
~~There were two brothers, Wishom tribe.~~ The Wishoms used to cross the mountain to the Klickitat country, and on passing the crest of the ridge, were often met by a terrible G-u-boc-kum; with great horns. It was a bad animal, a big mouth and many Indians were swallowed by it. They could not escape by running. The snake-like creature always overtook them and would devour them; swallow them whole.

There were two brothers among the Wishoms; the youngest one being ignorant; foolish-headed. He knew but little. Every day the brothers made arrows. The people ~~would ask them~~ ^{wondered} why the arrows? They would not tell! When they had finished a big bundle of arrows, ^{two} a great quiver^s filled with them, they said to the people:

"Brother and I are going up on the mountain to look around."

The people said to them:

"Do not go! The Gy-u-boc-kum will kill you; will swallow you down."

The brothers laughed and made ~~the~~ boasting reply:

"We are afraid of no ^{snake} snake!"

The brothers went up the mountain with their bows and arrows. They came to where the Snake had been killing and devouring the Indians; eating every body who passed. They could not see any snake. The oldest brother had a leaf from a tree. He put the leaf between his lips and blew a loud, shrill noise. Did this twice, when they heard the Snake answer with the same kind of a noise; bleating like a fawn. The oldest brother made the call three times; and ~~three~~ ^{three} times he got an answer. He said:

"There! See the Snake is coming to catch up with us."

Yes, it is coming all right. The brothers sat on the mountain; watching the ^SSnake coming fast. The older man said:

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"Yes, he sees us! He is coming fast ~~/~~ to meet us."

The brothers jumped and ran down the mountain. But they could not escape. The younger brother said:

"Look for a tree. We will run up the tree. We can not outrun the Snake."

They saw a small tree and both of them ran up it. They saw the Snake come under the tree; saw ^{him} it open ^{his} its wide mouth to swallow them. The men shot arrows into its ^{his} mouth. But the arrows do not hurt it. They drop to the ground; glancing from ^{him} his its hard-cased mouth. The arrows do not hurt it at all! The oldest brother said:

"What shall we do? Let us run down the hill."

The ignorant boy replied:

"No! We will run up the hill. He will catch us ~~down~~ running down the mountain."

They stayed ~~there~~ in the tree all day. The big snake would not leave. Under the tree he watched the men; ready to swallow them should they come down. They had ~~one~~ large quiver for arrows, and the ignorant one said:

"We will throw this far down the hill. He will go after it and we can escape."

So they cast the quiver off down the hill and the Snake ran after it. The men jumped from the tree and hurried ~~off~~ up the mountain side. The Snake saw them, and began turn-

ing to come after them. He had a long body and his turning was slow. The men see him, as he turns and starts after them, with mouth open.

He comes up the mountain fast, and the oldest brother says:

~~Now brother, we are sure to die!~~

"There he is coming after us! Brother, we are sure to die. He is coming fast and we can not get away."

The ignorant brother grabs a rock as large as a man's head. He throws it with strength into the open mouth of the Snake. The rock chokes the Snake. ~~It~~ The ignorant one calls to his brother who is still running:

"Wait for me! We will throw rocks and choke him." Now look out! We will roll this big rock into his mouth as he comes up the hill."

The older brother stopped. Sure enough, the Snake came straight up the steep, getting close to them. The brothers shoved the big rock, which rolled straight into his ^{open} mouth. The rock chokes him from his breath. ~~Chokes him bad.~~ ^{stand watching} The men ~~watch~~ ^{stand watching} him as he is dying; squirming and twisting all over. He closes his eyes. ~~He~~ He is dead!

The brothers skin the top of the Snake's head with the horns and make a bonnet of it. Then they go home. They sleep several days without eating any thing. The people asked them:

"Why sleep so many days."

The brothers answered them:

"We killed the big snake that has been ~~it~~ eating so many of our people."

No body believed them in their boasting. The brothers showed them the cap with the horns. Still they did not believe ~~them~~. The brothers then said to them:

"You go see the Snake! ~~But~~ ^{He} it is decaying now."

The people went and found the Snake already stinking, ~~with rotting~~. The Wishoms could now cross the mountain in safety.

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