

beautiful and tame bear, he was kept as a playmate for the King's youngest son. He now spent three years in intimate relationship with the royal family, and had sufficient time to make careful and necessary observation prior to his descent to the lower world. It was customary for the children in the Land of Light to disguise and transform themselves into bears, seals, and birds. Now it so happened that the Raven, under his disguise of bear, was strolling on the beach one evening, looking for his supper of clams, when he espied three other bears approaching him. He knew at once they were children of a great chief, and, instantly transforming himself into a large eagle, stole the sun, which happened to be setting at the time, also the fire-stick that was used to kindle the fires, and flew over the walls of heaven with one under each wing, together with one of the three children. When the people found that the sun had been stolen they reported the matter at once to the King. He then ordered his land to be searched, and if they found the thief to throw him down to *Het-gwau-lana*, the chief or ruler of the lower regions. But a messenger arriving, who stated that he had seen a large bird flying over the walls of their city with the sun under his wing, at once all gave chase, and the Raven was followed. In his flight from his pursuers he dropped the child, who fell down through the clouds into the sea close to the Raven's kingdom. The Raven also descended, bearing with him the sun and the fire-stick in safety to the earth. When the child fell into the sea he cried aloud for assistance, and immediately the little fishes came in a great shoal to his aid and carried him on their backs safely to the shore. These fish are very numerous around Rose-spit at the present day, and their forms, say the Haida, have remained dented in the blue clay of that district from the day when they bore the heaven-born child ashore until now. The great chief was a lover of peace, and consequently did not allow his followers to pursue the Raven down to the earth, as Chief *Het-gwau-lana* might then be tempted to enter heaven and give them perpetual trouble. So the Raven was unmolested, and another sun was created in heaven by the Great Ruler, who loved light and hated darkness.

Now the Raven thought that he had secured a chief's daughter, but the child turned out to be a chief's son. The Raven loved him exceedingly, and built a house at Rose-spit especially for the accommodation of the child and the sun. The child grew to be very powerful, and had command over all animals, fish, and birds. Whenever he called to the fish they would at once appear and bear him out to sea. Whenever he wished to fly through the air he would call to the birds. They would at once come to bear him wherever he wished to go on their wings. The bears and other animals attended to his daily wants, and supplied him with salmon and berries. The animals, birds, and fish were created by the Raven for the sole benefit of this heaven-born child. The Raven also kept the sun and fire-stick in a very strong and secure room, as he was afraid that his two former slaves would return and steal them. Presently the slave-wife of the Raven returned, and begged to be re-admitted into the Raven's society. The request was granted, and she became once more the mistress of the Raven's household. She took a great interest in the child, and attended to his every wish. In course of time the child grew to be a handsome young man, and began to love the woman. She returned his love, and at last resolved to become his wife. The Raven soon found that they were living as man and wife, and he became very angry, and threatened to kill the woman. This treatment caused the