

Translation of a letter given to Alpheus Manghezi by Bento Siteo shortly after Ruth First's assassination

To: Brother Alpheus Manghezi:

A (cancerous) tumour cannot be tolerated
We were there when the explosion went off
We heard the deafening noise
Should one lance a tumour from a beast?
We crush it under foot; squash!
But Ruth First lanced the tumour
The Apartheid tumour of the Boers
We the living shall cleanse it
This beast (by the way) has no horns; it's only tufts of hair

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From Bento Siteo