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SUMMARY

A. Gluhak: ETR. KURPU

The Etruscan word *kurpu* means „dwarf“ and it is not connected with Lat. *curvus* „crooked, bent“, but it came from **kur* „short?, little?“ (< Nostr. **KUR*E „short“) and **pu* „young person?“ (< Nostr. **Pojl'*ja „young“). *Kurpu* is a compound word as, f.e., *θεвр umines* „Munotaurus“, *ραμθνα* f. PN, *θυπ/θα* „female underworld demon“, *cezp* „eight“ *νυρφ* „nine“, *zamaθi* „gold“ and *parniχ, parχι*, titles, are.

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TWO PREHELLENIC POSSIBILITIES

1. *χλαμός, χλαῖνα* ‘cloak’

It is pretty well agreed (see Frisk *GEW* 2.1102) that *χλαῖνα* and *χλανίς* -ίδος have the same origin. Specifically, *χλανίδ-* must be derived latterly from *χλαῖνα*, i.e. **χλάνια*. I would then follow Fraenkel in relating *χλαῖνα* and *χλαμός* -ύδος. Just as we derive *βαίνα* from **g^wam-iθ*, we may easily see **χλάνια* as *χλάμ-ια*. Our base must therefore be **χλαμ-*.

Since I am not persuaded of the claimed satem nature of Prehellenic (with sibilant output), I therefore propose that we see here a Prehellenic base derived from **k'lom-*. The latter would be in origin an extended form of the IE root **k'el-* ‘hide, cover’, which also occurs as **k'lā-*; cf. Latin *clam*. Such a root pairing may be compared to **g^wem-*: *g^wā-* ‘go’. The formations continued in Skt. *sárman-*, Ir. *colum* (-*n-*), Germanic *helm-* may well reflect this extended form.

2. ἄσιλλα 'yoke'

A. J. van Windekens, *Le Pélasgique* (Louvain 1952) 71, would have ἄσιλλα with a suffix in *-i-l-* (op. cit. 39 § 73) from a base **uogh-*. I have however rejected¹ the claimed satem nature of Prehellenic.

If this word is at all to be explained along lines proposed by van Windekens, I propose that we start from Pokorny's (*IEW* 1116) root 3. *uedh-*. We then find in OIr. 2. *feidil* 'yoke' (*Dictionary of the Irish Language* F [1950] 62) a close parallel. It is difficult, on the slender attestation of case forms of *feidil*, to be certain of its original stem formation; it appears to be **uedeli-*. We might then schematically reconstruct ἄσιλλα as **uodh-s(i)l-*, or conceivably **uodh-t(i)l-*².

On the basis of our present knowledge it is difficult to be precise about the morphology of such forms. The **-s-* of **uodh-s(i)l-* could be credited to sigmatic forms of the verb, as we see in Celtic, Greek and Latin nominalizations of verb stems. We would then have at bottom a formation resembling that of Greek ζεύγλη. On the other hand, we might have a nomen instrumenti in **-slo-* such as Lat *scāla*³. But it is also possible that we have here some development of the well known nomen instrumenti in **-tlo-*; yet for such formations we do not expect an *o*-grade of the root.

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¹ *Živa Antika* 29, 1979, 209 footnote 1.

² See also my discussion of this root, *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* 12, 1969, 161.

³ Cf. *AJP* 101, 1980, 331—2. Compare also the Slavic selection of **-slo* for dental-final roots.