

# A SCARY STORY

GRANDMOTHER, TELL US A STORY... A SCARY STORY.

So- You want A SCARY STORY. HERE'S ONE. SCARY BUT TRUE



IN THE BEGINNING OUR CREATOR GAVE TO US, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH, FISH & GAME PLenty TO FEED OUR FAMILIES & TOLD US TO LOOK AFTER THAT WHICH HE PROVIDED, TAKING ONLY WHAT WE NEED FOR SURVIVAL. THEN CAME THE INTRUDERS, WHO AT FIRST RESPECTED US FOR OUR KNOWLEDGE OF LIVING IN THIS GREAT LAND. WE SHARED MUCH KNOWLEDGE WITH THEM OUT OF PITY TO HELP THEM SURVIVE THE WINTERS. AT FIRST THEY APPRECIATED WHAT WE HAD SHOWN THEM THE WAY OF SURVIVAL.



BUT THEY BEGAN COMING IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS AND BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR LAWS & RULES & REGULATIONS WHICH WE DID NOT UNDERSTAND. NONE OF OUR PEOPLE COULD READ OR WRITE WHEN THEY BEGAN COMING. WE COULD NOT SPEAK MUCH ENGLISH - EVEN IN 1958 WHEN THEY VOTED TO MAKE ALASKA A STATE. MOST OF US DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT BECOMING A STATE WOULD MEAN. MANY OF US DID NOT VOTE. THEN THEY PASSED THE LAND CLAIMS. WE DID NOT EVEN GET A CHANCE TO VOTE WHETHER WE WANTED THAT. SO YOU SEE IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE NOW. YOU GET THE CHANCE. MANY OF THE ELDERS BELIEVED IN THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS.



BUT NOW MOST SEE THAT IT IS 20 YEARS SINCE ANCSA WAS PASSED & WE HAVE NOT BENEFITTED. MANY OF US ARE ON WELFARE. WE REMAIN THE POOREST IN THE STATE. THERE ARE FEW JOBS IN OUR VILLAGES. SOME MOVE TO ANCHORAGE TO LOOK FOR WORK & CANNOT GET HIRED. THEY END UP HOMELESS IN THEIR OWN LAND. IN ANCHORAGE THEY SAY THE HOMELESS ARE NOT THE CITY'S PROBLEM BECAUSE MOST ARE FROM THE VILLAGES. AND THE WINTERS ARE COLD. WE LOOK TO THOSE WHO CAME HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR HELP TO SURVIVE THE WINTERS AND OUR PLEAS FALL ON DEAF EARS.



WE SAY "DO NOT MAKE SO MANY RULES THAT HARM OUR CULTURE." AND THE ONES WHO MAKE THE REGULATIONS WILL NOT EVEN SIT AT THE TABLE WITH US. WE SAY "HIRE US, TEACH US." BUT OUR WORDS GO UNHEARD BECAUSE THE NON-NATIVE VOICE HAS GROWN SO STRONG & THE ALASKA NATIVE VOICE SO DISTANT. WE APPEAL TO THE SECRETARIES & THE SOLICITORS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR TRUST RESPONSIBILITY AND DEFEND THE INTENT OF CONGRESS TO PROTECT ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE & SUBSISTENCE LIFESTYLE.



GOSH, I JUST LOVE THIS SURVEILLANCE WORK. HEY VERN, MAKE SURE YOU ZOOM IN ON THOSE BRAND NEW RIFLES THOSE NATIVES HAVE. THAT'LL GET THE CROWD GOING AT THE GUN CLUB WHEN WE SHOW THE FILM THERE. THEN I'LL CALL FOR THE CHOPPERS AND THE SUPERCUBS AND CESSNA 185'S SO WE CAN CONFISCATE THEIR SLEDS AND GUNS & MEAT.



BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO CONFISCATE ALL THEIR GEAR? WE NEVER TAKE A SLED OR MEAT INTO COURT.



GRAMMA, THAT'S A SCARY STORY. BUT IS THERE A HAPPY ENDING?



WE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR A HAPPY ENDING. THIS STORY IS ON GOING.

