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Hello, hello. Aniishi. I am going to punch right into story, legend, ok? Story about legend. It's a person and then I am just going to go on and then after that I will stop a while, if you like it. Let me know and I can change, if you, if you don't mind. So I would tell you a legend just like I've told to my audience at home, my children, my grandchildren.

A little bit of an introduction about Wemishoosh. It means, it teaches, it teaches, morality. It teaches you to respect, respect things that we have in our life. So it begins. There was this man, by the name of Wemishoosh who was very, a proud person. He was also a very, very powerful man. He had acquired a lot of powers through this procedures of dream quest, dream vision and training to be a shaman. So you have acquired a lot of that and then he had passed through many, many tests and he was able to, to begin one and begin to be the most powerful one. And he abuse's it. He abuses this power and misuse and misapplied and for that reason at the end it was not very nice. It was very tragic for him. So what he did is, what he did is, in that place where we came from, there were people who believe that you could extend the life if you had the power of shamanism. And this guy had that. He thinks that in his dream, during his dream quest he had dreamed that he could extend, extend his life on earth if he take a, another life of a person. So that's what he dreamt. So he believe that.

So he tried, he begin to practice it after he had exhausted all of his training. And he try to apply that. Before he begin to actually realize that he had acquired power. He misused his power once in a while. Just to see he has acquired the power. So he made a mistake and he gets so proud, and thinks so highly of himself, and doesn't care about anybody else. In the mean time he had married, a wife, and he had a son. The son's only mentioned, I guess he must have also had, daughters. I guess in our culture at that time so know the boys were more respect than the girls, anyway, his son was only about twelve years old when he begin, when he begin to sort of look for another woman. Interested in other women. Because he didn't respect his wife as much as he used to when he first got married. So he started his interest in young women, for a young women and he did find a young woman. And then it was about this time that he was, he was really thinking about, you know he should begin to worry about his age. He should live, a bit longer. So he had many, he had dreamed many things, many ways to do, do anything that he wants to. And, apparently his wife passed away and he had two daughters, but his son also is there. But his son didn't stay with him. But only he stays with his daughters.

He begin to use his magic powers. He begin to exercise, and he begin to also use his daughters. Two of them. He begin to be ageless. He begin to be ageless to by using this method that he had dreamed. What he did was he used his daughters to get the new, new man out of him, a younger man. And each time they had a son-in-law, he kills them by using all kinds of pleasures to kill. Just an excuse to kill. And he has many ways to kill. So he, he was feared. And he was despised because he was misusing his powers and he was humiliating the humanity. Something like that. So he was gone all over the land and many people wanted to kill him. They want to get rid of him but they couldn't because he's so powerful. Nobody could touch him. And he took advantage of that.

Once in a while he had killed his son in law and he would pick another one. Trick him into marry his daughters, and his daughter are beautiful. One is very beautiful. He always uses the daughters to catch the man and then every time they get married he find an excuse to kill them. Again, his daughters remain the same as young ladies. In the years past at least ten, he had killed ten young men. Those were his son-in-laws. By this time everyone in that country that was, he was known as the most mean vicious and very bad person. But he was feared by everyone. And then one day this young man was born, and he had this strange gift that he was able to acquire such training such as what you call the spirituality or shamanism. But anyway, he was gifted. And the Elders were watching him grow and they say, "that is a gifted young man." So he so much time, that he will acquire lots of, doesn't require much training so he was trained to have some knowledge about the powers that shaman, I hate to use that shaman, it's a Mitew. The right word, Mitew.

So he had all the gifts to develop and have a higher power and higher level of that. He was, he has trained and raised by his grandfather and trained by his uncle. And encouraged by many people around him and he was known to be a very good person. Kind, but very powerful. And he was the one that says, "I can get rid of that man for you, no problem," he promise. Because, and everybody says, "no you're too young." You would never get near to that man. So he says, "give me a try. If you don't like him, I'll get rid of him." So all the people. The Elders just gather together and say, "if this boy's gift, if we can actually trust him and then he could kill this mean person, because the old man is really giving a bad example to the rest of the people." So they say, "he should get rid of." So they said, "Ok, we will give, will give the authority of this young man to, if he can kill him." So he, they said, "ok, we will give him." So the young man was given the ok to go ahead and get rid of the old man if he can. He had developed himself, he had learned, he had dream, had vision that he was going to do this. He knew he was going to succeed. So he had the okay and he went on.

So the first thing to do is try to deceive the old man, to try to beat him on his mind. So what the young man did is, you know is, he went, studied the old man for a long time, many years, his behaviors, his actions, his, what does he do, went to see him to hunt, where does he fish, what does he do when he kill his son-in-laws, what kind of method he use. What does he do? Does he have a pleasure of first, you know, torturing them, or, what tricks does he use to do that? So he studied the old man for some years, he studied

them and very thoroughly, and he know for sure he can beat him. Finally, he say, "I'm ready."

So when he's ready, they said "great", this is the old man's territory. The old man's territory is big. It's large and nobody tried to move him. So he went in there. And where is usually traveled, he usually canoed, the old man usually canoed for his pleasure and everything. It's his insurance that nobody is going to bother him. And it was one of those days that he found the little boy on the shore. Abandoned the little baby, baby boy. He took up this little baby boy, laying there crying and he thought, you know, why did they throw out the nice little boy? So he went ashore, reaches, reach out of his canoe, you know, I mean with his paddle, put the boy in the canoe and went on home in the evening. The boy went to sleep and it didn't bother him. Almost forgot about the little boy. When he got home and beached his boat into his camp, daughters in there, he forgot the little boy in his canoe. Went into the camp as usually, treated with respect and fed and given drink, what ever it is. Two daughters, but he always knew. So he says, "oh, I have almost forgot, I have found the little boy." So one of you girls can pick him up and bring him. So the older girl, the one that a bit too proud of herself and went out. Quickly, get up and went down to the boat, the canoe and look at the little boy. But the little boy was very dirty, been crying and all of that, never been cleaned in for a long time. It looks starving. So she thought, "aah, that dirty-looking little baby I would, I wouldn't touch it." So she went back up. She went back up home and he says while walking and the old man says, "where is the little boy?" "Oh" and she says, "ugly!" "The baby's ugly and I don't like it, that's it." But the younger sister was more humble, is humble and caring. And the old man says to his daughter, "you go, go pick up the little boy and clean him, his going to be nice."

So the young girl went down and found the little boy sleeping, sleeping nicely in the canoe. So, so she pick up the little boy and bring it in. First, she went in the river and cleaned it a little bit, and bring it into the you know, teepee. As she walks in, the boy has changed. He was very actually, nice. It was nice little boy. And then she begin to clean it right in front of her sister. Wash it and all that stuff, lovingly. And the little boy just begin to be so beautiful and loving and the older sister just begin to be jealous. And she says, "I should have the boy, I went there first." But the young girl says, "no way, you had you're chance, this is mine." So they fight for the little boy for a little while. Finally they give it up, but the older sister always try to get a chance to hold the little boy. The younger sister doesn't want her to touch it.

So the years pass. Many years pass, I guess and that boy begin to grow very fast and very wise. Very easily taught and trained. Really very active and very strong. Soon, fifteen years it seems to be he was already a man. A very strong, powerful young man, and very handsome, and the older sister now really jealous. She wouldn't, she would like to have him. Because now, the law in that camp, in that family was that if you could raise the little man, he would be yours and for life, even to marry that little boy. So that's why the older sister gets so jealous. She would have that pleasure, to have to marry the young man. Now she lost her chance. Only the younger, the younger girl has that chance because she has been kind to the little boy.

And now the little boy is a big handsome man. So time pass and the boy begin to gain all the manhood and knowledge and powers, like an ordinary trained Mitew. Okay. So he catch onto many things and he traveled with his father-in-law-to-be. Anyways, he's not yet father-in-law, but he was trained by him. Already the old man was looking at the young man as a good challenge. Very best challenge he ever had if this young man's powerful enough. He was eager to try to trick him or something. But he always failed to trick him, because the boy seemed to know everything. So that was a great challenge for him and soon enough he really get to be jealous of the man himself. He says, "this guy's getting to be powerful. I should get rid of him before it's too late, you know, otherwise I'm not gong to live." So one day, he waited a chance to have a chance to try to kill the young man. That was after they got married. Finally they got married. The little girl who picked up the boy now, it's her husband.

By this time next year there were two children already from them. So they were really, good families amongst them and these young man and young lady. But the old man start worry. I should have taken the chance before they had any children. So he began to worry. He begin to think of what system should I use to kill this man, to take his life? It's not because he hate him, it's because he has to do it, he has to fulfill his dream. But the more challenged the man is the more powerful he will be and that's what he wants to get. So anyway one day comes, and the young man knows that, that guy's eager to kill him. So he says one day, he never talks to his father directly, he always talk to his father through his wife. And also the man, through the women. Never talks to him directly, because he respects him. Talks to him through his daughter and that way the community goes like this, never directly. So one day the young man says, "I am wondering if we can go out and, I like to eat beaver, I like to have," described exactly the cooking he likes and, the old man was told, and he says, "what does he say!" says to his daughter. "Well, he says, you know, he would like to have a taste of beaver now, it's been a long time." So he, the old man says, "Oh, I got the exact spot where we are going to get the beaver. I will take him there tomorrow." So the young man says, "sure."

So early morning they left and they went to this place where there's a beaver house and a beaver dam and everything and it's a beautiful place. So they went there. And they started to make all kinds of trap and they camp, they have to camp to camp. This was winter time, it was January, cold, very cold outside. So they make camp, usually after working on the ice and water, you moccasins and your leggings get wet, you have to dry them, so that's the procedure. And they get into their make-shift camp. They hang up the sticks where they can hang up their leggings and moccasins. So on his side the old man hangs his stuff and on the young man's side he hangs his stuff. There's a fire. And the old man plans. He knows what he's going to do. This is one of his tricks. So as soon as they lay down, finally they settle down, the young man pretends to be sleeping. A bit snoring [laughs]. So the old man begins with, "he's sleeping! Better move now before he wakes." So he got up and take a stick and took all his leggings, moccasins and put it on his side and take his and switch it. The young man still snore a bit. So the old man listen. "Oh, he's sleeping, do it now." He takes it one by one and puts it in the fire. Another one put it in the fire. It start to smell. It's a terrible smell [laughs], the leggings and

everything. [laugh] So, he says, “Uuuuu, something smell!” and he tried to wake his young son in law. Young man knows that, he hears that, he knows, he saw that with one eye open, what he is doing, eh? So he says, “No he’s asleep!” “He’s still sleeping!” Finally, he says, “hey, hey what happen?” And the old man says, “something is burning! Is it not your leggings that have been dropped?” Turns to the young man’s sister and he says, “No”, he says, “my leggings and moccasins are okay!” “But look, it on your side! Look at that, they are gone,” the old man say. So the young man says, “No” he says, “these are yours! Mine are on your side. I put them there.” He says, “Oh no!” and he woke up and checked. That was not his on his side, that was his that he put in the fire. Anyway, he had caught himself of, you know, heat destroyed his own leggings and moccasins and it’s cold outside. And he begin to says, “Ahhh, how did I make a mistake?” Now, what is going to happen? How is he going to go home without leggings and moccasins in the below zero weather? So he thought, “I got to do something, something I have to do,” too ashamed to apologize, too proud to apologize. So he thought about it, “suppose I make up a good story. Suppose I talk to him nicely, he might give in to give me some of his clothes.” Because he didn’t have much on, only leggings and all that. So he know he’s going to freeze if he doesn’t have any fire. So he decided “okay.” So he talks to him, the young man asleep.

So he begins to tell a story to him. He says, “there was one time that old man and his son, son-in-law were traveling into the bush and they camped and a foolish old man pretend to accidentally drop his leggings into the fire. And the young man woke up and find that he father-in-law has lost his leggings and moccasins.” So he tells the story to him. “So the nice, pitiful young man, he, he is so pitiful to the old man who had destroyed his leggings. With this nice hard and good feeling, he lend some of his clothes so that he can,” [laugh] All this beautiful words and all that stuff. Pity and everything, eh? Sounds so great. And the young man didn’t move, he just lays down there. And he says, “did you hear?” the woman says to him, because he didn’t move. So the young man says, “sure I hear, ya.” So he says, “So what you think?” the old man says. So the young man says, “it’s good riddance to the old guy who was trying to kill is son-in-law!” [laugh] He didn’t receive any pity. [laugh] So that’s how he answered. So then he went to sleep and the old man kept the fire going all night, so he couldn’t sleep. Even if they camped the next day, because its time to go, you know. He begged his son-in-law to give him some of his clothes or something that he has. But the young man did not want to give him. He says, “you did it. I could be freezing to death if you, if my leggings and everything was gone. You wouldn’t give me anything, so no mercy there.” So he was left behind. Nothing, just a little clothes on his body, a little shirt.

So he decided, “I gotta to do something.” I have the power to do things, why not, apply them now? I need to apply these powers that I have. So he had dreamed during the dream quest that he had many dreams how to save himself. So he decided to use the stones first, dream-stones and warm stones to make a trail for him. Commanded them, “Go!” So the stones say “gooaaaa,” that in the hole and then he followed step by step. Goes a little ways with the stone. The stone began to get cold and began to move slowly. Wait for another step and it get cold, then he just “no will freeze,” and he run back to the camp and stand in the fire and, “no, it didn’t work now.” So he warm himself up and put more

fire. So he scratch his head and says, 'what am I going to do next?' Tried to recall his dream. "What am I going to do this time?" So I think he has five different tries and it didn't work. Finally, he tries again; it's the last one. So he has to have this powerful magic in his mind so turn his self into a caribou.

Caribou can travel in the snow very fast. "I can get home very fast if I turn myself into a Caribou." So he, in order to do that he has to make himself look like a caribou. So he had a little bit of, tree branches, puts stick into his head. Turns into caribou head and paint himself black and legs and everything. There stood a caribou. Right now, now it's ready. They will jump off into the snow and off goes the caribou very fast. And then all of a sudden he begin to turn himself and he turn again into a human. And he almost freeze to death. Rushed back into the camp and into the fire. Make a fire again. He goes, "how did I fail?" So, he sat here for a long time. "What am I going to do now? Why did I dream about this stuff, what could I do?" So he says, "it not much, there's not much left." So the last resort, he decided that he might as well try this, so he went as far as run into the bush and grab the little moss hanging and pick up a little bit of moss and a little bit of, tree roots, the fine roots and all that stuff. And then he begin to tie moss onto his body and his legs and his feet and all that. It was warm enough, sure, but would it stay there? So if I had decided it should stay, so he took off slowly, not too much. Doesn't want to lose anything. Sure enough he was half way, he was getting close to his home, then "maybe I'll make it!" So he began to run. And the camp was inside and he was going to make it. But he started to run and everything all started to fall off. And he just barely make it into his tent and he was stark naked [laugh]. He has to run in like to cover his ass [laugh]. Total shameful.

So anyways, his daughter says, "it serves you right because you always do that to our son-in-laws, you always kill them that way. And for this time you have, you have meet your match." So he was so shameful, he didn't say anything, he just went to his place. And then he had his own extra clothing and he was alright for a time. So it taught him a lesson for it. He says, "this young man's tough, not easy to take."

So he waited for maybe a year or so. Had built up his courage again to try it again. "But this time I'm not going to fail." So one day the young knows that. The man knows he's going to try, so he says, "I wonder if there is any place that I can go sturgeon fishing," he says. So the old man says, "what did he say?" And the young wife says, "he was wondering where he could find the sturgeon fishing." He says, "oh yea, I know the place, the exact spot I know. I'll take you there tomorrow." So he says, "okay." So they took off the next morning with the boat and everything and go up the river this far distance. And they finally find this spot, there is, there is the rapids, really fast water. And at the bottom there is a nice, nice shallow and deep spot too. And that's where he saw this sturgeon. They spawning. So usually they spear them when they spawning. So they had make the spears and all of that and the boat is, it has a narrow point where you can stand. So the young man wants to grab his spear to spawn the fish right there. And he says, "no, no, no you don't do that. You have to go up there and stand there right in front and that's where you, spear them." And that where he stand and so the young man did that and went up the bow, that little place there. And he says, "now, now, spear them!" So he, soon as the

boy did this right to throw the spear, he lurch the boat, he move it and the boy just fell backwards. And, these are the big fish, they were, they were big fish, they were not sturgeon. They were a flesh eating fish, some kind of a thing. They were not the proper fish, they just seemed to be. This is the dream of the old man what does that, the way to kill man. Trick 'em. So the young man fell in among them these fish and grab him. And they just swallow him. And when they say, they say it was a giant northern pike. A giant northern pike, you know how the teeth are with this thing.

So he was swallowed whole by this giant northern pike. And then the old man says, "I got him, I got him this time. Hurray, hurray, I know that I could do it!" But anyway, he turned back and he went back home very proud of himself that he had extended his life for sure, because the man was hard to get. So he was just laying there sort of guiding his boat. "So surely I have got rid of, kill the young man." When he reach to his camp, his grandchildren run back, you know from the boy, the young man. Grandchildren, two boys run back to the beach to welcome him. And they were holding the fish stake, you know, oil fish stake. So he look at this he says, "where did you get the fish?" Said to the boys. And the boys say, "Our dad brought the fish." "YOUR DAD!" [laugh] "Your dad must be now digested by big fish." He says, "oh no, no, he brought the fish, brought the fish to us and this is what we eat." Didn't believe it. He says, "this is not possible, I'm sure I killed him." But he didn't say that to the kids, he said that to himself. [laugh] So he, thinking about it, could be? He went into the teepee and lift the teepee flap and there sit his son-in-law. So he open mouth and look at him and his daughter says, "what you staring at?" "Oh though I saw pot on this head." But anyway he never did that before, it was just an excuse.

So went he went back to sleep and started to thinking about, "what is this guy, how come? I never had a problem getting, you know, killing a person." He began to think, "how am I going to does this? This is something strange." Never has he failed to do that. "Hmm, maybe there's another chance. I might have a chance yet." So the days pass. Maybe another year pass and the young man know that that guy's eager to kill him. So he allow him to suffer for a little while, just for the sake of torturing him because he's been killing people. So one day, one day in the spring time, I think in the summer time, people used to in the springtime they used to have games, and playing games together and all that, you know the leisure hours. So he says to his wife, "I wonder if there is any place I can find, to build a swing so I can swing, you know, I feel like having a swing." And the old man, he was just across there, he says, "what did he say?" [laugh] And the young wife knows that you know, he's again, he's after him again. "Oh nothing, no he was just saying, he was wondering where he could find a place where could build a swing so he could have a fun."

"I know just the place," he says, "I know the place!" "I'll take him there tomorrow. He's really eager. And the young man says, "oh sure, we'll go there tomorrow." So morning come and they prepare and off they go. Some distance away. It says they travel a strange way, I don't know, the shaman power and stuff. So they find a place where there is a high mountain and there's a quartz there, there's a stone dry river bed. And that's where they take him, right up the mountain there. And he says, "this is where I used to come to

do my swinging, you know, when I feel like it.” So the young man says, “okay, here we are.”

So they went to take some roots, you know the long tree roots and make a, make a, what they called a braid sort of thing. Make it long here, go way down here. So he, they make that. They work together. Fine. Nothing happen. But they finish it, way down there half way down there or somewhere. They make the seat. And the old man says, “there you go,” you know, “it’s your turn.” So the young man says, “sure,” and he slides down there with one side of the rope and he grab onto the other one and he sits. And he says, “I’ll swing you,” said the old man, “swing until you say stop.” So he started swinging. Swing, swing, far out until almost one hundred and ninety degrees. Well anyway he says, “now you get up, you stand up instead of sitting.” So the young man just got up and stand up and swing him. When he was in one of those extreme swing he just pulled the rope like this and the young man just slipped and went down. And he managed to grab hold of those, hanging trees there were little tree roots there. Managed to grab that and to hang onto, to that and to catch his fall. One, maybe three-quarter down. But he looks like as if he went straight down, by the old man. And he says, “I’m sure that that man’s gone.”

But the young boy did not, he’s safe. Save himself. So, he climb up, climb up right away, and the old man was ready to go. So by the time he climb up the old man pick up all his stuff and he was ready to go home. And all of pride, “I did that, I did beat him.” But the young says, “just a minute old man, I’m here!” [laugh] “How did he survive?” He didn’t say that, but he said it in his mind. So the young man says, “it’s your turn, don’t go away. No, no, it’s your turn now.” So the old man says, “no, but I, I don’t feel up to it. I’m too old for that stuff.” So he says, “well, do as I do. I did what you tell me.” He says, “you can’t run away from it.” So anyway, he says, “okay.” Reluctantly he grabbed the rope and went down same way as the young man. And he, when he swing him, and as soon as he swing so far out, he says, “now stand up.” It’s just like the way he told. And the old man barely get up and stand up there shaking and swung, very hard, not that way, but this way. The young man pull the swing. Then the old man just tumble down screaming. And the old listen, [sound of a thump, laughs]. That’s all he heard. Exactly hit the ground down there, somewhere down in the gorge, stones and everything. Way down, no one could survive that fall. So the young man said, “well, he should be finished.” [laugh] So he said, “that’s it, nice all to get rid of him.” So he walked back home.

So he got back home and it was all right. And his wife didn’t, they didn’t mind about, his daughters and they didn’t say anything. They just thought that the old man was way behind a little bit. And it’s getting dark. And the older girl says, “where is our father, is he coming?” So he says, “I don’t know.” “What happen to father anyway, he should have been home by now?” So the young man says, “well the last time I saw him he was on his way down to the gorge.” [laugh] “I don’t think he’s going to make it.” So anyway, the young lady says, “well, he’s been doing that, to our husbands and he always kill them there.” “Well surely this time he has met his match. It’s amazing, I don’t think anyone could survive that fall.” So they went to bed.

Somewhere on after to after midnight they were sleeping and they hear this noise outside, “hhhhhhhhmmmm, hhhhhhhmmmmmm.” [laugh] That was the old man coming home. [laugh] So they opened the door and he crawls in and his head was tied with the tree roots and everything, bit of the brains sticking out of here. [laugh] He had survived the fall. So he had made it home. So the girl says, so pitiful they know it’s him. They nurse him with all kinds of medicine they know. And the old man did heal. He passed the critical point. So he began to heal and he’s all right. So anyway, they tell him, “don’t ever do that again because why bother.” He admit now he has been trying to kill his son-in-law and says, “I won’t do it again. Promise.”

So the years pass again. A few years pass. The children now are getting big. And he couldn’t resist. He says, “I should be able to beat this guy. I should. I shouldn’t fail anymore.” So the young man knows, he knows what he’s thinking. He’s just taking a chance when he’s going to ask again, you know when he’s going to be so eager to try to kill him. So anyway one day, one day this young man says, “you know it’s been a long time since I ate sea gulls, sea gull, eggs,” in that season. “I wonder if there is any place I can find a sea gull eggs?” And the old man was listening the same way. So he goes and leans to his daughter and says, “no, he was just wondering if there is any place he can pick up the sea gull eggs.” “I know! I know just the place. I know just the spot, it’s not too far from me.” It was a large lake or water, whatever it is, if it’s salt water, I don’t know. And there was a large part of water and there was some islands that you can see sign of beaches and it was there. About, there’s where the sea gulls usually lay eggs. Lots of them, plenty, all kinds. All kinds of sizes too. So he exaggerated there is a place to find eggs. So the boy says, “sure, I’ll go tomorrow.”

So early the next morning, they were very eager to go, he was. But the boy, you know, he just take his time. Finally, before lunch, before midway they, so they finally made it to the boat and they were ready to go. So they shove off right out into open water and that’s where he pointed. He says, “that way, beyond the horizon there. There’s an island there with all kinds of sea gulls a nesting. Some are very big too”, he thinks. So the boy says, “sure, let’s just go.” So they went. So they paddled across and finally they see way out in the horizon, the sand beach. Really beautiful. And you can see the sea gulls flying around and you can see the sea gulls flying around. Some of them sitting on the egg, I mean the nest. He says, “that’s the place I’m talking about.”

Actually, there’s no such thing. It’s just the mind and power of the old man that created the vision. Anyway, these guys are struggling with mitew. The two mitew fighting each other in their mind. That’s what they are doing. That’s what the story is all about. So the man, the old guy is very powerful. So he created the illusion that there is an island and there is a sea gulls and everything. And the young man knows that. So he went along there anyway. So they beached their craft, their boat and everything. And the old man just barely get up and says, “I don’t feel like walking, you go ahead.” So he pick up his own basket and pick up eggs not too far away. So he told his son-in-law, “beyond that ridge, there is another type of sea gulls that are there. They have very tasty eggs.” So he says, “okay.” He goes out there and all that. He knows what’s going to happen. While he was

there he pick up his eggs and filled his basket and decided “I should take these back.” He knows what’s gong to happen, the young man.

So when he gets over this ridge and he saw there goes the old man way out in the distant, he paddling out and he yell he says, “Hey, you leave me behind.” The old man didn’t even turn his head. He just kept going So he says, “Now, now for sure he’s going to be eaten for sure with those things with those things, beast,” he created for him to kill him. But the young man knows that. So he overpower his, the old man’s power and what he did is he shot one of those giant sea gulls. And take its body off and jump into its skin. And grab a few eggs in the meantime for his young, and took off, took off towards his camp. And slowly, was gliding up and there was an old man down there you know, enjoying himself. He was singing and he says, “Finally done it, I have beat my son-in-law in this game.” He was laying on his back with a little paddle. And then the young man look at him and says, “Oh ya! Oh ya!” right over top of him and he let go, right to his face you know. He says, “This evil had digested my son-in-law so fast,” he says, “It smell like human shit.” [laugh] He thought he was already digested you know, but actually it was him. So you, it was his son-in-law. You know. Well anyway, the young man just went ahead and landed and bring the eggs to his home. And when he got there and his wife started boiling eggs and feed their kids. In the meantime the old man was arriving, two or three in the evening. All the boys were running around and eat and playing outside. So they saw their grandmother coming, arriving, grandfather. So they run down to the shore to meet him, with eggs in their hands, the partially eaten eggs. So he came and looked at, “what are you eating?” They said, “eggs!” “Where did you get the eggs?” He says, “Our dad brought some in.” “Your dad?” [laugh] Sure the boys just play and even listen just say hello to their grandfather and keep on playing. And he says, “your father must have been digested a long time ago. He say, he didn’t say that to hear, he just said it to himself more like. He was so sure he had killed him. And when he walks up thinking that he was dead now.

So he had a contest that he wanted to do. Now he’s going to live longer. That’s what he believed. Walks in left door flap. There sat his son-in-law, sitting there fitfully healthy and everything. He just couldn’t believe it. “How does this man survive? What does he have that I don’t have?” Anyway, he knows now this man is tough to kill. So anyway, he didn’t say much. He just went back to his seat and pretend there’s nothing was happening. Because the young man never said anything. He never did, even when he comes he never mentioned what happened.

So anyway, years pass again. Same thing, his daughters still the same age and everything. Nobody seemed to get old. At that point and a time has passed, many years have passed. By this time the young man thought, “I should get rid of this guy now. You know, it’s been a long time. I repaying him every way he killed his son-in-laws. I will give him a chance to kill me now. But he hasn’t. There is only one way is to now, is to finish him off.” So in thinking that he begin to build a canoe, a cedar-strip canoe, very beautiful thing. And a cedar and a bark, birch bark covers it with a beautiful decorate and everything. As his build it during that summer, the old man look at it and couldn’t resist.

This canoe is the best that he ever saw. And he said, "I like to have that canoe." I am going to have that canoe, so I'm going to kill him first.

So anyway, summer went on and the boat seems to turn into such a beautiful boat. Sometimes he asks his daughter he says, "do you think you could let me have a little try of it once?" So the daughter says the, and so she asks "do you think you could let him try it?" So he says "sure, anytime that he wants to. But it's not finished yet. It has to be finished." It was finished enough for this old man because it was so beautiful. And then he kept on making and make it so beautiful and decorate it in all that stuff. Then finally the old man couldn't resist and he says, "may I try his boat?" said to his daughter. And his daughter relays his message, "the old man wants to try your boat, the canoe."

So he says, "let him have it, let him try it." And this was early morning before lunch. So, the old man was so eager to get in it, he tip over the brand new canoe and carried it to the shore and he gets in. And he was looking for the paddle. So he says, "where is the paddle?" And then the young man says, "no, he doesn't need no paddle. This is a special canoe. He doesn't need it." So the old man says, "yet to steer though, there must be something about this boat." So the young man says, "he doesn't need no paddle. He just has to hit it on one side and then the boat goes." He says, "you have to hit it lightly then it will go in ordinary speed. You have to hit it harder to make it faster. And the faster you want, you have to hit it much harder each time and it will go faster. But if you are on your journey and you hit it to the left then you turn to the left. Turn to the right, hit it on the right. You want to go straight, hit it lightly like this. It will go straight, or it will stop. If you want stop." So the old man says, "great!"

"One condition" the young man says, "you shouldn't play around with it. You only have to turn when you want to turn. You only have to go fast if you have to. Not just to fool around in. That's the condition that you get to try it." So the old man says, "sure, of course, I'm not going to complain." He'll be very careful, he said. So there he goes, off into the open water whatever it is. Whether it's a sea or lake, or fresh water or salt water. You know where we come from it's a salt water. Cause it's the Hudson Bay. And off he goes into the water. Tap it a little bit, and it goes. When he was far from the shore he want to try some more. "I wonder if it go any faster? What speed should I go in this thing?" Tap it on this boat, it skimming on top of the water. "Now that's fast, really. I wonder if it go any faster?" Hit it some more, more hard. And this time the water just, water just touch to top of the water, just flying. And all straight out into the open water. So he was there, he was enjoying and he says, "while I shouldn't bang it, I should try it anyways. I wonder if it turn to the right?" Bang, and sure enough the boat just turn. Then after he hit it on the left, it turn to the left just like he was actually control it, just by touching it more like. So he does that.

He play with it as he was out there and really enjoy himself and he forget the warning; what he was not to do. Was totally lost in playing a game, playing with this boat. So while he was there, it usually would happen during the summer the great storm would hit that lake. Very quickly in the formation of thunderheads and all that. So that would happen that afternoon. So he saw the storm coming from the shore that he would have

left. Big puff of thunder or cloud and everything. And usually under there is a wind. A real powerful wind. So he look to that –

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