

asked the woman how many brothers her husband had, and she replied that he had three. They happened to be at the home village at this time.

One day one of these three brothers remarked to the other two, "I had a dream that our youngest brother was up in the woods and was in misfortune. We had better go forth and seek him out." Accordingly they set out to find their absent brother. And some time after they came to the place where their dead brother was slain. They saw a woman's footprints, their sister-in-law's, and they followed these. They likewise in their pursuit saw the furs of animals that he had trapped before the marauding band had come upon them.

Meanwhile the woman had been made the wife of one of the ginaps, and not long after she gave birth to the child of her first husband. The three brothers had not succeeded in finding her. The boy had grown to be a youth, and when he was about fifteen years of age, he one day asked his mother the name of the tribe they were among. She told him that it was the Mohawk tribe, but that he was a Micmac. "The old man that lives with me," she told him, "is not your father. He killed your father before you were born."

The boy then put a number of questions to his mother. He learned from her how many ginaps there were in the camp, the sort of snowshoes the Micmacs wore, and the direction in which the country of the Micmacs lay. He learned that the Micmac country was in the southeast, and was told that there his uncles were to be found. The boy then went up to his step-father, and on asking him how many ginaps there were in the place, he learned that there were three and that he was one of them. He then asked his father (he always called him father) to make him a pair of Micmac snowshoes, and this the latter consented to do. The boy then returned to his mother and said to her, "In three years' time I shall pay a visit to my uncles."

At the end of three years he had grown big and strong. On a stormy night in winter he took up his hatchet, and after slaying the old man with it, he departed to seek the other two ginaps that were in the camp. Before he killed his step-father he said to him, "You are the old man who slew my father. I shall in turn kill