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4 Stuckhorn - Tatz'ab'rekacho

1. Ayan otronte'		ojroner		uk'ajtyob'		tamar		taka	e	chan	
There is anothe		er	story		they te	ell it	about		same	the	snake
E	xukur	xe'	alumuy		tya'		turo'n		Jokotan		
The	river	that	runs b	y	where		we live		Jocotán		
che	ke'	kwanc	kwando		chekta		xukur		yaja'		ja'x
they say	that,	when		appeared		the	river		that,		it was
e	chan	tari	tari		takar		Porke'		uk'ajti		
the	snake	ke came here		with it.		Becaus	Because so		they told it		
e	jente	tarix	e	tyempo		ke'	konda		chekta		e
the	people	in the	the old days,			that	when		appear	ed	the
ja'	yaja'	tarix	tarix e tyempo				ani	tuk'a			
water	that,	for a long time		e not				any.			
21. Pero	che'no	che'nob' ke'		e	chan	tari	i	uch'ab	'u	e	xukur
But	it is said		that	the	snake	came,	and	he laid	out	the	river
yaja'	tari	I	che'no	ob'	ke'	e	chan	yaja'	ixik	chan	
that	here.	And	it is sa	s said tl		the	snake	that female		e snake.	
Porke'	tama	e	xukur	me'yra	a	ujam		ch'en		ayan	
Because		the	river	very		its high,steep		banks		there are	

I che'nob' ixik poreso ke' chan tari tamar e on it. And that is why they say that the womansnake here, porke' ma'chi una'ta kocha apatna Porke' insolo ta she know she work. because not how Because only to ujam ch'en xukur yaja' ayan tama its high, steep banks there are along the river that.

40. I uk'ajtyob' ke' konda tari e chan yaja' she came And they tell it that, when the snake that, uch'ab'u xukur Che ke' interu noche tari e she laid out the river that They say that the whole night Uyub'yob' uyub'yob' alajb'a kocha alajb'a e marimba they heard her playing, like it plays the marimba. They heard i b'ak'ta Che alajb'a tuno'r Pwes e jente "Well, her playing, and were afraid all the people. They said, tuk'a anon ira A saber ma'chi k'ani kasatpa can this be? Who knows we be destroyed what not will noche kone'r Porke' interu lugar mero tama e now? Because the whole night the place simply in ab' ch'u'r ayujk'i Ι b'ak'ta tuno'r e war swinging back and forth. the hammock lying, And were afraid all

e jente the people.

64. Konda ixto sakojpa lok'oy uwirob' to'r e santarob'

When then day broke, they came out they saw on the high ground,

uwirob' ke' ch'a'r I ja' water k'a'pa e they saw that lay the river there. And completely

b'ak'ta e jente were afraid the people.

72. Che'nob' ke' tuk'a ira I uwirob' ch'a'r

It is said that so it was. And they saw lying

I e noxi' xukur tama dos diya water 2 And days the great river there. for

entonses chekta na'tanwa ke' chan tari porke' then it happened news broke out that snake had come because

ototob' xe' serka alumuy xukur ayan e tya' e there were the houses that near where it passed the river;

che ke' uyaja' ukwerpu e chan yaja' me'yra they say that ? its body the snake that big

uch'awtar kocha ingojr otot I ukachu me'yra its roundness like a (round) house. And its horn large.

96. I	tamar	war	war		uju'ru		rum	a'xin		i	e
And	with it	she wa	as	plowi	ng	the	earth	going,		and	the
syan	ja'	takar		Che		ke'	konda	ch'u'r		a'xin	
much	water	with i	t	They say		that		floating		she went	
muen	water	WILIII		THEY	say	tiiat	WIICH	Hoatin	8	SHC WC	JII (
tama	e	ja'		war		a'xin		taka		e	syan
in	the	water,		was		going		throug	h	the	great
ja'	che	ke'	b'an	akirik	na	kocha		akirikı	na	u't	
water,	they say	that	so	it thun	idered,	like		it thunders		its surface	
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e	k'in	konda		war	ak'axi		e	jaja'r		I	
the	sky	when		is	falling		the	rain.		And	
ja'xob'	b'ak't	o'b'									
they	scared										
·											
106. I	konda	ixto		k'otoy	7	tama		inte'		lugar	
And	when	then		she ca	me	to		a		place	
k'ab'a'	Konakast	e	I	ya'	wa'r		inte'		noxi'		penya
named	Conacaste	е,	and	there	stands		a		large		rock.
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Ι	konda		k'otoy		yaja'		ma'ch	İ	uyub'i		twa'
And	when		she ca	me	there,		not		she co	uld	so that
	4		_					?	_		
anumuy	tama		e	penya		porke'		me'yra	a	penya	
she pass	by		the	rock,		becaus	se	big		rock.	

121. I che porke' ma'chi uyub'i ke' maja'x And they say that it wasn't because not she could anumuy sino ke' uyotot upya'r I kocha tamar but rather that her house her friend. And pass by it, since koche'rer uwinchu Intonses twa' uyotot upya'r ma her house her friend that she knock it down. Then not any way lumuy inte' lado serka aldeya tama e she passed one side of it, the aldea near uk'ab'a' konakaste Conacaste. named

136. I che jentyob' lok'oy ke' e yaja' k'a'pa And they say that people those finished the came out ajnyob' tichan Porke' ke' ixinob' uwirob' mas high. running going Because they saw that more war ajincha e syan witzir water umen crumbling were the many mountains due to ajnyob' chan I ja'xob' lok'oy uyaktu e the snake. And they running leaving came out uyototob' ixinob' tichan Uyototob' kuchpa ja'xob' pero their houses going high up. Their houses were carried off, but they

ma'chi I konda ixto lumuy kay uche not. And when then she passed, began they make

uyototob' otronyajr their houses again.

153. I chan yaja' inte' lugar e yo'pa tama And the snake that place came to a uk'ab'a' barba Pero lugar a'rob'na e santa e Saint Barbara. is called named the But the place Porke' che ub'ob' al inkwentro ke' utajwi ya' they met each other El Encuentro. Because they say that there e chan taka otronte' chan tari yaja' that with the snake another snake, coming tama e parte ipala Lumuy e ja' serka Passed way of Ipala. the by the water near chinam chikimula Ya' lumuy i e e ja' the town Chiquimula. There passed the water, and che ke chan yaja' intera diya taryob' e had come. they say snake that a whole day that the

175. I k'otoy tama e lugar yaja' unut'i ub'ob'

And she came to the place that they joined themselves,

chan xe' taka tari xe' lumuy ta with the snake that came there, that passed by uti' chinam jokotan Ya' k'otoy unut'i ub'ob' they joined themselves. its edge Jocotán. There she came town Ι che ke' unut'i ub'ob' konda ixto komun And when then they say that they joined themselves together, a'syob' ixinob' porke chan xe' entonses war e because the snake that then they were playing going, che ke' ixik tari ipala chan tama e parte by way of female snake. Ipala, they say that came I che ke' winik chan uyi And, uh, they say that male snake. 199. I ixto ub'ob' konda utajwi taka e chan xe' And when then they met each other with the snake that winik i kay asyob' umekru ub'ob' i k'otoyob' writhing they came man and began playing together and Entonses ejmar wa'r inte' mas nixi' penya further down. Then stood large rock. a I yaja' che ke' k'otoy K'aspa ukacho e And there they say that they arrived. Broke its horn the

noxi' chan winik chan Porke' xe' e tama large snake that the male snake. Because at -kay asi taka ixik chan I poreso e he began to play with the female snake. And that is why, che ke' ukacho k'aspa they say broke his horn. that, 224. B'an uk'ajti jente koner ke' e e penya So tell it the people today that the rock a'rob'na tatz'ab'rekacho Porke' che ke' yaja' is called Stuckhorn. that Because they say that ukacho tz'ab'ar e noxi' chan xe' ya' his horn there was stuck the large snake that ke' k'aspa ukacho Pero uk'ajti e jente his horn. tell it broke But the people that ma'chi nik uwira ixik i ma'chi sutpa e not if turned back to look at the female, and not (if) axi takar i ma'chi uyakta ub'a amejk'a he let himself be embraced with her, not (if) gone and ixik ma'chi k'aspa ukacho umen e ani

not (would have)

broken

his horn.

by

the

female,

236. Pero che ke' porke' sutpa uwira e But they say that, because he turned back to look at the ixik i a saber tuk'a ojron ta uyalma uwira female, who knows what he said to himself and seeing ixik ukacho Ι i poreso k'aspa konda e the female, and that is why it broke his horn. And when ixto k'aspa ukacho ma'chixto ixin tya' it broke not then (could) where then his horn, go k'ani a'xin porke' che ke ja'xir ani xe' he wanted because they say that he (was one) who to go, k'ani ani a'xin ixner k'in tama e West. wanted to go to the 259. Pero ma'chixto kocha k'aspa ukacho ixin tya' But since it broke his horn, not then went to where k'ani ani a'xin sino ke' ixin inte' lado he wanted but rather side. to go, he went to one Ma'chi k'otoy twa' k'otoy tya' ani Not to where that (he intended) to come. come Pero che ke' uche perder uyakta ub'a tama e he did he let himself But they say that get lost at the

mejk'a umen e ixik be embraced by the female.

273. Pero no'n ma'chi kawira kay asiob' Porke' But they began we not see to play. Because che ke' insolo chan b'ut'ur e mar the they say that, all snakes full sea, tamar I poreso chan xe' alok'oy e tama in it. And therefore the snakes that from come out witzirob' porke' ya' a'xin anojb'yob' e the mountains because there they go to mate, ch'ajmo'b' Ti'n ach'ajma de arib'tz'ir ya' there they take each other. Some daughters-in-law, are taken for I ti'n ach'ajma de ny'artz'ir poreso che are taken sons-in-law. they say for And that is why, some ke' chan tie'ne ach'i' war war those that that, the snakes are growing, are a'xin usajka upixam twa' anujb'i to search for their fathers-in-law they unite going so as to

taka uwixka'r with their wives.

296. I che'nob' jente ke' poreso ayan e And therefore they say the people that there are ti'ne aketpa tare'ra algun witzir uti' tama those that in the source stay some mountain at ja'ob' Ya' ti'ne a'xin ejsto e ayan the there those that as far as waters, are go tama e mar the to sea. 302. Pero lo ke' ke' chan uk'ajti e jente e But what tell the people (is) that the snakes uche witzirob' xe' me'yra e perjwysyo taka e that they do great the damage the mountains, to usatyob' ma'chi ak'otwo'b' k'ani otot e tya' ruining the houses, arrive where they wanted, not ak'ani ak'otwo'b' Pero ti'ne ma'chi ja'xto they intended to arrive. those that But not, they ajk'unob' a'xinob' lugar dyos ejsto umen e are given permission by the God; they go as far as tya' k'ani ak'otwob' Pero ti'ne uchob' those that where they want to arrive. But they do

perder lose out	tu't before	e the	dyos God,	ma'c		i		k'otwob' hey arrive.		Ban So
uk'ajti tell it	e the	jente people)	ejsto up until				ira this.		
319. Perc But	no'n we	ma'ch not	i	kana't		jay if	b'an indeed	I	berda true.	
Pero But	e the	jente people	:	b'an so		uk'ajtyob' they tell it		ke' that	e the	
chan snake	yaja' that	tama at	e the		kay began		a'si playin	g	taka with	e the
ixik female	chan snake,	k'aspa breaki		ukacho		Pero But	no'n we	ma'chi	i	kawira we see it.
Ja'x nik If we had	kawir seen i		kay they b	egin	a'syob to play		katze'i	•	ani e laugh	ed at them.