Great Rift Valley at the border of Kenya and Tanzania
        *animals are only form of wealth
        *men compose songs for their herds
        *a man and his wives/children and the wives and children of his sons and their animals
        constitute a single village
                –the Laibon>>a holy man
                –12 wives
                –60 children
                –his sons who are elders [over 30] and their wives and children
        *prosperous and leisured society
        *women build houses out of cow dung and mud and bring animals in bridewealth
                –men don't do anything, according the Laibon's 6th wife.

*Maasai girls are circumcised at the beginning of their menses (periods) and are married within the week.
*Maasai boys are in a series of age set groups (warriors) until 30
        –the boys/men hang out with young girls with whom they may have sexual relations
        –for the circumcision ceremony (female)
                •Head is shaved.   •Gives away all her jewels to a younger sister.
                •Expected to become a woman not a "giggly girl" anymore
        –Are the girls happy about the transition? The 6th wife talked about how happy the PARENTS are,
        having a girl grown to womanhood without mishap or pregnancy, but does not answer the question
        about the girls being happy.
        –all marriages are arranged by the fathers
        –to be married is to be lead
        –taunting and teasing ritual of the new bride is a part of bringing her into the village of her husband
        for the first time. Often, the new bride has never met her husband and there is probably at least
        15 years age difference between them.
        –although the new bride will be presented 9 cows to be the core of the herd she will eventually give
        to her son(s)–if she's lucky enough to have sons–none of the cows are really hers. She must be
        attached to a man.

*Because child-bearing is so important to each woman, their concept of getting pregnant and having healthy
children [especially male] are religious in nature. The concept is called ENKISHON.
*There are references to god as "Nursing Mother" in women's songs, and she is called upon in ENKISHON
to help conceive and bear children.