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ABSTRACT

This project investigated the inadequacies made by translators in translating literal texts with specific reference to the English Version of *Kinjeketile* and their effects on the target text.

We investigated inadequacies that occur when translating a text from Kiswahili to English.

These include: omissions, which occurs when a given text segment of the ST and the information it contains cannot be traced in the TT. Such omissions can occur on all language levels; morphological, syntactic, semantic and stylistic or rhetorical level. Additions or gains as translation inadequacies were investigated .A translator lengthens a text by introducing stylistic elements and information that are not in the source text to the target text. These additions are done to fill elliptic expressions, change grammatical category, add connectors or amplify the implicit to explicit statements and their effect on the TT.

We also investigated how proper names are translated from the ST to the TT and their effect on the target audience.

Lastly, we looked at the translation inadequacies that occur in translating onomatopoeia and similes and their effect on the TT.

We applied the qualitative method to analyze the inadequacies caused by omissions, additions, names and onomatopoeia in translating the English Version of Kinjeketile.

The main objective of this project is to investigate and provide a comprehensive analysis of the translation inadequacies in a literary text.

The project consists of five chapters. **Chapter one** deals with the introductory elements of the study which include the introduction, the background, statement of the problem,

research objectives, research questions, significance of the study, scope and limitations, theoretical framework, literature review, research methods and the conclusion.

Chapter two deals with the analysis of translation inadequacies in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*.

This chapter is divided into four sub-chapters namely, addition and omission as an inadequacy, translation of names, and translation of onomatopoeia and similes in the translated version of *Kinjeketile*.

Chapter three focuses on the factors that contribute to the coming up of the translation inadequacies and their effect on the intended message and the target text audience.

Chapter four suggests possible solutions or strategies on how to eradicate the inadequacies.

Chapter five concludes the project, and gives recommendations for further research.

ABBREVIATIONS

TL	 Target Language
SL	 Source Language
L1	 First Language
L2	 Second Language
TA	 Target Audience
TM	 Target Message
TT	 Target Text
ST	 Source Text
CT	 Correct Translation
Om	 Omission
Add	 Addition
CSI	 Culture Specific Item
Pg	 Page
IM	 Intended Message
OT	 original text
TTM	 Target text message
SLT	 source language text.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

In translating literary text, the issue of translation inadequacies in the target text occurs. The translated text usually contains information that is not used in the ST or information that is in the ST and omitted in the TT. The product of L1 and L2 is usually different due to omissions and addition. Harry Avelling (2002:1) claims that translators are regularly berated by various critics for their endless 'mistakes'. He claims that we labour for years to translate a text in a sensitive and caring way only to be told that 'there is a comma missing on page 45, this sort of bird is a pigeon not a magpie and the sub junction which is a particular feature of the author is missing in the translation.

The objective of this project is to examine the inadequacies made by Ebrahim Hussein as he translates his book *Kinjekitile* from Kiswahili to English. *Kinjekitile* is a play or a literary text written by Ebrahim Hussein a Tanzanian author. He first wrote the play in Kiswahili and it was performed in Kiswahili. It was first published in 1969 and later translated it himself to English in 1970.

Translation inadequacies were identified and analyzed from this text in terms of omissions, additions, mistranslation of words and figurative language with specific reference to onomatopoeia and similes. And finally, how the mistranslation of proper names affects the text. We shall also evaluate how the translation inadequacies affect the IM of the TT.

1.1 Background of the Study

This project investigated the translation inadequacies that occur in translating literary texts. Literary texts involve the translation of prose texts, poetry, plays and many others.

And as Adams (1973:92-101) asserts, 'translating literary text is challenging and it is harder to translate them than they were to compose. *Kinjekitile* is a dramatic text which is more challenging to translate like any other literary texts. Drama texts are translated to have them performed successfully since one has to have in mind the audience and the spectators. He has to ensure equivalence between the ST and the TT so that the IM of the author is transferred. If the subject and the theme of the ST are not captured, then the text is inadequately translated.

There are so many books and journals addressing the subject of translation and they are characterized by professionals who carry out the translation process in the contemporary world. However, the translated texts have so many inadequacies caused by mistranslation of concepts, lack of equivalence, mismatch, omissions, additions and other translated defaults.

Translation involves two languages and a translator has to rephrase words or phrases from one culture to another. This project involves the inadequacies involved in rephrasing words or phrases from Kiswahili to English and since the two languages are of distinct cultures, they also have distinct semantic, syntactic, morphological and pragmatic levels. Nida (1964:159) says 'It is acceptable that sameness cannot exist between languages and due to this discrepancies, between English and Kiswahili loss and addition are inevitable.

A translator must be master of both L1 an L2 and if he is not good in both, there is a likelihood of making errors. Loss is inevitable in translating a stylistic text like metaphors, idioms, onomatopoeia, similes and other expressions. However, it is the duty of the translator to look for equivalent phrases that will retain the IM of the TT. That is

why a translator has to look for compensatory strategies by use of additions, omission

and paraphrasing of figurative language aspects in order to retain the content. And as

Lefevere (1992: 204-205) puts it "They must reflect all the literary features of the ST,

such as sound effects, figurative speech and accuracy. To Lefevere, a translator has to

preserve the meaning and maintain the style but this is almost impossible. That is why the

process of addition of new words and the decline of other words can be compared to the

changing leaves in spring and autumn, seeing the process as both natural and desirable so

long as one exercises moderation.

The following example illustrates this

Hussein (1969:2)

Bi. Kinjekitile: Sijui pengine amekwenda. Mimi siendi kumtazama tazama (there is

repetition which shows emphasis)

Hussein (1970:2)

Bibi Kinjekitile: I don't know. Perhaps he goes. I don't go peering into his affairs

too closely

There is mistranslation in that the word 'Kumtazama tazama' shows emphasis due to

repetition. This has been translated as 'peering closely.' There is no repetition and

emphasis in the TT. The intended message is lost in that kumtazama tazama should have

been translated as checking on him. Peering into his affairs means kuingilia mambo yake.

This text is inadequately translated. A translator can manipulate all this by grasping both

the SL and the TL. He also has to understand the culture of the two languages and in this

project one has to understand the Kiswahili and English culture for better translation.

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In translating *Kinjekitile*, some words or information was added to the TT and yet they are not found in the ST. Additions are made to expound or add more explanations to enable the audience of the English Version understand some of the terminologies that are of Kiswahili culture based. For instance, the rebellion was given the name **Majimaji** because they believed that the water had magical powers and it could protect them against the bullets used by the Germans. In the English Version the word "Majimaji" has been borrowed and used just as it appears in the Kiswahili text. This will ensure that the intended meaning from the ST comes out so well but the impact to the audience will differ. In the process of paraphrasing in the TT, omissions as a strategy takes place whenever a given text segment of the ST and the information it contains cannot be traced in the TT. This can lead to mistranslation or loss of meaning in a text. This happens when a translator omits or adds words or information intentionally or unintentionally to the target text. The following example shows the effect of omissions in a text.

Hussein (1969:6)

Kitunda: Nitakunyoosha...eh...nitakuonyesha nani mwanamke, <u>Mkichi kama</u> utanipa taabu mimi.

Hussein (1970:6)

Kitunda: I'll...eh...show you who is a woman.

The underlined words have been omitted in the TT and therefore the issue of Mkichi being problematic is not received by the TT audience leading to loss of meaning and misinformation

In Hussein (1969: xii-xiii), the author has really expounded on language usage in the text. He has explained the authors use of words by the Wamatumbi whose pronunciation and spelling is very different from the normal Kiswahili words. He has also explained how

women used some words like 'Babu and Mwenzangu' in Hussein (1969: 2). The whole

of this part on 'Lugha' or language usage has been omitted in the English version

meaning that the author was not so keen while translating the text. There is no

equivalence in this section of the play.

We also identified and evaluated how figurative language with special reference to

onomatopoeia and similes and how challenging it is to translate them from Kiswahili to

English. We analyzed how these expressions have been inadequately translated and how

they affect the TT.

The following example will show how the expressions have been inadequately

translated;

Hussein (1969:34)

Njaa kama hii kupata kuku

Hussein (1970:37)

Has been translated as, Getting a chicken at a time like this must have meant a lot of

looking around

The translator used paraphrasing because there is no equivalent simile and the aesthetic

effect it has on the ST audience is not the same as the effect it has on the TT audience.

Example of onomatopoeia

Hussein (1969) Kukusanya kusanya silaha

Hussein (1970) Collect weapons

The expression kukusanyakusanya, in the Kiswahili text was omitted in the English

Version, an indication of either lack of equivalence and mistranslation. The usual word

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collect has been used, denying the TT that aesthetic impact that is expected in the target text.

In translating these concepts, translators normally use paraphrasing and meaning that are noticeably different from ordinary words. We looked at inadequacies in this book in terms of translating figurative language and proper names. This research would enlighten the translators on how to translate a literary text effectively since they will be more keen and cautious in their translation work. This would in turn improve the field of translation and literature as a whole.

Scholars should acquire knowledge on how to approach the challenges and in turn better their work by resolving these issues. We thought of dealing with the inadequacies so as to fill the gap that exists among the translators.

1.1.1 Operational Definitions

A source text (ST) is a text from which information or ideas are derived. It is the original text that is to be translated into another language.

Source language (ST) is the language from which a translation is to be made or from which a word is borrowed. A language that is to be translated into another language.

<u>Target text (TT)</u> is the finished product of a translated text often abbreviated as TT.

<u>Target language (TL)</u> refers to the language into which a text or document written in another language is to be translated.

First language(L1) is a person's native language or one in which he is perfect in.

Second language (L2) is language into which a translation is done.

<u>Proper names</u> are nouns belonging to the class of words used as names for unique individuals, events or places. It is usually capitalized .It is a noun that denotes any or all members of a class.

<u>Simile</u> is a figure of speech in which two essentially things are compared often in phrase introduced by 'like' or 'as'.

Onomatopoeia is a word which imitates the natural sounds of a thing, which it describes. It creates a sound effect that makes the thing described making the idea more impressive and interesting. They also represent many onomatopoeic words which have developed meanings of their own for instance, the word whisper describes the sound of people talking slowly and also the action of people talking slowly.

<u>Culture</u> is the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions and all other products of human work and thought.

Over translation refers to information that the target language contains and is more than that of the SL in terms of meaning and style.

<u>Under translation</u> refers to information that the target language contains and is less than that of the source language.

<u>Service translation</u> is the idea of translators transforming text to a target language that is not their mother tongue but is a foreign language.

<u>Translation strategies</u> are procedures on the part of the translators either to overcome the problems and obstacles to ensure that the translation fulfils desired specific objectives and functions.

<u>Ellipsis</u> is the act of leaving out one or more words that are not necessary for a phrase to be understood or the omission from speech or writing of a word that is superfluous or

able to be understood from contextual clues. The omission of one or more words in order to avoid repetition.

Intended message (IM) is message that the author of the source text intends to pass over to the audience.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Research Problem

In translating literary text, translators are faced with various challenges and in the process the TT is inadequately done. This project assessed the inadequacies made by E. Hussein in translating *Kinjekitile*. This was mainly because Kiswahili and English are two different families. They are of two different cultures and therefore some words found in L1 are not found in L2. Therefore more explanations or paraphrasing was done by *Kinjekitile* to ensure that the intended message is translated to the TL.

For example, the word '**Kinjekitile**' as the religious leader of the Wamatumbi during the Majimaji Rebellion is a Swahili based terminology and could not be easily understood by the TT audience. For the message to be passed over, more explanations were required. Therefore, additions are inevitable.

Some words are used in the TT or vice versa affecting the TT .For instance in

Hussein (1969:11) the words in brackets,

(Mabibi wawili wanaonekana wanaota jua mbele ya nyumba zao <u>huku wanaongea.)</u> Hussein (1970:11)

(Two women in front of their houses. They are enjoying the morning sun)

The underlined words were omitted in the English version. It shows that they were just sitting not talking and whatever they were talking about was very important.

This project has analyzed how such omissions affect the IM in the TT. This project

assessed the inadequacies made in translating figurative language in Kinjekitile. There

are various categories but it will mainly deal with onomatopoeia and similes. The two

languages, Kiswahili and English are two different cultures and a translator has to look

for better ways of translating these expressions without altering the message. The use of

figurative language is so effective since it helps readers visualize what the author is

telling in an imaginative fashion. In translating onomatopoeia, a translator comes across

various challenges and how can he deal with them? The example below shows an

inadequately translated onomatopoeia.

Hussein (1969:19)

Kinjekitile: Analia kimya kimya

Hussein (1970:19)

Kinjekitile: Cries silently.

There is no equivalence since the translator has just used the normal English words that

do no bring out that action of crying as it is in Kiswahili in the ST. The beauty of the ST

language is lost.

Translation inadequacy by omission, addition and mistranslation of literary text would

lead to low quality translated texts and in turn bring about a negative impact on the

translated text.

Therefore, looking at the inadequacies will enlighten the translators who will in turn look

for theories, strategies and procedures of improving the field of translation which is still

up coming.

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The scholars will be taught how to avoid these challenges and in turn better their work.

Unraveling these inadequacies by way of systematic approach to the translated texts was a necessary tool for resolving the issues to which this study aspires to make contributions.

These inadequacies and mistranslation would lead to loss of meaning and lack of communication. Therefore, one had to carry out a research and look for the challenges and in turn show how to improve on these challenges.

1.3 Research Questions

- 1) Did the translator make omission and addition intentionally or unintentionally in translating *Kinjekitile* from Kiswahili to English?
- 2) Are there mistranslated figurative aspects in the text or mismatches in translating names identifiable in the English Version of the text?
- 3) What factors contribute towards the making of translation inadequacies and their effects to the TT?
- 4) What strategies can be adopted in addressing inadequacies in the translation of *Kinjekitile?*

1.4 Objectives

1) The main objective of this study was to examine the translation inadequacies in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*.

Specific Objectives that we intend to achieve by the end of this study were;

- a) To identify the omission and addition in the translated text of *Kinjekitile*.
- b) To evaluate the mistranslation of figurative language with special reference to onomatopoeia and similes and translation of proper names

- c) To establish the factors that contribute towards the inadequacies and their effect on the translated text.
- d) To describe appropriate strategies that will be adopted to reduce inadequacies made in the translation.

1.5 Research Hypothesis

Research hypothesis is one of the key factors of scientific research. We hypothesized the following:

- 1) The English version of *Kinjekitile* contains omission and addition of materials from the original text.
- 2) The Kiswahili version of *Kinjekitile* contains figurative aspects and names misinterpreted or altered in the English version of the text.
- 3) There are losses, exaggerations and emphasis of meanings in the translated version relative to the source text.
- 4) There are strategies that can be adopted to reduce inadequacies in the translation of *Kinjekitile*.

1.6 Scope and Limitations

We based our research on the inadequacies made by translators with special reference to Ebrahim Hussein's English translation of *Kinjekitile*. The study focused on omission and addition in literary text. It also dealt with translation of figurative language with special reference to similes and onomatopoeia and their implication on the TT. It also evaluated how the translation inadequacies of names affect the meaning of the text and the possible solution on how best the translation can be done. And as As-safi (1994:7) puts it, a translator has to take into account the acts of comprehension, interpretation, formulation

and recreation so as to make a better translation. The data was extracted from Ebrahim Hussein "*Kinjekitile*" Kiswahili text into English Version of *Kinjekitile*.

The argument of inadequate translation by translators was supported by the collected data. The comparative analysis was made from *Kinjekitile* both English and Kiswahili Versions. The Kiswahili version was published in 1969 by Oxford University Press and has been reprinted six times 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1981. We used the 1969 version being the original text. The English version was published in 1970 by the same publishers.

However the project will not touch on culture based terminologies because they have been well discussed by Muruga (2012) in her MA project with reference to the English Version of *Kinjeketile*.

1.7 Theoretical Framework

Newmarks Semantic and Communicative Theory

This project applied Newmark's semantic and communicative theory whereby he claims that the gap between emphasis on source and target language will always remain the overriding problem in translation theory and practice' (Newmark's 1981:38) That is why most translated texts have inadequacies which are brought about by the challenges faced by translators in trying to rephrase a text from the ST to the TT.

He goes on to suggest that the gap can be narrowed by replacing the old terms with those of semantic and communicative translation. Communicative translation attempts to produce an effect as close as possible to that obtained on the readers of the original.

Whereas the semantic translation attempts to render as closely as possible the semantic and syntactic structure as the second language allow, the exact contextual meaning of the original should be maintained.

Newmark defines translation as a process of transferring meaning of a text from one language to the other. Hussein.E really tried to translate the meaning of the original text that is from Kiswahili to the English . The idea of thousands of Africans being killed by the Germans because of their belief in the 'Majimaji', that the water would protect them against the bullets. This point came out so clearly in both books. The idea of trusting the magic water made them to be killed in mass.

Newmark states that the success of equivalent effect is 'illusionary' and that the gap between emphasis on source and target language will always remain as the overriding problem in translation theory and practice (Newmark 1981:38).

For instance, in translating the word **spirit**, Ebrahim Hussein's book, *Kinjekitile*, **spirits or hongo** which is mainly culture based because of the beliefs of the Wangindo. The word **hongo** is not found in the English culture. Therefore a translator has to look for techniques on how to translate a text and get the equivalent. Hongo, according to the Wamatumbi is a spiritual leader who was to help through the 'Majimaji' to protect Wangindo against the Whiteman's guns. In the process words have to be added to the target text or paraphrased.

New mark's communicative translation attempts to produce on its readers an effect as close as possible to that obtained on the readers of the original text. Semantic translation attempts to render as closely as the semantic and syntactic structures of the second language allow, the exact contextual meaning of the original. The Hussein (1969:2)

Bibi Kinjekitile: I don't know...perhaps he goes...I don't go peering into his affairs

too closely.

Hussein (1970:2)Bibi Kinjekitile: Sijui...pengine amekwenda...Mimi siendi

kumtazama tazama.

The two sentences are almost the same although the meaning of the Kiswahili one is that

he does not go checking at what he is doing whereas the English one means peering

(kuchunguza) into his affairs.

The Kiswahili words for peering into his affairs are 'kuchunguza mambo yake kwa

undani'. However the meaning is almost distorted.

Communicative translation resembles Nida's dynamic equivalent in the effect it is trying

to create on the TT reader while semantic translation has similarities to Nida's formal

equivalence. Newmark goes on to explain that literal translation means word for word

and it sticks closely to the ST.

Hussein (1969:9) Chausiku; Ma----Maa

Hussein (1970:9)

Chausiku; Mother! Mother!

The two words maa and mother are closely related and an audience can connect the two

although the Kiswahili version shortened it.

In communicative translation, provided the equivalent effect is secured, the literal word

for word translation is not only the best, it is the only valid method of translation. The

translator has to establish priorities in selecting which varieties of meaning to transfer in

the first place. He has to use his creativity, particularly when he is forced to distort the

target language by introducing new elements of another culture.

For instance, in Hussein (1969:5)

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Mzee: Maneno unayoyasema ni hatari.

The correct translation is **The words you are using are dangerous**

But, the translated text reads,

Old Mzee: You blaspheme! Your words are dangerous! How dare you talk of Hongo

in that manner?

The word blasphemy is to talk ill about God and the words are more powerful than it

comes out in Kiswahili version, dangerous. These words are not even used in the

Kiswahili text. However, he has distorted the meaning of the text although both words are

used to denote negative effects towards Hongo.

I will also apply Nida and Taber (1882:5) theory where they claim that 'At this point,

languages just do not correspond and so we must be prepared to sacrifice certain formal

niceties for the sake of the content and also to preserve the content of the message, the

form must be changed if they differ in form. The extent to which the forms must be

changed in order to preserve the meaning will depend upon the linguistic and cultural

distance between languages. For example, translating a text from Kiswahili to English is

challenging because these are two different languages with different cultures. The formal

shifts are greater because of the cultural disparities. The examples below illustrate this.

Hussein (1969:6) Kinjekitile

Kitunda: Hiki ni kinyume cha mambo. Hatuwezi kupigana bila kwanza kuungana.

Nimesikia habari ya bunduki kubwa inayomwaga risasi kama mchanga.

Hussein (1970:7–8)

Kitunda: But that is silly, we don't start the war first and then get united. I have

heard there is a big gun that kills many people at once.

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The Kiswahili words 'kama mchanga' have no equivalence because 'mchanga' can be translated as soil and if a translator writes I have heard there is a big gun that releases guns like soil, the intended meaning of the original text will get lost. Therefore he has to look for an alternative that will be equivalent to the intentions of the author. That is why the words were omitted and instead the words 'kill many people' were used.

Newmark's theory gives a translator freedom to be creative enough to look for strategies on how to translate what we can call the untranslatability from one culture to the other culture. He talks of the gap that exists in translation of texts and it cannot be removed. However, translators have to look for alternatives or strategies on how to overcome these gaps. Omissions and additions or paraphrasing are some of the strategies although they at times lead to distortion of meaning in a TT.

1.8. Literature Review

The phenomenon of translation inadequacies in translated literal texts has been a subject of great empirical research and this body of theory for development covers the history and evolution of translated concepts and strategies. There are various scholars with great insights to this study. Some of them are on-line scholars whereas others have translated literary books. To start with is Omboga (1986:55-66) in his book has assessed the mistranslation and challenges or errors made by Abdilatif Abdalla in *Wema Hawajazaliwa* in translating The *Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born*. He has analyzed the mistakes in terms of omissions, additions, figurative language and characters and how they affect the text. He has also suggested ways in which we can overcome these challenges or how we can create a properly translated text. This forms a good reference

point for our study since our aim is to undertake a study on inadequacies in translated text and their effects on the intended TT.

Denham argues that "For a concept of translation that sees translation and original writer as equal but operating in clearly different social and temporal content. It is the duty of the translator of the source text to extract what he perceives as the essential core of the work and to reproduce or recreate the work in the target language." That is why omissions and additions are to reproduce a text that can be easily understood by the TA. The following will illustrate such. Hussein (1969:iv) **Kinjeketile aliwafundisha waafrika maana ya umoja akawapa moyo kwa nguvu ya maji.**

Hussein (1969:iv) Kinjeketile taught people the meaning of unity and encouraged them to unite by symbolically using water as a medicine against divisive forces.

The underlined words are additions because this information is not in the OT. The additions are meant to clarify the power of water which could not have come out well to the TT audience without the additions. There is recreation in the new work as put by Denham. Since the idea of guns was new to the Tanganyika people whereas the Germans knew the power of the guns.

Another research work, done by Viney and Darbanet (1958:19) discussed about explicitation, whereby the translator makes explicit in the target text information that is implicit in the source text. Explicitation and implicitation strategies are discussed together with additions and omissions strategies. The two are considered as synonyms addition (explicitation) and omission (implicitation). Implicitation is a stylistic technique which consists of making what is implicit in the ST to be explicit in the TT depending on the context or situation of the conveying meaning. The results of both are discussed in

terms of loss and gain. For example- pronouns in English are not found in Kiswahili. Therefore, English version has the pronouns 'he' and 'she', which are missing in the Kiswahili text.. The Kiswahili text has "viwakilishi nafsi -'a" for both male and female gender.

Hussein (1969:11)

Bibi 11: Kenda shambani kulima badala ya mumewe. Mumewe mgonjwa kupigwa alivyopigwa jana.

Hussein (1970:11)

Second woman: She has gone to the plantation in place of her husband. Her husband couldn't go after yesterday's beating.

The words she and her are additions. They are not found in the Kiswahili text but a translator has to use them in the English text. This means that the translated text is more specific and one can easily tell the gender involved in an activity. Kiswahili is not gender sensitive.

The omission of the word 'mgonjwa has created loss in meaning, since the audience in the English version will not tell if the beating caused some illness or one was just beaten. Nida (1964:227) talks about subtraction and addition. He has divided them into different categories. He argues that omissions are done when words are considered to be redundant, superfluous, and with a lot of repetitions.

Another Scholar Burkhudavou (1975:223) identified four types of transformations in a translation, substitution, additions, and omissions. He argues that the most important reason for addition in translation is ellipsis in a normal structure in English or omission of certain semantic components. He also emphasizes on grammatical transformation

whereby English has articles 'a' and 'the' whereas Kiswahili has none. Therefore the

English translation has the articles and gender aspects like he, she and her that are not in

the Kiswahili text. For instance; I have been given water

Nimepewa maji-

Ni-first person

Me-tense

Pa-root

Wa-suffix

Wasioamini-

Those who do not believe

Kiswahili is agglutinated whereas English is not.

Another theory that is related to omissions and additions, defines translation as

"Operation performed on languages; a process of substituting a text in one language for a

text in another. (Catford1965:1) Catford talks of operation which means changes or

alterations have to be done to a TT in order to attain the intended meaning.

A direct correspondence of sign is seldom possible and every act of translation introduces

important differences that may be seen as a change or even a loss in meaning, import, and

flavor. Scholars often lament the 'unfaithfulness' inadequacy or infidelity of a translator

who has not captured the 'context' of the work, its register or the matrix of the language

(Newmark 1988:121). The loss is felt not on the level of mere sense but in the higher

categories and it entails downright misinterpretation. The illustration below confirms this.

Hussein (1969:6) Kiswahili; Mkichi: Mtumwa wa...ah...eh Kinoo mmatumbi

m...shenzi!

Hussein (1970:6) English; Mkichi: Kinoo's...ah...slave.

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The two are not correlated in any way because the Kiswahili version is abusive while English is not abusive. The word shenzi among the wamatumbi is omitted therefore loss of meaning. The omission is due to the culture of the English people which does not encourage use of abusive language which might cause hostility.

Al Jahiz in As-Asafi (2007:20), insists that the translator can never do the original writer justice or express him with fidelity. Fidelity or faithfulness and transparency are dual ideals in translation. A French critique in the 17th century suggested that translations like women can be either faithful or beautiful but not both. Faithfulness is the extent to which a translation accurately renders the meaning of the source text without distortion. This is inadequate in most translated texts. A text that meets the first criteria is said to be faithful. The fidelity of a translated text varies according to the subject type, use of the text, its literary qualities and its historical contexts. Transparency is the extent to which a translation appears to a native speaker of the target language to have originally been written in that language and conforms to its grammar. A translation that meets the second criteria is 'idiomatic'. The criteria for judging the transparency of a translation appears more straight forward and an idiomatic expression 'sounds wrong' and in the extreme case a word for word translation generated by word for word translation by machine systems often result in patent nonsense.

From this statement, he justifies the statement of the problem, the inadequacies since there is lack of justice and faithfulness in any translated text. This study will highlight the challenges or the errors that are usually made by the translators with specific reference to *Kinjekitile*.

Literary translation from Kiswahili to English and English to Kiswahili has been done by various authors. Dr. Omboga puts it that most of them have not been well done because of the errors that were highlighted in this progress.

However, little is known about how well these translations have been done. It is against this background that this study has been conceptualized.

Against this background I will highlight the challenges or the inadequacies that are usually made by translators with specific reference to *Kinjekitile*. However, despite all these challenges or inadequacies, a translator should ensure equivalence between the source text and the target text.

1.9 Research Methodology

The research methodology for this project consisted of note-taking, analysis and interpretation of the results.

1.9.1 Data Source

All examples of omission, additions and figurative language and proper names were taken from the Kiswahili Version of *Kinjekitile* and its parallel translation in English. We identified and extracted inadequately translated concepts, all the omitted words that appear in the Kiswahili Version but were omitted in the English Version, the addition in the TT, rhetorical aspects (similes and onomatopoeia) and proper names.

1.9.2. Data Collection

We started the research by reading both texts *Kinjekitile* English and Kiswahili version. The data collected consisted of omissions, additions, onomatopoeia, similes and proper names.

The secondary data was collected through library research and Google sites with related information to our area of study. We started our research by identifying the required data which mainly consisted of inadequately translated texts.

1.9.3 Methods and Techniques of analysis

After identifying the translation inadequacies in the English version of Kinjekitile by using a chart to indicate the Kiswahili word, then the inadequately translated words or sentence, analysis was done on how they affect the TT. After the analysis, there was the interpretation of results and conclusion made from the study. The results were given by use of words, sentences and explanation. Then a survey was made from the results.

1.10. Significance of the Study

The study highlighted on the errors made by translators in translating literal texts. This would be beneficial to the students of translation who would eventually gain a deeper understanding of the inadequacies inherent in translated texts.

Practicing translators would also gain from this project. They will improve their translation skills after going through the analysis which highlighted on the inadequacies in the translated texts. They would be more cautious and take into account this precaution as they carry out their work.

Another group that would benefit is the media practitioners. This is because they are usually exposed to the field of translation especially in writing 'Nation' and 'Taifa Leo' or presenting news in both English and Kiswahili over the radio or television. They will be more keen while translating the news items after reading and analyzing the identifiable inadequacies.

It would also be relevant to the state departments concerned with promotion of cultural practices, ideologies and norms and the international community agencies like UN and UNESCO. The study of this would promote inter-linkage between Kiswahili and English. Contribution to the academia whereby future researchers would have a wide range of references to expand their translation skills and strategies.

Conclusion

In this chapter we have laid down a foundation on how challenging it is to translate a literary text especially a play. The statement of the problem has been made, the objectives have been well stated and a hypothesis has been formulated. The rationale of the study has been stated. The scope and limitation of the work has been described. And lastly Newmark Theoretical framework has confirmed how difficult or challenging it is for a translator to get an equivalent target text and it is his responsibility to look for strategies to create an equivalent in the TT.

The literature review highlighted how translating a text between two distinct cultures can be complex and how one can compromise the two. We also described the methodology and significance of the study. Thus the study of translation inadequacies is worth undertaking.

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 DEFINATION OF CONCEPTS AND TRANSLATED DATA AND ANALYSIS

2.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the range of inadequacies identified in the translation of *Kinjeketile* from Kiswahili to English language. It begins with the definition of key concepts used in the analysis of the translation with special focus on those relating to classification of inadequacies and the structure, functions and forms that they take. Special categories of translation inadequacies classified are additions, omissions, similes, onomatopoeia and proper names. Literature review on these inadequacies is presented before depicting how these shortfalls are reflected in Ebrahim Hussein's translation of *kinjeketile* from Kiswahili to English.

Readability approach is adapted by going through the whole of both ST and TT of *Kinjeketile*. Specifically the TT and the ST have been cross examined for content of intended meaning and the degree to which this has been achieved.

2.2 Classification of translation inadequacies

This analysis focuses on four types of translation inadequacies, namely omissions, additions, similes onomatopoeia, and proper names in the English Version of *Kinjeketile*.

2.3 Translation inadequacies

This refers to a situation whereby the translator falls short of maintaining the meaning in the ST in the TT, usually occasioned by various challenges faced in the translation process.

As Vermeer (2006:29) states, there cannot be any standard criteria for a discerning perfect translation and this explains the denial that a perfect translation can be produced.

Due to discrepancies between English and Kiswahili as two different languages of different families, translation inadequacies leading to loss or gain of meaning are unavoidable.

Aveling (2002:1) suggests that evaluation of a translation needs not to insist that, "This is wrong", but rather to ask "why has the translator chosen this particular way of translation? What is it that he is trying to bring across from the original text into the reenactment of it?"

A translated text can be inadequate if the subject and the theme of the ST are missing or if the translator has not captured the skopos or purpose of the translation.

The question that we need to ask ourselves now is how can one measure inadequacy or adequacy of a translated text? Getting an answer to this question is almost difficult because most of these inadequacies are solutions to translation problems.

Nord (1997: 75-78) claims that functional inadequacies occur in four ways. They might be pragmatic translation errors due to inadequate solutions to pragmatic translation problems such as lack of receiver orientation. Secondly, they might be cultural translation errors, which occur due to an inadequate decision with regard to reproduction or adaptation of culture specific conventions. Thirdly, linguistic translation errors, which are caused by an inadequate translation when the focus is on language structure. And fourthly, they might be text specific translation error which are related to a text specific translation problem and can be evaluated from a functional or pragmatic point of view.

From Nords (1997: 75–78) suggestions, translation inadequacies can occur in different ways in a literary text. It can be due to cultural differences, linguistic differences or a text

might be very complex to be translated or the difference in language structure like Kiswahili and English.

Raffle (1971:160–161) claims that a translator preserves that which is easiest to preserve and looses that which is hardest to preserve. This remark implies that the translator reforms what he likes and ignores what he does not like. That is why most TT have inadequacies which are deliberate and intelligent forms because of creativity and fidelity. Hussein in the English Version of *Kinjeketile* has also committed errors of additions, omissions, altered proper names and inadequately translated similes and onomatopoeia. There is need to identify, analyse and evaluate these inadequacies with a view to enhance the interpretations and understanding of the ST and TT of *Kinjeketile*.

2.4 Addition as translation inadequacy

Addition or expansion or gain in a literal text refers to a case where the translator exceeds the number of words in the ST in translation. It refers to the introduction of stylistic elements and information that are not in the ST.

According to one of the theses posted on July 31,2010 by China papers, it is alleged that additions and omissions are methods of 'lengthening but it does not mean that the translator has the power to rewrite the translating materials by adding information that he or she considers useful and omitting information that is too hard to understand. This would lead to inadequacy in the TT. Another definition given by the *China papers* is that expansion refers to the case where the translation exceeds the number of words of the ST in the TT. They claim that the two procedures, that is, omissions and additions are mainly used in poorly written texts and lead to change in lexical and stylistic aspects.

Nida (1964:106) refers to addition as 'the introduction of unjustified stylistic elements and information that are not in the ST. He claims that additions are used by translators to add information about a culturally bound word or expression or a technical term that is related to a specific domain. They might be used inside the text or notes at the bottom of

the page or at the end of the chapter. Additional information can also be written as

glosses at the end of the book.

He cautions that these procedures should not be used at random in translation because they can easily lead to inadequacy. The following example shows how additions are

made due to the differences in sentence structure.

ENGLISH KISWAHILI

Additions Analala-----she/he is sleeping

Anacheza------He /she is sleeping

This is because of the difference in the language structure between English and Kiswahili. They are of two different families and therefore they have structural differences.

The following example from *Kinjeketile* will illustrate this.

Hussein (1969:13)

Hebu tusikilizane Kitunda:

Hussein (1970:14)

Kitunda: Please keep quiet everybody

The translator has added more words in the process leading to meaning loss because the correct translation is 'let us come to an agreement or let us agree. The message received from ST audience and the TT audience is not equivalent. The following text will show

this.

Hussein (1969:13)

Mtu 1: Sikilizeni jamani!

Hussein (1970:14)

First man: (loudly) Let us listen, my friends

There is inadequacy in that the words 'my friend' and loudly have been added and

instead of the general statement of telling the whole crowd to listen, he is now referring

to friends. This shows mismatch between the ST and the TT.

Nida lists different circumstances that might oblige a translator to make additions. These

are;

To clarify an elliptic expression. For instance:

Hussein(1969:31)

Mjumbe wa wazaramo: Hongo na Kolole ni wamoja?

Hussein (1970;31)

Representative of the wazaramo: Are Hongo and Kolole one and the same spirit?

The second one is to avoid ambiguity in the target language. The following would be

ambiguous if translated literally. Kinjeketile: sina babu.

Kinjeketile:Honestly, I don't have any my friend. Babu is grandfather so it could not

ogre well in the TT.

The third one is to change a grammatical category.

Such additions are unavoidable because of the use of possessives and articles. For

example the English version has articles 'a 'and 'the' but the Kiswahili text has none of

this. Grammatical differences bring about the use of additions in a text .This type of addition is intentionally or unconsciously added to the text because of the grammatical differences.

Watu wengi waliosikia jina lake kwa njia ya nywinywila walikuja kumwunga mkono.

Hundreds of people who heard his name through nywinywila the whispering campaign

And the final one is to add connectors.

. Nida asserts that in cross cultural communication, success or failure is in the hands of the translators. This is because communication is one of the goals of literal translation and they are mainly influenced by culture. Translation is cross-cultural communication agent. It acts as a bridge between the ST and TT and culture. In this communication, there is a sender and a receiver and a message to be transmitted. Richards (1985: 68). Both are affected by the culture of the parties. The meaning of culture specific concepts is difficult to grasp without some cultural knowledge and this leads to inadequacy in translation. Culler (1976:21-22) writes that one of the troublesome problems of translation is the disparity among languages. The bigger the gap between the source language and the target language, the more difficult the transfer of message from the former to the latter will be. Words like, nywinywila and Chunusi are culture specific concepts and were clearly dealt with by Muruga in his thesis (2012) on the challenges faced in translating proverbs and puns in the English version of *Kinjekitile*. However, in the process of translating, there is a tendency of adding some words so that the target

audience can get the intended message by either paraphrasing or expounding on such

terminologies.

It has also been argued that TT with addition often over translates the ST leading to

unfavorable effects such as the unshapping of rhythms and reduction of clarity of the

works' voice.

Eco (2003:51) suggests that sometimes in order to avoid a possible loss, a translator

may say more than the ST especially where one needs to expound on culture based terms

like in Hussein (1970:17) "let us go out to spread nywinywila." For the ST audience

the Wamatumbi, the word 'nywinywila is well known and understood but for the TT

audience the author has to explain by adding the words **Hussein (1970:17)** 'whispering

campaign' so that the TT audience can understand. He further recommends that

additions should be avoided because by doing so, they lead to loss of important and

meaningful information. He notes that one should never try to make the source text

literally 'better' even bad style, clumsiness, careless and repetition must be respected Eco

(2003:51).

It is alleged by Nida and Taber (1982:163-168) that there are two types of additions. The

syntactic or formal expansion and the lexical or semantic expansion.

Syntactic expansions include the identification of objects and events with abstract which

need to be expanded. The following example will confirm this type of expansion.

Hussein (1969:17)

Kinjeketile: Basi tuanze nywinywila. Tupeleke habari

Hussein(1970:17)

Kinjeketile: Let us now begin the nywinywila. Let us spread the news of war

The word nywinywila has to be expanded for the source text audience to understand and

that is why the words, news of war have been added.

The second area where expansion is used is in identifying participants where nouns are

introduced in place of pronouns. This process is also referred to as substitution.

Hussein (1969:24)

Kitunda: Tuko tayari

Hussein (1970:24)

Kitunda: We are ready

From the above sentences, a person may really miss the point unless the subject is

introduced or identified. It should be clear who is speaking. The words wamatumbi

should have been introduced in the TT.

The third point is when he or she wants to clarify an elliptic expression. All languages

employ ellipsis but the type differs. The example below shows how this clarification can

be done.

Hussein (1969:23)

Mjumbe wa Waza34ramo: unahakika?

Kitunda:

Ndiyo

Hussein (1970:25)

Representative of the Wazaramo: Are you sure?

Kitunda: Yes, I am sure

Finally, additions occur in order to amplify an implicit element. The example below

shows an explicit text.

Hussein (1969:31)

Mjumbe wa wazaramo: Hongo na Kolole ni wamoja

Hussein (1970: 31)

Representative of the wazaramo: Are Hongo and Kolelo one and the same spirit

The translated text is more explicit and the TT reader is able to understand that Hongo

and Kolelo are spirits. All these additions are done to avoid ambiguity in the text.

Nida and Taber (1982:163) observe that there is a tendency of all good translation to be

somewhat longer than the originals but this does not mean that they are adequate. This

means that in the process of translating from the SL to TL, the translation will be longer

because of the linguistic and cultural structural differences. This is because one wants to

state all that is in the OT to make it explicit. This would enable the TT audience

understand the TT like the ST audience.

Addition is required to make translation a dynamic equivalent in the sense that it fits the

channel capacity of the present receptors to the same extent as the original

communication channel.

The second category consists of the lexical expansions. They are subdivided into;

classifiers whereby borrowed words need some semantic redundancy attached to it so that

the reader may understand the information. For instance the word **nywinywila** has the

words **spreading the news** attached for the TT audience to get to know the meaning.

The second group of lexical expansions is the descriptive substitutes which are always

longer than the originals. In this case different lexical items are used to describe the form

or function of the object. The words Hongo and Kolelo have been described using the

word **spirit**.

The third category involves semantic restructuring whereby, some words are semantically condensed in the source language text and they require expansion for the message to be received by the audience.

Bunduki kubwa ilimwaga risasi kama mchanga

If translated literally it would mean **the big gun poured bullets like soil.** This needs expansion which **shows a big gun that killed many people**.

A translator can use additions by making what is implicit to be explicit by inserting material in the text itself without imposing undue strain upon the process of translation. This information can be placed in marginal help by glossaries or marginal notes .The word **chunus**i has some explanations along the margin. By doing this a translator should give explanations to avoid inadequacy.

There are mismatches that occur due to the absence of lingual matches or conformity between ST and TT languages. To address this, translators can use additions. A translator is forced to add a piece of information that makes the TL different from the SL . If the point is central to the rest of the piece being translated, it may be necessary to add words to make the meaning absolutely unambiguous. For example, the word 'girlfriend' can mean 'fiancé' or bride or girl friend. Since a word might have all this meanings, then one is forced to add so that the TL becomes different with the SL and the audience will be able to get the intended contextual message.

The data below shows some of the additions used by E. Hussein in his English Version.

The underlined words are additions.

Here are some examples of additions from the English version of Kinjekitile

KISWAHILI (ST)	ENGLISH(TT) HUSSEIN	IMPACT ON THE TEXT
HUSSEIN (1969)	(1970)	
Hussein (1969:3)	Hussein (1970:8)	More emphasis in English.
Mnyapala: Pale akuna	Mnyapala: Quiet, there! No	Repetition- from implicit
maongezi juu yaliyopita	talking or there'll be	to explicit. The tone in the
shambani. Itakuwa taabu	trouble. What's passed has	TT is more harsh than in
	passed, no tales about it	the ST
Hussein (1969:2)	Sometime ago I met him at	Mistranslation
Bi. Kitunda: <u>Siku moja</u>	the river alone	Siku moja could have
nkamkuta mtoni peke		been-one day
yake.		
Hussein (1969:3)	Hussein (1970:3)	
Kitunda: Kumbuka kuna	Remember there is a	Imani has been
mkutano leo, watu	meeting tonight. The people	mistranslated to patience.
wamekwisha kuja. <u>Imani</u>	have come, they are here,	The correct translation is
imani. Basi, Bwana	Patience patience	faith and not patient .The
Mnyapala, yamekwisha.	(<u>Aloud</u>). It is alright	idea of forgiveness is
	.Forgive him, and forget the	more explicit in the TT
	matter.	unlike the ST where it is
		implicit.
Hussein (1969:3)	Hussein (1970:3)	Mistranslation-
Mnyapala: Asifanye taabu.	Mnyapala: Tell him not to	wanakwenda kwao-they

Kesho mapema kazini	make any more trouble	leave for their place.
(Mnyapala anaondoka.	(Announcing) Tomorrow	Chausiku was still looking
Watu wengine	we start work early. The	at the smoke but the
wanakwenda mtoni.	people disperse, some to the	translated text shows that
Kitunda na Bi. Kitunda	river, some go to their	she left with the parents
wanakwenda kwao	homes, Bi Kitunda, her	
Chausiku angali	husband and Chausiku are	
anuatazama moshimoshi	the last to leave	
Hussein (1969:3)	Hussein (1970:4)	The underlined words are
Kitunda: Nilitaka sana	Kitunda: That reminds me I	not in the Kiswahili text.
kuonana na Kinjekitile,	wanted to see Kinjekitile	-Alipata- has been
lakini leo alipata mahali	very much today- but he	translated to he was given
mbali na mimi	was given a place to	Mistranslation
	cultivate some distance	'He' for gender is not in
	from me	the Kiswahili text The
		pronoun is added in the
		English text
Scene2		
Hussein (1969:4)	Hussein (1970:5)	The exclamation mark
Mngindo: Tumwondoe -	I say let us kick him out!	shows more emphasis.
Tukate shauri sasa hivi-	Let us decide now. There is	Repetition to show more
Vita. Akuna jingine	only one way- an armed	stress/emphasis.

	struggle-a war! There is no	Addition armed struggle
	other way	from implicit to explicit.
Hussein (1969:5)	Hussein (1970:6)	The underlined words are
Mzee(:Akitabasamu)	Old man: (stand up!) You	added. More explicit than
Maneno unayosema ni	blaspheme! Your words are	the Kiswahili version.
hatari	dangerous! How dare you	There is mistranslation.
	talk of Hongo in that	The English version is
	manner?	harsher than Kiswahili.
		Blasphemy against God.
Hussein (1969:5)	Hussein (1970:6)	The word worrier has been
Mkichi : .Hiyo ni sababu	That is a coward's point of	created in the text showing
ya woga. Lakini toka lini	view. But then ,since when	mismatch. Shujaa is a
Mmatumbi akawa <u>shujaa</u>	were the wamatumbi	heroes there is a
	warriors?	grammatical error were the
		ST talks of a heroes
		whereas in the TT we have
		many warriors.
Hussein (1969:14)	Hussein (1970:14)	There is mistranslation
Kitunda: Ingawa watu	Inspite of the belief among	some of you and watu
wengi jana usiku walisema	some of you that kinjeketile	wengi the idea of being
kuwa kinjeketile	has been possessed and	possessed is explicit in the
kachukuliwa na Hongo	taken away by Hongo	English text.
Hussein (1969:6)	Hussein (1970:6)	Omission the idea of

Nitakuonyesha	I'llahl'll ahshow you	being stubborn is not in the
ahnitakuonyesha	who is a woman	English text leading to
nani mwanamke Mkichi		meaning loss.
kama <u>utanipa taabu</u>		
<u>mimi</u>		
Hussein (1969:6)	Hussein (1970:6)	The word slave has been
Mkichimtumwa	Mkichi:Kinoo'sahslave	added leading to
waahahkinoo		mistranslation .The word
mmatumbishenzi		shenzi is stupid.
Hussein (1969:7)	Hussein (1970:8)	Mismatch
Mgindo: Watu wanasema	Mngindo	Right kind of news is
kama ukienda Kilwa na	People say that if one goes	mistranslation since the
maelezo fulani unapewa	to Kilwa with the right kind	Kiswahili text is not
chochote .Udongo	of news, one is rewarded.	specific with some
mwekundu anatoa pesa	The Whiteman pays well to	explanation/information.
nyingi kupata habari.	get valuable information.	
Hussein (1969:7)	Hussein (1970:8)	The TT text is more
Mkichi :Afazali kufa	But it is better to die than to	explicit since they are
kuliko kukaa hivi	live like this. We are made	talking about the
tunatawaliwa,tunalimishwa	to work like beasts in the	mistreatment they got from
kama wanyama. Njaa moja	cotton plantation. We are	the Germans .The cotton
kwa moja kwa sababu	forced to pay taxes.	plantation is clearly
hatuwezi kulima.		mentioned compared to the

Tunamlimia Bwana Kinoo		ST which is not specific.
tu, Afazali kufa kama		
maisha haya		
Hussein (1969:9)	Hussein (1970:9)	Not equivalent. The
Chausiku: Maamaa!	Mother! Mother!	Kiswahili word mama can
		be translated as mother but
		maa is short form therefore
		there is no equivalent
Hussein (1969:9)	Hussein (1970:10)	Omission of the word
Bi Kitunda: Tokeni!	Bi Kitunda: Get out! Get	wakubwa describing how
Tokeni, wanawake	out of here, You women,	the men were weak.
wakubwa nyi! vijitu viwili	you! Two little men were	Comparing them to
vinawatisheni- Nyinyi	enough to scare the whole	women. The underlined
nyote mumetawaliwa miili	lot of you. You have been	word to have been added
mpaka mioyo. Eti nyingi	enslaved body and spirit Do	indicating a specific place
wanaume.wanaume	you still regard yourselves	quit little men enough s
kwelikweli.	as men. Do you call	
	yourselves Wamatumbi?	
Hussein (1969:12)	Hussein (1970:12)	More explicit. (Addition).
Bi. Kinjekitile: Haludi!	Kinjekitile: He isn't back.	
Haludi!	Why doesn't he emerge?	
Hussein (1969:12)	Hussein (1970:12)	The words in brackets
Bi. Kinjekitile: Niache!	Leave me! (There	have been added leading to

Niache!	is a scuffle off-stage. After a	a more explicit
	short-while Bibi Kinjekitile	information on how Bibi
	weeping and supported by	Kinjeketile reacted.
	the two women, enters and is	
	escorted home still	
	struggling)e words leave	
	me! Let go of me!	
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:13)	This is over-translation
Mabibi: Usilie dada.	First woman: don't cry sister	since the words come
Twende nyumbani, kulia	don't crying will not help. Its	sister let us go home by
hakusaidii	God's will.	second woman have been
	Second woman: Come sister	introduced leading to mis-
	lets go home missing in	information
	Kiswahili.	
Hussein (1969:11)	Hussein (1970:11)	The underlined words have
Bibi 11: Bado siku mbili.	Second woman: Two days to	been added
Alafu zamu ya kijiji gani	go and then another village	to look forward to is a
sijui,A <u>fazali</u> wanaume	will relieve us. <u>That is</u>	saying -no equivalence in
hao wapumzike- walau	something to look forward to	Kiswahili.
kama kidogo. Huyo	our men will have some rest.	Hunitamani- he can't do a
mume wangu akiludi	They really work them hard.	thing- more explicit in
shambani <u>hunitamani.</u>	When my husband comes	English than Kiswahili.
	back he is so tired that he	Paraphrasing- to hide the
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	can't do a thing.	obvious meaning of the
		Kiswahili word,
		'unitamani ' it could have
		sounded obscene in
		English if translated
		literary
Hussein (1969:11)	Hussein (1970:11)	In the ST both women
Bibi I: Na yeye	Aha, so he doesn't turn	laughed but in the TT she
hakutamani (wanacheka)	towards you! (she laughs	means that one woman
	mischievously)	laughed. There is loss ni
		meaning
Hussein (1969:11)	Hussein (1970:11)	The word mgonjwa has
Bibi 11: Kenda shambani	Second woman. She has	been omitted this can lead
kulima badala ya	gone to the plantation in	to miscommunication.
mumewe. Mumewe	place of her husband. Her	Pronoun she and her have
ngonjwa kupigwa	husband couldn't go after	been created in the TT
alivyopigwa jana.	yesterdays beating.	
Hussein (1969:11)	Hussein (1970:11)	The TT is more explicit
Bibi 11: Maskini	First woman: Chausiku poor	than the ST
chausiku! Na huyu	girl! (she shakes her head.)	
mnyapara kuenda	And these Mnyapara of all	
kunipelekea yule askali	the things to do! Why did he	
ntoto wa watu.	have to procure Chausiku for	

	the Askari, a young and	
	green maiden like that?	
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:13)	The TT is more explicit
Wanampeleka nyumbani	They take her home.	than the source text.
kwake. Kitunda	Kitunda goes to his house	
anakwenda kwake;	brings out her drum and bits	
anatoka na ngoma;	it loudly. He stops to listen.	
anapiga kwa nguvu.	He sounds it again he stops	
Ananyamaza, anasikiliza,	<u>to listen</u>	
anapiga tena kwa nguvu.		
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:13)	Mistranslation. The correct
Kitunda : Hebu	Please keep quite everybody	translation is let us agree
tusikilizane		
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:14)	There is mismatch because
First man sikilizeni	Let us listen my <u>friend</u>	the words my friends do
jamani		not appear in the ST.
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:14)	There is mismatch and
There is no 'pause'	There is a place for the	mis-information
	characters to pause.	
Hussein (1969:31)	Hussein (1970:31)	The ST is implicit
Mjumbe wa	Representative of the	compared to the TT which
wazaramo:Hongo na	Wazaramo: Are Hongo and	is explicit by adding the
Kolelo ni wamoja?	Kolelo one and the same	word spirit.

	spirit	
Hussein (1969:28)	Hussein (1970:28)	The words as soon as
Kitunda : Hatuwezi	Kitunda: We cannot wait any	possible have been added
kungoja zaidi. Watu	longer .People have been	instead of tomorrow. The
wanataka vita .Nguvu ya	made strong by the water,	conceptual meaning is lost.
maji	and they want to start the war	The TT audience will want
imewapata.Wanataka	as soon as possible.	to act immediately
kuanza vita.		whereas the ST audience
		will want to wait till the
		next day.

2.5 Translation inadequacies due to omissions

Omission refers to the unjustifiable suppression of elements in the ST. They occur whenever a given text segment of the ST and the information it contains cannot be traced in the corresponding TT.

Rodica (2004:163) states that omissions occur when a translator accidentally skips a sentence or a paragraph in a large text.

Omissions are a translator's tool since many of them are intentional. They are seldom word for word, Metaphors and idioms cannot be translated literary, therefore, they are paraphrased or omitted. Sometimes, paraphrased translations are longer than the original text. These cases are termed as intended omissions.

We also have unintended omissions, which are words that are omitted due to the difference in characteristics of the two languages, especially with grammatical forms.

Losses occur in all levels of language, morphological, syntactic, textual, rhetorical, and semantic level. These can lead to meaning loss or distortion thus undermining the skopos theory.

According to Nida (1964: 501 –502) there are four situations in which the translator can use these procedures of reduction; First, when there is unnecessary repetition, where there is specified references, conjunctions and adverbs. And if a word is used several times, one can omit it and use a pronoun. But this will be inadequate because repetition is a way of showing emphasis or stressing a point therefore, if the word 'Majimaji' is just written 'Maji' then there will be meaning loss.

Secondly, omissions occur when there are changes due to structural differences between the two languages, like change in word order or grammatical category.

Thirdly, reduction occurs due to changes caused by semantic misfits especially with idiomatic expression whereby there is no equivalence in the TT. There are several expressions in the Kiswahili text that have been omitted in the English version due to lack of equivalence.

Thirdly, dropping of a word or words from the ST while translating can occur because of the cultural clashes that exist between the SL and the TL. A translator omits words that do not have equivalent words in the TT or can even raise hostility of the receptors.

For example, the word 'shit' is omitted while translating Arabic text because it does not show respect to the Arabs and they don't tolerate the use of these words because of their culture. The examples below show how Hussein has omitted some words in his text.

Hussein (1969:1)

Bi Kitunda; Pengine anapika. Ebu chungulia

Hussein (1970:1)

Bi Kitunda; Perhaps they are cooking

Hussein (1969:10)

Kitunda: vi....vijitu viwili viwatishe

Hussein (1970:10)

Two little men enough to scare you.

The Kiswahili version talks of one person – 'anapika'.

The English one- they are cooking- this means many people are cooking these are

grammatical inadequacies. This is because the Kiswahili one refers to one person and the

English means 'they' which refers to many'. There is the omission of the words ebu

chungulia. This leads to meaning loss.

Hussein (1969:6)

Bunduki kubwa iliyomwaga risasi kama mchanga.

Hussein (1970:7)

A big gun that kills many people at once.

There is no equivalence the simile 'kama mchanga' could not be translated

therefore, the simile has been omitted and instead the author used the words 'killed

many people at once.' He could have used another simile that is equivalent and not

necessarily the same to add life in to the TT text.

Hussein (1969:6)

Mkichi: Mtumwa wa...ah...ah Kinoo mmatumbi mshenzi'

Hussein (1970:6)

Mkichi: Kinoo's...ah...slave'

In the English Version of *Kinjekitile*, the word' shenzi' was omitted to avoid abusive language in the TT and instead they used a polite word 'slave'. Mostly words used as insults are omitted to avoid hostility and in the process it will alter the intended message.

Another example of omission is;

Pedro Cieza de Leon's *Cronica del Pera* published in 1553 is a good example of deliberate mistranslation. His book was translated by John Stevens in 1709 and later by Clement Markhan in the 19th century. The later has been criticized for its distortion which supports black legend. There are extensive omissions and mistranslations that are not obvious to the reader unless a close comparison with the original is made.

Markhan omitted passages that portrayed Indians in a bad light and those describing the sexual perversions and cannibalism.

.I would like to support Omboga .Z who claims that whereas, it is true that something gets lost in translation, such loss is not always necessarily the result of linguistic incompetence or communication inability. According to Omboga, omission leads to benefit of the TA. However, omission is considered unfavorable because during the process, some information or effect in the ST will be omitted and therefore lost. The information tone can be totally omitted.

The omission of words is inevitable in translation.

The data below shows the omissions in the English Version of *Kinjekitile* and the blanks shows that the words are omitted in the translated text.

KISWAHILI (TT)	ENGLISH(ST)	IMPACT ON TT
Hussein (1969: V)	Hussein (1970:4)	Mistranslation
Nitawaacha wale watakao	I will leave this to the	Kuutazama is to watch and
kusoma na <u>kuutazama</u> kutoa	readers and no doubt	the word has been omitted in
maoni yao ikiwa ni ya sifa au	their commends will be	the TT leading to loss in
la.	useful.	meaning.
Hussein (1969:Vii)		Meaning loss because the
Kwa hivyo kilichosalia katika		whole portion is missing in
malipo yao hakikutosha		the English book. The
kununulia chakula na		message lost is important
maadamu wao wenyewe		because it refers to the low
walikuwa hawawezi kulima		wages which cannot enable
katika mashamba yao ilikuwa		them to buy food and this
lazima wapate taabu ya njaa.		will lead to their hunger.
Hussein (1969: vii)	I would like to say a	Mistranslation
Mwishowe, napenda kutaja	word on the religious	Wanaabudu is worshiping
imani ya Wamatumbi kwa	beliefs of the	one God.
ufupi. Wao wanaamini kuwa	wamatumbi.They	Wrong tense aspect
kuna Mungu mmoja.	worship one God.	Ningependa.napenda is I
		would like. The word imani
		is faith and is missing in the
		TT.

Hussein (1969:Vii)	Hussein(1970:VII)	This sentence has been
Hongo ana vipawa vingi juu		omitted in the English text
ya binadamu lakini hana		and yet it has a very
kipawa cha maisha.		important messagwhereby
		Hongo has power over
		human beings.but he has no
		control over life.This will
		lead to misinformation.
Hussein (1969:Vii)	Hussein (1970:Vii)	Mistranslation equivalent to
Wao <u>wanaamini</u> kuwa kuna	They worship one God.	They believe that there is
Mungu mmoja.		only one God. There is
		meaning loss. Amini means
		having faith not worship
		.worship means kuabudu.
Hussein (1969:Vii)	Hussein (1970: Vii) And	There is mistranslation
Wanaweza <u>kuwa na uhusiano</u>	might act on their behalf	leading to meaning loss.
na mizimu lakini si lazima.	but are not bound to do	'Kuwa na uhusiano' means
	so always.	having a relationship with
		the gods and not acting on
		their behalf.
Hussein (1969: Vii)	Hussein (1970: Vii)	Grammatical error
Kulikuwa na hongo mganga	There is hongo who has	Kulikuwa- is past tense
lakini anayetajwa katika	healing powers but the	whereas there is present

mchezo huu ni Hongo pepo.	one mentioned in this	there is .mganga- can be a
	play is merely a spirit.	doctor, witch-doctor etc. yet
		it is original text. The words
		pepo and mganga have been
		omitted there for the TT is
		not specific. Therefore the
		translator should translate
		according to the context.
Hussein (1969: ix)		Hussein (1970: ix) of the
Kuliwezesha jambo hili		Kiswahili version, all the
kwanza tuligawanye jukwaa		explanations on how the
sehemu nne za kucheza.		stage should be organized is
Hivyo ni kusema kwamba		omitted.
jukwaa moja liwe na		If there is any performing
majukumu manne. Sehemu		of the play, the English
hizi zitatumika katika mchoro		characters will not access
mzima na siyo katika sehemu		this portion so whatever will
moja, au sehemu fulani ya		be portrayed by the actors in
mchezo.		the English text will be
A B D		different from what the
E C		Kiswahili text intended.
Jukwaa tumeligawanya katika		
sehemu nne kuwa A,B C, D		

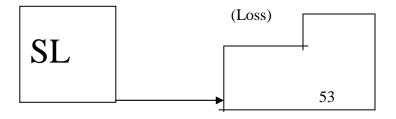
na E. Kila sehemu inaweza		
kubadili maana katika		
mchezo.		
Hussein (1969 :xii–xiii) juu		This might be intentional but
ya lugha Explanation on how		the fact that the English
different languages have been		language used has different
used- the normal Kiswahili		pronunciation for some
language.		words, the author was
The Mmatumbi language and		supposed to include this part
how they differ in		to produce an equivalent
<u>pronunciation</u>		text. This is
r-l nzuri- nzuli		miscommunication in that
ha- halaa. The language used		the audience in the target
by ladys and the use of the		text will not get the intended
normal kiswahili language		message on language usage.
Hussein (1969:1) Bibi	Hussein (1970:1) Bi.	The underlined part is
Kinjekitile: Shamba la Bwana	Kinjekitile: Bwana	missing in the English
Kinoo limezidishwa ukubwa	Kinoo's plantation grows	version and yet it shows how
sasa. <u>Kila mtu nasikia kapata</u>	bigger everyday.	the Wamatumbi were being
mahali pakubwa zaidi.		over-worked by the
		Germans. This leads to
		meaning loss and the

		emphasis given to the
		harassment towards the
		people of Tanganyika
		whereby the Germans were
		overworking their men who
		could not function as
		husbands because of being
		exhausted.
Hussein (1969:11) Mabibi	Hussein (1970:11)	Huku wanaongea has been
wawili wanaonekana wanaota	Two women in front of	omitted in the English text
jua mbele ya nyumba zao	their houses. They are	leading to meaning loss.
huku wanaongea.	enjoying the morning	
	<u>sun</u> .	
Hussein (1969:12)	Hussein (1970:12)	There is meaning loss
Kinjekitile: Niacheni!	Leave me! Leave me!	because of omitting
Niacheni! Mnaniumiza	You are hurting me! Let	'hawaonekani juu ya
niacheni! Niacheni!	me go (they let go of him	jukwaa'
Wanamwacha huku	and he is pulled to the	The action of the characters
anaburutwa kwenda upande	river. They all follow	will be different in both
wa mtoni. <u>Hawaonekani juu</u>	him.	books.
ya jukwaa.		
Hussein (1969:12)	Hussein (1970:12)	Please- in English shows
Haifai kusema hivyo.	Don't talk like that.	politeness has been added in

Nyamaza.	Please don't cry.	the TT The word nyamaza
		has been omitted leading to
		mistranslation.
Hussein (1969:12) Kitunda:	Hussein (1970:12)	Anataka has been
Nkamate! Anataka kujitosa	Kitunda:Quick!	mistranslated to' she's
mkamate!	Somebody get hold of	going'leading to meaning
	her! She's going to	loss because in the ST she
	plunge into the river!	was intending to but in the
		TT she was actually going to
		plunge into river
Hussein (1969:13)	Hussein (1970:13)	Meaning loss. The message
Usilie dada. <u>Twende</u>	Don't cry sister, don't.	of taking her home is
nyumbani. Kulia hakusaidii	Crying will not help. It's	missing in the TT.
kitu. Ndivyo alivyopenda	God's will.	
Mungu.		
Hussein (1969:14)	Hussein (1970:15)	If the play is to be
Kinjekitile:Jua linatoka.	He altered the style from	performed then the tone will
Tazameni jua limetoka.	the normal paragraph to	be poetic unlike the original
Linaangaza na kuzagazaga	a poem. He added a new	text.
nuru yake. Nuru yake itatutia	style- poetic.	He is not faithful to the
mwanga. Nuru yake		original style.
itaondosha moshi na kiza		
kilichomficha Mrufiji		

asionekane na Mngoni.		
Hussein (1969:14)	Hussein (1970:15)	The underlined words have
Kinjekitile: jua limetoka.	Kinjekitile: Behold, the	been added in the English
Tazameni jua limetoka	sun has risen, and it	version. More emphasis on
linaangaza na kuzagazaga	shows forth,	tribalism unlike the
nuru yake. Nuru yake itatutia	through clouds of smoke	Kiswahili one where tribes
mwangaza. Nuru yake	and fog Behold, the rays	are just mentioned.
itaondosha moshi wa kiza,	of the sun,	
kiza kilichomficha mrufiji	banish from your eyes,	
asionekane na Mngomi.	clouds of smoke and fog,	
Moshi ulioziba macho ya	that hide a brother from,	
Mrufiji yakawa hayamtazami	brother, that hide a tribe	
Mmatumbi. Jua hili litatoa	from a tribe, that hid a	
baridi iliyofanya kila kabila	Mrufiji from a mngoni,	
lijikunje.	that hid a Mmatumbi	
	from Mrufiji There was	
	darkness, it was cold.	
	We were blinded by one	
	and contracted by the	
	other.	

The diagram below shows loss and gain in translation



TL

(Gain)

Fig. 1.1: Loss and Gain in Translation

Loss and gain in a given text will lead to mismatches between the ST and the TT. It will also lead to miscommunication and as a result create an inadequately translated TT text. There is misinformation and meaning loss of the original text. This is because of lack of adequate knowledge of the ST and the TT. Cultural differences also contribute towards such inadequacies. If the content of the TL is not the same as that of the SL original, then we have either addition (gain) or omission (loss) between the two versions. And as Nida and Taber (1982:168) claim that both expansion and reduction are based on the same fundamental principles of reproducing the closest natural equivalent.

2.6. Translation of Similes in the English Version of Kinjeketile

If you said 'My sister is like a doll' or maybe 'My brother's good as gold', you would be making a simile. A simile is a form of comparison in which one thing is compared to another unlike thing by using specific words of comparison like as, like, and resembles.

The term simile is derived from the Latin word 'simile meaning resemblance and likeness.

Mc Arthur (1996:935) defines a simile as a figure of speech in which a more or less fanciful or unrealistic comparison is made by using like or as.

Technically, it means the comparison of two objects with some similarities.

A simile is the claim of likeness of two things in one or two attributes.

The term is mainly used in instances in which two dissimilar items are compared using word like, or as. It is a semantic figure based on comparison. In this case it can be an object or an idea compared with another to suggest that they are alike as it is stated by Bredin1998 (67–78). It is a mental process playing a central role in the way we think and talk about the world which associates different spheres, and as we compare, we come up with a conclusion that they are alike or they are not alike.

According to the Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary edited by Mosh Porter, a simile is a word or a phrase by which anything is likened in one or more of its aspects to something else, a similitude, a poetical or an imaginative comparison.

Then lastly Gibbs (1994:40) says "Simile is fundamentally a figure of speech requiring overt reference to source and target entities and an explicit construction connecting them Therefore a simile is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things by employing the words like as, and like. It is an effective way of describing something instead of using plain adjectives to describe a person, object or situation.

2.6.1 Structure of a simile

A simile has a tripartite structure Fromilhague (1995:73–74) has a topic, a vehicle and a marker.

The topic refers to the entity described by a simile; vehicle or image refers to the entity to which the topic is compared. Then lastly, the marker which is the similarity feature or property shared by topic and vehicle. These entities can be objects, persons or processes image (vehicle) and a point of similarity since it is a comparison of two unlike things using comparison markers like the following;-

In English, similarity markers are:

- 1) Verbs like; seem, look like, act like, sound like, resemble.
- 2) Adjectives like; similar to, the same as.
- 3) Nouns like; sort of, some kind of.
- 4) Prepositions; like, as.
- 5) Conjunctions; as if, though, as, when.
- 6) Compressed similes where information is compressed into two words like; bow-shaped legs, black-like hair.

In Kiswahili similarity markers are words like, kama, ja, mfano wa, and mithili ya

2.6.2 Similes have the following functions

Similes are effective when used thoughtfully because they allow the reader to visualize and make association with what is being described. They can be simple, humorous, and part of creative writing. a A translator has to analyze the skopos and effect of a simile on the target reader. Similes serve to communicate concisely and efficiently. They also play an important role in scientific texts especially when it comes to comparison of scientific work. Journalists use similes in journalistic texts to illustrate and describe behavior of individual characters. They are also used in literal works and text books like literary text, drama, poetry, and fictions to fulfill aesthetic functions. We normally use similes in our day to day speech.

2.6.3 There are various forms of similes

They can have an affirmative or negative form. Affirmative form asserts likeness between entities. For example' the girl is like a baby' or negative where it denies the likeness' the girl is not like a baby'

Ortony (1993:342–356) offered a semantic distinction between literal and non literal simile.

In non literal, topic and vehicle are not symmetrical and the similarity makers can be dropped. The girl is an eagle.

In literal, the similarity markers cannot be dropped and the terms can be reversed. For example, one can say 'sleep is like disease' or 'disease is like sleep'. In kiswahili we can say usingizi ni kama ugonjwa.

Fromilhague (1995:83 - 84) has explained about the implicit and explicit simile.

Explicit is where a sense or point of similarity is stated directly .Most sentences use 'as'.For instance like 'as hard as a rock.'

Implicit is one whose sense is not stated directly and the reader has to interpret .They make the description more emphatic. or vivid. They are part of creative writing and mainly used in literary text.

'Eat like a bird' or 'sleep like a baby.' If we say 'Kula kama nyuni' or 'lala kama mtoto' the message is so clear and it can be easily interpreted and translated.

We can also say ,**As busy as bee** This shows that something is an adjective, or one thing is like another thing.

2.6.4 Translation of Similes

The procedures used in translating similes offer solutions to the various types of problems encountered in the translation task. Chesterman (1997: 87 – 112).

Translating similes has got some challenges so one has to be good in L1 and L2 so that he can get the IM by the author of the ST.

The villager swarmed in like flies in the boy's home has two effects. The first one is annoyance towards them as they came and made noise or they were attracted by the boy who was bitten by the flies. If one does not comprehend the implied meaning depending on the context of the text, then he is likely to give an inadequately translated message.

Inadequacy can easily occur because of the diverse cultures and language differences in the whole world. Professional translators serve as instruments for the communication, culture promotion and development. They have to ensure that the original message is sent clearly into its equivalent context to the TA.

Similes are the most challenging situation for the translator. Similes are not always obvious and if you are not familiar with the source language, they can sometimes slip under the radar. Even if they understood the simile, they might have difficulty translating them literally.

Literal translation is often a terrible idea for similes because they are often so directly tied to the source culture. If the target culture doesn't have the concept that is being referred to, then one could use a wholly different situation. The important part is the meaning not the literal translation.

This is why there are possibilities of inadequate translation when one becomes creative instead of accurate. A translator has to trace them first, and then bring them over to the target language. This is because translation is an art not a science. And all these three elements are explicit.

In creating a text in another language, an implicit component of a simile needs to be made explicit in order for the nature of the comparison to be clear. For example;

If you had faith like a mustard seed...'

The culture of the Middle East knew that it was tiny but a Kenyan would not tell, therefore in translating the point of similarity has to be made explicit- "if you have faith

that is small like a mustard seed.

At times the implicit element is clear enough without being made explicit. For example

"so be wise as serpent and innocent as doves". This can be translated as **Mjanja**

kama nyoka na asiye na lawama kama njiwa.

A translator should not make any further explanations because the comparison is implicit

and can easily be understood by the two cultures. The following data shows how E.

Hussein translated the similes in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*.

Again in this play Hussein (1969:15)

(Words written in italics)

Maneno anayosema ni kama yanatoka katika sanamu.

These words are supposed to be in Hussein (1970:16) but the translator

omitted these simile completely. This is inadequacy because the idea being transfixed

like a statue does not come out well in the English text. This might be because of lack of

equivalent or difference in culture.

Hussein (1969:12)

Kinjekitile Kanyamaza kucheza, kakauka kama mpingo (refers to a tree with tiny

leaves with a tough trunk used as wood to make statues)

Hussein (1970: 21)

Kinjekitile who is now tense and stiff like wood carving- showing that he was not mobile- he was very stiff and not talking or making any movements.

It's easy to recognize a simile but it's not easy to understand it. Therefore, a reader has to extract features from the lexical meaning from the vehicle and if the reader is unfamiliar with the image or the vehicle then it will not enrich the target text.

Similes can be translated inadequately depending on how difficult it is, the strategy adopted, type of structure, the functions and how relevant it is to the text.

Translating similes from English to Kiswahili may cause challenges because of the two different cultures .For instance the simile bunduki kubwa ilimwaga risasi kama mchanga'- was not translated with an equivalent simile because a translator cannot say – a big gun that released bullets like soil. That will be ambiguous. That is why Hussein omitted the simile 'kama mchanga' and instead used the words 'the big gun that killed many people.'

The second group is the simile that has the same structures in the two cultures like and in this case we have the English and Kiswahili cultures. The simile used in Hussein (1969:16) is **Nendeni kama upepo. Its translation is** Hussein (1970:17) **Go like the wind.**

The two similes have the same structure and the same meaning therefore, it does not pose a challenge to the translator and it can be adequately translated. This is implicit and does not require further explanation. The comparison can be comprehended by TT readers and the ST audience from both cultures.

When a simile occurs in a complex figurative structure, the translator tends to translate it

literally whereby, sometimes he under-translates or over-translates by omissions or

insertion of items. The similes below will show this.

Mwendo unazunguka mpaka unakuwa ni ngoma

The translator omitted this simile in the English text because of its complexity.

If the figurative structure is dense it requires a careful rendering of each word and if

possible make changes to the figurative structure or else it might lead to inadequacy.

A translator should consider what sort of similes is used in the receptor language. This is

because there are some words that are not too familiar to the TT audience and they might

not comprehend them when used by a translator. For instance, most people have not seen

snow, so if we say as white as snow, one can replace snow with cotton which is common

in most cultures and the audience will easily get the message.

Apart from replacing or abandoning the simile in the TT, one can add or create where

there was not one in the source text. This will be an inadequacy but it will add life to TT

text. The following text will illustrate this.

Hussein (1969: 11)

Bibi I: Anajitupa kitandani kama nzigo

Hussein (1970: 11)

Second woman: Flings himself on the bed and sleeps like a log

He just added the new simile to make his work interesting; 'sleeps like a log' is not in the

ST.

The table below shows the similes used in ST and TT of Kinjekitile

Table K: Explicit Similes

Hussein (1969:4) Sisi kama	Hussein (1970:5) We like women	
Wanawake	just meekly sit	
Hussein (1969:6) Bunduki kubwa	Hussein (1970:7) A big gun that	
iliyomwaga risasi kama mchanga.	kills many people at once	
Hussein (1969:12) Mkono wake	Hussein (1970:12) His wrists	
wa kushoto juu ya goti la kulia	intercross as if tied together.	
kama aliyefungwa pingu		
Hussein (1969:15) Tutakuwa	Hussein (1970:16)And as it is in a	
mwili mmoja kama ilivyo katika	human body, when a toe gets hurt,	
mwili kidole kikijikwaa mwili	the whole body feels pain	
mzima unahisi maumivu		
Hussein (1969:28)Kinjekitile	Hussein (1970:30) Kinjekitile	
anazunguka ndani kama mnyama	circles the room like a caged	
aliyetunduni	animal	
Hussein (1969:44) Na kama	Hussein (1969:47)And like pea-	
mbaazi tutatambaa	plants, we'll crawl	
Hussein (1969:34) Njaa kama hii	Hussein (1970:37)Getting a	
kupata kuku	chicken at a time like this must	
	have meant a lot of looking around	

Table P: Implicit Similes

Table 1: Implicit Similes	T
Hussein (1969:2) Anatazama maji kama	Hussein (1970:2) He was looking at the
hajayaona	water so strangely as if he had never seen it
	before.
Hussein (1969:6) Watu kidogo kama sisi	Hussein (1970:7) With the people we have.
tutamalizwa.	
Hussein (1969:9) Mnakuja kama wezi.	Hussein (1970:10) And now you steal in
	like thieves.
Hussein (1969:11) Anajitupa kitandani	Hussein (1970:11) He immediately flings
kama nzigo.	himself on the bed and sleeps like log.
Hussein (1969:14) Kakauka kama mpingo.	Hussein (1970:16) Is now tense and stiff
	like a wood carving.
Hussein (1969:14) Mwili wake mkavu na	Husein (1970:15) Kinjekitile enters looking
mgumu kama mpingo.	stiff and wooden.
Hussein (1969:16) Nendeni kama upepo.	Hussein (1970:17) Go like the wind.
S	Husein (1970:21) You speak some strange
	Swahili like Arabic.
Hussein (1969:20;34) Wanacheza likida	Hussein (1970:22) They are lined up like
kwa mstari kama askari.	soldiers while dancing.
Hussein (1969:31) Anasema peke yake	Hussein (1970:34) Talks to himself like a
kama mwenda wazimu	mad man. Pg 34
Hussein (1969:32) Kichwa kifuani kama	Hussein (1970:35) He looks tired and
mtu aliyelala.	sleepy.
Hussein (1969:7) Tunalimishwa kama	Hussein (1970:8) Made to work like beasts
wanyama.	
Hussein (1969: 43) Wanasimama kijeshi.	
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Table R: Omitted Similes

Hussein (1969:11) Mwendo unazunguka	Hussein (1970:12) Omitted.
mpaka unakuwa ni ngoma.	
Hussein (1969:15) Maneno anayosema ni	Hussein (1970:16) Omitted
kama yanayotoka katika sanamu.	
Hussein (1969:26) Mtagombana wenyewe	Hussein (1969:28) Omitted
kwa wenyewe, kabila kwa kabila kama	
paka na mbwa.	

From the above tables, explicit similes, table K shows that E. Hussein had to transform some similes by giving more explanation because if translated literally they could lead to meaning loss.

The second table, P shows implicit similes which are just direct and one can translate them literary.

Then Table R shows similes that appear in the Kiswahili text but where omitted in the English text.

He also created similes that are not in the source text. All these can lead to translation inadequacy if not catered for well because the IM and the use of simile as a figurative language do not come out well in the translated text especially where they were omitted or paraphrased.

2.7 Translation of Onomatopoeia

2.7.1 Definition

Kojien 5th Edition (1998) refers to onomatopoeia as words that imitate human and animal voices like, woof of a dog barking. They are words that imitate real sounds or words that

describe visual tactile and other non-auditory sensitive impression like smiling ironically, state of being relaxed or not able to walk steadily.

According to Webster encyclopedia, onomatopoeia is the naming of a thing or action by a vocal imitation of the sound associated with it like buzz or zip of zipper and many others. It is a Greek word which comes from a combination of two words one meaning 'name' and the other meaning' I make'. It literally means the name or sound I make. It is

Therefore we can say that onomatopoeia refers to any word that imitates real sounds be

Example 'Rustle' - refers to sound of papers brushing together.

produced by a single word that sounds like the thing it refers to.

Engines- roar

Explosion-boom

Collision- crash

High speed-zoom

Action-zip

Liquid- squash etc.

2.7.2 How are they used in literary text?

they human, or animal voice or otherwise.

The main grammatical function of onomatopoeia is essentially as an adverb since they mainly describe a verb. For example one can say;

'The clock ticks tic tic or a frog ribbits.' In Kiswahili one can say 'Saa ilitembea ta...ta...ta.' They also give more vividness in describing motion, movement, state and many others. They also help adding emphasis to an action. For example;

Alibebwa unyounyo- describes how he was lifted up carelessly. They also make stories interesting and lively. They invoke more feelings to the readers.

Onomatopoeia is also used in children's books because children love imitating the sounds of things and animals.

Baba carried out a study which indicates that these expressions are used more frequently in emotive and informal situations.

2.7.3. Forms of Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeic expressions have particular forms by which they can be distinguished.

The 1st group consists of words related to water. These type mostly start with SP which indicates the small amount of liquid like; sprinkle, drizzle, splash, spray and many others.

The 2nd group consists of words related to voice, and these are sounds that come from the back of the throat like giggle, growl, nimble and blunt.

The 3rd group consists of words related to collisions between two or more objects. For example rustle' refers to sound of papers brushing together.

The 4th group consists of words that describe dull sounds like bang, bam, clang and many others.

The 5th group consists of words related to air. They describe the sounds of blowing through the air or things rushing through the air like whisper, fwoosh and whiz.

The 6th group refers to animal sounds. Animals communicate differently depending on the country or where it came from. For example, chicken cluck, bok or tok tok or kot kot. It is believed that in the USA animals speak English like, meow-cat, squeak- hare and many others.

Musical onomatopoeia forms the 7th group where one can clap, ham, snap, and jangle.

The 8th group consists of fighting onomatopoeic words that describe fighting like pow,

smash, bag and wham They show actions.

The 9th and last group is the fast motion onomatopoeia which are used to connote speed

in motion like vroom, whose, bong. They describe speed or fast action. From the above

examples, authors use onomatopoeia in literary texts.

2.7.4 Translation of Onomatopoeia

However, they are not the same across all language. They conform to some extent to the

broader linguistic systems they are part of; hence the sound of a clock may be tic tok in

English or katchin katchin in Japanese. This will lead to inadequacy especially where the

sound used is not equivalent in the TT.

Different languages have different sounds available for forming words.

It is argued that in the case of some animals like frogs, they actually do make different

sounds in different parts of the world because they are of different species. Therefore the

words used to describe the same sounds are often not the same in different languages

leading to translation inadequacies.

The idea of cross-cultural differences also lead to translation inadequacy in that a

particular sound can be heard similarly by people of different cultures, but it is expressed

through the use of different consonant strings in a different language. Like the sound

produced by a pair of scissors

Chinese-swih

Italian-cricri

English-snip

Kiswahili- Kchi! Kchi!

In translating onomatopoeic expressions from Kiswahili to English though used frequently is the most challenging issue for a translator. The table below shows the onomatopoeia used by Kinjekitile and the translation to the English version.

Table L shows onomatopoeia

ST- KISWAHILI	TT- ENGLISH HUSSEIN	TRANSLATION AND
HUSSEIN (1969)	(1970)	EFFECT
Mimi siendi kumtazama	I don't go peering into his	The action of peering
tazama	affairs so closely	frequently does not come
		out well in TT
Nywinywila	Whispering campaign	Cultural difference
		therefore he has to make it
		explicit for the TT audience
Maelfu kwa maelf	Thousands and thousands of	Literally translated but the
	people	ST shows more emphasis
		than the TT
Tunalimishwa kama	We are made to work like	Literally translated and the
mnyama.	beasts	intended message received
Mamaa	Mother mother	Mismatch The TT is more
		explicit than the ST.
Anamnongonezea	He whispers to him	The TT is explicit with the
		use of he and she showing
		gender.
Kukusanya kusanya silaha	Collect weapons	Literal translation. The

		aesthetic impact in the TT
Kupeleka mambo hayo	To rush into things	Literal translation. The idea
mbiombio.		of doing things in hast is
		well pronounced in the ST
Wanaviringizana chini	They roll on the ground	That picture of rolling can
		be well visualized in the ST
		than the TT.
Anatapatapa kwa uchungu	Writhes with pain	Literal translation and the
		way he is struggling is
		hidden.
Analia kimyakimya juu ya	Cries silently	The aesthetic effect is lost
mwili wa mumewe		in the TT and the idea
		of emphasis is missing
Ameanguka kifudifudi	He fell face downwards	There is mismatch. The
		aesthetic effect is missing in
		the TT
Kujitupa juu ya matumbo	Crawl on their bellies	There is mistranslation. To
yao		crawl is 'kutambaa' not
		kujitupa
Tutatambaa kama mbaazi	We'll crawl like pea plants	Literal translation
	sticks	
Kwa pole pole kama	He continues as if he is	There is omission of the
anasema na mtoto	talking to a child	word polepole, showing

		how the talking was done.
		This will lead to
		misinformation.
Hukaa kimya bila	He is dead still	Literal translationand the
kutingisika		emphasis on how silent he
		becomes has been done
		away with.
Haki tena basi	Here comes Kinjekitile look	Mistranslation The aesthetic
kuchelewesha chelewesha	at the way he is walking	effect of delaying things
mambo		every now and then is
		missing in the TT.
Vulugavuluga shamba	Destroyed it completely	Mismatch since that bogus
		way of destroying the farm
		is lacking in the TT
Acha kujitengatenga na	Leave that brooding of	The aesthetic effect of
kunung'unika	yours	excluding oneself every
		time is not reflected in the
		TT
Wote wananyamaza kinywa	A long pause	Lack of emphasis. The idea
kwa muda mrefu		of complete silence is
		missing in the TT.
Kelele na vigelegele	More noise and shouting	Mistranslation vigelegele is
		ululation not shouting since

		there is a special way of
		making the vigelegele to
		show joy.
Chifu oyee!	Kibasila oyee!	Mistranslation oyee is a
		cheering word in the ST.An
		equivalent word like bravo
		could have been used to
		cheer him up.
Majimaji	Majimaji	Borrowing but the
		repetition to show emphasis
		is missing.
Watu wanarukaruka kwa	People dance with joy	Literal translation The idea
furaha		of jumping is missing
Pamoja wananong'ona	Talking to each other	Mismatch. The effect of
		talking to somebody direct
		in the ear is missing.
Jeshi la Kitunda limeumana	Kitunda's army is ready for	Paraphrasing kuumana
	war	

From the above translated onomatopoeia in the English version of *Kinjekitile* the particular form of the 'core sound' which consists of two syllables and the basic meaning of the expression are not portrayed in the English Version of *Kinjeketile*. Ebrahim used

explanations during the translation to replace the onomatopoeia that are found in the Kiswahili text. This would enable him to maintain the style of the text.

When there is no equivalence, the translator should consider using onomatopoeia from the TT language which is almost equivalent to the ones used in the ST. This will limit the issue of inadequately translated text because in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*, the translated onomatopoeic expressions were paraphrased or just given the normal English words which do not add any aesthetic value to the story.

Therefore, since onomatopoeic is produced by a single word that sounds like the thing it refers to ,then the English translated text was inadequately done since the identifiable onomatopoeia in the ST were not reflected in the TT.

The absence of the complete phonetic symbolism in the target text shows the impossibility of translating the Kiswahili onomatopoeic words to English.

2.8. Translation inadequacies in names

According to the Oxford Concise English Dictionary (2001: 1146), a proper name is "a name of an individual person, place or organization having an initial capital letter". In literary texts, proper names are used for characterization and are chosen or coined with some extra load, thus being meaningful. Names usually convey some information in a literary text, viz semantic meaning, semiotic and sound symbolic meaning. Translation of characters or proper names is one of the most challenging activities every translator faces while working on a literary text. This is because proper names are not like other words which can easily be found in a dictionary. According to Herman (1988: 12) as cited in Manini (1996; 161) is that proper names occupy an exceptional position with regard to the language system because of their minimal integration to it.

According to Omboga (1986:55) proper names like peoples' names and items do not have more than one meaning. Therefore, they are not supposed to be translated. He claims that characters' names in literary texts should not be translated like any other words can be translated.

However, he claims that one can translate the names if they have a special meaning. He goes on to criticize Abdulatiff Abdalla who translated *Wema Hawajazaliwa* for having translated proper names. It is a challenge because it leads to miscommunication especially the conceptual meaning of the text.

Tymoczko (1999:223) observes that, 'proper names indicate racial, ethical, national and religious identity'. She in (1999:223–224) calls proper names "dense signifiers" and explains that they are the most problematic to translate because their significance is often culturally specific and dependent on cultural paradigms. Proper names may mean something be it semantically, historically, geographically or culturally loaded. For example, the Luhya name Nanjala among the Bukusu means hunger. The same name can be translated in to Luo, Aketch. Wafula which means rain can be translated to Okoth in Luo. These are translatable, but other names cannot be translated and if it is done, then it leads to inadequate translation due to lack of equivalence.

Many translation theorists treat proper names as belonging to certain culture and often call them culture specific items (CSI).

Tymoczko (1999: 240), indicate that proper names "account for the greatest percentage of the culturally specific items in a text. Proper names are used as dense signifiers in the sense that they contain in themselves clues about the destiny of a character or the way the

story line may develop. Therefore if translated the intended message will be altered in the TT.

Fornalazyk (2007: 95) in translating proper names which perform an additional function namely, they reveal the existence of the 'cultural other' and signal the reader that the text originated in a different culture to other. Theorists like Nord (2003:183) has pointed out that , just a quick glance at translated texts can reveal that translators do all sorts of things with names such as substitution, transcribe and omit them, thus leading to meaning loss in the TT.

Another scholar Tymoczko (1999:224), states that in translation of names, translators can bring the audience to the text and transfer the name unchanged or "bring the text to the audience and adopt the names.

The tables below show the translation of proper names by E. Hussein in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*;

Table U shows examples of untranslatable names

KISWAHILI	Hussein	ENGLISH Hussein(1970)
(1969)		
Kinjekitile		Kinjekitile
Kitunda		Kitunda
Chausiku		Chausiku
Mnyapala		Mnyapala
Ngulumbaluyo		Ngulumbaluyo
Machela		Machela
Kibasila		Kibasila
Askari		Askari
Mkichi		Mkichi
Mngindo		Mngindo

Table T- Translatable Characters' Names

KISWAHILI Hussein (1969)	ENGLISH Hussein (1970)
Bi. Kinjekitile	Bibi Kinjekitile
Bi. Kitunda	Bibi Kitunda
Mjumbe wa Wazaramo	Representative of the Wazaramo
Afisa wa Kijerumani	German Officer
Wazee	First old man
	Second old man
	Third old man
Wanawake	First old woman
	Second old woman
	Third old woman

Table A . Additional characters the blanks in the original text and new characters in the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{TT}}$

 Daudi
 First Soldier
 Second Soldier
 Third Soldier

Ebrahim Hussein has given his characters names according to their conduct or behavior. The names are associated with the theme of the play which is a revolution of the Wamatumbi against the Germans where they believed in 'water' or 'maji' as a symbol of unity, immunity and love. They also believed that it could protect them against the

bullets. All this is because if 'Kinjekitile' who was a spiritual leader whom they believed was possessed by spirits. The spirit Hongo, who gives the message to the people and power to protect them against the German bullets.

Some names have been translated for instance:

Afisa wa Kijerumani- German Officer

Mjumbe wa Wazaramo-Representative of the Wazaramo

Wazee-1st Old Man

2nd Old Man

3rd Old Man

These names are associated with their traits. These will help TT reader to understand the intended message in the TT. They are not culture based and the translation does not affect the IM in any way.

However most names were not translated as stated by Tymocsko(1999:224) since most of them are culture-based and they have no conceptual meaning to the Target audience. Names like Chausiku cannot be translated to night or any other name to do with darkness. It will not make sense to the TT reader.

Kitunda- originated from the Wamatumbi tribe.

Kinjekitile-means 'kuitikia' among the Wamatumbi and could not be translated to 'response'. This is because he made people accept and believe that the 'water' will protect them against the bullets, so the name was adopted.

Mkichi- originates from the 'Wakichi' a tribe in Tanganyika. This could not be translated because that tribe is not among the TT audience people, and it could not have an impact since they know nothing about the Wakichi people.

However, there is translation inadequacy in that names like, watu-men have been mistranslated because the correct translation for 'watu' is 'people'. Using the word men for watu is ambiguous because watu is meant for both men and women. This will definitely alter the IM in the TT.

Another inadequacy is on Hussein (1969:xv) yaliyomo compared to Hussein (1970:ix) of the characters in the English version. The translated text shows 23 characters whereas the ST has 17 characters. The translation of 'yaliyomo' should be equivalent to the characters in the TT Hussein (1970: ix). Lack of equivalence will lead to mismatch especially when it comes to performing the play and the intended message. The audience watching the play in English will not get the same message in Kiswahili because of the

Another inadequacy is in the translation of **mtu** (1), **mtu** (11) and **mtu** (111). E. Hussein has used **first man**, **second man and third man**. The best translation is first person, second person, and third person.

There is also an alteration of characters' names in Hussein (1969: 30) whereby the words acted by character Bwana's words are being narrated by a different character on Hussein (1970: 33) of the English Version. The very character Bwana is nowhere in the 'yaliyomo' where he came from, I don't know. The sentences below show how the mistranslation of names was done

.Hussein (1969: 30)

mix up of characters.

Bwana: Usiwe na shaka yeye anajua lakini anasaidia kwa silisili maana hataki askari na akida wajue

Hussein(1970:33)

First man: That is all right. Don't worry about him. He knows of our activities and

is helping by turning a blind eye to them.

Hussein (1969: 30)

Bwana: Watu wengi tayali nyuma yetu. Askali wapo tayali. Au siyo Kitunda

Hussein(1970: 33)

Representative of the Wazaramu: Many people are behind us and ready. Is that not

right Kitunda?

These pages were inadequately translated by mixing up the characters and this will alter

the intended message in the TT or in the play. A translator has to be faithful to the style

of the original text.

Hussein (1970: 35)

Character 'wote'- in the English text has been mistranslated to men.

Wote should be 'All'

Hussein (1969:35)

Wote: Sawa

Men: Tomorrow night.

This sentence has been mistranslated and the characters in the ST and the TT are

not tallying.

This is mistranslation leading to meaning loss of the IM.

In conclusion translators should be cautious while translating proper names from the OT

to the TT. This will help preserve the conceptual meaning. Mistranslation of names will

add to alteration of the IM.

He should translate where necessary if they are metaphorical or use the names unchanged as E. Hussein has done while translating '*Kinjekitile*' since most names are culture-based, he just adopted them in the TT.

There should be no omission of characters or additions like Daudi, villagers and many others. This is because each character has a major role to play in the theme of the text. It depends on the role of the characters in the play or in the literary works. However, Kiswahili and English cultures have different ways of naming characters and as a result we face inadequacies in translating names of characters. If the characters' names are well translated then, the TA will comprehend with ease the message of the story.

Conclusion

I have discussed the concept of translation inadequacies from various scholars. I have shown how each scholar has described the issue of translation inadequacies.

I have also shown how translation inadequacies in terms of omission, additions, characters' names, similes and onomatopoeia have been portrayed in the English version of *Kinjekitile*.

It is apparent that translation inadequacies lead to deviation in conceptual meaning of the translated TT. It also leads to miscommunication to the TA due to cultural barriers.

I have tabulated and explained all the inadequately translated text in the ST and demonstrated how they have been translated in the TT.

These inadequacies have been introduced in the text either intentionally or unintentional and each has an effect on the TT. The most common effect is misinformation and lack of aesthetic effect in the TT.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSLATION INADEQUACIES IN LITERARY TEXT

Chapter three discusses factors that lead to translation inadequacies in a literary text with special reference to the English Version of *Kinjekitile*. And as Nord (1997:75) says, 'translation mistakes or errors are inadequate solutions to translation problems' therefore, inadequacies like omission and additions can be a blessing in disguise to a translator. We shall do this by looking at what various theorists have said as factors that contribute towards translation inadequacy. And as it is stated, there are many thorns that can mortify us during translation but as translators we have to look for strategies that will enable us to overcome them, so that we can create a natural translated target text. And in our project, one has to find out factors that lead to inadequacies like additions, omissions, mistranslation of figurative language especially onomatopoeia and similes and proper names in literary texts.

3.1 Over Translation and Under Translation

The idea of over translation and under translation was first put forward by Newmark in his book *Approaches to Translation* (1976). These factors lead to additions and omissions in a literary text.

In 1980s, Chinese translation scholars began to introduce the two factors and used them to analyze translation errors. They aimed at finding out causes of over translation and under translation and later suggested some strategies for overcoming both in the angles of the difference between language and culture.

Over translation refers to information that the target language contains and is more than that of the SL in terms of meaning and style. It conveys the TL readers' information that

is more than what the SL reader should receive. This could lead to misunderstanding

between the SL audience and the TL audience.

Under translation refers to information that the target language contains and is less than

that of the source language. Under translation overestimates the knowledge reserves of

the TL readers and neglects the comprehensibility of the translation works which could

lead to a lack of necessary information that the SL attempts to convey. Both additions and

omissions lead to reproducing in the TL the non-equivalence of the source language (SL)

in terms of meaning and style. They lead to misunderstanding between the SL and the

TL.

Both are deviations from the ideal faithful and expressive translation. The two

translations produce non-equivalence in the translated works. Therefore, translators are

expected to read, comprehend ST, interpret it accordingly then translate it in a way that

there will be no over translation or under translation of the original text so that the ST and

the TT have the same impact to the SL audience and the TL audience. The following

example shows over translation in the English Version of *Kinjekitile*.

Hussein (1969:23)

Bi Kinjekitile: Bwana! Bwana! Ah Bwana, Kitunda anataka kukuona

Hussein (1970:25)

Bibi Kinjekitile: (calling gently) Bwana, Bwana (more emphatically) Bwana!

Kitunda wants to talk to you.

The words 'calling gently' have been over translated giving extra information. The

words 'wants to talk to you' have been mistranslated to 'anataka kukuona'. The

correct translation is 'he wants to see you'. There is inadequacy in that new information has been added to the TT.

That is over translation because, what the TA will get is not what was received by the SL audience. Another example of over translation is in

Hussein (1969:1)

Bi Kinjeketile: Shamba la Bwana Kinoo limezidishwa ukubwa sasa .Kila ntu, nasikia kapata mahali pakubwa zaidi.

Hussein (1970:1)

Bwana Kinoo's farm grows bigger every day.

The word **every day** is an addition caused by over translation of the ST. This has altered the implied meaning in that the message to the TT audience is that Bwana Kinoo s farm was increasing on a daily basis whereas in the source text, the farm was bigger than it was before. There is also a linguistic problem whereby the ST shows an increment that happened ones whereas the TT implies a continues process.

Another example of additions caused by over translation of a text is on

Hussein (1969:2)

Bi: Kitunda: Mwenzangu, huna hata kisamvu au kihogo unigaiye?

Hussein (1970:2)

(Intimately) But my dear, don't you have some spinach, or even a bit of cassava you can spare me.? Please...

The TT has more humor compared to the ST. This words, **please and intimately** are indicators of eupheminism which does not come out properly in the source text. Translators should ensure that the impact that the ST has on an audience, is equivalent to

the impact that the TT has on the recipient .But if the impact is not the same then there is

inadequacy in the translated text.

From the above examples, we can say that when a translator over translates a TT or under

translates the TT, then the translation will not have the same impact to the TT reader and

the ST reader. This will lead to translation inadequacy.

The other factor that leads to translation inadequacy is under translation which leads to

omission of words from the source text leading to a deficiency in the TT which definitely

leads to meaning loss or mistranslation of the TT. For instance:

Hussein (1969:24)

Kitunda :sasa tuko tayari.

Kinjekitile: Tayari kufanya nini? (Furaha yake yote imemtoka)

Hussein (1970:24)

Kitunda: We are now ready.

Kinjekitile: Ready? Ready for what.

The words in brackets should have been translated

to, (He has lost all his happiness) .These words have been omitted due to under

translation and these will lead to loss of meaning and misinformation between the ST

reader and the TT reader.

The words 'furaha yake yote imemtoka' were omitted due to under- translation which

will mislead and also lead to misunderstanding between the SL and the TL audience.

Another example of omission due to under translation is in

Hussein (1969:27)

Kitunda: Unakufulu, wewe huwezi kufika kwa Mungu bila kupita kwa Hongo

(Kinjekitile anatabasamu)

Hussein (1970:30)

Kitunda: You blaspheme! You cannot reach God through Hongo. It is impossible

(Pause)

The words showing the mood of Kinjekitile which is one of the central issues in the text

have been omitted in the TT. The word 'akitabasamu' has been left out and instead the

word 'pause' has been used. The ST audience message has been under translated thus

leading to meaning loss. The idea of Kinjekitile smiling is also omitted.

This could have been brought about by either just skipping the word or carelessness of

the translator because the word 'anatabasamu' has its equivalence-smiling-which is not

appearing in the TT. However, after this research one can take stern measures to

minimize this. This will enable the target language readers to understand the meaning of

the source text and language in the same way as the source text readers.

3.2 Differences in Vocabulary and Linguistic Structures between the SL text and the

TL text

The second factor that brings about translation inadequacy is the difference in

vocabulary, and the linguistic structures of the SL and TL. These differences often cause

mistranslation which may lead to serious consequences like meaning loss or

misinterpretation.

English and Kiswahili have different linguistic structures in that English language has

the article 'a' and 'the'.

These two are not used in Kiswahili. Instead of the articles the morpheme 'a'is used .

Another difference is that the author adapted several words expressing the original sound of the Wamatumbi (Kiswahili) language. The sounds of the Kiswahili words are reproduced using the English phonetic alphabet which differs from the Kiswahili language.

The English words that originated from Kiswahili may differ significantly in sound from the original language. They can sound confusingly similar into other adopted words with different meaning. This is a high risk of mistranslation, since one can select an incorrect word that sounds similar leading to inadequacy.

The best example is **imani** which means **faith**. But the translated text is misleading because it is being referred to as **patience**. There is mismatch because patience is **uvumilivu**. Other examples are words like, **Askari**, **Akida who was a German leader and the** word **Bwana**. These words have been used in the English text just the way they appear in the original text. The word Askari has different connotations. It can be, a soldier or a policeman or a guard. A translator has to specify if it is a trained soldier or just a security man so that the intended message can be passed over to the TT audience. If this is not well done and the target audience is aware of one single meaning then it can lead to inadequacy as we use the word in the two contrasting languages. The words **the Red earth** have been translated to **udongo mwekundu** does not bring out the same impact as in the translated text.

Another word is **Bwana** which means **husband** or one who has employed somebody/employer or a respectable title for a man or lord or Mr. A translator has to be very specific so that he does not use the words in a wrong context. For the TT audience the translated text should be explicit, so that he may get to know the type of

'Bwana' he is referring depending on the context. If the TT is implicit, then the intended

message might not be perceived well by the TT audience.

Towards the linguistic aspect of translation Venuti (2000:116) points out that, those

languages differ essentially in what they must convey, and not in what way they convey.

The content of what they must convey refers to the grammatical and lexical forms which

according to Venuti (ibid) occurs at the level of gender.

Another language difference is on the use of pronouns **he and she**. These two are used to

refer to gender in the English structure. However, in Kiswahili, there are no pronouns to

stand for gender. We just use the morpheme'a' and 'wa' to refer to both she and he.

Therefore, if a translator is not very keen with whom he is referring to as he translates

from Kiswahili to English, he can inadequately render the intended message. Goldblatt

(2002:10) gives some of the reasons for translation inadequacy as the set nature of the

original text and the changing nature of our language, the intricacies of cross-cultural

research and the ability of some languages lacking some words whereby the words are

simply unavailable or insufficient. The pronouns 'he' and 'she' are unavailable in the

Kiswahili language. Therefore, whenever a person translates from Kiswahili to English,

he will add on or create the **he or she**. The example given below shows proves this.

Hussein (1969:11)

Bibi wa I: Na yeye hakutamani (wanacheka)

Hussein (1970:11)

First woman: Ah, so he doesn't turn towards you. (She laughs)

If a translator used the Kiswahili sentence one could not tell who is who but the pronouns

'she' and 'he' in the translated text will identify the man not turning and a lady laughing'

If a translator does not comprehend such linguistic differences, then he can produce a text

with 'dumb mistakes'.

Another example is in Hussein (1969:18)

Kinjekitile: Ulijuaje kuwa nitatoka?

Hussein (1970:19)

Kinjekitile: How did you know I would pass here?

'Nitatoka', the correct translation is 'I will leave. The author mistranslated the text. It

could have been 'I would leave'. The author was not faithful to the semantic structure of

the ST. This is an inadequacy that will lead to meaning loss in the TT indicating that the

translator has not been faithful to SL and the TT message will not be equivalent to the

ST message. Another example is in Hussein (1969:28)

Kitunda: Hatuwezi kungoja zaidi. Watu wanataka vita .Nguvu ya maji imewapata

.Wanataka kuanza vita kesho.

Hussein (1970: 30)

Kitunda: We cannot wait any longer. People have been made strong by the water,

and they want to start the war as soon as possible.

There is mistranslation as to when to start the war. The correct translation should have

been **Tomorrow** which is an adverb that is specific, showing that the Wamatumbi were

set to start the war the following day. It was mistranslated to 'as soon as possible' that

means they had no specific time. The intended message in the ST is not equivalent to the

TT message. Another example indicating mistranslation is in

Hussein (1969:5)

Kitunda: Mwache aseme tena na nitamfanya ajijutie maisha yake.

Hussein (1970: 6)

Let him say that again and I will make him sorry for the rest of his life. The

underlined words have been mistranslated to make him sorry the rest of his life. The

correct translation could have been regret the rest of his life.

The translated text is not natural. It sounds clumsy and the intended meaning is

completely lost .This mainly occurs when a translator reads a section of a sentence then

decides to translate without considering the IM of the ST and as a result creating an

inadequately translated text.

Another text that can illustrate this is in

Hussein (1969:13)

Kitunda: Hebu jamani tusikilizane

Hussein (1970:14)

Kitunda: let us listen to one another

This is literal translation and the intended message does not come out as expected. The

best translation should have been; My goodness! Let us come to an agreement. People

can listen to each other and never agree. So, Kitunda wanted them to come to an

agreement as to whether to start fighting or wait for further instructions from their

spiritual leader Kinjekitile who was pleading with them not to start the war.

To add on that there are other grammatical errors in

Hussein (1969:24)

Mjumbe wa Wazaramo: Tumefurahi sana kufika kwenu.

Hussein (1970:24)

Representative of the Wazaramo: Well we are glad to be here.

This character is talking about two different persons and yet the sentence is supposed to have an equivalent translation. The OT is talking about the first person being glad for the arrival of the second person whereas the TT is referring to the first person (plural) being glad that they have arrived. This will lead to misinformation between the target audience and the source text audience.

Linguistic difference also affects the translation of figurative language. Most of the rhetorical aspects are extremely language-dependent. For instance, some similes and onomatopoeia do not work in the TL due to linguistic difference. What most translators do which is inadequate, is that they simply omit it from the TT. In the case of Hussein the onomatopoeia had one part maintained and the other parallel one omitted when translating.

These are inadequate solutions because they prune the aesthetic value of the expression or playing words. Care has to be taken while translating expression for a specific function, just to express humor, satire, sympathy, and many others.

One of the proposed strategies of translating expressions is by replacing it with some other related simile or onomatopoeia or rhetorical device which aims to recapture the effect of the source text device. These strategies involve more effort for the translator, yet they are worthwhile in translating literary texts.

In translating similes, E. Hussein omitted some of them. This might be because he didn't get an equivalent in the TT or it was culture based and the contextual meaning could not come out well. In others, he just used explanation instead of an equivalent simile to bring about that aesthetic meaning.

The following example illustrates how Hussein translated similes.

Hussein (1969:34)

Njaa kama hii kupata kuku

Hussein (1970:37)

Getting a chicken at a time like this, must have meant a lot of looking around.

Another example is in

Hussein (1969:6)

Bunduki kubwa inayomwaga risasi kama mchanga.

There was no equivalent so, he used different explanation.

Hussein (1970:7)

The big gun that kills many people at once.

That idea of visualizing the killings of many people 'kama mchanga' did not come out

well in the English version. It also did not have the impact it had to the reader of the SLT.

Hussein (1969:26)

Mtagombana wenyewe kwa wenyewe kabila na kabila kama paka na mbwa.

This one was also omitted and in the process the image of people quarrelling or being at

logger-heads like a dog and a cat does not come out well in the English version.

3.3 Lack of Contextual Understanding of the Document

Another factor that leads to translation inadequacies in a target text is lack of

understanding of the source text document. There are some words whose meanings

escape not only to the general public but also the dictionary. The translator has to use his

common sense and intuition to come up with the closest possible word for it. This can

only happen if he has thorough understanding and advanced skills of the language and the

field of translation. A translator has to read and comprehend the source language. We

often run into these painful 'not found' terms which the best dictionary not even speaker or expert of the language can provide us with a solution to convey the accurate meaning. It is therefore, upon the translator to have 'contextualized intuition' or the ability to find the nearest common sense interpretation of the 'not found' element within its context and not resorting to omission as an alternative.

Kinjekitile has words that have been either expounded or borrowed just because they are not in the dictionary and are not known to experts. For instance:

Nywinywila means rumors or whispering campaign

Likida a wamatumbi war dance

Kolelo and Hongo are used to refer to spirits.

Hussein decided to transfer these words without altering them just to retain the intended message. Any alteration would lead to inadequate translation because these words cannot be found in any dictionary.

3.4 Translating a Text That Is Not Their Mother Tongue

'Service translation' is another factor that leads to translation inadequacy. This refers to the idea of translators transferring texts to a target language that is not their mother-tongue but is a foreign language. This is what Newmark (1995b) calls 'service translation'. They cannot do it naturally, accurately and with maximum effectiveness as the native speaker. Most translators do not translate out of their own language and Newmark (ibid)) claims that this makes it hard and results in a mediocre output that should be post-edited before delivering to the client.

Translation is a form of torture because it puts you in a state of despair at times, but it is enriching work that demands honestly and modesty. That is why inadequacies like omissions and additions are at the same time solutions to translation challenges. Delisle asserts that, if translating is discourse operation, interposing between language and thought, then we should accept that in the art of translating we are going to come across assorted and numerous obstacles that might create inadequacy in a translated text. But as translator, we have to look for strategies to clear these challenges.

E. Hussein translated his book 'Kinjekitile' from Kiswahili to English which is a foreign language. That is why he made so many translation errors like: omissions, additions and mistranslation of concepts and expressions. The English text has been over translated and under translated in some areas making it more than a translated text and not a natural one. A translator should ideally be a native to that language because being a native will ensure comprehensive translation of the content, complete colloquial understanding of expressions, humor, slang, hidden meanings, cultural significance, context and many others. Most translators only deliver the word for word translation or the superficial meaning of the text. This leads to a loss of the texts' core meaning thus inadequacy.

3.5 The Two Differ In Word Order Of The Sentence Structure

Translation is the rephrasing of words from L1 to L2. Mostly, the two languages differ in word order of the sentence structure. Accurate translation requires significant reorganization of the word order of the original text.

The re-organization must be done with accurate transfer of all information contained in the original document without eliminating or adding information.

Due to complexity of documents accurate restructuring of words within a sentence to enhance readability tends to be difficult thus leading to inadequately translated text.

Some words are untranslatable 'when one wishes to remain in the same grammatical

category.' For instance;

Some of the most frequent translation difficulties are semantic and cultural in nature,

linguistic untranslatability, true and false friends, calques, standardized terms and cultural

untranslatability, idioms, sayings, proverbs, jokes, puns and many others.

Therefore, a translator has to develop a cautious attitude towards these words to avoid

translation inadequacy and language misuse. English and Kiswahili differ in word order

in a sentence. English is an isolating language whereas Kiswahili is an agglutinative

language. Therefore, a translator has to consider this difference as he translates the text to

avoid inadequacies. The sentences below show the difference in the sentence structure.

Hussein (1969: 5)

Kitunda: Nilitaka sana kuonana na Kinjekitile

The word **nilitaka** has all the elements embedded in a sentence whereby,

Ni refers to Kitunda.

Li stands for past tense

Taka refers to the verb.

The translated text in Hussein (1970: 4)

Kitunda: That reminds me .I wanted to see Kinjekitile very much today.

The words I wanted to- have been agglutinated to 'Nilitaka'

The next example which could demonstrate this idea is in Hussein (1969:3)

Bi Kitunda: Alikuwa shambani?

Bi Kitunda: Was he at the plantation?

A- Kinjekitile

Li- past tense

Kuwa- verb

A translator has to be very keen on such differences to avoid mistranslation which might be caused by such differences.

3.6 Cultural Connotation

Another factor that leads to translation inadequacies is the difference in culture.

Theorists believe that translation is the transference of culture from the source text to the target text that is why translation is mainly referred to as cross cultural. The term itself is complex but it is frequently used by translators since it is one of the key factors that contribute towards inadequacies in a translated text.

Culture according to A. Nida (1993:79) is the totality of beliefs and practices of a society.

Peter Newmark (1998:94) defines culture as the way of life and it's manifestation that is

peculiar to a community that uses a particular language as its means of expression.

British Anthropologist Tylor 187 claims that culture includes beliefs, art, morals, customs and habits acquired by man as a member of the society. Material culture includes products manufactured by man.

Social culture includes the social organization and how the society interacts. Ideological values, beliefs and what they think. Then the artistic aspect includes music, sculpture, and pottery.

These definitions cover all aspects of human life and behavior and it is transmitted through learning. In general, culture is divided into material, social, ideological and artistic aspects. These categories differ across different types of societies and vary in scale, size and complexity.

Language is a part of culture and translating from one culture to the other culture cannot be adequate without adequate knowledge of the whole culture involved.

In translating *Kinjekitile*, E. Hussein who is from the Kiswahili community based his translation on cultural issues of the Wamatumbi who believed in the magic powers of the holy water or 'Majimaji'. They also believed that Hongo the spirit or Kolelo would protect them from the German bullets.

The Wamatumbi also believed in their spiritual leader, Kinjekitile whom they trusted. He warned them against the dangers of the war but the people did not listen. They waged war against the Germans who did not believe in water, so they used guns and they defeated them. This example is culture based and the English people cannot understand how water or 'Maji' could protect one from the bullets. So, the impact of the IM to the ST audience is very different from the TT reader because of the cultural differences.

Another cultural difference that could bring inadequacy towards the TT reader is that the message of sacrifice/ or kafara whereby Kinjekitile locked himself in the house and smoke was seen coming out of the house and Bi. Kitunda claims that he has really changed. He offered sacrifices to the spirits so that his prayers or needs could be heard. In translation, the message should have an equivalent impact to both the SL receiver and the TL receiver.

The impact of this message 'on sacrifices' in this text will not be the same because of the Wamatumbi who believe in sacrifices and the Germans did not believe in sacrifice. This will lead to inadequacy in the intended message to the receiver.

The idea of using words like Kolelo, hongo, Chunusi and akida which are culture based will lead to translation inadequacies since the words will not be well understood by the

TT audience because they are foreign words. Translation process as pointed out by translators that culture based terms play a very important role in translation process. And in addition Nida (1993:79) believes that the cultural factors in translating are more significant than the pure linguistic differences. He believes that serious mistakes in translation are due to wrong cultural assumptions. A translator cannot understand the source target message without considering the cultural background. He says, for truly successful translation bi-culturalism is even more important than bilingualism, since words have meanings in terms of their culture in which they function. Therefore, if a translator does not comprehend the culture of the SL text then, he will not be able to transfer the same meanings to the TT audience.

In addition to culture being one of the key factors that lead to inadequate translated texts. Bassnet (2002: 22) claims that "No language can exist unless it is steeped in the context of culture and no culture can exist which does not have its centre. The structure of the language is the heart within the body of culture and it is the interaction between the two that results in the continuation of life energy. In the same way that the surgeon operates on the heart, he cannot neglect the body that surrounds it, so a translator treats the text in isolation from culture at peril. From Bassnets expression, if a translator does not consider the culture of the SL text while translating, then he is likely to make errors or mistakes because language and culture are inseparable. He has to merge the two, culture and language and how it can be translated to transfer equivalent message to the TT. This is because language is the core of culture.

Cultural differences have brought many difficulties in translation leading to inadequately translated text. It is only by cultural adjustment and modification can we successfully reach the goal of functional equivalence as argued by Nida.

An ideal translation should integrate both linguistic meaning and cultural meaning of the source language into the target language, so that the reader can experience the same impact. If he does not interpret and analyze the connotative and suggestive meaning of the ST then he will not recreate the meaning of the TT.

3.7 Effects of Translation Inadequacies on literal texts.

Translation inadequacies can lead to meaning loss and distortion of the message. In the process it will undermine the skopos and justification of translation as an act of bilingual communication and as discussed above most errors are due to their incompetence of lexical or structural complexities between two different languages.

Misunderstanding of several words and choosing inadequate solution can lead or produce meaningless structures.

Under translation overestimates the knowledge reserves of the TL readers and neglects the comprehensibility of the translated works which could lead to a lack of necessary information that the SL attempts to convey.

Under translation and over translation produce non -equivalence in translated works.

In translating figurative language where there are linguistic differences a translator faces challenges leading to inadequately translated TT. Most of the figurative language does not work in the TL due to linguistic difference and as a result some translators simply omit words or maintain an aspect. These are inadequacies because they prune the aesthetic value of the expression or playing words.

The consequences of wrong translation can be catastrophic. Just think of what could happen in cases of serious inadequacies in knowledge areas such as science, medicine, legal matters or technology. Poor translation can lead to hilarity, minor confusion and it can be a matter of life and death. For example, lily and Chilian exile had been granted refugee status in a non-Spanish speaking country. He was going to undergo surgery for the simple removal of a skin blemish from her face. There was the translation problem with the source text being difficult to read, incorrect spelling, unfinished text, badly written text, language problem, slang and difficult to understand. In the process the operator could not go on well because of lack of understanding and information.

A translator should also consider the aesthetic aspect in that omission due to lack of balanced equivalence on the semiotic and cultural levels, linguistic and semantic looses of verbal signs can affect the source text seriously, blocking the understanding of the source message or affecting the aesthetic values. It will also lead to loss of hidden cultural information that reflects social norms, religious beliefs, and ideological attitudes of the ST.

There are also semantic losses that result from cases of mistranslation, superficial interpretation of the semantic and pragmatic equivalence. Incorrect comprehension of a text decreases the quality of a translation. One has to use reading comprehension strategies for underlying words, detecting difficulties, contextualizing lexical items, and adaptations.

Venuti (1995:18) claims that when a text is re-translated at a latter period in time, it frequently differs from the first translation because of the changes in the cultural context.

Translators face difficult challenges in word choice and placement and this affects the overall style and tone of the message.

If the rendering has failed to convey the connotative or emotive meaning aimed at in the original text, then they have failed to convey the connotative or emotive meaning aimed at in the original.

Translation can be reliable where there is little alteration on the original text to bring out the effect required. Savory (1968:52:55:149) claims that such a translation should appear as if it were really the original text reflecting it's freshness and spirit when the image implied in the expression is reproduced in the TL Newmark (1981:88). If a translator is keen and he reproduces a TT that is equivalent to the ST then the IM will be received by the target audience.

Mistranslation means to translate incorrectly and this is because the words belong to different linguistic and semantic domain. The reason for this is due to limited translation experience whereby, the translator has not done enough practice and therefore, he is inefficient in his work as a translator.

Nida and Taber (1964: 106) observe that obviously in any translation, there will be a type of loss of semantic content but the process should be designed as to keep this to a minimum ,it should not be exaggerated. Only the form of the message then is liable to be changed. And if the text fails to convey the meaning required, it will produce a sentence loaded with extra words and no cohesion. This means that the original text is now deformed and mutilated.

When texts are inadequately translated by additions, omissions and adapting culturebased terms, they make it rather hard to understand the message of the original Aziz (1971:20)

To add on that, in a mistranslated text, then denotative meaning of the text loses much of its efficiency, and the implicational meaning is lost. This is because they fail to represent the deeper meaning of the phrase. An illustration which could illuminate this idea is **in Hussein (1969: 15)**

Maneno aliyosema ni kama yanatoka katika sanamu. This part was omitted leading to meaning loss.

Good translation requires fidelity on the part of the translator to the text he is going to render to the other language. Translators are accused of being traitors. He does not tell the whole truth. He either omits from or adds to the original sense Aziz (1971:22) Omission which is labeled as under-translation is where important features of meaning are left out. The table in Hussein (1970: 24) shows the omission of phrases from the original text. This text consequently appeared inaccurate and also ambiguous in certain aspects.

In addition, we have over translation where the translator adds more items to the text thus providing extra meaning. The table in chapter 2 shows items on over translation. This leads to the overstated translation forms.

From the above effects a text translated from Kiswahili to English can be over translated or under translated. The message can be distorted or misinterpreted by a translator. There can also be loss in meaning of the TT and instead have a recreated text which is almost equivalent to the ST. To minimize this, a translator has to aim at complete discourse

which in turn incorporated with the context of the situation Herman (1979:69). The diagnised inadequacies indicate that the task of a translator is rather multiple. This is because he should be aware of the linguistic, cultural as well as idiosyncratic features of the language involved in the translation process in order to render it as it is expected by the ST audience. Savory (1966:36) summarizes this as follows,

"...to linguistic knowledge and literary capacity, a translator must add sympathy, insight, diligence and consciousness." If he adheres to these faithfully, he will carry out an adequate and reliable translation which will be rendered equivalent to the ST.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we can claim that there are various factors that lead to translation inadequacies in literary text. These factors can be classified into linguistic, cultural, morphological and the translators ability to comprehend and interpret the SL text. These factors lead to translation inadequacies which affect the text by distorting the message or even leading to meaning loss or eroding the aesthetic message of a text. From these factors we can then look at the strategies that can be followed to minimize these translation inadequacies.

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO RESOLVE TRANSLATION INADEQUACIES

4.1 Introduction

This chapter will deal with strategies that can be applied by a translator to preserve the content of the message. A translation strategy is a procedure for solving a problem encountered in translating a text or a segment of a text Baker (2005:188). These strategies are divided into two groups. The local one, which deals with text segments and the global strategy which deals with the whole text.

We also have two other categories, the general strategies which deal with different texts and the specific strategy which tackles a certain text. These strategies are applied because languages differ in form, and there is a certain extent to which the form must be changed in order to preserve the meaning. This mainly depends on the linguistic and cultural distance between the languages, and in this case we have Kiswahili and English. And as Nida and Taber (1882:5) observe that, "At this point languages just do not correspond, and so we must be prepared to sacrifice certain formal niceties for the sake of the intended message." There are various strategies that a translator can use to sort out these inadequacies. In this chapter, I will deal with some of the strategies that a translator can use to minimize translation inadequacies that have been identified in the English Version of *Kinjeketile*. Nida and Taber (1882:63) claim that translating must aim at primarily reproducing the intended message. But to reproduce the message one must make a good many grammatical and lexical adjustments. Therefore we looked at adjustments and how they can resolve the challenges mentioned above.

4.2 Use of Foot Notes

The first strategy is the use of footnotes. Most translation strategies rely on supplementary explanations and information in the form of gloss or notes. If literal translation is applied and the rendering results become meaningless or wrong interpretation takes place, then the necessary adjustments could be made in the text. For instance, there are cases where literal rendering are preserved in the text and the required adjustments are explained in footnotes. When a translator notices that the modification of a text would introduce anomalies in keeping with the cultural distance between the ST and the TT, he may be justified in retaining a more or less literal equivalent in the text and explain it in a footnote. According to Nida (1964:237—239) translated text footnotes have the following functions. First, is correcting linguistic and cultural discrepancies by explaining contradictory customs, identifying geographical and physical objects, supplementing data of names and providing information on plays of words. They are also used in adding information that can help in understanding the document in question. However, footnotes sometimes burden the reader with the unnecessary details. When used in plays, the reader can refer to the page but the audience of stage translation has no possibility of resorting to footnotes to get to understand the unfamiliar terms. Some stylists consider a text sprinkled with footnotes as undesirable.

Prescriptive translation theorists such as Nida (1982:73) have pointed out that the most serious problem involved in translation is the fact that some objects or events may have quite different symbolic value. In translating a particular text with different symbolic values, it is not necessary to change the symbolic values in the source language into another in the target language, but it is certainty necessary to provide some supplementary footnote to identify the different cultural values involved.

For instance **Hussein** (**1970: 17**) the word 'nywinywila' has been expounded using the footnote. It means nywinywila or **whispering campaign.** Another example where footnotes have been used is **Hussein** (**1970: 22**)

They were lined up using **Likida** the author used the footnote to expound on 'likida' which means **war dance.** The use of this footnotes will bring the message of the ST text near to the TT.TT audience will receive the message as intended by the ST author.

However, this procedure is not advisable especially where as Nida says that some readership may be made up by people who regard foreign language as barbaric or have anti feelings towards borrowed words or might even lack sufficient knowledge. This might hinder them from getting the information. They assist the TT reader to make better judgment of the ST contents.

4.3 Substitution

The next strategy is substitution. Snell-Hornby (1988:53) advocates for a mode of translational practice which strives to recreate those dimensions of the source language, that are deemed significant by the translator after considering factors such as readership and purpose. From the perspective of cultural readership, their own culture based form can be recreated. This can be achieved through creating target text culture specific imagery in accordance with the target language conversions. For example, Tymoczko (1999:223) claims that in translating names, translators are expected to replace proper names with culture specific names that are familiar to the target text audience. This is because proper names would sound odd in the TT and that foreignness and strangeness should be avoided at all cost in translation.

For instance, in the English Version of *Kinjeketile*, the names Kitunda, Kinjeketile, Hongo and many others are inadequately used in the TT because the impact they have on the ST audience is not the same impact that they have on the TT audience. Therefore, using foreign terms in a TT should be avoided by translator and instead substitute them with equivalent or familiar terms from the TT.

4.4 Globalization and localization

The other translation strategy is globalization and localization. Davis (2003:82–83) notes that globalization and localization are strategies that a translator could use to translate culture specific items to eliminate the inadequacy. Globalization is whereby the translator replaces culture specific reference with the ones which are more neutral and general in the sense that they are accessible to the audience in a wide range of cultural background. In this case, a translator may replace the names of items, people and food, from a given culture with more generic labels with fewer cultural associations. This method is the most convenient in opening up the text to a wider audience, since it succeeds in conveying the essential characteristics of a referent and in the process one avoids what is not familiar. However, as Newmark puts it, "It is deculturalizing a culture world" since it might result to loss of association or even worse, to loss of hidden meanings. For instance, the use of culture specific words in TT of Kinjeketile will enable the audience to understand the content in a better way because it will avoid what is not familiar. A translator may also opt for localization, in order to avoid loss of effect. He can aim to anchor the reference firmly in the culture of the target audience using naturalization. He must ensure that the translated text sounds like they originated in the same culture of the target language.

However, the introduction of culture specific items requires careful consideration, to avoid inconsistency.

4.5 Omissions

Omission is another strategy that a translator could use, or adopt, to eliminate inadequacies in a text. He can omit the problematic culture specific items altogether, so that no trace of it is found in the translation. Davis (2003:79–82) .Such a decision could simply be an act of desperation on the part of the translator, who is unable to find an adequate way of conveying the original meaning, or is simply unable to interpret the original text. The idea of omission could also be a reasoned decision, where the translation could have provided some kind of paraphrase, or equivalent, but decided not to do so because the amount of effort such a solution would require, on behalf of either the translator or the target reader, does not seem justified. However, he claims that explaining or paraphrasing something in the translated text will give it a prominence it did not have in the original text, thereby distorting the original emphasis and in the process bring about inadequacy.

But if a translator can use omission carefully they could be exploited to produce an effect which is harmonious and in keeping with the original tone to avoid inadequacy.

4.6 Additions

Addition is another strategy that a translator could resort to when the simple preservation of the original text or culture specific item may lead to translation inadequacies. A translator may decide to keep the original item but supplement the text with whatever information is judged necessary. The information can be inserted directly into the text in the form of gloss or elsewhere in the text in the form of a footnote.

However, Hicky (1998:228) stressed that the importance of not allowing such explanations is because they can lead to divergence from the original style. A translator can use short adjectives, or adverbial phrases, rather than notes or additional explanatory sentences. However, a skilled translator can succeed in incorporating it, if at all more detail is required in translating a text.

In connection with the provision of supplementary information for the target reader or audience, it can be asserted that a translator needs a good knowledge of the background of their target audience if they are to gauge accurately exactly what supplementary information is necessary to include in the TT. If one does not have good knowledge of the TT and ST, then they are likely to make such mistakes leading to inadequately translated texts. As Mounin (1976:52—82) states, a translator may transfer the source language word to the target text, without translating it, by glossing it with an explanation, usually in form of definition.

A translator may use a combination of preservation of the original term and addition of explanatory information. In the event the explanatory insertion makes the original term redundant, then the best opinion is to omit the word completely.

4.7 Compensation

Compensation as a strategy is only used when a translator is faced with apparently inevitable yet unacceptable compromise. Compensation according to Hervey and Higgins(1992:248) is a technique of making up for the loss of important source text features through replicating source text effects in the target text by means of other than those used in the source text. They have highlighted four types of compensation,

compensation in kind, compensation in place, compensation by merging and compensation by splitting.

Compensation in kind involves making up for one type of textual effect in the source text by another type in the target text. For example, the African culture refers to the moon as quarter moon, half moon or full moon whereas the western culture prefers the use of months instead of moon. Therefore, the translator has to compensate the word moon with month if he is translating a text from African culture to the western culture.

The second type of compensation is by recreating a corresponding effect at an earlier or later place in the target text for instance, Ebrahim Hussein used this strategy by compensating for a simile that he could not get an equivalent in the target text.

The third type of compensation is by merging which consists of condensing the source text features being carried over a relatively long stretch of a text. For instance, a complex phrase being carried over into a relatively short stretch like a word or a simple phrase.

The fourth and the last type is compensation by splitting especially in cases where there is no single target language word that covers the same range of meaning as a given source text word.

4.8 Borrowing

Borrowing is another strategy and is defined as the transfer of source language lexemes or words into the target language, normally without formal or semantic modification. It is normally used as a cover for the various degrees of preservation of the cultural specific items that one may resort to in the process of transferring the content of the source text into the TT. This term is also referred to as preservation, repetition or transference. A translator may be forced to retain the source text term in the translation. The elements of

one language pass into another and may overtime become fully integrated into the TT language.

This strategy is source text biased and some audience may be ready to cope with it than others. The borrowed word may remain unaltered, or minor alterations may be made. For instance the word 'calque' is a French word which is mainly used in English as one of the ways of word formation. The English people have borrowed words like askari, safari, and jambo and these words have been integrated. Some of the words that are borrowed are proper nouns, names of private firms, public institutions, titles of newspapers and many others.

In *Kinjeketile*, Hussein (1970) borrowed proper nouns like Kitunda, MajiMaji, askari, Kinjeketile, Kolelo from Hussein (1969). He did not alter them but they were just used in the same way they appear in the ST. Much as this is a solution, it might also lead to translation inadequacy if it is not carefully done, especially if the words have a special meaning.

4.8 Communicative Translation

According to Hervey and Higgins (1992:21), communicative translation is also a strategy that can be applied to avoid translation inadequacies. This is a process whereby, in a given situation, the source text uses a source language expression standard for the situation and the translator in the TT chooses a target language expression standard for an equivalent target culture situation. This is normally applied where literal translation is not allowed.

It is mainly used in the translation of expressions like idioms, proverbs, onomatopoeia, similes, and many other types of figurative language. The use of phrases or expressions is

a stylistic device, and if the TT translator does not use corresponding target language set of phrases or idioms, then the stylistic effect is lost, due to leading translation inadequacy.

Therefore, if it happens that the set phrases in the source text do not have identifiable communication target language equivalence, then a translator has to choose between a literal reading and some kind of communicative translation.

4.10 Adaptation

It is target text- biased and it is the broadest and most free form of translation. According to Newmark (2001:62), adaptation is forced on to the translator when no corresponding cultural or institutional customs, objects, idioms, or expressions exist in the target culture or language, and yet a smooth natural translation is required. The aim of adaptation is to make the TT comprehensible to the target readership. A translator is expected to use simplified language paraphrasing of cultural expression to make it natural. Translating from one language to the other is challenging, and in case cultural specific elements do not blend, then they end up being foreign.

Adaptation is mainly used in the translation of names in a form called, transliteration. In this case the source text name is altered, so that it is more in line with the target language pattern of pronunciation and spelling.

Harvey and Higgins (1992:29) have pointed out that transliteration is the standard way of coping with the translation of names. Some of the Kiswahili names can be translated to English and as Hussein has transliterated some of his characters. The following examples will illustrate this idea

Wazee - old men

Wanawake - women

Afisa wa Kijerumani - German officer

However how a name may be transliterated may be entirely up to a translator or one may follow a certain standard transliteration created by earlier translators. Standard transliteration varies from language to language.

They also claim that some names do not need transliteration, but have standard indigenous target language equivalence.

Another strategy is where source names are replaced by indigenous target language names that have similar cultural connotation. However, in doing all these, one should ensure credibility and consistency, whereby the entire text context, and setting should be equally transposed or adopted in the target text.

4.11 Domestication or Naturalization

This strategy is mainly employed to bridge cultural gaps and achieve intelligibility in line with the hermeneutic approach which focuses on interpretation and grants the translator the right to manipulate the text so as to make it natural and comprehensible and readable. The original text undergoes adaptation so as to be recreated to comply with the target linguistic and cultural convention and to fulfill the function of a translator or the purpose or skopos of the text. It adapts the SL words just to the normal pronunciation, then to the normal morphology of the TL Newmark (1988b:82).

In translating proper names Richards(1985:68) Harvey Hervey and Higgins(1986:29) believe that there exist two strategies, either the name can be taken over unchanged from

the ST to the TT (literal translation) or it can be adopted to conform to the phonic conventions of the TL. (Transliteration)

The third procedure is cultural transplantation whereby, the SL names are replaced by indigenous TL names that are not their literal equivalents, but have similar cultural connotations Hervey & Higgins (1989:29)

Newmark (1988a:214) asserts that peoples first and sure names are transferred thus preserving the nationality and assuming that the names have no connotations in the text.

However, the procedure of transference cannot be effective where connotation and implied meanings are significant.Leppihalme (1997:79) proposes that proper names can be translated by retention of the name by using it as such, or using the name and adding some guidance or using the name and adding detailed explanation like footnote.

One can also replace the name by another SL name or replace the name by a TL name. The third one is omission of the name this can be done by transferring the sense by other means for instance by a common noun or by omitting the name and the allusion together.

Conclusion

There are many strategies at the disposal of the translator to transfer information from one language or culture to another culture. However, he has to be faithful to the source text and intelligible to the target text. A translator should weigh and take into account all the factors that would lead to an adequately translated text. It is claimed that a combination of these strategies would results in a more accurate understanding of the culture specific concept than other procedures. There is no strategy that can be singled out as the best but all can be applied selectively depending on the linguistic and cultural gap between the two languages.

CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

5.1 Introduction

The main focus of this project was to find out translation inadequacies that usually come up in the translation of literary text, with special reference to addition, omission, smiles, onomatopoeia and proper names. This has been done through a comparative study of the Kiswahili Version of *Kinjeketile* which has been rendered into the English Version by Ebrahim Hussein. Research has been thoroughly done on theorists and scholars who have discussed on these areas. Newmarks theory was applied. This project has been classified into additions and omissions as inadequacy. It has also discussed the translation inadequacies of similes, onomatopoeia, and proper names.

The next discussion focused on the data, and observation of these inadequacies and their effect on the IM of the translated text. The other area is on the factors that lead to such inadequacies, and lastly, the strategies that can be applied to overcome the issue of inadequacies in a given text.

5.2 Summary of Research Findings

Translation inadequacies occur in various literary texts because translators fall short of maintaining the meaning in the ST into the TT. This is due to the disparities among languages. Culler (1976:21–22) states that, the bigger the gap between the SL and the TL, the more difficult the transfer of the message from the former to the latter.

The difference in culture between the SL and the TL, makes the process of translating a real challenge and therefore, leading to inadequacy.

A translated text can be inadequate, if the subject, and the theme of the ST is missing, or if the translator has not captured the skopos or purpose of translation.

Another finding is that there are additions in the English Version of *Kinjeketile* whereby, the number of words in the TT exceed the number of words in the ST. Additions can occur due to grammatical differences or to avoid ambiguity, to clarify elliptic expressions or paraphrasing. This occurs in order to make translation a dynamic equivalent. Additions are inadequacies because they bring about misinformation, cause serious implications, lead to meaning loss and lack of equivalence. However, they are inevitable because they are used as strategies to enable the TT audience receive the intended message through footnotes, explanation, gloss or paraphrasing.

We also have translation inadequacies due to omissions. This happens when a segment of the ST and the information it contains cannot be traced in the corresponding TT. These omissions could either be intentional or unintentional. They occur at the morphological syntactic, textual, rhetorical and semantic levels. They are usually occasioned by unnecessary repetition of adverbs, differences in sentence structure, semantic misfit and cultural differences. This leads to meaning loss, misinformation and inadequately translated text, lack of emphasis, and lack of skopos .This can however, be corrected by use of substitution, adaptation, gloss, and paraphrasing.

There are translation inadequacies in translating similes because most of them are culture based and as a result, there are no equivalent similes in the TT. A translator will therefore, have to paraphrase or look for a smile from the TT which can best substitute it or he can simply eliminate it completely.

Next we have onomatopoeia, which are culture based and the sound of one item or issues in one language is very different in the TT. This is because they are culture based and for one to translate, he has to omit or look for an equivalent. It is a challenge and that is why

Hussein inadequately translated them by omitting the second phrase thereby diminishing that beauty or aesthetic effect to the target text. The best strategy is to look for an equivalent and adapt it in the TT or substitute it with an equivalent onomatopoeia in the TT.

Finally, proper names were inadequately translated by using most of them just the way they appear in the ST. The impact they have on the ST audience is not the same as the effect they have on the TT audience. The best translation is to use the strategy of globalization or localization where the equivalent names that are familiar to the TT audience can be used. However, if they have a special significance or meaning and there is an equivalent name in the TT, then they can be translated. Another suggestion is that the name can be omitted completely although this will lead to misinformation.

5.3 Recommendations

Translation inadequacy in literary text as a topic can be researched further because most translated texts have not been perfectly done. It would therefore be encouraging, if the translation trainees, practicing translators, and scholars can carry out further research on translation inadequacies with specific reference to poetry, or any other literary text. This would motivate translators to be more cautious while working on translated texts for better, reliable and valid results.

Furthermore, our hypothesis has been achieved, since Hussein inadequately translated the English Version of *Kinjeketile* by using omission, addition, and mistranslated similes and onomatopoeia. He also inadequately translated proper names.

However, he tried to use them as strategies, thereby nullifying part of our hypothesis. All in all, inadequacies have been identified and their effect on the TT has been well

explained where distortion of the intended message occurred. The strategies have also been evaluated on how to curb the issue of translation inadequacy in a literary text.

These findings can be used for further research on the same topic since it has not been tackled exhaustively. This is because translating literary text and especially a play, is not a simple task.

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