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9 Coyote - Koyote

1. *Ukontaja* e *koyote*. Che ke e *koyote* ani maxtak

Its story the coyote. They say that the coyote (past) children

ani Ayan inte' winik ayan cha'kojt umaxtak (past). There was a man had two-animal children.

E winik yaja', kondo war aturwan e nar,
The man that, when was being harvested the corn,

usakre uyunenob' a'xin maku' uchor twa' ukojkob'

he sent his sons going into his cornfield so that they watch over

e nar.

the ears of corn.

4. I che ke' yarob' e maxtak yaja',
And they say that little ones the children those,

ak'a? inyajrto ak'otwob' ta uyokchor, uk'uxob' every time they went out into the cornfield, they ate

i inyajrto a'xinob' ja'xob' ak'otoyob' e nar tzijtzi, the every time they went they they arrived corn raw, and

taka, uwajpyob' e nar uk'uxyob'.

into it, they grabbed the corn to eat it.

26. Entonses Then		k'otoy came	7	inte'	<i>diya</i> day	yarob'		e the	maxta childre		yaja' those	
sutpob' turned into	koyote coyote		Ma'ch Not	ixto	k'otoy arrive	,	ta at	e the	uyotot		ya'. there.	
Ja'xto	e	winik		k'otoy		ta	uyotot	·,	uya're	;		
Then	the	man		came		to	his ho	use,	said to)		
uwixka'r, his wife,	"E "The	maxta	•	tya'	ixinob		I And	e the	ixik woma	n	che,	
ms wife,	THE	Cilitary	он, -	WHETE	they v	CIIC.	Tilla	tile	Wollia	11	sura,	
"Ja'xera	xe'		ixinob	,	ta	chor		me'ra		yo'pol	b'."	
"These ones	who		went		to	cornfi	eld	still no	ot	they c	they come."	
45. Entonses Then		e the	winik man		che, said,	"A sal		ma'ch not	i	ayan there i	S	
tuk'a	unumsyob'			unumse ub'ob'			e	maxtak		ira.		
something	happened			happer	ned to		the	little ones		these.		
K'ani Want	inxin I go		inwira to see.	.,,	E The	winik man		ixin went		uwira to see		
uyunenob'.	yunenob'. Kwan		do k'otoy		,	uwira		mamajchi'		utajwi		
his sons.		When	When		he arrived,		he saw		nobody		he found	
maku	uchor.		Entons	ses	ub'ijn	u,	che		ta	uyalm	a,	

inside his cornfield. Then he thought, he said himself, to "A saber jay maxtak ira a saber ma'chi' e if "I wonder the little ones these maybe not sutpob'ix koyote." coyotes." turned into uyok 63. Kay tuno'r chor, utzormayan e He began going in a line all over their footprints cornfield, the utzori ixin tuno'r uti' chor. e Utajwi cornfield. He found he tracked going all around its edge the ke' uyok e maxtak ochoyob' makwir ingojr its footprints children who entered into one-round the I ixto e maxtak usati ub'ob' penya. yaja' right rock. And there the children lost themselves uk'uxob' sutpob' koyote porke' e tzijtzi nar. turned into they ate coyotes because the raw corn. I tarixto kone'r ak'ajna ke' e tzijtzi nar it is believed And here still today that the raw corn uche mal kak'uxi tzijtzi porke kasutpa koyote. it does because harm we eat it raw we turn into coyotes. 79. Porke' b'anixto ketpob' maxtak yaja' k'otoy

children Because the those also thus they came they remained koyotyob' porke' uk'uxyob' me'yra tzijtzi e nar. coyotes because they ate much the raw corn.

I poreso kone'r no'n kab'ak're twa' kak'uxi And that is why today we we are afraid that we eat

e nar tzijtzi, b'ajk'atix kasutpa koyote. the corn raw, possibly we turn into coyotes.