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Editorial Note

These historical traditions were told by the late Cedor L. Snigaroff (1890-1965) in Atka Village in the Aleutian Islands during September and October, 1952. They were recorded on tape by me, transcribed and translated with the help of Snigaroff's daughter, Vera, and were first published in my book Aleut Dialects of Atka and Attu, Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, New Series—Volume 49, Part 3, 1959. In April, 1971, Vera (now Nevzoroff) helped check, from the tape, the text and the translation, and in February, 1973, a preliminary edition was made for a bilingual program instituted at Atka in 1972. Later, the English style of the translation was corrected with the help of Michael E. Krauss, University of Alaska. In 1976, in Oslo, the text was worked over again with Moses Dirks of Atka. In the present edition, the sentences are numbered for convenience of reference.

-Knut Bergsland

Kasakam Aslagaan Anĝaĝiilaqas

Kadim hadagaan malgaliin udang anĝaĝiqas axtanas, ilakuchangis haqatananing imis hixtaangan axsiting.

Udakus tanaĝas kadim hadagaan malgaqas, tanadgusimaan tanaŝtaalaqas akus, waan tanadgusimaan tanaŝtaalaqas akus, tutaqaning ila-

gan angunangizulax haqatananing imis hixtaangan axsiting. Saguugam tanagagan aslagaan hamamatal tanaxtaalaqas.

4 Kadim hadagaan udan Atxax tanadgusigiqalikugaan, Saguugax agacha tanagaqaliqax axtanax.

5 Saĝuugax tanaĝaqaliqax, tanaĝaqaliqax udan Atxax tanadgusiigamagiĝiqalikuĝaan, tanadgulaqaliqax axtakux.

6 Aasaku kugan kamgam ulagan angunaa aguqa axtana, maalal, kadim hadagaan angaginam kamgada aqangizulax ilan txidix kamgadas, ilan kamgada txidix hidgul, kamgam ulagil hamang tanadguchagil txidix angagiqalinas.

Hingan Saĝuugaŝ hiilaŝtanaŝ, tanam qalgadaŝ alaayulax, ukulgal tanadgulaqaliqaŝ hiilaŝtadaŝ tutazanaq.

8 Hingamatal kugan anĝaĝinas al, kadim hadagaan tanaĝal, Kasakaŝ haman suŝtakuŝ, anĝaĝinas hamahligan anĝaĝil, aŝtagalikuŝ wakus matalganas liidas matalakaĝis, praviizaŝ, hamaax anaĝim qalgadaĝanaa,

9 praviizam qaatagaan anaĝim liisnaa ukuîtazanazulax aîtazakus. Saaxaraî, mukaî saaxaraî, suxariî, hamay uhlii, qaqam itxaîtaganaan malgazaqaî hiilaîtazaî. Uglagaan, chuîtaqam ilangis. Hamaax qalgadam it-

11 xaxtagan angunaayulax, kay wakus matalganas liidas ilan, chuxtaqam

2 alanaayulax ilan maqaĝulax aŝtanaŝ. Hiikus aslingiin anĝaĝinas algam ig-

luqangis akiitas chuxtaqaxsixtal chuxtaqaxtazanas, angagizanas axtazakus.

 Akuĝaan, Kasakam kampaanii hingan suxtal hingahligan akum, anĝaĝinas akuziin, hiing kartuufilax agacha hawaan huzugaan hitichxisxal
 ngiin alaniĝagaĝulax. Anĝaĝinam huzuugizagan quchigan aalazagax.

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Hingamatal qan'gim ilan qan'gimaan taxsalgaqadaguun, qalgadax, qax, ulux, huzuugizaa qakasxal, qan'gimaan qalgadaxsilgal, uuchistvax hiilaxtax malgaqax hamay ilan, ulam angunagan, ilan angagilgaayulax, qalgadas qulihlingiin agugal hamamatalgal, Unangam ulahlii akux,

Life in the Russian Period

Now I shall tell you a little of what I know about how people lived here in the early days.

I shall tell you a little of what I have heard [from my father] about how they lived in a village here in the early days, when the village was at Old Harbor [Nikolskoye, later called Korovinski].

The first village here on Atka in the early days was indeed located at Old Harbor.

The village located at Old Harbor was the first town [main village] of Atka, so it was there that town life started.

A big church had been built there, so the people who had not been Christian before were baptized in it, became Christian, and started to live in a village with a church.

7 That place called Saguugax, being a place rich in food, was selected for a village site, according to the stories I have heard.

The way people lived there in the village in those early days, when the Russians were dominating the place, was not like the way we are liv-

ing now. For food, they did not get more than some groceries. Sugar—flour and sugar—and biscuits, that's all there was for extra food, it is

10 said. And, in addition, some clothes. People could get a little extra food

11 there, but people did not have as many clothes as we have nowadays.

2 The people who lived at that time in fact used to wear clothes that they made of animal hides.

However, the Russian Company that was there and dominated the place used to have the people grow potatoes all the time, so they had enough of those. That was done by all the people.

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In the winter, when they had finished collecting it for the winter, all the food, fish and meat, that was dried for winter food, was stored in the so-called community house they had there. It was a big house in which no one lived, built just for food—an ordinary Aleut house in which they

- hamamatalgal nagan qan'gimaan qaqax taxsazaqax hiilaxtadax. Haakus iglugam ayxaasigahlinangis malgal huzungis, suun'giilgingis, haakus Unangam chuxtaqangis uliigis, igluqas, an'gim chigdaganangis, kungin chuĝaa-aqagan huzuugizangis hamang ilan taxsazaqaâ hiilaâtadaâ.
- 17 Tayagux alanalakan, angaginax alanalakan, hingay huzugaan maqagagas hiilaxtazadas.
- Al hamaax anĝaĝinax, haman qalgadax taxsaqax aguun, taxsaqax axtaguun, qan'gim silan, wan tugidam hulaxtanaa inal aguun, slax hawaan huzugaan maqat maqadagaan mal, angaginam qaatunanginiin chisilgaqali-
- zagax. Hingamatal tugidagahlinax hingay hiilaxtal, axtagalikux angaginax alanalakan axtagalikux, inaxtahligulagaan qan'gix ikaagazaqaa hiilaxta-
- zax. Mal liidam tagadangis tataam taxsalgaqalizaqas. Taxsaĝinas ganas al,
- tagada taxsazanas hiila tazas. 21 22

- Mal uuchistvam ilagaan angaginas, kay praviizam ilagan angunaayulax, huzuu ilagaan, sugal ilan, angaginaziin angagiisachxisxazaqax hiilax-
- 23 tadax. Anagim hasinaa matanagulax axtakux higazadax.
- 24 Udakus anĝaĝiilanas liidas ilan matalgalakan, Unangam ayxaasingis agach ilan ayxaalazaqax. Igilax hiilaxtax, matal hamamatal, hawaan huzugaan, inaîtadamulax ayîaalazaqaî hiilaîtazaî.
- 26 Qanikinga haqal aguu, alganaaxs ulux, algam uluu, ilgaagan txin ayxatnax aguun, hamamatal ukugalakan ukutnax aguun, chuqudalakan hamamatakux, sunax as txin liidakux, algam uluu chxaasal hamaagazanax
- hiilaxtadax. Qawas, isugis, ulungis huzungis, igluqangis huzungis, igachingis, hamaax kugaan qigulgaa-aqam huzuu kugaan qigulgazaqax axta-
- kux. An'gingis, kimlangin huzungis taxsalgal, qakadgulgal hudas ngiin, qakaxtangis ngiin imdaalazaqas.
- 29 Hingamatalgal tanaĝakuĝaan, tataam Amlax anĝaĝinaĝiiĝutal, hamakus matalgaaguzanas liidas matakux, kamgam ulalguu agach ilan maa-
- zanagulax. Kay laavkix ilan maazanagulax. Angaginangis hingaan Saguu-
- gam hadan ayxal ilagaan alanadix ukumixtax maqaxtazanas hiilaxtazas. 31
- Ataqan hingan Unangam qaqagan uhlii qaxtal, tanam ilagaan hawan qalgadax, qalgaagan aqangin huzuugizangis taxsaxtal qalgadaxtal, uuchistvax hiilaxtanam ilan huzugaan ilan aasazaqax hiilaxtadax.
- 33 Qikun sisxix, ilan anaĝis haĝulgal, huzugaan ilan anĝaĝilgagax hiilaxtadax, uma. Umaan sitacha Imla-chuqaa hiilaxtax, akiitax angaginagil, anĝaĝinangis hingaan sisxim ilan awal hamamatal hamaax hiisaxtazanas hiilaxtazas. Tutazadaqaning.
- Malgaaguzanas liidas hingahligan malgaaguzanas liidas Amlagim 36 kugan malgal, Amlagim kugan iĝilax angam hadan ayxal, algas lal, qas lal, slum ilan hagumatal, ulus qakadgul, sas akiitas, haakus tanam ilan sam azanagan huzungis slumaan lazaqas hiilaxtazadas.
 - Aasanas agudix, qan'gim ilan qalgadax alalakan hagumatal angagiza-

- used to store food for the winter, it is said. All those skin boats they had, and their equipment, and Aleut clothes, boots, hides, gut parkas, every-17
 - thing they would wear, used to be stored there. There were lots of men, lots of people, and they did this all the time, it is said.
- But towards winter, at the end of this month [September] when the 18 weather generally changes, the food that had been stored was distributed to the hungry people, to everyone. This happened every month, but even
- though there were many people, it did not end before the winter was over, it is said. Again, one started to collect new supplies of the same
- kind. Having eaten what was kept in store, they used to gather new 21 supplies.
- Everything kept in the community house, including some groceries,
- was given to the people to live on. It did not contain many goods, it is said.
- 24 Living differently from the way we do nowadays, they had only
- Aleut boats for travelling. That was the kind called iĝilax (baidar), and with that they always travelled constantly, it is said.
- When spring came, they went out in it for hunting, in search of animal meat, and stayed away for a long time. It was not a small boatmore like a ship—and it used to come back there full of animal meat, it
- is said. Sea lions and seals, both the meat and the hides, and the sinews,
- and anything that could be collected, was collected. The intestines and all the stomachs were stored, dried, and filled with dried fish.
- 29 In that way they lived in the village there; but also on Amlia there were people, living in the same way, only there was no big church there.
- Nor was there any store there. The people used to go to Old Harbor
- [Korovinski] to get what they needed, it is said. They ate only Aleut
- food, and the food, everything to be eaten, was gathered from the island and kept in the so-called community house, it is said.
- At the pass there, where the goods were carried across, people al-33 ways lived, it is said, on this side. Also, on the other side, at the place called Gorge's Throat, people lived, and they worked at the pass in the
- 35 same way. That I have heard.

- The same conditions as these prevailed at Amlia, but at Amlia the baidar travelled in another direction, catching animals and fish (in the summer, that is), and drying meat, and birds, too. All kinds of birds that stay on the ground were caught during the summer, it is said.
- 37 Doing this, they had plenty of food to live on in the winter. Those

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- nas. Haakus sam igluqangis chuxtaqaxsixtal chuxtal, Kasakam kampaani-
- 39 gan suxtaxtagalikungis, chuxtaqalgus maazanazulax axtakus. Wakus
- matalganas liidas mataqazulax. Hiikulgal ud-hadan anĝaĝinangis sam igluqangis chuxtanas hiilagal gumalgazakus.
- Iĝilak alganaaĝiiĝan qagaanul, Saĝuugamax akiitak, hnuktal kugan 41 al, qawangis lal igiim husiisaqadaguun, Amlax hnuusanax hiilaxtadax.
- Aasaguu tax umaax Saguugam kugaan naanuxtal ikun tangix, Qanatanax hiilaxtadax, ama naa-hadan haakus tanĝis quchxingin ayxal, hingakuugizas maqaxtal, qawas ama, uluu, hawan qawax agacha algam haaganaa-
- yulax akux maalal agach, uluu taxsazaqax axtanax. Qas sulilgal, qakasxal, huzuugizangis taxsazaqas axtakus.
- Anĝaĝinam qalgadax taxsal agiicha itxaanuxtal, itxan al, tanam ila-44 gan ilan aaĝdix ilan chisilalgal, hagumatal qan'gimaan qalgadax ilgaqali-
- zanas hiilaxtadas. Ulus qakadgul, qas qakadgul, algam igluqangis qakad-
- gul, huzuugizangis mazalgaqas axtakus. Kartuufilax hitichxis, umay 46 agach Kasakam qalgadaagamagii anax axtazakux, uhlii qalgadam angazanaganaan ukuĝaqax hiilaxtadax.
 - Hingaan Saĝuugamax hiilaxtanam sangis lalgal, chuxtaqaxsilgax maqaĝazaqak hiilaktadak. Sagan igluqaa chuktaqaksilgal. Ingachik al aguun, chuxtaqax igiim aguxtal, aniqdutiin matas aguxtal huzungis chuxtachxil kadim hadaan aalaqax axtazax. Algam igluqangin uhlingis uliixtal.
- 51 Amum ilagan angunaayulax ukuxtazaqalikus, hingamatal kumax chuxtal hangadan haakus sam igluqangis agach chuxtaqaxtaaguzanas kadim hadaan angaginas axtazakus.
- 52 Alaĝum qaa chiĝanam qagan huzuugizaa itxan taxsalgal, hamakus hixtakuning ulam angunagan, inaqamchix kumchiix nagan angagilgaayulax aguxtal, qalgadahlix ngaan imdaxtaasal, ngaan chxataasal, qan'gim
- ilan udixtaalal anĝaĝiilazaqax hiilaxtadax. Hagumatal anĝaĝinas qaatula-53
- 54 kan qanagzanas hiilaxtazas. Praviizam angunaa qalakan aagdagalikus
- aasazanas axtazakus. Kasakam aslagaan angunax ukugal qaqagulax axtakux mal, ilan angunatalgal qaqagulax hiilaxtadax.

- bird skins they made into clothes, because as long as they were under the 38
- Russian Company, there were not many clothes. It was not like we have
- it now. That is why the people around here wore bird-skin clothes, as it is said.
- A baidar that went eastward to hunt would go all the way to 41 Seguam, where it would hunt sea lions, and having caught a full load,
- would carry it to Amlia. At the same time, from Old Harbor, people went westward, travelling back and forth between Kasatochi and the islands to
- the west, and did the same thing, hunting sea lions for the meat. The sea lion is the most nutritious animal; that is why they used to store the meat. Fish were salted and dried, and all of it was put away.
- Another food-gathering party would go in a different direction, 44 where they would be scattered about in the places they were supposed to
- go, and they would start to look for food for the winter. Meat, fish, and animal hides were dried; they used to do all this. Only potatoes, which
- used to be the main Russian food, were grown for supplementary food, it is said.
- The birds that were caught over at Seguam they used to make into 47 clothes, it is said. They made clothes from the skins of the birds, that is.
- A married couple in those early days would make for their children the
- same kind of clothes that they made for themselves. And they had boots of animal hides only.
- When they started getting cloth, on top of that cloth clothing the 51 people in those days mostly used to wear those clothes of bird skins.
- All the ocean fish and the river fish were stored separately—as I 52 said before, in the big house that they had made, not to live in themselves, but just for keeping food, to fill it with food-and in the course
- of the winter it was distributed to the people to live on, it is said. In that
- way the people lived through the winter without starving, it is said. Even
- though they did not eat much store-bought food, they survived. In the Russian period they did not get much to eat, so they did not eat very much there, it is said.

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Kasakam Agalagaan Amilaayus Haqaasanangis

Amlax tanaĝakuĝaan, Amlagim anĝaĝinangis, tayaĝungis, mayaaŝs ayŝal agungis, haakus txidix aĝiŝtaasanas, tayaĝum anaŝ maakaganulax txidix aĝiŝtaasanangis, haang slul, tayaĝungis alaĝum hadaan ayŝal, ayagangis tanaŝ aygaxs, nam-hadan Saganaŝ hiilaŝtam ilan al, qas hiing taxsanamchix uglagaan, uguruudaŝ hingahligan agul, kartuufilaŝ hiing awaasal hiing sluzanas hiilaŝtadas.

Aasal angangis, umang chugum hadan haakus udangin ilingiin ayxal, hawahligan qas lal haang qakadgul, akang Amlagim chugan akaaĝigan, Chuliidga hiilaxtax hamang, udaĝanaa hamang akux, hanix alalakax, haanuĝil haanux alalakax, haanus ilan lal, hamang sluzanas hiilaxtazas. Ilangis umang nam-hadan Aguulux hiilaxtam ilan algam ulungis qakadgul, igluqangis qakas taxsal hiing sluzanas hiilaxtadas.

Hagumatal haakus tayaĝum txidix aĝiŝtaasanangis, imgaŝs alaĝum qangis lal, qas taxsal, ulum qakangis agunamchix uglagaan tataam qas lal, qakas taxsal, hagumatal haang sluhligudix, sluŝ inatil, sluŝ inal aguun, tayaĝum ayŝanangis hawaaĝal aguchix, iĝilaŝ ilingin ayŝaalal, huzuugizangis hamaax taxsalgal, Amlagim tanadgusii ngiin hnuulazaqas hiilaŝtadas. Taxsanamax huzuu angaŝtangis hamaax tataam uyalgazaqas hiilaŝtazadas.

Tanamax kugaan aĝal agudix, tataam hawan tiĝyux hiilaxtanax ngiin lachxisxaaĝutazaqas axtazakus. Ngiin lachxisxal, ulangin huzunginiin lachxisxal ngiin, taxsal inas aguu tataam iĝilaĝiilal aglalgal, tanadgusim hangadan ulangin huzuugizanginiin chachiilazaqas hiilaxtadas.

Hagumatal qan'gimaan txidix anĝaĝiqalizanas.

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9 Aguu hawakus tayaĝum anĝaĝiikangis tataam qan'gim ilan naa-hadan ayxal, mayaaxs, chngatus lazanas axtakus.

Hagumatal naa-hadan qanaxhligudix, qan'gi\(\hat{x}\) inatigudix, mayaaqadal hawaa\(\hat{g}\)al, mayaaqadix hawaa\(\hat{g}\)asaasaqadagudix, Sa\(\hat{g}\)uugam kampaanigan hadan huyaasal hamahligan a\(\hat{g}\)zanas hiila\(\hat{x}\)tadas, tayasal. Anguna\(\hat{x}\) aki\(\hat{x}\)talaka\(\hat{x}\), hamamaalaqa\(\hat{x}\) a\(\hat{x}\)taku\(\hat{x}\) hi\(\hat{g}\)ada\(\hat{x}\). Kay hawaan Sa\(\hat{g}\)uugam taya\(\hat{g}\)ungin huzungis, naa-hadan ay\(\hat{x}\)anangin huzungis, hawaax hiisa\(\hat{x}\)tal, an\(\hat{g}\)a\(\hat{g}\)izanas a\(\hat{x}\)takus.

The End of the Russian Rule and the Coming of the Americans

When there was a settlement at Amlia and the Amlia men were away hunting, those who were left—the men who could not go out and were left—passed the summer there, the men going by sea, the women walking on the land. At the bay called Saganax on the south side, in addition to catching fish, they made a vegetable garden, spending the summer working with potatoes, it is said.

Another party was sailing in the bays on the north side, where they caught fish and dried them. Beyond the north point of Amlia, at the bay there called Chuliidga, where there are many lakes with lots of red salmon in them, they used to spend the summer catching red salmon, it is said. Some spent the summer on the south side at the bay called Aguulux, where they dried and stored animal meat and hides, it is said.

So the men who were left spent the summer there, catching ocean fish with lines and storing them, and besides making dried meat they caught more fish, drying and storing them, until the end of the summer. Then the men who had been out came back there and, coming for them in baidars, gathered all of them from there and brought them to Amlia village. Together with all they had gathered, they were fetched from

village. Together with all they had gathered, they were fetched from there, it is said.

Later, when they arrived at their place, their task was to cut what they called *tiĝyu* [wild rye]. They had to cut it for all of their houses, and when they had finished gathering it, it was brought together in baidars and used for thatching all the houses in the village, it is said.

So they started to live for the winter.

The able-bodied men, however, in the winter went westward again to hunt, to catch sea otter.

When they had spent the whole winter in the west and had come back from hunting, with their harvest, they brought it for delivery to the company at Old Harbor, selling it. The price was low, but still they did

so, it is said. Also, all the men of Old Harbor, all those who travelled westward, did the same thing for their living.

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Mayaaqadal hingaaĝal agumchix, kampaanim ilagaan, Kasakam 13 taangagan akiĝiiyulax, buchuunukam angunaa, kraanax daĝuutaa, hiing ngiin axsxazaqas hiilaxtadas. Agudix inaqamchix haxsixtal ilaan taangal. Buchuunukam taangax itaa, chaasxit angaxtaa, chaasxingis qigdagil daĝan chidgizanax hiilaxtadax. Qichixtaasal, tayaĝungin ilingiin aasal, taangazaqaa hiilaxtadax. Aasalaan kamgagizaqangis hiilaxtazadas. Kam-17 paanim ilaan akiĝiiyulax ngiin axtalgal. 19

Hamaax hiisaxtal hamamahlikuziin, Kasakax inakugaan, Amrikaanchix sakaagakugaan, maqachix maqadanas.

Kasakam kampaanii, udan Atxax suxtakux, qankus sisax chngatux guudam ilan aguchxizanax hiilaxtazadax. Hingan amangachxizanagulax hiilaxtazadax. Anax akugaan Amrikaanchix sakaagakugaan, ataqax hiilaĝal lalgaqaliqas hiilaxtazadas. Hingan ayxax agulgaxtagalikux, mayaaxch xisxazaqax hiila xtadax. Lach xisxazaqas hiila xtadas, hawaax hiila xtahlikus, txidix kinguunuqalinas hiilaxtazas. Hlax akuqaang hiilaxtakus tutazaqaning.

Amrikaanchi sakaa gala axtaku gaan, Saguugam tanadgu sigan achidagaan sunax txin agatikux, skuunax hiilaxtadaa-aqax matam sunaganaa hamaaĝal, Amrikaanchim sunaa al hiĝakuĝaan, anĝaĝinangis txidix iĝatal, chngatum igluqangis mataqachix aĝudguxtanas hiilaxtazadas. Chngatux ngaan tayalalagaaxtax.

Amrikaanchi sakaa gal, kazna maazaqadal, vuulna malgaqaliqa , anĝaĝinam managan ilaan suĝaqadaqax ngiin hiilaxtaaĝdagalikus, sunam tayagungis luusanazulax axtakus, higadas.

Qalgadam Kasakam aslaan ukuĝaqanginulax huzuugizangis adaaĝalaxtaasal, hawaan aniqdunginiin achxuxtaasal, hawaan anĝaĝinam ludaaĝingin ngiin uuĝliisal, qalgadax ngiin axsxagudix, qagudix asxalaasaa-agnas, haqayaxtalagaaqaa higal, iganaalazaqas axtakus. Higal tunuxtaalakus tutazadang. Axtagalikux, qaatukuchix maasal, imchix agutaasal qazanas axtakus hiilaxtakus tutadaning.

32 Amrikaanchix sakaagal higakugaan, hawaan angaginangis qidanas 33 hiilaxtakus, tutadaqaning. Kasakax txidix agiisanaa qidaasal qidal.

Aqamchix agalagaan, matalgaliin anĝaĝilgaqas matalgaxtalakaĝis 34 imax ukuxtaqalinas axtakus, lunazulax akus txidix lutxalinas axtakus,

Aaĝdagalikuĝaan luhlilakaĝis, Amrikaanchix sakaaĝakugan agalagaan, Kasakam giniraalaa udaaĝaxtal, Amrikaanchim sunagan kugan hawaaĝal aqadaam, suvraaniyax aguxtal, slux, asxuunulax chaang slux, asxuunulax hatix slux axs aguu, Kasakam hadagaan tukux hingaagaxtal udaan anĝaĝinanginiin iĝamanaalaxtanas, Amrikaanchim iĝamanaasanangis ukudaa-aĝnax, hamang ngiin hiilaĝakus, lul ahngazanas, ham-hadaakul txidix qaĝal samgazanas hiilaxtadas. Axtagalikus ataqadiidahlim hiikuulanadix ukuxtanazulax hiilaxtadas.

13 When they came back from hunting, they were given Russian liquor free from the company, a big barrel with a faucet. They themselves turned it on to drink from it. The liquor barrel, with its cups, had the cups hanging hooked onto it, it is said. Standing around it, the men used to drink from them. So they used to feast, it is said, being given it free from 18 the company.

19 So they went on until the end of the Russian period, until the Americans came out here, and then their conditions changed.

The Russian Company, when it dominated Atka, used to have 300 20 sea otter caught a year, it is said. They did not let it go beyond that. But 21 when the Americans came out here, people began to kill them [sea otters] without limit. Even if they got more than that [300], they let them hunt, 23 it is said. They let them kill them, going on so until they began to get scarce. When I was a boy, I heard people telling about it. 25

26 When the Americans came out here, a ship appeared below the village of Old Harbor, the kind of ship called a schooner. When it was said to be an American ship, the people got scared and hid away the sea otter skins they had, it is said. [They did this] so they would not have to sell 27 the sea otter.

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When the Americans came out here and there was no government anymore, the people were told that freedom had begun, that they were no longer forbidden to do as they wished. But they did not believe the men on the ship.

All kinds of food that had not been seen in the Russian period they 29 brought ashore as treats for the children, but the older people told the children to keep away from it-warned them to not pay attention to the food they were given; if they ate it, they would die. I have heard stories about that. But wanting to eat it, they ate it in secret, I've heard it said. 31

32 When they were told that the Americans were coming out here, the people cried, I've heard it said. They cried because the Russians were leaving them.

34 Later on they began to see that their living conditions had changed. At first they were mistrustful; they then began to gain confidence.

However, they did not feel sure after the Americans had come out 35 here, until a Russian general came here on an American ship and held a meeting. The people were told that after one year, or five years, or ten years, an agent from the Russian side would come to inspect how the people here were being treated, how the Americans treated them, and they trustingly agreed, and bowed deeply in gratitude towards him, it is said. Nevertheless, they did not see that happen to them even once [no Russian agent ever came].

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37 Tax Kasakam aslagaan matalgaqazulax Amrikaanchim aslagaan matalgaqalil, anax alanaqadal, saygis alanaqadal, kaluusix alanaqadal, alanamchix huzuugizaa mayaagnamchix kugan ukuxtal angagiisaqalinas hiilaxtadas. Chngatus lal tayasal. 38

Kampaanim hingaaĝanaa Lilinoy Kampaanix hiilaxtaqax axtakux, udaan huzuugizaa, Alaaskam tanangin huzungis, tanĝingin huzungis, sunax hiilaxtazadax. Matal angaginas mayaaxchxis, alanagulax aguxtaqalina î hiila îtazada î.

41 Hingaan aslaan udakus chuxtaqas hiilaxtaa-aqas ngiin chugaqaliqas hiilaxtadas. Sam igluqangis chuxtal liisnaqadanas hiilaxtazadas. 42

Axtagalikus anĝaĝiisim hasinaa ilingiin hikisxaqas axtazakus. Wayaam ukuĝaŝ, daqaĝilakaĝis maalal hamamaalaqas aŝtakus. Taŝ wayaam matalgagulax.

Hamakus kadim hadagaan mataliin anĝaĝiqangis matalgal aguu, wayaam kum tukum angunaa malgakux. Malgaakaqadal gumalgakux. Haman akiitam ilaan chngatus mayaaxsxal, mayaaxsxahlikuziin, 1910 chngatux txin chachinax. Maazaqadanax.

Qichitim angunaa agunax axtakux haman chngatux, kadim hadaan 50 aasanax axtakux. Maalal chachiqax axtazakux. Tax maazaqadakugaan, uuquchiingis uhlingis anĝaĝiilal, anĝaĝiilahlikuĝaan, wan akiitax hnulgakux, tataam maazaqadaagutakus. Akigilakan maazaqadaagutakus.

37 But in the American period people began to get what they did not have in the Russian period-plenty of goods, plenty of guns, plenty of ammunition—and all they needed for living they received [in exchange] for what they hunted, selling the sea otter they caught.

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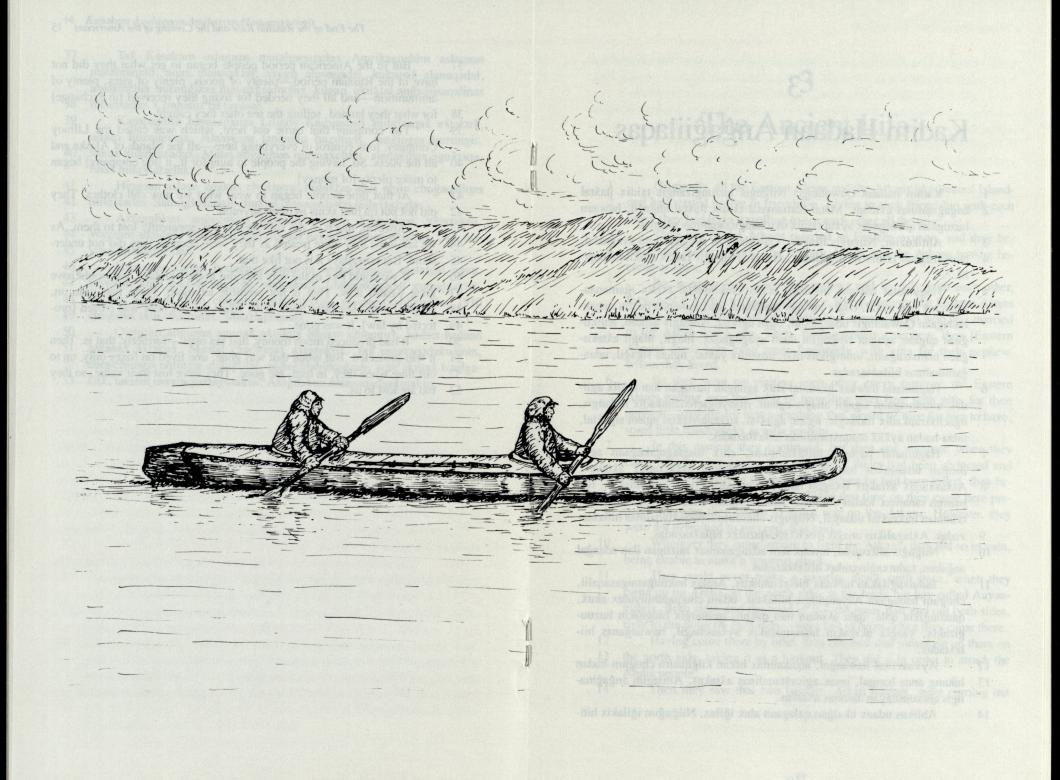
The company that came out here, which was called the Lilinoy Company, took control of everything here—all the islands of Alaska and all the islets. So, having the people to hunt for it, it [the company] began to make plenty [of money].

At that time people began to wear what we now call clothes. They did not put on bird skins as often anymore.

43 However, much of the subsistence was apparently lost to them. As 44 we see now, they were treated as they were because they did not understand. But nowadays it is not like that. 45

If we could live in the way they did in the old days, we would have great wealth now. That is not possible anymore. From that time on, people hunted sea otter until 1910, when the sea otter was closed [protected by law]. It was gone.

50 It had produced much money, that sea otter—formerly, that is. Then it was protected. But when that was gone, one lived on foxes only, up to 52 our time when they, in turn, are gone. They have lost their value, so they 53 too are lost to us.



Kadim Hadaan Anĝaĝiilagas

Kadim hadaan Qawalangis Niiĝuĝis huzuugizangis txidix ilaxtal anĝaĝiqalinas axtanas. Matal hamamatal txidix ilaxtal anĝaĝil, hawaan huzugaan quchigmax ayxal txidix ukuxtaaguzagalinas axtanas.

Ahlikuziin, Niiĝuĝis ilingiin, Qawalangim ayagaa ngiin ayagaalal, taamazagaan txidix ilaxtaqalinas axtanas. Niigugis txidix chikiidaxtaqalil.

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Hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtal txidix chikiidaxtal txidix igamanaasakuchix mal ayxal, txidix agiidax maqaxtal, slux agnagan huzuu qagaahadagaan Qawalangis udaaĝaxtal, udan agiidal, Niiĝuĝis agiidal, ahlikuĝaan qagaan ayagaa Niiĝuĝim ilaan ayagaĝaqax, hlaĝil, hlaĝil axtakuĝaan taamazagaan, umniĝikus mal, umnidix yaxtal, ngaan sigaĝil, udaaĝamikalinas hiila tazadas.

Hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtal slux agnagan huzugan ilan txidix agiidal, umnimagaan sigaĝil anaĝis ngaan, maayuĝachxizaakadix liidangis. uĝachxizaakadix liidangis, ngaan aguŝtal, suĝanaadaŝtal ngaan sigaŝtal, udaa-hadan ayxax maqaxtaqalinas hiilaxtazadas.

Hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtahlikus, slux haqaagutakugaan agiidaaĝan udaaĝakus haman, umningis, chxalgal asxasxaqax axtakux.

Asxasxaqax axtakux isxagan ilahligan udaagal txidix qaganilakan, hamamas tanamax hadan chiilunas akus, hingaan hazan awaagan ilan alitxumaan haxsaxtal udaagal, Niigugis alitxuusax maqaxtaqalinas hiilaxtazadas. Axtagalikus anaĝis machxisxaqazulax hiilaxtazadas.

Niiĝuĝis alitxuusal, umaax ilan adaaĝanamax huzugan ilan adaaĝal aaĝakus, tadutxaĝinazulax hiilaxtazadas.

Tadutxaĝilakan hawaax hiisaxtahlikus, Amlax hakuuĝamigasaqalil, chugum hadagaan Aayangiilgis hiilaxtas, udam chuqudahliiyulax akux, qaatuuĝikix qala, qala akiitam ilan qakun, qaatuuĝix hidgitikin huzuugizakix, yaaĝix akiitakin huzuugizakix ayxaachaĝil, hawaaĝanas hiilaxtadas.

Ayxaasxital hawaagal, aqadaamax hikan kiiguusim chugum hadan 12 hikang anaa hangal, imax agisaxtaqalinas axtakus. Amlagim angaginangis alitxuusaaĝan aasanas axtakus. 14

Ahlikus udaax ukalĝan qalagaan alax iĝilax, Niiĝuĝim iĝilakix hiti-

The Ancient Life

Originally, all the Eastern Aleuts and the Atkans [Andreanof Islanders] had started to live in friendship. Living in such friendship with each other, they had been travelling to see each other all the time.

Then one of the Atkans married an Eastern woman, and they became still closer friends, the Eastern Aleuts and the Atkans having become in-laws.

So, because they were now in-laws and friendly with each other, they used to travel to visit each other. Every summer the Eastern Aleuts came here to visit the Atkans. Then the Eastern woman who was married to the Atkan had a son. Then, having gotten a nephew, they [Eastern Aleuts] came here even more frequently, with gifts for their nephew, whom they loved.

So they went on visiting each other every summer, the Eastern Aleuts getting into the habit of travelling over here with gifts for their nephew—making for him something that would be nice for him to have, some little handiworks as gifts for him.

In this manner they continued, but then one summer, when they came here to visit again, that nephew of theirs had been abducted and

killed. Arriving here at the very place where he had been killed, they became furious and returned home. From that time on they came here pre-

pared for war; they began to make war on the Atkans. However, they were not permitted to succeed, it is said.

Wherever they came ashore to fight the Atkans, they did so in vain, 10 being unable to make a surprise attack.

They could never make a surprise attack until once, when they 11 came up on Amlia on the north side, at the fairly big bay called Aayangiilgis. Both sides and the head of it—the inner part and out both sides. right to the point on each side—were full of boats when they came there.

Having come there by boat, they climbed that mountain up there on the north side, taking it as a lookout. They did it in order to attack the Amlia people.

14 Then they saw that two baidars, Atkan baidars, were coming out

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kux ukuxtaqalinas axtakus. Amlagim angaginangis akus udang qalim hadan ayxaqadaamax hitnangis ukugaqas axtakus. Saganam hachan Hadĝiilux hiilaxtanam kuhligan adaaganas axtakus.

Kuhligan adaaĝaaĝdagalikus hikang kiiĝuusim kangan tayaĝum madguxtanangin huzungis damax ilan ukuxtaqalinas hiilaxtazas. Sagnihlikux amaatxahlikux. Dangis trubam qichiga liidanas axtazakus. Tanam ilagan ilan tiihnam ukugaqaayulax huzugaan ukugaagan haqatalgazaqax axtakux mal, maalazaqas axtakus.

Hamaax hiisaxtal hamamahlikus hamang Hadgiilum kugan tayagus txidix taxsal, malganam huzungis ukul hamang txidix taxsal, akuziin, agalagaan, hakaax kiiĝuusimax kangagaan kims hingan sisxix axs qikung Saganam nagan sakaaĝal, agadaamax, Saganam ilan sakaaĝal gakuun sisxim hatxalagaan sakaaĝal angtangiin alaĝum achidan sakaaĝal. tugimaĝim akaanugan huzuugizaa akaaĝatxalil iiqim ilaan hitxalixtagalikus, hingaan sisxim chuqigaan inaxtanazulax hiilaxtazadas.

22 Hamaax hiisaxtahlikus agalingis haxsal, hawan hidgitix hitihlikus sakaaĝal, akaan yaaĝim kugaan sakaaĝal alaĝum achidan txidix taxsakus, Hadĝiilum kugaan ukuĝaqas hiilaxtazadas. Hiing manangis ngiin machxisxal hiing ukugal. Angalikingan chigdux haqagan aslaan hamaax hiisanas axtakus.

Aaĝdagalikus hingaan unangaa, tayaĝum isiikaa qamdaatax maasal, isim slaxhlii axtagalikum, qamdalakan, kay chagnatukux, haman isiigan txidix ayxatikus, alagux akalikus, huzungis alagux axchxisxahlikus, masxiziin udagaliin Hadĝiilum daĝan aĝaaĝdagalikus huzungis txidix alaĝulitikus, hakaax Hadĝiilum kugaan txidix sunas al ngiin kims, adaaĝahlingizulax akayum ilan uĝalulgal inasxagas hiilaxtazadas.

26 Ataqan tayagux ilingiin agiilaqas, Aataagligax hiilaxtadax. Tukungis anas axtakus.

Hamamas makungis aqadal, tataam haman alitxuum ilakin txidix aĝiisanaa agiital tanat hadangin chiilunax hiilaxtazax.

Chiiluqaam agalagaan txin alitxulgiigutaqadaam haqal, hawakus 29 naa-hadan tanangis axs hakuuĝanagan huzugan ilan hamaax hiilazaqas hiilaxtazadas. Alitxugan angaxtangis lalgazal hamaax hiilaxtal.

Tanaxagim Igadagikix tataam, alax tanadgusilgux hamang akix tataam, asxasagutaagan hnunangis tataam hiing maazaqadasxaagutagas hiilaxtazadas.

Agalagaan tataam chiilul agudix, txidix alitxulĝis hawaaĝal hawaax hiisaxtal, naanuugutal akan Unalga hiilaxtadax tataam adaagaasaagutakus, Unalĝan (tanĝikuchax al angunalakan hingamatakux) sadan tanĝim isaxtangis, unĝingin akayuĝingis hiing akus, daĝiin aĝalanas, amgix aslixs hamaaĝanas akus, ukuĝaqazulax axtakus, hamaaĝanas axtakus.

Angalix haqakugaan tataam ngiin ukugaqaliigutaqas.

from the head of the bay here. They were Amlians who had travelled 16 over here and now were seen on the way out of the bay. They came ashore at the island called Hadgiilux, outside Saganax Bay.

17 As soon as they came ashore, they could see with their own eyes everything the [Eastern] men were doing up there on the top of the mountain. It is fairly distant, but their eyes were like a sharp telescope. A 19 bump that previously had not been seen at a place they could always rec-20 ognize for what it really was. That is what happened.

After a while, at Hadĝiilux, the men gathered, seeing all that was going on. Then the Eastern men descended from the top of their mountain. Crossing the pass, they came down to Saganax. Coming over one by one from the other side of the pass, they came down to the shore of Saganax and out all along the beach, from the inner corner; still, the line of men did not come to an end.

Finally space opened up behind them, as they were coming down and out along the bay shore, and coming down from the point, they gathered at the shore, being observed from Hadgiilux. The people watched them while they were doing that. This went on in the afternoon, while the tide was coming in. 25

Now, the sound there, which is not too deep for a man to cross—a rather wide crossing, though; shallow, but with a strong current, too they set out to cross that. Letting all of them pass, so that all of them had gotten out into the sea on their way over to Hadĝiilux, the men who had gathered at Hadĝiilux came down upon them, and before reaching the shore, they [the Eastern Aleuts] were speared to death in the strait.

One of the men was left, "Potential Fur Seal Bull" by name. He was 27 their chief.

28 Having no other option, together with the few warriors he had remaining, he returned to his islands, it is said.

After his return, he supplied himself with new warriors to come again, but at all of the islands of the west that they approached, they suf-30 fered the same fate. Each time, he and his warriors were beaten.

Reaching the [villages] Igadagix of Tanaga, two big villages there, 31 again intending to kill, they were annihilated.

32 Later, having again returned, they kept coming out with new forces, and going west, they in turn landed at the island called Unalga, arriving at the islets outside of Unalga (itself a small islet); these are [as if they were] cut up, with channels between them. They came there by night and were not seen when they arrived. When daylight came, how-

ever, they were seen.

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Ngiin ukuĝagaliiĝutagas axtakus, maalal amgixsxagaliiĝutagas axtakus, amgixsxahlikus, adaaganangin huzungis amgixsxaqas, amgix akiitax amgixsxaqas axtakus. Kay kumax malgaaguzanas makus.

Hamaax hiisaxtahlikus adaagahlizulax slachxizax hulaalakugaan, ukuĝanadix anuxtalakaĝis mal hamang, ilan anamax ilan, saĝaatumasukus mal txidix saĝanilanas axtakus. Ataqan tayaĝux imax amgiĝnaasal aasanas axtakus. Amgiĝiixtax matxadaamax ilan txidix saganinas axtakus.

Txidix ayugninangis ukuĝaduukaqadahlikus, tayaĝum anĝaĝiikangin uyminangis hingaax ayuxchxisxal, ayxaasim alanangizulax, ilangis alaĝum kugan txidix aĝiisal, ilangin uyminanangis hingaan achidagaan aĝal, qagaan tayaĝungis hamaaĝaqangis hamang saĝal axtakus, sulgaĝiisalakan achidangin adaaĝal aqadaamax, ayxaasingin huzuugizangis qisadguqadaamchix ayuxtuxchxis, huzungis ayuxtuxchxisxakus alagum kugan huzuugizangis daĝin qisadgul, iĝanaasingin uĝalungin huzuugizangis ilingiin sul, asla imax akiisaaĝingis agulgalakan, anaĝiŝ ukuduukaĝulax hisxal aangan, hamaax huzungin ilingiin ayuxtuxs, alaĝum kugaan aĝal aqadaamax ayxaasingin suun'gimax huzuu angaxtangis alaĝum hadagaan udagaalal sadim hadan kitxisxaqadaangan, hakungudaĝan imachxigaqalikus, sagamax ilan umlal haxtuxsal, txidix aygaxtal aagakus, asla makungis alakan, asla sulaan txidix akikungis alakan, aqadasxaqas.

Hingamatal aaĝakus, makungis alakan angadingiin aĝal ukumayugaaxs aqadaamax ilingiin, ayxaasim huzungin ilingiin tanaanul, tangis kungin aĝiilagas hiilaxtadas.

Qawalgan kugan adaagalal, Unalgan kugan adaagal, ayxaasingis, huzuugizangin iĝanaasidix angaŝtangis hakuuĝasxal, hamamatalgal amgixsxaqaliqas akus, amgixsxal hamamaalahlikus, qidanax alakan aagal maalalakaĝis mal, qidal tutaatunaĝulax aguxtaqalikus tutalgaqaliqas axtakus.

Hamamatal hamaax hiisaxtahlikus, asla qalgadamaan ukuusal qakungis azulax mal, tanĝimax kugan haagal, qaatul, qidal hamamatakus, kyaĝal hamaaĝachxisxaqazulax maalal ngiin haqayaĝalakan, maaĝaniin hagumanangin huzungis idaĝalakaĝis.

Hamamatalgal hamaax hiilaxtahlikus, huzugan ilan tunungis kinguunul, tutanadaqadaqaliqas. Tutadalgalakan, hizax tutalgadangizulax txidix haqaqalikus, huzugaan amgixsxal hamamaalahlikus, chugidaqadanas. Chugidaqadakugan agalingiin hamamatalgal ukusxaqadaamax, hnulgakus huzungis as kala ktangis uku gaqas hiila ktazadas.

Al haman amgiĝnax, amgiĝiixtax masxaqax, ilaxtax kay txin saĝaninax axtakux, ukugaqax, idagazigatalakan ilaa akalugalaan, malgaaaqam huzuu malgaqax axtakumaan idagaqagulax hiilaxtadax. Tax hamahliim asxasxaqadaam, alagum achidan anuulaqax axtakux. Hamamataxsiidal hamang anax axtanax hiilaxtal tunumkaalakux tutazadang.

34 Having now spotted them, the people began to watch them. They watched to see whether all of them came ashore; they watched them even at night. And they [Eastern Aleuts] did the same [watched the Western 35 people].

In the morning, as they were about to come ashore, it was fine wea-36 ther, so thinking that they had not been observed, they went to sleep on the spot, probably being sleepy. They put one man on guard. Having put 37 him on watch, they went to sleep.

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As soon as they no longer were seen moving, able-bodied, vigorous men were sent out—lots of boatmen, some of whom remained out on the sea, while the more vigorous ones got to the shore there, coming silently ashore below the place where the Eastern men who had come there were sleeping, and they tied together all their boats and sent them out. When all the boats had been sent out to sea, where all of them were tied together, they took away all their [Eastern men's] weapons and spears, depriving them of means to fight back, and when they [had made it so that they] would not be able to find anything, the people left them. Out on the sea, the boats with all their equipment were taken away, further out on the ocean side, and then the people started hollering up to them from the seaside. So the Eastern men awoke and stood up, got to their feet; but being unable to do anything, having nothing to take to fight back with, they were left that way.

40 So they were unable to do anything, and having watched them for a while from the opposite side, all the boatmen went away, back to their place, and they [Eastern men] were left on the islets.

Coming ashore at Kavalga and Unalga, the people pulled up their [Eastern] boats with all their equipment and so began to watch them [Easterners]. Being watched like that, they could do nothing but cry, and the people heard them start crying and making an awful noise.

There they were, unable to find any food to eat, starving on their 42 islet and crying with hunger, but since they had not been forced to come there, the people did not pay attention to them, knowing all that they had planned to do.

They were left like that until their voices gradually became weaker 43 and finally could not be heard anymore. When they became inaudible,

barely audible, they were still watched, until they became silent. After they had become silent, the people left them like that for a while and then went to them and found all of them dead.

46 That guard who had been put on watch, who also had been caught sleeping, was recognized when one passed by him; he was recognized

47 when the whole task had been completed. Having been killed previously

[by his own people], he had been thrown onto the beach. There the poor man was lying, according to the story I have heard.

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49 Hagumaasaaĝdagalikudix, huzugaan malgazamakus maasal, ulungis taxsax maqaxtazaqangis axtakus, taxsal, huzungis tanalĝil inatzaqangis axtazakus, maalaqas hiilaxtazadas. Algam tanagan kugan akus mal.

Umaax tanĝiŝ hnuqamagulax huzuugizaa hnumixtal hawaax hiisaŝ-tal, txidix hagumaasachŝizanas hiilaŝtazadas.

Ilgalgalakaĝis, hadangin huyalgal alitxuulaaĝan ilgalgalakaĝis, agatingis ayâal txidix hagumaasachâizanas hiilaâtadas. Tayaĝum uyminangin anĝaĝiikangis anas hiilaâtadas. Qagaan tayaĝungis akus agatingis txidix hamamaasachâizanas hiilaâtazadas.

Hamamatal hamaax hiisaxtahlikus, Tagalax hiilaxtax tataam adaagaasaagutanas, hiing Tagalam qigangan tataam tanadgusix al hiing angaginagiigutakux, tatahliim hnul asxasagutaagin, hiing Tagalam udagan slugaan agalanas axtakus, haqataqazulax. Chiimuusix hiilaxtam qayaganagan kangan angis tataam aslixsxal ukulgaagutal.

Haang anaa hawaan Tagalam qigangan yaaĝa ataqan yaaŝ al sakang kimtal, alaĝum achidan, yaaĝim qatuuĝii kingtitugan qayaa al, ugimgiŝ stiinaŝtaa hitaxtakuŝ, kadaa isaŝtal, isaa slaxhlikuŝ, tayaĝum agangaa-aqaa slagaatalakaĝim, hakaax itŝaĝil kimtal alaĝum ilan angtaĝil, isigan naga alaĝum ikaaĝaŝtaasakuu, kay naga qamdakuŝ, hakaax qusam hadagaan ukuĝal aguun ataqan tanaŝ liidakuŝ hingan, kadaa isigan kadan hiing ungluŝ hiing anaa, angaŝtaa ukuĝal aguun ataqan tanaŝ liidal hakaax kimtakuŝ ukuĝadaŝ maalal, daĝaan aĝalanas al, hingaan anĝaĝinangis hiing tanam kugan txidix hnuchŝiitulakan, hamaan isim agangan unglugan daĝaan aĝalanas aŝtakus. Alaĝum hadagaan ayuxtuŝ hingaaĝalal, hingaax sadim hadagaan kugaan aĝal, kugan hakaaĝal, kumax malgaaŝtaziin aqam huzungis ukuŝtakus mal, tanadgusidix aĝiisal anĝaĝiisimax huzuugizaa hamaan unglum daĝaan aĝalaasanas hiilaŝtazadas.

Aasaqadaamax amgix haqakugaan, unglumax kugan qignam ugaxtaduukaayulax aninas hiilaxtadas. Qaxchikdax haqaqalikugaan aasal.

Haman tanax atiim al hakaax kimtakux ukugadax maalal, matanaa ukuxtaagnas maalal, hamang unglux malgaaxtaa haqatalakagis, hamaan unglum dagan qignax anilgakugaan, ukuxtanas axtakus, mal haman qignax imus axxasaxtas hamamaalakus mal, manas axtakus, maaxtas hamamaalakus mal, maagan anuxtanas axtakus. Tax matanangis haqataqangizulax. Tax qaxchikdax haqal angaginax yaagiduukaqadakux hamang, hingaan unglum saduugigan txidix chisixtanas al, hingaan qignam hingamaalanagan, aniganagan, aqulan hamang, adim hadaa litamulax ilan hamang txidix aqalinas axtakus, tayagum ilangis amgignaxtal. Axtagalikux amgignangis anax ukuxtanazulax.

Qaxchikdax haqakugaan hamakus qagaan tayagungis txidix sul hakaax qayam kugaan kimkalinas, haxsamax huzuu alitxuugan, qignax imus alitxuugan hamamanas, ukuganadigulax anuxtal aasanas. However, in a case like this, they used to collect the bodies and bury all of them, and that was done to them now. They were at an animal rookery; that is why [the people had to clean up].

Reaching one islet after the other in the same way, everywhere they [Eastern Aleuts] suffered the same fate.

Without being provoked, without anybody approaching them to induce them to war, sailing on their own initiative, they had that happen to them. They were vigorous, able-bodied men—Eastern men—who, by

54 their own fault, had that happen to them.

Going on like that, they next came ashore at Tagalax Island. At the east end of Tagalax there was a village with people, so to kill them they
 got into Tagalax Bay, without being noticed. On the top of the hill called Chiimuusix the people met them [the Eastern men].

Seen from there, the point of the east end of Tagalax goes down to the ocean like a continuous point, being a point with steep and high sides—a projecting cliff wall. But there is a chasm at the end, a fairly wide cut, too wide for a man to jump across, with the side going down abruptly into the sea, and the chasm has the ocean going across it, being deep too, although from above it looks like continuous land. Seen from above, the end [of the point] and the pinnacle [high rock] at the far side of the chasm together look like one piece of land; that is why they had gotten there—the local people, not wanting to be caught on the island,

8 had gotten onto the pinnacle on the other side of that chasm. They had come there by sea, and from the ocean side had climbed up onto it, for they had seen all that was being planned against them and had left their village, bringing with them all their provisions to that pinnacle.

After that, when night came, on their pinnacle they lit a continuous fire. They did that when it got dark, that is.

Because the island looks as if it goes straight down, to make them [Eastern Aleuts] see it like that, without their knowing about the pinnacle, the fire was lit. When they saw the fire, being induced [by it] to

62 make their attack around that fire, they did that—being induced to do it,

63 they intended to do that, but they did not know the real situation. When darkness was coming and people were going to rest, the people scattered on the outer side of the pinnacle and placed themselves in the lee of that

burning fire, so as not to be seen from the land side. They put some men as guards, but the guards did not see anything.

When darkness came, those Eastern men started to come down from the hill in a body, to attack with all their equipment, to make their attack around the fire, thinking that they were not seen.

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Ahlikus hamaaĝanangis ukuĝaqaliqas axtakus, tayaĝum ilangis, ahlikus hawaan yaaĝim kugaan utuxsahlikus, inkam ilagan ilahligan txidix igidguqalinas axtakus. Igidgul, igidgul, agiitingis ugaludix imax gutmixtaasal, inaqamax txidix asxadgul, hakaax ituxsal ituxsahlikus hingan isim naga qakatnas, alaĝuu qakas axtanas hiilaxtazadas, hamaax hiisal tataam maazaqadaagutal.

Angalik haqakugaan isii, alaguu aamgik uluudaasal hingamatal, chiizananax liidal hingamatal, tayagum ulungis hanikal, ugaludix imax gudguxtaasal, hanikal haang akus, ukugaqaliqas hiilaxtazadas.

Hamaax manaaĝikungis maasal, inaqamax txidix asxadgul inadgul axtakus maalal, huzuugizagan ulungis hamaax tumsal, adaagadgulgal tumsalgaqadaangan, hamaax ilangiin angistaqangin hadangin aygaxsxakus, ayxaasingis haang axtakus, suun'gidix suun'gitangis hamaax suqas hiilaxtazas. Hamaax sul suun'gingis imax suun'giisal, angagiqalinas hiilaxtazadas.

Agalagaan haax ayxal, hagumaxtagalikus, manaagnangis ngiin machxisxalakaĝis. Hawaax hiisaxtahlikus liisnaqadanas hiilaxtazadas.

Tax hawaax hiisaxtal ukutikus, Saguugamagim kugan Niigugis tadus hnul, hiing adux ulaxtanagan hachan atiiguzan ugalul inatxadaamax, alax tayagux asagadudax akix, hamang adum qalan changanax axtakux, alax uĝalux utmikix sixsizaqadaamax, hamang changanax axtakux, Qatxayax hiilaxtam tukuganaa hamang, qagaan tayagugan tukuu akux, igananax hiilaxtazadax. Hamakux tayagux hamang changakux txidix aĝiisal hamang changanakix ukuxtazigatal angalikin axtakux maasal, slukin changalgal hamaax igulgaaxtax hixtal, akugaan, asagaan agiital adum qalan changalaganax hamang, kuum higanas huzungis tutakum asagaan as hamang adum qalan txin agutxadaam, adum qalan matanangis idaxtamulax mal, mal adum qalan, ugimgim ilidan qixyaxsiĝinax liidagan, kugan algaakaan mataa hamang axtakux, kugan hakaaĝal, asagaan hamang iquĝim ilan axs ngaan aĝutichxiqadaam, tayağux qakaax angalim silagaan qanguxtagalikux, txin ukuxtalakax, qakangudaĝan agach ukuxtakuun hadaam qanguhliguu, udan sitxiin akalil aguu, itxagan angangiin haman ugaluun ngaan tugaasakuu, txin ikus hitxiqadaam, hitxalii-axtakux mahlikux, haang adum hachan, angalix hnuxtam ilan hawaagal aagakux, haang ayul haang asxanax hiilaxtazax.

Al haman, tax haman, tukux, iganal hamamahlikux, tataam tayaĝux nagmax qanguuĝutal, hamakus malgadas axtaa-axtakus mal haman, axtalgaaguzaa-axtanax axtal haqahlikux, udan sitxiin akaliigutal aangan, tataam itxagan angangiin haman, ixchxingin angangiin ngaan ugaluun tataam tugaasaaĝutal, madat hamaax hiisaguun txin ikus hitxalidax axtaa-axtakux mahlikux, agitaadaam ulugan ilan achigii-axtanagan, ilan haang tataam achigiigutakux, qakangudagan ukuxtal, asla chakiim ila66 Then the people started to see them coming, some men rushing down along that point, until they started to fall down into the air. Falling and falling, some of them impaling themselves on their spears and killing themselves, they dropped down in heaps and finally filled up the interior of the chasm, displacing the water, it is said, being annihilated once again.

68 When daylight came, the people could see that the chasm, the sea, was red with blood, bright red, the bodies of the men floating around, impaled on their spears.

69 They themselves were suffering what they had planned for the people; they [Easterners] had killed themselves to the last man, and all the bodies were removed. When they had been brought ashore and disposed of, the people went to where they [Eastern Aleuts] had started from and took the boats they had there, fully equipped. Taking their equipment for themselves, they resumed their lives.

71 Later, when Eastern men came into these waters, their plans were always counteracted. Finally they became less numerous, it is said.

73 After some time, however, they took the Atkans by surprise at Seguam, spearing them all just outside the cave they were living in there. Then two men, cousins, went into the bottom of the cave, with two spears they had broken in the middle. But the chief called "Wren," the chief of the Eastern men, gave his orders. Having seen for himself that those two men were left [alive] and had gone into the bottom of the cave, he told a man to go in after them and pull them out. But the [Atkan] man, who together with his cousin had just gone into the bottom of the cave, heard everything that was being said about him and hid himself and his cousin there in the bottom of the cave, for he knew what the bottom of the cave was like; on the cliff side it is as if it had a shelf made on it, where one can stay, so he got up there and had his cousin hide himself in a corner. Then, when a man came in from the daylight without seeing him, he, looking out, saw him [coming in], and when the man was on his way in towards him, passing right below him, he thrust his spear into him along the man's neck, and turning around, the man rushed out but did not get farther than to the entrance of the cave, to the daylight, where he dropped dead.

75 That chief, however, was still giving orders, and again a man came in to them. As he was coming in exactly the same way that the other one had and was passing below him [the Atkan man], the [Atkan] man again thrust his spear into him, down along his neck. Repeating what the other one had done, the [Eastern] man turned around and started on his way out, but in turn fell there where the body of the other one had fallen. Seeing that, looking out, and having nothing more in his hands to fight back

with, and as he had made up for his [own possible impending] death by revenging his cousin and himself, he decided to surrender.

76 The chief, seeing all that was happening, just continued giving orders, and again a man started to come in after them. Considering surrendering to him, because he had nothing more to fight back with, he [in hiding] jumped down, jumped down onto the ground from that shelf of his. However, a small, pointed rock sticks up there at the passage into the bottom of the cave, and having gotten down to it, he held it with both arms and clung to it just when the man came inside, passing in the direction where they were supposed to be. When, on his way inside, the [Eastern] man was passing right above him, he [the Atkan man] stood up with him and pushed him against the ceiling of the cave, stretching both his legs, crushing him against the ceiling, and, that side of the cave being low, he jammed him up there under it. From the back of his neck the [Eastern] man made resistance, but having him jammed up against the ceiling of the cave, he [the Atkan man] made movements with him and heard cracking sounds within him. Having done that three times, he threw him down towards the mouth of the cave, where the man dropped, but whereas each of the men he had speared had gotten out [to the entrance], this one stopped right there where he threw him, he said, it is said.

77 After that, the fourth time a couple of men were ordered in to them, and because there were now two of them coming in, they [inside the cave] surrendered. Having surrendered, they were taken out, and then outside the cave they were laid on the ground on their backs and held by several men, to get cuts in their skin across their foreheads. Then they were loaded into boats and transported across the strait towards Amukta, with their foreheads cut (when a warrior was captured, his skin was never left intact, it is said). With their foreheads cut, they were almost bleeding to death in the course of the day that they were being taken across the strait, they said.

78 When they arrived at Amukta, they were not killed but were put to use as workers there.

Being kept alive as such, they lived on the same island, but their 79 lives were such that they never did see each other.

In fall, during the time that the birds called fulmar are collected by bird catchers, when people went walking around on the island, then they

began to see each other secretly. The two cousins did. And they started

to plan what they might do. They started to look for a boat to sneak away

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One of them lived towards the east side of Amukta. They set as an

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Tukux malganam huzungis ukuxtal, taaman iganal hamamahlikux, tataam tayagux nagmax qanguqaliigutal, agachanaan txin agiigan anuxtal, chaam kadan ngaan akiisakuun aqadakux maasal, ngaan txin agiigan anuxtal, hamaax sakang kimikuxtaan, haman isxaxtanaam ilaan sakang tanam kugan higitikuxtaan, quganam unglugakuchanagan, haman adum qalagaan unangaa axsxaa sanaa, hiing lixtazadax matal aangan, suqadaam slugan sakaaĝaqadaam awangagaan imul, chakiim huzukix ngaan suusal, daĝan txin sitxitil, aa-axtakuxtaan, hawan hadan aa-aqadix agach idaĝalakaĝaan mal, hawan hadaan axs ulĝiqalii-axtakux, ulĝihlikux uman qudgiin akalil aangan haman adum akangan hakang angaasal, kudukiim ikin agadusagadaam adum akangan hakang gidusal, adum alugan angan sitxan qayagulagaan maasal sitxan hamang hachitikuun, chunukaam hadagaan txin maqaxtaagdagalikux, hamang adum akangan hachital hamamaasal, igiim ayugnilaxtaasaguun sinigim hadagaan qagalazakux tutal, qankudim hamaax hiisaqadaam, kumiim haang sadmudaĝan sahmiisal akuun, haang itikux tayaĝux uĝaluxtakuun his hitzal angalii, haang ilan anuusanaam ilahligan txin haaganinax hiisaxtagaa hiilaxtazax.

Agalagaan, tatahliim siiching hiisix, iganalgal tayagux nagmax qanguchxisxal, alax amaayal qanguqalikux, maasal ngaan txidix axs, txidix ağikuxtxidigaan hamaax txidix sulgal txidix hidulaqadaangan, adum hachan, tanagan ilan, ukaxsxal haang txidix sulalgaqadaangan, tanidix igluqaa ikangudaĝan isilgal, aqadaamax hamaax udulal ayxaasim nagin husilgal Amuuxtam hadan txidix akayuulaqaliqax akuxtxidigaan, tanidix ikangudaĝan isaxtal (alitxum tayaĝugan ilaa sulgakux qachxa ilaa sasxagutalgal sulgadagulak hiilaktadak), tanidix isilgal angalik akuk, aamgiidahlidix asxaasakuxtxidigaan, akayux imax agulal angaliilaaamuqaxtxidix hiisaxtanas hiilaxtazas.

Amuuxtax ngiin hnuulaqadaamax, asxasxahliqazulax axtakus, awaĝal hamang anĝaĝiilagaligas hiilaxtadas.

Aalal anĝaĝiilagaligas akus, atagan tanam kugan txidix as anĝaĝil hamamataaĝdagalikus, txidix ukudalakan hamamatal anĝaĝil, anĝaĝinas axtakus.

Saaqudikingan haakus sam aaglux hiilaxtangis, qigulgal sagdagaladaziin malgaqaliigutaqas axtakus, hingaan aslaan taaman tanax aygaxsxal angalikux, txidix chxaxtal txidix ukuxtazaqalinax axtakux. Asagadudax akux aasanax axtakux. Mal maagdix imax agulal, aguzaqalinax axtakux. Ayxaasix hawaax imax chxaasal ud-hadan agaagdix imax ukuzagalinax axtakux.

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Axtagalikux amgignaginax hiilaxtazadax. Haqatalgalakan aagakus, 87

88 huzugaan amgixsxakus.

> Amgixsxal hamamaalal axtagalikum, haman agitaadaan ilan hitakaan ilaa agikugaan, qanang kum anuxtaasal umamatal, sagaagan aqaliguun, qachxiin ilaa kuum inaqaam amduxs igiim nadusaqadaguum, tutal hagumataqalizanaxt hiisaxtanax. Ahlikuxtaan, hingaagachxilakagiin, hingaaĝachxinax liidax ngaan tutal angalikuun, umaaĝal, anĝiin igiim agukux, hamaax isxaam ilaan haxtxadaam us, ayxaasiligaan ilaxtax igiim atxaxs axtakux, hamamas hamaax amgignaxtanaan qanang sul kum asxadusaaĝiin alanaan anuxtal ukuxtal aaĝaasakuun kugan makuun alakan, hamaax maadil ayxaasiim nagan hangal txidix ayxatnaxtxidix hiisaxtanas hiilaxtazas.

> Akux haman amgignax, amgignax anaa malganas ukul, txidix hikuĝaan, alitxum alanaayulax agalilamaax txin ayxatikux ukuxtal, akayum naga hadaakul txidix ayxatnaxtxidix hiisaxtanas, naahadaakul, slam akinaa hadaakul.

> Ahlikuxtaan, akayum hadaatxan, tanam chidaga udagaasaqalikuxtaan, agitaadaan, alagum himlagan qayaganulax kugan atiiguzan, hakam qutaxsxanaa liidal ayxakux, agalan hamang sanakuun sanal, agalim hadagaan txin haqaalahlilakaxtaan iganax asxaasal, angalikuxtaan akayum nagan alagugan himlagigan hadan agaqalikuxtaan, haman agitaadaan kadaam al angalii anax maqadakugaan inaqaam txin kaduugisagutal, agitaadaan tanam chidagan angan hatlakan angaliin, tatahliim akayum hadan klukuxtaan anax txin maasaqadamaagutal, as txin haqaasachxihlilakaĝiinaan qidayuĝnax anuxtal, iqyaan aygagiiĝan txin aygaxs aguun himlagan kadan higitzahli maqalina hiisa tana hiila tazada .

> Waax hiisaxtahlikuxtaan, akayum nagan hadan kluqalikuxtaan, haman alitxum agaliim haqaqaliqaa ukuxtaqadanaxtxidix hiisaxtanas hiilaxtazadas. Akus, algax al hamamalakaĝis, hamakus alitxum agaliim ayxanaa, ukudigal tanax adaagaasanas anuxtaasagulaxtxidix hiisaxtazanas hiilaĝadas—ilangis, huzuhlingis, ilangis ukudigal tanaŝ adaaĝaasal anuxtaqadigulax hiisaxtazaqangis hiilaĝadas. Alaĝum himlagan hangadan huzuugizaa hwaĝiin igiim chachixtaasanax liidakux.

Amuuxtam ilagaan Saguugamagim unangan akayuu axs, Saguugamagim nguu axs, qilam angalix haqagan aslaan Amlax adaagaasanas axtakus. Amlax adaaĝaasaqadaamchix Agulganunax hiilaxtam ilan chalaqadaamax, iqyadix agus anagixtayuukichanamax huzuugizaa agutxadaaappointed time the time when the weather changes into eastern gales.

86 When the bad storms began—the time they had chosen—when as usual the fall weather began to look very bad with easterly winds, the partner began to sleep little. However, he had a guard. Their plan was not known but they were watched all the time, it is said.

He was watched like that, but when the time for his partner's appearance had passed by and he wondered where he could be, when he was on the point of falling asleep, he used to pinch his own skin to become alert due to the pain. Then, having been in doubt about his [cousin's] coming, he got the feeling that he would be coming, and he actually heard him coming, making his call to him, and he got up from his bed and ran down to the beach, where he [his cousin] had a boat ready for him, too. As it was, having watched his guard, thinking that he would have had to find something to kill him with, but being unable to do anything to him, he hurried down into his boat, and they took off, they said.

But the watchman, who was on his guard and saw what was going on, called his people, and they [the Atkan men] saw that a host of warriors started out after them as they took off in the direction of the strait, heading west, with the wind behind them.

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At first, as he was passing the shore towards the strait, trying his best to catch up with his partner, who was going on the high waves like a feather blown by the wind, he was deathly afraid of being overtaken from behind, but when he got to the rough sea in the strait, his partner no longer was ahead and he himself was in front. While he had not caught up to his partner along the shore, the situation was reversed when he got into the strait, and he worried about his partner that he might be overtaken, for when his own bidarka started to go, it just hopped along the waves, he said.

93 So he went on, and when he got into the strait, they no longer saw the warriors who had come after him, they said. Indeed, they were no sea animals, those warriors who came after him, and the cousins did not think that they made it back safely—at least not all of them, they used to say. The agitated sea was as if covered with smoke all over. 95

From Amukta they crossed the strait over to Seguam, passed along 96 the south side of Seguam, and in the morning, at daybreak, they came ashore on Amlia. There they landed in the bay called Agulganunax,

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100 Hamaax naanul, udakus tanas ilingin chisal, txidix anĝaĝigalinas axtakus.

101 Hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtahlikus, qagaa-hadaan alitxux ukugadaqadal, anĝaĝilgaqaliqax hiilaxtazadax. Kay txidix alitxuusal liisnaqada-102 nas axtakus.

Hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtahlikus, quchigmax ahlikus, Kasakax udaaĝal, udakus tanas sugalina aŝtakuĝaan, hamakus histadaangan aganing kadangiin, tachim anax matalgalakagaan, haakus naa-hadan tanangin Aligutangin huzuugizangin ilingiin ayxal, txidix kasakaĝigalinas axtakus.

104 Hawakus anĝaĝinas kamgadadgul, kamgam hadan ikudgul, kamgadax anazulax axtakus mal, maalaqas. Hagumatalgal hawaax hiilaxtal, 105 txidix kamgadatikus hamakus malgal kadim hadaan maqaĝal malgaqas malgaqadal, hamakus qagaa-hadan huzuugizangis hamamaalaqas axtakus, huzungis kamgadadgulgal. Kadim hadaan maqaxtal maqachix maqadal, txidix iĝamanaasal anĝaĝigalinas hiilaxtazadas.

Matal hawaax hiisaxtahlikugaan, Kasakax udang txin tungaxs ilan, 107 tayagut suxtanat kungin manaagnat maasal, kamgadadgul, agan ilaan hingan Saguugax tanadgusilgal gumalgaqax hiilaxtazadax.

Kanaga, Adaagiâ, Sitxinaâ, udakus Atâaâ huzungis, Amlax huzu-108 ngis, axtal kamgadadgunas hiilaxtazadas, kamgadam hasinaa udahligan agul.

Hingaax hiilaxtal gumalgahlikugaan hingan Saguugax tanadgusilgal akuĝaan, kamgam ulagan angunaa agulgal, tanaĝax maqaĝaqax, kugan adax hawaan huzugaan txin aqalinax hiilaxtazadax.

Mal haakus naa-hadan tanagan angaginangis, ataqam ilan hingahligan al, hingan tanaîtal, adaî hiing aîtal maayuîtaaîtas, adaîtaaîtas hagumaalal, hiing aglalagas, tanamax ilaan agaatungizulax hawaax naahadagaan hiing Saguugam kugan axtuxsalgaqas, hingan qan'gix haagal as xalanas hiila xtazadas, haagahlimax ilaan as xalal, qalgada x imax sanaasalakan. Kasakam kampaanigan hadagaan qaqax, ilagan angunaayulax ngiin sismixtaalal axtagalikudix haqatalakan, tutalakan, inaqamax qalgadadix, qaxtaqadix isxatus hingahligan, agal aagaalakus, haagax asâalaasakus, qaniigiidahliâ kungin chatil, hiikus ilaâtas asâalaasal, inanas hiilaxtadas.

Hawaax hiisaxtahlikus, tanangin kugaan amaanudaalaqadaqas, haang naa-hadan hagumatal hawaax hiisaxtal naa-hadaa angaginagiqadal. Udan Atxam uhlii txin agiisanax axtanax. Matal, udamatal, wan

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where they hid their bidarkas and their few belongings, and went to bed and started to sleep. They must have slept a day and a night, they said.

From there they went westward, parted company at some of the islands around here, and began to live normally.

So they went on until warriors from the east were seen no more and 101 one could live normally. Also, they did not fight with each other as much 102 anymore.

So they went on, among themselves, until the Russians came and started to occupy the islands around here. Before those conditions which I have told of earlier came about, they were coming to all the Aleuts of the islands to the west, which in this way were occupied by the Russians.

104 They baptized those people, converted to Christianity those who had not been Christian. In the course of time, when they became Christian, they no longer did what they once used to do, and the same happened to all the people of the east, all of them being baptized. Stopping what they once used to do, they began to live in friendship with each other.

107 In that way it went on until the Russians got a firm hold here, doing as they liked with the men they dominated, baptizing them, and finally Old Harbor was made a village, it is said.

At Kanaga, Adak, Sitkin, and here at Atka, as well as at Amlia, 108 they baptized people, made many Christians around here.

This went on here until Old Harbor was made a village, when a big church was built and a priest began to stay all the time in the permanent village.

And the people of the islands to the west who had been gathered 110 there, removed against their will from their islands to the west and put at Old Harbor to live together in the village and have the priest there as their priest, starved to death that winter, died of plain hunger, having insufficient food. From the Russian Company they were given some little food for support, but they were foreign to it, and missing the food they were used to, they starved to death there where they had been brought, and dying also from a snow avalanche that slid upon them, they were no more, it is said.

112 By and by, people were not removed from their islands anymore, as the west had lost its people in that way over and over again. Only Atka here was left. That is how there have been people here until now, but even the survivors are no longer many.

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