

## The Wasaki War: An Oral Narrative of Southwestern Kenya \*

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On the central-eastern and southeastern shores of Lake Victoria, and on two islands in the mouth of the Gulf of Kavirondo (Winam Gulf) reside certain patrilineage-based groups known collectively as the Basuba. This paper recounts the memory of an epic struggle on Rusinga and Mfangano Islands; the

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