

Eskimo boy and the rich chief

By GRACE SLWOOKO

Once upon a time there was an orphan boy living with his grandmother. There also was a chief of the village who was rich in things that were useful.

This boy overheard the five men that were brothers that also lived in the same village. The brothers were going to kill the chief of the village and divide his riches among themselves.

So the orphan boy worked on ivory things that might help him climb up the post to put on his fingers as sharp claws.

Then once in a while he would try them on, and climb the supporting pole of his house. Then his grandmother would ask him, "What are those claws for?"

In answer the boy said, "They are for me to climb with. Those brothers are going to kill the rich chief and divide his riches among themselves, I want to be able to get up his storage rack before they get all from up there.

So, at night, the boy went over to the chief's storage rack and was trying out his claws of ivory. Then a man came to him and asked him, what he was doing. The boy told him that he was going to get some of the rich chief's stuff in darkness,

before five brothers get everything.

The man asked, "Are they going to get his stuff?"

"Yes," he answered, "they are going to kill the chief and divide his riches among themselves. I overheard them, so I want to get some before they divide it for themselves."

The man helped the boy up and have him untie the bundles of fur, skins and others and drop them down. And he was saying, "I'll help you." When he got down and as the man was giving the boy bundles of useful things, he talked to him.

"I am the chief, don't be frightened now," the man said as he talked in darkness of night. "Are the brothers going to kill me?" he asked.

The boy was so ashamed that he felt very hot at his face even though it was in darkness.

"Yes, I overheard the brothers there saying, that they are going to fix some food that will kill the chief so they can divide his riches among themselves," the boy answered.

"Don't be scared, I will give you more now to take home as I am happy to know this. Thank you," the chief said.

So the boy went home with fur, skins and other things.

In a few days the rich chief

was invited over for dinner by the five brothers. And over there as the dinner was being served, there was a very appetizing dish given to the chief. While the dinner was going on, the chief would ask, "Am I

the only one eating this food?" He also was saying as he pushed the dish to each one of them, "Here, take some, I'm not going to eat it all, by myself, you have to eat with me." One by one the brothers took a

mouthful and ate. As soon as they swallowed the food, the men got restless and sweated and sweated until all of them became liquid and the floor was filled with water. Then the chief got up and went home.



U.S. SENATORS DISCUSS SEARCH FOR ALASKA NATIVES. Senators Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Walter Huddleston of Kentucky, Mike Gravel of Alaska, and John Durkin of New Hampshire, confer with Alaska Federation of Native President Sam Kito (center) and Irene Rowan (left), president of the village corporation of Klukwan, regarding the current effort to locate all Alaska natives who have not yet applied to share in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Those who think they are eligible should write to Pouch 7-1971, Anchorage, Alaska 99510 for applications.

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Gambel News

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Many people are out at their summer camps. They are seal hunting, picking grains and leaves for year's supply of food and digging for artifacts in the old villages. Once in a while a man comes from Nome and buys the ivory and bones of whales and walruses and artifacts.

Lots of work is going on here. More and more oil tanks are being put up. A.V.E.C., Inc. had 12 tanks for some years

here, but they put two more which makes it 14 now. Three men from Anchorage have been working here for three weeks, they are putting tanks up which is now 121,000 gallons of oil now for A.V.E.C., they also are connecting electricity for the new housing, putting cable for the new school and replacing the old generator for the new one.

North Star has been here and left. We miss Moe, he was not there.

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