cahkâpêš kâ-ocipitikot pîsimwa

pêyakwâ manâ mîna cahkâpêš 'kwâni mâhcic êy-ânimômâkaniwâspan¹ tâni kâ-ihtit.

ê-pêci-kîwêt manâ ê-k'-îškwâ-n'taminahot pêyakwâ ê-kîšikânik, "mâca, n'tawâpam kôn," manâ itêw ... m'...² itikow omisa.

wâsêskwanôpan man' âni mâka anim' ê-'t'-otâkošihk; nôkosîpan mâka tipiski-pîsim.

"'kâwina mîna kanawâpam pîsim," manâ itikow. "kišâspin kanawâpamatê pîsim ka-ocipitik," manâ itikow.

"0-0-0, ê'kwâni, 'kwâni," manâ icwêw. "kisêkimin. 'kâwin' anim' êtwê," man' êtêw omisa.

2 âšay manâ 'ti-wanawît.3

wîpac manâ piko twoyêhk 'kwân' êti-kanawâpamât anihi pîsimwa. k'-ênikohk manâ kanawâpamêw.

'kwâni manâ mâk' kâ-'ši-ocipitikot anihi pîsimwa.

ê'kwâni mâk' ânohc wêhci-nôkosit nêtê cahkâpêš pîsimohk ê-matê-... ê-matê-nôkosit, ê-kîy-ocipitikot pîsimwa.

'kwâni piko êskwâpihkêyâk.

Chahkabesh is drawn up by the moon

Once again then, this is the last story which is told about Chahkabesh and what happened to him.

Excerpt from "âtalôhkâna nêsta tipâcimôwina / Cree Legends

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As he returned home after he had finished hunting one day, his older sister said to him... m... he was told by his older sister: "Be off, fetch some snow."

It was very clear that evening; and the moon could be seen.

"Don't look back at the moon," she said to him. "If you look at the moon, he will draw you up," she said to him.

"O-o-o, that's enough, that's enough," he shaid. "You're frightening me. Don't say that," he said to his older sister.

Now then he started to go out.

Soon then, right away, he began to stare at the moon. He stared at it as hard as he could.

And then he was drawn right up by that moon.

And that is why Chahkabesh now appears yonder in the moon, away off... and appears away off, because he was drawn up by the moon.

That is the length of the story.