

Olén Hilit'ín Ham Lumáyt'omatoy

COYOTE AND COUGAR MADE BIG TIME

William Joseph

Hac'e wíkpayím k'awí Olén Hilit'ín ham peením oc'iktót'omatoy.

One time Olé (Coyote) and Hilit' (Cougar) met each other.

Han lumayihí henímt'omatoy.

They talked about feasting.

Han k'ut'í leyeewóot'omatoy.

They gave orders to drive deer.

Hac'e Olém, Lollám, Hilit'ím hunmok'óyt'omatoy.

Olé, Lollá (Wolf), and Hilit' went hunting.

Han Hilit'ím k'aac'íkt'omatoy.

Hilit' ambushed.

Han Lollám, Olém leyéet'omatoy.

Lollá and Olé drove the k'ut' (deer).

Hac'e k'ut'ím isipic'é, méet'omatoy Hilit'ím.

Then when the k'ut' came out, Hilit' caught it.

Han took'óyt'omatoy lumayím piwná.

He took it to the camp of the feast.

Han mólt'omatoy k'ut'í.

He skinned the deer.

Hac'e Hilit'ím bəəppayím killá, sedeyí dáak't'omatoy.

Hilit' wanted all the liver and blood.

Hac'e Olém “Nii daak'ám ni kan laayí,” hát'omatoy.
Olé (Coyote) said, “I want a little too.”

Hac'e Hilit'ím “Hank'eenó daak'ám ni,” hát'omatoy.
Hilit' said, “I want it all.”

Hac'e Olém əənít'omatoy.
Olé got angry.

Hac'e Hilit'ím Olém wodoytotót'omatoy.
Then Hilit' and Olé fought.

Hac'e Olém, Lollám bedok'óyt'omatoy.
Ole' and Lolla (Wolf) ran away.

Hac'e huuk'úm peením wodoytotót'omatoy, Hilit'ím woontít'omatoy Olém Huuk'é.
The two chiefs fought with each other and Hilit' killed Chief Olé.

Han m̃im̃ p̃iyc'adí wonót'omatoy Lumayím.
The Big Time ended in that place.

M̃im̃ miyé̃m̃.
That is that.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Olé	Coyote, a.k.a <i>Olém Huuk</i> ‘Coyote Chief’
Hilit’	Cougar, who was also called a chief, so we could call him <i>Hilit’im Huuk</i>
Lollá	Wolf

HELPFUL VOCABULARY

K’ut’	‘Deer’
Lumáy	‘Big Time, a feast, to feast’
Hunmok’óy	‘To go hunting’
Wodoytotó	‘To fight each other’
Əəní	‘To be an angry male / to get angry as a male*’ *The word <i>hont’ów</i> means ‘to be angry / to get angry as a female’.
-t’omatoy	This word-ending means that the event took place long ago and that the storyteller did not witness the event themselves.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Did Olé and Hilit’ have a good Lumáy? What went wrong?

Did any words or phrases stand out to you?

BRAIN TEASERS

The word *hunmó* means ‘to hunt’ and *hunmok’óy* means ‘to go hunting’. What do you think the *-k’oy* part of that word means? Do you see it in any other words in the story?

Hint: It shows up near the end.

The word *wodóy* means ‘to fight’ and the word *wodoytotó* means ‘to fight each other’. What do you think the *-toto* part of that word means? Do you see it in any other words in the story?

Hint: It shows up near the beginning.

ABOUT THIS STORY...

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