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5 Man and Serpent – Winik y Chan

1. Ayan There is	otront s anothe		ojrone story	r	ak'ajna told	a	tamar about		e'ra this	e the	chan. snake.
Ayan	inte'	diya		che		ke'	inte'		winik		war
There was	s one	day		they sa	ay	that	a		man		was
axana	tama	uti'		e	ja'	i	e	ja'	me'yr	a	
walking	along	its bar	ık	the	river	and	the	water	much		
porke'	tama	e	k'axia	'k'in		me'yra	a	e	ja'.		
because	in	the	rainy s			a lot		the wa	-		
16. Konc	la	ak'oto	у	tama		uti'		e	ja',	uwira	
Whe	n	he car	ne	to		its ban	ık	the	river,	he saw	7
k'atar	e	chan		tama		ujor		ingojr		penya.	
stretched	the	snake		across		its top		a (rou	nd)	rock.	
War	awayan	e	chan.		Ι	ja' xir.		kocha		una'ti'	x
Was	sleeping	the	snake.		And	he,	,	since		he kne	
						,					
ke'	e	chan	ayan	e	tumin		uk'ecł	ni	axana,		
that	the	snake	had	the	money	v (that)	he car	ried	walkir	ng,	
entonses	ixin	che,	"Е	chan	ira	k'ani		uyajk'	e'n	utumir	1

then	he went	said,	"The	snake	this	want (will)	give m	ie	his money
	<i>Poresu</i> That is wh	ıy	ch'a'r lying		war is		awaya sleepir	n 1g	tara." here."	
	k'otoy ent arrivin				e the	ja' river		ixin he wer	nt	wa'wan to stand
to'r on top of	e tun. the rock.	Uwira He sav		ke' that	awaya it was	n. sleepinį	g.	Tari He car	ne	uch'ami he brought
<i>umachit</i> his mache	uch'ak te chopp		5			tamar, with it		i and	e the	chan, snake,
<i>konde</i> when	uche he did	<i>sentir</i> feel		ch'ajka choppe		unej, his tail		lok'oy left		k'axi fell
ta into	ja'. water.									
55. I And	ma'taka it wasn't		g(time)	<i>konda</i> when		chekta appear		inte' a		noxi' great
ik'ar wind	tama from	e the	-	i and	e the	winik, man,		<i>lo ke'</i> what		uche he did,
wa'r standing	inte' a	noxi' large		te' tree	tama at	uti' its edg		e the	ja', water,	ixin he went
gorub'a wrapped h	imself	ch'uwa hangin		tamar. around	l it.					

66. I	e the	no xi'		ik'ar		k'axi	l	tama	e 41	ja'	
And	the	great		wind		blew d	own	into	the	water	
tuno'r	e	syan		te'	tama	e	oriyi'r		e	ja'.	
all	the	many		trees	on	the	banks		the	river.	
K'a'pa	uk'asi	uyari		ta	ja'.	Peru	e	winik		yaja'	
Finished	it broke	it beat		to	water.		the	man		that,	
kocha	usik'b'a		е	nukta'		te'	xe'	wa'r	tama	uti'	
since	he searche	d for	the	tallest		tree	that	stood		its ban	ks
e	ja',	ixin		ch'uwa	an	tamar.		Lumuy	Ý	e	ik'ar.
the	river,	he wen	ıt	to hang	g	onto it		It pass	ed	the	wind.
Matuk'a'	che'na	Ļ	takar.								
Nothing	was do		to him.								
ittetting	Wub ut			•							
85. I	, ,			ixin	ixna,		sisb'aj		e	ik'ar.	
00.1	konda	ukojko		IAIII	inita,		5150 uj	na	C	IK al.	
And	konda when	•			be long	g (time)	5		the	wind.	
And	when	•	waited		be long		,it calm	ied	the	wind.	
And Entonses	when ixin	he had	waited uwira		be long	uyub'i	, it calm	ulok's	the e	wind. e	
And	when	he had	waited		be long		, it calm	ied	the e	wind.	
And Entonses	when ixin	he had	waited uwira to see		be long	uyub'i	, it calm ld	ulok's take ou	the e	wind. e	
And <i>Entonses</i> Then	when ixin he wer	he had nt ukachi	waited uwira to see	he go	be long jay if	uyub'i he cou	, it calm ld	ulok's ulok's take ou e	the e 1t	wind. e the yaja'.	
And <i>Entonses</i> Then tumin.	when ixin he wer K'otoy	he had nt ukachi	waited uwira to see	he go inte'	be long jay if <i>laso</i>	uyub'i he cou tama	, it calm ld unej	ulok's ulok's take ou e	the e it chan	wind. e the yaja'.	
And <i>Entonses</i> Then tumin.	when ixin he wer K'otoy He came	he had nt ukachi he tied	waited uwira to see	he go inte' a	be long jay if <i>laso</i> rope	uyub'i he cou tama	, it calm ld unej	ulok's take ou e the	the e it chan	wind. e the yaja'.	
And Entonses Then tumin. money.	when ixin he wer K'otoy He came lok'oy	he had nt ukachi he tied	waited uwira to see kay	he go inte' a uyob'I	be long jay if <i>laso</i> rope	uyub'i he cou tama to	, it calm ld unej its tail	ulok's take ou e the	the e ut chan snake o'tz'a	wind. e the yaja'. that.	1.
And Entonses Then tumin. money. Ukerejb'a	when ixin he wer K'otoy He came lok'oy it came	he had nt ukachi he tied	waited uwira to see kay	he go inte' a uyob'I	be long jay if <i>laso</i> rope , it,	uyub'i he cou tama to i and	, it calm ld unej its tail ma'chi	ulok's take ou e the i ayol brea	the e ut chan snake o'tz'a	wind. e the yaja'. that. tu't.	

The	n	he can	ne	to	his hou	use,	took		one	his axe,
kay began	uyob'i to hit			<i>konda</i> when		uyob'l he hit	-	sk'a ured out	:	
tari	e tumin,				b'ut'u	r	tama		unej	
here	the money	Ι,	that w	hich	full		with		its tail	the
chan.	Pero	e	tumin		yaja'		maja':	X	b'an	kocha
snake.	But	the	money	T	that		not		also	like
e	tumin	lo ke'		ayan	to'r	e	rum	tara.	E	tumin
the	money	which		there is	son	the	earth	here.	The	money
yaja'	che	ke'	b'an	kocha	e	b'ak'b	'ir	ujtz'uł	o'.	
that	they say	that		like	the	molde	d	incens	e.	
126. I	ja'xir	che	ta	uyalma	а,	"Koch	a	twa'		insati
And	•	said	to	himsel		"How		that		I spend
e	tumin	ira?	Inna'ta	ì	ne'n	ke'	b'an	kocha		katumin."
the	money									our money."
Porke'	uwira	insolo		b'ak'b	'ir	ujtz'ul	n'	b'ut'u	r	tamar.
Because	he saw it			molde		incens		full	-	with it.
135. I	kondixto		uk'ech	i	ixin	tama	uyoto	÷	k'otoy	
	when		he carr		went	to	his ho		he wer	
nh 'n+':	tome	incoir		h'ni-	Cha		ko'	2	tunic	voio'
ub'ut'i he filled	tama in	ingojr a (rou	nd)	b'ujr. jug.	Che They s	say	<i>ke'</i> that	e the	tumin money	

2	tz'akta completed	uxgojr three-r		b'ujr jugs		ub'ut'i filled	i	taka such		i and
ma'chi not	k'a'pa finished	<i>porke</i> ' becaus		che they sa	y	<i>ke'</i> that	cha'te two	,	e the	<i>balija</i> bags
ch'u'r hanging	tama from	<i>upuntı</i> its end		tama on	unej it tail	e the	chan. snake.		<i>Porke</i> Becau	
che they say	<i>ke</i> that	<i>upunt</i> its end		unej his tail		axajro was sp		i and	tama from	
cha'xejr two-parts	ti' tip	ch'u'r hung		e the	tumin money	7	tamar. from t			
153. Che The	y say	<i>ke</i> that	b'ut' k were f	illed	uxgojr three-r		b'ujr jugs		taka with	inte' one
<i>balija</i> bag	i and	ketpa remair	ned	e the	inte'. one.		Entons Then	ses	umani he bou	
<i>otro</i> another	uxgojr three-roun		jr 1gs,	kay began			tamar. with it		<i>Kondi</i> : Then v	
k'a'pa he finisheo	ub'ut'i d he fille		e the	tumin money		yaja' that	tama into	e the	b'ujr, jugs,	ixin he went
uch'ami he took ou		s <i>aryo,</i> nser,	ub'ut'i he fille		u't it's fac	ce	e the	k'ajk fire		tamar. with it.

Utz'ub'a He slathere			amar, n it,	kay began	ub'utz censin		e the	b'ujro jugs	b'	yaja'. those.
The sharhor		ileense il		oegun	censin	5	the	Jugo		those.
170. Tam	a ocho	diya k	ke' war	ub'ı	utz'a	u't		e	b'u jro	ob'
For	eight	days (1	(that) he wa	s cens	sing	it's fac	ce	the	jugs	
yaja',	upasi	u	ıwira,	i	kondix	cto	upasi			
those,	he opened		o look,	and	then w	hen	-	ned the	m	
<i>insolo</i> ixt			o'ut'ur	tamar		kocha		e 1	tumin	
only	money	y I	filled	with th	nem	like		the	money	/
ayan	lo ke'	a	asajta.							
there is	that which	n is	s spent.							
182. I	entonses	che,	"Berc	la	ke'	е	tumin	ira	ya,	
	then	he said,		true	that	the	money		there,	
manik	kay	inche	e	ideya		takar,		ma'ch	i	ani
had not	begun	I do	the	idea		about	it,	not		(past)
twa'	inwira	asutpa	tumin		Pero	kone'ı		inna'ta		ke
that	I see	it turn in			But	now		I know		that
that	1 500			<i>.</i>	Dut	110 11		1 Mile V		tilut
kone'r,	si,	ayan iz	xto e	tumin.	,,,	E	winik	yaja'	che	ke'
today,	yes,	it is	the	money	<i>.</i> "	The	man	that,	they sa	ay that
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ketpa	e	riko,	b'oro		utumi		Pero	tama		
he turned i	nto a	rich pers	son, increa	ised	his mo	oney.	But	from	its mo	ney

e chan.

the snake.

205. I jente una'tob' ke' chan ayan poreso e e And therefore the snake has (there is) people think that the ke alok'oy utumin porke' che chan, kondo e tama his money because they say that the snake, when it comes out from inte' witzir, a'xin anujb'i taka uwixka'r tya' with its wife where а mountain, he goes to mate k'ani che utumin uk'eche anujb'i. Ι ke tuno'r And they say that all his money he carries he wants to mate. che'nob' alok'oy anujb'i takar. Poreso a'xin it is said (by them) he leaves he goes he mates with her. That is why ke e chan me'yra utumin. that the snake much his money. 229. Pero kocha ma'chi katajwi, ma'chi kana'ta no'n, But we, since not we found it, not we know jay berda utumin. Pero *jente* b'an uk'ajtyob' ayan e if it is true (has) there is his money. people also they tell it But the ke chan utumin. e me'yra that the snake much his money.