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15 Parent's Curse - Ub'a'x Tata'b'ir i Tu'b'ir

1 Aya	n re is	otronte		ojroner story	r	ak'ajna was to		tarix e long ag	tyempo go.	•		
Che'no		ke' that	ayan (there	is)	inte'	diya day	e the	dyos God		upejka		
inte'		winik man		i and	inte'		ixik. womar	1.	I And	e the	winik man	yaja' that
che they sa	ny	ke' that		me'yra many	ı	ujab'. years (Che'no It is sa		ja'xob'	,	ke' that
me'yra	1	jab', years (old),	ib'an also		e the	ixik. womar	1.	Uk'ajt			ke' that
e the	ixik woman	1	yaja' that		asaki'x already	turned	white		ujor, her hea	ad,	ib'an also	
e the	winik. man.											
28. I	nd	ja'xto then		e the	dyos God		uche he did		manda order	r	taresna to be b	a prought
inte'		tabla		semita		I	ch'a'b	'na		tama	inte'	

large loaf bread. And it was laid on a a trapo blanko ib'an jajya ujor. Che'nob' ta white cloth also was stretched over its top. It is said ke' kwando turi'x ch'a'rix e semita tama that when it was already the loaf of bread lying on xe' blanko, i jayarix manta, trapo e e stretched over the the cloth, that was white, cloth and blanko winik ta ujor, pejkna tari e white was called the over its top, there man i ixik. e and the woman. 62. I aro'b'na "Lo ke" kone'r umen e dyos, was said to them "That which today And by the God, semita ink'ani e inche mandar twa' taresna, loaf of bread I did to be brought, I want the order that ache inte' ojroner ta ujor. K'ani inwira its head. I want you make a speech over to see alok'oy." kocha how it comes out." 75. Entonses byejo i ilama che, uya're e e

old man

and

the

old woman

said,

the

Then

they spoke to

e the	dyos, God,			nkiret. are my	master.	Tuk'a What		ojrone speech		ak'ani you w		twa'
inche I mak	e	ta over		ujor its top		e the	semita	f bread	ira?" this?"			
86. C	he aid	e the	dyos, God,		"Ne'n "I		inna'ta I know		ke'		ne't, you,	
xe'	war	it'oxn	,		ti'n		diya	•	uk'ani		twa'	
who	are		g (childi	en),	some		day		necess		that	
ab'a'x		asitz'o	ob', grandchi	ldren	uk'ani		twa'	ab'a'x		awaro	b', hildren.	
·		your g		iuron,		·		you co		yourc		
I And	ja'xto then		k'ani I will		inwa'r I tell y		twa' how		ache you m	ake	inte' a	
ojrone		ta	ujor	e 41	semita		ira."					
speecl	n	over	its top	tne	1021 01	f bread	tnis.					
	Intonses Then		e the	ilama old wo	oman	ojron spoke		b'ajxa first.	n.	Uya'ro She sa		
e the	pan, bread,		"Ch'a	jb'e'yx ks		ta'b'a to you		lo ke		achi'x you ha	ave done	e
takare		Ti'n Some	e tyem	po	ti'n e somed	tyempo lay)	e the	jente people	÷		

tama e kalyente k'ijna'(r) umukye'tob', uk'uxye'tob'."
into (with) the hot anger they cover you, they eat you up."

ke' jajcha 119. I che kwando ixin And they say that when she went to be raised ujor semita irna e manta e yaja', ta the cloth its top the loaf of bread that, it was seen on ke' umusik' ilama inyajrer uk'anch'ojres e tuno'r suddenly turned yellow all that her breath the old woman semita. I k'axi lumuy ejsto e tama e the loaf. And it passed through to fall on the ch'a'r Uk'anch'ojres trapo xe' yeb'ar. e cloth that was lying beneath. Turned yellow the Che ke' uche semita. lumuy partir tama loaf. They say that it did split passing through tuno'r e semita, i lumuy k'axi ejsto falling until all the loaf, and it passed ch'a'r xe' tama e manta tamar. the cloth that it was lying onto on.

150. I sutpa pejkna e byejo tari. Aro'b'na

A	And	again		was ca	alled	the	man		near.		He was told
"Kone "Toda		ne't you		ojrone must s		e the	mismo same)	ojrone words		xe' that
uche she die	d	awixk your v		ira, here,	i and	ja'x it		ink'an I want		twa'	
ache you do	o it	ub'an also."									
163. I	[And	ojron spoke		e the	byejo old ma		kocha like		e the	ojron speaki	ing
uwixk			Pero But		kwano when	lo	ixin he wer	nt	jajcha to be r		e the
trapo cloth		ta on	ujor its top	e the	semita loaf	ı	tya' where		ch'a'r, it lay,		irna it was seen
ke'	e the	<i>byejo</i> old m	an	ma'ch not	i	k'otoy go out		umusi his bre		kocha as far	
e the	ilama;	; oman;	<i>la mit</i> half	ta	taka only	e the	semita loaf	ı	k'otoy left	,	k'anch'ojra turned yellow
umen by		umusi his bro		tya' where		uyujta he ble		to'r on	e the	semita	a. f bread.
187. I		poreso)	che	e	jente		kone'ı	•	ke'	ayan

And that is why the people today that there are say jente, tye'ne ub'a'xe uyunenob', tye'ne' e some who their children, some who the people, curse ache'na ub'a'xe usitz'ob', kwando tuk'a takarob', their grandchildren, when what is done to them, curse kwando uyub'yob' ke' ak'aynob' war umen when they hear being quarreled with by that they are ak'aynob' usitz'ob'. uyunenob' o war umen their children being quarreled with by their grandchildren. or are I jayma kwando ma'chi ak'ub'esno'b' umen perhaps And when not they are obeyed by usitz'ob'. ab'a'xwanob'. I ja'xob' their grandchildren. they they curse. And

212. Poreso i che e jente ke' e byejo Therefore old man the people that the and say ilama che'na e xe' mandar b'a'xwan umen the old woman who ordered were to curse by dyos, ketpa ejsto kone'r taka e e the God, remain until today among the pak'ab' e konoj, porke' ti'ne kone'r uyusre ayan

human beings,		becaus	because		there are		those who		today		
ŕ		ub'a'xe (who) curse		uyarob'. their children.			I poreso				
jente	kone'ı	r,	ayan		ti'ne		ub'ak'	re	e	b'a'x	
people	today,		there a	are	those v	who	fear		the	curse	
kwando	uyub'	i	ke'		ab'a'x	(?)	ayan.		Ab'ak	'ta	
when	they h	ear	that		curse		there i	s.	They a	are frigl	ntened
uyub'i.											
to hear it.											
227. I	che'no	ob'	ke'	ub'a'x		e	tu'b'ir		me'yr	a,	i
And	it is sa	iid	that	her cu	rses	the	mothe	r	many,		and
ke' ma'ch	i	ixna		ak'axi		Porke'	,	tamar	ixto	ke'	
that not		long ti	ime	are ful	filled.	Becau	se of	(in wh	ich?)		
ojroner	yaja',		uyub'ı	yo'b'	ak'ajn	a	ke'	e	ilama,		konda
story	that,				it told		that	the	old wo	oman,	when
ub'a'xe	e	semita	1.	uk'and	ch'ojres		tuno'r		e	semita	1.
she cursed	the				rned it y	ellow	all		the	loaf.	
I che'no	sh'		kone'r		ke'		ub'a'x		(e)	tu'b'iı	•
And it is sa			today		that		her cu		the	mothe	
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me'yra powerful	i and	ke' that	quickl	hetaka y		ak'axi they are fulfilled		led	tamaron. for us.		

251. Kone'r ayan jente, che'nob' konda e Today there are it is said when the people, k'ani ub'a'xe usitz'ob' che'nob' uyarob', ke', o they want their grandchildren their children, they say that, to curse or "Ch'ajb'e'yx ta'b'a lo ke' ache takaren. war "Thanks for what you doing with me. to you are Ma'chi ak'ub'se'n lo ke' inwa're't ma'chi i Not you obey that which I tell you and not tu'b'ir. Pero ataresen tama tye'n e tyempo you treat me like mother. But some time b'an uche't asitz'ob' b'an twa' also they will do to you your grandchildren to you and awarob'." uche't twa' your children." to you they will do to you 275. Entonses ab'ak'ta (e) xe' war ab'a'xna

yaja' Then the one who is cursed there is frightened uyub'I, porke' uyub'yob' ke' b'an ak'ajna ke' because they hear also it is told to hear it, that that b'an uche tyempo yaja'. Pero ne'n e

so	he did it	the	time	that.	But	I	
me'rato			e the	semita loaf of bread	inb'a'xe to curse it	twa' in order to	0
inwira to see	jay if		berda it is tr		ojres. urn yellow.	Pero e But th	e
jente people	b'an so		uk'ajt they t		to konduntil toda		