

den and driving them out. The first bear to come out was one of the small ones. The young man's uncle killed it. Soon another small one appeared. The old man killed that, too. Then the old bear came out and the uncle told his nephew to kill it. It was very large, and the old man thought that it would kill his nephew, but the young man did as his wife had told him and easily killed it. The old man thought, "My young son-in-law had some unknown way of escape from my spell."

Some days after this the young man went on another hunting trip, which lasted for four days. On his return, his wife told him that her father was willing to sell him, but one of his uncles still held out, saying that the young man supplied them with game and if he were killed, they would starve. His wife continued, "We will have to leave now. I have power to kill my relations. I will do it to my uncles, but I will not to my father. Go in the morning due east. Travel as fast as you can. In four days I will follow you and I will soon overtake you." After they had started, he brought a big bundle of furs to the chief, and he told them that they would have to await the return of the young men. When the four days were up, the chief said to his daughter that it was time for her husband to be back. His daughter said, "You know how long he usually stays — four or five days or more." On the fourth day his wife followed him. In one half a day she overtook him on a long barren. She told him that they would have to hurry, for his enemies had already started out in pursuit. Soon after she looked back and saw that they were coming, and she knew that they would be overtaken. So they circled and came back to within a few feet of their former tracks. She said to her husband, "Can you hit them at that distance?" As it was only a few feet from the trail, he said, "I would be a very poor shot if I couldn't." So she took off one of her snowshoes and stood it up. Then they got behind the snowshoe,¹ and when her uncle passed them with her other relatives, he shot him. The other men picked him up and carried him home, for they were powerless without him.²

¹ She used her power to make them invisible. It is quite evident that those following their tracks could not see them.

² Her uncle was the only shaman in the party. They realized that it would have been quite useless to attempt to capture the fugitives without the use of magic.