Index

A

Adamson, Joni, xxiv, lxxix
agriculture, xxiii, lxxix, lxxxv;
buckwheat farming, xi, xiii, xxxix, lxxxv, 13, 56; plowing, xci–xcii, 47–48, 76, 82; rice fields, xxxix, 13, 27. See also farm tools
A Ke, xlvi
A Yu bimo, xi–xii, xiifig.; holding scroll, xiiifig.
Ahuo. See “Genealogy of Ahuo” (part 21); “Migration of Ahuo” (part 22)
Aku Wuwu (Luo Qingchun): holding scroll, xiiifig.; with Mark Bender, Jjivot Yyzu, and Jjivot Zopqu, xviifig.; name of, 131n1; recitations by, 132n14; students of, xcv
Alu Nuobi, 112, 149n10
Amaini, 1
ancestors, 31, 133n6, 137n22, 138n2;
ancestral spirits, lxxii, lxxiii; as elder in black clothes, 47–48, 143nn26,34; New Year’s rituals for, 135n6 (part 7); Shyly, 38–39, 40, 140n1. See also genealogies
animals, xxix, lxxxiii–lxxxv, 16–17, 20; attack on Ngeti Gunzy, 52–53; folk taxonomy and evolution, lxxx–lxxxiii; loss of speech, 61; plow, xcii, 76, 91; rescued from the great flood, lxxiv, 51–52, 144n41; shape-shifting and, 91–92, 135n3, 135n7 (part 7); spirit, 38, 57, 90, 114; taboos involving, lxxxiv, 139n6, 143n38, 144nn41,51; traits of, lxxv, 138n1 (part 10); used in rituals, lxxviii, 134n5 (part 7), 136n19, 138n1 (part 10), 143n36, 146n3 (part 19), 148n1 (part 25). See also bears; birds; cows; blooded and bloodless beings; deer; frogs; horses; hunting; insects; monkeys; mountain goats; rats; snakes
Anyu Ddussy, lxviii, lxxv, lxxviii, 134n1 (part 7). See also “Genealogy of Spirit Monkey” (part 7)
Apatani people, 142–43n24
Apuyoqo bird, xl, lxii, lxxii, lxxxix, 58, 144n54
archer-hero myth, xxiv, lxix, 24–25, 137n21
armor, xxvii, xli, lxxv, lxxxviii–lxxxviii, 141n12
Ashima, xlv
Asu Lazzi, 112, 125
authorship, xliv, l
Awo Shubu, lxviii, lxxv, lxxxv. See also “Great Bimo” (part 6)
Ayi Sunie, 6, 10, 13

B
Bake Arra, lxxvi, 29–30, 73, 138n1 (part 10), 146n2 (part 20)
bamboo: bow made from, 24; joints of, liii, lxxxvi, 27; mats, 23, 45, 59, 136n17; and the secret of speech, lxxii–lxxiii, lxxxix, 58, 144n55; soul containers, xxxvii, lxxii, lxxxvi, 43, 44, 81, 142nn16–17, 147n8; used for ritual implements, xxxi, li, lii, 134n2 (part 6); used in construction and furnishings, xl, 19, 117
Bamo Ayi, xi
Bamo Qubumo, liv, lv, lvii
Barber Elizabeth, lxxvi
Barber, Paul, lxxvi
Bashu pictographs, xlvi
Bbahxa Ayuosse, 137n20
bbopa (origin stories), xxxviii–xxxix, lv–lvi, lvii
Bbu family, 60, 145n61
bbudde (folktales), i, lvii
Bbuvu, 60, 134n3 (part 7)
bears, lxxiii, lxxxv, 34, 37, 140n17; pandas, xxix, lxxvi, lxxiv
bees, 16–17, 21, 22, 32, 34, 41, 46, 51, 135n2; as go-betweens, 52–53, 135n2; stings of, 53, 55
Bender, Mark, with Jjivot Yuzu, Aku Wuwu, and Jjivot Zopqu, xvfig.
bimo, xi, xxx–xxxiii; accoutrements of, xii, xxvfig., xxi, 15, 134n2 (part 6); classes of, 80–81, 142n20, 147n7; enacting community protection ritual, xxvfig.; epic performances, 132n14; and funeral rituals, xxxvi, xxxvii–xxxix, lviii; lineages, 102–3, 115, 125, 149n7; mentioned in Book of Origins, xxxi, 23, 34–35, 53, 55, 80–81, 88, 136n14, 17, 139n10; oral delivery of Book of Origins, xxiii, xxv, lvi–lvi, lxxv, lxxv–lxxx, lxiv; performance of bbopa songs, lv, lvii; production of written texts, xliv, xlvi, lxxv, lii; and the reseeding of life on earth, lxx, 33–35; sons and students of, li, lii. See also A Yu bimo; Awo Shubu; bisse; “Great Bimo” (part 6); rituals; sacrifices; shamans
bimo teyy (bimo books), xxv, lii
birds, xxix, lxxiii, lxxiv, 32, 38, 49; Apuy,oqo, xl, lxi, lxxii, lxxii, 58, 144n54; crows, lxxii, lxxxv, 39, 46, 52–53, 94, 140n24, 143n38; ducks, lxxiii, 51, 57; eagles, xxix, lxviii–lxix, lxxiv, lxxxv, lxxvii, 22, 37, 135n1; magpies, lxxii, lxxiv, 32, 34, 139n7; pheasants, lxxii, lxxxvi, 43, 52, 57, 94, 141n9, 144n52; raptors, lxxiii–lxxiv; sparrows, lxxi, 16, 38, 41, 46, 49, 140n19; vultures, lxxii, 37, 117, 149n5 (part 29)
bisse (apprentice bimo), xxxifig., lii, 23, 33, 81, 136n16, 17, 147n7
black and white: bimo, 147n7; caste and, 88, 145n60, 148n2 (part 25), 149n8; contrasted, 94; Hxiemga, 60, 66, 70, 145n60; taboos, 139n10
Black Yi, 149nn8,10 (part 28), 149n6 (part 29). See also Nuoho
blacksmithing, xl, lxxv, 10
bleded and bloodless beings, lv, lxxi, lxxx–lxxxi, lxxxiv, 35–37
Boas, Franz, xxiv
Book of Origins (Hnewo teyy): acts and genealogies of bimo in, xxxi;
cultural context of, lxxiv–lxxv;
eco-genealogy in, lxxx–lxxxiii;
embrace on protocol, lxviii; as
encyclopedia of local knowledge,
xxiv, xxvi; eras and phases in,
xxiv; expressive devices, lxix–lx;
intertextuality and
reflexivity, xxv–xxvi; lxx, lxxv,
45, 142n22; online version, xvii;
oral
delivery of, lxx–lxxiv, lxxiv;
performed at funerals, xxxviii, lxx,
xxxii, xxxiv, xxxv, lxvi; performed at
weddings, xxxv, lxxxii; performed by
bimo, xxxiii, xxxv, lvi–lxxi, lxxvii; sections and portions, lv–lvii;
on seeding of life on earth, xxiv,
xxxvii; source of, xxv; structure and format,
xxiv, xlv, lxxiv; theme of
connectedness, xxxii, lxxxix;
theme of relation between sky and earth,
xlv–lxv, lxxv, lxvii, lxxviii; title of,
xxii, lxxix; translation of, xvii;
transmission of, xvi, xxiii, xxv,
xxvi; variants of, xlv, liii–lv.
See also especially
genealogies; migration accounts; titles of parts
Book of Teachings (Hmamu teyy), xvi, xlv
butterflies, 38
Butuo County, xxvii, xl, liii

C
Cadena, Marisol de la, lxxxix
calabash gourds, 57, 144n53
calendar systems, l, lxxviii, 143n32
“Calling Out Single Sun and Single
Moon” (part 10), lxxvi; translation
of, 29–30
cardinal directions, lxi, lxvi,
lxxxiv–lxxviii
caste, xxix–xxx, lv, 139n14, 145n60;
hunting and, lxxxiv; marriage
customs and, xxxiv. See also Black
Yi; nuoho caste; nzyomo; quho caste
cataracts, lxx, 139n5
catastrophic events, lxxv–lxxvi, lxxx,
lxxxvi. See also great flood
cattle. See cows; livestock; water
buffalos
Central Minzu University collection
of Yi texts, 132n13
Chamu, xlv, 138n3 (part 11)
“Changes in Hxuo Villages” (part 26),
translation of 90–94
chickens. See hens; rituals: involving
chickens; roosters
Chinese storytelling, lxiv
Chronicles of the Southwestern Yi
(Ch: Xinan Yizhi), xlv
clans, xxix, xxxiv, xxxv, xxxviii, xxxix,
xli, lv, lx, lxxv; genealogies
of, viii, xxxiv, xlv, lxxvi, lvii, lxv;
origin stories of, lv, lxxvi,,
lxv, 145n1 (part 13); Cuan, lxvii;
Gguho and Qoni, lxxviii, 84–85, 147n12;
Pu(mo), lxvi, 3; Qiesa, 99, 102, 149n6 (part 28); term
for, 148n5. See also genealogies;
“Genealogy of Nzy Clan” (part 23);
Gguho clan; migration accounts;
Qoni clan; Six Tribes

buckwheat: cakes, xvi, xxxi, xxxvi,
xxxix, xlii, xlv, lxxiv, liii; farming
of, xi, xiii, xxxix, lxxxv, 13, 56; and
Nuosu marriage customs, xxxiv,
xxxvi; origin stories of, lv, lxxvi,
lxv, 56; as staple, xlii, lxxvi; used
in rituals, xxxviii, xxxix; varieties
of, 144n50
cloaks, xii, xi, xlii–xl, li, lxxv, 6, 45, 142n23
coming-of-age ceremony, xxxv
copper, lxx, 6, 19, 133n1 (part 4). See also copper and iron
copper and iron, lxvii, lxx, lxxvi, 32; balls fed to Ssedi Shuofú, 48; beds made from, 50, 143n34; giant balls of, lxviii, lxxvii, lxxxv, 11–12, 133n5; and the separation of sky and earth, 5–6, 10, 11, 13. See also iron
cosmography, xxiv, lxxiii–lxxv, lxxxix
cows (bovines), 45, 46, 93, 94; black, xci, 44, 47, 76, 87; magic, 84; as plow animals, xcii, 76, 91; red, lxxvii, 114, 117; used for offerings and feasts, 10, 88, 115, 117, 148n1 (part 25), 148n3 (part 26). See also livestock; water buffalos
crafts, xl–xli, lxxv; craftsmen, 6, 10. See also weaving
cross-cousin marriage, xxxiv, xxxvi
Cuan kingdom, xlviii
Cuan script, xlviii
Cuotaji, 138n3 (part 11)
dating systems, l, lxxvii, 143n32
Ddabulomo Gorge, xxxii–xxxiii
Ddebbu Ahly, 9, 15
Ddebbu Sysse, lxxvii, 9, 10
Ddeshe Sysse, 9, 11
Ddibo Vomu, Emperor, 69–70, 146n1 (part 19). See also “Emperor Vomu and Ni and Vi Genealogies” (part 20)
Ddiwo Layi, lxxi, 48–50
deer, lxxxv, 15, 21, 51, 83, 134n3 (part 6), 141n11; deer musk, xii, xxxv; muntjac, lxxxiii, 21, 23, 45, 83, 135n3, 136n17, 141n11; musk deer, xxix, lxxxiii; water deer, xii, lxviii, lxxxiii, 20, 21, 23, 45, 81, 135n7 (part 7), 136n17
dholes, 87, 92, 147n3
dinosaurs, 138n5
“Discussion of Yi Poetics,” xlviii
diseases, xxx, xxxiii, xxxiv, 139n12
Dishy Majie, lxi, 22, 135n6 (part 8)
Dishy Shuonuo, xx, lxi, 22
dragons, lxxxiv, 21, 24, 53, 135n1, 136–37n20; dinosaurs and, 138n5; tusi, 36, 139n14
Durzhy Ddiwo, sons of, 98, 148n1 (part 28). See also “Migrations of Nine Sons of Gguho Durzhy Ddiwo” (part 28)

E
Ebian County, xxvii, xxxifig., xlv, lviifig., lix
eccocriticism, xxxiii–xxiv, lxxix
eco-genealogy, lxxx–lxxxii
effigies (rybbur), xxxi
eggs, lxxxiii, 38, 50–51, 143n36
“Emperor Vomu and Ni and Vi Genealogies” (part 20), 71–73
environmental dynamics, viii, xxiv, lxv, xcii–xciv
epic verse: hero epics, 137n22, 141n6; performance of, 132n14; poetic and rhetorical devices of, lix–lx, 132n15, 133n3
Eqi Luoluo, liv
ethnic minorities, xxiv; myths and literature of, xxvi, xliv, lxv, 137n22, 141n6; scripts and romanization, xliv, xlvi; and the
tusi system, 139n14. See also Yi ethnic group
exclamations, xxxii, 58–59, 145n57

F
farm tools: hoes, xl–xli, 13, 50, 133n9;
plows, xciii, 47, 79, 84, 143n25,
147n4
feasts, xv–xvi, xxxv, xliii, xliii, xliii, fig., lx,
lxvii, lxxxv, 10
felt, xlii, xlii, fig. See also cloaks
Feng Yuanwei, liii–liv, 133n4, 141n7
ferns, lxviii, lxxxv–lxxxvi, 19–20, 26,
135n6 (part 7), 137n1
fire, xxxiii, lxx, 31, 52, 57; fire pits, xl;
Torch Festival, 147n10
fish, xxix, xciii, 135n1, 136n15; in
genealogies and migration
accounts, 21, 46, 84, 94
flood stories, 143n27, 144n53. See also
great flood
folk drama (nuo), 43, 138n3 (part 11),
141n8
folk taxonomy, lxxx
folkloristics, 132n15
foodways, xlii–xliii. See also feasts
“Foreigners’ Lineage” (part 17), xc, 67,
146n1 (part 17)
forests, xxviii–xxix, lx, lxvii, lxxxii–
lxxiii, lxxxv, xcii; in genealogies
and migration accounts, 4, 15–16,
21, 22, 34–35, 37–38, 41, 46, 49, 81,
86, 94; sacred groves, lxxxvi. See also
trees
Frog God, lxxxi, 36
Frog King (Sseyy Amur), lxii, 52,
54–55, 144n45
frogs, xxix, xlviii, 139n13; in genealogies
and migration accounts, lxii,
lxxi, lxxxix, 27, 51, 80, 94; in list
of creatures with blood, lxii, lxxx,
luuxxi, 36; spirit frog, 38–39; taboos
against killing, lxxxiv, 143n38,
144n41. See also Frog King
fruit, xlii, lxxxi, 41
funerals, xxxvi–xxxix; and the black
portions of Book of Origins, liv;
chants, xxxvii–xxxviii, xlvi;
hosting of guests, xxxix, xliii, lviii;
performance in dueling style at,
lviii–lxix; for widows, xxxix. See also
soul-guiding ritual

G
Gaga (bisse apprentice), 23
Gage (bisse apprentice), 33
gaitu guiliu policy, lxvi. See also tusi
system
Gamo Anyo, xlvi, lxix
Ge/Gefi (life force), xxxii, lxx, 23, 35,
136n19, 139n9
Gemo Ahly (spirit), 9–10, 11, 12, 13
genealogies: bino lineages, 102–3,
115, 125, 149n7; and clan affiliation
lxv–lxvi, lxxxv, lxxxix–xc, 145n1
(part 13); eco-genealogies,
lxxviii–lxxviii, lxxvii; of female
persons, 22, 135n9; geographical
places in, lxvi, lxvi; lineage of
Shyly, 142n16; and migration to
suitable niches, xc–xciv;
multiform structures for, lxvi, lxvi,
xci–xcii; recitation of, lxvi, 145n1
(part 13); of sky and earth,
lxv–lxvii, lxxi, lxvi. See also
migration accounts; names of
various part of text
“Genealogy of Earth” (part 2), lxv, 4
“Genealogy of Gguho” (part 27), 95–97
“Genealogy of Lightning” (part 4), lv,
lxvi, lxvi; title of, 133n1 (part 4);
translation of, 7–8
“Genealogy of Nzy Clan” (part 23), xxxvii, xc–xciv; translation of, 76–85
“Genealogy of Qoni” (part 29), lxvi; translation of, 114–25
“Genealogy of Shyly Wote” (part 12), lxxi–lxxiii; and articles of daily life, lxxxvi–lxxxviii; as eco-genealogy, lxxx, lxxxiv, lxxxix, 134n1 (part 6); and marriage customs, xxix, xxx–xxx, lxiii; narration in, lxii–lxiii; nzymo in, xxix–xxx; rivalry and sabotage in, lxxiii, 60–61, 134n3 (part 7); templates for social interaction in, lxxi; translation of, 40–61. See also Shyly; Shyly Wote
“Genealogy of Sky” (part 1), lxv, lxvi; translation of, 3
“Genealogy of Spirit Monkey” (part 7), lxviii; translation of, 15–17
great flood, xlvi, lxv, lxxi–lxxii, lxxvi, 5, 48–51, 143nn27,33–34; survivors of, lxii, lxxii, lxxxix, 51–52, 143n37, 144n41; use of calabash gourds in, 144n53

H
Han people. See Hxiemga; Shuo
hares, xxix, 41, 57
Harrell, Stevan, xi, lxxx
He family, 60, 91–94, 114
hemp, xxxii, xxxiv, lii, lv, lxviii, lxxvi; pervert, 23, 136n18; seeds, lxxii, lxxxiii, 56, 144n49; weaving of, xli–xliv, lxxxvi
hens, 23, 91, 95, 136n19
high and low, 87, 148n4 (part 24)
“Highpoints of Migrations of Gguho” (part 24), 86–87
Hlur family, 60, 145n61
Hnmu teyy (Book of teachings), xvi, xliv
Hnewo teyy. See Book of Origins
Hnito (daughter of Ngeti Gunzy): illness of, lxxii, 60; marriage to Jjumu Vuvu, xxiv, lxii, lxiii, lxiii,
xc, 52–56; three mute sons of, liv, lxii, lxxxix, 57, 58–59
hoses, xl–xli, 13, 50, 133n9
home-purification rites, xxxii, lvi–lvi, lxxviii, 18–19, 134n3 (part 7)
horses: in genealogies and migration stories, 56, 77, 78, 82, 83, 84, 90, 92–93, 94, 95, 114; heavenly steeds, 15, 134n1 (part 6); strange steeds, 38; magic, 84, 92–93, 114, 134n1 (part 6); as non-native species, 140n20; as “wild food,” 56, 144n51
hosting of guests, xlii, xliii, lviii, lxxi, lxxv, 45, 78, 142nn18–19
Hou Yi, lxix
houses, xl, 18, 27, 117; furnishings, xl. See also home-purification rites
Hsang Sa, lxix, 137n3
humans: evolution of, lxviii–lxix, lxx–lxxi, lxxx, 138n3 (part 11), 139n10; para-humans and protohumans, lv, lxvii, lxxx, 138n3; portions of text dealing with, lv; as snow tribe with blood, lxxxiii, 37
hunting, lxxxiii–lxxxv
Hxiemga: ancestor of, xc, 59; associated with goats, 141n14, lxxiii; in genealogies and migration accounts, xci, 64, 65–66, 70, 73, 78; language, 76; terms for, 140n3, 146n1 (part 23); white and black, 60, 66, 70, 145n60
“Hxiemga (Han) People’s Lineage” (part 15), 64
“Hxiemga (Han) People’s Migrations” (part 16), 65–66
Hxuo family, 60, 87, 134n3 (part 7); dispute with the He, 91–94; migration account of, 88–89, 114–15; sons of, 88–89, 114, 115. See also “Changes in Hxuo Villages” (part 26)
illegitimate children, 102, 149n5 (part 28)
immortals, lxvii, lxxiii, 9–10, 13. See also spirits
in-group and out-group distinctions, lxxviii
indifference and haughtiness, 142n23
indigenous rights, lxxix
insects, xxix, lxviii, lxxxiii, 49, 57; ants, 27, 32, 35; horseflies, lxxxiv, 27–28, 138n4; grasshoppers, lxxxiv, 16, 27–28; downsized by Zhyge Alu, 27–28, 138n5. See also bees; spiders
International Yi Studies Conference, xxvfig., 132n14
iron, lv, lxvii, 70, 92; and bronze, lxxii, 54, 55; conductivity of, lxxvi, lxxvii; and gold, 144n47; needle, lxxvii, 30; tools, 50, 147n4. See also copper and iron

J
jieshyr (type of cloak), xli. See also cloaks
Jissy Motie, xvi
Jjivot Yyzu, xvfig., xvii
Jjivot Zopqu: with Mark Bender, Jjivot Yuzu, and Aku Wuw, xvfig.; as ndeggu, xii; notebooks containing handwritten texts, xiii–xiv, xvfig., lii; official positions, xiii; recitation and explanation of Book of Origins, xiv–xvii, xciv, lvi, lvfig.; in traditional dress, xiiifig.; version of Book of Origins, liii, liv, lxx, 133n4, 141n7, 146n1 (part 17), 146n3 (part 20)
jjobiqi, xxxix
Jjumu brothers, lxxi–lxxii, 47, 50, 143nn33–35. See also Jjumu Vuvu
jjumu realm, lxxv
Jjumu Vuvu (third son of Qobu Jjumu): as flood survivor, lxxii, 143nn33–35; and the illness of Hn ituuo, lxxiii, 60; marriage to daughter of Ngeti Gunzy, xxxiv, lxii, lxiii, xc, 52–56; rescued animals from flood, lxxiv, 51–52, 144n41; three mute sons of, liv, lxii, lxxxix, 57, 58–59
Joturmuggur, xxxvii, 25, 78, 137n22. See also Zzyzzypuvu
Jushezhe, li; “Discussion of Yi Poetics,” xlviii

K
ka mga (“comes out of the mouth”), liii
kenre riffs, xvi, xxxviii, lvi, lxiii. See also vazyrhli

L
Lake Amoshurti, lxxxv–lxxxvi, 19
Lake Yihai, xxviii
Lama Itzot, xvii
lamas, 70, 146n2 (part 19)
land reform movement, xxx
leprosy, xxx, xxxiv
Liangshan Mountains, xi, xvii, xxvii, xxviii–xxix, xlv, xc
Liangshan Standard Yi Script, lii–liii. See also Yi script
Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, xi, xxvii–xxix, 132n18, 135n8
lightning, lvi, lxv, lxvii, lxxvi–lxxviii, 133n1 (part 4). See also “Genealogy of Lightning” (part 4)
Lin Yaohua (Lin Yueh-hua), xxviii, 131n2, 132n18
literacy, xiv, xlv
livestock, 27, 41, 91; butchered for festivals and offerings, 10, 88, 115, 117, 142n19, 148n1 (part 25), 148n3 (part 26); rearing of, xxiii, lxxxv, xciii, 13, 43–44, 48, 70, 135n6 (part 7), 137n21, 141n14, 143n28. See also cows; horses
Lohxo family, 119–20, 149n6 (part 29)
Lolo, xxvi, xlviii
Lolo Mountain, 86
Long March, xxviii
Lu Ddi Ho, 24, 136n20
Luo Qingchun, 131n1. See also Aku Wuwu

M
Ma Erzi, 131n2, 145n1 (part 13)
maddu (bamboo soul vessel), xxxvii, 144n46. See also soul vessels
marriage customs, xxxiv–xxxvi, xxxviii; betrothal gifts, 94, 141n15; bridal laments, lx; foods served at weddings, xlvi, lxi; in marriage of Shyly Wote, xxxiv, liv, lxi, 140n1; permission to marry, 115, 149n11; protocols and rules of propriety, lxxv, 141–42n15; song dialogues, lxi; treatment of guests, 44, 142n18, 142n19; use of riddles, lxxv, lxxxvii, 42–43, 141n8
material culture, lxxv. See also armor; blacksmithing; cloaks; foodways; houses; plows; weaving matrilineal societies, xxxiv, 140n1
meat, xlii, lxx, lxxii, lxxviii, lxxxiv–lxxxv, 35, 139n10, 144n51. See also feasts; sacrifices
mediators, 92–93. See also ndeggu; rituals: to resolve disputes
Meigu County, xxviii, xl, lix, lxxxiv
mgajie caste, xxix, lxxxiv
Mianning County, xxvii, xxviii, xl, lviii
Miao, 134n1 (part 6), 137nn3,22, 143n24
migration accounts, xlvi, liv, lxv–lxvi, lxxiv, lxxx, lxxxviii–xc, 132n17; construction of hierarchies, 148n4 (part 24); of the Gguho, 85, 86–87, 94, 95–97, 112; of the Qoni, 85, 94, 112, 115–17; search for ideal niche, xc–xciv, 76–85; use of multiforms, lx, 148n1 (part 28). See also genealogies; “Hxiemga (Han) People’s Migrations” (part 16); “Migration of Ahuo” (part 22); “Migrations of Foreigners” (part 18); “Migrations of Nine Sons of Gguho Durzhy Ddiwo” (part 28); “Migrations of Qonie” (part 25); Ozzu (Tibetan) Migrations” (part 14)
"Migration of Ahuo" (part 22), xxxvii, 75
“Migrations of Foreigners” (part 18), xc, 68
“Migrations of Nine Sons of Gguho Durzhy Ddiwo” (part 28), 98–113
“Migrations of Qonie” (part 25), 88–89
Ming emperor, flight of, lxvi
Mishi Zhen, xi
mixed communities, xcii–xciii, 77, 112, 132n18
moieties, 147n12, 148n1 (part 26). See also Gguho; Qoni
Momu Sysse, lxxvii, 9, 10, 11
Mongols: epics, 137n22; invasions, lxvi
monkeys, xxix, lxxi, lxxx, lxxxiii, lxxxiv, lxxxix, 37, 138n3 (part 11), 140n18. See also Anyu Ddussy;
“Genealogy of the Spirit Monkey” (part 7)
monyi (female shamans), xxxiii, xxxiiiifig., 147n1
moon. See “Calling Out Single Sun and Single Moon” (part 10);
“Shooting Down Suns and Moons” (part 9); suns and moons
Morgan, Lewis Henry, xxxiv
"Mother’s Daughter" (Amo hnisse), xxxv–xxxvi
Mount Lushan, 135n8
mountain goats, lxxii, lxxiii, 54, 60, 83, 84
mountains: as dwelling place, lxxxv, 59–60, 69, 70–73, 83–84, 96–97; gods of, xliv, lxxxiv; and lightning, lxxvi, 7, 133n1 (part 4); natural world of, lxxix, lxxxii, lxxxiii, lxxiv, 15, 22, 27, 34–35, 36, 37, 45, 46, 49, 51–52; and the separation of sky and earth, lxi–lxii, lxviii, 9–10, 12–13; used to position sun and moon, 3, 18–19, lxvii. See also Liangshan Mountains; mountain goats; Nzyolurnyie Mountain; Turlur Mountain
multiforms, lix–lx, lxi, 146n1 (part 20), 148n1 (part 28); genealogical, lxv, xci–xcii
multispecies ethnography, lxxix
Museum of the Liangshan Yi Slave Society, xli
myths, lxi, lxiv–lxv, lxxiv–lxxvi; Chinese, xxvi, lxv, lxxix; archer-hero, xxiv, lxix, 24–25, 137n21; about lightning, lxxvi, 133n1 (part 4)

N
naming practices, 145n1 (part 13), 149n4 (part 29)
Nanzhao and Dali kingdoms, lxvi, 137n22
narrative shifts, lix, lxii–lxiii, lxiv, 133n3
Naxi pictographs, xlv
ndeeggu (conflict arbitrators), xii, xiii, liii, liv, lvi, lvii, 84. See also Jiivot Zopqu; mediators
Ngeti Gunzy (sky god): absence from last fifteen parts, lxxiii; attacked by animals sent by Jjumu Vuvu, 52–53; attitude toward earth, lxiii, 139n4; cursed gifts sent to human world, 56, 144n49; daughters of, xxxiv, lxiii, 52–56, 144n42, 144n49; flooding of the earth by, lxii–lxiii, 48–51, 143nn26,27,37; and the genealogy of the sky, lxvi, 3; on human rivalries, 60; responsible for origins, lv, lxviii; and the secret of speech, lxii–lxiii, 57; and the separation of sky and earth, lxvii–lxviii, 11, 14; sky palace of, lxii–lxiii, lxvii, 139n4; and spiders, lxx, lxxxiv, 33–34, 57; wife of, 33, 58, 139n5. See also Hnituo; “Separation of Sky and Earth” (part 5)
Ni (Gni), xxvi, lxxv, xcii, 76–77, 78, 140n2, 146n1 (part 23), 148n1 (part 27). See also “Emperor Vomu and Ni and Vi Genealogies” (part 20)
Nimu cobi (soul-guiding) ritual, xxx, xxxii, 86; chants, xxxvii–xxxviii, xlv
Ninglang Yi Autonomous County, xxvii
nisse, 73, 148n1 (part 27). See also names in “Genealogy of Gguho” (part 27); “Migrations of Nine Sons of Gguho Durzhy Ddiwo” (part 28)
Nisupo Yi, xxvii, 138n3 (part 11)
Northern Yi dialects, xi, xxiv, xxvi; textual traditions, xlix; tones in, lx
nuo drama, 43, 138n3 (part 11), 141n8
nuoho caste (Black Yi), xxix, xxx, 81, 99, 110, 145n60, 147n7, 149n3,8,10 (part 28), 149nn6–7 (part 29)
Nuosu: Black, 79; differentiation from Han, xcii–xciii; food and meals of, xlii–xliv, xliivfig., lxii, 143n29; hairdo of, 46, 142–43n24; homeland of, xxiv, xxvii, xxvii–xxviii, 60; houses of, xl; as largest Yi group, xxiv, xxvi; lineages of, 59, 69–70, 97, 145n59, 148n2 (part 27); and the Long March, xxvii; social relations, xxix–xx; term Ni used for, 140n2; settlements of xxxix–xl. See also caste; rituals; hosting of guests; marriage customs; Ni
“Nuosu Lineages” (part 19), 69–70
Nuosuhxo. See Northern Yi dialects
Nyingemo Ala, lxxvii, 43, 44, 141n15
Nyojji, 27, 30
Nzy clan, 87. See also “Genealogy of Nzy Clan” (part 23); “Highpoints of Migrations of Gguho” (part 24)
nzymo, xxix–xxx, lxxxviiigfig., lxxxvii–lxxxviii, 139n14, 140n5, 149n2 (part 29); Nzymo Sygi, 72
Nzyolurnyie Mountain, lxiii, lxii–lxiii, 52, 58, 69
O
oracle bone writing, xlvii
oral and written texts, xlv–xlv
“Origin of Ghosts,” 135n7 (part 7)
origin stories (bbopa), xxxviii–xxxix, lv–lvi, lvi
Orro Ndassy, 22, 135n8
Ozzu (Tibetans), xc, 58, 59, 62–63, 70, 145n56; language, lxxiii, xc, 145n56–57; Tibetan Buddhism, 146n2 (part 19)
“Ozzu (Tibetan) Lineages” (part 13), 62
“Ozzu (Tibetan) Migrations” (part 14), 63

p
pandas, xxix, lxxiii, lxxiv panspermia, lxviii patrilinealism, xxix, xxxiv pheasants, lxii, lxxxvii, 43, 52, 57, 94, 141n9, 144n52 pigs, xiii, xxxvi, lli, lxxxv, 24, 47, 137n21, 95; and hosting of guests, xxxv, 45; sent to root away copper and iron balls, lxxxv, 12; and suitable niches, xcii, 82, 83, 84; used in rituals, xxx, xxxii, xxxix, lvi, 34, 35, 81, 135n6 (part 7), 148n1 (part 25)
pillars: and the four directions, lxi–lxii, lxxxvii, 12; golden, 63, 68; joining heaven and earth, lxviii, lxii, lxxxvii, 54, 55, 133n5, 144n47 plants, lxxxv–lxxxvi, lxxxi; as bloodless beings, lv, lxxi, lxxiv, lxxxi, 35–36; loss of speech, 61. See also ferns; grasses; “Great Bimo” (part 6); trees plow oxen, xxxviii, 91. See also cows: as plow animals plows, xciii, 84; wood for, 47, 79, 143n25, 147n4 pluriverse, xxiii, lxxix poetics, lx–lxiv, 132n15, 133n3. See also multiforms poetry readings, xcv, 132n14 pointing the way. See soul-guiding ritual precious metals, 70, 146n3 (part 19) pregnancy, xxxii, 136nn13,19, 139n9 Puge, xxvii–xxviii, xl Puho, sons of, xxxvii, 80, 84–85, 90 Puho Anzi, 90–91, 148n1 (part 26). See also Puho: sons of Puji, lineage of, 69 Pumo Hniyyr, lx–lxii, lxviii–lxix, lxxxvi, 22–24 purification ceremonies, xxx, xxxii, lvi–lvi, lxxviii, lxxxiv, 18–19, 35, 45–46, 134n3 (part 7)

Q
Qiagic peoples, xlvi–xlvii, xc, 145n56 Qiesa clan, 99, 102, 149n6 (part 28) Qobu Jjumu, sons of, lxii–lxii, 47, 50, 143nn33–35. See also Jjumu Vuvu Qoni clan, 84–85, 90, 94, 112, 147n12, 148n1 (part 26); “Qoni Gguho,” 59. See also “Genealogy of Qoni” (part 29) quho caste (white Yi), xxix, lxxxiv, 80, 99, 147n6, 149n3 (part 28)

R
rats, lxii, lxxxv, 34, 38, 51, 52, 144n46; soul vessel stolen by, lxii, 53, 54, 55 rhetorical devices, lx–lxiv, 133n3. See also multiforms; narrative shifts rhododendron. See shuoma riddles, lxv, lxxxvii–lxxxviii, 42–43, 140–41n6

INDEX 169
rituals, xxx–xxxiv, xxxvi–xxxix; animals used in, lxviii, 148n1 (part 25); birth, xxxiv; coming-of-age, xxxv; directions and, lxviii; gifting, xlii, 94, 141n15; involving chickens, 134n5 (part 7), 136n19, 138n1 (part 10), 143n36, 146n3 (part 19); marriage, xxxiv; to resolve disputes, 93, 99, 148n3 (part 26), 149n4 (part 28); soul-calling, xxxii, 79, 147nn4,8. See also funerals; marriage customs; purification ceremonies; sacrifices

rivers, xxviii, xlvi, lxvii, lxxvii, 16, 70, 133n2 (part 5)
rocks, 16, 21, 49, 79, 133n5
roosters, xxxii, lxxv, 30, 70, 138n1 (part 10)

s
sacred groves, lxxxvi
sacrifices, xxx, xxxi, xxxii–xxxiii, 34–35, 141n14, 148n3 (part 26). See also rituals: involving chickens
Sani people, xxvii, xlv, li
scriptures, xxvfig., xxx, xxxiii–xxxiv, xxxvii–xxxviii, lii, lxx, lxxv, xciv, 23, 136nn18,20
“Separation of Sky and Earth” (part 5), lxix–lxv; separation of, lxxvii–lxviii, 134n3 (part 7). See also “Separation of Sky and Earth” (part 5); “Transformation of Sky and Earth” (part 3)
sky and earth: genealogy of, lxv–lxvi; separation of, lxvii–lxviii, 134n3 (part 7).
Shyly (early ancestor), 38–39, 40, 140n1
Shyly Wote: ancestors of, 40; background of, 142n19; as example of eco-genealogy, lxxx; indifference and haughtiness of, 142n23; instructed on care of soul vessel, xxxvii, 44; marriage of, lv, lxiii, lxii, lxxvi–lxxxvii, 42–47, 141n15; search for a father, 40–42. See also “Genealogy of Shyly Wote” (part 12)
Shysi (nzymo’s daughter), 41–45, 141n15, 142n19
sibling rivalry, 80, 147n6
si scripts, xlix
Sisse Abbu (fairy), lxii, 48
Six Tribes, xlvi, lxv, lxxxix, 137n22
sky god. See Ngeti Gunzy
slaves, xxvii, xxix, lv, 78, 82, 87, 91, 101, 148n2 (part 26); Shuo as, 140n3
snakes, xxix, xlvi, lxxxiv, 27, 94, 135n1, 143n38; aided Jjumu Vuvu against sky god, lxii, 51, 52–53, 55, 57; on “ghost boards,” xxxi; as snow tribe with blood, lxii, lxxx, lxxvi–lxxxii, lxxxix, 36–37; spirit, 57; taboos against killing, lxxxiv, 143n38, 144n41; and unsuitable niches, 82

Shuo, 76–77, 78, 99, 140n3, 146n1 (part 23), 149n2 (part 28). See also Hxiemga

shuoma: flowers, xxviii fig., xxix, 38–39, 140n22; wood, 47, 143n25
Shysi (nzymo’s daughter), 41–45, 141n15, 142n19
sibling rivalry, 80, 147n6
si scripts, xlix
Sisse Abbu (fairy), lxii, 48
Six Tribes, xlvi, lxv, lxxxix, 137n22
sky and earth: genealogy of, lxv–lxvi; separation of, lxvii–lxviii, 134n3 (part 7). See also “Separation of Sky and Earth” (part 5); “Transformation of Sky and Earth” (part 3)
sky god. See Ngeti Gunzy
slaves, xxvii, xxix, lv, 78, 82, 87, 91, 101, 148n2 (part 26); Shuo as, 140n3
snakes, xxix, xlvi, lxxxiv, 27, 94, 135n1, 143n38; aided Jjumu Vuvu against sky god, lxii, 51, 52–53, 55, 57; on “ghost boards,” xxxi; as snow tribe with blood, lxii, lxxx, lxxvi–lxxxii, lxxxix, 36–37; spirit, 57; taboos against killing, lxxxiv, 143n38, 144n41; and unsuitable niches, 82
snow, lxx, lxxiv, lxxx, 32. See also “sons of snow”; “Twelve Branches of Snow” (part 11)
“sons of snow,” liv, lix, lxxiii, lxxv, lxxx–lxxiii, lxxxi
soul, xxxvii. See also soul-calling rituals; soul-guiding ritual; soul vessels
soul-calling rituals (yyrhl), xxxii, 79, 147nn4,8
soul-guiding ritual (Nimu cobi), xxx, xxxii, 86; chants, xxxvii–xxxviii, xliv
soul vessels, xxxvii, 43, 44, 80, 141n10, 142nn16–17, 144n46, 147n8; stolen by rat, lxxii, 53, 54, 55. See also spirits: spirit containers
Southwest Minzu University, collection of Yi texts, 132n13
speech, 61, 140n21; and the three mute sons of Hnituo, lxxii–lxxiii, lxxxix–xc, 58–59
spiders, lxxii, 57; lack of a waist, lxx, lxxv, lxxxiv, 33–34, 139nn4,6; taboo against killing, 139n6; webs as cataracts, lxx, 33
spirits, viii, xxxvii, xi, lxvii, lxx, lxxvii, lxxix, 15, 133n1 (part 5); ancestral, lxxii, lxxiii; army of, 90, 148n1 (part 26); lightning, lvi; protector spirits, 89, 139n7; sky, lxxv; spirit animals, 38, 57, 90, 114; spirit bamboo, 58; spirit containers, 80, 147n6; spirit fan (qike), xxv, xxxi; spirit fairies, lxxi, 48, 90, 99; spirit quiver (vytu), xxxi; spirit winds, xxxi; wasa, xxxiii. See also bimo; Ge/Gefi; “Genealogy of Spirit Monkey” (part 7); immortals; Ngeti Gunzy; rituals; sacrifices; soul vessels
sse (suffix), 145n61

Ssedi Shuofu, lxxi, 48–50
Ssey Amur (Frog King), lxxii, 52, 54–55, 144n45
Susseveoge Man, 32–33, 138n3 (part 11)
stars, lxxvii, lxxviii, 19, 143n4 (part 7)
structural multiforms. See multiforms
suns and moons, xxiv, liv, lvi, 83; Anyu Ddussy and, lxviii, lxxviii, 18–19; in folklore, 138n1 (part 10); genealogy of, lxvii, 3, 6. See also “Calling Out Single Sun and Single Moon” (part 10); “Shooting Down Suns and Moons” (part 9)
Sunie Legge, 6, 13
sunyi, xxxiii, xxiv. See also shamans
Syrodazhy, xx, 64, 65
sysse, meaning of, 133n1 (part 5)
Sysse Avu, 92–93
Sysse Dihni, lxxvii, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 73, 146n2 (part 20)
Sysse Ngefu, 73
Sysse Yozu (Muddie Yozu), 12–13

T

taboos: about animals, lxxxiv, 139n6, 143n38, 144nn41,51; black and white, 139n10
Tangkul Nagas, 137n22
Ten-Month Solar Calendar Park, lxxviii
tey shybo (books of history), liii, lvii
Tibetan Buddhism, 146n2 (part 19)
Tibetan epics, 137n22, 141n6
Tibetans. See Ozzu
Tibeto-Burman language family, xxiv, xxvi, 145n56
tobacco, lv, 52, 144n40
tools, xl–xli, lxxii, lxxvi, lxxvii, xciii, 18–19, 50, 147n4. See also hoes; plows

INDEX
INDEX

Torch Festival, xciv, 147n10
traditional referentiality, lxxiv
“Transformation of Sky and Earth”
(part 3), lxvii; translation of, 5–6
trees, 19, 26–27, 49, 69, 86, 92; cypress,
36, 77, 81, 139n11, 146n3 (part 23);
fir, 15–16, 27, 36, 77, 81, 134n3
(part 6), 138n3, 139n11; fruit, 41;
mulberry, 26, 79, 137n3; pine, 27, 32,
33; sacred, 139n11; and search for
suitable niche, 77, 79, 81; seeding of
forests, 15–16; types of wood, 47,
143n25; as wood for making tools,
19, 47; used in soul-calling rites, 79,
147n4, 147n8. See also forests
Tulur Bbo’o Mountain, 9
Tulur Hxuovo Mountain, 10, 13
Turlur Gulch, 26
Turlur Mountain, lxxiii, 18, 19, 26, 61,
72, 73, 92, 134n2 (part 7), 138n3
turnips, xxxiv, xlii, xliiiifig., lv, lxxii,
56, 116, 143n29, 144n48
tusi system, xxix–xxx, lxi, 36–37,
139n14, 144n42, 146n1 (part 19)
“Twelve Branches of Snow” (part 11),
lxx–lxxi, lxxx; translation of, 31–39
See also Shyly; Shyly Wote; “Twelve
Branches of Snow” (part 11)

Y

underworld, lxxv

V

Vazha family, 119, 149n6 (part 29)
vazyrhli, xxxviii, lv, lvii, lviii. See also
kenre riffs
Vermander, Benoît, xxxvi–xxxvii
village structure, 136n15
voma turnips, xxxiv, xlii, xliiifig., lv,
lxxxii, 56, 116, 143n29, 144n48
vomosywo shrub, 26, 137n2
vondi category of animals, 144n51
Vuvu Gizy (son of Jjumu Vuvu), 59
Vuvu Layi (son of Jjumu Vuvu), 59, 64
Vuvu Syrsha, 62
Vuvu Syrsha (son of Jjumu Vuvu), 59

W

warming of the earth, lxviii–lxix
water buffalos, lvi, lxxxviii, xcii, 43,
76, 82, 86
waters of wisdom and dullness,
38–39, 61, 140n21, 145n62
weaving, xli–xlii, lxxxvi, lxxxvii,
lxxxviiifig., 22, 135n10
wine and liquor, xlii, li, lxvii, lxxxiv,
10, 93; hemp seed, lxxiii, 56
Wuwu Gizy lineage, xci, 73, 76

X

Xichang City, xxviii, 135n8
Xide dialect, xi, xxvi, lx
xuo bbur rites, 99, 149n4 (part 28)

Y

Yalong River, 62, 63, 70
Yi dialects, xxiv, xxvi. See also
Northern Yi
Yi ethnic group, xxiv, xxvi; classes of,
149n3 (part 28); genealogies of,
xlvi, lv; “Gni” or “Ni” used for,
xxvi, 140n2, 146n1 (part 23), 148n1
(part 27); homeland of, 137n22;
languages of, xxvi–xxvii; literature of,
xlvi–xlvi, xlvi, xlix, l; Lolopo
subgroup, 133n1 (part 4);
matriilinealism of, xxxiv, 140n1;
Nisupo subgroup, xxvii, 138n3 (part
11); origins of, xxvii, xlvi–xlvi; orthographic traditions of, xlvi;
separation of subgroups, xlvi–xlvii.  
See also caste; Ni (Gni); Nuosu; Yi dialects; Yi script; Yi texts  
Yi romanization, xvii  
Yi script, xiv; component parts, li;  
four minor traditions of, xlix–l;  
names for, xlviii; origins and variants, xlv–l; ritual specialists and, xxxiii, xlv; standardization of, lii–liii; on stone or bronze objects, xlv, xlvii, xlviii–xlxi; used for Book of Origins, xi. See also Yi texts  
Yi texts: archives of, lii, 132n13;  
materials and implements for writing, lii; as numinous objects, lvii; punctuation and pagination, l; reading direction, li–lii, 148n6; transmission of, l–li, lii–liii  
Yuexi County, xxvii, xxviii, xxxii, lvi, 136n15

Zhaojue County, xxvii, xxviii, xxxii, lvi, xlf, xlf, lxxxvif, xcivflg.

Zhuge Liang, lxvi, 149n2 (part 28)  
Zhyge Alu: accompanied by heavenly steed, 134n1 (part 6); as archer, lxix, 24–25, 137n21; birth of, xvii, lxviii–lxix, lxxxi, 24, 136n20; brought up by dragons, 24, 136n20; as culture hero, liv, lvi, lxxv; downsizing of insects, 27–28, 138n5; ghost boards of, xxxi; mother of, lxv, lxviii–lxix, 22–24; shooting down of suns and moons, liv, lxix, lxixfig., lxvi, lxxxvi, 26–27, 137–38n3; staking out boundaries of Nuosu world, lxvii–lxxvii, 25; taming of lightning, lxvi, 133n1 (part 4). See also Pumo Hniyyr; “Zhyge Alu” (part 8)  
“Zhyge Alu” (part 8), lx–lxii, lxviii, lxxvi; translation of, 21–25  
Ziwo Lama, xvii  
Zzyzzy Mountain, 84  
Zzyzypuvu, xxxvii, lxxxix, 90, 137n22; migration of Nzy to, 83–84. See also Joturmuogur