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1 Well, now, this story will tell truly about these Mesquakies.

They fought battles all the time. Every time they are killed, the rest would come home crying. It was at the Chippewa territory and during the four years time, they always came home crying. Every time they are killed, they came home crying. At the end of four years, "Now, what I think, will happen." The Chippewa said to them.

"In the Spring we will get together, then I will tell you what I think." He said. They were all planning to fight against the Mesquakies. In the Spring they got together, those were many different —

2 — Tribes. And then only the chiefs were called to meet. Of all the tribes, each one their chief and one warrior, were called to meet. Then he spoke to them. "Now, what I wish to be done, will be done. That's the only thing I will stop killing us. After you all agree, we will go over there and I will take you there." They all agreed. "That's the only thing those Mesquakies will stop killing us." He said. Then after they made an agreement. Then they started out, all of them people went with him.

Then they met one person. "One who has
 3. fasted is almost ready to start, to come on
 a war path," said the one they met. So lot of
 them went back, they were scared. He goes on
 any way. Some where's they met a Kikapoo again.
 "The one who is coming on war path has almost
 started." The person told them again. "I believe
 in two days," he told them. And then they were
 spoken to again. "Why are you going back, we
 are going to do ^{against} something good," he said to them.
 But they all went back anyhow. "The idea of them
 crying when they come to me. But we will -
 4 - go there," he told them. "What is the matter
 with all of them going back, why did they all
 time come to me crying. Now they have turned
 back." They were only thirty of them, those
 were only the Chippewas themselves. Many
 of their men or friends turned back also.
 They went on swiftly, going to a town of
 Mesquakies. Over there some where, they
 made a flag pole, so they could hold up their
 flag on the pole. After they fixed their flag
 on the pole. And then he told about his
 dream. "After fasting eight days I found out
 5 - about my flag here. This green feather
 was used when a flag was given to me. I dreamt
 from the above from where ~~that~~ ^{the flag} was given me,

So that's the reason, why they will not be able to do any thing to us, when we go in to them." He said. "From that, they can't kill us." He said. Soon two men came to them. "Go on back." They were told by them. "Say they kill you, if you don't go back." They came and told them. But in spite of that he goes right on. And then he let his nephew hold that flag. "Now don't you turn this pole in any way."

6 "If you turn our flag loose, I am going to shoot you myself." He told his nephew about the flag. They rode side by side of each other.

When they were near, the Mesquakies attacked them. But any way he goes right on. Soon they came up to them and mixed right among them, almost spearing them in their bellies, right up to them. But in spite of this, they went right on. Soon the last man came riding up, he was spotted all over—

7 - the person who was riding. This was a great warrior, he rode right through the others and right up to them and stopped them. And gave a speech. This relieved them from the hostilities. Then they rode in center. Then some where near, they were allowed to camp. Then the Mesquakies held councils every day, they gathered. Oyes, they gathered that very evening.

8 They held council over them, how they could brutally murder them. They never even fed them. After they were allowed to camp, the man, a Chippewa, dressed up and filled up his pipe and goes over there where they were hold councils over him, he took his pipe. He arrived there and there were a large number of men present. "Is this all of you?" He asked them. "No, they have n't all come yet." He was told. He filled up his pipe and offered the first person to smoke. But the person refused to accept it. He went around one to other, but no one accepted his pipe or smoke. "Now, you must all come here tomorrow."

9 - "Also all the young boys." Was what he spoke before leaving, the Chippewa. "Alright." He was told. Then when he came back. "I believe, we can't do it," He said. Night came and they were not fed. They finally layed down. They stood their flag at their door way. The next day again he dressed up and took up his pipe. Then, no one accepted his smoke again. At the third time, one accepted his smoke. This young man was fond of them. Soon he was asked for some information secretly.

10. "Where does your chiefs stay?" The young man was asked. Then he goes over there to show them, they peeped in. "There's one sitting there." He told. And to the other one.

"Here's another one," He said. Those wickiups had their doors facing each other, where they lived. So the next day this Cheppewa, he himself a chief, goes over to the chiefs places to intercede them. He took his pipe along. But he was refused of his pipe. "I can not do things as I wish, after I have spoken to the warriors, we will let you know." Chief said. They were packed full in.

11 - the wickiup, the men, as they held a council. He goes in again. Then he took his pipe around to see if any one would accept it, but no one accepted his pipe.

Soon it was evening, when he was trying to have his pipe accepted. Again, same thing, "Tomorrow again." They said. At once he took his pipe around, but no one ^{ever} accepted it from him. That night he goes over to him.

"Now this is what you are to do this time, that Indian Chief and those great warriors, their mothers, their neices."

12 - He was told, "The women has raised them. The women can sit on the ground." The Cheppewa said.

"Alright," He was told. "I'll do that." He was told.

"Now, this is what them old women will say. (now you slay me first.) is what they will say to their sons and grand fathers.

If they think that way, so they could accept the pipe from him. "I am the one who you are alive because I gave birth of you," is what they will say to the great warriors."

Then a general gathering was called, This included women and old women.

13 Then a pipe was being taken over there, but for a long time it wasn't accepted from him.

There sat an old woman by the door way, she was the last to be offered of the pipe. At once she accepted the pipe and started to puffing. Her son was a great warrior. Then the old woman spoke. "Now, my son!" She said to her son. "I raised you, I hid you, when all other tribes attacks us, if I had thrown you away, you wouldn't be living today." The ^{woman} said to his son.

14. This woman was a great Princess. "now, you may slay me with them, if you are going to slay them, slay me first, then you may slay all of those people who came to visit us." she said to her son. All the women said the same thing to those who they have

raised. Then the pipe was passed and all of them accepted the smoke, including the chiefs. The one who first accepted the smoke was given lots of beads and the other one was treated the same.

15 Those two women sat on each side of the doorway. Then after this meeting was over. Then they started to cooking, to give them a feast. "Now, this we shall do, you may mention us, in your, war speeches, and we shall do likewise." They said. "The Spirit just had planned it that way, for us to do," They said. Then they commenced to dancing. They were dancing for ten days. Feasts were being cooked for them and their stomachs were always filled. That's all —

16 I am just going to tell a story. A toad fought a reptile, a rattle snake. That snake bound around it. But whenever the toad got one hand loose, it always able to crawl out. They separated. Then the toad dug some medicine, the toad chewed it. After chewing the medicine, he goes to return the fight. Then it blowed the snake, it was of fire. Then it would be attacked again. It was almost noon when they

killed each other. They both killed each other.

March. 28, 1901. I will relate of what Na-na wa Ki-e A- did. "Now I am very much troubled in my heart to extremes, of how, Pa ki has treated me. Of course when she hears some things about me she gets mad. But she has made me so angry at this time of what she did. That's why I am doing this, she has ruined me, caused me to do what I am doing, my friends.

It's because I have no place to stay, the reason I live with her. Although I know what she does, how she is. It's all because I have no place to stay why I live with her.

Now that she has ruined me. O Mercy I feel so bad, she doesn't think anything of me, the reason she's doing what she does.

I am called, Na-na wa Ki-e A- my friends. So I am going to leave as the people do not think anything of me."

18 "A be no so, is the only person I consider my friend, others not a bit. That's what I tell you my friends. O my, it is Pa ki, her way that ruined me. and wi to se ke. and me ki.

That's why I am doing this, even my own brother is siding against me. So I feel so very bad, my friends.

That's all, I am John James of Tama Iowa.
 So I must stop telling this tonight. I
 am writing, right here at Wanatee's place.

They will probably lie in some way, those
 who are here are ^{Mrs} Wanatee, Mrs Wanatee,
 Isaac, Henry, George, Mr & Mrs Kiosutuck
 19. That's all, I am Na Na wa Ki e - your
 friend, that's all I have to say. It's my
 jealousy what ruined me, because I know
 the true facts about her, the reason I am
 doing this. They are courting her, up on the
 hill, straight up over Chuck's place. So my
 heart is troubled to extremes, my friends.

So Pa Ki herself has ruined me, cause me
 to do this. That's why I feel so broken hearted."

That's what this one person did who shot
 himself with double barrel shot gun. This
 is when he shot himself, at 10 p.m., he
 lived only 30 minutes. That's what he did
 so I am going to tell about another thing.
 20. About, Ke de wo Ki ma ge wa -

"Now, my friends, it's all because I have
 no money, it's the circus, that I can not
 see. That's the reason why I am to do this today
 because I have no money, my friends."

Now, this man I am living with we have
 no trouble against each other.

We never say anything cross to each other, we like each other. He is drinking little. Do not think anything wrong about him, think of him only whats good. My parents, thats what I tell you. Now my friends today at noon, I am going to leave my friends. I came here, Mr. & Mrs, Ma Ma Pa, good bye and my friends. So I am going to shoot myself now." Thats what she did. End

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Well, a turtle was challenged. Straight horn, challenged him to run a race. and it was said that he was the one that said it.

"Well the turtle couldn't run." He was told,

"Well, we'll run a race." Then the report was sent to the turtle. "I can out run the turtle, he said." They told him. "O, well, let me say about it." Turtle said. Then a report was sent to Straight horn. "He said he wants to say about it." "Alright," said Straight horn. "O tomorrow early, we'll run a race." He was told. "Alright," He said.

They went up to a hill, when they got up there then they ran a race.

22. Then they started, running down the hill. In a little shallow ground the

slide thru the air. Turtle hit an elm tree and was stuck between limbs, he was just picking away trying to get loose. They went to loosen him. so he was beaten. "Now, let me return the race, as I am not satisfied because I was beaten," He said. That night he acted like a Spirit calling his younger brothers together, the turtles, and made the weapons. "At this round lake, that's the place where they will run a race." He said.

They marched over to that lake. He placed his young brothers in the lake which was very deep.

23 "Be ready," He told his young brothers.

"Now, you tell him." He told his young brothers.

They came out of the water and whooped at him. and he would come out of the water, when he hears his younger brothers whoop, whom he had placed over there. and his face stuck out of a small root. after he won the race, and he said that he had won the race. The Turtle said, "I beat you very badly." said the turtle. He insisted, but really he was out runned. But he insisted saying, "I beat you." The Turtle insisted. That's what those who run a race did, the Turtle, the Kiskadee,
end.

24 And then the Turtle Challenge to do another thing. "Now, you go and tell the Straight horn" he said to them. "Tell him, to fight with the turtle tomorrow." said the Turtle to them. And then the return message was brought to him. "O we'll fight," says the Straight horn. The next day, the Turtles gathered together and also the Straight horns. They bet greatly, "Who ever is beaten will all be killed." Turtle said. They agreed with him. Then they began to fight. And then the Turtle won the fight. And then the Straight horns were all killed because the Turtle had won the fight. That's all.

25 Again I will tell of what they did long ago. There were eight wickieps of Indians living. Then two boys were very friendly to each other. They often went out hunting together. They often killed lot of game. Soon, "Now," said one boy. "Let's take a walk." He said to his partner. "Will go just any where." He said. They were brothers. The younger one was the one who mentioned about walking around. Soon his brother agreed. "O, we'll go off tomorrow." said the smaller one. The next day after they ate, they went away, and never told about it.

They were going just any wheres, some wheres
 26 When night came upon them, they went
 to sleep, hiding among the weeds. Next day
 they started out again. Soon, in afternoon
 they came to a town, where some people had
 a town. They went in the wickiup which
 was last one on end. "There is plenty of room ^{boys},"
 The boys were told. There were three people
 living together, whom they visited. They sat
 down at the back part of the wickiup. "Are
 you walking around for something?" They were
 asked. "O we are just traveling!" The little
 one said. "Those who have a village here are
 very bad," they were told. "You'll have to
 be on your guard." The boys were told. Then they
 we fed, a deer meat was cooked for them.

27 They cut the deer meat and roasted it.
 After roasting it, they ate it and after eating
 it they went away again. In two days
 again they came to Indians. "Say, the boys
 are coming." It was said of them. When
 they got there, they were taken into a wickiup.
 They were scared. At this place. "Let them
 go with us." It was said. To go on a war path.
 "We will go in ten days," it was said.
 They were to go along. Then they tried to
 run off. at the eighth day they succeeded

in running off "O my!" They said. After they were off aways, they fled away.

28 They had a great feast, soon the villagers heard about the boys. They have come, they to each other. The boy told the one who lived in that wickiup, that they were to leave the following day.

"Will you may hide when you do go." They were told. "If they know about you, they will follow you." They were told. So they started out the next morning very early. They went thru the thicket. Soon they saw a bear and it scared them. "Who is it?" They asked each other. Soon they recognized it to be a bear. The smaller boy hit it with a rock and struck it right in the eye, and it fell over.

29. Soon when they were out on a lonely place "Now, my older brother!" He said to his older brother. "Now, lets start to fasting." He said to his brother. So they started to fasting and staid in one place and fasted for three years. Soon the older one was blessed. "Now, my young brother, I am going away, we will separate in our ways of going." He said to his young brother, "We may meet each other some where." Then he gave his young brother his arm band. So the older one goes away after instructing to his young brother of what they should do, to meet

each other some where. The young boy was still fasting. The other had gone, some where—
30. night came upon him; then a deer came to him. "I have ^{just} come to you." It said to him.

This one was who, had blessed him. "I came to you, so I can go about with you." It told him.

They went away, he, going with it. "Now if we see any one you hide." It told him. "I will not hide myself." It said to him. "So, it wouldn't kill you, so we will see some one." It told him. Soon they came to a place where they were to see some one.

"Now you go this way, so they would kill you." It told him. "If it sees you, it will kill you." It told him. "We can meet over yonder." It said to him. "You'll see a large tree." It said to him.

"You can wait for me there and you'll have to hide," it said to him. "When I get there, I will make a noise." It said to him.

31 "When you hear me, you come out." So he arrived the place it stated for him, and he hid there. That evening surely he heard it and he came out. He saw an Indian. "Well did you see any one?" It asked him. "Say this is the same one." He thought. "Yes, that's me." He was told. "Now, we can go, where ever we are going, I am dressed now." He was told. So they went far away, just any where, some times they

came to wickings. But they always pass them by. He could understand the deers, as the person was a deer. "Soon, you will see your young bro." It said to him and was also told where they separated. "That was the place where you and your young bro separated." Deer said to him, "You may —

32 - go with me, if you wish." The deer said "And you will be able to come back here and when you come back you will then see your brother." The deer said to him. "But just now, your brother is not close." Deer said to him, "It may be twelve years from now, when you and your brother will see each other." It said to him, "He is still fasting." It told him. He refused to go with him. "Well lets go over that way." It said to him. Told him across the ocean - "We will come back at this time. We will be gone for eleven years." It said to him. "We will go thru the under world, when we go there." It told him. He was willing to go. So they went to the shore.

33 "Now you may make a little hole here." It told him so he made a little hole. "Then you may hide." It told him. He was out hiding for two days. "You come early in morning." It said to him. After two days he came and saw a large hole. "Now, we will go thru here." It said to him.

The hole was dark. "Now, you catch hold of tail," It told him as it had turned into a deer. They went away. Soon there was light under the earth, and there was a forest. They were on the way four years. At times he was awful scared. "Now, nothing will happen to you." It said to him. They saw all kinds of spirits. "They won't do any thing." It told him. Soon at the end of four years -

34 - they arrived at their destination. They staid around there for two years. At the end of two years they were going back. "Now, you will see your brother when we get back." It told him. They started on there way. At the end of four years they arrived back where they came from. "Now you go over there, you will see a wickup." It told him. "That's where your brother stays." It told him. He goes over there, Surely he saw a wickup. There was no one a stirring and looked very lonesome. He peeped in. "Omy, come in." An old man said to him. "Don't be acting like a bad fellow." Old man said to him. "Now, your young bro stays here." He was told. "He went out just a little while ago, he says he's going out to urinate." The old man said to him. So that's what they did.

35 Now, this was what one party did. There was twenty who goes on war paths, when they were out on fall camps. One leader suggested that they would go out camping. The party consisted of men only. "Now we shall go over in that direction." He said and the ^{party} were willing to go. So some where they camped. "Now, we will camp here, I don't suppose that the people are close here," He said. Some of them were afraid. "I am very afraid." They said to each other secretly. "We better go back." They said to each other. "It is short ways where we came from." They said to each other. "I am afraid any way even if we are a short ways off." They said. For several days they -

36 lived there. "Now, lets go along with the party!" said one. As they all agreed. As the leader spoke, "We will go on a war path." He said. He named the time. at that time they started out. They reached the place and each one was getting ready. "Now tonight we will attack them!" said the leader. When there was a dawn they attacked the people whom they were seeking. There was only one wickieup and they slaughtered them all. Only one of their men was wounded. They had no trouble in killing them. That was what they did. So they went straight back home and did not go on war path any longer.

37. Now, I am going to tell of what we did when we were out fall camping over toward south. When once, we were camping some Sioux spied us. Soon we were on guard. Four of us guarded all night. We never saw a sign of people. So the next day we went on a buffalo hunt. I myself, shot three buffalos with speared arrows. We camped there two days. We then moved away and camped some where else. The next day men were sent out.

38 I myself was named to go along, to go and seek for the people (enemy), also the buffalo. When we came to far away we saw a track of an Indian. There was six of us and we attack over the hill side. It was just at noon, when we rode up to that place. As we rode up to where one could see, we saw the smoke, some men were cooking. They happen to be white men, they had a covered wagon.

39 So we rode up to where they are. Two looked up motionless, only one grabbed his gun. At that moment, we rode right up to them. Their heads were bleeding or cut. They all had been scalped already. They were strings all around their heads, which they showed us, they had rage, thickly tied

on their heads. I mean two of them, one man was not scalped. Only two had been scalped. This one was doing the cooking. While he was relating what had happened to them. He was crying, while telling. "He said. "The Sioux." "I was right this morning." He said. We did not see the other one, who they say was in the wagon. They were four of these white men. After relating what had happened. "They are close from here, they are four Sioux." They said. So we told them to stay right where they are. "If they are there we will bring them here, we will slay two and we will bring two alive to you." We told them: "Don't bring them." They said to us. They let us use one gun, some powder and lead.

41 We rode away very fast to the place where the white men told us the Sioux were camping.

After a long while, we came to the place, the fire was still burning, the Sioux had moved away.

We trailed them up and finally lost the trail. At the sun set we went back to where the white men were, to give them back their gun which they loaned us. When we got there we told them that they had moved. One cried because he was sorry that we failed to kill the Sioux.

42 "If you had brought him to me, I would have cut hole in him alive." Was what one motioned

to us in signs. So we gave them back their gun and the powder they told us to keep, also the lead and caps. And we told them to move on. We told them that they were lot of Sioux.

That's all I have to tell about one time when I saw white people who were scalped alive by the Sioux. That's all I have to say. I am

(Goes thru the Thickets) is my name.

Well that was the name of one who fought many battles.

43 Now, of what the people did long time ago. These were the first people that lived on this island, the Mesquakies.

One time, one came to them, that is ^{at} one of their villages. A Spirit came to them. It all killed them but two who fled up above where the Thunders are. When they got there, they told the thunders what happened. Thunders made an attack and killed all of them who were killing them. That's all I have to say about them End.

44 Once time of what one person did, long ago. This was after the white people were on this continent. One time a party went away some where, one man lead, there were four ^{men} in the party. This was in fall, they were on a hunting trip. all of them were men, when they were hunting, one time an attack was made

upon them. The Comanches attacked them.

They all had fast horses. They had only one dog. They fled to different parts. One went with his pet dog. They slept some where —

45 - sleeping with his pet dog. One man rode on his horse all night. When in the morning he saw one horse standing, he recognized it, so he rode over there. He goes on hiding as he was little afraid. "Probably he has been killed." He thought. He rode slowly. Soon the dog barked at him. The one who was sleeping was awakened by his dog barking at him. He jumped. The dog scared him. The owner of the dog had scared him. He started to run crawling —

46 - away. This was near a river where he was sleeping. While he was crawling away fast, he crawled to the overhanging bank and fell in accidentally into the water. The friend of his was also scared. At this time they could recognize each other, after he fell in water, the water had awakened him to realize. He got out of the water. First thing he ran for his gun. The friend recognized his friend and goes to him. When he got there, "I must be very coward, as I was afraid in the dark. I thought you might have been killed. But I recognize your pet dog." He told his friend.

47. "When your dog barked at me, it finally had me scared. It sounded like if an Indian was whooping at me." He told his friend. "Well, I myself was awful scared too. As I thought, an enemy was hollering at me and I never knew which way I was running, as I thought, but then I was crawling. Just when cold water struck me it made me realize. When I came to, there wasn't a sound of any one. So I just ran for —

48 — my gun." He said to his friend. After talking it over. "What become of them who we were with." They asked each other. "Well, I saw them fleeing toward north east, following the hill side. They were fleeing together and they were after them, but the enemy were far behind. They were going a full speed. I myself turn my horse into that hill side, I was going back, over yonder in a thicket. —

49 — I went in. And I looked at you, from there. After you were out of sight, they came riding by. And they saw them and so they beated their horses. Three of them were racing side by side and the rest were little behind others. There were eight of them." said the one who rode all night. After no one passed by, I came out and went on that little hill.

where we started from. Toward west on the hill, I went along after I couldn't see no one, I was trying strike you."

50. "That's the way you were going when I lost saw you, so I tracked you up, surely I saw your horse's tracks. So I hunted you up this way. As I thought we might meet each other." He said to his friend. "O. Oyes." He said. "I myself, thought, surely you must have been killed. Soon I could not hear a sound of you. Yonder when we rode up, on side of the hill, you were right behind me. So I didn't remember of you no longer after we got up the hill." He said to his friend. "O Oyes." They said. "Well lets be going." They said to each other. So the man begin to hitch up.

51 After hitching up. "Now lets have a bite to eat first." They said to each other. So they had a bite. After eating, the man fed his horse. After eating, they jump on their horses and went away. Going to seek for their friends, going toward the direction they fled, little on our side, some wheres far away, they stopped to give their horses a rest, on a high hill. So down the hill aways, in a thicket or woods, they tied up their horses. And they layed down on the hill in a thick grass. After a while —

52. Soon a party came into sight. "Now then," they said to each other. But they were only two persons. "Say, those might be the ones we were with," they said to each other. "That might be true," they said. "Now, hold your pet so it won't get up," they said. "Alright," said the owner.

"We'll look at them, of course if they are not our party, we'll then run for our horses and attack them," they said. "Alright," they said.

They laid very low, as the strangers were heading right for that hill. When they were right opposite the hill side, they recognize their friends and they jumped up. So they stopped their horses and were standing there. After a while -

53 - they could see the dog. They recognize the dog. So they rode on toward them. When they arrived there, "Well, you've gotten through!" they were told. "Surely we thought you must have been killed, as we heard nothing of you." They told them. So they told of their experience, when they both scared each other. "They were right after you, three of them, chasing you, they were three of them side by side, beating their horses and the others were a short distance behind. There were nine of them. The way you went was the way I saw them disappear."

54 all of them went that way." He told them.

"O O yes, but they never caught up to us." They said.

"Soon we were hiding as we were fleeing." They said. After talking about it. "Now lets go toward South." They said. So again they were together as they camped from place to place eating on meats. "Now tomorrow we shall go over yonder on the parraries, but not too far out in the paradise." They said. "Abright!" All three men said. "Well, we'll do that as we are men, as no one will bother us, as we are —

55 — made that way, we men. Too bad you had brought your dog along." He was told.

"Well of course, he's nothing, its just because I love it, the reason I take him around." He said. So the leader said no more to him. "Well, we'll go home early tomorrow." They said to each other. So they went away early the next morning.

They never separated, always ^{four of them} going together. When they were going quiet away out in a parrarie. Soon the dog began to whim and squealed softly at them.

56. "Whats the trouble with it." The owner said. Soon it stopped doing that. "Well go into sight once more." They said. When they came on the side of the hill. The little dog acted the same way it wagged its tail and looked at its master.

When they came on the hill, they came up facing each other with the enemy. The enemy attacked them. They fled. So one of their enemy overtook them and then they were all slain.

57. So they were lost, it was not known where they were killed. That fall, the fall campers went in that direction, those who went out on a hunt.

They were out hunting one time, and early one morning one man never came back, soon very early, it was foggy and they could hear one hollering & crying. And he could ^{not} recognize his voice. "I want who could come here early." He thought. The sun was up at this time when he recognize the voice, of the one singing an Indian wailing song, on the other side of hill.

58 The person's voice was coming nearer, using a bear claw song. voice coming on the side of the hill. "O my!" It said, when crying. When he goes up the hill side and right up ~~on~~ the very top of the hill side he heard it crying, but he could see no one. "I wonder who this is" He thought. So he goes down the hill, where the sound was. He walked right down where he heard it. "He may be laying some where there"

59 He thought. When he got there, just on the other side he heard it crying. Soon he saw a dog coming, walking. It was (Soft Paws) he recognize

it. "Well its Soft Paws," he said to it. He goes to it and when he got to him, it fell over. "Now, Soft Paws, I am here, you shall be healed." He said to the dog. He took it up and carried it home.

After he got it home, they cooked a little for it to eat. At noon they fed it again, so they sent for -

60 - The men to come. After they gathered together, including the hunters. After the dogs stomach was full and it was feeling good.

A person who could understand dogs began to question the little dog. "They were all slain," the dog said. "My friend was still in good condition when I left," the dog said. "The others I do not know," the dog said. "He was not harmed, but his horse -

61 I do not know where it went to. I mean his horse. It was there for a long time soon I remember nothing of it. Of course I was guarding for him so no one could harm him. After I am well, I'll show you where my friend is." The dog said. "The first time we also got away from the enemy." It said, "We fled separately, I and my friend fled together."

62 "I think it was three days later when we all met each other.

"One that we were with was telling others of their experience, of the first enemy we saw.

They told each other what happened to them and the way they fled. After telling it, we went away, going toward that way going little to one side. The next day at noon, we saw both of them as they had fled together." The dog said. "Then they talked and told of their experiences. Then we went away again."

63 "Again going on one side. And we were camping by the river. At this river was where they were all slain. I knew myself, what it was going to be done to them and I told them about it." He said, "But I don't think they understood me. Right on the hill, they were attacked." It said. "The next I am sure I know they have been killed." It said. "When my friend was shot, I was shot also." It said. "So I just drove his horse which he was riding." It said.

"So he was not —

64 - over taken, so he died over this way."

After the dog told it all, "You show us the place tomorrow." The person who understood dogs told it. The next day it showed them the place "There it is." It said. When they came to the place it stated, on the side of a hill. Surely there he laid, his body was in

good condition yet. Nothing had eaten him yet. The placed the corpse in good position. The dog laid down beside it, guarding his friend. The dog.

65. The dog was taken home and was carefully cared for. It was loved very much, as it had not eaten his bro master. That's why the dog make the folks so pleased with it. It was told that it will grow to an old age to be kept there. From that time on, it could kill game easily. It ate the same food the Indians eat. It even had a wooden bowl of its own. Then the person who first saw the dog began fasting. Soon the dog knew that the man fasting.

66 Then the dog goes over there, dog hadn't eaten as long as the man fasted. Soon the person who was fasting was blessed. Then late in fall, the man prepared himself to lead a war party. The dog was following him around all the time. Then he started out, also the dog went along. The dog always followed the leader around. And he sleeps in night, the dog would also be lying there.

67. After they were a long ways, they went to sleep. Then the dog waken the leader up. "Those who we will kill are starting out," The dog said. "It just happen that its the same party, that killed my friend, so we will slay them all."

The dog said "Two days later we will attack them." The dog said. "I am going after them, I am going now to get them." The dog said "I'll be back when I bring them, I'll be back tomorrow night here."

68 The dog said. "I'll bring them right over there in a little forest, I'll let them camp there." The dog said. "If you may stay here all day tomorrow." The dog told them. Then it started out. Then it came to where the enemy was. They recognized the dog. "Why, this is the same dog, who was with the persons we killed ^{last year}." They said of him. The dog was fed. Surely it brought them there, it ran ahead of them. So they camped in the very place the dog said they would.

69 The dog was staying with them all day, that night it went home as it was near there. It got there at mid night.

"O, they recognized me, they said, this is the same dog who was with those we killed last year," they said. They fed me good." The dog said. "Now, at once, we'll go there." It told his friends. They started out the dog leading, when they got close. "Now, this is a good side of the hill." It said. At the dawn, they attacked them. 70. So they slaughtered them all. That's what one dog did.

Then the dog was loved very much more than ever. The dog knows when the people (enemy) is close by. It also tells, "Now let us flee," I would say, "The people (enemy) are close by here." Dog would say, That is the reason, these Mesquakies love dogs. That's all I have to say, of telling about the olden times.

71. Well, I am now going to tell about one party of Indians of what they did. They had a village. There was about forty wickiups of them. They had a town. Then one said, "Let's go on a war path." He said. Then he told his fellow men about going on a war path. The men consented, so he told his wife about it. "Now, there shall be a sign, if I am killed, the sky will be clear." He told her. "A small cloud shall appear." He told her. "When it comes straight up here, a sprinkle of rain will fall."

72. He told his wife. Those men had gone and surely it came true. A small cloud appeared, it was the only cloud. When it was straight up, a sprinkle of rain fell, just as her husband had foretold. Then she told about it. "Why didn't you tell at the first place." She was told. Surely the warriors who had gone on war path were killed. The night a boy - "Now I am afraid very much in the dark."

73 He said to one friend of his. "I am too" He told him. "That elm tree over there is where I was shot from, when I dream." He said. The elm tree log was on the ground a short distance away from their home.

"Now, don't be afraid." Those who were afraid were told. "Here are guns!" They were told. "If they do any thing to us, we will be noisily shot off." They were told. But any way they were afraid. "Now, don't take your clothes off," The one who was afraid was told. "Don't undress." His friend told him. So both of them did not take their clothes off. The next morning —

74 - one went out to urinate. Close by that lying elm log, he urinated. While he was urinating at a full force, it seemed to him he saw some persons there, where the elm log was. He ceased urinating before he was through and goes back into the wickup in a hurry. and built a big fire. After making a big fire, he woke his friend up. "Now, you all wake up." He told them.

"At this time an attacks are usually made in time of wars." He said. Then they were being shot at. They were all slain.

75 Two of the friends were not killed. His friend was killed. He himself gotten away, he fled, his friend was killed. The one who said the guns would roar firing, was not known which way he fled. The boy whose friend was killed, goes back from some wheres. There ^{were} another village of his fellow people. He told them about it. "We have been slain." They hitched up in a hurry.

He came to them who had a village.

They started off riding at full speed, to make an attack. Then one said failing words.

76. "They are in large number!" He said. So they never make an attack. "I am going to make an attack myself, as my friend has been killed!" He said, The one who made the report. Saying I'll make an attack. Because his friend had been killed, so he is going to make an attack, by himself, he was manly. Right in front of their enemy, he stopped his horse. They all shot at him, but he got off as nothing was happening and began shooting them. So he dropped the gun stick, so he was shot. He was not shot for a long while. The others —

77 - were just looking on, at the one who made an attack. They never had hearts enough to ride over there. They were afraid to attack them as they were eleven of the enemy. So there was only one saved in this slaughter by the Lionk. So that's what has been told of them and what I heard myself.

Now I am going to tell about one man who lived by himself. The others who lived in a wickiups were two women. "Now let's travel," They said. Then they began to comb their hair. After combing their hair.

78 Then they began to cooking. "after we have a meal, we can start," they said. Little afternoon after they had eaten, they started out. Soon they met one man. "O, you are traveling, some where?" He told them. "O we are just traveling," they told him. "O, there lives one over there, where a person traveling generally stops over night to sleep." He told them. "A man lives by himself." He told them. "In evening, you will see a wickieup." The man told them, whom they met. Surely that evening they saw a wickieup.

79 They came to it, it was smoking. "Can we come in?" they said to him. "I don't know," he told them. A squetch owl invited them in. He never stirred, not even to cook. The next morning the women cooked themselves. They took down one beaver and cooked it. They cooked it early in the morning. The squetch owl woked up.

"You have stole it from me." It told the women. A muskrat was stealing from it as it stated.

"No, we are cooking it," the women told it. After eating a meal, they left. The squetch owl.

"Now lets spill all of its feet." —

80 — "That's what it thinks of most," the women said.

Then they began spilling them the way the owl was to come. They spilled a large quantity of feet. Where they spilled them all out, they left the baskets there.

So the women went on their way. Soon when the owl came walking home, he saw his feet, and placed it in his bosom. It started again. To his surprise, he saw all his feet slaying all along the way. He placed them in his bosom but was soon filled up, so it began crying.

Soon it cried himself to death, he fell over.

At this time the women were far away. Soon after a long time there was —

81 — a river, it was wide, they stood there looking at. Soon they saw some black thing in distance rowing in a boat. Soon the person was rowing in a boat in the middle, rowing round and round. "Come get us in the boat, Hell diver." They told it. It never noticed them. They told it several times. But it never noticed them and never even as much as looked at them. "Tall him, a lovely bead." They said to each other.

"Say, lovely bead, come and get us in boat." They told him. "What! What!" He said to them. So he goes to get them. So he pulled off his ear ornaments of beads and placed it in his mouth. While they were rowing on, he coughed —

82 — and spit them out. "O my, Brod has a funny spit." The women said. So they picked up the beads and he just laughed at them. "You'll soon get tired picking up the flym of my spit." He told them.

Soon they saw a bear. "O say, the bear, shoot it," They told the beaded hell diver.

"The idea, you suppose I'll kill my pet." He told them. "Well call him to come" They told him. Then he called it, but the ^{bear} ~~run~~ away.

"Well, it fled away," They told him. "O, well, it smells you is the reason." The man told them -

83 Soon they saw lot of boys. They were swimming, and were diving. "the beaded hell diver is bringing wives," The boys said of him, making fun of him. The women had arrived to the place where they were going, where their husbands live. So he takes the women to his home, the beaded hell diver. Soon one came to him asking him to do some services. "Now, you have been asked to be a waiter, to the one you always wait upon, you beaded hell diver." He was told. He was willing so he goes there. So he began to be a waiter.

They were having a dance. The squeeze owl was dancing by the door way. Soon those women went over to see the dance,

84. When they got there, they saw their husband dancing at the back part. "There's your husband." The women said to each other. Soon the women went out and were courting with the other chief. and they were taken away. Soon they stopped dancing and the hell diver

went home. When he got home, his wives were gone. "Where are they?" He asked his wife, who was an old woman. "You must have told them that I was your husband." He said to his wife. He beated her up. "You are the cause of some one taking them away from me!" He told his wife.

55. He took his time eating and also took a nap. So that night, early in the night he goes over to see the chief. When he looked in, there he saw his wives sleeping there and he saw the face of their chief in middle or between them, as he was lying there. The beaded hell diver became very angry. "O they are sound asleep." He said to his wife "O yes," she answered. So the hell diver began to heat up a sharp pointed ^{iron} rod, red hot. When it was almost day he goes over to where they were.

56. He goes over to kill their chief. Soon he got there and goes in easily to where their chief was sleeping. He punched in his stomach after killing it. "Now come on!" He commanded the women. They both jumped on him and held him. "I am your husband, old women," He told them. Soon those who lived there were awakened. So the hell diver fought hard and ran out. The hell diver's head was missed

just a little, so he was chased. They chased him for a long time. So it out run them and it finally reached the water -

87 - and dived in. The hell diver came out in the middle of the water. "O, That was a hell diver!" They said of him. That is the reason it became known as a hell diver.

At first he was a beaded bird. From the time, he got away from his pursuers, he became a hell diver. Well, it got away from them.

So another person married the women. So they began dancing after a long time and did what they use to do. At that time he was a beaded bird, but now he is only a hell diver. That's all I have to tell on this paper my friends.

88. Now I will tell about what the people did long ago. At the time when all others fought them, ten years later this was.

Some where the Mesquakies camped. Their village was between two hills which were steep cliffs. One time, one man was lying on his back. He was looking thru the snake hole and he saw some one peeping out on the very top of the cliff. He watched him and in a little while he saw two persons -

89 peeping at them, they were people. So he told his wife, "We are being peeped at." He told her, "You go to report, carry a bowl with you, so they won't suspect anything of you. After you report come right back. Another woman could go on from there to report to others." He told her, "Women can tell it on in relays." He told her, So she goes out and went in another wickiup. When she got there she reported, "We are being peeped at, from straight up on the cliff." She said. Another woman - 90 goes from there to tell about it. This woman goes back home. When she got home, he grabbed his sacred bundle and was getting ready. Each and every man was getting ready secretly. After they all told each other, The one who saw the enemy, walked out and was talking around, "Now, lets go on a hunt." Man said, "We'll go different directions" he said, "The Tokons will hunt toward north and the Kiscos will hunt toward south." He was saying talking around. All the men folks, went in different directions in little while they were gone.

91 Only the women were in the wigwags. At this time the enemy was pulling the barks off to make strings. "Well first capture all those women!" they said. While the Mesquakes rushed to the place where the enemy would come down. They gathered there and had already cut off the enemy. Soon the enemy came marching down, there were thirty of them. When they were close, they attacked them. And began shooting them down the cliff. Soon only three were left.

92 soon they shot one more. Only two were left. "Let's first capture them!" they said. They rushed for them, when they were close upon them, one took a leap and flew away, it had turned into a Turkey. Then when they were close to the other one, it also jumped and hid on a lone cliff and turned into a Cedar tree. Those were the only ones that gotten away. The rest, twenty-eight of them, they had killed all. That's what they did in one battle long ago. And they said the Spirits had blessed those two.

93 Now then, when they were driven across this Mississippi river, many were slain and many were killed by the trains. This was the Black Hawk's war. Then half of them had gotten across. And half of them had been cut off from others. Just when half of them were driven across, they started to flee. Some where along this Mississippi river, one young man was tired out and could go any further, his feet were swollen and blistered. Soon he was left, cast away as he was troubling others. That night it rained very hard and he was all alone, lying there waiting to die. Then at this time, people came walking to him, they were Sioux, coming along their road.

94 They marched to where he was, at the place where the wickiups had stood. And the next morning where he was lying, rain falling on him. Soon, he was found and was seen, they all rushed to him. "When the one who could understand comes, he will question him!" They said. Soon the Sioux came who could understand the race. "What did you do, to be left here?" He was asked. "Well, my feet are all worn out and swollen." He said. "Well, when did they move, when they left

you?" The young man was asked. "They look like long ago."

95 He was told. "Well didn't it rain when you were, it rained here all night." He told them. "That's why the ruins of those wickiups look that way. Now, don't go any where."

They have moved yesterday," He told them.

"Now, don't go any where" He was told.

"I'll bring you one person to carry you along on his back, when we come back," The leader told him. Then the Sioux built him a bark wickiup. And they place some food there for him to eat and water to drink. So he could eat and drink water while they are away. And also gave him Maccassins.

96 "Are you sure they moved yesterday?"

He was asked. When they were ready to go. "Yes." He told them. Then they were after those who had moved. The movers were going along hunting. Those who were chasing went straight along. Then the person named MoKequa. and his friend stopped to hunt, while they were moving. And then they chased an elk. They killed one and began butchering it. after butchering it they went on their way, going along the road.

It happened that the Sioux were ahead of them and they were riding behind the Sioux.

97 At last they strike the road. Then the horse Mo'ke qua was riding the load on it kept slipping to one side. The load of meat it had on was heavier on one side. "I stop to fix my packs." He told the one he was with. "You may go ahead." He told his partner a little ways off there was a thicket, a corner of the thicket. His partner was riding close to it. He was doing up his packs to even the meat in the packs.

After tying it up he jumped on his horse. His partner at this time was riding right to the corner of the thicket. His gun tied cross ways and was ringing along.

98 When his partner got there, he was shot, he and his horse both fell on ground, both were shot at the same time, his horse. Then when he saw his partner shot down, Mo'ke qua fled the other way. Soon he realized his packs of meat, so he cuts them loose, and fled faster. Then he became a tramp. Then the Sioux, who were on the war path. "Now you go over and see that forest for the last time!" They were told

If they are not there we will go back from here!" They were told.

99 Those who went to see the forest, when they got there running, they saw it was smoky in the forest. So they ran back. When they got back, "O they are hiding there!" They said. So that night they went over to the Banks. They marched over there. Those who were pursued were in great discussion just at this time! "Let's stay and live here," They said and some said "Let's move on." Some said, "In this night is the time for us to get away." Leader told them, "Nothing will happen to us!" They insisted on not moving that night.

At this time the River had come close by. Just a dawn, they were being shot at and the battle began. A small number fled and were chased. Many ^{Saures} were killed there. That's all End

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