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17 Henpecked Salesman - Ajxotman

1. Ayan		otronte'	ojrone	er	ak'ajn	a	tarix o	e tyemj	po.	
There is		another	story		it is to	old	a long	time ag	go.	
Che	ke'	ayan	inte'	winik,		e	winik		yaja'	
They say	that	there was	a	man,		the	man		that	
ajxotman	tama	tuk'i'l	c tuk'i'l	ζ.	Uxotn	nani		a'xin		uchoni
re-seller	in	everyt	hing.		He res	sold		going		selling
innajt.	I	satar	esto		ocho	diya,		ma'ch	i	ak'otoy
far away.	And	disappeared	as lon	g as	eight	days,		not		he comes
ta uyoto	t.									
to his ho	use.									

20. I	e	ixik		xe'		uwixk	a'r,	che		ke'	ma'chi
And	the	woma	n	who w	as	his wi	fe,	they s	ay	that	not
ub'ak're		unoxil	o'.	Ja'xto		e	winik,		k'otoy	7	inte'
she afraid of		her hu	sband.	Then		the	man,		came		a
diya	aro'b'	na		umen		ubesi'i	nob'.		Che		twa',
day	he wa	s spoke	n to	by		his nei	ighbors		They	said	to him,
"Ne't wa'ret	t	war	ixana		asik'b	'a	atumir	ı,	i	awixk	a'r
"You you st	and	are	going	around	search	ing for	vour n	nonev.	and	your v	vife

ma'chi	ana'ta	tuk'a	war	uche	takaret.	Ja'xir
not	you know	what	she is	doing	to you.	She
ma'chi	war	ub'ak're't,	porke	' ja'xir	konda	l
not	is	afraid of you	, becau	se she	when	
ne't	ilok'oy	ixana,	ja'xir	uyose	inte'	winik
you	leave	traveling,	she	brings in	a	man
awayan	takar."					
he sleeps	with her."					
52. I	ja'xir	ma'chi	uk'ub'se	jay	berda,	lo ke'
And	he	not	believe(know	v) if	it was true,	what
war uche	uwixl	ca'r. Che,	"Pero	kocha	ma'ch	ni
was doing	his wi	ife. He sa	id, "But	since	not	
war inwira	ne'n,	ma	koche'rer	twa'	inwa're	ke'
am seeing	g it I,	there	is no way	that	I can say	that
berda,	porke'	ma'chi	inwira.	Esto	ke'	ja'x
it is true,	because	not	I see it.	Until/when	(that)	it
ne'nach	inwira	tama	unak' nyu't,	enton	ses	
I myself	I see it	with	my own eyes	, then		
ink'ub'se."	I	ja'xir	ma'chi	uk'ub'se,	ma'chi	utares
I will believe	." And	he	not	he believe it,	not	he pay
kaso	lo ke'	aro'b'na	umen	ubesino.	Pero	
attention to	that which	was said	by	his neighbors	. But	

inte'to alok'oy axana najt achonma, i e each time he left to travel far selling, and the

ixik kocha'tix uwira alok'oy unoxib', woman as soon as she saw him leave her husband,

axana uwajpi ub'ujr a'xin takar tu't ja'. she went she took her water jug she walked with it to the spring.

I winik xe' ak'otoy awayan maku', e ya' And the he came he slept inside, who there man

utajwi ub'ob' tu't ja'.
they met each other at the spring.

97. Uya're e winik ke', "Ninoxib' ixin chonma i
She said to the man that, "My husband went selling and

ma'chi diyob' ira." Entonses winik ayob'a e e he comes days these." Then the not the man

atza'y porke' ja'x aketpa taka e ixik. was happy because he stayed with the woman.

110. I k'otoy diya aro'b'na otronyajr winik e e And day he was spoken to again the came man a

yaja' umen *ubesi'nob'*. Aro'b'na, "Ma'chi ak'ub'se that by his neighbors. He was told, "Not you believe

lo ke' kawa're't, pero awixka'r ma'chi'x ub'ak'ajrse't, that which we said to you, but your wife not she obeys you,

ke' porke' ja'xir maja'x warto utareset tama because she not it is that she is treating you like unoxib'. Ja'xir otronte' xe' takar." ayan turu her husband. She has another lives with her." who 131. Ja'xto winik yaja' che, "Pues, ma'chi inna'ta Then that "Well, not I know the man said, berda. Ja'x nik inna'ta ke' berda, ink'ub'se ani." jay if it is true. would I knew I would believe it." It that it were true, 139. I che ubesi'nob' "Inna'ta twa' umen twa', "I know And was told to him by his neighbors that, ke' kawa're't, i maja'x tama mentira war telling you, that what with lies we were and not kawa're't, rnaja'x intaka kamajreset." Che'nob', war war we are telling you, just we are deceiving you." They said, not "Kwenta awira ke' atajwyob'. I esto mana ma "Watch you see until that you find them. And buy not i ab tuk'a kosa k'ani amani, mana ? whatever things you buy, want buy and ache ke' k'ani'x ichonma. I'xin manya do pretend you sell. Go that want aturb'a innajt i wate't. Ι ch'a'n sutpa ta upat put it down far away lie its back and return you come. And at

otot. Ι a'kb'are twa' uwira ya jay if house. And there it becomes night so that you see intaka kamajreset." war only we were deceiving you." 170. I winik yaja' kay umani tuk'a xe' k'ani And began to buy things the man that that want axin uchoni Ixin umaki uturub'a ingojr tama go selling. He went he locked inside one-round he he put innajt. Uya're uwixka'r otot tya' lok'oy. house where far away. He said to his wife he was going. Ma'chi "Ne'n inxin era. twa' insutpa semana ira. "I Not it is I return this. I go now. that week Sino ke' kinse akojkwe'n. ejsto tama diya Instead, until fifteen you wait for me. to days Porke' innajt k'ani inxin i ma'chi xana Because far away want I go walking and not twa' nyo'pa." Entonses che uya're uwixka'r, "Ch'ab'un I return." he said "Make that Then he told his wife, nipa' twa' ink'eche inxin. Porke' ixnaren inxin." my tortillas I carry them I go. a long time I go." so that Because

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she wr	rapped	them,	she ga	ive then	n to	the	man,		he car	ried the	em	away.
205. I	[And	ja'xir she		ketpa,		i and	konda when		ixto then	akb'aı	•	
maxa'	n	u't	e	rum,		k'otoy	7	e	winik		xe'	
it was	dark	on	the	groun	d,	came		the	man		who	
una'ta was ac	ecuston	ned	ak'oto	•		K'otog		kay began		uyo'b		i and
e the	winik man		xe'		uche said		ke'	ixin he hac	l gone	xana, walkii	ng,	
ukojko)	taka	yampa	a		u't	e	rum.		Ochoy	y	ch'a'n
he wai	ited	for	it beca	ame dar	k	on	the	groun	d.	He en	tered	to lie
makwi		e the	k'opat bush	t	tu'pat		otot.		K'ani He wa		uwira to see	
tuk'a		ayan.		Ι	ja' xir		ya	ch'a'r		konda	l	k'otoy
what		was u	p.	And	he		-			when		came
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a'no'r	na.		I	ne'n		ma'ch	i	ink'ut	'se.		Pero	
told.			And	I		not		I belie	eve it.		But	
era this,	si yes,	inwiri now I		ya'." here."								

238. I ch'a'r upat otot uyub'i ta pega ya behind house continuously And lying at he heard atze'ne ixik taka e winik, ulok'se e laughing with the they threw back the woman man, unuk atze'nyob'. I kay uyo'b'. Ja'xir intake their necks laughing. And they began He just to eat. uyub'i I ukojko akb'are turu ta upat otot. listening behind the house. he waited as night fell stayed And utajpesob' i e k'ajk, ja'xir ya turu they put out the fire. and he here stayed maku' k'opot, ukojko tuk'a ora twa' wayenob'. war in bush, waiting what they fall asleep. was time that 256. Konda ukojko ch'ank'ab'o'b', i'xin turwan tama When -he waited for they became silent, he went to sit on i konda achpa usuy pwerta, turu e ya its threshold the until door, and there he stood he got up e winik lok'oy patir. I ja' winik xe' e outside. the And the who man went man akojksan lo ke' turu usuy e pwerta, uche, war ta stoodwaiting its threshold what he did, on the door, ja'xir uch'ub'a inte' ch'a'n u't pwerta tama e he he hung vine its face the door on a

Ι ja'xto winik xe' k'ani pa'tir ukachi. e he tied it. outside And then the man who wanted alok'oy pa'tir, ma'chi apask'a pwerta ani e outside, door to go not open the tu't. I uya're ixik, "Tuk'a e gana in front of him. And he said to "What has got into the woman, pwerta era? Ma'chi apask'a." e door this? Not it opens." the 285. E ixik che, "A saber tuk'a ukojko? Ejk'arto kawira." The "Who knows what happened? we will see." said, Tomorrow woman "Jay k'ani Ι che twa' umen e ixik, ache And said to him the "If you want to do by woman, amandado, ya'wan Ejk'arto erer tama u't e pwerta. your business, you can standing against its face the door. Tomorrow kawira ke' tuk'a ukojko pwerta." I che e we will see happened to they say what the door." And that uja' e winik yaja' kay uche tama u't his water its face the that began to make against man pwerta. e the door.

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on	its fa	ce	the	door,		he grab	bed	his per	nis (of)	the	man
yaja',	wa'k	chetaka		uxuri		tama		inte'		nabajo	a
that,	sudd	enly		he cut	it off	with		a		pocke	t knife
k'echer		umene	er,		juk'b'	ir.		I	tasb'ir		taka
carried		by hin	n,		well-s	harpened	d.	And	one sli	ce	with
uche	utejro	omar	e	winik	yaja'.		I	ya'tix	wakas	pa	
he did it	his p	enis (of)	the	man	that.		And	immed	liately		
e w	nik	k'axi		tama		usuy		e	pwerta	ι	
the m	n	fell do	own	at		its thre	shold	the	door		

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329. I	ja'xto		e	ixik		achpa	uwira.		Che,	
And	then		the	woma	n	got up	to see.		She sa	id,
"Tuk'a ix	o ukojk	u	e	winik		ira?	B'ani		xe'	
"What's	happe	ned to	the	man		this?	It seen	ns	that	
Kukrema	" I	konda		achpa		uwira,	kay	upejka	ı,	Tuk'a
he has fal	en." And	when		she go	ot up	to see,	began	she ca	ll him,	"What
ixto ak	ojko?		Mero		kukreı	me't?"	I	e	winik	
then ha	ppened to y	you?	Simply	y	you fe	ell down?"	And	the	man	

ma'chi'x ojron porke' chami'x. Kay usajpi speak She began because already dead. to stroke not ujor winik, upojro kwerpo jay matuk'a e interu if his head she felt body anything the all over man, ukojko. I matuk'a ukojko. I ja'xir war uyachi, was the matter. And nothing was the matter. And she was lifting him up, upejka, i ma'chi o'jron winik. Entonses e war calling to him, he speaks Then and the was not man. che, "A saher ma'chi' winik ira. I chamay e agora "I wonder if not she said. dead this. And the man now maja'x ninoxib'. Tuk'a k'ampan che takar jay if he is not my husband. What am I going to do with him chamay? Tu't tajwina otot tara a'xa' umen he is dead? On the floor house here he will be found by winik, yajyum otot." e master (of) house." the man, uch'ujk'u 379. I achpa, kay usajb'es e k'ajk, tuk'a looking for And she got up, began to light the fire, what Ukojko. Ι konda uwira ke' winik e ja'x happened. And when she saw that to him the man "I utejromar xujra, entonses che. cha'na ani umener?" his penis was cut off, she said, "And this was done by whom? then

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Was killed	the	man	this?		And	now		that	not		is here
ninoxib',	tuk'a		ak'am	pan	che		takar?	,,	I	che	
my husband,	what		am I g	oing to	do		with h	im?"	And	they sa	ay
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ke' taka that during	e the	akb'ar night,		wa'wa she sta		kay began		tikrun get bu		takar with h	im
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she tied	his ne	ck	the	man	that		with	a		rope,	
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ukerejb'a	lok'oy	7	ixin.		Porke		che		ke'		
dragged him	leave		going.		Becau	ise	they s	ay	that		
ayan	inte'		uwam		kojn		aketpa	ì.	I	yaja'	tama
there was	a		betwee	en	ravine	;	remain	ning.	And	there	at
e kojn		wa'r		inte'		penya		ke'		me'yr	a
the ravine		was		a		rock		that		very	
uyaltir.	I	che		ke'	ukerej	b'a		ixin		taka	
high.	And	they s	ay	that		agged h	im	going		during	5
e akb'ar	•	tama		e	laso,		ixin		uch'al	o'u	to'r
the night		with		the	rope,		she we	ent	she to	ok him	on top of
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e penya,	,	i	uwajp		uyojre			ixin	tama		u't
the rock,		and	sne to	ok nim	sne dr	opped h	ıım	going	from		its face
e penya.											

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429. I konda ixto sakojpa t'ab'ay k'in, e it got light And when then rose the sun, winik yaja' ma'chi ak'otoy uyotot, e ta war the that his house, man not come he was to akojkna uwixka'r. I t'ab'ay k'in, umen e being awaited by his wife. And rose the sun, ma'chi k'otoy. Entonses ixik tari usajka, e he came. Then wife looking for him, not the came kocha usajka. una'ta tya' a'xin awayan, tari where he was going to sleep, looking for him. since she knew she came Yob'a "Ma'chi tama otot yaja', uya're ixik, e e She came the house that, she said to "Not the woman, to yob'a ninoxib' Taryen inwira ke' ka tara? my husband is -did come here? I came looking for him that ma'cha't ? kocha ke' ak'otoy i ana'ta ? takaret he came not and since I know that with you water awayan tara. Poreso (ra) wate'n u'mb'i." That is why to ask." was coming to sleep I came here. 458. Entonses che ixik Ma'chi ira ayob'a e tara Then said "Not this he come the woman, here. 460. "Pero ma'chi ak'otoy uyotot, i ne'n ta war "But he comes his house, and not to I am

inkojko.		Ma'cl	ni	ak'oto	oy.	Ma	tya'		ajk'in		koche	ra.
looking for	nim.	Not		he cor	mes.	Never	(when)	day		like th	is.
Ayo'pa He comes	awaya to sle		takare with y		tara,		pero but		a'nch' it gets			
taka	warix		ak'oto	у		ta		uyotot	."			
just as	is alre	eady	he cor	mes		to		his ho	use."			
471. Entons Then	es	che said	e the	ixik, woma	ın,	"Pero	(ma't)		ma'ch not	i	war	
ayob'a." he comes."												
475. I	enton	ses	e	ixik,		lo ke'		uche,		ixin		uche
And	then		the	woma	ın,	what		she di	d,	she we	ent	did
abisar notify	e the	<i>ausily</i> auxili		Achpa He go		kay began	uche to do		asitar help	?	e the	
jente	lok'o	y	takar,		kay	usajko	b'.		Che'n	ob'	ke'	
people	come	out	with h	nim,		to sear			It was	said	that	
talbes perhaps	ayan there	was	tuk'a somet	hing		se ub'a bened (t	n. o him).	Kay Began	ı	usajko they s	o'b'. earched	
I koch	a	una'to	ob'	ke'		e	winik	yaja',		separa	ado	
And since		they k	inew	that		the	man	that,		separa	ite	
e otot the hous	e	tya'	;	k'otoy		awaya to slee		ixin they w	/ent	usajko lookin	o'b', ag for hi	m,

k'oto'b'	tama	e	otot	yaja'.		Kay		utzory	ob'	e	
they came	to	the	house	that.		They	began	to foll	ow	the	
	Arra?	-1-2-4-			::1.		T	.1		1 2	
rastro	tya'	ak'oto	•	e	winik	•	I	che		ke'	
track	where	he we	nt	the	man.		And	they s	ay	that	
utajwyo'b'	e seny	а	tya'		lok'oy	/	e	winik	yaja'.		
they found	the trace	es	where		had go	one	the	man	that.		
515. I	e ixik		lo ke	,	kay		na'wa	n	tikrun	na	taka
And	the won	ian,	what		she be	egan	getting	g up	got bu	ısy	during
e akb'ar	:. Uwi	ra	ke'	k'otoy	,	e	jente		ta	uyoto	t,
the night.	She	saw	that	came		the	people	e	to	her ho	ouse,
war	akojkna	e	winik,	,	i	ja'xir		b'ak't			
were	searching for	r the	man,		and	she		becam	ne frigh	tened.	
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Uwira,	i kay		ch'ujk		e 41	rastro	•		a'xin.		
They looked,	and bega	.II	it was	noticed	the	track	where		ne nac	d gone.	
Che	ke'	k'otoy	7	tama		inte'		u't		ch'en	
They say	that	he we		into		a		its fac	e	cliff	
jambyajr	tya'	uyojre	es		ixin.		I	ayan		tya'	
between	where	he wa	s throw	n	he we	nt.	And	there	was	where	;
u't	kojn,	ayan		tya'		u't		witzir	,	ayan	
its face	ravine,	there	was	where		its fac	e	moun	tain,	there	was
tama	o'r	e	tun,	ya		kay		ukrejb	o'a		
on	its peak	the	rock,	there		began		he wa	s dragg	ed	

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543. Enton	ses	irna		ke'	e	winik		chame	esb'ir.		I
Then		it was	seen	that	the	man		had be	een kille	ed.	And
nyen	takpa		xanob	,	k'otoy	ob'		tama		inte'	
nor	much	?	they w	valked,	they ca	ame		upon		a	
u't	tun,		utajwy	yo'b'		utzutz	er	ujor		e	winik
its face	rock,		they fo	ound		it hair		his he	ad	the	man
tya'	upajri			lumuy	7	tama	u't		e	tun.	
where	she sc	raped h	im	along		over	its fac	e	the	rock.	
Entonses	che		e	jente,		"Pwes	5,	e	winik	ira	
Then	said		the	people	e,	"Well,	,	the	man	this	
k'ani	iwira		ma'ch	i'x	turu,		porke'	,	ayan		
will	you se	ee	no lon	iger	here,		becaus	se	there i	S	
utzutzer		ujor		tya'		kerejn	a		lumuy		
his hair		his he	ad	where		he was	s dragg	ed	along.		
571. Enton	ses	uche		segir,		kay		ixinob	,	tama	e
Then		they d	id	contin	ue,	they b	egan	to go		along	the
senya	tya'		kerejn		e	winik	yaja'.			i	ixinob'
trail	where	;	was d	ragged	the	man	that.	They	went	and	went
	wo'b'	to'r	-	e	penya		tya'		ojresn		e
and cam	9	to the	top of	the	rock		where		was di	ropped	the

uwiro'b' ke' ixin. winik yaja', ya' ojresna man that, they saw that there he was dropped he went. ixinob' Ekmay kojn, k'otoy ta uwam e They went down going ravine, they came into its between the uwiro'b' ch'a'r winik usuy ya e tama there lying its bottom to see the man at Ya ch'a'r chamen. penya. e cliff. There he lay dead. the 595. I uwirob' (ke') tuk'a ukojko, kay they began had happened, And what to see pero che ke' macheker, porke' e winik but they say not clear, because that the man inyajrer puxk'a ujor ak'otoy k'axi tya' completely was shattered his head when he arrived falling to'r tunob' e tama usuy penya, e on top of the rocks at its bottom the cliff, porke' me'yra uyaltir I ma'chi chekta e penya. its height because much the cliff. And clear not kocha ixik chamay winik yaja'. Pero e e how he died the But man that. the woman che'na ukargo ke' tamar chamesna winik, e it is said to be her fault that due to her was killed the man,

porke' because	tama at		uyotot		tajwin was fo		e the	rastro trail	,	tya' where		
ukerejb'a she dragged	him	ixin, along,		i and	tama from		utzutz his ha		ujor his he	ad	e the	winik man
dyalma many	turu were		a'xin going		tama on	u't its fac	ee	e the	tun rock		tya' where	
krejb'a he was dragg	ged	lumuy along.		I And	tamar throug	gh that	k'otoy it cam		chekta clear	a	ke' that	
ja'x uchar she had k	nse. illed hir	n.										
635. B'anixt	to	k'otoy came	7	k'a'pa ended		e the	winik man		xe'		oy ani o come	
awayan to sleep		taka with		uwixk his wi	ta'r fe (of)	uyet his fel	winik llow ma		Pero But	b'anix so	to	
tama by	kocha since		yaja' that or	ne	k'otoy came	7	k'a'pa ended		uyakta leavin			
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I see it and not I help to drag him.