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Narration and Representation of Space in Amar Mezdad's Novel Tettdilli-d ur d-tkeččem

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Abstract

This article analyzes the narration and representation of space in Amar Mezdad's novel <code>Tettdilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem</code>. Concretely, we highlight the relation between the spatial dimension and the narrative fulfillment of the novel. The main objective is to accentuate the way in which the spatial dimension is inscribed in the narration and in moments of narrative suspension (commentaries, descriptions, secondary tales, dialogues) and to present a more global reflection on the organization and the meaning of the space as well as the writing style of Mezdad.

Keywords: narration; Space; representation; complentarity; style

This article aims to highlight the relationship between the spatial dimension and the narrative sequence of Amar Mezdad's text, with the representations of space being perceptible in their various forms as the text progresses. Establishing parallels between space and parts of the story makes it possible to shed light on such representations and their relationships. How, for instance, do narrative moments represent space and what do the narrative suspensions (such as digressions, dialogues, and comments) contain in terms of indicating space? More concretely, this article provides a chapter-by-chapter

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¹ Mezdad is a doctor by profession; he is one of the first authors in Kabyle. In addition to a collection of poetry (1977, republished in 1991 then in 2017) and a collection of short stories (2002), he has also written four other novels. The novel studied here is, like all the other novels, an excellent example of Kabyle literature, particularly with its poetics of identity.

analysis of the narrative of the novel <code>Tettdilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem²</code> in order to identify spatial indications, to note where they occur, and to determine their significance. We pay particular attention to the moments where these indications are inserted and to who provides them. The main objective is to characterize the statements that various narrators make about space and relate them to parts of the text.

The choice of text is no accident. Although the spatial dimension is important in Mezdad's writing on the whole, <code>Tettdilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem</code> is distinctive in its stylistic treatment of the significance of space. There is a clear relationship between the representation of space in the narrative sequence and the discourse about space in parts outside the main narrative (digression, dialogue, and commentary). Thus, a summary of <code>Tettdilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem</code> that deliberately focuses on the spatial dimension of the frame narrative (Mezyan's and <code>Seid</code>'s voyage from Algiers to Iɣil-Uzzal) and a description of the novel's narrative structure is followed closely by an analysis of the indications of space in the embedded narrative (Utudert's life) as well as the digressions, dialogues, and commentaries.

Summary of The Novel

The events depicted in *Tettqilli-d ur d-tkeččem* take place on a Friday in the summer of 2012 (28-30). It is the story of two friends (Seid and Mezyan) who are compelled to travel from their place of residence, Tamaneyt, to the village of Iyil-Uzzal in the highlands of Kabylia. Mezyan relates that he received a call from his friend Utudert, who insisted that he and his friend Seid rush to join him in his village. Before Utudert provided any more information about why this was so urgent, the call was interrupted. After that, the two are unable to reach their friend (7, 28, 168). Without any details or explanations regarding the urgency of this situation, Mezyan and Seid set out the next morning for Tamurt, believing that their friend's mother has died. The narrator reports that Utudert's idea of surprising his friends with the celebration of his (re)marriage has been successful (176).

The journey provides an opportunity to insert several dialogues, comments, descriptions, and short stories into the narrative. These insertions contribute to the stylistic structuring of the text while also offering discussions of several other subjects.³ As the two friends approach the village of Iɣil-Uzzal, they come across a pedestrian who is headed in the same direction and bring him along with them in the car. This encounter with the character Bu-icubaɣ adds new life to the conversation and a discussion opens up again on various topics such as the dialectic of scientific progress and the *Taqbaylit* code.

When they reach Utudert's village, Mezyan and Seid realize that the emergency was just a trick to surprise them and that they've arrived for the (re) wedding day of their friend, who is celebrating in the presence of Dr. Legziri

² Novel published in 2015.

³ In his book of criticism dedicated to novels written in Kabylian language, Ait Ouali noted this novel's complex structure. See Nasserdine Ait Ouali, *L'écriture romanesque kabyle d'expression berbère*, (Tizi Ouzou: l'Odyssée, 2015), 15.

and his friend Sliman (a former doctor who was a victim of a terrorist attack during the black decade). They take advantage of this occasion that has brought them all together to discuss and debate ideas as they did in the past. After the wedding meal, Mezyan and Seid start to make their way back home. Throughout their journey from Lezzayer (Algiers) to Tamurt (Kabylia), the reader becomes aware of the spaces as well as the discourses about them.

The ultimate destination of the journey is expressed as early as the novel's first page; the character Mezyan refers to it as "Asammer," which means the east side of the capital, Algiers. "We took the road towards Kabylia." On several occasions, the trip's narration is punctuated by references either to changes in topography or the difficulty of the voyage, depicting the journey as a kind of ascent. These references inform the reader that the characters on this journey are leaving the plain to enter the mountains, that the road uphill is rough and winding, and that the ascent is a challenge to be overcome.

The Structure of The Novel

Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem consists of 31 titled chapters of varying lengths.⁶ Embedding is a primary structuring element in this novel, and it is clear from the series of chapters (their titles bear the marks of narrative alternation) that there are narrative boundaries and realities that correspond to a frame narrative and others that correspond to embedded narratives. This table summarizes the essentials of this organization:

The novel alternates mainly between a first frame narrative that tells the story of the journey of two friends, Mezyan and Seid, and a second narrative, embedded in the first, that presents the life of the protagonist Utudert, also a character in the frame narrative. The narrator combines these narratives to reinforce the organizing principle of embeddedness in *Tettdilli-d ur d-tkeččem*.⁷

The novel's main story is told over the course of fourteen chapters, spread out across the beginning of the novel (Chapters: 1, 2, and 5), the middle (Chapters: 16, 18, 20, 22, and 23), and the end (Chapters: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31). The narrative volume of this story makes up 111 pages; as a whole, the novel contains 201 pages. The chapters that recount this primary storyline have some features in common: they begin either with a description of a place or a character (Chapters: 1, 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27) or with a dialogue between characters (Chapters: 5, 16, 22, 25, 28, and 30) addressing different themes. Meanwhile, all the chapters that tell of Utudert's life, which constitutes the

^{4 &}quot;Newwi abrid usammer, metwal tamurt."

 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize 5}}$ The appendix provides the necessary excerpts that show how the novel depicts this journey.

⁶ The longest chapter (Ch. 28) is fourteen pages long, while the shortest (Ch. 3) is one and a half pages.

⁷ Narrative embedding is when one story is included in another. Tzvetan Todorov, "Les catégories du récit littéraire," *Communications* 8. 8 (1966): 140. Narratively, an embedded narrative is subordinate to the framing (or embedding) narrative, and is dependent on the other – that is, the second story is included in the first. See, Gérard Genette, *Nouveau discours du récit* (Paris: Seuil 1983), 60; and, Tzvetan Todorov, *Poétique de la prose*, *suivi de Nouvelles recherches sur le récit* (Paris: Seuil, 1978), 37.

Chapter Heading	Chapter Titles	Nature of the Sequence	
1, 2, 5, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31	Mezyan	Essentially narrative in nature,	
	Seid	forming the frame narrative (the story of the two characters' journey from Algiers to Kabylia), interspersed with dialogue, descriptive passages, and occasional commentary. The dialogues, especially those	
	Mezyan d S $arepsilon$ id		
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	Taddart n Yiyil-Uzzal		
	Uggay la Jaconde d taqbaylit		
	Aql-ay nekkni newwi-k-id, kečc temliḍ-ay	between Mezyan and Seid are provided in terms of themes and comments from the two	
	Mi wḍen ɣerunnar	characters.	
	Azwu yettawi-yasen-d anina	-	
	Kecmen imi n taddart	_	
	Mi yewweḍ armi d Utudert	_	
	Kecmen s abraḥ	-	
	Archimèdes	-	
	Qqimen ad ččen		
4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,	Utudert	Essentially narrative in nature,	
12 and 14	Zik zik yennul Lezzayer	consisting of the embedded narrative (the life of the character Utudert), interspersed with dialogue, including some commentary and descriptive passages.	
	Atan wayen yejred Utudert		
	Γef swa-swa		
	Mi d-yeffey syin Utudert		
	Yeldi tawwurt, yekcem		
	Ddeqs i teqqim yer imawlan-is		
	Sdat tjujet-nni		
3, 11, 13, 15, 17,	Tiγri n Ccix Benrabeḥ	Two chapters (3, 17) report on	
19 and 21	Tarbaɛt, tarusi tamezwarut	a radio broadcast with a religious theme. Three chapters (11, 13, 15) of digressions comprised of Dr. Legziri's writings. One chapter (19) that presents a	
	Tarba $arepsilon$ t, tarusi tis snat		
	Tarbaɛt, tarusi tis kraḍ		
	Ccix Benrabeḥ werɛad yezqif ameslay		
	Talafsa n wuzzal	reported story. One chapter (21) consisting of a traditional	
	Ayyul yeylin yer wannu	story called a $tam \varepsilon ayt$.	

second story, begin with narration that is part of a logical succession of events. This style of writing also applies to the other chapters (Chapters: 3, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21) that relate stories other than the frame narrative or the embedded narrative. These stories are also important structuring elements and constitute a second level of narrative digression.

The frame narrative stretches out from a moment in the night when the character Utudert phones his two friends, Seid and Mezyan, and then continues the next morning when the two friends set off from the capital to Iɣil-Uzzal in Kabylia. This story ends on this same day of Ḥertadem (30). Several embedded narratives enter into <code>Tettḍilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem</code>'s frame narrative. A framed (or embedded) narrative is present when there is a first (frame) narrative that frames the second narrative. It is developed by the process of <code>immersion</code>, which consists of having a narrator intervene within the story so as to tell one story that is grafted on to another.

The Mezdadian narrator constructs a multi-layered embedding structure for *Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem*. The functioning of this narrative immersion is distinguished by the fact that the second narrative includes almost the same characters and spaces as the first narrative and also that several other short digressive narratives take place within the frame narrative. The second story, which has such substantial narrative volume (told in 8 chapters), is about the married life of the novel's main character, Utudert. It is a sequence of events in the life of a couple with a child who are about to separate because of conflicts caused by the incompatibility of views and ways of life that pit the mentalities of villagers and city dwellers against one another. The content of this story is told by an omniscient extradiegetic narrator, except for chapter 7, which is told by Utudert himself.

Frequently, the characters in *Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem* start to tell stories (which account for extremely little narrative volume) themselves, thus becoming narrators of one or more narratives embedded in the frame. The character Seid himself introduces these narratives during his dialogues with Meẓyan. The following table lists some of these narratives:

Story	Chapter	Pages
The story of the mule	Chapter 02	12-14
The story of the suicide of several young teenagers in Kabylia	Chapter 05	29-30
The story of a woman who betrayed her husband	Chapter 16	90-95
The story of Caid Lgaher	Chapter 19	103-109

⁸ In the Kabyle calendar, Hertadem is the autumn period.

⁹ Genette defines this process of immersion as a way of including one or more narratives within a first narrative. He notes that a narrative designated as secondary is of no less interest than the first one. Gérard Genette, *Figures III* (Paris: Seuil, 1972), 196. According to Genette, the second narrative is metadiegetic: a narrative that is inserted or embedded in a first narrative referred to as diegetic. See Genette, *Nouveau discours du récit*, 238.

Furthermore, the second story itself has an important embedded narrative recounted by the character Dr. Legziri just after he appears in the novel. Over the course of three chapters (11, 13, and 15), this auto-diegetic narrative relates the outings of a group of young students who put on theatrical plays every Friday. The same process applies when the character Bu-icubay appears and another *mise en abyme* of the main story is established as he tells the story of the donkey that fell into a well (chapter 21). As Ait Ouali astutely observes, these narratives are largely derived from the oral tradition or from what characters (who become narrators) read in the press or hear on the radio. ¹⁰ It is therefore an assemblage of hypertexts which, from the Genettian perspective, constitutes a transformation of another text that is further developed or dramatized within the frame narrative. ¹¹

Embedding in this novel is important, because each embedded narrative is necessary for the overarching story; as John Barth states, "the framed stories specifically trigger the next major event in the frame-story." Thus, the narrative of the character Utudert's unhappy life (second narrative) provides the background that to some extent explains the reasons for this character's remarriage after the failure of his first relationship. It is this second narrative that constructs the identity of the character Utudert throughout the novel, while the array of embedded narratives serves to enrich its main story. In terms of content, the frame narrative of this novel is less important than the second narrative, despite the fact that the latter depends on the former and rests on top of it, like the floor of a building that is constructed on the basis of other floors, in accordance with a coherent hierarchical logic. ¹³

The analysis of *Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem*'s narrative structure has made it possible to identify the different forms of narrative embedding and the relationships that connect the frame narrative to the other framed narratives. All of these narratives juxtapose several scenes of debate and exchanges of opinion triggered in the dialogues between the characters of the narrative frame. Generally, these dialogues between the characters, mainly between Mezyan and Seid, bring up issues such as: tradition and modernity, Kabylity, and the representation of identity in relation to the spaces occupied. These dialogues are usually followed by the narrator's comments, which are relevant to the signification of the spatial indications and the overall meaning of this novel.

In addition to *Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem*'s varied structure of narrative suspension, there are descriptive pauses that give details about where the reported actions take place (11, 19, 28, 71, 72, 98, 99, 110, 111, 147, 152, and 155). The descriptive technique deployed in this novel, structured around the journey and the perspectives of the characters on that journey, is what Antoine Albalat would refer to as a progressive description.¹⁴

¹⁰ Ait Ouali, L'écriture romanesque kabyle d'expression berbère, 119.

¹¹ Gérard Genette, Palimpsestes: la littérature au second degré (Paris: Seuil, 1982), 18.

¹² John Barth, The Friday Book: Essays and Other Nonfiction (New York: G. P. Putnam and Sons, 1984), 233.

¹³ Genette, Nouveau discours du récit, 61.

¹⁴ Antoine Albalat, L'art d'écrire enseigné en vingt leçons (Paris: Armand Colin, 1990), 127.

Remarkably, the appearance of new characters within this novelistic unity, as Todorov points out, inevitably leads to the suspension of the previous story so that a new story can be told.¹⁵ In addition, the multiple digressions¹⁶ (embedded narratives, descriptions, extended conversations between characters, commentary, and the author's personal reflections) suspend the time of the event being narrated by disrupting its progression; they are, however, very rich in terms of novelistic space and its symbolic meaning for this novel.

Complementarity Between Narration and Discourse in The Representation of Space

The main spaces of the frame narrative are Lezzayer (the starting point), Abrid (the path) towards Tamurt, and finally Ivil-Uzzan (the destination). As previously mentioned, this itinerary participates in a kind of ascent by evoking certain topographies such as the hills, the Djurdjura mountains, and the forest.

The spatial mosaic in this novel is also formed through embedded narratives, digressions, and comments made by the characters and the narrator. Unlike the spaces in the frame narrative, which are generally geographical and/or topographical spaces – abrid (road), tizgi (forest), tiyaltin (hills), adrar (mountain), taddart (village) – the spaces in most of the embedded narratives are named; they are spaces that exist in the toponymic dictionary of present-day Algeria, such as Lezzayer, Wad-Eissi, Irjen, Imceddalen, Tubiret, Akfadu, Asif asemmam, Ssuq Lexmis, Bgayet, Tamaneyt, Leblida, Larebea (n At-Yiraten), and Lherrac. Thus, by analyzing how space is organized in this novel, it is possible to observe that the symbolic treatment of the different spaces is structured in such a way that narration and discourse distinctly complement one another.

The main story of this text is related by an omniscient extradiegetic narrator. The narration of actions follows the characters' movement in the area between Tamaneyt and the village of Iyil-Uzzal. The route towards this village is conveyed in terms of ascent with powerful descriptions throughout the journey. Spaces are mentioned along the way: the plain, the hills, the mountain, and the forest. The village of Iyil-Uzzal is meticulously described from a short distance away (as the two friends approach the village) and also from the outside as well as the inside; there are the alleys and the houses based on the *abraḥ*. Throughout this journey, other spaces such as Tamurt, Tamdint, Tudrin, Tubiret, Lḥerrac, Sbiṭar, Lḥebs, Lycée, Annar, and Tasdawit are mentioned in the dialogues between the characters as well as in the comments.

¹⁵ Todorov, Poétique de la prose, 37.

¹⁶ According to Aude Déruelle, "The digression is defined [...] as a textual sequence that creates a lengthy effect on the reading, signaled by the presence of a metadiscourse (more or less developed) that plays the role of a demarcation pin that underlines the deviation from the narrative framework." Aude Deruelle, *Balzac et la digression: Une nouvelle prose romanesque* (Saint-Cyr sur Loire: Christian Pirot, 2004).

¹⁷ See pages 7, 10, 28, 97, 99, 110, 147, 150, 153, 174.

¹⁸ See pages 10, 11, 28, 98, 99, 110, 127, 128.

¹⁹ See pages 129, 130, 147, 150, 152, 174, 178, 193.

Throughout the entirety of the embedded narratives, Mezdad prefers to keep the same spaces as those of the main story. Generally, all the stories told in this text take place primarily in Tamurt (Kabylia) and secondarily in Lezzayer (Algiers). The time it takes to travel from the second space to the first one is marked by the journey. There is a process of complementarity that is introduced with the depiction of the landscapes during this voyage that is part of the frame narrative, the spaces in the framed narratives, and the perspectives that the characters (narrators) and/or the narrator have on the spaces, especially the village/city space duality.

This duality, formed by an oppositional relationship between the space of the village of Ivil-Uzzal and the space of the city of Algiers, is mainly visible in the lives of the characters in the city (mainly Algiers for Utudert and his in-laws and the city of Tizi-Ouzou for the character Bu-icubay and his family) and in the village (Kabylia). As noted by Butor, such duality suggests the mutual influence between spaces and characters.²⁰ This dichotomous relationship is represented predominantly by Utudert and his Algerian wife, neither of whom successfully integrates into their new environments. Utudert's young wife, who was born and raised in Algiers, refuses to continue her life in the village after her first days as a newlywed; she protests and calls village life savage and considers herself a daughter of Tamaneyt.²¹ Meanwhile, despite having spent many years in Algiers after studying at the university, Utudert is unable to get his bearings there; he prefers his native village, which for him is the source of a simple and happy life.²² These feelings relative to spaces (the city or the village) drives characters such as Utudert and Bu-icubay to leave the urban space for the village in a quest for well-being.²³ Similarly, Utudert's girlfriend Neğma, his first wife, and Bu-Icubay's family leave the village for the same reasons.

The narrator relates that the departure from the rural space (with the rural exodus being one of the themes of *Tettdilli-d ur d t-tkeččem*) is mainly caused by the lack of resources in the villages, whereas the city provides opportunities for improved living conditions: work, school, university, hospitals, and security.²⁴ However, the novel represents this urban space negatively in terms of moral and human values. In several passages, the city is associated with debauchery and poor habits.²⁵ Although the village may lack luxury, prestige, and material comforts, some characters represent ancestral values in such a way that it comes to symbolize collective living, mutual aid, purity, and a love of life. This is how several characters in this novel such as Utudert, Nna Megduda, Bu-icubay, Dr Legziri, Seid, Mezyan, Ferruğa, and Sliman feel, and it seems that the narrator of the frame narrative largely shares this sentiment.

²⁰ Michel Butor, Le génie du lieu (Paris: Éditions Grasset, 1958), 3.

²¹ Ibid., 24.

²² Ibid., 24, 55, and 58.

²³ Ibid., 23, 24, 55, 128, and 195.

²⁴ Ibid., 127, 129, 150, and 168.

²⁵ Ibid., 54, 55, and 105.

Another aspect of complementarity in the depiction of the symbolism of the space between the narration (especially in the frame narrative and in the embedded narrative) and discourse (digressions, comments, and descriptions) is established with the positive connotations of Lezzayer (or Tamaneyt) as a place of personal and professional development (including universities, places of residence, work spaces, and Dr. Legziri's medical office). Before it became a place of marital life, Algiers was a place of university studies for Utudert and his friends, and a place of cultural activities and friendship (Dr. Legziri's narratives: chapters 11, 13, 15). After finishing their studies, several characters moved there in order to work.

The reader will also notice this complementarity in the images of disenchantment, starting from the space of Tamurt, a term that recurs frequently throughout this novel. Representing Kabylia or Algeria as a whole, this space is approached negatively in the short, embedded narratives as well as in the narrator's comments and characters' remarks. The narrator recounts, for example, that Utudert's first love, Neğma, had left Algeria immediately after finishing her university studies because she was so disappointed by the desperate state of the country: "She hates the village to an unimaginable point, if she stays there she would lose her life. 27 This sentiment is shared by Mezyan, who believes that any child born in Algeria will certainly experience suffering and frustration.²⁸ The narrator also expresses the same thoughts regarding this situation: "this country is a prison without doors, both on the left and on the right, no one finds themselves there as they wish. Many people died for this country, those who survived the war are in remorse."29 Without community values such as mutual aid, the image of Tamurt (symbolizing Kabylia) is likewise disappointing.³⁰ In several passages, Kabylia (through the village space) is represented as a place where life is difficult.³¹

As a study of space in the novel *Tettḍilli-d ur d-tkeččem*, this article has aimed to identify how the spatial dimension is inscribed both in the narrative and in the moments of narrative suspension (including comments, descriptions, second narratives, and dialogues) and, in so doing, has provided some answers that foster broader reflection on Mezdad's writing style. Generally, space is presented as a topographical reality in narrative and as a toponymic reality in discourse. Narrative suspensions such as comments, dialogues, and descriptions provide information that marks how characters perceive the village and urban spaces. The narrative structure of this text, which is based both on embeddedness (at several levels) and on a variety of digressions, supports its two spatial aspects. Indeed, the movement of the two friends from Algiers to Kabylia provides an opportunity to apprehend space as an ascending journey.

²⁶ Ibid., 23, 29, 132, 195, and 198.

²⁷ "Tkuz tamurt armi d ulamek, mer teqqim da ahat ad d-yeddu leɛmer-is!" Michel Butor, Le génie du lieu (Paris: Éditions Grasset, 1958), 22.

²⁸ "Tamurt-a d lḥebs ulac tiwwura, tama tazelmaḍt alama d tama tayeffust, ulac win ihennan ad yaf iman-is akken i tt-imenna. Aṭas i yemmuten fell-as, widi d-yeggran tura tuyal-asen d nndama." Ibid., 28.

²⁹ Ibid., 71.

³⁰ Ibid., 168.

³¹ Ibid., 147 and 168.

The insertion of details about spaces in their toponymic and symbolic dimensions is information found in the comments made by the narrator and the characters as well as dialogues between the latter. And finally, the writing of space in the novel <code>Tettdilli-d</code> ur <code>d-tkeččem</code> appears to be based on variety in terms of its (topographic, toponymic, symbolic) representation as well as a unity provided by the complementary nature of the information about space between narration and discourse.

Appendices

Page	Textual Indications	Vocabulary of the Ascent (marked in red in the excerpts)
P. 8	"abrid d tazitma ur nettfakka, tettazzal deffir-s [tkerrust] agemmaḍ".	Abrid d Tazitma (belt), here tazitma to express the transmission of movement, travel, and the long journey
P. II	"takerrust tettezzi trennu gar tyaltin, tebda tnehhet, tasawent am gadir"	Tettezzi, Tiyaltin Tnehhet, Tasawent, Agadir (here signifying the height of the Kabyle hills)
P. 10	"tura cwiṭ ad ffɣen seg ubrid uzaɣar, ad awin win n udrar, agemmad-nsen d tiwririn"	Azayar ≠ Adrar, Tiwririn
P. 19	"() atenad deg yiwen uxenduq ()" "- () mer d kečč i inehhren ad tt-id-tawiḍ ukessar deg wasif"	Axenduq, Akessar
P. 28	Takerrust tettezzi trennu gar tyaltin () abrid yessawen d ayen kan (). Ziki d-kkren, ad awḍen alama d Iyil-Uzzal, taddart n Utudert "	Tiyaltin, Yessawen [abrid]
P. 97	"Ters-d tsusmi di tkerrust , anagar amutur i la yezzaḍen, yettmeyḍal d tsawent"	Tasawent
P. 99	"Abrid yezzi nezzeh, yerna yessawen armi d ulamek. Simal simal yettedyiq, mer ad teffey cwit ruda i ugudrun, zemren ad tt-id-awin deg ugafa, ad ruhen d akessar ad ten-id-kksen yemsexsiyen aftat, aftat, iwaziwen ur ttafen deg-sen acu ara medlen."	Yessawen [abrid], Akessar
P. 110	"Fγen-d i tezgi yerγan, kecmen deg Eerqub. Abrid sya d sya yezzi-yas-d usγersif d usefsaf. Kra yellan d adal. Agemmaḍ-in tislit n unzar tḍegger-d izebgan-is γer tmurt."	Abrid, Aεerqub (in Kabyle), meaning: olive field (Dallet, 1982: 1002); range of hills; highlands (Tidjet, 2016: 39)

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Page	Textual Indications	Vocabulary of the Ascent (marked in red in the excerpts)
P. 129	"Mi wwden γer unnar, imi n taddart, tbedd tkerrust, dinna ifuk ubrid ugudrun () Afen dinna 9 tkerryas derrcent ta γer ta, am iγunam uferrug. Seg akken yedyeq unnar, ulac tardast gar-asent ()"	Wwden [annar], taddart [lyil-Uzzal, situated in the highlands of Kabylia]
P. 147	"Ṭṭfen abrid usawen, ɣeryimi n taddart"	Asawen
P. 149	Yiwen uqcic la d-ittazzal yur-sen, yezzerzer-d di tkessart()"	Takessart
P. 150	"Tura $arepsilon$ nan abrid usawen, metwal taddart"	[Abrid] Usawen
P. 151	"Yeḥres [uberriq] tikli di tsawent, widak [Mezyan d Sɛid] nehhten deffir-s"	Tasawent [nehhten di tsawent]
P. 152	"Kecmen imi n taddart. Azrug yessa s ubiṭun, ixxamen sya d sya. Iqburen deg-sen aṭas hudden, imaynuten werɛad fukken s bennu. Tiparpanin ttbinent-d anida ulac abeyli. Tiwwura n wuzzal amzun d lbankat i ffrent. Zik-nni, zgan izulixen di tudrin. Tineggura-ya, imezday bedden γur-sen s twizi, armi anida llan γummen-ten ()"	Kecmen [imi n taddart -lyil-Uzzal], upward movement, towards the village on top of the mountain
P. 152	"Aqcic-nni yewwi tazribt tamezwarut yef zelmed, nutni rnan deffir-s. Tura, ttadren, ifukk usawen. Tayect n Lwennas agemmad; simal simal tettaz-d, d tinna n Seleeb-itt ay abeḥri"	Ttadren, Asawen [ifuk]
P.153	"Ifukk ubrid yeskesren, tura d agni, kra din d asebḍan, kra din yemzi, tiwririn d icuqar agemmaḍ i d-ttḍillin"	Yeskesren [abrid], agni, asebḍan
P.174	"Simal ttalin, tayect n Crifa" Zzin n Leqbayel "tettzuru-d amezzuy"	Ttalin
P.178	"Kecmen s abraḥ, afen dinna irgazen qqimen ()"	Kecmen [s abraḥ], action verb designating movement, spatial displacement

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