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-: BATTLE BETWEEN EAGLE AND CHINOOK :-

-: ORIGIN OF THE HORN SPOON :-
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It was at Win-quat. (/) One old man, a big Chief had good children; had a nice daughter. This Chief was rich. He had a great Too-noon [mountain sheep] horn. He wanted some body to split that horn, but nobody could do it. He wanted to make spoon; make ladel or any thing from that horn. But / nobody could split it for him. The Chief said:

"I will put up my daughter. The man who can split the horn
daughter
can have my ^ as his wife."

The Chief called all the people; all the young men to try strength for his daughter. None could burst the big horn. One big Chinook, Chief at the salt-water; at the mouth of the n Che-wana, heard about this trial for the Winquat woman. He said:

"I must go see about this business. I will see what is being done."

So Chief Salmon went, and on that same day, Eagle, a big strong man, also came to the Winquat Chief's lodge. Eagle had heard about / the trial of strength, so he came on same day as Chief Chinook. They both go in that lodge, a great mountain; a big cave in / the big mountain. I can show you that lodge; a cold place. We call it Eagle's Gellar. Eagles build nests in the rocks about that cave; live there. When in that lodge, Chinook said to Eagle:

/"You try first! Try your strength on the horn of Too-noon."

Eagle did so. He squeezed that horn in his hand and split it. Eagle threw the horn on the ground; all split. Chief Chinook made

~~that horn whole again~~

that horn whole; ~~agda/~~ made it sound as at first. Five times Eagle crushes that horn. Five times Chinook makes it sound and good.

Chinook said:

"No use trying to split the horn. We can not split the horn."

Then Chinook takes up that horn. He crushes it; throws it ~~agda/~~ ~~agda/~~ on the ground. Eagle can not make that horn sound again.

It lay there all split; bursted open. The old Chief said to his daughter:

"You must go with this man. You must marry him."

Chief Chinook took the girl; married her.

Eagle was mad. He called all his people together. He said:

"We have got war! I was first man to split the horn of Too-noon! Chinook became jealous . He spoiled my work; he took the girl. We will fight Chinook; we will fight his people."

The Eagle people said:

"All right! We will make a war! We will fight!"

Chinook's people were all fishes; all in the water. It was below Win-quat where the big fight took place. E-tal-i-pus ^[Coyote] put up rocks; all level on top. He made long grooves in that rock where he shot arrows straight. He shot Chief Chinook in the eye; killed him. Eagle said:

"We have killed the big Chief Chinook! ~~salmon~~. Come! we will eat!"
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All the birds; all the animals eat the big Chief [^]salmon. They eat all but one little egg. That egg dropped down in a crevice of of the big rock. It / lay there several suns. No bird, no animal can get that egg. Then rain falls; water is in the rock where the egg lay. A little salmon comes out of that egg. It gets into the water of the creek; it goes into the ⁿChe-wana. The little salmon grew ~~to~~ to a big man. He found ~~Lark~~ [Meadow] Lark. He thinks that Lark killed his father. He tore open the leg of Lark. Lark cried! He said:

"You fix my leg and I will tell you all about it. I will tell

you who killed your father."

Chinook fixed Lark's leg; made it sound and strong. Lark said:

"At Winquat a big Chief had ~~a pretty~~ a fine looking daughter.

Your father won this daughter from Eagle. He crushed the big horn of Too-noon. E-tal-i pus shot your father in the eye and killed him. Five Lal-awish got your father's wife; the handsome daughter. The youngest of the Wolf-brothers' married her. They put up a lodge at Schunn, below Winquat. They live there. Every morning ~~the~~ Five Wolves go hunt the deer. They leave the woman alone. You go see her in the morning."

Lark told all this to Chinook. Chinook now hunts for a strong spirit in the mountains. He piles up rocks; ~~he~~ tears out rocks from the cliffs. He grows strong; more strong all the time. He comes after the Lal-awish; comes to their lodge.

Next day Wolves all go to the mountains to hunt. Chinook makes it warm; makes it hot. All water dries up; all in creeks, all in rivers dry up. Wolves can not find water; they are dying for water. They come home staggering like drunk men; almost drunk with thirst. Chinook ^{had} made one spring; a big spring at Schunn. Water is cold; nice. Wolves come there; put heads in water and drink just like crazy men. Chinook takes bow and arrow, shoots oldest Wolf; kills him. He shot four oldest of the brothers; the youngest running off to the mountains. He escaped with his life.

Chinook took his father's wife home in a canoe. They went ^{just} below mouth of the Klickitat River. ~~(now Lake)~~ There Chinook ^{grows} ~~got~~ sleepy. He sleeps with head on woman's lap. Worms come out ^{from} of his mouth, his nose; ~~from~~ his eyes and ears like he is dead. Woman ~~is~~ is afraid; is scared! She drops Chinook off her lap. When he ~~strikes~~ drops, he comes to life. There are no worms. Chinook takes up canoe paddle; takes the woman on it; throws her to ^a cave in the cliff along the river. [Wash. side]

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I can show you that cave up in the rocks; up in the side of the wall-rock. It is there today.

Young Chief Chinook now want home to the salt water at the mouth of the ⁿCho-wana. He has two grandmothers. They are the Esh-kolloh, [Raven] ~~[the raven]~~ man and wife; always two. ^ They look some like the crow. They find ~~find~~ dead people, ^{They} eat nasty things. ² One of them went East every day. This grandmother said to Chinook:

"Our grandchild! I find a woman in the rock cave. She is nearly bones now; nearly dead. Some day we will eat her."

Chinook said:

"No! you must not eat her. Bring her here."

The grandmother replied:

"All right!"

The next day the two grandmothers go to that cave. They bring the woman, all starved and poor; bring her to Chinook/ at the salt water. They fly side and side; carry her on their backs. Chinook puts lots of grease, lots of fat on her body. He made her well and young again. Young Chief Chinook took that woman for his wife.

--:NOTES TO:--

BATTLE OF EAGLE AND SALMON:--

(1) --Win-quat: "moving" or "washing sands."; now The Dalls,
Oregon.

(2) ---The raven is truly a bird of ill omen with the n^hChe-wana
tribes. It appears ahead of coming epidemics, such as small-pox and
other scourges. ^{Traveling alone or in pairs,} It is ever is on the watch to pick out the eyes of
the exposed dead. The raven winters on the n^hChe-wana.