

Story: the Girl and the Bell

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There were lots of supernatural things and demons and shamens in Eskimo villages that when first missionary teachers, Gambell came, lots of people go for what they taught right away, readily, because it is nice Christain way. It is so good to know the love of God.

So it was in this story a girl like others was running and was chased by the devil and he was just bones. She didn't want to marry anyone and her father was upset about this and said that she should marry a devil. Right that evening a skeleton of a man came in, that was him. The girl was very scared. She has scraper for skin in her hand always and was hitting the skeleton every time he come to her. She spent all night crying and hitting the skeleton as she run to here and there. When it was day, she took off and walked away. Then at the close of day she came to the village. The people welcomed

her into their homes.

She stayed in one, the people there feed her all kinds of food especially roots. In the morning she took off and at the close of day, she came to another village they had her stay, too. They feed her some very good tasting roots too. Next day she came to another village this time they feed her only meats of all kinds. Next day she traveled on and came to another village and the people there had her stay over night with them. They feed her only meats again.

Next day the village she came to was has large heavy set people. They welcomed her and feed her all kinds of fish and berries. Next day she traveled on then she saw something strange. What was that? (People here in my home, never use to know any thing of steel, but it came to back in Siberia as only a very near thing, centuries ago.) So she saw a shiney sight under the sun at the evening hours. What was that?

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When she walked some more, she could see that it was a bell, so large that it was as big as a house. And it was going in a spinning way as it swings, it was going up and then down. The girl was so scared of the skeleton running after her that she ran under the bell, when she got there, and the bell stopped then she rested there it was like a house in there. Then she heard a voice from some place in the house and it was asking, "Who is it? Who ever it is that this house is letting in."

"It is me, the girl answered. I am very scared the skeleton is running after me."

A little woman peeked out from the main room in there and said, "Come in, come in then, if the house is letting you in." The little woman there welcomed the girl very nice and made her feel at home. She also feed her and told her that she could stay and sleep there. So she setayed and slept in the cozy room over night. The little woman told her not to fret.

While the girls was asleep, the skeleton got there, too. But he couldn't get in the bell went spinning very fast and was almost down on the ground all the time and it was spinning very swiftly. But the skeleton move every higher move the bell made. When he tried, his head was cut off then, his body. Still the legs run back and forth to get in. But soon they were droven in into the earth, too by the spinning bell. When it was gone the bell slowed down.

Next day the little woman woke the girl up and told her, "You are safe now, the skeleton is overcame by this bell, go home in peace."

Very thankful the girl started toward home. When she turned back, the bell was no where to be seen it was disappeared. It was just some help. She started on her way she was hoping to find the villages on the way that she came to on her way. But there were no villages, only bears holes were seen first, then wolves, foxes, squirrels and last of all the mice. But those animals were helping her on the way, the Maker of all had them for her help.