wîhtikôwak

ašay manâ šâkoc mîna pêyakwâ ê-ytâtanôhkâniwahk.

wêskac manâ wîhtikôwak, kâ-..., kâ-mâmâmawi-tašîhkêwâkopanê. êko mâka, âskaw ê-..., ê-n'taw'-minahot mâna, anim' ana pêyak. (êko manâ, wîhtikôwak is' išinihkâtâkaniwanwak nêst' ôk' ôciskwaciwak, ê'kwâni pêyakwan.)

êko manâ šâkoc ..., âšay manâ šâkoc pêyakwâ kihcohcêw² pêyak ociskwaciw. (ociskwaciw isa n'ka-itwân. 'kwâni šâkoc ê-'tâtanôhkêcik ê... ininiwak.)

2 kihcohcêw manâ.

mihcêciwak man' âna mâka kâ-'ši-tašîhkêcik.

wîwikopan man' âna mâka kâ-kihcohcêt ê-n'caminahot.

'kwân' îniniw ê-'nâtawâ'mât. âšay manâ pêyakwâ mâtâhêw. mâtâhêw manâ ininiwa. âšay manâ nawahâcêw.

âšay manâ, kêka manâ kiskênimikow mâkah âšay ê-pêšinâkosit.

âšay [in a sing-song voice] manâ ošimow êni³ kînikwânipahtâw manâ '-piskwâskwayânik.

môna manâ mâši kî-kâhcitinêw.

âšay manâ pêyakwâ kînikiko-wêpaham ana mistikoniw ê-otiškawaskitât 'ci-pataskišihk ê-ytênimât.

ê'kwâwa ..., ê'kwâw' ociskwaciw, âšay manâ šâkoc, âšay âšay pêšinâkwaniniw anca kâ-k'-îši-kînikikohahk ... kâ-k'-îši-kînikiko-wêpahahk.

kiskên'tam manâ mâka nêst' âw' êniniw ê-mitêwit oti, m... ê-âcistawi-paskinâkot mâka ociskwatiw' nêsta wîna môna kiskên'tam tâni kê-'ti-ayitôtamin'ci.

paskostonêhotisow manâ mâka aw' ininiw. êko mâk' antê ê-'ti-nakahcišihk ê-'šinâkosit anta kâ-k'-îši-otiškawaskitâniwahk mistik.

"â..., 'ša, manâ!"

âšay ac'-îtâpiw anta kâ-k'-îši-otiškawaskitât mistikoniw.

âšay manâ kâ-matê-'mišinin'ci.

"ahâ! n'kî-mâmîskawicôcawâw," manâ kâ-icwêt.

'kwâni manâ mâk' êši-pohciwatêt sîwîyatihkân. 'ti-pohciwatêw manâ. âšay manâ mâk' ê-'miwatêt,⁴ otâmahokow manâ mâna otihtimana anta okaškamâhk.⁵

The windigoes

Now then, here once again is a legend.

Long ago the devils, so it seems, used to live in different groups; so then, sometimes one of them would, would frequently go hunting at that time. (So then, they were called "windigoes" and also "ochiskwajiws", – it is the same thing.)

Well then to be sure ..., now then, to be sure, at one point a certain ochiskwajiw went away. (I'll say "ochiskwajiw". That, in fact, is how the Indians t..., tell the story.)

2 Off he went then.

There were a great many of them there where they lived.

That one who went away hunting was supposedly married.

At that time he went looking for some people. Now then at one point he came upon their tracks. He picked up the trail of the people. Now then he tracked them.

Now then, at last then he was known to be getting close.

Now then, [in a sing-song voice] that one escaped, he ran around a clump of bushes.

He couldn't even lay hold on him.

Now once more he quickly put a point on a stick, facing it towards him [the devil], thinking he would run into it.

This..., this selfsame ochiskwajiw, now then as it happened, now now it drew near where he had sharpened it... where he had quickly put a point on it.

But now this person also knew how to conjure as well, n..., and that the devil was overcoming him and he also did not know what he was going to do about it.

But then this person made his own nose bleed. And then it looked as though he walked into it where the stick was set facing.

"Now, then!"

Now he began to look in the direction where he had faced the stick.

Now he [the devil] could be made out to be lying down.

"Aha," then he said, "I've discovered the right thing to do to him."

Then he put his caribou-stomach sack on his back. He put it on his back. And now then, tossing it over his back, he was struck on the shoulders, there at the nape of the neck. "êhê," ana manâ kâ-itwêt. "n'ta..., m'pa...,"6 '-cahkâskohtatât.

4 âšay manâ ..., âšay manâ '-pêti..., -pêšinâkwaninik mâka wîk... wîkiwâw. êkota man' âni mâka, pêšoc atiy-akotâw man' ânimêniw wîwat, kâ-tôtahkik man' âskaw ininiwak k'-âtiy-akotâcik wîwatiwâw' ât' ..., ât' ê-pîhcihtininik apišîš kêkwâniw.⁷ 'kwâni manâ ê-côtahk mâk' anima ê-..., ê-'tiy-akotât.

êko mâka k'-âci-pîhtokwêt wîkihk.

âšay manâh, kêka nâcipahtwâniwaniniw wîwat. âš' êtokê⁸ kâ-ohci-kihtohtên'ci anihi kâ-kî-..., kâ-kî-pêtiwatêt.

âšay manâ šâkoc ê..., nawahâtêw.

âšay manââ, wâhnaw ê-'t'-îhtât ana ininiw kospâhtawîw manâ mâka nêtê. êkotê 'ni man' âna mâka mwêhc' ê-'spaninik 'c'-îši-nipât tipiskôc ana wîhtikôw, anta kâ-iši-kospâhtawîn'ci nêtê mâka išpimihk wîn' ê-nipân'ci.

6 êko manâ mâka, êti-wâpaninik.

mîcitikow manâ mâka.

"hâh..., š' âšay mâmîcânaskwan," manâ icwêw ociskwaciw, wîhtikôw. âšay manâ šâkoc, kêka manâ mâka šikitikow mîna.

"âšay wêsâ šâk'10 kimiwan," manâ itwêw.

âšay manâ itâpiw, kêka wâpamêw ant' ê-'kocin'ci, êy-akosîn'c' îš'imihk.¹¹ âšay manâ, sikinêyâpamow âšay. "ê'kocê 'n' mâka kê-'ši-sêkihak," manâ icên'tam.

âšay manâ, ayâwêw manâ mâka nêsta wîna omiht... omihcikiwah awa ininiw.

"âšay manâ."

ê-pêci-pêšiwâpamikot manâ mâka, awa ininiw ôma itêw: "môhkaškama... môhki-kaškamêyâhtawî mâka êkâ 'ci-pinak..., -pinakêskiškamâtân," ¹² manâ it'. ¹³

ê'kwâni manâ mâk' ê-tôtahk wîh... wîhtikôw ê-paskinâht miconi.

tahkamâkaniwan manâ mêkwâc anim' ê-tôtahk.

kâ-matê-pihtihkwašihk manâ. kâ-matê-nôhtâkosit ana ê-matê-môskôpinêt anta kâ-k'-îši-tahkamiht.

6 âšay manâ kîwêw.

k'-âti-p'm'wêhtahk¹⁴ manâ, "n'tâšimik nimôlôm," ¹⁵ manâ itw'. "n'tâšimik nimôlôm," âšay manâ pêhtamwak aniki kotakiyak wîhtikôwak, ociskwaciwak anca kâ-..., kâ-wîkicik.

"tân' êtwêt?" manâ itwêwak.

"Aha," he said then. "I dr..., I cra...," jabbing the stick in.

Now then..., now then there came...., there came into sight their hom...
their home.

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That was the right spot; he began to hang up that bag nearby. This is what the people sometimes do when they begin to hang up their bags even though..., even though there's only a little something inside. That's what he did that time as ..., as he began to hang it up.

And so then he started to go into his place.

Now then, finally they went and got his bag. Already, it would seem, that the one which he had brought back had..., had walked away.

Now then to be sure as..., he tracked them.

Now then, as that person got far away, he climbed up yonder. That was the very spot, it so happened, where that windigo was to sleep overhead, where the other one had climbed aloft to sleep.

But then it began to be morning.

He [the windigo] was messed on by him.

"Aha..., ts, now the clouds are dirtying," said the ochiskwajiw, the windigo.

Now then, to be sure, finally he was wetted on by him.

"Now then for su... it's raining," he said.

Now then he looked around; at last he saw him hanging, perched up aloft.

Now then, he felt happy at what he saw. Then he thought: "That's the way I'll scare the life out of him."

Now then, that person also had his sp..., his spear.

"Now then!"

When he [the ochiskwajiw] came close, however, this one said this to him: "Climb dow... climb down holding your neck out of the way so I won't... I won't drop the bark on you," he said to him.

That then is what the weeh... windigo did, being utterly beaten.

He was speared while he was doing that. He fell with a resounding crash. He could be heard making a noise as he moaned in the distance, there where he was speared.

Now he went home.

He could be heard moving off: "My gwandfawver is bwinging me bad luck," he said; "my gwandfawver is bwinging me bad luck." Now the other devils heard it, the ochiskwajiws who..., who lived there.

"What's he saying?" they said.

One said, "My gwan'fawver is bwinging me bad luck."

"n'tâšimik16 nimônôm wâšâ," itwêw,

"môna, môna," manâ itwêw. "môna wîskâc âšay ... nimôlôm," manâ itwêw ana pêyak.

âšay manâ mîna, kâ-pêci-pêšohtâkosit: "n'câšamik nimôlôm," manâ itwêw. "ts, ts, ts, ts, ts, ts."

âšay mâmaskâtên'tam. "êkwênâk kâ-âšihkêmot môlôw," manâ itwêw.

âšay manâ pêci-takošin. kâ-sâkišinin'ci manâ okwayâhk mihcikiwa.

âšay manâ mâka mihcêtokamikisiwak oš' âni aniki ociskwaciwak ..., wîhtikôwak.

âšay manâ, môna manâ mâka kî-kêcikonimâkanawiniwa. môna kî-kêcikonahêwak aniki anta kâ-ihtâcik.

êko manâ mâka êtwêt ana pêyak: "nâcipahik, nâcipahik okakêhtâwên'tamow," manâ itwêw.

âšay manâ nâcipahâkaniwan okakêhtâwên'tamow.

âšay manâ kâ-pêci-paspâpit iškwâhtêmihk ohci.

âšay manâh, âšay wanašawêw. "apikanâsômâhk," manâ itwêw. "môna wayêš ta-ihtiw." nakacicê-wêpahamawêw mâka. "môna wayêš ta-ihtiw kêskaw... kêskiskawipanin'tê," ana itêw. kiskên'tam mâka mwêhci kê-ihtin'ci anima kâ-itwêt.

"êkwâni n..., ka-mîcisonânaw piko, kišâspin nâspitahohtê," ê-'tên'tahk.

'kwân' âšay wî-mîcisot anima kâ-itwêt anima. môna tâpwê itên'tam anima kic'-îhkininik.

êko, âšay manâ kisikanisomâkaniwiniwa.17 êko man' âni mâka ê-kacicawêpahot18 man' âspin kâ-cîtanâskopanit.

"šâ ..., êko êcik' âni kê-'hcit, nâ!" manâ kâ-icwêt ana, kâ-kakêhtâwên'tahk.

âšay manâ, âšay manâ, "tântê mâka kê-tôcikâtêk?" manâ it..., itâkaniwan.

"ta-minawâniwan isa," manâ itwêw. "ta-minawâniwan isa. ka-mîcisonânaw. wênâpêmit ta-minawêw," manâ itwêw. "êko mâka, k'-îškwâ-mîcisoyahkwê, pêhpêyak ka-iši-kihta..., -kihtatawêmonânaw," manâ itwêw. "ita mâka piko kê-'t'-îši-mâmîskoškâtoyahk êkot' ântê kê-'t'-îši-nânipahitoyahk," manâ itwêw.

âšay manâ šâkoc mâka, minawâniwan. wênâpêmit manâ mâka kî-minawêw.

êko manâ mâka, ispî kâ-iškwâ-mîcisocik, êko mâka kêhtohtêcik. êko mâka, kâ-kîy-at'-îsi-mâmîskoškâtocik iko, êkot' âni manâ mâk'

"No, no," said another. "Not ever now ... my gwandfawver," said that particular one.

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Now once more, he could be heard nearby as he approached: "My gwandfawver bwings bad luck to me," he said. "Ts, ts, ts, ts, ts, ts."

Now he was awe-struck. "It's the first time a gwandfawver gave an ill omen," he said.

Now he arrived. The spear could be seen sticking out of his neck.

And now, it seems, there were many families of those ochiskwajiws, windigoes.

Now then, it [the spear] could not be detached. Those who were there could not take it off.

Then one of them said: "Go get him, go get the wise one," he said.

Now then, the wise one was fetched.

Now he came peeking in from the door.

Now then, now he gave orders. "Crack open the bones," he said. "There'll be nothing wrong with him." He drove it through for him. "There'll be nothing wrong with him if it quickly..., if it goes through quickly," that one said to them. But he knew exactly what would happen to him when he said that.

"Then w..., we'll just eat, if he's killed stone dead," he thought.

So then he already wanted to eat at that point when he said that. He really didn't think that that was going to happen.

So, now his bones were warming up. Then he was speared through so he went rigid.

"Oh, my! It seems that is what's going to happen to him!" said that wise

Now then, now then, "What will be done now?" someone sai... said to him.

"There'll be cooking for sure," he said. "There'll be cooking to be sure. We shall eat. The one who has a husband will cook," then said he. "So then, after we have finished eating, one by one away we'll go... away we'll go crying," he said. "Only, whenever we run into each other, that is where we'll kill each other," he said then.

Now then for sure, there was cooking. The married one cooked.

And now then, when they had finished eating, then they went away. So then, wherever they ran into each other, that's where they set upon each

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êši-kwân'tâtocik. êko mâka, môna ohci-sêsikêhitowak ana ... aniki ... ana ... aniki wîhtikôwak, aspin anima, ociskwaciwak kâ-itihcik. misiwê piko pâhpêyak ihtâwak anim' âspin. ê'kwâni mâka wêhc'-îhkih itwâniwan ê-..., anim' ê-kî-tôtamwâkopanê.

âtawîna k'-îhkin, ê-kîy-ati-wîwicik âtiht otawahkâniwâwa. pêyak mâk' anima n'k-âtanôhkân anima kâ-kî-..., kâ-kî-tôtamokopanê. kinwâw âtanôhkân anima.

ana pêyak wîhtikôw, kîy-ati-wîwikopan man' ânihi pêyak ot..., otawahkâna. êko manâ mâka kêka kîy-ati-ocawâšimišiw. ê'kwânihi mâka mâna wâcêwâkopanê okosisah ê-'nâtawâ'mâcik i... niniwa ê-wî-mowâcik.

pêyakwâ mâka, kî-pas... kî-paskinâkowak ininiwah.

êko manâ, êk... êko manâ kêhtohtêcik ê-... kî-..., kî-ma...

kî-namêhêwak.

êko mâka kâ-'nâtawâ'mâcik.

êko mâka kâ-..., kinwêš môna ohci-miskawêwak anihi, anih' îniniwa. šâkoc mâka kî-kiskênimikowak ê-..., pêšoc ê-yhtâcik. kišâstaw manâ piko nânakânamâsokopan anêy ininiw ê-kiskên'tahk kici-takošinin'ci anihi wîhtikôwa.

êko manâ, âšay mâka, âšay mâka kiskên'tam ê-pêšinâkosin'ci; êko manâ kêhtohtêt.

ê-mahkikamâk manâ mâka sâkahikan kîy-ati-mitâwisiw.

êko manâ kâ-tôtahk 'ci-kihci-kîwêtininik, 'ci-kihci-nôtihk, 'ci-maci-kîšikânik.

êko manâ mâka, êko kâ-kâsot anta kapahtahanohk mihtânohk, nâspic ê-yšpacistininik. êkota man' ânim' mâk' âtâmihk kâ-ihtât ant' ê-..., ê-kâsot, êkâ ê-n'tawênimât 'ci-mowikot anihi ociskwaciwa, wîhtikôw' otih.

êko manâh, kî-kiskên'tam mâka awa, awa wîht..., ôko wîhtikôwak¹⁹ okosis' ê-wîcêwât.

âšay manâ itohtêw.

šâkot nêsta wîna, ê-kiskên'tahk apišîš tân' êtôtamin'ci, môna mâka šâkoc ohci-pakitinikow mitoni ..., môn' ohci-pakitinikow 'ci-paskinawât.

êko mâka, wîwîkopan nêst' awa ininiw, akâ..., wîw' êsa nêsta wîcêwêw ant' ê-kâsocik atâmihk mihtânohk.

êko manâ mâkah, kiskên'tam mâk' âwa wîhtikôw tân' êtôtamin'ci, âcistawi-kiskênimêw. êkota man' ânim' mâka ê-'ši-matâwisicik sâkahikan²⁰ êkota man' ânim' mâka ê-tatênimât šâkoc anta kapahtahanohk

other. So then that ... those ... that ... those devils haven't gone near each other since that time, the ones called ochiskwajiws. They all live one by one since that time. And that is how it happened, they say, because that's what they must have been doing.

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It happened, however, when they began to marry some of their captives. I shall tell a tale of one at that time, however, about what he had been doing. That is a long legend.

A certain windigo, he had apparently begun to live with a certain captive of hi... his as wife. So then in time he began to have children. And it appears, he often used to accompany that son of his as they went after p... people in their desire to eat them.

At one time, however, they were overco... they were overcome by the people.

So then, so ... so then they went away because ... they had ... they had ... they saw signs of them.

So then they went looking for them.

Then, however, wh..., for a long time they didn't find those, those people. Even so, the people knew that they were near. Oh, my! That person must just have kept fending them off knowing that those devils were going to come.

So then, but now, but now he knew that they were close; so then he went away.

Then he came out onto a large lake. 11

So then he caused a great north wind to blow, to blow hard, so it was a bad day.

But then, he hid himself there on the leeward side in a snow-drift, in a high drift bank. And there he stayed at that time down under, hi... hiding there, because he didn't want to be eaten by that ochiskwajiw, - windigo, that is.

So then, this, this weeht... knew..., these windigoes that he was travelling with his son.

So now he went there.

Sure enough he too, knowing a little what the other was doing, he was in no way allowed by him..., he was not allowed by him to get the better of him.

So then, this person too must have been living with a wife, not..., indeed he was travelling with his wife, as they hid there down inside the snow-bank.

So now then, this windigo knew what they were doing, he was fairly sure that he knew. That is where they came out on the lake, that is the spot where he thought they would be in the wind in a high drift bank.

ê-yšpacistininik.

êko manâ, "êkoc' ôca câkoc n'kocic," 21 manâ itêw.

âšay manâ cîhcîstahikêw,²² mihtânohk ê-wî-miskahwât ant' ânt' ê-'š'-îhtân'ci.

kišâstaw manâ nanihcîw aw' êskwêw, kišâspin cîsta...²³ mwêhci mîskwaham antê kâ-iš'-îhtâcik, šâkot 'ci-nipahikocik.

"'kâwin' êkoši, 'kâwin' êkoši, mâsihtâkosi, pâtimâ piko mwêhci mîskwahokawiyahkwê," manâ itêw wîwa.

kâ-pawayâskopanik man' âskaw kônihk antê mistik kâ-cîhcîstahikâkêt ana wî... ociskwaciw. êko manâ ê'kwânim' ê-tôtahk misiwê 'ntê.

"êkoc' ôca câkoc, n'kocic," manâ itêw.

'kwâni mâka kî-pônihtâw.

êko mâka ispîy ..., êko mâka ispî pwân'htân'ci, kî-kiskên'tam awah, ê-kîwên'ci. kî-kiskên'tam nêsta mîna 'ci-pêci-takošinin'ci.

êko mâkah, kâ-wanawît anta ohci. êko mâk' kâ-ytohtêt, ê-..., kâ-ytohtêt ê-..., ê-tatênimât ê-..., wîc'-ininiwa.

êko, êko mîna kâ-ytên'tahk ociskwaciw mîna 'ci-n'tawi-cîhcîstahikêt šâkoc ant' ê-tatênimât.

hêko, kâ-oht..., kâ-ohci-kihciskanawin'ci manâ antah, kâ-kî-cîhcîstahikêt.

"mâtika mâka, n'kocic," manâ itêw. "êkot' ôta šâkoc âta t...,²⁴ ê-'tên'tamâpân kêkwân," manâ itêw.

êko, kâ-nawahahtâcik.25

kiskên'tam aw' 'iniw²⁶ 'ci-nawahahtikot. šâkot mâka kî-otihtêw wîc'-îniniwa, kâ-iš'-îhtân'ci.

ašay mana ošihtaniwan ke-yši-..., ke-'ši-takošihk ana ociskwaciw, wîhtikôw oti ..., wîhtikôw okosisa ê-wîcêwât. kiskenimakaniwan nesta okosisa 'ci-wîcewât. êko mana wešihtaniwahk, ê-sôsâskohtaniwahk anta iškwahtemihk pîhtokwêtê 'ci-pahkišihk ê-išinakwahk.

êko manâ, âšay âšay pêšiwê... pêšiwênimêwak aniki kâ-mitêwicik. ê'kwâniki mâka kâ-kî-kiskên'tahkik kê-tôtahkik ê-kî-wîhtamâkocik omitêwiniwâhk ohci, kê-tôtawâcik ôhi kê-k'-îši-paskinawâcik, 'ci-pîhtokwêyâponot manâ piko antê k'-îšinâkohtâniwaniniw mîkiwâmihk.

5 âšay manâh, kâ-pêtwêwinahkik pêyakwâ ani ê-'ti-tipiskânik.
âšay manâ šâkoc ê..., 'kwâni manâ mâk' ê-pîhtokwêyâhtahît anah, ana

So then he said to him, "Thish ish the plashe for sure, my Shon."

Now then, he prodded about, wanting to discover them there in the snow-drift.

Goodness gracious, but that woman was nervous, in case he before... he hit squarely right there where they were, so as to kill them for sure.

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"So don't, so don't scream, unless he hits us right on," he said to his wife.

The stick which that weeh..., ochiskwajiw was prodding with made a shadow as it travelled repeatedly there on the snow. That's what he was doing all over there.

"Thish ish the plashe, right enough, my Shon," he said to him.

But at that point he stopped.

3 So then when ..., so then when he stopped, this one knew he was going home. He also knew that he would come back again.

So it was then that he came out from there. And he went, th... he went wh..., where he thought ... his fellow Indians were.

Then, then again the ochiskwajiw thought he would once more go prodding about, thinking he was there for sure.

So he sta..., he started to make tracks from that place where he [the ochiskwaiiw] had been prodding.

"Look here, my Shon," he said to him then. "Right here, sure enough, is the place where I had been thinking there was something," he said to him.

Then, they tracked them down.

This Indian knew that he was going to be tracked down by him. But he succeeded in reaching his fellow Indians who were there.

Now then a pl... a place was made where that ochiskwajiw would come, the windigo, that is ... windigo travelling with his son. It was known that he would accompany his son also. So then it was made, – glare ice was made there at the door so that, as it appeared, he would fall when he entered.

So then, now now near ... the conjurors sensed that he was coming near. These were the ones, however, who knew what they would do, because they had been told from their conjuring what they must do to him to get the better of him: they made it to appear that way so that he would glide in right there in the tent.

Now then, they could hear approaching footsteps at one point as evening drew on. Now then right enough as ..., and then as that, that little ochiskwajiw, that first little windigo slid in, they broke his bones. Then that

ociškwacîšiš nîštam wîhcikôšiš, nâtwâkanê-wêpahwâkaniwan manâ mâka. êko mâka saskamôci-wêpiniht ana kihci-wîhtikôw animêniw wînininiw..., okosisa anta oskanihk ê-ohcîmakahk.

"câpwê wîkicimahtâniwâw kicêwâcicîwin," 27 manâ itwêw.

'kwâni man' âst..., 'kwâni manâ..., 'kwâni manâ mâka nêsta wîn' ê-tôtâht anima, ê-kî-pîkohikâtênik ê-..., oskât.

êko mâka ê-nâtwâkanê-wêpahoht, 'kwâni mâka k'-ât'-îši-saskahwâhcik itwâniwan, aniki ê-kî-câkâskis..., kî-câkâskasomâkaniwiniwa mâka anihi kâ-pîhciskâkocik ê-..., ê-..., maskwamîya kâ-ohc'-ociskwacîwicik itwâniwan.

êko mâka, kî-tihkisomâkaniwiniw misiwê; ê'kwâni mâkah, môna 'wênihkân ana ihtâw ociskwaciw anim' êskonâhk. 'kwân' ê-kî-..., 'kwân' ê-k'-îš'-..., ê'kwân' ê-k'-îškwâ-câkihihcik aniki.

mihcêt ..., mihcêtwayêk itâtanôhkâsow antah, pwâmošiy ôma nîna kây-âtanôhkêyân. âšay mâka piko, 'kwân' ê-kišipipanik wîna, otâtanôhkâsowiniwâw ôko, ociskwaciw okosisa mâka. big windigo had that marrow tossed into his mouth ..., which came from the bones of his son.

Excerpt from "âtalôhkâna nêsta tipâcimôwina / Cree Legends

and Narratives from the West Coast of James Bay" (1995)

"Indeed," then he said. "It'sh a pity the way you're abushing my kindnesh."

And then they extingu... that then..., and he had the same thing done to him, his leg having been broken.

And then he had his bones broken; then straightway they had fire set to them, it is said, those ones having burnt..., those things were burnt up which were inside them as..., as..., the ice of which the ochiskwajiws consisted, it is said.

So then, it all melted; and that is why there is not any ochiskwajiw there since that time. Now they have..., now there they have..., now they have all been killed.

Many ..., in many ways he has been told about there, before I told this story. But right now, that's the end of the story of these ones, the ochiskwajiw and his son.