

happening. It was agreed that Quiss-an-kweedass should call her by name before venturing up a sort of step-ladder which leaned against the tree. After calling her several times she at length looked out, and said, "*Kecsis tout ah ejin*, where do you come from? and who are you?" "I am Quiss-an-kweedass," said he; "I have sought long years for you; now that I have found you I mean to take you home with me. Will you go?" "I cannot go with you yet, because my husband, the chief of the bears, is not at home; I cannot go until he returns." After a little familiar conversation she consented to come down among them.

After they had her in their power they carried her off with them, making all haste homewards.

When they reached their home her parents were glad to have their lost child again, safe and sound, and Quiss-an-kweedass to recover his loved one. Although at home, and kindly welcomed, she felt ill at ease, on account of her two sons, and wished to return for them. This her friends would not allow, but offered to go and bring them. To this she replied, that their father would not allow them to go away, "but," said she, "there is a way by which you may get them;" that is, the bear had made for her a song, which he used to sing; if they would learn it and go to the tree and sing it, he, the bear chief, would give them all they wished.

After learning the song a party went to the tree, and began to sing it. As soon as the bear heard the song he came down, thinking Kind-a-wuss had returned. When he saw that she was not there he felt bad, and at first refused to let the children go, but afterward consented when they threatened to take them by force. I shall here leave the party on their way back with the two boys, and give the story told by Kind-a-wuss, respecting the manner in which she fell into the power of the bear. After she turned back toward the hut she had not gone far before she felt tired and sick at heart for her lover; in order to rest a little she lay down in a dry, shady place, where she fell asleep. While in this state the bear came along and found her.

When she found herself in the bear's clutches she tried hard to get away, but found her efforts useless, as she was completely in his power. So he took her an unwilling captive to his home, which was near a large lake. As the entrance to his house was rather high above the ground he had a sort of step-ladder made, whereby he could get easily up and down, and sent some of his tribe to gather soft moss wherewith to make her a bed.

When she thought of her lover and her relations she used to wonder why no one came to seek for her; and when the bear saw her down-hearted he would tell her to cheer up, and do all in his power to make her happy.