

Well, it says "my old lady." And these women, they don't have to say nae.s when they call their husbands. They always say

b ɛ hi' ihiin ɛ n . That means "old man."

(Would you say that one again?)

b ɛ hi' ii.hiin ɛ n

(And that's how they would call their husbands?)

Yeah. Now if he was out there--I used to call my husband, and I'd say "b ɛ hi' ihiin ɛ n" And he'd come.

(If you were out there and he was calling you, what would he say?)

He'd say "baet ɛ bi" Oh! Jesse Rowledge going to cut my throat!

(Why is that?)

Well, I'm beating him to his work!

(Well, I hope he doesn't do that! Now, could you use this term,

b ɛ t ɛ bi to another old lady that's not, you know, a man's

wife. For example, you--if you were going to talk to Hilda or some old lady, could you call her b ɛ t ɛ bi ?)

Call her b ɛ t ɛ bihiisei

(Would you say that again?)

b ɛ t ɛ bihiisei

(What would this hiisei mean?)

hise. -- "a woman."

(I see. Say that one again.)

hise. That's "woman"

(What if a man was talking about someone else's wife. You know, like if your husband was talking to his friend about his friend's wife and he was going to say "your wife," how would he say that?)

Well, if this man was talking to a man and says "your wife," --

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