

Readers Theater

The Stolen Sun – Elder Ellen White

NARRATOR:

Long ago, Father Sun used to leave his home in the sky to visit and feast with the people in the village.

FATHER SUN:

I think that I will go and visit the Sneneymeux village today, I will feast on salmon with my good friends.

VILLAGERS:

We must prepare for Father Sun's visit! We must collect fish scales to put in a box by the door. This will protect our skin so we don't get burned.

NARRATOR:

All the villagers loved when Father Sun came to visit. Everyone except Qwuni (seagull)

QWUNI:

Why does everyone love Father Sun so much? My white feathers could light up the entire sky just like He does!

NARRATOR:

Qwuni made a plan. He invited Father Sun to his house for dinner.

FATHER SUN:

Hychqa (thank-you) for inviting me for dinner, Qwuni. This salmon is very tasty but needs some salt. Do you have any?

QWUNI:

It is over there in the box. Help yourself.

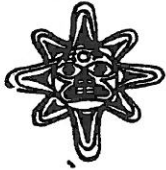
(Father Sun walks over to the box and reaches in. As he does this, Qwuni pushes the sun into the box and puts the lid on tight)

QWUNI:

Ah-ha!!! Now I will be the one who lights the world!!

NARRATOR:

Darkness filled the land. The villagers were worried about their Father Sun.



VILLAGERS:

Where is Father Sun? Why did he leave us? We must ask Raven for help.
(Raven walks in and stands by the villagers)

VILLAGERS:

Raven, can you help us find Father Sun?

RAVEN:

Yes, I will ask the ants to help me. Little brothers and sisters, have you seen Father Sun?

(Ants listen to Qwuni talking to the box)

ANTS:

Yes. When we were walking we saw Qwuni talking to a box. Father Sun is trapped in a box at Qwuni's house!!

RAVEN:

Hychqa little brothers and sisters. I will get Sea Urchin to help me rescue the Sun!
(Raven walks over to sea urchin)

SEA URCHIN:

Hello brother. What can I do for you?

RAVEN:

Qwuni has hidden the sun. Let me swallow you and we will trick him into stepping on your spines.

(Raven pretends to swallow something and sea urchin is gone)

NARRATOR:

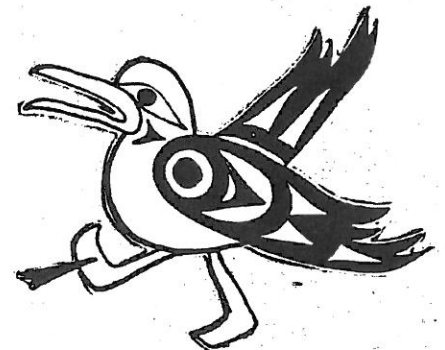
Raven flew to Qwuni's house and lay down on the doorstep. Sea urchin began jumping around in Raven's belly.

RAVEN:

Ouch! Ouch! Help me Qwuni!

QWUNI:

What is all the noise out here?





RAVEN:

I ate sea urchin. You must jump on my belly so she will stop moving!

QWUNI:

OK, just be quiet.

(Qwuni pretends to jump on Raven's stomach and gets spines in his foot)

QWUNI:

Ouch! Raven help me! Get these spines out of my foot!!!

RAVEN:

It is too dark. I can't see!

QWUNI:

Hurry, open up that box in my house. There is something very bright in there.

(Raven opens the box)

RAVEN:

Father Sun escapes go my Father. Go back to the sky where you will be safe

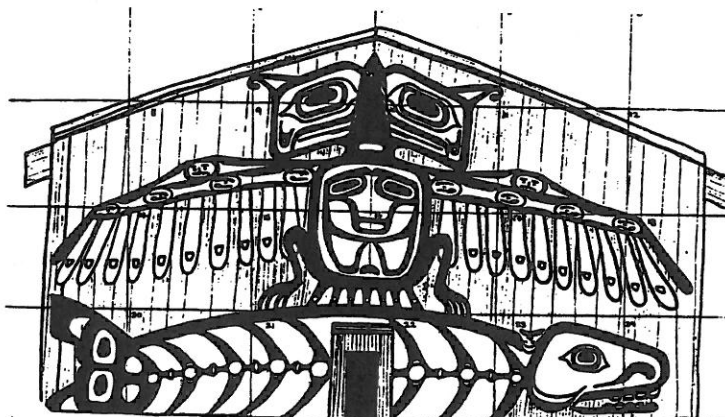
QWUNI:

Help me, these Sea urchin spines hurt!

(Raven takes the spines out of Qwuni's foot)

NARRATOR:

Qwuni apologized to all of the people and the animals for hiding Father Sun. Everyone forgave him because they were so happy to have the sun back up in the sky.



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