

together arranging for the marriage of Mikumwesu to one of the chief's daughters. Groundhog's granddaughter stole up behind them and listened to their conversation. The chief consented to let Mikumwesu have one of his daughters and Mikumwesu said in reply, "Yes, your daughter is very beautiful, but whoever in dancing will jump over my bow when I rest it upon the ground, her shall I take as my wife." All this Groundhog's granddaughter had heard, and she immediately rushed back, took the water again and washed her face and hair profusely with it. As a result her hair became a beautiful, glossy black and reached almost to the ground. While making her coiffure, she heard a shout. It was the girls who came to dance. But only the Chief's daughter succeeded in going over the bow and she went over the point of it. All then shouted for a wedding. Mikumwesu arose and insisted that they await the arrival of some more of the girls, as he did not insist so much upon the beauty of the girl as upon her ability to jump over the bow. Just then Groundhog's granddaughter entered and started dancing without knowing it. Her beauty astounded everybody and she more than pleased Mikumwesu. She danced around them three times and each time she was in front of Mikumwesu, she bowed to him, saying, "I salute thee, Chief." Then she danced back and danced over Mikumwesu's bow. She picked it up and shot an arrow into the air. It descended and entered the ground to the left of Mikumwesu. She then saluted the chief and sat down on the right of Mikumwesu, who straightway took his pouch from off his belt, brought forth his flint and punk, and lit his pipe and gave it to her. After taking a few puffs, Mikumwesu said that never before did a woman touch his pipe or his pouch. His wife was the first to do so. A wedding followed, much to the jealousy of all the other girls, who could not fathom the cause of her sudden beauty. The chief too was jealous, because his daughter had failed to win Mikumwesu. One day the chief expressed to Mikumwesu his dissatisfaction in the matter, claiming that he should have married his daughter since she stepped over his bow first. But Mikumwesu insisted that he had promised to marry the girl who jumped the best. The chief also told Gluskap of this, but Gluskap supported his friend.

Gluskap and Mikumwesu stayed there for quite a length of