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1 Babel

1. Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.
 2. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.
 3. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.”
 4. They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.
 5. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”
 6. But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.
 7. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.
 8. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”
 9. So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.
 10. That is why it was called Babel — because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world.
 11. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.
1. varet qa, ra maṇaleje lōrala exkej aṛagav.
 2. yi kiṣī re meraz aṇagav, pse hejarili Xinarit peynem a quit mazelēnem.
 3. “ye geḇolon kuram a manrojem” axrizin sepem.
 4. xun muloron geḇojon, a yejder xīḇij.
 5. “ya manomala a ya vaṣala xisez huerulu kuvem, qex osmiz kregala keram, hefe osmi ariafkī” sepem.
 6. sema ra Sagāra ūrag qex ya manomala a ya vaṣala akāva kisirin liq.
 7. “fe akiṣir exk a lōrar exk isili keovevem, maṇa aqiadi vi oyexi”
 8. “telajez vam a lōrala rupsam, qex axrilin hevom qevavam”
 9. ra Sagāra yin kisilin qix maṇalejz ref, a vāva manomaj apex.
 10. qir “Babel” qa manoma aexpaban — vle qit ra Sagāra lōralan maṇalejz manef.
 11. qix ra Sagāra ra maṇalejz yin kisilin ref.

2 The Fable of the Bog Flower

1. Long ago, the god Varīg, the Slimy One, whose home is the Chthonic Pond, was tending to their garden, which is the Great Swamp.
2. As they did this, they saw a child limp down the path to the Holy Grove and, using a heirakar¹ with great respect and care, take a small cutting of the white bog flower.
3. Varīg was impressed by the child's piety, and blessed the cutting.
4. When the child returned to their village, they brewed the flower into bitter tea and drank it.
5. The next morning, the child awoke to find their limp was cured.
6. The adults of the village, seeing the child's blessing, grew greedy; they thought of using the bog flower to grow stronger and destroy their enemies.
7. They ran down the path to the Holy Grove heedlessly, and tore up the white flower by the handful.
8. Then they stuffed it whole into their mouths, not taking care to brew the tea in the old way.
9. Varīg saw this heedlessness and cursed them for their greed.
10. All who ate of the flower that day were wracked with great pain, many died, and those who did not were crippled until the end of their days.
11. This is why, to this day, the bog flower is called the Varīgoxvlor²

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¹A dagger used for certain rituals

²Ambiguously translatable as *Varīg's bloom* or *The flower that can cure or wound*