

I szaytenlhkálha láku7 Agassiz i tsúkwas kwat háopgam What we did in Agassiz after we finished picking hops

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Original

Iy, wa7 qweqwel'mín tsáta xilem lhlánas wa7 tsukw kwat háopgam láku7 Agassiz. Áku7 Agassiz, tákem stam' wa7 száytenlhkalh láti7 – wá7 i wa7 tans, wá7 i wa7 paoyt, wá7 i wa7 q'ílhil, takem t'u7 stam' száytenlhkalh.

Pútat wa7 twiw't, nilh t'u7 stsúntas ni núkwa:

“Cuys áts'xenem, cuys páqwenstum i wa7 páoytwit.” Tsut: “Cuz' ku7 paoyt k Tsims, Tsímsa, páoyt.sas k *Joe Alec*.”

Nilh t'u7 st'ákkalh paqw, ay t'u7 swat láti7 ku wá7, tsukw t'u7 snímulh twiw't, k'wink'wenlhkálh t'u7 k'a, páqwenstum. Tákem kwas tsúnem ti wa7 cman's sTsímsa, xát'min'em t'u7 kwas t'cum. Nilh aylh stukws páoyti, nilh ste'ums ti7, *Joe Alec*. Nilh t'u7 st'iqs tqak7antúmulhas, tsuntumúlhas:

“Muzmit.stumckal'áp t'u7 séna7, t'u7 ay t'u7 kwens kat'cúmsa k Tsims, Tsímsa”, tsuntumúlhas. Ts'a7cúskalh t'u7 aylh séna7, wis t'u7 tqák7anem ti sqáycwa.

O, qwamqwmetkálh t'u7! Pákwkalha láta7 aylh múta7, tánskalh aylh lhas gap, tákem t'u7 stam' száytenlhkalh, qwámqwmet t'u7.

Nilhkalh ni spála7sa pináni7, nsnúk'w7a, stéxwa snúk'wa7, wa7 ti wa7 *boyfriends*, nilh t'u7, nilhts ti núkwa qaycw, *nboyfriend*, káti7 k'wínas máqa7 kws pzántanemwit, nilh t'u7 sas tsut:

“Cúz'lhkalh ka t'iq kwántsím, lhcúz'as ku tans”.

Nilh s7úxwal'lhkalh múta7 nskícez7a, tsícwkalh q'a7, k'ál'em... k'ál'emlhkalh aylh múta7 zam' ti nsnúk'w7a wa7 láti7, x7ílhkalha lhas wá7. Wá...7lhkalh k'ál'em, ay t'u7 kwas t'iqwit i cúz'a nastumúlitas tans.

“O”, wa7 tsut, “Cuys malh, púnem kelh káku7 ku *partnerlhkalh*”, wa7 tsut. Pákwkalh áta7 múta7 tans. Wa7 tsut nskícez7a:

“Wá7lhkal'ap kánem?”

“O, náskalh ku tans”, kan tsut.

“O”, wa7 tsut.

Pákwkalha múta7 nsnúk'w7a, tsícwkalh, wá...7lhkalh káti7 tcusmin'tánemwit i cúz'a séna7 nastumúlhas, ay t'u7 kws wá7wit. Wá7wit káti7 i núkwa sqaycw, nilh t'u7 stsicws kwántanemwit, pákwkalha tans.

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Wá7lhkahl t'u7 aylh tans, lan aylh t'iq i cúz'a tsicwstumúlhas, tsicwwit múta7 q'a7, piktsasóhwit múta7 i s7icwlha yeqyéy'qtsa7 tsicwstánemwit, tsicwstwítas. Wá7wit aylh cuz' tanstúmulhas, wá7lhkahl aylh x7anentánemwit, aoz kws xát'min'em kws tanstánemwit lánsa...*we got stood up, it was so funny!*

English translation

I'm going to tell a story about what we used to do when we were finished picking hops in Agassiz. In Agassiz, we'd do all kind of things. Some people would dance, some would box, some would run races; we'd do all kinds of things.

When we young, just teenagers, someone told me:

"Let's go see, let's go watch the boxing!" She said: "I heard that James [Stager], Jamesie is going to fight, he's going to fight Joe Alec."

So we went off to watch. There was nobody else watching there except us kids, but there must have been a bunch of us watching. We said all kinds of stuff to James' opponent. We wanted him (Jamesie) to win. Then they finished fighting, and Joe Alec was the winner. So then he came up to us to shake hands, and said to us:

"Oh, sorry girls, but I just couldn't let James win!" We sure were embarrassed, but we shook hands with him all the same.

Oh, we had such a lot of fun! We went off to watch something else, and at night, we went dancing. Everything we did was so much fun!

Then another time, my friend, my cousin actually, she had this boyfriend, and there was this other guy, my boyfriend, we'd known them for a few years. So they said:

"We will come and get you when there's gonna be dancing."

Then my mother and I went home to eat. And then we waited and waited, me and my cousin who was there. They lived right across the street from us. We waited, but they never came, the ones that were going to take us dancing.

"Oh", said my cousin, "Let's go. We'll find partners somewhere or other out there." So off we went to the dance.

"What are you doing?" asked my mother.

"Oh, we're going dancing." I said.

"Oh", she said. So off we went, my cousin and I, and arrived there. We looked around for the guys who were supposed to have taken us, but they weren't there. But there were other guys around, so we grabbed them, and started dancing. We were dancing away, and then the ones who were supposed to have taken us finally showed up. They had gone to eat, and then they had taken some different girls to a movie, and they had brought them along. They were going to dance with us, but we didn't let them, we didn't want to dance with them because...*we got stood up, it was so funny!!*

Grammatical Analysis

- (1) Iy, wa7² qwe•qwel'-mín t=s=át=a xíl-em
 yes IMPF tell(CRED)-RED DET=NOM=1PL.CONJ=EXIS do-MID

lh=lán=as wa7 tsukw kw=at háops-am
 COMP=already=3CONJ IMPF finish DET=1PL.CONJ hop-MID

láku7 Agassiz.
 there Agassiz

'I'm going to tell you a story about what we used to do when we finished picking hops in Agassiz.'

- (2) Áku7 Agassiz, tákem stam' wa7 s-záyten-lhkalh láti7...
 there Agassiz all what IMPF NOM-business-1PL.POSS there
 'In Agassiz, we'd do all kinds of things.'

- (3) (T=wa7)... wa7 i=wá7 tans, wa7 i=wá7 paoyt,
 (DET=IMPF) IMPF PL.DET=IMPF dance IMPF PL.DET=IMPF fight

wa7 i=wá7 q'ílhil, tákem=t'u7 stam' s- záyten-lhkalh
 IMPF PL.DET=IMPF run all=just what NOM-business-1PL.POSS
 'Some people would dance, some would box, some would run races;
 we'd do all kinds of things.'

- (4) Pút=at³ wa7 twiw't,
 just=1PL.CONJ IMPF young.person

nílh=t'u7 s=tsún-ts-as ni=núkw=a:
 FOC=just NOM=say(DIR)-1SG.OBJ-3ERG ABS.DET=other=EXIS
 'When we young, just teenagers, someone told me:'

- (5) "Cuys áts'x-en-em, cuys páqw-ens-tum
 let's see-DIR-1PL.ERG let's watch-DIR-1PL.ERG

i=wá7 páoyt=wit."
 PL.DET=IMPF fight=3PL
 "'Let's go see, let's go watch the boxers!'"

- (6) Tsut: "Cúz'=ku7 paoyt k=Tsims, Tsímsa,
 say going.to=QUOT fight DET=James 'Jamesie',⁴

² The first person singular subject pronoun =lhkan is missing here.

³ The complementizer lh= 'when' is probably missing here, though recoverable from the (first person plural) conjunctive enclitic =at.

páoyt.-s-as k=*Joe Alec*.”

fight-CAUS-3ERG DET=*Joe Alec*

‘She said: “I heard that James [Stager], Jamesie is going to fight, he’s going to fight Joe Alec.”’

- (7) Nilh=t’u7 s=t’ák=kalh paqw,
FOC=just NOM=set.off=1 PL.POSS watch
‘So we went off to watch,’
- (8) áy=t’u7 swat láti7 ku=wá7, tsúkw=t’u7 snímulh twiw’t,
NEG=just who there DET=be finish=just us young.person
‘There was nobody else there except us kids,’
- (9) k’win•k’wen=lhkálh=t’u7=k’a,⁵ páqw-ens-tum.
few•TRED=1 PL.SUBJ=just=EPIS watch-DIR-1 PL.ERG
‘But there must have been a bunch of us watching.’
- (10) Tákem kw=a=s tsún-em ti=wá7
all DET(NOM)=IMPF=3POSS say(DIR)-1 PL.ERG DET=IMPF
cman’-s s=Tsímsa,
opponent-3POSS NOM=Jamesie
‘We said all kinds of stuff to Jamesie’s opponent,’
- (11) xát’-min’-em=t’u7 kw=a=s t’cum.
want-RED-1 PL.ERG=just DET(NOM)=IMPF=3POSS win(MID)
‘We wanted him (Jamesie) to win.’
- (12) Nilh aylh s=tsukw=s ⁶páoyt=i,
FOC then NOM=finish=3POSS fight=3 PL.POSS
‘Then they finished fighting,’
- (13) nilh s=tc’um=s ti7, *Joe Alec*,
FOC NOM=win(MID)=3POSS DEMON *Joe Alec*
‘And Joe Alec was the winner.’
- (14) nilh=t’u7 s=t’iq=s tq-ak7-an-túmulh-as,
FOC=just NOM=come=3POSS touch-hand-DIR-1 PL.OBJ-3ERG

⁴ ‘Jamesie’ is being used here as an English approximation for the hypocoristic *Tsímsa*.

⁵ The clitics =t’u7 and =k’a are in the opposite order here from their usual positions.

⁶ There seem to be a missing determiner and nominalizer here, though the latter may have merged with the preceding third person possessive subject.

tsun-tumúlh-as:

say(DIR)-1PL.OBJ-3ERG

‘So then he came up to shake our hands, and said to us:’

- (15) “Muzmit-s-tumc=kal’áp=t’u7 séna7, t’u7 áy=t’u7
pity-CAUS-1SG.OBJ=2PL.SUBJ=just COUNTER but NEG=just

kw=n=s=ka-t’cúm-s-a k=Tsims, Tsímsa.”
DET=1SG.POSS=NOM=CIRC-win(MID)-CAUS-CIRC DET=James Jamesie
“‘Oh sorry girls, I just couldn’t let James win.’”

- (16) Ts’a-7-c-ús=kalh=t’u7 aylh séna7,
embarrassed(INCH)-face=1PL.SUBJ=just then COUNTER

wis⁷=t’u7 tq-ák7-an-em ti=sqáycw=a.
still=just touch-hand-DIR-1PL.ERG DET=man=EXIS
‘We sure were embarrassed, but we shook his hand all the same.’

- (17) O qwam•qwm-et=kálh=t’u7! pákw=kalh-a⁸ láta7
oh fun•TRE-CHAR=1PL.SUBJ=just set.off=1PL.SUBJ-CIRC there

aylh múta7, táns=kalh aylh lh=as gap,
then more dance=1PL.SUBJ then COMP(IMPF)=3CONJ evening
‘Oh, we had such a lot of fun! We went off to watch something
else, and at night, we went dancing.’

- (18) tákem=t’u7 stam’ s-záyten-lhkalh, qwám•qwm-et=t’u7.
all=just what NOM-business-1PL.POSS fun•TRE-CHAR=1PL.SUBJ=just
‘Everything we did was so much fun.’

- (19) Nílh=kalh...⁹ ni=s-pála7-s=a pináni7,
FOC=1PL.SUBJ ABS.DET=NOM-one-3POSS=EXIS around.then

n-snúk’w7=a, stéxw=a snúk’wa7,¹⁰
1SG.POSS-cousin=EXIS real=EXIS cousin

⁷ The auxiliary *wis* seen here has not been recorded before; it may be related to the second position clitic *wi7* ‘emphasis’ (van Eijk 1997: 205).

⁸ The verb (*ka-*)*pákw(-a)*, ‘to set off’ sometimes appears without *ka-*, as here.

⁹ The focusing predicate *nílh* does not normally occur with a pronominal subject in S’tát’imcets, as it does here; this may be a false start.

¹⁰ *stéxw snúk’wa7* ‘real cousin’ is used here to distinguish ‘cousin’ from the general use of *snúk’wa7* for ‘friend, relation’.

- wá7 ti=wá7 boyfriend-s,
 be DET=IMPF boyfriend-3POSS
 ‘Then another time, my friend, my cousin actually, she had this
 boyfriend.’
- (20) t’u7 nilh=ts ti=núkwa qaycw, n-boyfriend,
 but FOC=3POSS DET=other=EXIS man 1SG.POSS-boyfriend
- káti7 k’wín=as máqa7 kw=a=s
 around.there how.many=3CONJ snow DET(NOM)=IMPF=3POSS
- pzán-tanemwit.
 meet(DIR)-1PL.ERG/3PL.OBJ
 ‘And there was this other guy, my boyfriend, we’d known them for a
 few years.’
- (21) Nílh=t’u7 s=a=s tsut:
 FOC=just NOM=IMPF=3POSS say
 ‘So then they said:’
- (22) “Cúz’=lhkalh=ka t’iq kwán-tsi-m
 going.to=1PL.SUBJ=DEON come get(DIR)-2SG.OBJ-1PL.ERG
- lh=cúz’=as ku=tans.”
 COMP=going.to=3CONJ DET=dance
 “‘We will come to get you when there’s gonna be dancing.’”
- (23) Nilh s=7úxwal’=lhkalh múta7 n-skícez7=a,
 FOC NOM=go.home=1PL.SUBJ again 1SG.POSS-mother=EXIS
- tsícw=kalh q’a7,
 went=1PL.SUBJ eat
 ‘Then my mother and I went home to eat.’
- (24) k’ál’-em... k’ál’-em=lhkalh aylh múta7 zam’
 wait-MID wait-MID=1PL.SUBJ then again so
- ti=n-snúk’w7=a wa7 láti7.
 DET=ISG.POSS-cousin=EXIS be there
 ‘We waited and we waited, me and my cousin who was there.’
- (25) X7ilh-kalh=a lh=as wá7
 across-1PL.POSS=EXIS COMP(IMPF)=3CONJ be
 ‘They lived right across from us.’

- (26) Wá...7lh=kalh k'ál'-em, áy=t'u7 kw=a=s
 IMPF=1PL.SUBJ wait-MID NEG=just DET(NOM)=IMPF=3POSS
 t'íq=wit i=cúz'=a nas-tumúl-ítas tans
 come=3PL PL.DET=going.to=EXISgo(CAUS)-1PL.OBJ-3PL.ERG dance
 'We waited, but they never came, the ones that were going to take us dancing.'
- (27) "O", wa7 tsut, "Cúys=malh."
 oh IMPF say let's=ADHORT
 "'Oh", she [my cousin] said, "Let's go."
- (28) "Pún-em=kelh káku7 ku=*partner*-lhkalh",
 find(DIR)-1PL.ERG=FUT around.there DET=partner=1PL.POSS
 wa7 tsut.
 IMPF say
 "'We'll find partners somewhere or other out there," she said.'
- (29) Pákw=kalh áta7 múta7 tans.
 set.off=1PL.SUBJ there again dance
 'So off we went to the dance.'
- (30) Wa7 tsut n-skícez7=a:
 IMPF say ISG.POSS-mother=EXIS
 "Wá7=lhkal'ap kánem?"
 IMPF=2PL.SUBJ do.what
 'My mother said: "What are you doing?"'
- (31) "O, nás=kalh ku=tans", kan tsut.
 oh go=1PL.SUBJ DET=dance 1SG.SUBJ say
 "'Oh, we're going dancing." I said.'
- (32) "O", wa7 tsut.
 oh IMPF say
 "'Oh", she said.'
- (33) Pákw=kalh-a múta7 n-snúk'w7=a,
 set.off=1PL.SUBJ-CIRC and 1SG.POSS-cousin=EXIS
 tsícw=kalh.
 get.there=1PL.SUBJ
 'So off we went, my cousin and I, and we arrived there.'

- (34) Wá...7=lhkalh káti7 tcus-min-tánemwit
 IMPF=1PL.SUBJ around.there look-RED-1PL.ERG/3PL.OBJ
 i=cúz'=a séna7 nas-tumúlhas,
 PL.DET=going.to=EXIS COUNTER go(CAUS)-1PL.OBJ-3ERG
 'We looked around for the ones who were supposed to have taken us.'
- (35) áy=t'u7 kw=s=wá7=wit.
 NEG=just DET=NOM=be=3PL
 'But they weren't there.'
- (36) Wá7=wit káti7 i=núkw=a sqaycw,
 be=3PL around.there PL.DET=other=EXIS man
 'There were other men around.'
- (37) nílh=t'u7 s=tsicw=s kwán-tanemwit,
 FOC=just NOM=went=3POSS take(DIR)-1PL.ERG/3PL.OBJ
 pákw=kalh-a tans.
 set.off=1PL.SUBJ-CIRC dance
 'So we grabbed them, and started dancing.'
- (38) Wá7=lhkalh=t'u7 aylh tans, lan aylh
 IMPF=1PL.SUBJ=just then dance already then
 t'iq i=cúz'=a tsicw-s-tumúlh-as.
 arrive PL.DET=going.to=EXIS get.there-CAUS-1PL.OBJ-3ERG
 'We were dancing away, and then the ones who were supposed to have taken us finally showed up.'
- (39) Tsicw=wit múta7 q'a7, piktsasóh=wit múta7
 get.there=3PL again eat picture.show=3PL and
 i=s7ícwllh=a yeq•yé•y'qtsa7
 PL.DET=different=EXIS woman•TRE•CRE
 tsicw-s-tánemwit, tsicw-s-twítas.
 get.there-CAUS-3PL.PASS get.there-CAUS-3PL.ERG
 'They had gone to eat, and then they had taken some different girls to a movie, and they had brought them along.'
- (40) Wá7=wit aylh cuz' tans-túmulh-as,
 IMPF=3PL then going.to dance(CAUS)-1PL.OBJ-3PL.ERG

wá7=lhkalh x7an-en-tánemwit,¹¹
IMPF=1PL.SUBJ prevent=DIR-1PL.ERG/3PL.OBJ
'They were going to dance with us, but we didn't let them,'

(41) aoz kw=s=xát'-min'-em
 NEG DET=NOM=want=RED-1PL.ERG

kw=s=tans-tánemwit, lán=s=a...
DET=NOM=dance(CAUS)-1PL.ERG/3PL.OBJ already=3POSS=EXIS
'We didn't want to dance with them, because...'

(42) ...we got stood up, it was so funny!

¹¹ Recording is unclear here: the transcription is somewhat speculative.