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7. Toad - E Sapo

Ayan		otronte'		e	ojrone	tamar		taka	e	sapo.		
There is		another		the	story		about	ıbout		the	toad.	
E	sapo	che		ke'	ayan		inte'	diya tama		inte'		
The	toad	they say		that	there was		one	day	at	a		
nojk'in		war ache'na		inte'	nujb'ya'r,		i	ayan		e	lajb'a'r	
fiesta		it was being held		a	wedding,		and	there was		the	music	
tama	e	otot.	I	war		ak'ayw	⁄i	e	jente,	le	o ke'	turob'
in	the	house. And they we		ere	singing		the	people	people, wh		were	
tama	e	otot.										
in	the	house.										

15. I utajwi ub'a taka ja'xto e sapo inte' afterward And the toad met with a tajwina, winik. Konda ub'na twa' ke chi war he was met, When he heard that who he was man.

nojk'in. ak'aywi tama e otot, xe' tya' ayan e singing in the house, where there was fiesta. a

26. Che twa', "Tiyo Sapo, tya' war iyo'pa ko'ra?"

He was asked, Uncle Toad, where from you are coming please?"

30. Ja'xir che, "Yaj war inyo'pa inxana."

He said, "Just (here?) I am coming walking."

32. Entonses arob'na, "I ana'ta ka ne't chi war

Then he was asked, "And you know (quest) you who he was

ak'aywi sakojpa ta nojk'in sajmi?" singing day broke at fiesta earlier today?"

38. I ja'xir che, "Koxto ne'n atz'i!"

And he said, "Well, I for sure!"

40. Entonses che e winik, "Entonses kano ajchi'

Then said the man, "Then learn who

k'aywe't."
you sing."

44. E sapo che', "Koxto kanwe'n."

The toad said, "Well, I learned."

k'ani "Not like Then he was asked, you do a tonada? K'ani u'mb'i. K'ani u'mb'i ko'ra kocha song? Want Want I hear a little how I hear. ik'aywi." you sing." uyub'ye'n 53. Entonses ja'xir che, "Pero ne'n ma'chi Then said, "But I he not I can ink'aywi takinar." ta dry season." I sing in ik'aywi?" 57. Entonses che winik, "I kocha ixto e you sing?" Then said the "And how then man, 59. "Ne'n ink'aywi ja', i tama e poreso ti'n e "I I sing in the therefore whoever water, and k'ani kocha uyub'i ink'aywi, uk'ani twa' in order that he hears how I sing, want must usajka uyajk'e'n." ja' e he give to me." he find the water

"Ma'chi

ache

inte'

46. Entonses

che

twa'

68. Entonses e winik yaja', che ke' uch'ami

Then the man that, they say that he took

ko'ra ja', uch'ab'u e *sapo* tamar, i konda ixto a little water, he put the toad in it, and when then

ochoy ch'a'n e *sapo*, kay k'aywi. Che, "T'un t'um he went in he lying the toad, began he sing. He said, "Tun tum

t'un t'um." Ja'xto *utonada*. tun tum." That is his song.

82. Entonses che twa' umen e winik, "Pero ne't,

Then he was told by the man, "But you,

Tiyo Sapo, me' xe'ya'x? Maja'x maja'x ne't kisas
Uncle Toad, not the one? Not he not he you maybe

war ik'aywi sakojpa sajmi u'mb'i, *porke'* xe' you are singing day broke earlier today I heard, because the one who

war ak'aywi sajmi galan uyub'na'r *utonada*. he was singing earlier today pleasant its hearing his song.

Ne't ma'chi erer alok'oy ik'aywi." You not possible you leave you sing."

sapo sub'ajra uyub'i e Then was ashamed he hear the toad when aro'b'na ke' ma'chi o'b'na k'aywi, porke utonada he was told that could sing, because his song not maja'x galan uyub'na'r. Entonses ja'xir it was not pleasant its hearing. Then he su'b'ar utz'ujri unak'u't uyub'i umen e esto the shame so much that peeled his eyes he hear by kwando arob'na ke', "Ma'chi uyub'ye't ik'aywi. Sub'ajra "Not he was told you sing. Ashamed when that, can you unukres unak'u't. esto so much that made large his eyes. 108. I k'o b'irik unak'u't poreso kone'r sapo e And that is why the toad big his eyes now Konda kawira. uwiro'n umu'tsru unak'u't ejsto we see. When he sees us he closes his eyes kondo uwiro'n. I uyarujse unak'u't utz'ujri takix he widens And he sees us. when he opens his eyes just

kwando'

93. Entonses

unak'u't uwiro'n porke' che ke' umen e sub'ar his eyes he sees us because they say due to the shame that porke' arob'na ke' ma'chi uyub'a'k' ma'chi o'b'na because he was told could was able that not not ak'aywi. he sing. 120. I tamar esto kon'er b'an ak'aywi e sapo this And the toad also he sing to now konde ch'a'r ja'. Ayan laguna tama e ya' in the There is pond when lying water. there a'gwa ne ja', i usik'b'o'p ach'a'nob' tya' ya' tamar, where remains and they mount lying in it, water, there i tuno'r akb'ar ach'a'n ak'aywob' e tama e and every the evening they lie they sing in the Uchob' b'an ja'. e t'un t'um porke' ak'aywo'b'. They do they sing. water. the tun tum because that is how 139. Pero tu't ja'xir, che ke' galan ak'aywi.

he sing.

himself,

they say

that

pleasant

But

for

Pero tiko'yt no'n maja'x k'ay lo ke' uche.
But to us not singing that he does.

Pero no'n ma kana'ta kawa're ke But we not we know we say that

ma'chi alok'oy ak'yawi porke' ma'chi not he leaves he sings because not

k'ani kasub'ar e mas kocha sub'ajrna want we shame him the more since he was ashamed

tamar e inyajr.

about it the other time.