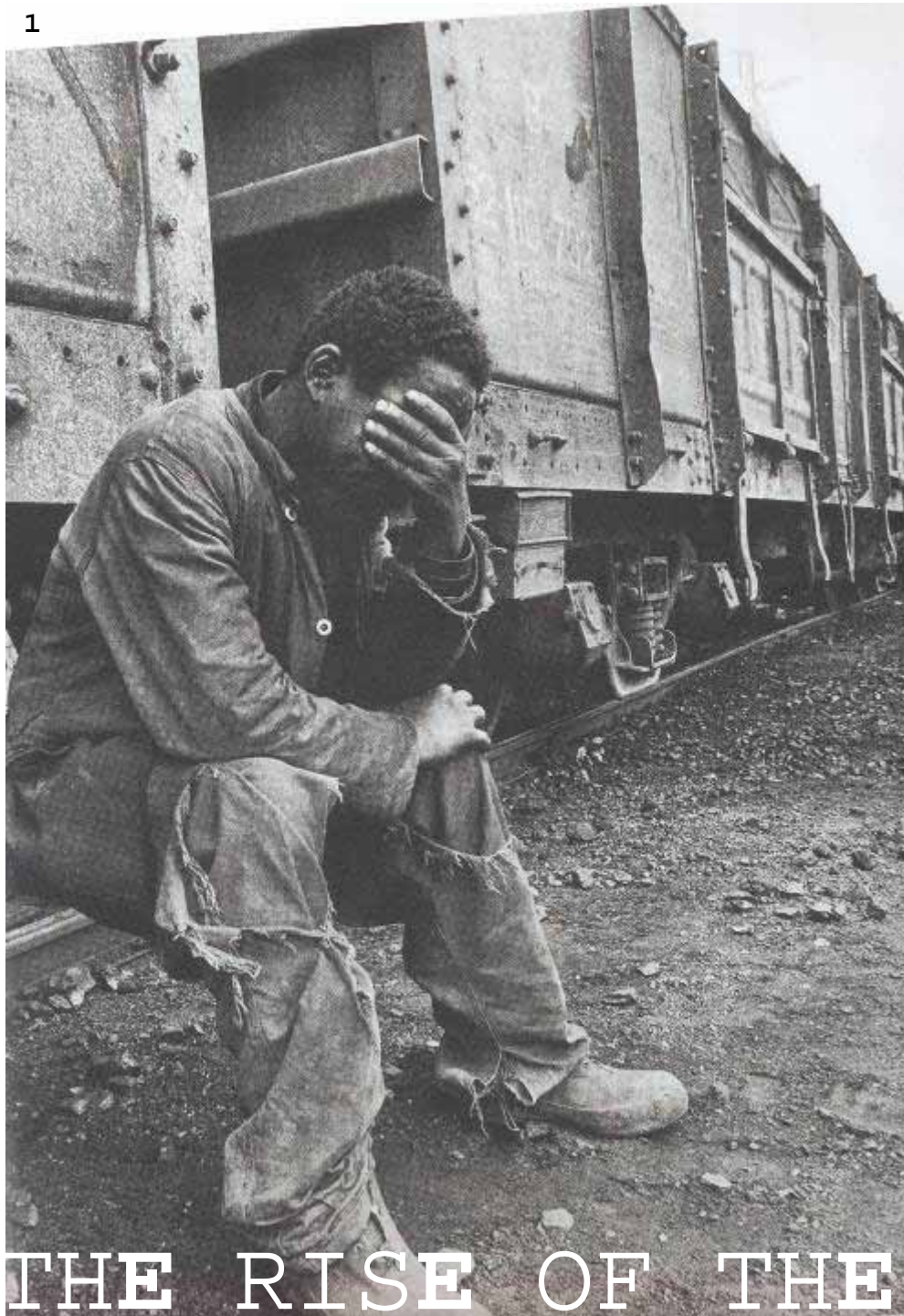


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The Black Africans
The people of colour
Abantu abasundu

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God the creator of Black Africans so loved us
He gave us a skin that stands the heat of Africa
Somandla gave us a sense of humour that enlightens our faces
Numerous rivers that gladden our beloved Africa
Tough muscles to climb her mountains and fight her enemies
The Nguni cattle to plough the African soil
And a big heart to welcome the strangers that invaded Africans
Thank God we are Black Africans
Born amongst the greatest people of Africa
Born free so that we can free many bound
This is our calling bafowethu
This is why we are Black Africans
Vuka Afrika! Vukani maAfrikans!

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The people shall rise again
The people shall rule again
The people shall read again

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