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THE HUNTERS -- DAY COUNT

*“And old men remembered
And young men listened
And so the story of the
hunt was told”*

- Day 1 East & south in am — forest in pm — no game — decide to break into two groups
- Day 2 2 go east into plain — 2 porcupines — misses steinbucks — are 10 mi. from forest — together in evening
- Day 3 kudu dung in am — hunt west — kill in am — find arrow shaft — find kudu dung not white with poison — sleep on edge of pan
- Day 4 vultures — find kudu without flesh — signs of lions, hyenas, & jackals — *T=oma* will not eat meat [arrowhead is missing] — they discuss what happened — *T/wi* shoots giraffe — giraffe runs eastward into the pans — find shaft with blood — *T/wi* finds wrong spore — giraffe alone all night
- Day 5 am find where giraffe turned all night — examine dung without white in it — goes to west — *!Kao* goes to waterhole [water no good] — giraffe back to start — hunters catching up
- Day 6[3] giraffe back in herd — *T/wi* gets thorns — everyone else teases him—goes to waterhole alone — follows other three — find the wounded giraffe — chase it — caught it in the evening — others catch it after sundown — put second arrow into giraffe
- Day 7 “...hardest day of the hunt...”—found where giraffe spent night — hardest day of hunt — no clear spore — hard to track — west into forest — dug water root — giraffe alone by night — walked 30 miles but was only 7 miles in straight line
- Day 8 ate berries & went round in circles — crossed plain in morning —“great debate” over giraffe’s location— find giraffes in early pm — fight with giraffe which finally dies — *!Kao* opens giraffe [we learn now that he is medicine man] — butchering begins just before dusk — work together — takes all night
- Day 9 one goes back to werft for help — meat dries & lightens in sun — rest guard meat walk 2 days back to werft with meat — nothing wasted — head and liver eaten at kill site — each takes own share; fa & mo share; br & si share; wife & her family share [this order given in film]—travel steadily with meat for two days
- Day 13 day arrive at werft — all carry food to get share —**says this in film** [days since departure]
- Day 14 distribution of food & story telling around fire — *Gao* divides meat because his arrow wounds giraffe — gives to all who are not family of hunters — gives to his closest kinsmen and they to their kinsmen —
- meat spreads across werft as “ripple across water” — meat lasts 9 days