

some time. He immediately asked his grandmother and Gluskap where his sister was. Gluskap replied that she was up on the mountain and narrated what had happened. "It is the old chief's doings," said Groundhog. "Since your sister married Mikumwesu, they have been plotting to kill your sister and her child, because the chief's daughter was jealous of your sister. I hesitated to tell Gluskap for fear he would become so enraged that he would resort to rash extremities. Gluskap is now trying to get back your sister and her child safely." The young man in anger said to Gluskap, "Do not give me any assistance. I shall do what I am about to undertake myself. I shall kill the chief and all his relatives." And as he said this two stones grew out of his cheeks. Gluskap noticed this and remarked, "You are a veritable stone man." "Yes," he answered, "I have been with Thunders ever since I was a boy. I have acquired all their powers and now I have more power than any Thunder." "You are a great boaster," remarked Gluskap.<sup>1</sup> "Do you mean that you are the strongest on earth and that you are also the strongest among the Thunders?" continued Gluskap.

The young man replied, "No, I am not the strongest on earth, but I have more power than the Thunders."

"What do you intend to do?" said Gluskap. "Will you carry out your threats?"

The young man replied in the affirmative, but he consented to seek his sister with Gluskap and bring her back before carrying out his bloody purpose. Gluskap seized his bow and arrow and told Groundhog's grandson that he would fire an arrow. As the arrow left the bow, he was to seize it and it would carry him whither his sister had gone on the mountain. Accordingly, Gluskap sent off the arrow, the girl's brother seized it, and he was carried up to the mountain. He saw his sister and he was further enraged. Gluskap, who had gone up with him, took her by a hand and led her. The brother in his rage said, "I shall show the people what a Thunder can do. The chief thinks that he controls the lightning." As he said this, he leaped heavily to the ground and lightning struck the mountain as they left it. He also gave a shout and the lightning struck the mountain down and tore

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<sup>1</sup> Jim's words were, "You are talking very strong."