Tombos stela of Tuthmosis I

Sethe

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Ne | rnpt-sp 23bd 23ht sw 15

hr hm n

Ne I Year 2, second month of the Season of Inundation, day 15, under the majesty of

Ne Ḥr K3-nht mrj-m3ct

nbtj Hcj-m-nsrt 9-phtj

Ne Horus: Mighty bull, beloved of Maat; Two Ladies: Shining as a flame, great of strength;

Ne Ḥr-nbw Nfr-rnpwt s^cnḥ-jbw

Ne Gold Horus: Perfect of years, who enlivens the hearts;

se * & OTAU A + SOFMID

Ne nsw-bjtj 3-hpr-k3-Rc

dj ^cnḫ s³-R^c Dḥwtj-msjw

Ne The king of Upper and Lower Egypt: Aakheperkare, given life; Son of Re: Tuthmosis,

Ne dt

[...] bs.t $|_{\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{f}}$

hct=f m hrj-tp t3wj

Ne forever! [...] his introduction. His appearance as chief of the Two Lands

Ne r hq3 šnt.n jtn

rsw mḥw m-r³-c

Ne to rule what the sun revolves around, the southern and the northern lands as well,

Ne psšwt Hr Sth

sm³t t³wj

Ne the shares of Horus and Seth, the union of the two lands,

Ne sndm=f hr nswt Gbb

wts.tw

h^cw shmti

Ne as he sat on the thrones of Geb, and the double crown was raised.

Ne tj hm=f jt.n=f $jw^ct=f$

Ne As His Majesty took possession of his inheritance,



Ne htp.n=f tngt Hr

r swsh tšw W3st

Ne he sat down on the dais of Horus, to widen the borders of Thebes

1 Roughly this appearance, but a different sign is meant.



Ne hnbwt Hft-hr-nb=s

r b3k n=s hrjw-šo

Ne and the fields of Khef-her-nebes, to enslave to her the bedouin,

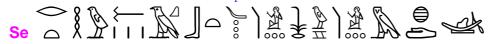


Ne | hstjw

bwitiw ntr

h3w-nbwt

Ne I the hill dwellers, those abominated by god, the inhabitants of the Aegean Sea,



Ne rthw-q3bt

rsw m hd

Ne and the rthw-q3bt people. Southerners are going north

¹ It is unclear what this group depicts.



Ne mhtjw m hnt

hswt nbt dmdy hr

jnw|=sn

Ne and northerners are going south, all foreign lands together carrying their gifts

Ne n ntr nfr sp tpj

S-hpr-k3-R^c cnh(.w) dt

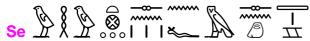
Ne to the good god of the primordial time, Aakheperkare (may he live forever!).

Ne nht Hr nb t3wj

hnk n=f hnsw² pnw³ hrjw

Ne Horus, lord of the Two Lands, is victorious. Tied to him were [???] the chiefs,

- 1 It is uncertain whether T is meant here, and what word is to be read.
- ² Uncertain.
- ³ Uncertain.



Ne whwt=sn n=f m sn-t3

Ne their villages to him, kissing the ground.



Ne hnwtjw m

| hbt n hm=f

Ne The hnwtjw people are I dancing in homage to His Majesty,

¹ Dancing man, with both arms raised, legs apart.



Ne ksw n jmt-ht=f shr.n=f wr stjw

Ne bowing to his uraeus. After he had overthrown the chief of the Nubians,



Ne nhsj wšr [???] šsp=f

Ne the despoiled Nubian [???] his grip.

¹ May not be the correct sign. The meaning of the word is unclear as well.



Ne shwj.n=f

t³š|w gswj=fj

Ne After he had brought together the borders of its two sides,



Ne n hpr nhw m nbdw-qd

jw r nḫ=f

Ne no losses occurred to the evil ones who had come to its aid.



Ne n sp w^c jm

jwntjw hr(.w) n š^ct

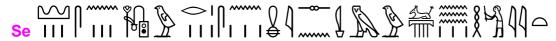
Ne Not one thereof remained. When the Troglodytes fell to terror,



Ne dj(.w) hr gs ht tbw=sn

3jsw=sn bch=f jnwt=sn

Ne and were thrown aside throughout their lands, their skulls flooded their valleys,



Ne sšw r³w=sn mj snmw hwyt

Ne and their mouths were painted as pooring rain.

Ne hyw hr=s cš3.w

Ne Birds of pray above this were numerous,

Ne n3pdw hr hnp jt r ky bw

Ne and these birds were snatching and taking somewhere else.

Ne | gr sw dpy hr wthw

Ne The crocodile threw himself on the fleeing.

Ne sdgj sw r Ḥr tm³-c

Ne He who hides himself from Horus with powerful arm

Ne <u>h</u>r jrtj w^c

s³ Jmn

Ne is subject to what the Unique One will do, son of Amun,



Ne wttw ntr jmn rn=f

Ne begotten by the god with the secret name,



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Ne | mstjw k3 psdt

tjt sbqt nt hcw-ntr

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Ne I offspring of the bull of the Ennead, excellent image of the divine body,

Ne jr hstj biw Jwnw

Ne who does what the souls of Heliopolis praise,



Ne qm3.n nbw hwt-53t

mnnw n m $\S^c = f$ tm

Ne who was fashioned by the lords of the Great House, a fortress for his entire army,



Ne hsj sw

m psdt-pdt dmd(.w)

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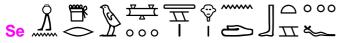
Ne who confronts I the assembled Nine Bows



Ne mj3by rnpj m jdr hnj

šp.n st bw hm=f

Ne like a young panther at a resting herd after the might of His Majesty has blinded them,



Ne jn drw t3 hr ndbwt=f

Ne who reaches the limits of the entire earth,

Ne hnd phwj=fj

m hpš=f nht

ḥr ḥḥj ^cḥ³

Ne who treads its ends

I with victorious strength seeking battle,



Ne n gm.n=f hsj.tj=fj hr jm=f

Ne finding none who would defy him.



Ne sd jnwt hm.n

jmjw-lb3h

Ne He opens valleys unknown to the ancestors,

1 It is uncertain whether this sign was meant.



Ne n m3 st wtsw nbtj

Ne and unseen by the bearers of the Two Ladies.



Ne $t \stackrel{\circ}{s} = f r s j r \stackrel{\circ}{h} n t j w t \stackrel{\circ}{s} p n$

Ne His southern boundary reaches to the beginning of this land,



Ne mḥtj r mw pf qdw hddj m

<u>h</u>ntly

Ne his northern to that reversed water flowing south.

Ne n hpr mjtt n kjwj bjtjw

Ne Such has not happened to other kings.



Ne rn=f spr(.w) r dbnw n pt

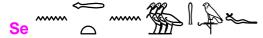
Ne His name has reached the circumference of heaven,



Ne ph.n=f t3wj rhtt

^cnh.tw jm=f m t3w nbw

Ne and it has reached the end of the earth. One swears by him in all lands,



Ne n-St-n bw hm=f

Ne because of the greatness of the might of His Majesty.



Ne n m33.tw m gnwt nt drtjw

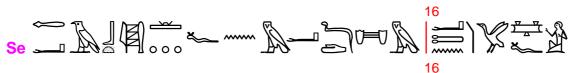
Ne Such has never been seen in the annals of the previous kings



Ne dr šmsw-Ḥr

dd &w=f n šms sw

Ne since the Followers of Horus: he who gives his breath to one who follows him,



Ne Sbt=f n mdd

mltn=f

Ne and his great offering to one who is loyal to him.



Ne tj hm=f m Hr

jtw m nsyt=f nt hhw m rnpwt

Ne Now, His Majesty is Horus, who took possession of his kingship of millions of years.

Ne gnh n=f jww nw šn-wr

ti r-dr=f hr tbtj=f

Ne Subservient to him are the islands of the ocean, and the entire land is under his feet,

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Ne $\mid s3-R^c \text{ n } \underline{h}t=f$

mr=f

Dhwtj-msjw cnh(.w) dt r nhh

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Ne I Son of Re, of his body, his beloved: Tuthmosis

(may he live forever until eternity!),



Ne Jmn-R^c nsw ntrw jt=f pw qm³ nfrw=f

Ne Amun-Re, king of the gods, it is his father who fashioned his beauty,

18 - I

Ne | mry psdt nt Jpt-swt

dj cnh dd wis snb

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Ne I beloved of the Ennead of Karnak, given life, stability, dominion and health,

Ne 3w jb=f hr st-Hr

ḥr sšmt ^cnhw nbw mj R^c dt

Ne while he is happy on the Horus-throne, leading all the living like Re forever.