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## 18 Traveling Man - Winik ta Xanb'ar

1. Ay	an	otronte'		winik		ak'ajna.		Che		ke'	e
There is another		r	man		talked about		They say		that	the	
winik	yaja'		ma'chi		aturwa	n	ta	uyotot,		intake	
man	that		not		stay	stay		his house,		just	
axana		uche		ganar		tya'	innajt.		Ma'chi	i	aturwan
he wall	ked	to do		earn m	oney	where	far awa	ay.	Not		he stayed
ta	uyotot.		I	ja'xto		uwixka	a'r	aketpa		choker	n
in	his house. Ar		And	then		his wife		remained		left alone	

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by him.

19. I	che		ke'	ayan		inte'	winik			aketpa
And	they sa	ay	that	there w	as	a	man			remained
serka	taka	e	otot		tya'		turo'b	<b>'</b> .	I	e
near	to	the	house		where		they li	ved.	And	the
winik yaja',		konda		uwira		ke'	alok'o	у	axana	
man that,		when		he saw		that	gone out		walking	
ubesino,	ja'xir		o'choy	1	awaya	n	taka	e	ixik.	

his neighbor, he came in to sleep with the woman. 37. I e winik xe' alok'oy axana, ja'xir And the who walking, he man went out ma'chi ak'ijna a'ro'b'na ke', "Awixka'r ma'chi he got angry being told that, "Your wife not not ub'ak'ajre't." Pero ja'xir ma'chi' ak'ijna war is afraid of you." But he not get angry uyub'i. Ja'xir ma'chi Porke' aturwan. hearing it. He he stayed. Because not che ke' ma'chi I ab'ak'ajrna uwixka'r. umen they say that not he was feared by his wife. And winik maja'x inte' ak'ijna. he was not he got angry. a man 65. Che ke' winik yaja', konda e turu ta They say that the that, when he stayed man at Uyotot, ache'na mandar ach'a'psan? umen uwixka'r. his house, ordered to make (tortillas) his wife. he was by I ma'chi kwando uche ayan diya apurar And there was day when he did hurry with not pa', che ke' ab'akb'una uk'ab' e the tortillas, they say that was pressed his hand

uwix ka'r. Porke' ma'chi tu't semet umen on top of griddle by his wife. Because not alok'oy ach'a'psan. Ma'chi ani ab'ak'ajrna umen he went out, he made tortillas. Not was respected by uwixka'r. his wife. 82. I che ke' winik yaja', xe' o'choy e And came in they say that the man that, who awayan taka ixik, kondo ja'x ak'otoy, e he arrived, to sleep with the when woman, entonses winik yaja' xe' noxib'ir ixik e twa' e that then the man who was married to the woman che ke' ache'na mandar a'ch'a'n tu't otot, to lie down on the floor they say that he was ordered house, a'jya sit'i't u't o ? e tama e rum were laid the rushes on its face the earth and ach'a'n tamar. Ι winik yaja' ak'otoy e xe' war he would lie on them. And the that who man came awayan ixik. ja'x taka e

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woman.

diya 105. Intonses aro'b'na ayan (e) inte' umen Then there was day he was told by the a inte' ubesino. Aro'b'na, "Ne't, tuk'a'non awinikir his neighbor. He was told, "You, what kind of your man one ke' uche't ture' tzajtza war ixik e that is taking advantage of you here the woman takar? Nyen ni ik'ijna, awira lo ke' war with you? Not even that which you get angry, you see she is uche. Ture't awira winik uyose inte' You stand here does. looking at she brings man I takar. ne't iwayan?" awayan tya' do you sleep?" to sleep with her. And you, where "Kondo 125. Ja'xir che, ak'otoy (e) inte' winik He "When said, he comes the one man Awayan, tu't uwaynesenob', i ne'n rum to sleep, I on the ground they make me sleep, and uwayob' sit'it' twa' inch'a'n ya e tamar. there they lay out rushes so that I lie on them. the ja'xob' I awayenob' komon."

together."

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140. Entonses che "Pero ubesino, twa' umen Then said to him by his neighbor, "But ib'ak'ta matuk'a abalor jay i twa' ak'aye if you are afraid and nothing your courage in order to quarrel awixka'r, chen inte' ke', tama preba with your wife, do test that, a kiki' i ache'ma nyake' xane'n tal diya i'xin walking such and such day you do some kind you go go out and ixana twa' ja'xirob' aketpob', aketpob' ub'ajnerob'. you walk so that they stay, they stay together. i Akojko a'kb'are, o'choy tzus taka, konda You wait it becomes night, you enter silently, when and i akojko awayanob', o'choy iturwan yob'e' you have waited for them to sleep, and you stay under enter chakte' tya' awayanob', o'yb'i jay a'ru unyo'b'. they are snoring. bed where they sleep, you listen if ma'chi uwirob' Pero akojko awayanob' twa' they sleep But you wait so that they see not yo'choy. Ι ma'chi awirso'yt twa' ma'chi you come in. And do not you show yourself so that not

uwire'tob', twa' una'ta e ixik ke' ma'chi they see you, so that she thinks the woman that not

ture't. I konda ya ture't yob'e' chakte', you are there. And when you are there under bed,

akojko'b', i a'chpa tzus tak, apojro utejromar you wait for them, and you get up silently, you find it his penis

e winik, atzaki axuri ilok'oy wak'chetaka the man, you grab it you cut it off you leave immediately

takar i'xin." with it going."

188. I e winik yaja', che ke' b'an

And the man that, they say that so

Uche. Lok'oy ixin xana, uya're e ixik, he did. He went out going walking, he said to the woman,

"Ne'n inxin inxana, i ma'chi inyo'pa. Awira
"I am going walking, and not I come back. You will see

tuk'a diya akojkwe'n. Ne'n e'xnaren inxin." what day to expect me. I for a long time I go."

200. Che ke' e ixik yaja' a'tza'y. Ketpa ub'ajner.

They say that the woman that was happy. She remained alone.

I winik takar lumuy inyajrer. turwan e And he came over to live the with her once and for all. man Porke' uya're ke', "Ninoxib" xe' ture'n takar, ja'xir Because she said "My husband who with him, that, I lived he Ixin, i ma' chi twa' Erer ilumuy yo'pa. went, and not it is that he comes. Possible you come over iturwan takaren ne't." Ι winik e yaja' And with me you stay you." the man that taka ixik. lumuy e turwan with the he came over to live woman. 220. I che ke' uche e winik yaja' And they say that the that he did man arob'na Ukojko koche ubesino. akb'are. umen he was told his neighbor. He waited for it got dark. as by Kay ucha'r rimar? tu'pat otot makwi'r e behind He began to come near house in the akb'are. k'opot. Ukojko Konda ixto ukojko ke' bush. He waited for it got dark. When then he waited that sajmi'x akb'are, ochoy tzus taka, upasi e pwerta middle it was night, he entered silently, opening the door

Upasi tzus taka. pwerta tzus taka, ochoy e quietly. He opened the door silently, came maku'. I uyub'i ke' a'ru unyob' e inside. And he heard they were snoring that the ajwaynijob'. I ixin ch'akte', turwan yob'e e sleepers. And he went the bed, to stay under uyub'i a'ru unyo'b'. I listo k'echer jay ja'xir if listening they were snoring. cleverly was carried And he nabaja inte' Kay achpa yob'e e ch'akte', umener. pocket knife by him. He began to get up from under the bed, a tzus taka utejromar winik, uwajpi upojro e taka, quietly he found his penis the man, he seized it just, utzaki uxuri i lok'oy takar. I e ixik, he grabbed it he cut it he left with it. And the and woman, kocha war awayanob', a'chi uchob' ni sentir since they were sleeping, not even get up to do feel tuk'a axujra winik. ora e what time the was cut man. 270. I konda ixto b'ixk'a ixik, uche sentir e

And

when then

woke up

the

woman,

she did

feel

ke' kuxur u't che, pojp tya' awayanob', e that wet its face the mat where they were sleeping, she said, "Ne't, tuk'a ixto ache? B'ani xe' to'r war "You, what then So it is on top of you doing? that are Tuk'ot ja' ch'a'rum kawayan ma'chi e amener. the water lying we sleep due to you. Why not lok'we't pa'tir ke' tu't chakte' ache aja'?" war to the back bed you doing your water?" you go out that on are I winik e ma'chi o'jron. the And he spoke. man not 289. Ja'xir pega upejka, "Kiki' pa'tir, uya're, war She talking to him, "Go continued saying, outside, k'a'pi'x atz'ay u't e pojp. To'r ja' ch'a'run already finished its face the On water we are lying you wet mat. lok'en patir ." amener. Achpe'n because of you. Get up go out in back." 298. I winik yaja', che ke' ma'chi ab'ixk'a, e And the that, they say that he woke up, man not unijk'es, ma'chi alok'oy. Entonses achpa, pega continued he twitched, he went out. Then she got up, not

utzajb lit	'es	e the	k'ajk, lamp,		uwira she sav	W	ke' that	e the	winik man		chamen. was dead.
I		to'r	e 41	ch'ich	,	ch'a'r	1:		ja'xir		awayan.
And		on	the	blood		nau be	en lying	5	she		sleeping.
I	ma'ch	i	ixto		una'ta		kocha		twa'	uche	ya'.
And	not		then		she kn	ew	what		that	she do	there.
Entons	ses	che,		"I	agora,		tuk'ixt	0	unums	e ub'a	
Then		she sa	she said,		now,		what		he do to himse		elf
e	winik	ira,		ke'		maja'x		matuk	'a	ukojko	)
the	man	this,		that		there is	sn't	anythi	ng	wrong	
ta	ukwerj	pu?"	I	kay		upojro	,	uwira		utejror	nar
on	his boo	dy?"	And	she be	gan	search	ing,	she sav	W	his per	nis
e	winik		matuk	'a.							
the	man		not ha	4							

325. I		ma'ch	i	ixto	una'ta	tya'	ta'xin	
A	And	not		then	she knew	where	to go	
takar		ya'.		Achpa,	kay	utzajpes	e	k'ajk
with him there.			She rose,	began	to light	the	fire	
i	uwajpi	i	inte'	chusa,	kay	uyori	e	ch'en
and	and took		a	digging stick,	began	to dig	a	hole

k'ajk. uti' k'ajk, tya' uxuni tama e e its edge the fire, where was laid the fire. on Intero noche Kay uche ch'en. e turu She began to make hole. All night she stood the ke' tzakta ch'en. Ixin apajno, ukojko e waiting digging, that ready the hole. She went kay uyojres winik ojri chakte', e ta she let him fall began she tipped from bed, the man ch'en. I wak'che wak'che uyari ta kay she dropped him down hole. she began into And quickly quickly ub'ut'i e Sakojpa sakojpa rum tamar. mas to fill it It got light it got light the earth with. more kay ut'ori e k'ajk to'r umujrer e his grave she began to build the fire on top of the winik yaja'. I che ke' upusi kay e tan man that. And they say that she began sprinkling the ashes ch'ich', i yaja' kay tama e e pojp she began blood, the and the mat that on byen taka k'ijna. upoki e

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hot water.

364. I konda janch'akna, kay pojrna e And when it became dawn, he began to be sought the winik yaja'. Ma'chi tajwina. Ko'ra ko'ra pejur ? that. Not he was found. Everywhere man apojrna uwixka'r, ma'chi atajwina. K'otoy umen he was sought by his wife, he was found. She came not aro'pna ixik "Maka taka sakojpa e ja'x she was spoken to "Did or didn't he spend night the woman, just winik takaret? Ma'chi uyotot." ak'otoy e ta his house." the with you? Not he has come man to 376. Ja'xir "Ma'chi" i che ke', ja'xir una'ta She "No" said that, and she knew ke' umuki'x uturib' k'ajk. Pero ta e that she had already buried him its place the fire. But at e winik xe' k'otoy uxuri e winik, che they say the man who came to cut the man, ke' uxuri taka, ixin inte' kojn, tama that he had cut just, he went stream, to a kay uwati unak' winik yaja', xe' e he began to bathe his penis the that, who man

uxuri, kay ub'ut'i atz'am tamar, utakijse. had cut it, he began to roll it salt in, he dried it.

394. I tama *kinse diya* sutpa yo'pa uya're

And in fifteen days he returned came he said to

ixik, "Intares inb'ijk twa' ak'uxi. e we'r yara the "I brought a little woman, meat here that you eat it.

Tama domingo lok'oy jurma nipatron, u'ri
On Sunday went hunting my boss, he shot

inkojt masa' i uyajk'e'n inb'ijk. Ink'eche one-animal deer and he gave me a little. I bring it

tari twa' awejta kocha turu utze'yr e here so that you eat because it stays its flavor the

masa'." Che ke' umajres e uwixka'r, ke' venison." They say that he deceived the his wife, that

uwe'rir masa' ajk'una ta montanya, i ja'xir its meat deer was given in mountain, and he

war una'ta ke' ja'x e winik xe' awayan ani he knew that it was the man who was sleeping

taka e ixik ja'x uxuri. War uk'eche with the wife he he cut. He was bringing it

a'ro'pa uyajk'u uwixka'r uk'uxi. saying he give it to his wife to eat.

418. I konda ixto turu awe' e ixik,

And when then sat eating the woman,

kay uyub'i, "I e winik xe' ayo'pa awayan began to hear, "And the man who came to sleep

takaret, tya' anon ixin? Meru ma'chi with you, where might he have gone? Really not

achekta u't. I ne'n war inche kwenta appears his face. And I am I do realizing

era, inwira ke' ma'chi achekta u't. here, I see that not it appears his face.

428. I e ixik che ke' "Ixin xana,
And the woman said that, "He went walking,

i ma ayo'pa."
and not he came back."

433. I ja'xir che, "Pero kocha yo'pa
And he said, "But how it came

xanb'ar ta ujor e winik ira? Ma una'ta

walking into his head the this? Not he planned man alok'oy axana, i era ke' lok'oy xana." I he go out walking, it is that he went walking." And and here ja'xir I uya're ixik, "Tuk'a turu. e he sat down. And he said to the woman, "What ink'umaj tu't uyotot ira? B'ani xe' jwerte I smell house this? Indeed it is in strong ak'ume' o'tot." yu't it smells house." in 445. E ixik "Kisas ink'umaj che, uyab'wix tz'i' The woman said, "Maybe its urine dog I smell it pwerta." I ja'xir iraj iraj uyub'i tama usuy e door." And every little while he heard its threshold the he on "Tuk'a ink'umaj pwerta?" Ι ke', usuy tama e "What I smell door?" that, its bottom the And on konda ixto k'a'pa we' e ixik, uya're when she finished he said to then eating the woman, ixik, "Berdixto ke' kocha atajwi utze'yr e the woman, "Really that, how you find its flavor we'r lo ke' war ak'uxi?" e eating?" which the you are meat,

459. E ixik che ke', "Galan intzaj, galan "Good The said its taste, woman that, good utze'yr. Ma'ni ink'uxi tya' e masa' its flavor. Not was when I eat the deer inwejta." intuk'a diya war trying it." until today I was 464. Entonses winik, "Berdixto intuk'a diya che e Then said "Really until the today man, winik awejta utze'yr e xe' iwayan ani taka.r you taste its flavor the man who you were sleeping with. Ya'x k'a'pesb'ir ta'k'uxi uwe'rir. I kone'r finished Just that you eat his meat. And today ja'x lo ke' na'tan ke' winik iwayan e ani know that he is the which you were sleeping man takar, ja'x war ak'uxi uwe'rir." with, his flesh." it is you were eating 474. Entonses ixik, che ke' inyajrer e Then the they say that all at once woman, arob'na, sub'ajra uyub'i, konda i aro'b'na she was ashamed to hear it, she was told, and when she was told

che twa' umen e winik. said to her by the man.

483. "I ukwerpu, tya' ixe takar?" Ja'xir che, "And his body, where did you go with it?" He said,

"Ne'n ma'chi inwira. Matuk'a inwira ne'n." Pero "I not I see it. Nothing I see I." But

ma'chixto umen una'ta tuk'a twa' uk'ajti, there was nothing by her she knew what it was that she claimed,

porke' b'ak'ta inyajrer kwando a'rob'na because she was afraid suddenly when she was told

ke' ja'x e winik xe' awayan takar, ja'x that it was the man who she was sleeping with, it was he

war uk'uxi uwe'rir. she was eating his flesh.

uk'uxi

che'na

496. B'anixto k'otoy k'a'pa winik e xe' o'choy So he came he finished the who entered man ani awayan taka ixik, i ixik e e to sleep with the woman, and the woman

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winik

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uwe'rir

was said	was said she ate		his flesh		the	man		who	who used to sleep	
takar, with her,	porke'		ja'xir she		ma'ch	i	ani		ub'ak'	ajrse spected
unoxib'. her husba	and.	Pero But	ne'n I	ma'ch not	i'	k'otwo	e'n	intakro I help	e	pajno to dig
ti'nksib'	,	ma'ch not	i	inwira I see		tuk'a what		kay they b	egan	uchob'. to do.
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