

## Čŋčŋsđ Črzsđ

*Uncle Tree*

**T'k'rvz k'mđ vs Čŋčŋsđ Črzsđ, xžxsđ vf šprsd vl'ŋ, zŋ, ŋŋ.**

*Many people believe that Uncle Tree, a creature that lives in the forest, exists.*

**K'vt šlxsđ št'nz mR rŋtsđ v k'mfd zŋ, čzv vžxsđ mR k'rstsđ v t'ržfd k'vt zŋ.**

*It has two legs and hands like a person, but a face and belly like a wolverine.*

**'rt zmvxsđ ž šprfd p'lp'ŋ čđŋŋ.**

*By it are travelers in the forest confused and misled.*

**Xz t'k'rvz tsxpfđ, 'lxŋsđ P'rnltz vz Đrtsžf, Pfržđšknšđ lxŋfd, šRsn.**

*Many years ago, king P'rnlt made war against Đrtsž, king of the Birch Forest people.*

**Đrtsžs P'rnlt pxđn v P'rnltf t'k'rz smv ptsžsđ zn.**

*Đrtsž was afraid of P'rnlt because P'rnlt had a more numerous host.*

**Kmvmts, Đrtsž mxktsđ, P'rnltč žmstsđ zr. Šprsd ŋŋ'z Đrtsž frzlfđ zn.**

*Kmvmt, Đrtsž's wife, was P'rnlt's younger sister, and there was a forest near to Đrtsž's lands.*

**Đrtsž kšvčđ lzmsđ kzŋ spršđzmfđ pšn, fz k'žt mxkpfđ pfln.**

*Đrtsž sharpened the blade of a machete using leather and gave it to his spouse.*

**Kmvmpf ščlxz trRsđ pđ šprfd rRmn fz rt Đrtsž ptsžsđ psR k'žt frzlfđ ŋr žvšđ frzlfđ štsžn. K'ž vlxđ kzŋ xmlfd ščlvzn fz r trRsđ vžlnl.**

*Kmvmt knew a secret path through the forest so she led Đrtsž's troops from his land to the enemy's land. Their eyes were covered by cloth so they did not see the path.*

**V k'zt ŋkrŋržn, Đrtsžs stsŋn skrv:**

*When they arrived, Đrtsž spoke thus:*

**"P'rnltč vlxđ ščlvzm! K'zt mR k'žt ptsžsđ ŋrž šprfd, ŋr Čŋčŋfd Čržfd, ŋr k'ž p'lp'lfpd, štsžm!**

*May P'rnlt's eyes be covered! Lead him and his army into the forest, to Stepfather Tree, to confound them!*

**Zž 'žvšđ frzlsđ k't'fsnml."**

*Let us not utterly destroy the enemy's land.*

**Fz zn štrv. P'rnltč ptsžsđ ŋrž šprfd štsžn fz p'lp'ln.**

*And so it was. P'rnlt's soldiers were led into the forest and were disoriented.*

**Đrtsž svR'z k'mđ 'žvžz ptsžđ šRsšpdčrt'šxđ sčRsđ k'nvn, fz ptsžsđ spfrđn.**

*Đrtsž's intelligent people stole all of the enemy soldiers' tools of war, and the soldiers fled.*

**'Žvz lxŋfd xz Đrtsžf tsxfn.**

*The enemy king was dragged before Ďrtaš.*

**Kzŋ sfrpfď mR mvpfď, P'rnlt vs k'zt znl-'ŋkrRvp mR vs k'zt vz Pfržďšknfď znl-šRsp Rŋkv mrkžt.**

*By the crown and by the sword, P'rnlt was made to swear that he would not return and that he would not make war against the Birch Forest people again.*