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Red leggins.

Once there was a family that had a big crowd of company all the time. This was a certain young man who lived with his father, his mother had died a long time ago, and they also lived with his sister. But the father had a lot of other sons who had a mother living, by his second wife. And so this young man had a big time every night for all the boys came to play games with him.

And the father to this young man begin to feel jealous of his oldest son, ~~whom~~ was the step-son of his present wife, he really loved his sons more that had a living mother. He felt jealous of his first son because he was very popular among all the male sex. So he went away wishing how he could get rid of his son. He gave Ind. tobacco to every Manitowau he saw he finally

saw a ^{black} wolf, and the
wolf took the offering.
Now the wolf will kill
the boy, that the father
He went home. When
he got home, he called
all his sons together at
his present wives home.
And told them to go the
following day and look
for the black wolf and
bring it alive to their
wigwam. So the follow-
ing day real early all
the young sons went to
the hills there they
saw the black wolf -
their father told about

And this young man
name red leggins
joined his brothers it
was toward evening
and they all gave up
chasing the wolf all
day long, except Red
leggins he was still
chasing the wolf,
and he got to the
edge of a cliff and
here he caught the
wolf by the leg, he
took him home to
his father. "Here is
the wolf you have
asked for," he told
his father.

"Well" thought the father
how could I kill him
he thought. He had already
told his other sons,
when he sent them
out to let Red leggings
do all the work. So
the other boys were
tired and did not
come back right
away, then he began
to worry about them.
So he called them all
together again, and
told them to go out
and fetch him a white
turkey he had seen.
So the following day

He told his other sons about his plan to rid Red leggin's, because he was so popular all the men and young men hung around his place all the time they was so fond of Red leggin's. So they all started out to chase the white turkey, they all got in a boat and rowed way off, soon they stopped and looked about they saw a lot of turkeys and one white one very wild, they all chased after it, till they all gave up

as was the agreement
 with their father. Ex-
 cept Red begins. He
 kept on till he caught
 this white turkey, after
 he caught it, he was
 going to go to the
 boat and his brothers had
 left him, he began to cry
 for the river was too wide
 he could not swim across
 with the turkey. As he
 was crying and about
 sturned to death some
 one spoke to him say-
 ing "Grand child if
 you will only help me
 I will help you."

So he said I would do any thing if I only could cross this river with my white turkey so the animal told him he would take him across that the only thing the animal feared was a storm the lightning - but it looks clear they said. And he sat on the animals neck and held on to the horns, then they started to cross the wide river slow and very slow did they go just

as they got half way
it got black suddenly
but they kept on, until
they got right near the
bank, then the lightning
struck the animal
the boy fell off on the
bank with his turkey
stunned, he was so
frightened, and it
killed the animal.

So the boy got up
and took the turkey
to his father, "here is
your white turkey father
said" Red leggins
"Set it down," he
said very much sur-

prised as he thot he
had gotten rid of him.
All the time Red
leggins was gone, the
other young brothers
of his would call all
the young folks of the
village to come to their
place for a social
gathering but no one
cared to go. And as
soon as they found
out Red leggins was
back home, all the
young folks came
to his wigwam
and had a big
time, his brothers
was jealous of him.

So again the old man began to go about sacrificing tobacco to every kind of bad animal or Manitowah's. It made him so mad because his eldest son was so popular among all the young people, because no one cared to associate with the other sons he had, and he thought more of them because their mother was living. So he started to try to find in

what way he could
get rid of his son Red
Begins. He walked
about for several
days giving Indian
tobacco to any odd
looking creature -

Till one day as he
was walking along
he looked up and
saw a large nest
up in a tree; he
climbed up the tree
and looked inside
the nest, here were
two baby thunders,
babies of the thunder -
so he asked them

what their names were. and one said my name is "far up and never give up" and the other said, "shaking seat." "Well," how can you prove your names do what your names say?" so the first "far up" began to draw up and up way up he went, and the next "shaking seat" he began to shake and shook the earth. so the old man got scared -

This is where I can
kill my boy, he thot
so he went home
with another idea
in his mind. So he
started again back
to where his sons
were. and again
the following day
he called his sons
together, and told
them he had seen
some young baby
thunders in a nest
and he told them
he wished them
to bring them to
him - as he already

told them to let Red leggin's climb. So the following day they all went to the place spoken of. And when they got there Red leggin's said he was willing to climb, so he climbed, after he got up to the nest, the old man told him to sit in the nest, so he did, after he sat in it, the old man told "draw up, to draw so the thunder bird began to draw far up way up to thunder.

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And the young man
fell way up, and
the wicked old man
said "eat him up,
there is food for you"
he told the thunders.
So they all came up
to Red leggin, half
frightened, he told
them wait, so they
did not harm him.
And he took his Ind-
ian tobacco out and
told them to first
take a smoke, so
they all took a smoke
and they were glad
you can do as you

please with me after
you have had your
smoke," he told them -
and so after they got
thru-smoking they
all talked together
and decided Red leg-
gins had given them
a good treat, that the
father did not give
them any thing, so
they decided to turn
him loose. And
they told Red leggins
to tell the thunder
birds to "move," so
he did and they
moved downward!

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and they advised him when he got back on earth to kill the little thunder birds and take them to his father, so as soon as he got down he killed them, then he took them to his father. His father tho't he got rid of him this time sure, and he walked in with the thunder babies, "Here they are" he said "Say, what awful looking things take

them away" said
the old man. So
he carried them out
side and threw them
on top of his wigwam
and he started to
his sisters wigwam
soon as he got home
the gang came over
and they had a
big time all night
they liked him so
much. His brothers
tried to be like him
but no one liked
them Red Leggings
was the only popular
one.

Every one liked him so much. And he had a gang at his wig-wam all the time even when he was gone and the gang was told to go to the other brother's place, no one would go, the others simply could not draw a crowd. And the father thought it was Red Leggings that was doing all that, so he was trying every way to get rid of him. The father walked along far off for several

days and he came to a large lake. I will make them go where it is real deep and dangerous, and dive, he thought so he went home again with a new idea in his mind. When he got home he said "My son's there is a lake far off, you all go there, the one who goes where it is deep and dangerous and dive under the longest, I will say it my son"; he

said. The following day he and his sons started to the big lake, when they got there he told them they had to dive across, one by one and it came to Red Leggins turn. the last one, when it was his turn, the old man threw a beast in the lake that would surely kill the boy. And sure enough Red leg-gins never came up. He's dead they said.

and they started home
and told around that
Red leggins had
drown after the father
had killed him. So
when he did not re-
turn, the village
moved far away.

and all this time this
Red leggins was under
the water talking and
smoking with the
old Manitowa of the
water. They did not
want to harm him
because these old men
of the water always said
the Indians were greater

Maritowas so they did not want to do him harm, he enjoyed himself with them and he stayed with them till nearly winter, while his sister was fasting, Well when the village moved they were so jealous of his sister, his father's sons and daughters, well they whipped his sister, burned her house and left her with nothing, and one of her brother's friends buried clothing & food for her, the day the village moved, they

village people moved this young woman told this girl that they was to leave behind, that at a certain place, she had buried every thing for her to use, to go and look and get them after they had moved. They treated Red leggins sister some thing terrible.

after they all moved away, this girl was very lonely, she dug up the hidden things and made a little wigwam for her self, she had plenty to eat. One day way after ward those women came again, here they thot the one they abused & left behind had starved to death by now

But she had a little wig
-warm and comfortable.

They got mad and burn-
ed her horse, tore all
-her clothes and done
all the mean things they
could to her.

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And they tied her to a tree. One day a crow came around but it did not harm her, and in a few days it came back again, then she said "Grandpa, do help me," and the crow came and picked on the rope till it got it loose, she was so glad she went away and found a big hollow tree, she crawled into this and slept. and in a few days came these women again thinking she must have died by then. And they found her in the tree, they made

sharp sticks and
tried to stick her to
death, she kept real
still, they thought they kill-
ed her so they went
away, and they called
her all kinds of bad names.
And

And a bear lived a little ways from there she saw and heard every thing. So she came to this woman she brought her some nice broad cloth to make her a dress and a piece for her shawl, and she invited her to go and live with the bears.

And so this woman a bear woman did not like what those women done so she had her come to her home and live with her. So she went to live with a bear family

When she lived in the tree she was so afraid to come out for fear some women would be waiting for her outside, and beat her up some more when the bear woman came to see her, she was so afraid, she did not come out for a long time. But the bear woman was very good to her, and this Indian woman went and married a bear a brother to this woman that was so good to her.

at the time this woman came to see her the shawl she brought to her was red broad cloth.

Then all at once she thought about her fasting and then she began to fast again and right away something told her to go to the lake and so early in the morning the following day, she went to the lake, there she saw her brother nearly frozen on the ice. She took him out and packed him on her back

and she brought him home. Then she made sort of a log cabin for a sweat house. And then after she had it all made up she looked about and brought into the cabin four real large stones. First she heated these stones till she got them red hot. And then her sister-in-law - bear woman gave her some real nice medicine, and so she brought her brother in to his cabin she made to give him self a sweat

bath. So when the man, her brother began to holler he was abright, she began to pour water on the stones, and when she got thru she heard him making noise with water to bathe. So she went in the house to get him clothes and Bear woman gave her a pair of Red leggins blanket, moccasins and a whole outfit of clothes, to take to her brother, to wear and this is how he

got the name Red
 Leggins. And then he
 decided to make a
 trip after he was al-
 right, back to those
 old men under the
 lake where he had been.
 These old men are sort
 of gods that live under
 the water, and it is
 summer all the year
 around where they live.
 and one day after Red
 Leggins had come back
 on land, he wanted to
 send word to them old
 men, who did nothing
 but smoke all the time.
 He always took smoke to
 them.

And these old men
 had a pet bird with
 a long peck a water
 bird, and also a
 swan, and one day
 they asked for it to
 be real clear out side.
 and it was, there was
 not a sign of clouds.
 then they told their
 pet bird to come out
 on land and see how
 every thing was. And
 it was spring already
 the leaves were real
 large. So he went
 back to the old men
 and told them it had
 been spring for a long
 time.

And they sent the
 other yet they had the
 swan when he got
 back he also said
 the same thing.
 So the old men said
 why don't we go out
 and take a sun bath.
 "lets do" they all said
 and they came out
 from their home to
 the top of the land
 and laid in the
 sun, suddenly
 it turned real cold.
 It was Red leggin's
 that asked it to be
 that way, and these
 old men ^{healy} Red leggin's
 had climbed a tree

And Red leggins was sitting on a tree watching these old men, "Well, I told you that the Indian was a Manitowa, but you kept taking their tobacco, when I told you to refuse it," they said to each other. It was Red leggins that always took tobacco to them.

"Well, let us all pray to him for help" so they asked if he turned real nice warm, and it did. Then they saw Red

leggings and told him
what ever he wished
to be, he would be.
So he wanted to
be a brave warrior
and conquer wars
to be a hero, and
a great hunter, to
kill lot of game.
"You will be that,"
they told him.
So he saw that
they got back to their
homes safely under
the water. And
Red leggings told
the one that had
always accepted his
tobacco

that when ever he asked that the river throw it out, and when he asked it to be a real nice warm day it would be, just only by sacrificing a little Ind. tobacco. So he said "alright" again, and all the other old men got after him for taking the tobacco again. So one day they were out taking a sun bath and the very same thing

happened, the water on top of the lake froze, and the old men tried every way to break into the ice so that they might go back to their home, under the water. And all this time Red Leggin was sitting on a tree watching them soon they gave up and they were so cold, they nearly froze, and they begged Red Leggin help, and they told him what ever he wished to be, they

would give him that power, so again he said, "he wished to be a brave man to conquer wars and be a hero, also to be a good hunter to bring home a lot of deer and game for the village when they were hungry and no one else could do it," we give you power to be all that" they said, "and so he spoke giving tobacco to the water saying for it to thaw and the ice all disappeared, and the

old men once more
left for their homes
under the water.

And Red leggins thot
to himself, "now I
can do as I please
and fear no one that
I have power in
war and hunting,
thot he, I will go
my limit. And
he went back to
his sister who was
living with the bear.
He told her he was
going away, to
another village far
off, so he asked
her to make him

a pair of moccasins
not one pair but
four pair of buck-
skin moccasins.
So the sister got busy
and made them.
Then he went out and
killed a lot of deer,
wild turkeys, geese
and every kind of
game for her before
he went away. So
she had plenty of
meat on hand
while he was gone.
And before this his
sister had a little
boy, it was half
bear and half Indian

It looked queer, it had hair here and there, and it looked more human but yet it was a funny looking boy. He was very bright and grew so fast. It had long sharp claws, but Red Leggins took a knife and trimmed them real short, and he taught him how to use a bow and arrow, he got so he was real good at the bow and arrows. Red Leggins decided he didnt want to leave just yet. and while he was at home a man came to the door

It was a man bear, he asked for this Red Leg-gins nephew's father.

They told him he was away. and they asked why he was wanted. So this bear said to run a race. "Will he there"

answer, half bear. And this man that came to the door got scared when he saw this half bear, because he was such a funny looking creature.

When he got back he was asked what the answer was, he told them a funny looking person said "they would come."

It was a race with the bears, and Red leggings and his nephew half bear joined the race and they won. Every time they got near the goal, half bear would kill the other bears they were racing with, by shooting with his bow & arrows, and he brought a lot of bears home, when they got close to home half bear gave a loud whoop, and said "Come and meet us," so the mother and her women met them they brought lot of bears home they had won she was so happy

And the boys kept this up, and every time they won a race they brought home a lot of bear meat. And the following day they heard a bell ringing soon some one came in at the door, "Is the old man home, he is wanted to go on a high diving in a very dangerous place," "Alright we will be there," answered half bear again. And the following day half bear and his half brother a real bear went, then they began in the contest they held them under

the water, to see how long each could stand it, and half bear went prepared, he sharpened his knife and took it along and hid it in his knife case. When they had about drowned him he slipped out his knife and stabbed him right in the stomach, and the same with the bear that was holding his brother he swam over and done the same, so they were again, and brought home some more bear meat. Half bear done the same when he got close to the house he gave a loud

whoop, and his mother came running out to meet them. As he did in all the racing contests and water contests. They always won and brought home a lot of bears.

And then after the contests were all over Red leggings began to think about girls, so he said he would make his trip he had been talking about far away to another village. So his nephews gave him a present a string of white long beads, he told him whenever he looked at the beads to think of

Of him, half bear and
 when he called his
 name, where ever he
 was, his nephew would
 be there quick as his
 name was mentioned,
 "abright"; Red leggins said
 He got his new moccasins
 new red broadcloth blanket
 red leggins and a fine
 out, and he left for the
 village far off, where there
 were a lot of girls, He
 traveled for days, and one
 day he saw the village
 he went into the first
 wigwam on the end he
 came to, an old lady
 name (Ma no - na) lived
 in it,

She began at once to prepare his meal, and he was very hungry, her dishes were real small, and the kettle she cooked her rice in looked so small, he thought, that would not satisfy my hunger, the kettle of rice is so small.

Soon as the meal was ready they told him to eat, and he sat down to eat, he was so filled and there was still plenty of rice, he could not eat it up. "No one ever could eat up what I cook in this kettle" said the old woman.

While he was sitting there a young girl came running in, she did not see him at first. "Are you there with my bottle?" said she, and the old lady handed her a bottle. When she saw a young man sitting there she got excited she got up to come out and she struck her head on a pole of the wigwam, but she ran to her home unconscious. When she got in they asked her what was the matter and she could not talk for a long

time, all she could say was (Ma - no - me - a) The old lady's name, "Well what about her," they would say, finally she got alright. And told them how she hurt herself, when she was coming out of the old lady's. And this old lady was telling this young man about turtle, she said he was so mouthy, soon as he heard about the visiter he will be over she was saying, Just as she said that the turtle came in, So you have come" The

turtle said. And then the news broke out the men of the village had to all go on a war path. So Red leggins offered to go, he thought about the power he was given on being a warrior, that he had a chance to show off. And he won, and won and won, till they went home to the village, he was the talk of the village and became very popular, they had a big dance every night, then the power he was given was all used up, when he and turtle set out on

a war path, the last time, they were captured and put in iron chains, turtle got away couple of times, but they would chain him up again. Red leggings war medicine was used up, that these old men had given him so he was powerless.

Finally his hips were so sore and when the guards smoked they would throw their ashes all over these prisoners, so Red leggings that about what his nephews half bear said, so he said

"Nephew, half bear with
hair here and there,"

"Here, here I am what
can I do for you uncle"
and he was standing
there. So half bear got
angry, he broke up all
the chains and let
his uncle and the
turtle free from these
enemies, they were
afraid of this funny
looking human cre-
ature. And after the
half bear done a great
help for his uncle he
went back to his
home, to his Mother
and Red Leggings and

and turtle went back to the village, when they got to the village a lot of people were there, a band of Indians that were hungry had moved into the village, and one family were those that thought they had killed Red leg-gins, and that had abused his sister so badly after he was sent under the water. So he made some bad medicine and witched all those mean women, the next day they all had died and no one knew why.

He finally got even with
 them, and the follow-
 ing day half bear
 was going to go and
 play with the boys
 that just moved in
 the village, here they
 had all died, he was
 very lonesome and felt
 very sad for what had
 happened. And his
 uncle ^{Red Leggins} was a son-in-
 law - he was married
 to a girl in a another
 village, some where
 that half bear did
 not know just where.
 But he became very
 lonesome.

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and in this village where
his uncle Red Leggin's was
they gambled all the
time day and night,
so Red Leggin's had
a great time all the
time, and this Wi-
sa-ke-a) went to
watch the games all
the time, then turtle
had to step outside, so
he asked Wi-sa-ke-a
to take his hand in
the game while he was
out, in no time Wi-
sa-ke-a - lost. When
turtle got back he was
mad and remarked
that Wi-sa-ke-a - was
too full of lice how could
he win

And Wi-sa-be-a felt
 very badly, he began to
 think how he could
 pay back turtle for the
 awful thing he said
 to him. finally he
 thot of a scheme, and
 he dressed like a lady
 changed his voice, and
 every thing. And turtle
 was fond of the ladies
 tho' none of them liked
 him, so this make be-
 tiene dressed up lady,
 hung around turtle in
 the dark & fooled turtle.
 turtle asked her to go
 home, in which she did.
 First she said, she would

marry him and go
 home with him, if he
 only would take out his
 sacred bundle and
 give it to her, it is the
 only way, she said.
 Turtle hated to do
 this but he wanted a
 woman very badly -
 so he said, he would
 he hand out his war
 bundle, and they went
 into his wigwam to
 sleep, when turtle
 fell sound asleep,
 this "U-i-sa-ke-a-"
 that fooled him got
 up and took the
 bundle to his home.

When turtle woke up he
 was sleeping by him-
 self - he went about
 asking for a lady
 name (Ma - ko - si - ge
 that was the name
 Wi - sa - ke - told him
 But no one knew
 any one by that
 name. Finally he went
 to Wi - sa - ke - a - the one
 who played that trick
 on him, and he said
 I have some pet
 dogs by that name,
 he was told, he
 looked around -
 and they was step-
 ping all over his

sacred bundle. And
 turtle got real mad,
 "You are the one who
 fooled me just to
 get my bundle
 away from me!"
 But "Wi'-sa-ke-a,"
 said; "Shut up you
 made me feel very
 bad making remarks
 about me being full
 of lice," and after
 this you shall not
 be among the people,
 I am going to pun-
 ish you" they told
 the turtle, and
 they took hold of
 him by the tail

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and threw him into
the river." Here after
the people won't talk
great about you any
more," Wi-sa-ke-
told him, as he fell
into the water.

the end of
Red leggins story -

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