



## **SOUTH AFRICA: MAGIC CLAY**

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Transkei, an isolated region on the edge of the Indian Ocean, is the part of South Africa that is most African. The most valuable natural resource is clay, which is considered a sacred material with magical power by the people of the Transkei. Gwadiso's face and body are always smeared with clay. For 17 years now, she has been wearing her "mask of clay". It is part of her initiation into the magic world of clay that will make her into a "traditional doctor" who delivers messages from the dead and heals the living.

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