

Corrections and notes to RIME 1

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→ = is/are to be corrected to

Ur-Nanše 4 (E1.9.1.4)

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between upper and lower rows of figures 5: é-^dnin-ĝír-su → é-nin-ĝír-su

Ur-Nanše 6b (E1.9.1.6b)

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“As called to my attention by G. Selz (following Bauer, in Bauer, Englund and Krebernik [eds.], *Mesopotamien* p. 564), the references in rev. iii 8–9 and 4–5 to tumuli are not heaps of the enemy dead (as some scholars have previously translated) but rather to respectful burial mounds of Ur-Nanše’s fallen soldiers.” (This idea is in fact quite old, H. Frankfort already suggested it [Frankfort 1970, 71]).

Bauer writes here: “Welcher Feldherr würde sich schon der eigenen Verluste rühmen? Es sind die getöteten Gegner, die im Massengrab unter Totenopfer bestattet werden. Wie verfuhr man mit den eigenen Toten? Trennte man die Leichen sorgfältig nach Feinden oder Freunden, oder bestattete man sie gar zusammen unter demselben Hügel? Darauf gibt es keine sichere Antwort.”

Bauer does not in fact state what Frayne takes as granted and then translates the idiom accordingly in the whole volume. In fact Frayne’s assumption is quite unlikely (see now also Richardson 2007 and Winter 2010, 17⁴⁰).

Last paragraph of the commentary: “in obv. col. iv line 9” → “in rev. col. iv line 9”

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obv. vii 2-3: the reading ^dlamma-u₆(DUL.KID)-è and the translation Lamma-šita-e do not match.

rev. ii. 8 and iv 3: nu-bànda^{da} → nu-bànda

rev. iv 2: bìl-la-la: BIL₃ = GIŠ.BIL₂(NE×PAP). In fact, the tablet has here the signs GIŠ, PAP, and NE.

Cf. George (2003, I: 73) “As part of the sign-group GIŠ:BIL:PAP the sign PAP is not present as a secondary element, to turn BIL into BÍL as it were, but exists in its own right as a logogram, pa⁴”. On the basis of George’s (2003) chapter

about the name of Gilgameš, one may want to read this name as pa_4-
 $bilga_x(GI\check{S})^{bil}-la-la$.

rev. iv 5: $pa-bil(BIL.GI\check{S})-ga-tuku \rightarrow pa-bil(BIL.GI\check{S})-gal-tuku$

Ur-Nanše 31 (E1.9.1.31)

p. 116: Frayne describes the text as “A stele fragment found at Ur deals with Ur-Nanše’s digging of an irrigation channel”; and later he quotes Cooper (1986: 32) who asks: “Why is the verb “to build” ($dù$) used with a canal rather than Urnanshe’s usual “to dig” (dun)”. In fact the text is about an eg_2 “dyke” but not about an id_2 “canal”; and the former is as a rule built and not dug.

E-anatum 1 (E1.9.3.1)

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“In col. iv line 8, $[na]-e$ is restored ... see Steible, ASBW 2 p. 32 n. 17.” \rightarrow p. 33 n. 18

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obv. i 21-22: $[...]-r\acute{e}^1 [\check{s}]uku-bi, r^e-l\acute{a}$ is translated as “He would pay it as (interest-bearing) $[loa]n$ ”. Frayne here adopts Cooper’s translation but uses Steible’s transliteration. Cooper’s translation is, however, based on a different reading of l. 21: he reads ur_5 instead of $\check{s}uku$ (cf. Cooper 1986: 38, n. 1).

obv. ii 26: The verbal form $e-ma-da-dug_4$ is unlikely to refer to a human participant in the comitative, one would rather expect a form like $mu-da-dug_4$. LL. ii 24–29 could accordingly be translated as “the leader of Umma acted belligerently against it and defied Lagaš”.

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obv. iii 23–27: “At/regarding Piriĝ-... ĝirnun-šage, the god Ninĝirsu roared”. In the introduction to the text on p. 126, the author still speaks about “the complaint of the lion to Ninĝirsu”. Obviously, the introduction was not updated to match the final version of the translation.

obv. iii 23–24: $\check{g}ir-nun \check{s}ag_4-ga-ke_4$ appears to be a right-right headed noun-noun compound (cf. Jagersma 2010: 217–218). This type is attested in the Lagash corpus several times: $ab-\check{s}ag_4$ “inner part of the sea” (Iri-kagina ii 12), $e_2-\check{s}ag_4$ “personal quarter” (En-ana-tum I 17 iii 5, En-ana-tum I 17 ii 5, En-metena 15 iv 2, En-metena 27 ii 5). Consequently the possessor of this expression must be the lion in obv. iii 23. One may translate these lines as “the ... lion of Ĝirnun's innermost part”, which phrase perhaps refers to Ninĝirsu.

obv. iii 29: $r^u-durun_x(D\acute{U}R.D\acute{U}R)-[n]a-mu \rightarrow r^u-durun_x(D\acute{U}R.D\acute{U}R)-[n]a-\check{g}u_{10}$. Frayne adopts Steible’s transliteration, which does not use the \check{g} -signs, without harmonizing it with the system used in the volume.

obv. iii 29: $[n]\check{i}-n\acute{i}-g\acute{a} \rightarrow [n]\check{i}-n\acute{i}-\check{g}\acute{a}$

obv. iv 19: $mu-ni-d\acute{i}b \rightarrow mu-ni-dib$. The last sign is clearly a DIB.

obv. iv 20–22: Frayne translates here and in obv. v 26–28 E-ana-tum’s name given by Inana as: “Into[?] the E-anna of Inanna of the Great Oval I brought him”. The word tum_2 “to be worthy of so/sth, to benefit so/sth” is abundantly attested, and the participant “befitted” is case-marked with $=/ra/$ or

=/(²)a/ (locative2 human and non-human) in the 3rd mill. BC, depending on the participant's gender. If the "I" in the name refers to Inana, one would rather expect "Into my E-ana ...". The finite prefix /a/- at the beginning of the verbal form is also against Frayne's interpretation, as it assumes a stative meaning, so a translation like "He is worthy of the E-ana of Inana of the Ebgal" seems preferable.

- obv. iv 25 and 28: It is difficult to see what justifies the translations "special knee" and "wholesome breast"; one may simply translate the word *zid* here as "right". Statues of a ruler sitting on the knee of a goddess who is to breastfeed him are well known in ancient Egypt. The "right side" may have significance though, given its association with good fortune.
- obv. v 6–12: Frayne adopts here Cooper's translation without any change. One may assume instead that *Ninĝirsu* measures baby *E-ana-tum* twice, double-checking his measurements. The difference may indicate *E-ana-tum*'s very rapid growth, another sign of his exceptionality: "(Measuring,) he laid his handspan on him: he was 5 *kuš* tall. (Then) he laid his forearm on him, and he was (already) 5 *kuš* and 1 *zipah* tall."
- obv. v 18–19: the translation given "...art quotes" suggests poor proofreading.
- obv. v 29: The verb to be restored is most likely to be *pad₃* (pace Steible (1982), II, 37). The expression *mu — pad₃* "to proclaim one's name publicly" is attested with the construction in which the named person is in the locative2 (marked with the human locative2 case-marker =/ra/ and with the composite dimensional prefix -/nni/- in the verbal form, cf. *En-ana-tum* I 11). In obv. vi 2–3 the text refers to *E-ana-tum* with his freshly acquired epithet *mu pad₃-da*, ^d*nin-ĝir₂-su-ka-ke₄* that appears to refer to the events described in obv. v 23–29. Also, it makes sense that the name given by Inana, acting here as a *nugig*, is announced publicly by the "proud father": "He proclaimed the name given by Inana to him 'He is worthy of the E-ana of Inana of the Ebgal' as the name of *E-ana-tum*". Note that in *En-metena* 23 13–18 a similar sequence of events is attested "When *Nanše* gave the kingship of *Lagaš* to (*En-metena* ...) and *Ninĝirsu* proclaimed his name". In *E-ana-tum* 1 the order of events appears to be the same: in obv. v 13–17 *E-ana-tum* is given the kingship of *Lagaš*, and then in obv. v 23–29 his (throne) name is proclaimed. It may be that the exceptionality of the events described here lies in the fact that the name given to *E-ana-tum* at birth is the same as the name given after he has been given the kingship and occupied the throne. All this again may refer to a miraculous pace at which *E-ana-tum* develops from an infant into an adult.

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- obv. v 14: "nam-ga-húl-da (copy has *nam-gal*)". Frayne does not explain why he transliterates *nam-ga-hul₂-da* if the text has *nam-gal-hul₂-da*. If he perhaps assumes that it is a finite verbal form containing a -/nga/- prefix, then his assumption is unfounded on many accounts. Just to mention an obvious one, the construction is also attested with the compound verb *ki — aĝ₂* "to love" (see, e.g., *Gudea Cyl. A x 1*) written as *nam gal ki aĝ₂-da* and not as **ki nam-ga(l)-aĝ₂-da*.
- obv. v 22 and vi 5: Frayne translates the expression *kur a-ne-še₃* differently: in the former line as "the foreign land belongs to him"; in the latter as "Now then, Oh enemy!". The former comes from Steible, the latter from Cooper.

- obv. v 29: mu-ni-[gar(?)] → mu-ni-[ġar(?)]
obv. vi 5: g[á-gá-dè] → ġ[á-ġá-dè]
obv. vi 10: me-an → me-am₆
obv. vi 13: a-šàGÁNA → ^{a-šà}GÁNA. In other places Frayne transliterates this word as ^{a-šà}GÁNA, see, for example, En-metena 1 iii 9 (p. 197).
obv. vi 13 and 30: ág → áġ
obv. vi 23: eger → eġer
obv. vi 31: ^dnin-ġír-su → ^dnin-ġír-su

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- obv. vii 4: zex(ÁB.ŠA)-ge → zex(ÁB.ŠÀ.GI). See Krecher 1995: 189⁹⁹, and now Meyer-Laurin 2011: 50–52. The same mistake occurs in the introduction to the text on p. 127. Here the author refers to BiMes 3 no. 26 obv. iii; the correct reference is obv. ii 4 (the CDLI catalogue number of the text is P221796).
- obv. vii 5: The translation “will not support it” would suggest a reading gub for DU. The verb gub can mean with the comitative “to stand by, to support (cf. Gudea Cyl. A 1:25 and 3:24: inim-ba ha-mu-da-gub “May she stand by me in this matter!”).
- obv. vii 6–11: Frayne, following here both Steible and Cooper, translates these lines as if both verbal forms (iri-e₃ and iri-keš₂) were intransitive and in present-future. The form of the verbal prefix /ri/, however, indicates that there must be a morpheme immediately before the verbal base (cf. Jagersma 2010: 423–424). This morpheme is most probably a final personal prefix referring to the 1st ps. sg. Agent, Ninġirsu, who speaks to E-ana-tum. Consequently the verbal forms are transitive and in the past tense: “I have made Utu appear at your right arm. I have bound a/the ... on your forehead”. The prefix /r/ + /i/ (2SG + L2) agrees with the possessor of a₂ “arm” and saġ-ki “forehead”, an example of external possession (cf. Zólyomi 2005 and Jagersma 2010: 396–398). The first sentence is probably a pun on or reference to the expression a₂ zid-da “right arm” (cf., for example, Gudea Cyl. A xi: 2) which means something like “aid (in war)”, and means that Ninġirsu made Utu E-ana-tum’s aid in the ensuing war. The second sentence may refer to a symbolic gesture, also expressing that Ninġirsu supports E-ana-tum.
- I consider it likely that that these lines are in fact the last sentences of Ninġirsu’s speech in the dream, and E-ana-tum’s name in l. 12 is may have been followed by a phrase similar to the one that closes Gudea’s dream in Cylinder A 12: 12–13: i₃-zig₃ u₃-sa-ga-am₃, i₃-ha-luh ma-mu-dam “(Gudea) rose — it was sleep; he shuddered — it was a dream (cf. Alster 2003/2004: 7 for a similar suggestion).
- obv. vii 10: In the introduction to the text Frayne still wants to translate the obscure logogram NE.GI.DU.US₂ as “blazing (?) ...”, an idea missing from the final version of the translation.
- obv. vii 20–viii 3: Following Cooper, Frayne translates these sentences as if the verbal forms were in present-future. In fact all verbal forms are transitive and are clearly in the past tense. In l. viii 1, for example, Frayne and Cooper’s translation would require a verbal form like e-na-zi-zi. Consequently, these sentences cannot be part of Ninġirsu’s speech in E-ana-tum’s dream but part of the description of the war between Lagaš and

Umma, see Steible 1982: I, 126 and II, 43, note 45 and Alster 2003/2004: 7 for a similar understanding.

obv. vii 21: LÚ×ÚŠ-bi → adda-bi

obv. vii 22: bi-lá → bé-lá

obv. vii 23: ġiš[KŪŠU](um[ma]).[KI] → ġiš[KŪŠU.KI]. This reading must come from a version of the ms. in which Frayne still wanted to transliterate the logogram ġišKŪŠU.KI as umma.KI, as in the final version he argues against it, see pp. 357–359, and the notes here to p. 359 below.

obv. viii 3: The transliteration i₃-gaz ignores the rules of vowel harmony that would predict e-gaz here (cf. En-metena 1 3:18). This discrepancy is one of the arguments that support Jagersma who assumes that here we have a transitive verbal form beginning with a locative₁ prefix, transliterated as ne₂-gaz, see Jagersma 2010: 470–473.

obv. ix 6: Schrakamp (2010: 220) suggests plausibly that word igi refers here to the arrowhead that remained in E-ana-tum's body.

obv. x 1–4: “E-anatum provoked a windstorm, like the baneful rain of the storm he provoked a flood there in Ġiša (Umma).” This translation appears to be an amalgam of Cooper's (1986: 34) and Frayne's resulting in a sentence that does not correspond to the Sumerian text.

obv. x 5: ġišKŪŠU.KI → ġišKŪŠU.KI

obv. x 13: G[ÍN].Š[È bi-sè → G[ÍN].Š[È bé-sè]

obv. xi 2: ġišGŪŠU.KI → ġišKŪŠU.KI

obv. xi 5 and 12: ġišKŪŠU.KI → ġišKŪŠU.KI

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obv. xi 22: [ᵀnin]-g[ír-sú-ra] → [ᵀnin]-ġ[ír-sú-ra]

obv. xii 2: a-[šàGÁNA-ki]-ág-[ni] → a-[šàGÁNA-ki]-áġ-[ni]

obv. xii 11: a-šà da-n[a] “The fields of his (Ninġirsu's) side”. The word da “side” apparently has a /g/-Auslat, which makes Frayne's interpretation questionable as one would rather expect *da-ga-na (cf. Balke 2006: 89–91).

obv. xiv 1: The sign transliterated as bára by Frayne is most probably DAG. The sign BARAG looks very different in this period; see, for example, En-metena 1 2: 14–16.

obv. xvi 12: lú-ġišKŪŠ[U.K]I-ra → lú-ġišKŪŠ[U.K]I-ra

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obv. xvi 44 (xix 11, xxi 15; rev. i 34): šembi → šembi₃(BI×SIG7). Here the text is broken, but in fact where we have this line (obv. xviii 3, xxi 15; rev. i 34) the text always writes šembi₃, so it should be written as šembi₃ everywhere.

obv. xvi 20, xvii 29, xviii 32, xx 9, rev. i 10: mu-na-ku₅-de₆ → mu-na-ku₅-re₆. As Frayne writes the forms of the verb followed by the subordination suffix /'a/ as ...-ku₅-ra₂, it would be more consistent to use the writing suggested here. See Jagersma (2010: 43–45) about last consonant of the verb “to cut” and about the writings of the phoneme /ř/ in the 3rd millennium BC.

obv. xvii 6–7: When the order of the divine name and the title lugal/ama-ġu₁₀ is preserved (obv. xviii 8–9, xix 20–21, xxii 7–10), the order always is title – DN, except for rev. ii 1–2, where it is probably [ᵀutu], ᵀlugal¹-ġu₁₀-[ra]. This restoration, coming from Steible, is therefore rather uncertain. The

- been accepted both by Steible and Cooper. In fact the writing umma^{ki}-a stands certainly for umma=ak=ø : umma=GEN=ABS in En-metena 1 3: 36 and 6: 9, so umma^{ki}-a may well stand for the city name in the genitive case.
- obv. xvii 11: The translation “reneges against the agreement” neglects the form of gur-ra-da-am₆, which (pace Wilcke 2003: 75, fn. 231) I would like to analyze as gur-ed=ø-am-ø : STEM-PF-ABS-COP-3-SG-S, with an assimilation of the /e/ of ed to the copula. This form expresses an intention in the future; see, for example, la-he-dam (NG 120a 11) “(the sheep) are to be taken (to Nippur by the mayor of Nagsu and the king’s soldier).”
- obv. xvii 15: The transliteration šu i₃-bal-e ignores the rules of vowel harmony that would predict šu e-bal-e here. Discrepancies like this one support Jagersma’s assumption that the locative₁ prefix may begin the prefix-chain of a transitive verbal form, see Jagersma 2010: 470–473. Consequently the verbal form should be transliterated as šu ne₂-bala-e.
- obv. xvii 23: ^dnin-gír-sú-ka → ^dnin-ĝír-sú-ka
- obv. xvii 39: [ĝiškúšu.KI-a] → [ĝišKÚŠU.KI-a]
- obv. xvii 44: ba-ni-gar → ba-ni-ĝar
- obv. xvii 44: sag-ba → saĝ-ba

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- obv. xviii 19: ^dnin-hur-saĝ-ra → ^dnin-hur-saĝ-ka
- obv. xvii 32: ur → GUR₈ (at least this is how Frayne writes it in obv. xvi 24)
- obv. xvii 33, xviii 37, xx 15, rev. i 15: ÚŠ-šè → idim-šè (at least this is how Frayne writes it in obv. xvi 25). In obv. xvi 24 he translates the line as “A dyke was dug (lit.: made) to spring”, while in the other places as “I shall not ... the irrigation channel!”
- obv. xvii 44: ^dnin-hur-saĝ-ka-ke₄ → ^dnin-hur-saĝ-ka. The divine name is in the genitive with no further case-marker: Ninhursajak=ak : DN=GEN; the divine name itself contains a genitive and the genitive construction “the great battle-net of Nin-hursaja” functions as the head of a relative clause. Cf. obv. xix 12: sa-šuš-gal, ^den-ki, lugal abzu-ka “the great battle-net of Enki, king of the abzu”, where the analys of the last word is abzu=ak=ak : STEM=GEN=GEN.
- obv. xviii 9: ama-[mu] → ama-[ĝu₁₀]

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- obv. xix 10–13: This restoration, accepted by both Steible and Cooper, cannot be correct as E-ana-tum probably sends fishes but note doves to Enki, who lives in the abzu, the cosmic underground water.
- obv. xix 31: [^den-ki] → [^den-ki-ka]. Enki’s name ends with a /k/, so if the name is followed by a genitive case-marker, it should be reconstructed as suggested here; cf., for example, En-metena 1 iv 8b or En-metena 15 ii 6.

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- obv. xx 7: lú-ĝiš[KÚŠU.KI]-ke₄ → lú-^{ĝi}[KÚŠU.KI]-ke₄
- obv. xxi 15: ba-ni-gar → ba-ni-ĝar
- obv. xxi 16: sag-ba → saĝ-ba
- obv. xxi 17: 2-nam-uri₅.KI-še₃ → 2-nam uri₅.KI-še₃
- obv. xxii 7: lugal-mu → [lugal-ĝu₁₀]

obv. xxii 14: gur-ra-da-am₆ → gur-da-am₆
obv. xxiii 5: [d^{EN}.ZU] → [d^{EN}.ZU-na]. The divine name is in the genitive, it should be reconstructed as suggested here.

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rev. i 7: e-na-ta-ku₅-ra₂ → e-na-ta-ku₅

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rev. v 30–31: u₄-da inim-ba šu i₃-bal-e, i₃-bal-e → u₄-da inim-ba, i₃-bal-e

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rev. vi 1: The passage rev. v 42 – vi 9 consists of a series of genitive constructions, but only the very last one has a genitive case-marker, as was already pointed out by Wilcke (1990: 461). Consequently the restoration given by Frayne (following here again Steible) cannot be correct. The restored form must be ^drⁿin¹-[ĝir₂-su] and not “^dn[in-ĝír-sú-ka]”.

rev. viii 1': The destruction of Arua is preceded by the raid of Mišime in both E-ana-tum 5 (iv 16–17) and 6 (v 1–2). Consequently there seems to be no basis to reconstruct here “GÍN.ŠË bi-sè”.

E-ana-tum 3 (E1.9.3.3)

p. 143: “The inscription was restored by Cooper (RA 79 [1985] pp. 111–14), following (Steible) En-metena 1. However, since the restoration is not absolutely certain we have (conservatively) given an unrestored text here.” One has the suspicion that Frayne simply overlooked that Cooper’s restoration in RA in fact relies on the texts edited as “Ean. 63” and “Ent. 30” by Steible (1982: I, 176–178 and 246–247). This must be the explanation for the fact that “Ent. 30” is completely missing from Frayne’s book, its text is not edited anywhere in the volume, and no references can be found to it or any of its two mss. in the indices. (CDLI, which refers to the royal inscriptions with their RIME numbers, is compelled to list “Ent. 30” as an additional text [RIME 1.09.05.add31, P431148, P222535, P222536]). Frayne’s edition relies only on “Ean 63.”

ii' 6: Frayne following Cooper (1986: 40, note 3) emends DU₆ to KI at the beginning of the line. There seems to be no compelling reason for this emendation. A translation like “the mound on which Mesilim had erected a stela” does not seem impossible. In Cooper’s reconstruction of the text (1985: 113), this phrase is followed by verbal forms containing a comitative infix (e-da-ru, e-da-ru-a-ba). Cooper’s translation does not account for the use of the comitative prefix (unless he assumes that it agrees with the phrase “at Ningirsu’s command” reconstructed for him in line ii' 9). Assuming that the verbal form bi₂-du₃-a at the end of line ii' 7 in fact ends with a comitative enclitic, which is not written after a vowel in the orthography of this period (cf. Jagersma 2010: 197), then ll. ii 6–17 of the text reconstructed by Cooper (1985: 113) may well be translated like this: “At the command of Ninĝirsu, E-ana-tum erected a stela next to the mound on which Mesilim had erected a stela. He named the stela that he erected next to it ‘Ninĝirsu, the lord, is eternally exalted in the abzu’”. This translation would provide for the comitative prefix.

If my argument and translation is correct, then this text provides unique information on the location of Mesilim's original stele missing from other texts, namely, that it was located on a height probably more visible from afar.

Note that the emended KI at the beginning of ii' 6 would suggest that the verbal form *bi₂-du₃-a* at the end of line ii' 7 ends with a locative1. Retaining DU₆ has two consequences: i) it would explain the uncommon use of the comitative prefix in the subsequent verbal forms; ii) it would confirm that Cooper's reconstruction combining "Ean. 63" and "Ent. 30" is basically correct.

iii' 1: $\text{r}'x' a \text{ mu}-[(x)\text{-ba}]\text{-e-a} \rightarrow A \text{ mu}-[\text{ba}]\text{-e-a}$. Cooper notes that "collation shows no sign preceding A" (1983: 40), and the photo on CDLI (P222463) confirms him. The photo also shows that there cannot be any sign between MU and BALA.

iii' 2: *nin-gîr-su* → ^d*nin-gîr-su*

iii' 9-12: These lines in fact are "reconstructed" on the basis of the mysteriously missing "Ent. 30", in particular relying on 1 H-T 122 ii' 1'-4' (P222536). In l. 12 the verbal form *na-dib-be₂* is itself a reconstruction proposed by Cooper, the sign after ŠE₃, however, looks as the beginning of a MU on the copy.

ETCSRI follows Cooper's reconstruction without his restoration of the missing lines. The following note refers to his reconstruction and translation in RA 79: 111-114 and Cooper 1986: 40-41.

i 15: *mu-DU*. The form of the ventive prefix indicates that the verb is *kur_x(DU)* "to enter" here and in the parallel passage in *En-metena 1 i 21 (i₃-DU)*. The prefix /*mu-*/ namely indicates that there must be a morpheme before the verbal base. Since the verbal form is intransitive this morpheme is probably the syncopated locative1 prefix /*ni-*/ → /*n-*/, which in turn indicates that the verb must be *kur_x(DU)* "to enter" as this is the verb that commonly requires a locative1 prefix in its prefix-chain. This example is probably one of the earliest attestations of the later more common phenomenon that the verb "enter" has a locative1 prefix in the prefix-chain but marks the place of entrance with the terminative (cf. Zólyomi 2000: 343-344). Consequently, Cooper's translation "The leader of Umma ... marched on the plain of Lagash" could be changed to "The leader of Umma ... entered the territory of Lagash".

E-ana-tum 5 (E1.9.3.5)

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i 4: *lagaš(NU₁₁.BUR.LA).KI* → *lagaš(NU₁₁.BUR.LA).KI-ke₄*

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iv 8: *úri.KI* → *uri₅.KI*

iv 14-15: *énsi-bi, mu-ug₇* translated as "(He destroyed Uruaz and) killed its ruler". Here again Frayne adopts Steible's transliteration and Cooper's translation without harmonizing them. Steible transliterates the sign BAD as *ug₇*, i.e. with the plural stem of the verb 'to die, kill', because he translates the line as "deren (= dieser Städte) Stadfürsten, hat er getötet". He meant the rulers of all the cities listed in iv 6 - 13 (Uruk, Urim, Ki-Utu, Iri-az).

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viii 3: lagaš.KI → lagaš.KI-ke₄

E-ana-tum 6 (E1.9.3.6)

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iii 18: énsi-bi saĝ mu-gub-^rba¹ → énsi-bi saĝ-ba mu-gub-^rba¹

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iv 7: a-šà-ki-áĝ-ni. The text has ^{a-šag₄}ašag₅ ki aĝ₂-ni

iv 8: úri.KI → uri₅.KI

iv 14: ki-^dutu → ki-utu-ka

E-ana-tum 8 (E1.9.3.8)

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The notes at the bottom of the page:

v 3.6–8 bi-sè → iv 3.6–8 bi-sè

v 6.2–8 Omit-a → iv 6.2–8 Omit-a

v 7.6–8 bi-sè → iv 7.6–8 bi-sè

v 8.3, 4, 8 → iv 8.3, 4, 8

iii 7, iv 7, v 4: bí-sè — Frayne neglects here the orthographic rules of ED Lagaš texts. The sign NE should be transliterated as bi₂ when used for writing the prefix /bi/, while the sign BI should be transliterated as be₂ when used for writing the prefix /bi/, cf. now Meyer-Laurin 2011: 39–40. The verb se₃ may occur with both graphemes in the Lagaš texts, this may reflect that its pronunciation varied: its vowel was heard either as an open vowel or as a closed vowel. The variant graphemic forms may be transliterated as bi₂-si₃ vs. be₂-se₃ reflecting the choice of grapheme for writing the prefix-chain.

E-anatum 10 (E1.9.3.10)

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col. iii 2: mu-na-[du₃] → mu-na-du₃ (cf. the photo on p. 205 of Crawford 1977, where the sign DU₃ can be seen clearly)

En-ana-tum I 3 (E1.9.4.3)

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Translation of iii: 2–6: “The poplar dogs(?) (or lions[?]) that he installed for him there as gatekeepers, he set for the god Ninĝirsu, his master who loves him.” The translation does not give back the meaning of the idiom mu — ĝar, and disregards the locative case at the end of the phrase in iii 1–2. Cf. K. Radner (2005: 73): “Ganz im Einklang mit der parallelen Verwendung der mündlichen und schrift- und bildgebundenen Gedächtniskultur zur Perpetuierung des Namens wird die Phrasen sum. mu ĝar = akk. šumam šakānum ebenso auch auf den Namen in seiner schriftgestützten Form, den “geschriebenen Namen, “angewandt. Der ältesten Belege dafür finden sich in den Inschriften fröhndynastischer Herrscher. So heißt es in einer Bauinschrift des Enanatum I. von Lagaš vom Heiligtum für Ninĝirsu: ‘Er (d.h., Enanatum) hat (seinen) Namen für seinen ihn liebenden Herrn

Ninĝirsu auf die hölzernen Löwen gesetzt, die er für ihn (d.h., Ninĝirsu) als Türhüter sitzen ließ.” The lines may thus be translated as “For Ninĝirsu, his master who loves him, he recorded (his) name on the lions of halub wood he had seated for him as doorkeepers”.

E-anatum 16 (E1.9.3.16)

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ii' 1': ^{a-ša}GÁNA-ki-áĝ-ĝá-ni → ^{a-ša}GÁNA-ki-áĝ-ĝá-ni. Note that in other places Frayne transliterates the word as a-šaGÁNA, see, for example, E-ana-tum 1 obv. vi 13 (p. 130)

En-ana-tum I 9 (E1.9.4.9)

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v 6: en-na-na-túm-me → en-an-na-túm-me

v 12: en-na-na-[túm] → en-an-na-[túm]

En-ana-tum I 18 (E1.9.4.18)

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i 1: en-na-na-túm → en-an-na-túm

En-ana-tum I 19 (E1.9.4.19)

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3: en-na-na-túm → en-an-na-túm

En-metena (E1.9.5)

p. 193

“En-anatum I was succeeded by his third son, Enmetena (see Bauer in Bauer, Englund, and Krebernik [eds.], *Mesopotamien* p. 469).” In fact Bauer here says (emphasis is mine): “Doch nicht Meanesi oder Lummatu, sondern ein dritter Sohn Enanatum I., Enmetena, wurde sein Nachfolger.” So → by a third son of his.

En-metena 1 (E1.9.5.1)

p. 194, Catalogue

It is stated that ex. 2 (=NBC 2501) “omits lines corresponding to ex. 1” (AO 3004).

In fact it is the other way round: it is AO 3004 that omits lines, i.e. NBC 2501 has additional lines compared to AO 3004.

p. 194, commentary, column a

“... ‘to tear out’ see Sjöberg, PSD 2 p. 161” → p. 162

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i 19: i₃-bux/bur₉(PAD) → i₃-bu_x/bur₉(PAD) or rather i₃-bu₁₅/bur₉(PAD). On p. 194 Frayne says: “Another possibility is to read the verb as padr = *kasāpu(m)* “to break into bits.” This reading is impossible because of the prefix-chain of the verbal form. A reading like *pad* would require *e-pad* because of the vowel harmony.

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additional lines between ii 3 and 4: it should be mentioned that these lines come from NBC 2501 (= ex. 2). Frayne leaves out from the transliteration but translates the last, 6th, additional line: ì-DU.

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additional lines between iv 8 and 9: Frayne leaves out from the transliteration but translates two lines that are only on NBC 2501 (= ex. 2): ^den-líl-lá, ^den-ki-ka.

iii 29: zabalám.KI-kam → zabalám₅.KI-kam (zabalám = ZA.MUŠ₂.UNUG, the text has here MUŠ₃.AB)

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iv 18: hé-šè-gi₄-gi₄ → hé-šè-gi₄-gi₄-a (ex. 1 also has the sign A at the end of the verbal form). The note on this line at the bottom of the page: vi 18.2 → iv 18.2

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vi 26: nam-lú-ùlu-uru-na corresponds in the translation to “the people of his own city”. As this phrase is the subject of a transitive verb it should either be amended to nam-lú-ùlu-uru-na-<ke₄>, or it must be analyzed as to be in the locative case and the translation should be changed accordingly. One way of translating vi 26–29 is “Having revolted against him in his city, may the people kill him in the middle of his city!”

En-metena 5a (E1.9.5.5a)

p. 205

Exx. 3 (UCLM 9-1766) and 4 (UCLM 9-1767) both have in col. iv 2 du₃-a (see the photos belonging to the catalogue entry of [P222589](#) and [P222590](#) on CDLI)

En-metena 11 (E1.9.5.11)

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Steible, ASBW 1 pp. 264-65 → 254-55

En-metena 26 (E1.9.5.26)

p. 231

i 2 ur-saĝ-^d[e]n-líl → ur-saĝ-^d[e]n-líl-^rra¹

On Sollberger's copy the broken sign under SAG does not belong to EN, it can only be the traces of a RA.

En-metena 30 (E1.9.5.30)

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l. 10: en-na-na-[túm] → en-an-na-[túm]

En-ana-tum II 1 (E.1.9.6.1)

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l. 14: é-bàppirka-ni → é-bàppir-ka-ni

l. 17: lú-bàppir- → lú é-bàppir-

Lugal-Anda 2 (E1.9.8.1)

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l. 1: lugal-an-da-nu-hun-gá → lugal-an-da-nu-huĝ-ĝá

Lugal-Anda 2 (E1.9.8.2)

p. 242

i' 6', ii' 3' and 6', iii' 3: (-)gír- → (-)ĝír-. Interestingly in the translations the author writes Ningĝirsu.

ii' 6': The author translates the name of the stele as “Ningĝirsu Is the Lord Eternally Exalted in Nippur”, following Cooper (1986: 69). One may wonder if it were to make more sense to translate it as: “Ningĝirsu, the Lord, is Eternally Exalted in Nippur”.

iii' 3': lugal-an-da-nu-hun-gá → lugal-an-da-nu-huĝ-ĝá

URU-KA-gina 1 (E1.9.9.1)

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viii 7–9: These lines are translated as “he restored the customs of the former times” following the interpretation of G. Selz (1995: 29–30, fn. 84). Selz’s interpretation is based on his understanding of col. xii 34–35 which has the same verbal form (*e-še₃-ĝar*): “Seinen (des Kanals Ningirsu-Nibrutanirgal) Namen von früher setzte er (wieder) ein”. There is, however, nothing in the text that would compel one to assume that the phrase *mu ud-bi-ta-bi* “its former name” refers to the name given in l. xii 36 (*id₂-^dnin-ĝir₂-su-nibru^{ki}-ta-nir-ĝal₂*) as assumed by Selz and Frayne. It may well refer to the name mentioned in l. xii 30 (*id₂-tur-ĝir₂-su^{ki}-i₃-tuku-a*) as assumed, e.g., by Cooper (1986: 73). If so, then, in both viii 9 and xii 36 the verbal form may be translated as “replaced” or “changed”. Frayne’s translation of ll. viii 7–9 is also odd as the text makes it clear that the deplorable conditions described in the first part of the text have existed “since the dawn of time, since primeval days” (cf. ll. iii 2–3). There are no former days from before the dawn of time, so their “customs” cannot be restored either. It is more plausible to assume that Irikagina intends to replace them.

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x 3: ninda-ni 420-am₆ → ninda-ni 240-am₆, and the translation must be corrected accordingly.

x 33: AO 3149 (ex. 2) has here nam-um-ma-me.

URU-KA-gina 2 (E1.9.9.2)

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ii 11: The divine name transliterated as ^dza-za-ru₉ is in the form Zazari in the translation, based probably on another transliteration: ^dza-za-ri₂.

iii 10': Ex. 2 has here clearly e₂-sirara₆ and not e₂-sirara₃^{ki}. On Ex. 1 only an UD and a MA₂ can be seen. Ex. 4 is unavailable.

URU-KA-gina 5 (E1.9.9.5)

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in the bibliography, in the title of Komoróczy 1965: Nyelvíí → Nyelvű

Unnamed rulers of Lagaš 1 [E1.9.10.1]

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iii': 3': ĝišKÚŠU.KI → ĝišKÚŠU.KI-a

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iv': 4': gú ki-gar ba-ni → gú ki ĝar-ba-ni (l. iv': 8' also contains mistakes)

A-ane-pada 3 (E.1.13.6.3)

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l. 3: uri^{ki} → uri₅ (ŠEŠ.AB^l)^{-ki}

l. 5: ur[i₅](ŠEŠ.A[B]).[KI] → uri₅(ŠEŠ.AB)^{ki}

Apparently, Frayne mixed up l. 3 with l. 5, as on the website of the BM one can see on the photos of ex. 1 (BM 11698) that l. 5 has lugal urim₅(ŠEŠ.AB)^{ki}, the signs AB and KI are on the right edge and the back. But in l. 3, KI is missing and only the first two parallel horizontal wedges of AB were written, the sign was not finished by the scribe.

Ĝiša and Umma (E1.12)

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In the table entitled “Early Dynastic Rulers of Umma attested in the Lagaš Inscriptions”: Pabilga-tuk → Pabilgal-tuk

In the table entitled “Early Dynastic Rulers of Umma Attested in Umma Inscriptions” there appear to be plenty of mistakes and omissions. Here is a revised version of the rulers before Bubu, father of Lugal-zage-si:

Ruler of Umma	Umma source inscription	RIM reference no.
En-akale	Ur-Luma Īl Ĝiša-kidu	E1.12.4.1, E1.12.4.2 E1.12.5.1 E1.12.6.1
(E-anda-mua)*	Īl	E1.12.5.1
Ur-Luma	Ur-Luma Ĝiša-kidu	E1.12.4.1, E1.12.4.2 E1.12.6.1
Īl	Īl Ĝiša-kidu	E1.12.5.1 E1.12.6.1
Ĝiša-kidu	Ĝiša-kidu	E1.12.6.1

*Cooper (1983: 60) suggests that he was a brother of Ur-Luma who did not become ruler.

Frayne concludes the discussion about the identity of Ĝiša and Umma that these were two different cities. He, however, does not discuss the fact that three of the Ummaite rulers are attested both with the title ensi₂ GIŠ.KUŠU₂.KI and lugal ŠAR₂×DIŠ. See the table below:

	ensi2 GIŠ.KUŠU₂.KI	lugal ŠAR₂×DIŠ
En-akale	En-metena 1 i 40–41	Ur-Luma 1 5, Ur-Luma 2 5, Ĝiša-kidu 1 4
Ur-Luma	E-ana-tum I vii 8–9	Ur-Luma 1 3, Ur-Luma 2 3, Ĝiša-kidu 1 3
Il	En-metena 1 iii 35–37, iv 20–21	Il 1 2, Ĝiša-kidu 1 5

The table shows that the former title occurs in texts from Lagaš, while the latter title from texts from Umma. These data suggest that the two writings of “Umma” reflect the use of different names for the same political entity by Ummaites and by not Ummaites. Or shall we assume that these rulers had two titles and were both *ensi* and *lugal*?

Ur-Lum-ma 2 (E.1.12.4.2)

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l. 6: é mu-na-dù → é-ni e-na-dù

Il 1 (E.12.5.1)

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l. 3: dumu é-an-da-mú → é-an-da-mú-a

Ĝiša-kidu (E1.12.6)

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“Il was succeeded by his son Ĝiša-kidu on the throne of Lagaš” → “... of Umma”

Ĝiša-kidu 1 (E1.12.6.1)

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l. 8: nam-ti-la-ni-da is left untranslated.

Ĝiša-kidu 2 [E1.12.6.2]

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passim: “This is the frontier according to the monument of the god Šara”: This translation would require in Sumerian **zag na-ru₂-a* ^d*šara₂-ka-kam*. Because in the text there is only one genitive, the phrase *na ru₂-a* should probably be taken as a non-finite form modifying the word *zag* “border”. The god in the genitive is then either the agent, as in in the phrase *sipad šag₄-ge pad₃-da* ^d*Nanše* “the shepherd chosen in the heart by Nanše”, or the beneficiary as in the phrase *kur gu₂ ĝar-ĝar* ^d*nin-ĝir₂-su-ka* “(E-ana-tum) who makes the foreign lands submit to Ninĝirsu”. The phrase *zag na ru-a Šara=ak* is the predicate complement of a copular clause, while the subject of the clause is the length specified. So one may translate, for example, ll. 49–52 as follows: “The border (marked with) the stele erected for Šara is 1180 *nindan* long from Naĝ-Nanše until the Id-gibil canal”.

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l. 40: $\text{b}\bar{\text{a}}\text{d}(\text{Text: EZEN}\times\text{U})\text{-}^{\text{r}}\text{d}\bar{\text{a}}^{\text{r}}$: This reconstruction has no basis, as neither of the mss. has this form. This line is preserved only on YBC 2139, and this ms. has here (= ii 3', and also in ii 6' = l. 44) only $\text{b}\bar{\text{a}}\text{d}_3(\text{EZEN}\times\text{U})$. The sign DA is “reconstructed” by Frayne in l. 40 on the basis of col. ii 3' (= l. 44) of the Erlenmeyer text (Ex. 1) which has, however, “10 $\text{b}\bar{\text{a}}\text{d}_3\text{-}^{\text{r}}\text{d}\bar{\text{a}}^{\text{r}}$ ”.

l. 42: 390 NINDAN.[DU]: In the corresponding translation Frayne writes “21,630 *nind[an]*”. Both Steible (1982, II, 335 [Anm. 14]) and Cooper (1986, 96 [note 3]) commented on these numerals. YBC 2139 appears to have $6 \times \check{\text{S}}\text{AR}_2$ and $3 \times \text{U}$, the resulting length, 21.630 *nindan* = 129.78 km, however, cannot be correct in this context. The numeral is likely to be emended to $6 \times \text{GE}\check{\text{S}}_2$ and $3 \times \text{U}$. Frayne apparently adopts here Steible’s transliteration and Cooper’s translation without harmonizing them.

Lugal-zage-si (E1.12.7.1)

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Another ms. of the inscription, a rectangular stone tablet with oval hole in center, is catalogued on CDLI with the P-number: P235681.

A-KALAM-du (E1.13.4.1)

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l. 4: $\text{a-}\check{\text{s}}\text{u-sikil-am}_3 \rightarrow \text{a-}\check{\text{s}}\text{u-sikil-am}_6$. Note, however, that it is quite unlikely that a personal name in which the first element functions as the subject may contain a copula. It is therefore more likely that the AN sign at the end of the name writes the name of the god An, as suggested by Marchesi (2004: 181–182).

En-šakuš-Ana 1 (E1.14.17.1)

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l. 15: $\text{uru na-ga-hul-e} \rightarrow \text{uru na-ga-hul-a}$

l. 2': $\text{mu-né-gi}_4 \rightarrow \text{mu-ne-gi}_4$

Lugal-zage-si (E1.14.20.1)

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l. i 30: $\text{lú-}^{\text{d}}\text{p}\bar{\text{i}}\text{s}\bar{\text{a}}\text{n-sa}\hat{\text{g}}\text{-unu.KI-ga}$ is translated as “‘servant’ of the god Mes-sa $\hat{\text{g}}$ -Unug”. On p. 435, Frayne himself says: “the name has sometimes been read (incorrectly) as $\text{p}\bar{\text{i}}\text{s}\bar{\text{a}}\text{n-sa}\hat{\text{g}}\text{-unu.KI}$ ”. The same error occurs on p. 438, in col. i' 3' of *Lugal-zage-si 2*.

l. i 32: $^{\text{d}}\text{nin-g}\bar{\text{i}}\text{rim}(\text{A.BU.HA.DU}) \rightarrow ^{\text{d}}\text{nin-g}\bar{\text{i}}\text{rim}_x(\text{A.BU.HA.DU})$. The compound sign $\text{g}\bar{\text{i}}\text{rim}_3$ is A.HA.KUD.DU. The same error occurs on p. 438, in col. ii' 5' of *Lugal-zage-si 2*.

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