

20. All at once she ceased. "Salick, come here," she called; and when Salick came, she wrapped the skin around him, but it reached only to his knees.

21. Again she laid it upon the ground, and again she rubbed and sang; and every moment it grew larger beneath her touch. "Salick, come here," she called again; and when, this time, she wrapped her brother in it, she found that it covered him as if, indeed, it had been his own skin.

22. "Surely now you are a young seal!" she cried, in delight. "Come, try the water, and let me see if you can swim and dive like the seal." Then, leading her brother to the edge of the water, she sang, "Seal are you now. Cast yourself into the water! Dive to the depths below!"

23. And, while she sang, Salick plunged into the sea and dived as only a seal can dive, and swam as only a seal can swim. Then he returned to his sister, who stood upon the shore; and she took the skin from him, saying, "Now are you a seal in very truth; but that is enough for to-day. To-morrow you shall go again into the water."

24. The next day was fine and calm; so Arnara again put the skin upon her brother, and once more he became as a seal and played in the water. He dived for fish and soon caught a goodly pile, which he laid at his sister's feet. They need never be short of food now.