## ê-âhkwatâhkwacit môs'-wayânihk

pêyakwâ ê-pipohk, kî-..., ê-k'-îtohtêt pêyak ililiw ê-'nâtawâmôswêt,¹ ê-'nâtawâpamât môswa kêy-ohci-pimâtisit ..., êko kâ-wâpamât môswa animên' 'nâtawâmôswêt,² kî-nipahêw mâka.

âšay mâka wâlaw k'-îhtâw kâ-'š'-îhtât otašîhkêwinihk.

âšay mâka wîy-â..., mitoni tipiskâniw. môna mâka k'-îspaliw kici-kîwêt.

êko mâka kâ-itêlihtahk ispî kâ-pahkonât anihi omôsoma kici-tôtahk ê-iši-..., êkâ 'šîhkacit<sup>3</sup> ê-tipiskânik ê-nipât, ê-..., ê-pipohk, ê-tahkâyânik ohci. êko kâ-... kâ-itêlihtahk kici-wîskwêkonît anihi môs'-wayâna.

2 êko kâ-kawêšimot ê-wîskwêkonît anihi wâpoš'-wayâna ..., anihi môs'-wayâna.

êko mâka ispîy ê-'kišêpâyânik, ispîw<sup>4</sup> ê-wî-waniškât, môna 'wât<sup>5</sup> kîy-ohci-kaškihtâw kici-koškot, êy-âhkwaci'n'ci<sup>6</sup> anihi môs'-wayâna. êko kâ-ihtât ant' êkâ '-'kî-walawît anihi môs'-wayânihk.

mâškôc mâka wayêš nisto-kîšikâw k'-îhtâw anta pâtimâ kâ-takošihk kotakiy' 'wênihkâna ê-'nâtawimâkaniwit ê-wanihiht, êkâ ê-kî-kîwêt. êko kâ-pêciy-â... kotawâniwahk êy-âpawiswâkaniwit ana môs'-wayân, kici-walawît an' ê'liw<sup>7</sup> ant' ohci, môs'-wayânihk.<sup>8</sup>

## Stuck frozen in a moose-hide

One winter a certain person had, having gone to search for moose, as he was looking for moose for food, then he saw a moose at that point as he was moose-hunting. And he killed him.

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But now he was far away from where he was at home.

And now it was about to d..., it was completely dark. It was not possible, however, for him to go home.

So now he thought when he had skinned that moose of his that he would take steps so as ... not to get chilled through at night as he slept in ... in winter from the cold. So he thou..., thought that he would wrap up in that moose-hide.

So he went to bed wrapping up in that rabbit-skin ..., that moose-hide.

So then when it was morning, when he wanted to get up, he wasn't even able to stir, as that moose-hide was frozen. So there he was, not able to get out of that moose-hide.

And he was there perhaps about three days until someone else arrived in the search for him because he was lost, since he wasn't able to go home. So they came and a ..., made a fire as that moose-hide was being thawed out so that that person might get out from there, from the moose-hide.