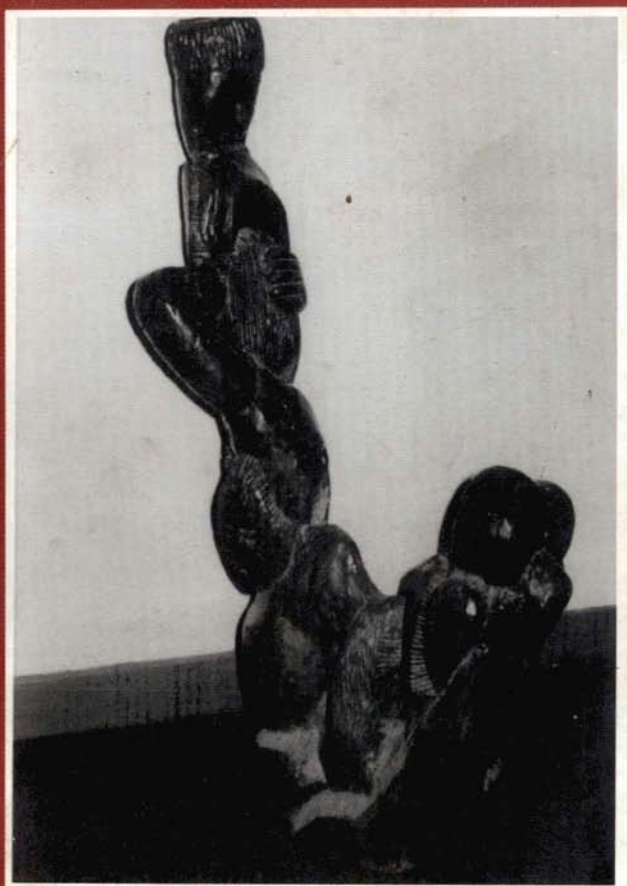




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UDUMA KALU**A Sigh Silenced in the Dust**

A flushing fire ball; a whirling wind
A gush of lightening; a clap of thunder
A storm in the sun.
And a sigh silenced in the dust.

There is darkness now, my dear dancer,
There are dumb faces now blinking like silent columns of cattle,
A silence glittering in the dark, a sound silenced in mid-air; a
ship caught in the sand.

Now you are a receding mask.
Sand now eats your feet away.

