

Happenings I Never Want to Forget

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In this story, the Eskimo man is being a coward. He was very easily scared, he doesn't have too much courage.

Once upon a time there was a woman who was going insane and her husband was getting really scared of her.

She would tell her husband never to bring female seals home, when he got them at hunts. She want only the male seals to be brought home.

One day when the poor man was about to go home from seal hunts he decided to take his seal even it was female. He hated to leave a nice big seal after a long cold day's hunt. So he took it home, even then.

But his wife got furious and ask over and over, "Why is it that you brought the female kind of seal home instead of male, like I want." The poor man was trying to tell his wife that he was cold and tired, so he wanted to take this home, when he hate to leave the nice big seal out there. But the woman was going insane with this, she got just wild so the poor man has to flee for his life. Quickly he ran out and hurried down to his kayak, while the woman was running after him. He got to the sea and paddled away in darkness of evening coming on. But the woman was still angrily coming after him still asking to know why he got the female kind when she herself wanted only the male kinds.

Then in darkness, the man paddled away, as he was paddling on he came to something blocking his way. When he felt around, it was something grassy and long hanging, which seem to be from high cliffing shore. He just grabbed on to it in fear. And he climbed up and up. Still his wife was screaming and still angrily coming after him. He could hear his wife breaking his kayak after him. He got to the top of what seem to be the cliff, in darkness. All out of breath, he ran around on top, there he found a little path. And he followed it. He found out that it led to the door of the nengloo. He quietly entered, looking around; it was lighted very nicely in there. There were places all around the nengloo interior so nicely fixed up, the lamps were pleasantly lighted up, but no one was around. There also was a spinned thread, smooth and long, hanging down from the ceiling in one place and it was by the doorway. He felt it down with his fingers as he try to decide what place he want to get on. Then he thought he better set at the place farthest, facing the doorway, so he can see what goes on, as he was watching for things that might happen. And sure enough, there came some one and she was still at the hallway. It seem to be the pretty girl and she was singing a song. It was a very pretty parted hair of a girl that showed first. Then she came to one of the rooms there. Then there was second singing which was followed by showing first of pretty parted hair, then the girl. It went like this until all the rooms were occupied and the one at where the thread was, called him to move over to her. But for some reason, he hold for a while. But the one that came to the room he was setting in acted very proud and sang more sweetly. (A song). (Those rooms in the nengloos are platform-like places, with no walls to them, but fixed up very pleasant). And the woman there where the thread was kept calling him. But the one there would whisper, saying, "Don't go, just stay."

The one there called and called then finally she said, "OK, I'll fish your wife up." With this she got her thread down and started getting it ready for a line.

The poor man jumped up, but that girl just grabbed and hold him.

The woman there got the thread sink down through the place by her lamp. Singing a little fishing song, repeating and saying parky first. (A song). And she got her parky up. She was doing them up, one after the other, until all of his wife's clothes were up. By this time, the man was shivering with fright and was pulling to go to her place, but the girl there just hold on to him hard. And by this time the woman was saying, "If you don't come to me, now I'll fish her body." And with this, she pulled her thread very heavily, repeating a song. (A song, Galaghanga).

The girl there told the man what to do, "Go out and take the path on the right hand side and it will lead you to the nengloo, when you get there just go in." It is my father there, he'll ask you who you are, so you tell him I have sent you, he'll take care of it, now go," she gave him instructions.

So the man got out and he saw two paths. In his haste he was following the one on the left hand side but he turned back and followed the one on the right side, when he remembered. And sure enough, he got there. And as he entered the old man asked, "Who is it?"

He answered and told him that his daughter has send him in, as some one was after him to harm him.

So he kindly told him to rest there.

And after a while, there came the angry voice again, hollering in from the hole on top, saying, "How is it that you've brought the female kind, when I only ask for males."

And the old man asked, "Is that the one?"

He said that it was.

With this the old man turned up his head and yelled at it. And the fire got out from his mouth and burned up at the top there so that she was quiet.

Then the old man talked to the man and said, "Go see."

The man was very scared to get out, he walked slowly to the doorway, listening. He was so scared that he stopped at the inner door and listened, as he couldn't go any more in fear. He got back from there and the old man asked, "Where is she?"

"She is gone," very scared he answered.

"You didn't go," he bellowed, "Now go see, or I'll do the same to you," he continued on saying.

Very shiveringly the man walked out and he looked around. And on top there was just the lungs of the witch, his wife. She was burned. So he came back in and told the old man what he saw. And the old man there told the man to go home, saying that they were just some help for him. So, when he got out and found his way home, he turned back to see the island, it was no longer there, but had disappeared.