

trying to kill him as he had killed his companion. After communicating this to him, she left, but returned the following day, when they decided to ask her father to permit them to get married. This the chief permitted, for the young man seemed to have great power and obtained a great deal of game, which he gave to the chief.

Some time after the marriage the Indians held a council, for they thought that the young man was banishing the game from their country. As he was now in the chief's family, the latter would have to be paid blood money for his death. The chief was absent from this council, so a delegation was sent to him with big bundles of fur as a payment for the life of his son-in-law. The chief, however, refused.

While these things were taking place, the young man was away from the village hunting. When he returned, his wife told him what had taken place. She told him that her father might change his mind, for he also was beginning to think that the young man was responsible for the condition of the game. The young man again went away on a four days' trip. When he returned with lots of game, his wife said, "My uncle and one of my brothers have consented to sell your life." That day, when he visited his father-in-law, his father-in-law asked him if he had found any bears in his travels (for, although he brought back much game of many sorts, he never brought any bear meat). The young man denied seeing any bears. His father-in-law replied, "You must have come across some bears, for I see some red mud on your snowshoes. Did you not jump across a brook or a spring which was unfrozen?" He said he had. The chief asked him if it was far away. The young man replied that it was only a short distance. So the chief went out and shouted that his son had found bears. The next morning the chief told the young man to take his uncle and brother-in-law to the mud hole. The uncle thought that the bears would kill his nephew. Before they started, the young man's wife said to him, "My uncle will kill the two small bears, leaving the big one for you. When he sends you to kill it, don't attempt to kill it from the side, but rush straight for it and hit it on the head with your hatchet."

When they arrived at the unfrozen spot in the brook, they built a trench and a dam for the purpose of flooding the bears'

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