-DAT
de	äv-iñ	yan-ni	ruzu-muz	ged-di	tut	gäti.	
say.IMP2SG	house-POS2SG	burn-PST3SG	subsistence-POS1PL	go-PST3SG	catch.IMP2SG	bring.IMP2SG	
kisi	ki	čix-di	yazi-yä	kemmäj	qulunj-u-nä,	sän	där-i

⁴⁴Alabärzäni is an imaginary creature in the Qashqay folklore—a demon with white and black striped skin.

man KI exit-PST3SG outside-DAT a.type.of.bread after-POS3-DAT you door-ACC
ičär-dän qolf ed. daha dār-i ač-mä tä vār-ä ged-ä zereŋ ol-ä.
 inside-ABL lock do.IMP2SG any.more door-ACC open-NEG.IMP2SG TA existing-SUBJ3SG go-SUBJ3SG adroit be-SUBJ3SG

älä o tappi dä tušä-si ged-ä gumm ol-ä.
 EMPH that thick.bread DA provision-POS3SG go-SUBJ3SG lost be-SUBJ3SG

(4)

kiši qowza-n-är ged-är kemmäj-i tut-ä; tut-är o
 man lift-PASS-AOR3SG go-AOR3SG bread-ACC catch-SUBJ3SG catch-AOR3SG and
gäl-er dār däm-i-nä de-yär arvad dār-i ač!
 come-AOR3SG door front-POS3SG-DAT say-AOR3SG woman door-ACC open.IMP2SG

(5) (5-9)

de-di: ad-iŋ nä-di? de-di: bil-m-ir-äm. de-di:
 say-PST name-POS2SG what-PST3SG say-PST3SG know-NEG-PRS-1SG say-PST3SG
ged härväx ad-iŋ-i bul-li-ŋ gäl!
 go.IMP2SG whenever name-POS2SG-ACC find-PST-2SG come.IMP2SG

(6)

ged-di ger-di tä bir yer-dä ikki Imamqulu läyin tefäŋ äl-i-nnä
 go-PST3SG see-PST3SG TA one earth-loc two Imamqulu like gun hand-POS3sg-loc
şikäl vāräy-e-nnä.
 game look.out-POS3SG-LOC

(7)

häy huy ed-di šikal-lär qäč-di.
 HAY HUY do-PST3SG game-PL run-PST3SG

(8)

ged-di tut-du beläsin-i hereft vur-du.
 go-PST3SG catch-PST3SG ANPH.3SG-ACC terribly beat-PST3SG

(9)

de-di: xob, bir beläyi zad ger-di-ŋ
 say-PST3SG well one such thing see-PST2SG
berk-iŋ-i geti dārä-ynän dārä-ynän var ged!
 hat-POS2SG-ACC take.IMP2SG valley-INST valley-INST existing.IMP2SG go.IMP2SG

(10) (10-14)

sän män-im šikal-im-i hirk-id-di-ŋ!”
 you I-GEN game-POS1SG-ACC scare.away-CAUS-PST-2SG

(11)

ged-di ger-di bir dowar-di,
 go-PST3SG see-PST3SG one herd-PST3SG
berk-i-ni getir-di dārä-ynän dārä-ynän dārä-ynän...
 hat-POS3SG-ACC take-PST3SG valley-INST valley-INST valley-INST

(12)

tut-du-lär; tut-du, beläsin-i hereft vur-du-lär.
 catch-PST3SG-3PL catch-PST3SG ANPH.3SG-ACC terribly beat-PST3SG-PL

(13)

de-yär oŷuru-yän sän? kow kow ed-ir-än dowar-dän oŷurlä-yä-ŋ?
 say-AOR rubber-COP you crawling do-PRS-2SG herd-ABL steal-SUBJ-2SG

(14)

sän, beläye zad ger-di-ŋ de: ow, gin-nä bir gin-nä ikki;
 you such thing see-PST-2SG say.IMP2SG oh day-LOC one day-LOC two
bäräkät gäter-ä iš-ä, čox ol-ä.
 abundance bring-SUBJ3SG work-DAT very become-SUBJ3SG

(15) (15-19)

ged-di owan-tär ger-di bir män-im täyin qärri el-miš; šivän-jä-di,
 go-PST that.side-COMP see-PST one I-GEN like old.woman die-PF3SG whine-EQU-COP
äzadärlig-di. de-di: ö, gin-nä bir gin-nä ikki.
 mourning-PRS.COP3SG say-PST3SG o day-LOC one day-LOC two

(16)

burdä dä tox vur-du-lär.
 here.LOC DA sated beat-PST-3PL

(17)

de-yär: ged-di-ŋ bir belä-ki zad ger-di-ŋ, de ger-mä-yä-ŋiz
 say-AOR3SG go-PST-2SG one such-KI thing see-PST-2SG say see-NEG-SUBJ2PL

ävväl axir älä bu os-sun.
first last EMPH this become-IMP3SG

(18)

ged-di ger-di bir toy-du, de-di: ger-mä-yä-ñiz
go-PST3SG see-PST3SG one wedding-PST3SG say-PST3SG see-NEG-SUBJ-2PL

ävväl axir älä bu os-sun.
first last EMPH this become-IMP3SG

(19)

ordä dä kitäy-i ye-di.
there.LOC DA beating-ACC eat-PST3SG

(20) (20-24)

ged-di ged-di ged-di ger-di tä bir dowar al-an-ni,
go-PST3SG go-PST3SG go-PST3SGG see-PST3SG TA one herd take-PART-PRS.COP

bir äşräfi itir-miş-lär gäz-il-lär, bəcəmädräsä gäz-ir;
one golden.coin lose-PF3PL search-PRS3PL schoolboys search-PRS3SG

(21)

bir-i-si de-di: bu bəcəmädräsä-niñ birisi:
one-POS3-POS3 say-PST3SG this schoolboys-GEN one.of.them

bax bax iñer çoyonnär-di.
look.IMP2SG look.IMP2SG as.if beet-PRS.COP

(22)

häräkät ed-di, de-di äy bul-lum!
movement do-PST3SG say-PST3SG ITRJ find-PST3SG

(23)

gäz-di-lär, tekişdir-di-lär, de-di xub sän äşräfi-yi bul-muş-än ver!
search-PST-3PL look.over-PST-3PL say-PST3SG well you Ashrafi-ACC find-PF-2SG give.IMP2SG

(24)

de-di yow, ad-ım-i bul-lum.
say-PST3SG no name-POS1SG-ACC find-PST3SG

(25) (25-29)

ad-iñ nä-di? de-di ad-ım lättä içi-mnä.
name-POS2SG what-PRS.COP say-PST3SG name-POS1SG farm in.POS3-LOC

(26)

soyän däyil, käläm däyil, turub däyil,
onion NEG.PRS.COP3SG cabbage NEG.PRS.COP3SG radish NEG.PRS.COP3SG

çoyonnär-i de-me-llärdi,
beet-ACC say-NEG-IMPF.3PL

(27)

de-di: yo, heç bir-i-si däyil.
say-PST3SG no nothing one-POS1SG-POS1SG NEG.PRS.COP3SG

(28)

inni burdä dä vill ed-di-lär.
now here.LOC DA free do-PRS-3PL

(29)

var-dä ged-di ger-di bir... daha inni burdä bāxt-i gätir-ir,
existing-PST3SG go-PST3SG see-PST3SG one DAHA now here.LOC destiny-POS3SG bring-PRS3SG

(30) (30-34)

ged-di ger-di bir ävli kiç-miş bir erkän-i qal-miş bir ävli
go-PST3SG see-PST3SG one family move.on-PF3SG a rope-POS3SG remain-PF3SG one family

keç-miş uş-derd yumurtä-si qal-miş, bir-i-si-niñ bir yayuğ
move.on-PF3SG three.four egg-POS3SG remain-PF3SG one-POS3-POS3-GEN one churnskin

ayran-i qal-miş, bir-i-si-niñ bir saz-o-nayarä-si qal-miş.
sour.milk-POS3SG remain-PF3SG one-POS3-POS3-GEN one (trumpet.and.drum)-POS3SG remain-PF3SG

xob, bir-i torbä-si qal-miş, iy-di içi-nä
well one-POS3SG backpack-POS3SG remain-PF3SG collect-PST3SG in.POS-DAT

o al-li dal-i-nä o ged-di.
and take-PST3SG back-POS3SG-DAT and go-PST3SG

(31)

ged-di ged-di ger-di bir div mänzel-i-dir, bil-me-rdi div-di,
go-PST3SG go-PST3SG see-PST3SG one demon house-POS3-PRS.COP know-NEG-IMPF3SG demon-PRS.COP

ger-er bir kohnä qählä-di, häyä, qählä-di.
 see-AOR3SG one old castle-PRS.COP yes castle-PRS.COP

(32)

ged-är qählä-yä ger-er yeddi qazan qatar qo-muš-lär,
 go-AOR3SG castle-DAT see-AOR3SG seven cauldron row put-PF3PL
altı-si-niñ alt-i-ni odlä-r, altı div gäl-er
 six-POS3-GEN under-POS3-ACC set.fire-AOR3SG six demon come-AOR3SG
baş qoy-är iç-är, altı-si dä säqqät ol-ur
 head put-AOR3SG drink-AOR3SG six-POS3SG DA perish be-AOR3SG
bir-i dä där däm-in-nä gözçi-yimiş bahissab.
 one-POS3SG DA door front-POS3SG-LOC watchdog-COP.PF3SG with.count

(33)

de-yär: adammadam is-si gäl-ir, yaylı badam is-si gäl-ir,
 say-AOR3SG human.being scent-POS3SG come-PRS3SG oily almond scent-POS3SG come-PRS3SG
män-im šähr-im-nä iñer adamizad is-si gäl-ir.
 I-GEN city-POS1SG-DAT as.if human scent-POS3SG come-PRS3SG

(34)

de-yär: bu män-im bowa-m šähr-i-dir.
 say-AOR3SG this I-GEN father-POS1SG city-POS3SG-PRS.COP

(35) (35-39)

de-yär: yow, män-im bowa-m šähr-i-dir.
 say-AOR3SG no I-GEN father-POS1SG city-POS3SG-PRS.COP

(36)

de-yär gä šärt vur-ä-g, gäl burä,
 say-AOR3SG come.IMP2SG bet beat-SUBJ-1PL come.IMP2SG this.DAT
härkäs daş qoy-du äl-i-nä sex-di su ol-lu, o apar-miş.
 everybody stone put-PST3SG hand-POS3SG-DAT press-PST3SG water be-PST3SG that take-PF3SG

(37)

div daş qoy-du äl-i-nä sex-di un ol-lu,
 demon stone put-PST3SG hand-POS3SG-DAT press-PST3SG flour become-PST3SG
o qirmizi kişi yumurtä-yi ukälä-di su ol-lu.
 that red man egg-ACC rub-PST3SG water become-PST3SG

(38)

de-di: gäl tafir-ä-g.
 say-PST3SG come.IMP2SG spit-SUBJ-1PL

(39)

o tafir-di yarim äršen yol ged-di, bu yayuy-iñ ayz-i-ni
 that spit-PST3SG half meter road go-PST3SG this churnskin-GEN mouth-POS3SG-ACC
aç-ännä ikki äršen ged-di, ayran-i vill ed-di.
 open-CONV two meter go-PST3SG ayran-ACC free do-PST3SG

(40) (40-44)

de-di inni dä ki apar-di-ñ!
 say-PST3SG now DA KI take-PST-2SG

(41)

de-di xob, gäl baş-imiz tik-i-ni at-ä-k!
 say-PST3SG well come.IMP2SG head-POS1PL hair-POS3SG-ACC throw-SUBJ-1PL

(42)

o bir čäräk baş tik-i äd-di, bu erkän-i vill ed-di (43)
 that a quarter head hair-POS3SG throw-PST3SG this rope-ACC free do-PST3SG
de-di xob, gäl daha niñ ed-ä-g?
 say-PST3SG well come.IMP2SG other what do-SUBJ-1PL

(44)

härkäs-dän yel čix-di, sä-s-i čox-tär ol-lu, älä o apar-miş.
 everybody-ABL wind exit-PST3SG sound-POS3SG very-COMP become-PST3SG EMPH that take-PF3SG

(45) (45-49)

ged-di bir äv içinä, bu div bir šaqqulad-ännä
 go-PST3SG one house inside this demon one burst-CONV
div-dän bir yel čix-di munu getir-irdi o dälilig bu dälilig-ä,
 demon-ABL one wind exit-PST3SG this.ACC take-IMP3SG that hole this hole-DAT
at-ar ottay buttay-ä.

- throw-AOR3SG that.side this.side-DAT
(46)
de-yär sän ordä çoyonnär nä iş gey-ir-än?
say-AOR3SG you there.LOC çoqonnar what work do-PRS-2SG
- (47)
de-yär män bu дәligduşig-i tut-ir-äm yel ver-ännä
say-AOR3SG I this hole-ACC catch-PRS-1SG wind give-CONV
sän-i yel apar-mä-yä.
you-ACC wind take-NEG-SUBJ3SG
- (48)
täpig-inän vur-ännä där-i qerr-är.
kick-INST beat-CONV door-ACC break-AOR3SG
- (49)
bu дә ged-är nayarä-ye qoy-är bun issi-nä, här nä vur-ä.
this DA go-AOR3SG timpani-ACC put-AOR3SG roof on-DAT every what hit-SUBJ3SG
- (50) (50-54)
älä geri qäç-irmiş de-yrmiş äv-i yan-miş-iñ ossuray-i säslän-ir belä.
EMPH backwards flee-EVIMPF3SG say-IMP3SG house-ACC burn-PART-GEN fart-POS3SG sound-PRS3SG so
- (51)
ged-är ger-er bir telki jülow-u-nnän gäl-ir.
go-AOR3SG see-AOR3SG one fox forward-POS3SG-ABL come-PRS3SG
- (52)
de-yär hara ged-ir-än?
say-AOR3SG where go-PRS-2SG
- (53)
iñer çox owyat-iñ tälx-di,
seem very times-POS2SG bitter-PRS.COP
- (54)
de-yär qurban-iñ ol-lu-m adämizad bul-un-muş
say-AOR3SG sacrificed-POS2SG become-PST-1SG human.being find-MP-PF3SG
äv-im-i al-miş äl-im-nän.
house-POS1SG-ACC take-PF3SG hand-POS1SG-ABL
- (55) (55-59)
de-yär gäl bir talä tik-iñ-nän qaz baylä boyn-um-ä
say-AOR3SG come.IMP2SG one lock hair-POS2SG-ABL tear.off.IMP2SG tie.IMP.2SG neck-POS1SG-DAT
- baylä quyruy-uñ-ä tä ged-ä-m al-a-m ver-ä-m.*
tie.IMP2SG tail-POS2SG-DAT TA go-SUBJ-1SG take-SUBJ-1SG give-SUBJ-1SG
- (56)
bax-di ger-di gäl-ir.
look-PST3SG see-PST3SG come-PRS3SG
- (57)
de-di: xob, telki kaka, sän-iñ bowa-ñ män-im bowa-m-ä
say-PST3SG well fox brother you-GEN father-POS2 I-GEN father-POS1SG-DAT
yeddi alabärzäñi ver-äsi bu bir-i-si hanı altı-si daha?
seven Alabarzanı give-NECS3SG this one-POS3-POS3SG which six-POS3SG other
- (58)
de-di axzey, bu män-i apay-ir ver-ä bowa-si bedeh-i-nä
say-PST3SG alas this I-ACC lead-PRS3SG give-SUBJ3SG father-POS3SG debt-POS3-DAT
- (59)
qäş-di, ip-inän tilki-yi çäk-di tilki дә burä owlan-ni
flee-PST3SG cord-INST fox-ACC pull-PST3SG fox DA here.DAT collide-PST3SG
orä owlän-ni daş-ä owlän-ni dayil-li ged-di.
there.DAT collide-PST3SG stone-DAT collide-PST3SG be.shattered-PST3SG go-PST3SG
- (60) (60-64)
kişi ged-di otur-du ämlak-iñ issi-nä
man go-PST3SG sit-PST3SG properties-GEN on.POS3SG-DAT
- (61)
ger-di belä ruzegar-i xub ol-ir
see-PST3SG so time-POS3SG good become-PRS3SG

(62)

gäl-li etiš-di de-di arvad, dār-i ač tä gäl-ä-m.
 come-PST3SG arrive-PST3SG say-PST3SG wife door-ACC open.IMP2SG TA come-SUBJ-1SG

(63)

de-di ad-iŋ nā-di?
 say-PST3SG name-POS2SG what-PRS.COP3G

(64)

de-di ad-im čoyännär.
 say-PST3SG name-POS1SG čoqannar

(65) (65-67)

arvad, dār iz-imiz-ä ač-il-miš.
 wife door face-POS1PL-DAT open-MP-PF3SG

(66)

gäl-li arvad-i getir-di ged-di orä ye-di iš-di,
 come-PST3SG wife-ACC take-PST3SG go-PST3SG that.DAT eat-PST3SG drink-PST3SG
xoš ed-di.
 nice do-PST3SG

(67)

tämam ol-lu; bu dä čoyännär bāy qessä-si.
 complete be-PST3SG this DA čoqannar Mister story-POS3SG

14.1.2. Folktale 2: Dälilär

This folktale was told by Belqeyys Jahângiri, around 90 year old, from the Jamabozorgi subtribe of the Amaleh tribe, in the Qashqai-speaking village Khordeh-dareh, on the 6th January 2007.

(1-4). Bir kišiydi bir oyl variydi bir qez. Qez geddi oturdu howz issinä, baxdi baxdi baxdi gerdi bu naränj ki geydädi šooläsi dušmuş bu howzä. Qez fikr eddi ken gedär ärä, bir oylulu olur gäler bowasä ävinä germägligä, oylulu kow kow gäler deyär šayäd bunaränjdi äl edär getirä dušär howzä ölür. Oturdu qez bāna eddi šivän eddigä.

(5-9). Kakasä gälli gerdi bašisä ayleyir o dä oturdu ayladi. Nänäsi gälli gerdi ušayläri ayleyir o dä ayladi. Bowasä galli, dedi: xob arvad, nāmänäyä ayleyirän? Dedi ušaylärim ayleyirdi män nä aylädim. Dedi oylul ne ayladin?

(10-14). Dedi bašim ayleyirdi män nä aylädim. Qez sāniŋ nässiŋni ayleyirän? Dedi: män fikrimä gälli ärä gedäräm, bir oylulum olur gälläm sāniŋ äviŋä germägligä, oylulum deyär šayäd bu naränj šooläsi howz içinnä naränjdi, kow gedär äl edär getirä dušär eler, onih içi ayleyiräm. Kiši turur äyyä, deyär felan felan olmuših mähälli pesdi, varisi dälidi. Vardi geddi.

(15-19). Geddi geddi geddi, burdän Ähmäd-mahmudučä yol yornay ornay geddi. Orä gedännä, häyä, bir arvad su dalinnä gälirdi. Dedi kakam hardän gäyilän? Äz bäs ki yornayidi dedi gordän gäyiläm. Dedi sän bilän allah, mänim bir qizim uç gin munnän iläri, gälän qizim elmiş, germädiŋ? Demiš bänney xoda, lat o lüt bidehkar älä ordä dar o derrä čäkirdi.

(20-24). Dedi qurbanih ollum kakam, tur tä bu mäški qoyäm yerä, räxtini o pul ävimizdä var veräm aparän. Geddi räxti getirdi yo ävdäyi pulu getirdi yo, kiši dä burdä yox, apardi verdi kiši baylädi belinä yo row eddi⁴⁵, geddi. Päsin kiši gälli arvad xäbär verdi kiši gordän gäyilli ušayimih räxtini yo ävimizdäyi pulu verdim apardi. Dedi äviŋ yanni haynä apardi? dedi burdän belä apardi. Bir bänney xodaniŋ ati bayliydi, dedi atih ver tä män pulu kiši apayir alam gätiräm.

(25-29). Ati verdi minni dalinä geddi. Gerdi kiši adli geridän gayil, geddi čixdi bir yal issinä owladi, yani dövä yaninnä. Dedi hačannän burdäyän kakam? dedi män sähärgahdän älä burdäyäm. Dedi birisi gälli geddi burdän belä germädiŋ? Dedi bänney xoda, dubba dubba o ikki qiçliydi, dubba bu qiçi getiyirdi onih yerinä vardi geddi, sāniŋ atihnä derd qiç var, tä munu getirä onu qoyä yerinä onu getirä munu qoyä yerinä o vardi geddi.

(30-32). Dedi, älä bu owsari verdi älinä, dedi munu saxlad tä män gäläm. Kiši owana geddi minni atih dalinä, atih bir bašinä vurdu bir quyruyunä çapdi vardi geddi ävinä. Dedi geddin bir mähälä, burdän dälitär.

⁴⁵ *row ed* -> Persian: *row kardān*, a colloquial form of *rāb oftādan* 'to start moving'