I, 43b Power of Attorney by Samuel Ibn al-Lebdi

{Fustat, late tenth-early eleventh century}

ENA 4010, f. 3

Left upper corner of a piece of parchment (part of 22 lines preserved); monumental quadrangular script.

Samuel (line 21) Ibn al-Lebdi (line 5) appointed an attorney to sue one [Ni]ssī b. Jacob (line 12).¹

I, 44 Power of Attorney by Solomon and Moses b. Abraham Ibn al-Lebdi Fustat, March 21, 1066

TS 20.38

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Solomon and Moses, the sons of Abraham, 'known as Ibn al-Lebdi,' appoint an attorney to sue a merchant to whom a maternal uncle of their father had entrusted money, books, and other items destined for them in Sicily, but who had meanwhile traveled to Egypt. The complicated document, signed by five, shows that the brothers lived somewhere in the Maghreb and the problem was how to preserve for them the items concerned until they had them in hand.

¹ A Karaite known from two documents referring to the betrothal and the wedding {ca. 1065}, respectively, of his daughter Ni'ma to Barakāt b. Dā'ūd (David), also a Karaite, TS 16.109 {+ TS AS 153, f. 489}, TS 20.47v {see Olszowy-Schlanger, Karaite Marriage Documents, 275 ff.}; see Goitein, Med. Soc., 3:441, n. 2, where, by mistake, the names of another couple are given.