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Text Thirty

tântê kâ-ohci-wîhcikâtêkopanê cîpayi-sîpiy

- kî-pêci-n'taw'palîstâtowâkopan nâtawiyêwak² nêsta mâka ililiwak. kî-kosâpahtam'wâkopan mâka manâ pitamâh, ê-nân'tawi-kiskênimitocik tânt' ê-pêc'-îhtâcik.³ êko mâka kâ-kiskêlimitotawiht tânt' êš'-îhtâcik⁴ ê-kosâpahtahkik ohci omitêwiniwâhk.
- 2 êko ililiwak kâ-wawêlîcik 'ci-âšawa..., 'ci-ašahwâcik nâta'yêwah, 'c'-îši-'mâpolon'cih.⁵

mihcêt mâk' 'anâ⁶ kî-nipahêwak ôma ê-tôtahkik nîkân ê-kî-wâpamâcik tânta k'-îši-ašahwâcik. mihcêt nêsta kîy-otinêwak ê-'wahkâtâcik.⁷

ê'kwâni mâka cîpayi-sîpiy wêhc'-îcikâtêk anohc kâ-kîšikâk anima cîpayi-sîpiy.

How Ghost River got its name

- The Iroquois and the People must have come to make war on each other.
 They had been looking into the future because they wanted to know how far from each other they were in their approach. So then it was made known to him [the conjuror] where they were from their forecasting by their conjurings.
- 2 So the People prepared to cro... to lie in wait for the Iroquois for them to drift downstream.

And they killed many then by doing this, having foreseen where they would lie in wait for them. They also took many as slaves.

And that is the reason why Ghost River is today called by that name, Ghost River.