

The Lexeme *lachari* “Coward” (Etymology)

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Abstract.

In the Georgian Explanatory Dictionary, the word *lachari* “coward” is defined as follows “*lachar-i* (*lachrisa*) *mshishara*, *mkhdali*, *jabani*, *qalachuna* (opposite of brave), e.g. *rotsa ukan dakheva sashishia*, *mashin lacharits-ki tsin tsavao* “when retreat is dangerous, even a coward goes forward” (folk), *mkhned mival*, *vervin dagtsinebs lachari shvilis kolaze* “I am going bravely as you will not be laughed for having a coward child” (V. Pshavela), *maskhrad igdeben mshishrebsa da lachrebs* “cowards are mocked” (A. Kazbegi), “*khanjali amoighe she lacharo!*” – *sheutia militsielma* “Take out your dagger! – a police officer charged” (M. Javakhishvili).