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## 8 Raccoon - Ijmach

1. Ayan There is	otronte'		ojroner story		tama about		e the	ijmach.		Che k They say	te'
											,
e ijmao	ch	jente		ani		ub'an.					
the raccoon		person		past like.							
6. Che	ke'	ayan		inte'		diya,		ayan		ch'a'te' two	
They say that		(there was)		one o		day,		there v	there were		
winikob'	ke'	una'ta	ub'o		inte'		uma'n	wa <b>h</b> '	ke'	kwando	
			uo a					•			
men	who	knew			a		charm		that	when	
k'ani	alok'oy		akormo'b',		uchukyob'		e	ak'ach	1,		
want	they go		they hunt,		they caught		the	chickens,			
			·		•						
uchukyob'	e	chumpi'		twa'		ubesi'nob',		i ja'xob		,	
they caught	the	turkeys		(of)		their neighbors, and			they		
b'ajxan	uchob	o' inte'		ojroner,		entonses		uya're		uwixka'ı	rob'
first	they s	ney said a		story,		then		they told		their wiv	/es
a'wan,	i	ja'xob	ja'xob'		alumuyob'		uyok		uwixka'rob'.		
to stand,	and	they		passec	1	under	their le	egs	their v	vives.	

28. I konda alumuyob', entonses wak'ch'etaka' And when they passed through, then suddenly sutpob' ijmach i a'xinob' ubesi'nob', yaja' twa' turned into those raccoons and went to their neighbors, uchukyob' chumpi', uchukyob' ak'ach, ukachob' e e catching the turkeys, catching the chickens, bringing them chumpi' asokojpa ch'a'r water, e here, (when) daylight came lying the turkeys i e ak'ach umenerob'. I entonses e ixik then and the chickens because of them. And the woman lo ke' akay uche tamal, uche tuno'r they made began to make tamales, everything that k'ani uk'uxob'. they wanted to eat. 46. *Pero* k'otoy inte' winikob' diya yaja' e day (when) But those came a the men ma'chi'xto lok'oy uchob' lo ke' uchob' ya'

they do

i ni e ? ja'x

there

that which

ixik

they do

ma'chi'xto

went

uchob',

not

kostumbrar

be accustomed to do, it was the women not

ukojko *balor* twa' a'chpa a'gwan twa' awaited courage that they lift to stand so that

alumuy e winikob' yaja' uyob'u ? uyokob'.
passed the men those under their legs.

Ub'ak'ryob'ixto ya' porke' uwiirob' ke' maja'x *jente*.

They were frightened there because they saw that they were not people.

60. Ma'chi'xto uyaktob' alumuy yob'u b'ikob' ya'.

Not anymore they allow to pass under skirts there.

Ja'xto e pobre winikob' yaja' ab'ojb'a a'rwob',
Then it was the poor men those cried out,

ma'chixto una'tob' kocha ta' [twa']? asutpob' jente i not they knew how that they turn into people and

asta ke' ja'axob' uwajb'yob' e penya ixin mukwanob'.
until they took off for the mountains they went hiding.

68. I b'anixto k'otoy ketpa ijmach, i e And thus came remain the raccoons, and kone'r che jente ijmach e ke' e utarer

now	they s	say the	people	that	the	racco	on	close to
jente, man,	i and	kone'r now	kawira we see	e the	ijmac racco		b'an so	kocha like
uyok his feet	e the	jente, man,	uk'ab', his hands,	tuno'r		ke' that	e the	jentyob' people

ani.

were.