

Shikih at Ná hoyoh!

Story teller sets the story

costumes/puppets

ST: *Soppokni alhihat /Elders, taught that certain animals fulfill their purpose by definite acts-like the Shikih/Buzzards, are known as the "clean-up crew" of the mother earth. Shikih at nan illi apah.They clean and protect by eating other dead animals, lets check to see what Shikih is looking for.....*

1. **Story teller** outfit-could use the shawi outfit-or a doll puppet in Choctaw clothing(?)

in the background ST says.....

ST: Shíkih at náhoyoh. Shíkih at náhoyoh.[Buzzard is looking for something, Buzzard is looking for something....]

(puppet shikih flies in and is walking around, mumbling to himself.....)

Shikih: Nána kaṅ p̄sali tok. Katomma iya tok?[I know I saw something. Now where did it go?]

(then shikih comes across an okfochosh, who is standing still, as shikih gets closer, okfochosh moves, waddles and quacks)

Okfochosh (quacks at Shikih) and says: *Nátah ish hoyoh átokoh? An áno kiyoh, an áno kiyoh!!!!*
(and flies away) [What are you looking for? It's not me, it's not me!!]

2. **Okfochosh**- need a duck puppet

in the background ST says.....

ST: Shikih at ná ṽla hót iyah. [Buzzard went looking for something else.]

(shikih is walking around looking ... then comes across a kofih who is getting seeds from ground.sees the shikih & says)

Kofih: bobwhite, bobwhite, *Nátah ish hoyoh átokoh? Anáno kiyoh, anáno kiyoh!!!!*
(and flies away.) [What are you looking for/ It's not me, it's not me!!]

3. **Kofih** - need a quail puppet.

in the background ST says.....

ST: Shikih at ná ṽla hót iyah. [Buzzard went looking for something else.]

(shikih is walking around looking ... then comes across an Akak Chito who sees the Shikih & gobbles & says)

Akak Chito: (gobble, gobble, gobble,), *Nátah ish hoyoh átokoh? Anáno kiyoh, anáno kiyoh!!!!*
(and struts away.) [What are you looking for/ It's not me, it's not me!!]

4. **Akak Chito**- need a turkey puppet.

in the background ST says.....

ST: Shikih at ná ṽla hót iyah. [Buzzard went looking for something else.]

(shikih is walking around looking ... looking around, mumbling again)

Shikih: Nána kano pisali tok. Katomma iya tok?[I know I saw something. Now where did it go?]

(then shikih sees something, goes closer to it and sees that it is an Ossi..... Gets frightens and runs and as Ossi spreads his wings, Shikih flies away....)

5. Ossi- need a eagle puppet.

ST comes back to scene

ST: Shikih at Ossi pisah mat, nána ho hoyoh tokat, nokshopah mat, imíyaksi cha, hikat kaníyah tok.

[When Buzzard saw the Eagle, it got frightened, forgot what it was looking for, and flew away.

to the audience

ST: Nátah ho shikih at hoyot nówah tok? [What was Buzzard looking for?]

(Answers should be : dead things, dead animals,)

(audience may name all the animals Shikih found, if so

ST: (may say), " yes but they were alive,{n á illi átok k íyo} so Shikih didn't want them.....

[y o kano, bannah tok kiyoh]

what did we say in the beginning, that buzzards do?.....EAT DEAD THINGS!!!"

Now what was the Shikih looking for?.....DEAD THINGS.....

that's how Shikih takes care of the earth we live in..... Yakokih

Story teller waves goodbye as he leaves.....

Additional Act: Can bring all the puppets back on scene and ask the Audience to name or identify each bird.