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Halítoh!

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(Deer and his antler)

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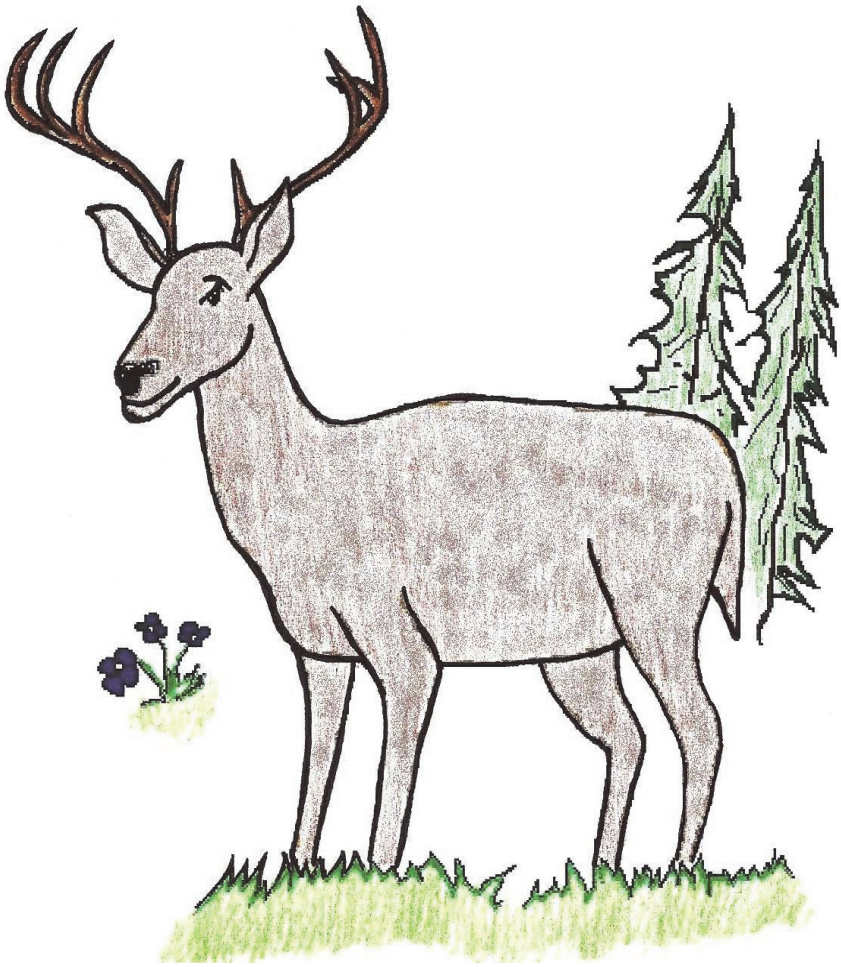
Shokka Annopa kómikat kanaha kanit akchokmát mayáchika imábachih kiyok mat kaniyómi kato pi yoppa ikbi yómih. Isht ika ak ósh shokka annopa anóli attók. Isht ika mat akchokmát atta, nokwiya iksho, hicha hopóyoksa ilawah okmako oklah atókolih íkattók. Himakno kanah at shokka annopa oklah annólih alhi kiyoh. Hih kiya shokka annopa kómika falámat hapim alla imanólit ikít oklah il ilhkólik ma Chahta annopa hakloh ósh maya hínah.

Chahta annopa ik hapi kaníyoh kiya!

ONCE UPON A TIME...

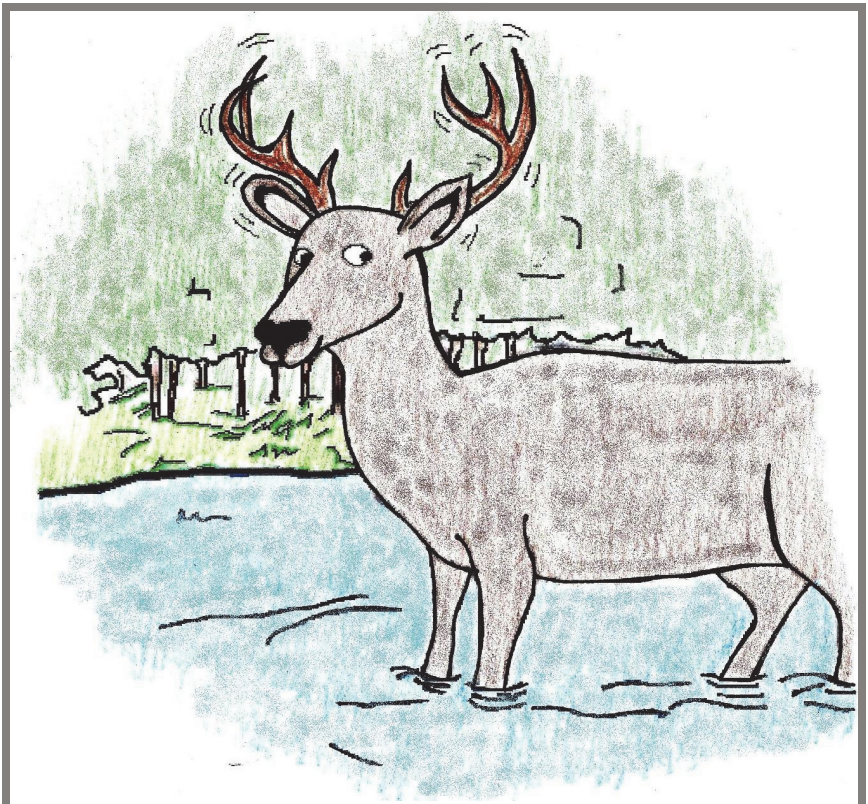


Hopáki ohchásh issi yat kowi chito anoka attah tók. I lapish at pisah áchókmah tók.

(Long ago a deer was in a forest. His antlers looked beautiful.)

Nittak achaffa ka issi mat bók onah mat oka ishkoh ósh hikiya tok ásh i lapish pisah mat, “a lapish at achókmah chá,” ahnit anokfillih tók. “Sah hanáli yat achokma kat a lapish ohmi tok ma achokmá hina tok.”

(One day when the deer came to a creek and as he stood there drinking some water, he saw his antlers and thought to himself, “My antlers look beautiful.” Then he thought to himself “I wish my legs were as beautiful as my antlers.”)



I lapish isht ilífihna tobah mat nittak ayyoka ka okhata iyat i lapish pisah íkah tók. “Issi miko siyah anák ósh,” áchih ósh hikiyah tók ako nánah ókato haksobá chit kaníya ho hakloh tók.

(He became proud with his antlers, so everyday he would go to the pond to look at himself. He was standing there telling himself, “ I am the Deer Chief “ when he heard a loud noise.)

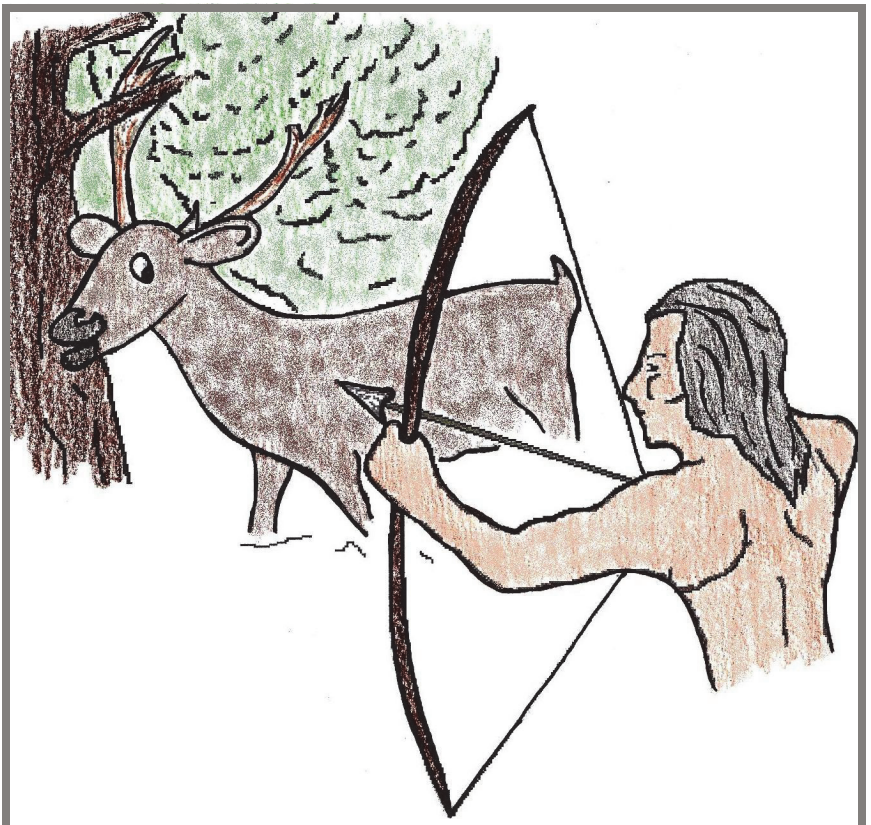
Hattak awatta yósh aya ho issi yat pisah mat balílih tók. Iyyi chonna mat shálit balíli kat palhkih ho hattak awatta mat iyákayyah tók.

(The deer saw a hunter and ran. He ran as fast as he could on his skinny legs as the hunter was right behind him.)

Issi mat abohlih balílit pit chokowah tók.

Ilapish at iti naksis takáli ná ilapish ma shoffih banna tok akósh nánit shoffá híkiyóh ósh attah tók.

(The deer ran into the forest. His antlers got stuck in the tree branch and he tried to get it out but he couldn't.)



Ikahchibo ho hattak awatta mat onah tók.

“Nána ka isht ish ilí fihnah átapah okma chi oppaná hínah ókih.”

Toff.

(It wasn’t too long when the hunter got to him. “If you are too prideful of certain things, it can break you.”)

THE END

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