cahkâpêš kâ-kî-kohcipanihikot miši-kinošêwa

êko mâka kotak, kotak tipâcimôwin n'k'-âti-o... ošihtân.

cahkâpêš pêyakwan.¹ âta mâk' ânim' ê-kîy-ayamihikot omisa, mîna k'-îtohtêw sâkahikanihk, ê..., êy-otinât otakaskwa nêsta otahcâpiya.

k'-îhtâwak mâk' anta mikisiwak ê-wacistonicik. sâkahikanihk, mistikwak nânih sâkahikan.

êko mâk' anima sâkahikan kî-mâmišikitiwak kinošêwak, nâspic ê-mišikiticik.

êko mâka ispîy êtohtêt antê pwâmoš' îtohtêt kî-ayamihik' ômisa: "'kâwina 'kâwina tôta nipîhk 'ci-pahkišihk kitakask. kišâspin, kišâspin pahkišihkê nipîhk kitakask ka-wî-nâtahwâw mîna. kišâspin mâk' anima tôtamanê, ka-kohcipanihikok anta kinošêwak aniki kâ-mâmišikiticik. êkwâni mâka 'ci-kîšihtâyin, môna wîskâc ka-kî-wanawîn anta ohci."

- êko mâka, "hêh, nimiš," ² itêw. tâpiskôc, mihcêtw' ânima kî-..., kî-tôtam cahkâpêš, "hêh, nimis," êy-itwêt. môna tâpwê ohc'-îtên'tam 'ci-tôtahk. 'kwantaw piko itwêw anima. têpinâhk 'ci-nahînawêhât omisa kêkwâniw ê-ytikot.³
- êko mâka kâ-itohtêt sâkahikanihk. kî-pimotêw⁴ mâk' anihi kâ-..., mikisiw' antê išpimihk ê-pâmihnân'ci.

kêka mâka kî-kapastawêpaniniwa otakaskwa.

êko mâka, ispî kâ-kapastawêpanin'ci, êko kâ-kapâšimototawât 5 otakaskwa. ispî mâka tâwic êt'-îhtât kî-kohcipanihikow miši-kinošêwa.

êko mâka ispî nêmatêt wîkihk, miconi kêka kî-kîtaw'-pêhoniwa omisa.

êko kâ-..., ê-..., kâ-..., kâ-itên'tamin'ci, "manâwina pahkopêkopan. êko mâka kî-kohcipanihikow kinošêwa."

êko kâ-itohtêt sâkahikanihk ana iskwêšiš.

kî-miskamâ..., kî-miskawêniw' ant' ocahcâp'6 êy-apin'ci pâhkwâhk.

êko mâka, kî-nisitawinamêhikow ê-kî-tôtahk mwêhci animêniw kêkwâniw kâ-kîy-ohcihikot. kî-kiskên'tam mâka ..., kî-kiskên'taminiwa⁷ mâka miši-kinošêwa watânîhk ê-ihtât.

êko kâ-otinahk kwâškwêpicikaniniw ana iskwêšiš.

kî-kwâškwêpicikêw, ê-wî-kwâškwêpitât anihi kinošêwa kâ-mišikitin'ci, "kišâspin mîskaw antê êhtâkwê nišîm," ê-itên'tahk.

Chahkabesh is swallowed by the giant fish

So then, another one..., I'll begin telling another tale.

It's the same, about Chahkabesh. Although his older sister had spoken to him that time, he went to the lake again, take ..., taking his arrow and his bow.

There were eagles there nesting. At the lake, there were trees at the lakeside.

Well then, at that lake the fish were enormous everywhere, very big.

So then when he went there his older sister spoke to him before he went: Don't, don't do anything so that your arrow falls in the water. If, if your arrow falls in the water, you will want to go after it. But if you do that, you will be swallowed there by those enormous fish. And then for a finish, you will never be able to get out from there."

- So then, he said to her, "Right, Big Shishter." As Chahkabesh often di..., did, saying, "Right, Sister." He didn't really intend to do it. He didn't really mean it. Just as long as he satisfied his older sister because she had said something to him.
- So then he made his way to the lake. He threw something at those wh..., eagles flying about up there.

Finally, however, his arrow fell into the water.

So then, once it had fallen into the water, he swam after his arrow.

But when he was out from the shore he was swallowed by a giant fish.

5 So then when he didn't show up at home, his older sister finally got tired waiting.

Then she thou..., thi..., thou..., thought, "Perhaps he must have waded out in the water. And so he has been swallowed by a fish."

So that girl went to the lake.

There she fou..., she found his arrow lying on the dry ground.

So then, she recognized from the signs that he had done exactly what he had been forbidden to do. And she knew ..., she knew that he was in the belly of the giant fish.

6 So, that girl took a fish-hook.

She angled, because she wanted to catch that big fish with a hook, "On the off-chance that my young brother may be there," she thought.

So, she actually did in fact hook the big fish.

êko, kêkât8 tâpwê kî-kwâškwêpitêw kinošêwa ê-mišikitin'ci.

êko kâ-..., kâ-akwâsitâpêt.

miši-kinošêwa!

êko, êko mâka ispî kâ-akwâsitâpêt, êko kâ-..., kâ-pakocênât.

7 êko ispîy êti-mâcišwât, anta watânîhk anihi miši-kinošêwa, "pêhkât, pêhkât, nimiš. ka-mâcišon," wêhci-matê-'twêt cahkâpêš antê atâmihk, – atâmihk watânîhk kinošêwa.

êko mâka, pêhkâc kî-tôtam ana iškwêšiš ê-pakocênât anihi kinošêwa, pîniš ê-kaškihtât ê-wî-kocihât anta ohci ošîma.

êko mâka, êko mâka ispî kâ-..., kâ-wanawît anta ohci, cahkâpêš êko mîna kâ-ayamihikot omisa, – âšay ê-kî-ayamihikospan, mîna êkâ wîskâc kêkwâniw 'ci-tôtahk, êkâ kê-tôtahkipan.

ê'kwâni mâka, ê'kwâni êskwâpêkahk mâk' ôma tipâcimôwin.

Then she dra..., she dragged him ashore.

The giant fish!

So, so then when she had dragged him ashore, then did ..., she cleaned him out.

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7 Then when she was beginning to cut him, there in that giant fish's belly, suddenly from deep inside, deep inside the belly of the fish came Chahkabesh's voice: "Carefully, carefully, Big Shishter. You'll cut me."

So then, that girl went slowly as she cleaned out that fish, until she was able to extricate her young brother from there.

Well then, well then when Chahkabesh had ..., had come out of there, then his older sister spoke to him again, – she had already talked to him, never again to do anything, – that he should not do it.

And that, and that is the length of this story.