

# ALIS IN WUNDERLAND

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# CHAPTER 1

## DON THE RABBIT-HOLE

ALIS WAS BEGINNING TO GET VERY TIRED AND SHE HAD HER SISTER ON THE BANK, AND SHE HADN'T HAD ANY REST SINCE SHE HAD FALLEN INTO THE HOLE HER SISTER WAS TELLING, BUT IT HAD NO INTEREST FOR HER. "AND WHAT IS THE USE OF THE HOLE," SAID ALIS "WHY NO INTEREST FOR HER?"

SO SHE WAS THINKING IN HER OWN MIND (AS WELL AS SHE COULD, FOR SHE HADN'T BEEN VERY SLEEPY AND STUPID), HOWEVER SHE PLEASUR AND MAKING A DAZZLING WORD BE WITH THE TRUBUL AND GETTING UP AND PICKING THE DAZZLING, WHEN SUDENLY A WHITE RABBIT WITH PINK EARS RAN BY HER.

HER WAS SHE WAS SO VERY REMARKABLE IN THAT; SHE DID ALIS THINK IT SO VERY MUCH OF THE WAY TO HER THE RABBIT SAID TO ITSELF, "O DEAR! O DEAR! I SHALL BE LATE!" (WHEN SHE SAID IT OVER AFTERWARDS, IT SEEMED TO HER THAT SHE HADN'T HAD WONDER AT THIS, BUT AT THE TIME IT ALL SEEMED QUITE NATURAL); BUT WHEN THE RABBIT ACCIDENTALLY TOOK A WHOLE OF THE WASTKOT-POKUT, AND LOOKED AT IT, AND THEN HEARD ON, ALIS STARTED TO HER FEET, FOR IT FLASHED UPON HER MIND THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN A RABBIT WITH EARS AND WASTKOT-POKUT, AND SHE TOOK OF THE IT, AND BECAME WITH CURIOSITY, SHE RAN UPON THE FIELD AFTER IT, AND FORTUNATELY WAS JUST IN TIME TO SEE IT POP DOWN THE RABBIT-HOLE UNDER THE TREE.

IN ANOTHER MOMENT DOWN WENT ALIS AFTER IT, NEVER WOULD SHE THINK OF GOING UP IN THE WORLD SHE WAS TO GET OUT AGAIN.

THE RABBIT-HOLE WENT STRAIGHT ON LIKE A TUNNEL FOR SOME WAY, AND THEN DROPT SUDENLY DOWN, SO SUDENLY THAT ALIS HADN'T A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT STOPPING HERSELF BEFORE SHE FOUND HERSELF FALLING DOWN A VERY DEEP WELL.

THEN SHE WAS VERY DEEP, AND SHE FELT VERY SLOWLY, FOR SHE HADN'T PLenty OF TIME AS SHE WENT DOWN TO LOOK ABOUT HER AND TO WONDER WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT. FIRST, SHE TRIED TO LOOK DOWN AND

MAK OT HWUT ŠE WUZ KUMIŃ TŪ, BUT IT WUZ TŪ DORK TŪ SE ENIHIŃ;  
HEN ŠE LOKT AT HŪ SĪDZ UV HŪ WEL, AND NOTUST HAT HĀ WĒ FILD  
WIH KUBRDZ AND BOKŠELVZ; HIR AND HER ŠE SA MAPS AND PIKČRZ  
HUŃ UPON PEGZ. ŠE TŌK DŌN U JOR FRUM WUN UV HŪ ŠELVZ AZ ŠE  
PAST; IT WUZ LABULD “ARINJ MORMULAD”, BUT TŪ HĒ GRAT  
DISUPONTMUNT IT WUZ EMPTI: ŠE DID NOT LĪK TŪ DROP HŪ JOR FAR  
FIR UV KILIŃ SUMBODI, SQ MANIJD TŪ PŌT IT INTŪ WUN UV HŪ  
KUBRDZ AZ ŠE FEL PAST IT.

“WEL!” HĀT ALIS TŪ HĒSELF, “AFTĒ SUČ U FAL AZ HĪS, ± ŠAL HIŃK  
NUHIŃ UV TUMBLIŃ DŌN STERZ! HŌ BRĀV HĀL AL HIŃK MĒ AT HQM!  
HWĪ, ± WŌDUNT SĀ ENIHIŃ UBŌT IT, EVUN IF ± FEL AF HŪ TOP UV HŪ  
HQŠ!” (HWIČ WUZ VERI LĪKLI TRŪ.)

DŌN, DŌN, DŌN. WŌD HŪ FAL NEVĒ KUM TŪ AN END? “± WUNDR HŌ  
MENI MĪLZ ±V FOLUN BĪ HĪS TĪM?” ŠE SED ULŌD. “± MUST BĒ GETIŃ  
SUMHWER NIR HŪ SENTER UV HĪ RĒ. LET MĒ SE: HĀT WŌD BĒ FAR  
HŌZUND MĪLZ DŌN, ± HIŃK—” (FAR, U SE, ALIS HAD LRNT SEVRUL  
HIŃZ UV HĪS SART IN HĒ LESUNZ IN HŪ SKŪLRŪM, AND HŌ HĪS WUZ  
NOT U VERI GŌD OPĒRTUNUTI FAR ŠŌIŃ AF HĒ NOLIJ, AZ HER WUZ NŌ  
WUN TŪ LISUN TŪ HĒ, STIL IT WUZ GŌD PRAKTIS TŪ SĀ IT QVR)  
“—YES, HĀTS UBŌT HŪ RĪT DISTUNS—BUT HEN ± WUNDR HWUT  
LATUTŪD AR LONJUTŪD ±V GOT TŪ?” (ALIS HAD NŌ ±DEU HWUT  
LATUTŪD WUZ, AR LONJUTŪD ĒĒR, BUT HĀT HĀ WĒ NĒS GRAND WĒDZ  
TŪ SĀ.)

PREZUNTLI ŠE BIGAN UGEN. “± WUNDR IF ± ŠAL FAL RĪT HRŪ HĪ RĒ!  
HŌ FUNI ITUL SEM TŪ KUM OT UMUIŃ HŪ PĒPUL HĀT WĀK WIH HER HEDZ  
DŌNWRD! HĪ ANTIPUHIŃZ, ± HIŃK—” (ŠE WUZ RAĒR GLAD HER WUZ NŌ  
WUN LISUNIŃ, HĪS TĪM, AZ IT DIDUNT SŌND AT AL HŪ RĪT WĒD)  
“—BUT ± ŠAL HAV TŪ ASK HEM HWUT HŪ NAM UV HŪ KUNTRI IZ, U NŌ.  
PLĒZ, MAM, IZ HĪS NŪ ZELUND AR ASTRĀLYU?” (AND ŠE TRĒD TŪ  
KĒRTSI AZ ŠE SPŌK—FANSI KĒRTSIIŃ AZ YŌR FOLIŃ HRŪ HĪ ER! DŪ U  
HIŃK U KŌD MANIJ IT?) “AND HWUT AN IGNĒRUNT LITUL GĒRL ŠĒL HIŃK  
MĒ FAR ASKIŃ! NŌ, ITUL NEVĒ DŪ TŪ ASK: PĒRHAPS ± ŠAL SE IT RITUN  
UP SUMHWER.”

DŌN, DŌN, DŌN. HER WUZ NUHIŃ ELS TŪ DŪ, SQ ALIS SUN BIGAN  
TĀKIŃ UGEN. “DĪNUL MIS MĒ VERI MUČ TŪ-NĒT, ± ŠŌD HIŃK!” (DĪNU  
WUZ HŪ KAT.) “± HQP HĀL RIMEMBR HĒ SASĒ UV MILK AT TĒ-TĪM.

DĒNU MĒ DIR! Ē WIŠ Ē WĒR DŌN HIR WIĦ MĒ! ĦER OR NŌ MĒS IN ĦI ER, ĒM UFRĀD, BUT Ē MĒT KĀČ U BAT, AND ĦATS VERI LĒK U MŌS, Ē NŌ. BUT DŪ KATS ĒT BATS, Ē WUNDR?" AND HIR ALIS BIGAN TŪ GET RAĦR SLĒPI, AND WENT ON SĀIŪ TŪ ĦRSELF, IN U DRĒMĒ SART UV WĀ, "DŪ KATS ĒT BATS? DŪ KATS ĒT BATS?" AND SUMTĒMZ, "DŪ BATS ĒT KATS?" FAR, Ē SĒ, AZ ŠĒ KŌDUNT ANSR ĒĦR KWESČUN, IT DIDUNT MUČ MATR HWIČ WĀ ŠĒ PŌT IT. ŠĒ FELT ĦAT ŠĒ WUZ DŌZIŪ AF, AND HAD JUST BIGUN TŪ DRĒM ĦAT ŠĒ WUZ WĀKIŪ HAND IN HAND WIĦ DĒNU, AND SĀIŪ TŪ ĦR VERI RNUSTLI, "NŌ, DĒNU, TEL MĒ ĦU TRŪĦ: DID Ē EVR ĒT U BAT?" HWEN SUDUNLI, HUMP! HUMP! DŌN ŠĒ KĀM UPON U ĦĒP UV STIKS AND DRĒ LĒVZ, AND ĦU FĀL WUZ QVĒR.

ALIS WUZ NOT U BIT ĦRT, AND ŠĒ JUMPT UP ON TŪ ĦR FĒT IN U MQMUNT: ŠĒ LŌKT UP, BUT IT WUZ ĀL DORK QVĒRHED; BIFAR ĦR WUZ UNŪĦR LĀŪ PASIJ, AND ĦU HWĒT RABIT WUZ STIL IN SĒT, ĦRIIŪ DŌN IT. ĦER WUZ NOT U MQMUNT TŪ BĒ LAST: UWĀ WENT ALIS LĒK ĦU WIND, AND WUZ JUST IN TĒM TŪ HIR IT SĀ, AZ IT TRND U KARNĒR, "Ō MĒ IRZ AND HWISKRZ, HŌ LĀT ITS GETIŪ!" ŠĒ WUZ KLOS BIHĒND IT HWEN ŠĒ TRND ĦU KARNĒR, BUT ĦU RABIT WUZ NŌ LĀNGR TŪ BĒ SĒN: ŠĒ FŌND ĦRSELF IN U LĀŪ, LŌ HAL, HWIČ WUZ LIT UP BĒ U RŌ UV LAMPS HĀIŪ FRUM ĦU RŪF.

ĦER WĒR DARZ ĀL RŌND ĦU HAL, BUT ĦĀ WĒR ĀL LOKT; AND HWEN ALIS HAD BIN ĀL ĦU WĀ DŌN WUN SĒD AND UP ĦI UĦR, TRĒIŪ EVRI DAR, ŠĒ WĀKT SADLI DŌN ĦU MIDUL, WUNDRIŪ HŌ ŠĒ WUZ EVR TŪ GET ŌT UGEN.

SUDUNLI ŠĒ KĀM UPON U LITUL ĦRĒ-LEGID TĀBUL, ĀL MĀD UV SOLID GLAS; ĦER WUZ NUĦIŪ ON IT IKSEPT U TĒNI GOLDUN KĒ, AND ALISIZ FĒRST ĦĀT WUZ ĦĀT IT MĒT BILĀŪ TŪ WUN UV ĦU DARZ UV ĦU HAL; BUT, ULAS! ĒĦR ĦU LOKS WĒR TŪ LORJ, ĀR ĦU KĒ WUZ TŪ SMĀL, BUT AT ENI RĀT IT WŌD NOT QPUN ENI UV ĦEM. HŌEVĒR, ON ĦU SEKUND TĒM RŌND, ŠĒ KĀM UPON U LŌ KĒRTUN ŠĒ HAD NOT NŌTUST BIFAR, AND BIHĒND IT WUZ U LITUL DAR UBŌT FIFTĒN INČIZ HĒ: ŠĒ TRĒD ĦU LITUL GOLDUN KĒ IN ĦU LOK, AND TŪ ĦR GRĀT DILĒT IT FITID!

ALIS QPUND ĦU DAR AND FŌND ĦĀT IT LED INTŪ U SMĀL PASIJ, NOT MUČ LORJR ĦĀN U RAT-HŌL: ŠĒ NELT DŌN AND LŌKT ULĀŪ ĦU PASIJ

INTU ƆU LUVLIEST GORDUN U EVR SA. HQ ƆE LΛND TU GET QT UV ƆAT DORK HAL, AND WONDƆ UBQT UMUU ƆQZ BEDZ UV BR±T FLQƆZ AND ƆQZ KUL FQNTUNZ, BUT ƆE KQD NOT EVUN GET HR HED HRU ƆU DARWA; “AND EVUN IF M± HED WQD GQ HRU,” ƆAT PQR ALIS, “IT WQD BE UV VERI LITUL US WIƆQT M± ƆQLDƆZ. Q, HQ ± WIS ± KQD ƆUT UP L±K U TELUSKQP! ± ƆIƆK ± KQD, IF ± QNLI NU HQ TU BIGIN.” FAR, U ƆE, SQ MENI QT-UV-ƆU-WΛ ƆIƆZ HAD HAPUND LΛTLI, ƆAT ALIS HAD BIGUN TU ƆIƆK ƆAT VERI FU ƆIƆZ INDƆD WR RƆULI IMPOSUBUL.

ƆER SƆMD TU BE NQ US IN WΛTIU B± ƆU LITUL DAR, SQ ƆE WENT BAK TU ƆU TΔBUL, HAF HQPIU ƆE M±T F±ND UNUƆƆ KƆ ON IT, LR AT ENI RΔT U BQK UV RULZ FAR ƆUTIU PƆPUL UP L±K TELUSKQPS: ƆIS T±M ƆE FQND U LITUL BOTUL ON IT, (“HWIƆ SƆTUNLI WUZ NOT HIR BIFAR,” SED ALIS,) AND RQND ƆU NEK UV ƆU BOTUL WUZ U PΔPƆ LΔBUL, WIƆ ƆU WRDZ “DRIƆK MƆ ” BƆTUFULI PRINTID ON IT IN LQJ LETƆZ.

IT WUZ AL VERI WEL TU SA “DRIƆK MƆ,” BUT ƆU W±Z LITUL ALIS WUZ NOT GQIU TU DU ƆAT IN U HRI. “NQ, ±L LQK FRST,” ƆE SED, “AND SE HWEƆƆ ITS MORKT ‘PQZUN’ LR NOT”; FAR ƆE HAD RED SEVRUL N±S LITUL HISTƆIZ UBQT QILDRUN HU HAD GOT BƆNT, AND ETUN UP B± W±LD BƆSTS AND UƆƆ UNPLEZUNT ƆIƆZ, AL BIKΛZ ƆΔ WQD NOT RIMEMBƆ ƆU SIMPUL RULZ ƆER FƆENDZ HAD TΔT ƆEM: SUƆ AZ, ƆAT U RED-HOT PQR WIL BƆN U IF U HOLD IT TU LΛU; AND ƆAT IF U KUT YQR FIƆGR VERI DƆPLI WIƆ U N±F, IT UƆUULI BLƆDZ; AND ƆE HAD NEVR FƆGOTUN ƆAT, IF U DRIƆK MUƆ FRUM U BOTUL MORKT “PQZUN,” IT IZ ALMQST SƆTUN TU DISUGƆE WIƆ U, SUNƆ LR LΔƆ.

HQEVƆ, ƆIS BOTUL WUZ NOT MORKT “PQZUN,” SQ ALIS VENQƆRD TU TΔST IT, AND F±NDIU IT VERI N±S, (IT HAD, IN FAKT, U SΔRT UV MIKST FLΔVR UV QƆRI-TORT, KUSTƆD, P±N-APUL, RQST TƆRKI, TOFI, AND HOT BƆƆD TQST,) ƆE VERI SUN FINIƆT IT LF.

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“HWUT U KYQRIUS FƆLIU!” SED ALIS; “± MUST BE ƆUTIU UP L±K U TELUSKQP.”

AND SO IT WUZ INDËD: ŠË WUZ NŌ QNLI TEN INŌIZ H±, AND HË FΔS BR±TUND UP AT ÆU HΔT ÆAT ŠË WUZ NŌ ÆU R±T S±Z FAR GŌIŌ HËU ÆU LITUL DΔR INTU ÆAT LUVLI GORDUN. FËRST, HŌEVËR, ŠË WΔTID FAR U FËU MINUTS TU SË IF ŠË WUZ GŌIŌ TU ŠRINŌ ENI FËËËR: ŠË FELT U LITUL NËRVUS UBŌT ÆIS; “FΔR IT M±T END, U NŌ,” SED ALIS TU HËRSELF, “IN M± GŌIŌ ŌT ALTUGEËËR, L±K U KANDUL. ± WUNDËR HWUT ± ŠŌD BË L±K ÆËEN?” AND ŠË TR±D TU FANSI HWUT ÆU FLΔM UV U KANDUL IZ L±K AFTËR ÆU KANDUL IZ BLŌN ŌT, FAR ŠË KŌD NOT RIMEMBËR EVËR HAVIŌ SËN SUŌ U HËIŌ.

AFTËR U HW±L, F±NDIŌ ÆAT NUËIŌ MΔR HAPUND, ŠË DIS±DID ON GŌIŌ INTU ÆU GORDUN AT WUNS; BUT, ULAS FAR PŌR ALIS! HWEN ŠË GOT TU ÆU DΔR, ŠË FŌND ŠË HAD FËRGOTUN ÆU LITUL GOLDUN KË, AND HWEN ŠË WENT BAK TU ÆU TΔBUL FAR IT, ŠË FŌND ŠË KŌD NOT POSUBLI RËŌ IT: ŠË KŌD SË IT KW±T PLΔNLI HËU ÆU GLAS, AND ŠË TR±D HËR BEST TU KL±M UP WUN UV ÆU LEGZ UV ÆU TΔBUL, BUT IT WUZ TU SLIPËRI; AND HWEN ŠË HAD T±RD HËRSELF ŌT WIË TR±IŌ, ÆU PŌR LITUL HËIŌ SAT DŌN AND KR±D.

“KUM, ÆËERZ NŌ US IN KR±IŌ L±K ÆAT!” SED ALIS TU HËRSELF, RAËËR ŠŌRPLI; “± ADV±Z U TU LËV AF ÆIS MINIT!” ŠË JËNËRULI GΔV HËRSELF VERI GŌD ADV±S, (ËŌ ŠË VERI SELDUM FŌLŌD IT), AND SUMT±MZ ŠË SKŌLDID HËRSELF SQ SUVIRLI AZ TU BRIŌ TIRZ INTU HËR ±Z; AND WUNS ŠË RIMEMBËRD TR±IŌ TU BOKS HËR QN IRZ FAR HAVIŌ ŌËËID HËRSELF IN U GΔM UV KËŌKΔ ŠË WUZ PLΔIŌ UGENST HËRSELF, FAR ÆIS KYŌRIUS Ō±LD WUZ VERI FŌND UV PRITENDIŌ TU BË TU PËPUL. “BUT ITS NŌ US NŌ,” HΔT PŌR ALIS, “TU PRITEND TU BË TU PËPUL! HW±, ÆËERZ HORDLI INUF UV MË LEFT TU MΔK WUN RISPEKTUBUL PËRSUN!”

SUN HËR ± FEL ON U LITUL GLAS BOKS ÆAT WUZ L±IŌ UNDËR ÆU TΔBUL: ŠË QPUND IT, AND FŌND IN IT U VERI SMAL KΔK, ON HWIŌ ÆU WËRDZ “ËT MË ” WËR BËTUFULI MŌRKËT IN KËRUNTS. “WEL, ±L ËT IT,” SED ALIS, “AND IF IT MΔKS MË GRŌ LORJËR, ± KAN RËŌ ÆU KË; AND IF IT MΔKS MË GRŌ SMALËR, ± KAN KRËP UNDËR ÆU DΔR; SQ ËËËR WΔ ±L GET INTU ÆU GORDUN, AND ± DŌNT KER HWIŌŌ HAPUNZ!”

ŠË ΔT U LITUL BIT, AND SED AŌKŠUSLI TU HËRSELF, “HWIŌŌ WΔ? HWIŌŌ WΔ?”, HŌLDIŌ HËR HAND ON ÆU TOP UV HËR HED TU FËL HWIŌŌ WΔ IT WUZ GRŌIŌ, AND ŠË WUZ KW±T ŠËRPR±ZD TU F±ND ÆAT ŠË RIMΔND ÆU

SAM SİZ: TŪ Bİ ŞÖR, HİS JENRULI HAPUNZ HWEN WUN İTS KΔK, BUT ALIS HAD GOT SQ MUÇ INTŪ HŪ WΔ UV İKSPEKTİŪ NUHİŪ BUT ÖT-UV-HŪ-WΔ HİŪZ TŪ HAPUN, HAT İT SİMD KWİT DUL AND STŪPID FAR LİF TŪ GŪ ON İN HŪ KOMUN WΔ.

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## ØAPTØ 2 HØ PØL UV TIRZ

“KYØRIUSR AND KYØRIUSR!” KRÆD ALIS (SÆ WUZ SQ MUØ SRPRÆZD, HAT FAR HØ MQMUNT SÆ KWÆT FØGOT HØ TØ SPEK GØD INGLIS); “NØ ÆM QPUNIØ OT LÆK HØ LORJUST TELUSKQP HAT EVØ WUZ! GØD-BÆ, FÆT!” (FAR HWEN SÆ LØKT DØN AT HØ FÆT, HØ SÆMD TØ BÆ ALMOST OT UV SÆT, HØ WØ GETIØ SQ FOR AF). “Q, MÆ PØR LITUL FÆT, Æ WUNDR HØ WIL PØT ON YØR SØZ AND STOKIØZ FAR U NØ, DIRZ? ÆM SØR Æ SÆNT BÆ ØBUL! Æ SÆL BÆ U GRAT DÆL TØ FOR AF TØ TRUBUL MÆSELF UBØT U: U MUST MANIJ HØ BEST WØ U KAN;—BUT Æ MUST BÆ KÆND TØ HEM,” HAT ALIS, “ØR PØRHAPS HØ WØNT WØK HØ WØ Æ WØNT TØ GØ! LET MÆ SÆ: ÆL GIV HEM U NØ PER UV BØTS EVØI KRISMUS.”

AND SÆ WENT ON PLANIØ TØ HØRSELF HØ SÆ WØD MANIJ IT. “HØ MUST GØ BÆ HØ KARIØ,” SÆ HAT; “AND HØ FUNI ITUL SÆM, SENDIØ PREZUNTS TØ WUNZ QN FÆT! AND HØ OD HØ DIREKØUNZ WIL LØK!

*ALISIZ RÆT FØT, ESKWÆR:  
HØRFRUG,  
NIR HØ FENDØ,  
(WIH ALISIZ LUV).*

Q DIR, HWUT NONSENS ÆM TAKIØ!”

JUST HØN HØ HED STRUK UGENST HØ RØF UV HØ HAL: IN FAKT SÆ WUZ NØ MØR HØN NÆN FÆT HÆ, AND SÆ AT WUNS TØK UP HØ LITUL GØLDUN KÆ AND HØID AF TØ HØ GØRDUN DØR.

PØR ALIS! IT WUZ AZ MUØ AZ SÆ KØD DØ, LÆIØ DØN ON WUN SÆD, TØ LØK HØRØ INTØ HØ GØRDUN WIH WUN Æ; BUT TØ GET HØRØ WUZ MØR HØPLUS HØN EVØ: SÆ SAT DØN AND BIGAN TØ KRÆ UGEN.

“U AT TØ BÆ UØØMD UV YØRSELF,” SED ALIS, “U GRAT GØRL LÆK U,” (SÆ MÆT WEL SØ HØS), “TØ GØ ON KRÆIØ IN HØS WØ! STOP HØS MQMUNT, Æ TEL U!” BUT SÆ WENT ON ØL HØ SØM, SÆDIØ GALUNZ UV TIRZ, UNTIL HØR WUZ U LØRJ PØL ØL RØND HØ, UBØT FAR INØIZ DØP AND RØØIØ HAF DØN HØ HAL.



AFTĒ U TĒM ŠĒ HĒD U LITUL PATĒIŲ UV FĒT IN ŨU DISTUNS, AND ŠĒ HĀSTILI DRĒD HĒ ĒZ TŲ SĒ HWUT WUZ KUMIŲ. IT WUZ ŨU HWĒT RABIT RITĒNIŲ, SPLENDUDLI DREST, WIŨ U PER UV HWĒT KID GLUVZ IN WUN HAND AND U LORJ FAN IN ŨI UŨĒ: HĒ KĀM TROTĒIŲ ULĀŲ IN U GRĀT HĒRI, MUTĒIŲ TŲ HIMSELF AZ HĒ KĀM, “Q! ŨU DUŲUS, ŨU DUŲUS! Q! WQNT ŠĒ BĒ SAVIJ IF ĒV KEPT HĒR WĀTIŲ!” ALIS FELT SQ DESPRIT ŨĀT ŠĒ WUZ REDĒ TŲ ASK HELP UV ENĒ WUN; SQ, HWEN ŨU RABIT KĀM NIR HĒ, ŠĒ BIGAN, IN U LQ, TIMID VŲS, “IF U PLĒZ, SĒ—” ŨU RABIT STORTĒD VĒLUNTLI, DROPT ŨU HWĒT KID GLUVZ AND ŨU FAN, AND SKĒĒD UWA INTŲ ŨU DORKNUS AZ HORD AZ HĒ KŲD GQ.

ALIS TŲK UP ŨU FAN AND GLUVZ, AND, AZ ŨU HAL WUZ VERĒ HOT, ŠĒ KEPT FANIŲ HĒRSELF AL ŨU TĒM ŠĒ WENT ON TAKIŲ: “DIR, DIR! HŲ KWĒR EVRIĒIŲ IZ TŲ-DA! AND YESTĒRDA ĒIŲZ WENT ON JUST AZ UŠUL. Ē WUNDR IF ĒV BIN ŲĀNJD IN ŨU NĒT? LET MĒ ĒIŲK: WUZ Ē ŨU SĀM HWEN Ē GOT UP ŨIS MĀRNIŲ? Ē ALMQST ĒIŲK Ē KAN RĒMEMBĒ FĒLIŲ U LITUL DĒFRUNT. BUT IF ĒM NOT ŨU SĀM, ŨU NEKST KWESŲUN IZ, HŲ IN ŨU WĒRLD AM Ē? O, ŨĀTS ŨU GRĀT PUZUL!” AND ŠĒ BIGAN ĒIŲKIŲ QVĒR AL ŨU ŲILDRUN ŠĒ NŲ ŨĀT WĒR UV ŨU SĀM ΔJ AZ HĒRSELF, TŲ SĒ IF ŠĒ KŲD HAV BIN ŲĀNJD FAR ENĒ UV ŨEM.

“ĒM ŠŲR ĒM NOT ΔDU,” ŠĒ SED, “FĀR HĒR HER GQZ IN SUŲ LĀŲ RIŲLUTS, AND MĒN DUZUNT GQ IN RIŲLUTS AT AL; AND ĒM ŠŲR Ē KANT BĒ MĀBUL, FAR Ē NQ AL SĀRTS UV ĒIŲZ, AND ŠĒ, Q! ŠĒ NQZ SUŲ U VERĒ LITUL! BISĒDZ, ŠĒZ ŠĒ, AND ĒM Ē, AND—Q DIR, HŲ PUZLIŲ IT AL IZ! ĒL TRĒ IF Ē NQ AL ŨU ĒIŲZ Ē UZD TŲ NQ. LET MĒ SĒ: FAR TĒMZ FĒV IZ TWELV, AND FAR TĒMZ SĒKS IZ ĒĒRTĒN, AND FAR TĒMZ SEVUN IZ—Q DIR! Ē ŠĀL NEVĒR GET TŲ TWENTI AT ŨĀT RĀT! HŲEVĒR, ŨU MULTUPLUKΔŠUN TĀBUL DUZUNT SIGNUFĒ: LETS TRĒ JIOGRUFI. LUNDUN IZ ŨU KĀPITUL UV PERIS, AND PERIS IZ ŨU KĀPITUL UV RQM, AND RQM—NQ, ŨĀTS AL RĀŲ, ĒM SĒRTUN! Ē MUST HAV BIN ŲĀNJD FAR MĀBUL! ĒL TRĒ AND SĀ ‘HŲ DĀĒ ŨU LITUL—’” AND ŠĒ KRĀST HĒR HANDZ ON HĒR LAP AZ IF ŠĒ WĒR SĀIŲ LESUNZ, AND BIGAN TŲ RĒPĒT IT, BUT HĒR VŲS SQNDĒD HĀRS AND STRĀNJ, AND ŨU WĒRDZ DID NOT KUM ŨU SĀM AZ ŨĀ UZD TŲ DŲ:—

“HŲ DĀĒ ŨU LITUL KROKUDĒL  
IMPRŲV HĒZ ŠĒNIŲ TĀL,  
AND PAR ŨU WĀTRZ UV ŨU NĒL  
ON EVRI GOLDUN SKĀL!

“HØ ØIRFØLI HË SËMZ TÛ GRIN,  
HØ NËTLI SPRED HIZ KLAZ,  
AND WELKUM LITUL FIŞIZ IN  
WIH JENTLI SMËLIH JAZ!”

“ËM ŞØR HØZ OR NOT HÛ RËT WËRDZ,” SED PØR ALIS, AND HË ËZ FILD  
WIH TIRZ UGEN AZ ŞË WENT ON, “Ë MUST BË MËBUL AFTËR ÆL, AND Ë  
ŞAL HAV TÛ GØ AND LIV IN HËAT PØKI LITUL HØS, AND HAV NEKST TÛ  
NØ TØZ TÛ PLA WIH, AND Q! EVËR SQ MENI LESUNZ TÛ LËRN! NØ, ËV  
MËD UP MË MËND UBØT IT; IF ËM MËBUL, ËL STË DØN HIR! ITUL BË  
NØ ÆS HËR PØTIH HËR HEDZ DØN AND SËIH ‘KUM UP UGEN, DIR!’ Ë ŞAL  
ONLI LØK UP AND SË ‘HÛ AM Ë HËN? TEL MË HËAT FËRST, AND HËN, IF Ë  
LËK BËIH HËAT PËRSUN, ËL KUM UP: IF NOT, ËL STË DØN HIR TIL ËM  
SUMBODI ELS’—BUT, Q DIR!” KRËD ALIS, WIH U SUDUN BËRST UV TIRZ,  
“Ë DÛ WIŞ HË WØD PØT HËR HEDZ DØN! Ë AM SQ VERI TËRD UV BËIH  
ÆL ULØN HIR!”

AZ ŞË SED HËS ŞË LØKT DØN AT HËR HANDZ, AND WUZ SËRPRËZD TÛ SË  
HËAT ŞË HAD PØT ON WUN UV HÛ RABITS LITUL HWËT KID GLUVZ HWËL  
ŞË WUZ TAKIH. “HØ KAN Ë HAV DUN HËAT?” ŞË HËT. “Ë MUST BË GRØIH  
SMAL UGEN.” ŞË GOT UP AND WENT TÛ HÛ TËBUL TÛ MËSËR HËRSELF BË  
IT, AND FØND HËAT, AZ NIRLI AZ ŞË KØD GES, ŞË WUZ NØ UBØT TÛ FËT  
HË, AND WUZ GØIH ON ŞRËIKIH RAPIDLI: ŞË SÛN FØND ØT HËAT HÛ  
KAZ UV HËS WUZ HÛ FAN ŞË WUZ HØLDIH, AND ŞË DROPT IT HASTILI,  
JUST IN TËM TÛ UVØD ŞRËIKIH UWË ÆLTUGEHË.

“HËAT WUZ U NARØ ISKËP!” SED ALIS, U GØD DËL FRËTUND AT HÛ  
SUDUN ØËNJ, BUT VERI GLAD TÛ FËND HËRSELF STIL IN IGZISTUNS;  
“AND NØ FAR HÛ GØRDUN!” AND ŞË RAN WIH ÆL SPËD BAK TÛ HÛ LITUL  
DAR: BUT, ULAS! HÛ LITUL DAR WUZ ŞÛT UGEN, AND HÛ LITUL GØLDUN  
KË WUZ LËIH ON HÛ GLAS TËBUL AZ BIFAR, “AND HËHZ OR WËRS HËAN  
EVËR,” HËT HÛ PØR ØËLD, “FAR Ë NEVËR WUZ SQ SMAL AZ HËS BIFAR,  
NEVËR! AND Ë DIKLER ITS TÛ BAD, HËAT IT IZ!”

AZ ŞË SED HËZ WËRDZ HËR FØT SLIPT, AND IN UNUHËR MQMUNT, SPLAŞ!  
ŞË WUZ UP TÛ HËR ØIN IN SALT WËTR. HËR FËRST ËDËU WUZ HËAT ŞË  
HAD SUMHØ FØLUN INTÛ HÛ SË, “AND IN HËAT KËS Ë KAN GØ BAK BË  
RÆLWË,” ŞË SED TÛ HËRSELF. (ALIS HAD BIN TÛ HÛ SËSËD WUNS IN HËR  
LËF, AND HAD KUM TÛ HÛ JËNRUL KUNKLØSUN, HËAT HWEREVËR Æ GØ TÛ

ON HI INGLIS KOST U FEND U NUMBER UV BATHI MUZENZ IN HU SE,  
SUM CHILDREN DIGI IN HU SAND WITH WODUN SPADZ, HEN U RO UV  
LOJI HQZIZ, AND BIHEND HEM U DALWA STASUN.) HOEVER, SE SUN  
MAD OT HAT SE WUZ IN HU PUL UV TIRZ HWIC SE HAD WEPT HWEN SE  
WUZ NEN FET H.

“I WIS I HADUNT KRID SO MUO!” SED ALIS, AZ SE SWAM UBOT,  
TRI TU FEND HR WA OT. “I SAL BE PUNIST FAR IT NO, I SUPQZ, B  
BEI DROND IN ME ON TIRZ! HAT *WIL* BE U KWIR HI, TU BE SOR!  
HOEVER, EVRIHI IZ KWIR TU-DA.”

JUST HEN SE HRD SUMHI SPLASHI UBOT IN HU PUL U LITUL WA AF,  
AND SE SWAM NIR TU MAK OT HWUT IT WUZ: AT FRST SE HAT IT  
MUST BE U WALRUS AR HIPUPOTUMUS, BUT HEN SE RIMEMBRD HO  
SMAL SE WUZ NO, AND SE SUN MAD OT HAT IT WUZ QNLI U MOS HAT  
HAD SLIPT IN LEK HSELF.

“WOD IT BE UV ENI US, NO,” HAT ALIS, “TU SPEK TU HIS MOS?  
EVRIHI IZ SO OT-UV-HU-WA DON HIR, HAT I SOD HIWK VERI LEKLI IT  
KAN TAK: AT ENI RAT, HERZ NO HORM IN TRI.” SO SE BIGAN: “O  
MOS, DU U NO HU WA OT UV HIS PUL? I AM VERI TERD UV SWIMI  
UBOT HIR, O MOS!” (ALIS HAT HIS MUST BE HU RIT WA UV SPEKI TU  
U MOS: SE HAD NEVR DUN SUO U HI BIFAR, BUT SE RIMEMBRD HAVI  
SEN IN HR BRURZ LATUN GRAMR, “U MOS—UV U MOS—TU U MOS—U  
MOS—O MOS!” HU MOS LOKT AT HR RAHR INKWIZITIVLI, AND SEMD  
TU HR TU WIK WITH WUN UV ITS LITUL EZ, BUT IT SED NUHI.)

“PERHAPS IT DUZUNT UNDRSTAND INGLIS,” HAT ALIS; “I DERSA ITS U  
FRENCH MOS, KUM QVR WITH WILYUM HU KONKR.” (FAR, WITH AL HR  
NOLI UV HISTRI, ALIS HAD NO VERI KLIR NOSUN HO LAV UGO ENIHI  
HAD HAPUND.) SO SE BIGAN UGEN: “*U A MO SOT?*” HWIC WUZ HU FRST  
SENTUNS IN HR FRENCH LESUN-BOK. HU MOS GAV U SUDUN LEP OT UV HU  
WATR, AND SEMD TU KWIVR AL QVR WITH FRIT. “O, I BEG YOR  
PORDUN!” KRID ALIS HASTILI, UFRAD HAT SE HAD HRT HU POR  
ANUMULZ FELI. “I KWIT FRGOT U DIDUNT LEK KATS.”

“NOT LEK KATS!” KRID HU MOS, IN U SRIL, PASUNUT VOS. “WOD U LEK  
KATS IF U WR ME?”

“WEL, PĒRHAPS NOT,” SED ALIS IN U SŪHĪŪ TŌN: “DŌNT BĒ AŪGRI UBŌT IT. AND YET † WIS † KŌD ŠŌ U ŌR KAT D†NU: † HĪŪK UD TĀK U FANSI TŪ KATS IF U KŌD ŌNLI SĒ HĒR. ŠĒ IZ SUŌ U DIR KW†UT HĪŪ,” ALIS WENT ON, HAF TŪ HĒRSELF, AZ ŠĒ SWAM LAZULI UBŌT IN Ū PŪL, “AND ŠĒ SITS PĒRIŪ SQ N†SLI B† Ū F†R, LIKIŪ HĒR PAZ AND WOŠIŪ HĒR FAS—AND ŠĒ IZ SUŌ U N†S SAFT HĪŪ TŪ NĒRS—AND ŠĒZ SUŌ U KAPITUL WUN FAR KAŌIŪ M†S—Ō, † BEG YŌR PORDUN!” KR†D ALIS UGEN, FAR HĪS T†M Ū MŌS WUZ BRISLIŪ AL ŌVĒR, AND ŠĒ FELT ŠĒRTUN IT MUST BĒ REULI UFENDID. “WĒ WŌNT TAK UBŌT HĒR ENI MAR IF UD RAĒĒR NOT.”

“WĒ INDĒD!” KR†D Ū MŌS, HŪ WUZ TREMBLIŪ DŌN TŪ HĪ END UV HIZ TAL. “AZ IF † WŌD TAK ON SUŌ U SUBJEKT! ŌR FAMULI ALWIZ HATID KATS: NASTI, LŌ, VULGR HĪŪZ! DŌNT LET MĒ HIR Ū NAM UGEN!”

“† WŌNT INDĒD!” SED ALIS, IN U GRAT HĒRI TŪ ŌΔNJ Ū SUBJEKT UV KONVERSAŠUN. “OR U—OR U FOND—UV—UV DAGZ?” Ū MŌS DID NOT ANSR, SQ ALIS WENT ON IGRĒLI: “ĒER IZ SUŌ U N†S LITUL DAG NIR ŌR HŌS † ŠŌD L†K TŪ ŠŌ U! U LITUL BR†T—†D TERĒR, U NŌ, WIĒ Ō, SUŌ LAV KĒRLI BRŌN HER! AND ITUL FEŌ HĪŪZ HWEN U HĒRŌ ĒEM, AND ITUL SIT UP AND BEG FAR ITS DINĒR, AND AL SARTS UV HĪŪZ—† KANT RIMEMBR HAF UV ĒEM—AND IT BILAVZ TŪ U FORMĒR, U NŌ, AND HĒ SEZ ITS SQ UŠFUL, ITS WRĒ U HUNDRID PŌNDZ! HĒ SEZ IT KILZ AL Ū RATS AND—Ō DIR!” KR†D ALIS IN U SORŌFUL TŌN, “†M UFRAD †V UFENDID IT UGEN!” FAR Ū MŌS WUZ SWIMIŪ UWA FRUM HĒR AZ HORD AZ IT KŌD GŌ, AND MAKIŪ KW†T U KUMŌŠUN IN Ū PŪL AZ IT WENT.

SŌ ŠĒ KALD SAFTLI AFTĒR IT, “MŌS DIR! DŪ KUM BAK UGEN, AND WĒ WŌNT TAK UBŌT KATS AR DAGZ ĒĒR, IF U DŌNT L†K ĒEM!” HWEN Ū MŌS HRD HĪS, IT TRND RŌND AND SWAM SLŌLI BAK TŪ HĒR: ITS FAS WUZ KW†T PΔL (WIĒ PAŠUN, ALIS FAT), AND IT SED IN U LŌ TREMBLIŪ VŌS, “LET US GET TŪ Ū ŠAR, AND ĒEN †L TEL U M† HISTRI, AND YŪL UNDRSTAND HW† IT IZ † HAT KATS AND DAGZ.”

IT WUZ H† T†M TŪ GŌ, FAR Ū PŪL WUZ GETIŪ KW†T KRŌDID WIĒ Ū BRDZ AND ANUMULZ ĒAT HAD FOLUN INTU IT: ĒER WR U DUK AND U DŌDŌ, U LARI AND AN IGLT, AND SEVRUL UĒĒ KYŌRIUS KRĒŌRZ. ALIS LED Ū WA, AND Ū HŌL PORTI SWAM TŪ Ū ŠAR.

## CHAPTER 3 U KAKUS-RAS AND U LAM TAL

HA WR INDED U KWIR-LOKIUM PORTI HAT USEMBULD ON HU BANK—HU BRDZ WITH DRAGULD FEHRZ, HI ANUMULZ WITH HER FR KLINIUM KLOS TU HEM, AND AL DRIPUM WET, KRAS, AND UNKUMFERTUBUL.

HU FRST KWESUM UV KARS WUZ, HO TU GET DRUM UGEN: HA HAD U KONSULTASUN UBOT HIS, AND AFTER U FU MINUTS IT SEMD KWIT NAERUL TU ALIS TU FUND HERSLF TAKIUM WITH HEM, AZ IF SEI HAD NON HEM AL HR LEF. INDED, SEI HAD KWIT U LAM ORGYUMUNT WITH HU LARI, HU AT LAST TRND SULKI, AND WOD ONLI SA, “I AM OLDR HAN U, AND MUST NO BETR ”; AND HIS ALIS WOD NOT ULQ WITHOT NQIUM HO QLD IT WUZ, AND, AZ HU LARI POZUTIVI RUFUZD TU TEL ITS DJ, HER WUZ NO MAR TU BE SED.

AT LAST HU MOS, HU SEMD TU BE U PRSUN UV UHARUTI UMUM HEM, KALD OT, “SIT DON, AL UV U, AND LISUN TU ME! IL SUN MAK U DRUM INUF!” HA AL SAT DON AT WUNS, IN U LORJ RIUM, WITH HU MOS IN HU MIDUL. ALIS KEPT HR IZ ANKUSLI FIKST ON IT, FAR SEI FELT XOR SEI WOD KAQ U BAD KQLD IF SEI DID NOT GET DRUM VERI SUN.

“UHEM!” SED HU MOS WITH AN IMPARTUNT ER, “OR U AL REDI? HIS IZ HU DRUMST HIUM I NO. SELUNS AL ROND, IF U PLIZ! ‘WILYUM HU KONKRR, HUZ KAZ WUZ FAVRD BE HU POP, WUZ SUN SUBMITUD TU BE HI INGLIS, HU WONTID LEDRZ, AND HAD BIN UV LAT MUQ UKUSTUMD TU UZRPASUN AND KONKWEST. EDWUN AND MARKOR, HI RLZ UV MRSIU AND NARHUMBRIUM—”

“UGK!” SED HU LARI, WITH U SIVR.

“I BEG YOR PORDUN!” SED HU MOS, FRONIUM, BUT VERI PULITLI: “DID U SPEK?”

“NOT I!” SED HU LARI HASTILI.

“I FAT U DID,” SED HU MOS. “—I PRUSED. ‘EDWUN AND MARKOR, HI RLZ UV MRSIU AND NARHUMBRIUM, DIKLERD FAR HIM: AND EVUN

STIGUND, ÆU PATRIOTIK ORÇBIŞUP UV KANTËRBERI, FOND IT ADVËZUBUL—”

“FOND HWUT?” SED ÆU DUK.

“FOND IT,” ÆU MÔS RIPLËD RAËËR KROSLI: “UV KARS U NQ HWUT ‘IT’ MËNZ.”

“Ë NQ HWUT ‘IT’ MËNZ WEL INUF, HWEN Ë FËND U FËIË,” SED ÆU DUK: “ITS JENËULI U FROG AR U WËRM. ÆU KWESÇUN IZ, HWUT DID ÆI ORÇBIŞUP FËND?”

ÆU MÔS DID NOT NQTIS ÆIS KWESÇUN, BUT HËRIDLI WENT ON, “—FOND IT ADVËZUBUL TË GQ WIË EDGR AFULIË TË MËT WILYUM AND AFËR HIM ÆU KRËN. WILYUMZ KONDUKT AT FËRST WUZ MODËRUT. BUT ÆI INSULUNS UV HIZ NARMUNZ—’ HÔ OR U GETIË ON NÔ, MË DIR?” IT KUNTINËD, TËRNIË TË ALIS AZ IT SPQK.

“AZ WET AZ EVËR,” SED ALIS IN U MELUNKOLI TQN: “IT DUZUNT SËM TË DRË MË AT AL.”

“IN ÆAT KAS,” SED ÆU DQDQ SOLUMLI, RËZIË TË ITS FËT, “Ë MÔV ÆAT ÆU MËTIË UJËRN, FAR ÆI IMËDIIT UDOPŞUN UV MAR ENËRJETIK REMUDIZ—”

“SPEK IŊGLIŞ!” SED ÆI ËGLET. “Ë DQNT NQ ÆU MËNIË UV HAF ÆQZ LAV WËRDZ, AND, HWUTS MAR, Ë DQNT BILËV U DË FËËR!” AND ÆI ËGLET BENT DQNT ITS HED TË HËD U SMËL: SUM UV ÆI UËËR BËRDZ TITËRD ADUBLI.

“HWUT Ë WUZ GQIË TË SΔ,” SED ÆU DQDQ IN AN UFENDID TQN, “WUZ, ÆAT ÆU BEST FËIË TË GET US DRË WÔD BË U KAKUS-RΔS.”

“HWUT IZ U KAKUS-RΔS?” SED ALIS; NOT ÆAT ŞË WONTID MUÇ TË NQ, BUT ÆU DQDQ HAD PΔZD AZ IF IT ÆAT ÆAT SUMBODI AT TË SPEK, AND NQ WUN ELS SËMD INKLËND TË SΔ ENIËIË.

“HWË,” SED ÆU DQDQ, “ÆU BEST WΔ TË IKSPLAN IT IZ TË DË IT.” (AND, AZ U MËT LËK TË TRË ÆU FËIË YÔRSELF, SUM WINTËR DΔ, Ë WIL TEL U HÔ ÆU DQDQ MANIJD IT.)

FÆRST IT MORKT ƆT U RÆS-KÆRS, IN U SÆRT UV SÆRKUL, (“HÆ IGZAKT ŠÆP DUZUNT MATÆ,” IT SED,) AND HÆN AL HÆ PORTI WÆ PLÆST ULÆW HÆ KÆRS, HÆR AND HÆR. HÆR WUZ NƆ “WUN, TƆ, HÆÆ, AND UWÆ,” BUT HÆ BIGAN RUNIÆ HWEN HÆ LÆKT, AND LEFT AF HWEN HÆ LÆKT, SQ HÆT IT WUZ NOT ÆZI TƆ NƆ HWEN HÆ RÆS WUZ ƆVÆ. HƆEVÆ, HWEN HÆ HAD BIN RUNIÆ HAF AN ƆR ÆR SQ, AND WÆ KWÆT DRÆ UGEN, HÆ DƆDƆ SUDUNLI KÆLD ƆT “HÆ RÆS IZ ƆVÆ!” AND HÆ AL KRƆDID RƆND IT, PANTIÆ, AND ASKIÆ, “BUT HƆ HÆZ WUN?”

HÆS KWESƆUN HÆ DƆDƆ KƆD NOT ANSÆ WIHƆT U GRÆT DÆL UV HÆT, AND IT SAT FÆR U LÆW TÆM WIH WUN FIÆGR PREST UPON ITS FÆRHED (HÆ PUZIŠUN IN HWIƆ Æ UŠƆULI SÆ ŠÆKSPÆR, IN HÆ PIKƆÆRZ UV HIM), HWÆL HÆ REST WÆTID IN SÆLUNS. AT LAST HÆ DƆDƆ SED, “EVRI BODI HÆZ WUN, AND AL MUST HÆV PRÆZIZ.”

“BUT HƆ IZ TƆ GIV HÆ PRÆZIZ?” KWÆT U KÆRUS UV VƆSIZ ASKT.

“HWÆ, ŠÆÆ, UV KÆRS,” SED HÆ DƆDƆ, PƆNTIÆ TƆ ALIS WIH WUN FIÆGR; AND HÆ HƆL PORTI AT WUNS KRƆDID RƆND HÆR, KÆLIÆ ƆT IN U KUNFLUZD WÆ, “PRÆZIZ! PRÆZIZ!”

ALIS HAD NƆ ÆDÆU HWUT TƆ DƆ, AND IN DISPER ŠÆ PƆT HÆR HÆND IN HÆR PƆKUT, AND PƆLD ƆT U BƆKS UV KUMFITS, (LUKULI HÆ SÆLT WÆTÆR HAD NOT GOT INTƆ IT), AND HÆNDID HÆM RƆND AZ PRÆZIZ. HÆR WUZ IGZAKTLI WUN U-PÆS AL RƆND.

“BUT ŠÆÆ MUST HÆV U PRÆZ HÆRSELF, Æ NƆ,” SED HÆ MƆS.

“UV KÆRS,” HÆ DƆDƆ RIPLÆD VERI GRÆVLI. “HWUT ELS HÆV Æ GOT IN YƆR PƆKUT?” HÆ WENT ON, TÆRNIÆ TƆ ALIS.

“ƆNLI U HÆMBUL,” SED ALIS SADLI.

“HÆND IT ƆVÆ HÆR,” SED HÆ DƆDƆ.

HÆN HÆ AL KRƆDID RƆND HÆR WUNS MÆR, HWÆL HÆ DƆDƆ SOLUMLI PRIZENTUD HÆ HÆMBUL, SÆIÆ “WÆ BEG YƆR AKSEPTUNS UV HÆS ELUGUNT HÆMBUL”; AND, HWEN IT HAD FINIŠT HÆS ŠÆRT SPÆƆ, HÆ AL ƆÆRD.

ALIS HAT ÆU HQL HII VERI ABSRD, BUT HAD AL LOKT SQ GRAV HAT SE  
DID NOT DER TU LAF; AND, AZ SE KOD NOT HIIK UV ENIHII TU SA, SE  
SIMPLI BOD, AND TOK ÆU HIMBUL, LOKII AZ SOLUM AZ SE KOD.

ÆU NEKST HII WUZ TU ET ÆU KUMFITS: HIS KAZD SUM NOZ AND  
KUNFLUSUN, AZ ÆU LORJ BRDZ KUMPLAND HAT HAD KOD NOT TAST HERZ,  
AND ÆU SMAL WUNZ OKT AND HAD TU BE PATUD ON ÆU BAK. HOEVÆR,  
IT WUZ QVR AT LAST, AND HAD SAT DON UGEN IN U RII, AND BEGD ÆU  
MOS TU TEL HEM SUMHII MAR.

“U PROMUST TU TEL ME YOR HISTRI, U NO,” SED ALIS, “AND HWI IT  
IZ U HAT—K AND D,” SE ADID IN U HWISPR, HAF UFRAD HAT IT WOD  
BE UFENDID UGEN.

“MHN IZ U LAV AND U SAD TAL!” SED ÆU MOS, TRNII TU ALIS, AND  
SII.

“IT IZ U LAV TAL, SRTUNLI,” SED ALIS, LOKII DON WIH WUNDR AT ÆU  
MOSIZ TAL; “BUT HWI DU U KAL IT SAD?” AND SE KEPT ON PUZLIH  
UBOT IT HWIL ÆU MOS WUZ SPEKII, SQ HAT HR IDIU UV ÆU TAL WUZ  
SUMHII LK HIS:—

“FYORI SED TU U  
MOS, HAT HE  
MET IN ÆU  
HOS,  
'LET US  
BOH GQ TU  
LA: I WIL  
PROSUKUT  
U.—KUM,  
IL TAK NO  
DINUL; WE  
MUST HAV U  
TRUL: FAR  
REULI HIS  
MARNII IV  
NUHII  
TU DU.’



SED ÆU  
MOS TU ÆU  
KR, 'SUÇ  
U TR±UL,  
DIR SR,  
WIH  
NQ JØRI  
AR JUJ,  
WOD BE  
WASTIØ  
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JUJ, ±L  
BE JØRI,'  
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KUNIØ  
QLD FYØRI:  
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KAZ,  
AND  
KUNDEM  
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"U OR NOT UTENDIØ!" SED ÆU MOS TU ALIS SUVIRLI. "HWUT OR U  
FIØKIØ UV?"

"± BEG YØR PORDUN," SED ALIS VERI HUMBLI: "U HAD GOT TU ÆU FIFH  
BEND, ± FIØK?"

"± HAD NOT!" KR±D ÆU MOS, ØORPLI AND VERI AØGRILI.

"U NOT!" SED ALIS, ALWIZ REDI TU MAK HÆSELF USFUL, AND LØKIØ  
AØKØUSLI UBØT HÆ. "Q, DØ LET ME HELP TU UNDO IT!"

“± ŠAL DŪ NUHIŪ UV ĤU SART,” SED ĤU MQS, GETIŪ UP AND WAKIŪ UWA. “Ū INSULT MĚ B± TAKIŪ SUČ NONSENS!”

“± DIDUNT MĚN IT!” PLĚDID PŌR ALIS. “BUT YŌR SQ ĚZULI UFENDID, Ū NQ!”

ĤU MQS QNLI GRŌLD IN RIPL±.

“PLĚZ KUM BAK AND FINIŠ YŌR STARI!” ALIS KALD AFTĚR IT; AND ĤI UĤĚZ AL JŌND IN KARUS, “YES, PLĚZ DŪ!” BUT ĤU MQS QNLI ŠŌK ITS HED IMPAŠUNTLI, AND WAKT U LITUL KWIKĚ.

“HWUT U PITI IT WŌDUNT STA!” S±D ĤU LARI, AZ SŪN AZ IT WUZ KW±T ŌT UV S±T; AND AN QLD KRAB TŌK ĤI OPĚRTUNUTI UV SAIŪ TŪ HĚR DATĚR “O, M± DIR! LET ĤIS BĚ U LESUN TŪ Ū NEVĚR TŪ LUZ YŌR TEMPĚR!” “HQLD YŌR TUŪ, MO!” SED ĤU YUŪ KRAB, U LITUL SNAPIŠLI. “YŌR INUF TŪ TR± ĤU PAŠUNS UV AN ŌSTR!”

“± WIŠ ± HAD ŌR D±NU HIR, ± NQ ± DŪ!” SED ALIS ULŌD, UDRESIŪ NQBODI IN PĚRTIKYULĚ. “ŠĚD SŪN FEČ IT BAK!”

“AND HŪ IZ D±NU, IF ± M±T VENČĚR TŪ ASK ĤU KWESČUN?” SED ĤU LARI.

ALIS RIPL±D ĚGRLI, FAR ŠĚ WUZ ALWIZ REDI TŪ TAK UBŌT HĚR PET: “D±NUZ ŌR KAT. AND ŠĚZ SUČ U KAPITUL WUN FAR KAČIŪ M±S Ū KANT ĤIŪK! AND Q, ± WIŠ Ū KŌD SĚ HĚR AFTĚR ĤU BĚRDZ! HW±, ŠĚL ĚT U LITUL BĚRD AZ SŪN AZ LŌK AT IT!”

ĤIS SPIČ KAZD U RIMORKUBUL SENSΔŠUN UMUŪ ĤU PORTI. SUM UV ĤU BĚRDZ HRID AF AT WUNS: WUN QLD MAGP± BIGAN RAPIŪ ITSELF UP VERI KERFULI, RIMORKIŪ, “± REULI MUST BĚ GETIŪ HQM; ĤU N±T-ER DUZUNT SŪT M± ĤRQT!” AND U KUNERI KALD ŌT IN U TREMBLIŪ VŌS TŪ ITS ČILDRUN, “KUM UWA, M± DIRZ! ITS H± T±M Ū WĚR AL IN BED!” ON VERIUS PRĚTEKSTS ĤΔ AL MŪVD AF, AND ALIS WUZ SŪN LEFT ULQN.

“± WIŠ ± HADUNT MENŠUND D±NU!” ŠĚ SED TŪ HĚRSELF IN U MELUNKOLI TQN. “NQBODI SEMZ TŪ L±K HĚR, DŌN HIR, AND ±M ŠŌR ŠĚZ ĤU BEST KAT IN ĤU WĚRLD! Q, M± DIR D±NU! ± WUNDR IF ± ŠAL

EVÆR SE U ENI MAR!" AND HIR PØR ALIS BIGAN TÙ KRÆ UGEN, FAR SE FELT VERI LQNLÍ AND LQ-SPIRITID. IN U LITUL HWÆL, HØEVÆR, SE UGEN HÆRD U LITUL PATRIU UV FØTSTEPS IN ÆU DISTUNS, AND SE LØKT UP IGRLI, HAF HQPIU ÆAT ÆU MQS HAD ØΔNJD HIZ MÆND, AND WUZ KUMIU BAK TÙ FINIÆ HIZ STARI.

## ØAPTR 4 ŦU RABIT SENDZ IN U LITUL BIL

IT WUZ ŦU HW±T RABIT, TROTIIØ SLQLI BAK UGEN, AND LØKIIØ ANKŠUSLI UBØT AZ IT WENT, AZ IF IT HAD LAST SUMFIØ; AND ŠE HRD IT MUTRIØ TU ITSELF “ŦU DUØUS! ŦU DUØUS! Q M± DIR PLZ! Q M± FR AND HWISKRZ! ŠEL GET ME EKSUKUTID, AZ ŠØR AZ FERUTS OR FERUTS! HWER KAN ± HAV DROPT ŦEM, ± WUNDR?” ALIS GEST IN U MOMUNT ŦAT IT WUZ LØKIIØ FAR ŦU FAN AND ŦU PER UV HW±T KID GLUVZ, AND ŠE VERI GØD-NØRDLI BIGAN HUNTIØ UBØT FAR ŦEM, BUT ŦAD WØR NØHWER TU BE SEN—EVRIHIØ SEMD TU HAV ØANJD SINS HØR SWIM IN ŦU PØL, AND ŦU GRAT HAL, WIŦ ŦU GLAS TABUL AND ŦU LITUL DAR, HAD VANIŠT KUMPLETLI.

VERI SUN ŦU RABIT NØTUST ALIS, AZ ŠE WENT HUNTIØ UBØT, AND KALD ØT TU HØR IN AN ANØRI TØN, “HW±, MERI AN, HWUT OR U DØIIØ ØT HIR? RUN HQM ŦIS MOMUNT, AND FEØ ME U PER UV GLUVZ AND U FAN! KWIK, NØ!” AND ALIS WUZ SQ MUØ FR±TUND ŦAT ŠE RAN AF AT WUNS IN ŦU DIREKŠUN IT PONTID TU, WIŦØT TR±IØ TU IKSPLAN ŦU MISTAK IT HAD MAD.

“HØ TØK ME FAR HIZ HØSMAD,” ŠE SED TU HØSELF AZ ŠE RAN. “HØ SRPR±ZD HØL BE HWEN HØ F±NDZ ØT HØ ± AM! BUT ±D BETØ TAK HIM HIZ FAN AND GLUVZ—ŦAT IZ, IF ± KAN F±ND ŦEM.” AZ ŠE SED ŦIS, ŠE KAM UPON U NET LITUL HØS, ON ŦU DAR UV HWIØ WUZ U BR±T BRAS PLAT WIŦ ŦU NAM “W. RABIT ” INGRAVD UPON IT. ŠE WENT IN WIŦØT NØKIIØ, AND HØRID UPSTERZ, IN GRAT FIR LEST ŠE ŠØD MET ŦU REUL MERI AN, AND BE TØRND ØT UV ŦU HØS BIFAR ŠE HAD FØND ŦU FAN AND GLUVZ.

“HØ KWIR IT SEMZ,” ALIS SED TU HØSELF, “TU BE GØIIØ MESIJIZ FAR U RABIT! ± SUPØZ D±NUL BE SENDIØ ME ON MESIJIZ NEKST!” AND ŠE BIGAN FANSIIØ ŦU SART UV HIØ ŦAT WØD HAPUN: “MIS ALIS! KUM HIR DØREKTLI, AND GET REDI FAR YØR WAK!’ ‘KUMIIØ IN U MINIT, NØRS! BUT ±V GOT TU SE ŦAT ŦU MØS DUZUNT GET ØT.’ QNLI ± DØNT FIØK,” ALIS WENT ON, “ŦAT ŦAD LET D±NU STOP IN ŦU HØS IF IT BIGAN ARØRIØ PØPUL UBØT L±K ŦAT!”

B± HIS T±M ŠE HAD FOND HÆ WA INTO U T±DI LITUL RUM WIH U TABUL IN HÆ WINDQ, AND ON IT (AZ ŠE HAD HQPT) U FAN AND TU AR HÆ PERZ UV T±NI HW±T KID GLUVZ: ŠE TØK UP HÆ FAN AND U PER UV HÆ GLUVZ, AND WUZ JUST GOIØ TU LÆV HÆ RUM, HWEN HÆ ± FEL UPON U LITUL BOTUL HAT STØD NIR HÆ LØKIN-GLAS. HÆR WUZ NQ LABUL HIS T±M WIH HÆ WÆRZ “DRIK MÆ,” BUT NEVÆRÆULES ŠE UNKARKT IT AND PØT IT TU HÆ LIPS. “± NQ SUMFÆIØ INTRISTIØ IZ ŠØR TU HAPUN,” ŠE SED TU HÆSELF, “HWENEVÆ ± ET AR DRIK ENIÆIØ; SQ ±L JUST SE HWUT HIS BOTUL DUZ. ± DØ HQP ITUL MÆK MÆ GRQ LORJ UGEN, FAR RÆULI ±M KW±T T±RD UV BÆIØ SUØ U T±NI LITUL HÆIØ!”

IT DID SQ INDÆD, AND MUØ SØNÆ HÆN ŠE HAD IKSPEKTID: BIFAR ŠE HAD DRUØK HAF HÆ BOTUL, ŠE FOND HÆ HED PRESIØ UGENST HÆ SÆLIØ, AND HAD TU STØP TU ŠÆV HÆ NEK FRUM BÆIØ BRQKUN. ŠE HASTILI PØT DØN HÆ BOTUL, ŠÆIØ TU HÆSELF “HATS KW±T INUF—± HQP ± ŠANT GRQ ENI MÆR—AZ IT IZ, ± KANT GET ØT AT HÆ DÆ—± DØ WIŠ ± HADUNT DRUØK KW±T SQ MUØ!”

ULAS! IT WUZ TU LÆT TU WIŠ HÆT! ŠE WENT ON GROIØ, AND GROIØ, AND VERI SØN HAD TU NÆL DØN ON HÆ FLÆR: IN UNUÆR MINIT HÆR WUZ NOT ÆVUN RUM FAR HIS, AND ŠE TRÆD HÆ IFEKT UV LÆIØ DØN WIH WUN ELBQ UGENST HÆ DÆR, AND HÆ UÆR ORM KÆRLD RØND HÆ HED. STIL ŠE WENT ON GROIØ, AND, AZ U LAST RÆSÆRS, ŠE PØT WUN ORM ØT UV HÆ WINDQ, AND WUN FØT UP HÆ ØIMNI, AND SED TU HÆSELF “NQ ± KAN DØ NQ MÆR, HWUTEVÆR HAPUNZ. HWUT WIL BIKUM UV MÆ?”

LUKULI FAR ALIS, HÆ LITUL MAJIK BOTUL HAD NØ HAD ITS FØL IFEKT, AND ŠE GRØ NQ LORJÆ: STIL IT WUZ VERI UNKUMFÆRTUBUL, AND, AZ HÆR SÆMD TU BÆ NQ SART UV ØÆNS UV HÆ EVÆR GETIØ ØT UV HÆ RUM UGEN, NQ WUNDR ŠE FELT UNHÆPI.

“IT WUZ MUØ PLEZUNÆR AT HQM,” HÆT PØR ALIS, “HWEN WUN WOZUNT ALWIZ GROIØ LORJÆ AND SMÆLÆ, AND BÆIØ ARDÆRD UBØT B± MÆS AND RÆBUTS. ± ALMQST WIŠ ± HADUNT GÆN DØN HÆT RÆBIT-HQL—AND YET—AND YET—ITS RÆHÆR KYØRIUS, U NQ, HIS SART UV LÆF! ± DØ WUNDR HWUT KAN HÆV HÆPUND TU MÆ! HWEN ± UZD TU RÆD FÆRI-TÆLZ, ± FÆNSID HÆT KÆND UV HÆIØ NEVÆR HÆPUND, AND NØ HÆR ± AM IN HÆ MIDUL UV WUN! HÆR ÆT TU BÆ U BØK RITUN UBØT MÆ, HÆT HÆR ÆT!

AND HWEN ± GRQ UP, ±L R±T WUN—BUT ±M GRON UP NQ,” ŠE ADID IN U SORQFUL TQN; “AT L±ST ĤERZ NQ RUM TQ GRQ UP ENI MAR HIR.”

“BUT ĤEN,” ĤAT ALIS, “ŠAL ± NEVR GET ENI QLDĤ ĤAN ± AM NQ? ĤATUL B± U KUMFĤT, WUN WΔ—NEVR TQ B± AN QLD WQMUN—BUT ĤEN—ALWIZ TQ HAV LESUNZ TQ LĤRN! Q, ± ŠQDUNT L±K ĤAT!”

“Q, U FULIŠ ALIS!” ŠE ANŠĤD ĤĤSELF. “HQ KAN U LĤRN LESUNZ IN HIR? HW±, ĤERZ HORDLI RUM FAR U, AND NQ RUM AT AL FAR ENI LESUN-BQKS!”

AND SQ ŠE WENT ON, TΔKIQ FĤST WUN S±D AND ĤEN ĤI UĤĤ, AND MΔKIQ KW±T U KONVĤSΔŠUN UV IT ALTUQEĤĤ; BUT AFTĤ U FU MINUTS ŠE ĤĤD U VQS QTS±D, AND STOPT TQ LISUN.

“MERI AN! MERI AN!” SED ĤU VQS. “FEQ M± M± GLUVZ ĤIS MQMUNT!” ĤEN KΔM U LITUL PATĤIQ UV FĤT ON ĤU STERZ. ALIS NQ IT WUZ ĤU RABIT KUMIQ TQ LQK FAR ĤĤ, AND ŠE TREMBULD TIL ŠE ŠQK ĤU HQS, KW±T FĤGETIQ ĤAT ŠE WUZ NQ UBQT U HQZUND T±MZ AZ LORJ AZ ĤU RABIT, AND HAD NQ R±ZUN TQ B± UFRΔD UV IT.

PREZUNTLI ĤU RABIT KΔM UP TQ ĤU DΔR, AND TR±D TQ QPUN IT; BUT, AZ ĤU DΔR QPUND INWĤDZ, AND ALISIZ ELBQ WUZ PREST HORD UGENST IT, ĤAT UTEMPT PRQVD U FΔLYĤ. ALIS ĤĤD IT SΔ TQ ITSELF “ĤEN ±L GQ RQND AND GET IN AT ĤU WINDQ.”

“ĤAT U WQNT ” ĤAT ALIS, AND, AFTĤ WΔTIQ TIL ŠE FANSID ŠE ĤĤD ĤU RABIT JUST UNĤĤ ĤU WINDQ, ŠE SUDUNLI SPRED QT ĤĤ HAND, AND MΔD U SNAQ IN ĤI ER. ŠE DID NOT GET HQLD UV ENIQIQ, BUT ŠE ĤĤD U LITUL ŠR±K AND U FAL, AND U KRAŠ UV BRQKUN GLAS, FRUM HWIQ ŠE KUNKLQDID ĤAT IT WUZ JUST POSUBUL IT HAD FOLUN INTQ U KQKUMBĤ-FRΔM, ΔR SUMĤIQ UV ĤU SART.

NEKST KΔM AN AŦGRI VQS—ĤU RABITS—“PAT! PAT! HWER OR U?” AND ĤEN U VQS ŠE HAD NEVR ĤĤD BIFAR, “ŠQR ĤEN ±M HIR! DIGIQ FAR APULZ, YĤ ONĤ!”

“DIGIQ FAR APULZ, IND±D!” SED ĤU RABIT AŦGRILI. “HIR! KUM AND HELP M± QT UV ĤIS!” (SQNDZ UV MAR BRQKUN GLAS.)

“NO TEL ME, PAT, HWUTS ĤAT IN ĤU WINDQ?”

“ŠOR, ITS AN ORM, YR ONR!” (HE PRUNONST IT “OR-UM.”)

“AN ORM, U GUS! HU EVR SA WUN ĤAT SŁZ? HWŁ, IT FILZ ĤU HOL WINDQ!”

“ŠOR, IT DUZ, YR ONR: BUT ITS AN ORM FAR AL ĤAT.”

“WEL, ITS GOT NO BIZNIS ĤER, AT ENI RAT: GO AND TAK IT UWA!”

ĤER WUZ U LAV SŁLUNS AFTR ĤIS, AND ALIS KOD QNLI HIR HWISPŔZ NO AND ĤEN; SUČ AZ, “ŠOR, Ł DQNT LŁK IT, YR ONR, AT AL, AT AL!” “DU AZ Ł TEL U, U KORD!” AND AT LAST ŠE SPRED QT HR HAND UGEN, AND MAD UNUĤR SNAČ IN ĤI ER. ĤIS TŁM ĤER WR TU LITUL ŠREKS, AND MAR SONDZ UV BRQKUN GLAS. “HWUT U NUMBR UV KUKUMBR-FRAMZ ĤER MUST BE!” ĤAT ALIS. “Ł WUNDR HWUT ĤAL DU NEKST! AZ FAR POLIŪ ME QT UV ĤU WINDQ, Ł QNLI WIŠ ĤA KOD! ŁM ŠOR Ł DQNT WONT TU STA IN HIR ENI LANGŔ!”

ŠE WATID FAR SUM TŁM WIĤOT HIRIŪ ENIĤIŪ MAR: AT LAST KAM U RUMBLIŪ UV LITUL KORTWELZ, AND ĤU SOND UV U GOD MENI VOSIZ AL TAKIŪ TUGEĤR: ŠE MAD QT ĤU WRDZ: “HWERZ ĤI UĤR LADR?—HWŁ, Ł HADUNT TU BRIŪ BUT WUN; BILZ GOT ĤI UĤR—BIL! FEČ IT HIR, LAD!—HIR, PQT ‘EM UP AT ĤIS KARNŔ—NO, TŁ ‘EM TUGEĤR FŔST—ĤA DQNT REČ HAF HŁ INUF YET—Q! ĤAL DU WEL INUF; DQNT BE PŔTIKYULŔ—HIR, BIL! KAČ HQLD UV ĤIS RQP—WIL ĤU RUF BER?—MŁND ĤAT LUS SLAT—Q, ITS KUMIŪ DQN! HEDZ BILO!” (U LQD KRAŠ)—“NO, HU DID ĤAT?—IT WUZ BIL, Ł FANSI—HUZ TU GO DQN ĤU ČIMNI?—NA, Ł ŠANT! U DU IT!—ĤAT Ł WQNT, ĤEN!—BILZ TU GO DQN—HIR, BIL! ĤU MASTR SEZ YOR TU GO DQN ĤU ČIMNI!”

“Q! SQ BILZ GOT TU KUM DQN ĤU ČIMNI, HAZ HE?” SED ALIS TU HRSELF. “ŠŁ, ĤA SEM TU PQT EVRIĤIŪ UPON BIL! Ł WQDUNT BE IN BILZ PLAS FAR U GQD DEL: ĤIS FŁRPLAS IZ NARQ, TU BE ŠOR; BUT Ł ĤIŪK Ł KAN KIK U LITUL!”

ŠE DRU HR FQT AZ FOR DQN ĤU ČIMNI AZ ŠE KOD, AND WATID TIL ŠE HRD U LITUL ANIMUL (ŠE KQDUNT GES UV HWUT SART IT WUZ) SKRAČIŪ AND SKRAMBLIŪ UBQT IN ĤU ČIMNI KLQS UBUV HR: ĤEN,

SΔI∅ T∅ H∅RSELF “HIS IZ BIL,” SΞ GΔV WUN SORP KIK, AND WΔTID T∅ SΞ HWUT W∅D HAPUN NEKST.

H∅ F∅RST H∅I∅ SΞ H∅RD WUZ U JEN∅RUL KARUS UV “HER GQZ BIL!” HEN H∅ RABITS V∅S UL∅—”KA∅ HIM, U B± H∅ HEJ!” HEN S±LUNS, AND HEN UNUHER KUNFUSUN UV V∅SIZ—”HOLD UP HIZ HED—BRANDI N∅—DQNT ∅QK HIM—H∅ WUZ IT, QLD FELO? HWUT HAPUND T∅ U? TEL US AL UB∅T IT!”

LAST KΔM U LITUL FIBUL, SKWΞKI∅ V∅S, (“HATS BIL,” HAT ALIS,) “WEL, ± HORDLI N∅—N∅ MAR, HAN∅K YI; ±M BETR N∅—BUT ±M U DIL T∅ FLUSTRD T∅ TEL U—AL ± N∅ IZ, SUMH∅I∅ KUMZ AT MΞ L±K U JAK-IN-H∅-BOKS, AND UP ± GQZ L±K U SK±-ROKUT!”

“SQ U DID, QLD FELO!” SED H∅I UHERZ.

“WE MUST B∅RN H∅ H∅S D∅N!” SED H∅ RABITS V∅S; AND ALIS KALD ∅T AZ L∅D AZ SΞ K∅D, “IF U D∅. ±L SET D±NU AT U!”

HER WUZ U DED S±LUNS INSTUNTLI, AND ALIS HAT T∅ H∅RSELF, “± WUNDR HWUT HΔ WIL D∅ NEKST! IF HΔ HAD ENI SENS, HΔD TΔK H∅ RUF AF.” AFTR U MINIT AR T∅, HΔ BIGAN M∅VI∅ UB∅T UGEN, AND ALIS H∅RD H∅ RABIT SΔ, “U BARQF∅L WIL D∅, T∅ BIGIN WIH.”

“U BARQF∅L UV HWUT?” HAT ALIS; BUT SΞ HAD NOT L∅T T∅ D∅T, FAR H∅ NEKST MQMUNT U S∅R UV LITUL PEBULZ KΔM RATLI∅ IN AT H∅ WINDQ, AND SUM UV HEM HIT H∅R IN H∅ FΔS. “±L P∅T U STOP T∅ HIS,” SΞ SED T∅ H∅RSELF, AND S∅TID ∅T, “UD BETR NOT D∅ HAT UGEN!” HWI∅ PRUD∅ST UNUHER DED S±LUNS.

ALIS NQUST WIH SUM S∅RPR±Z HAT H∅ PEBULZ WR AL T∅RNI∅ INTU LITUL KΔKS AZ HΔ LΔ ON H∅ FLAR, AND U BR±T ±DIEU KΔM INTU H∅R HED. “IF ± IT WUN UV HΞZ KΔKS,” SΞ HAT, “ITS S∅R T∅ MΔK SUM ∅ΔNJ IN M± S±Z; AND AZ IT KANT POSUBLI MΔK MΞ LORJR, IT MUST MΔK MΞ SMALR, ± SUPQZ.”

SQ SΞ SWOLQD WUN UV H∅ KΔKS, AND WUZ DIL±TUD T∅ F±ND HAT SΞ BIGAN S∅RI∅KI∅ D∅REKTLI. AZ SUN AZ SΞ WUZ SMAL INUF T∅ GET HR∅ H∅ DAR, SΞ RAN ∅T UV H∅ H∅S, AND F∅ND KW±T U KR∅D UV LITUL ANUMULZ AND B∅RDZ WΔTI∅ ∅TS±D. H∅ P∅R LITUL LIZRD, BIL, WUZ IN



ƆU MIDUL, BEIƆ HELD UP B± TƆ GINI-PIGZ, HƆ WƆR GIVIƆ IT SUMHIƆ  
QT UV U BOTUL. ƆΔ AL MAD U RUŠ AT ALIS ƆU MQMUNT ŠƆ UPIRD; BUT  
ŠƆ RAN AF AZ HORD AZ ŠƆ KƆD, AND SUN FƆND HƆRSELF ŠAF IN U HIƆ  
WƆD.

“ƆU FƆRST HIƆ ±V GOT TƆ DƆ,” SED ALIS TƆ HƆRSELF, AZ ŠƆ WONDƆRD  
UBƆT IN ƆU WƆD, “IZ TƆ GRƆ TƆ M± R±T S±Z UGEN; AND ƆU SEKUND  
HIƆ IZ TƆ F±ND M± WΔ INTƆ ƆAT LUVLI GORDUN. ± HIƆK ƆAT WIL BE  
ƆU BEST PLAN.”

IT SƆNDID AN EKSULUNT PLAN, NƆ DƆT, AND VERI NƆTLI AND SIMPLI  
RANJD; ƆI QNLI DIFIKULTI WUZ, ƆAT ŠƆ HAD NOT ƆU SMALUST ±DEU  
HƆ TƆ SET UBƆT IT; AND HW±L ŠƆ WUZ PƆRIƆ UBƆT ANKŠUSLI UMUU  
ƆU TRƆZ, U LITUL ŠORP BORK JUST QVR HƆR HED MAD HƆR LƆK UP IN U  
GRAT HƆRI.

AN INARMUS PUPI WUZ LƆKIƆ DƆN AT HƆR WIƆ LORJ RƆND ±Z, AND  
FƆBLI STREČIƆ QT WUN PL, TR±IƆ TƆ TUČ HƆR. “PƆR LITUL HIƆ!” SED  
ALIS, IN U KƆKSIƆ TƆN, AND ŠƆ TR±D HORD TƆ HWISUL TƆ IT; BUT ŠƆ  
WUZ TERUBLI FR±TUND AL ƆU T±M AT ƆU ƆAT ƆAT IT M±T BE HUƆGRI,  
IN HWIČ KAS IT WƆD BE VERI L±KLI TƆ ET HƆR UP IN SP±T UV AL HƆR  
KƆKSIƆ.

HORDLI NƆIƆ HWUT ŠƆ DID, ŠƆ PIKT UP U LITUL BIT UV STIK, AND  
HELD IT QT TƆ ƆU PUPI; HWERUPON ƆU PUPI JUMPT INTƆ ƆI ER AF AL  
ITS FƆT AT WUNS, WIƆ U YELP UV DIL±T, AND RUŠT AT ƆU STIK, AND  
MAD BILEV TƆ WƆRI IT; ƆEN ALIS DOJD BIH±ND U GRAT HISUL, TƆ KƆP  
HƆRSELF FRUM BEIƆ RUN QVR; AND ƆU MQMUNT ŠƆ UPIRD ON ƆI UƆƆ  
S±D, ƆU PUPI MAD UNUƆƆ RUŠ AT ƆU STIK, AND TUMBULD HED QVR  
HELZ IN ITS HƆRI TƆ GET HOLD UV IT; ƆEN ALIS, HIƆKIƆ IT WUZ VERI  
L±K HAVIƆ U GAM UV PLΔ WIƆ U KORT-HARS, AND IKSPEKTIƆ EVRI  
MQMUNT TƆ BE TRAMPULD UNDR ITS FƆT, RAN RƆND ƆU HISUL UGEN;  
ƆEN ƆU PUPI BIGAN U SIRIZ UV ŠART ČORJIZ AT ƆU STIK, RUNIƆ U  
VERI LITUL WΔ FARWRDZ IČ T±M AND U LΔ WΔ BAK, AND BORKIƆ  
HARSLI AL ƆU HW±L, TIL AT LAST IT SAT DƆN U GƆD WΔ AF, PANTIƆ,  
WIƆ ITS TUI HAVIƆ QT UV ITS MQƆ, AND ITS GRAT ±Z HAF ŠUT.

ƆIS SƆMD TƆ ALIS U GƆD OPƆTUNUTI FAR MAKIƆ HƆR ISKΔP; SQ ŠƆ  
SET AF AT WUNS, AND RAN TIL ŠƆ WUZ KW±T T±RD AND QT UV BREF,  
AND TIL ƆU PUPIZ BORK SƆNDID KW±T FΔNT IN ƆU DISTUNS.

“AND YET HWUT U DIR LITUL PUPI IT WUZ!” SED ALIS, AZ ŠE LEND UGENST U BUTRKUP TU REST HRSELF, AND FAND HRSELF WIH WUN UV HU LEVZ: “I ŠOD HAV LĒKT TĒČIŅ IT TRIKS VERI MUČ, IF—IF I D QNLI BIN HU RĒT SĒZ TU DŪ IT! Q DIR! I D NIRLI FĒRGOTUN HĀT I V GOT TU GRQ UP UGEN! LET MĒ SE—HŌ IZ IT TU BĒ MANIJD? I SUPQZ I AT TU ET AR DRIŅK SUMHIŅ AR UHĒ; BUT HU GRĀT KWESČUN IZ, HWUT?”

HU GRĀT KWESČUN SĒRTUNLI WUZ, HWUT? ALIS LŌKT AL RŌND HĒ AT HU FLŌRZ AND HU BLĀDZ UV GRAS, BUT ŠE DID NOT SE ENIHĪŅ HĀT LŌKT LĒK HU RĒT HIŅ TU ET AR DRIŅK UNDR HU SĒRKUMSTANSIZ. HĒR WUZ U LORJ MUŠRŪM GRQIŅ NIR HĒ, UBŌT HU SĀM HĒT AZ HRSELF; AND HWEN ŠE HAD LŌKT UNDR IT, AND ON BŌH SĒDZ UV IT, AND BIHĒND IT, IT UKĒD TU HĒ HĀT ŠE MĒT AZ WEL LŌK AND SE HWUT WUZ ON HU TOP UV IT.

ŠE STREČT HRSELF UP ON TIPTQ, AND PEPT QVR HI EJ UV HU MUŠRŪM, AND HĒ IZ IMĒDIITLI MET HŌZ UV U LORJ KĀTRPILĒ, HĀT WUZ SITIŅ ON HU TOP WIH ITS ORMZ FQLDID, KWĒUTLI SMŌKIŅ U LĀŅ HŌKU, AND TĀKIŅ NOT HU SMALUST NŌTIS UV HĒ AR UV ENIHĪŅ ELS.

## CHAPTER 5 ADVISE FROM U KATRPILR

HU KATRPILR AND ALIS LOKT AT IÇ UHËR FAR SUM TËM IN SËLUNS: AT LAST HU KATRPILR TOK HU HOKU OT UV ITS MØF, AND UDREST HËR IN U LAØGWUD, SLËPI VOS.

“HU OR U?” SED HU KATRPILR.

HIS WUZ NOT AN ENKRIJIIØ QPUNIØ FAR U KONVËRSΔSUN. ALIS RIPLËD, RAHËR SËLI, “Ë—Ë HORDLI NQ, SËR, JUST AT PREZUNT—AT LËST Ë NQ HU Ë WUZ HWEN Ë GOT UP HIS MARNIØ, BUT Ë FIØK Ë MUST HAV BIN ÇANJD SEVRUL TËMZ SINS HËN.”

“HWUT DU U MËN BË HAT?” SED HU KATRPILR STËRNLE. “IKSPLAN YØRSELF!”

“Ë KANT IKSPLAN MËSELF, ËM UFRAD, SËR ” SED ALIS, “BIKAZ ËM NOT MËSELF, U SË.”

“Ë DQNT SË,” SED HU KATRPILR.

“ËM UFRAD Ë KANT PØT IT MËR KLIRLI,” ALIS RIPLËD VERI PULËTLI, “FAR Ë KANT UNDRSTAND IT MËSELF TØ BIGIN WIH; AND BËIØ SQ MENI DIFRUNT SËZIZ IN U DΔ IZ VERI KUNFUZIØ.”

“IT IZUNT,” SED HU KATRPILR.

“WEL, PËRHAPS U HAVUNT FOND IT SQ YET,” SED ALIS; “BUT HWEN U HAV TØ TRN INTØ U KRISULIS—U WIL SUM DΔ, U NQ—AND HËN AFTR HAT INTØ U BUTRFLË, Ë SØD FIØK YØL FËL IT U LITUL KWIR, WQNT U?”

“NOT U BIT,” SED HU KATRPILR.

“WEL, PËRHAPS YØR FËLIØZ MΔ BË DIFRUNT,” SED ALIS; “AL Ë NQ IZ, IT WØD FËL VERI KWIR TØ MË.”

“U!” SED ÆU KATRPILR KUNTEMPÇOUSLI. “HU OR U?”

HWIÇ BRAT ÆEM BAK UGEN TÛ ÆU BIGINIÛ UV ÆU KONVRSΔSUN. ALIS FELT U LITUL IRUTΔTUD AT ÆU KATRPILRZ MΔKIÛ SUÇ VERI SART RIMORKS, AND SÆ DRÛ HRSELF UP AND SED, VERI GRAVLI, “± HIÛK U AT TÛ TEL MÆ HU U OR FÆST.”

“HW±?” SED ÆU KATRPILR.

HIR WUZ UNUÆR PUZLIÛ KWESÇUN; AND AZ ALIS KOD NOT HIÛK UV ENI GØD RÆZUN, AND AZ ÆU KATRPILR SÆMD TÛ BÆ IN U VERI UNPLEZUNT STAT UV MÆND, SÆ TRND UWA.

“KUM BAK!” ÆU KATRPILR KALD AFTÆ HR. “±V SUMFIÛ IMPARTUNT TÛ SA!”

ÆIS SONDID PROMUSIÛ, SÆRTUNLI: ALIS TRND AND KΔM BAK UGEN.

“KÆP YØR TEMPÆ,” SED ÆU KATRPILR.

“IZ ÆAT AL?” SED ALIS, SWOLQIÛ DØN HR AÛGR AZ WEL AZ SÆ KØD.

“NQ,” SED ÆU KATRPILR.

ALIS ÆAT SÆ MÆT AZ WEL WΔT, AZ SÆ HAD NUFIÛ ELS TÛ DÛ, AND PÆRHAPS AFTÆ AL IT MÆT TEL HR SUMFIÛ WÆF HIRIÛ. FAR SUM MINUTS IT PUFT UWA WIÆØT SPEKIÛ, BUT AT LAST IT UNFOLDUD ITS ORMZ, TØK ÆU HØKU ØT UV ITS MØF UGEN, AND SED, “SQ U HIÛK YØR ÇΔNJØ, DÛ U?”

“±M UFRΔD ± AM, SR,” SED ALIS; “± KANT RIMEMBRÆ HIÛZ AZ ± UZD— AND ± DQNT KÆP ÆU SAM SÆZ FAR TEN MINUTS TUGEÆR!”

“KANT RIMEMBRÆ HWUT HIÛZ?” SED ÆU KATRPILR.

“WEL, ±V TRÆD TÛ SA ‘HØ DÆF ÆU LITUL BIZI BÆ,’ BUT IT AL KΔM DIFÆRUNT!” ALIS RIPLÆD IN U VERI MELUNKOLI VØS.

“RIPÆT, ‘U OR QLD, FØÆR WILYUM,” SED ÆU KATRPILR.

ALIS FOLDED HER HANDS, AND BIGAN:—

“U OR OLD, FOER WILYUM,” HU YUH MAN SED,  
“AND YOR HER HAZ BIKUM VERI HWET;  
AND YET U INSESUNTLI STAND ON YOR HED—  
DU U HIJK, AT YOR DJ, IT IZ RIT?”?

“IN ME UF,” FOER WILYUM RIPLD TU HIZ SUN,  
“I FIRD IT MET INJR HU BRAN;  
BUT, NO HAT EM PRFIKTLI XOR I HAV NUN,  
HWI, I DU IT UGEN AND UGEN.”

“U OR OLD,” SED HI UF, “AZ I MENJUND BIFAR,  
AND HAV GRON MOST UNKOMUNLI FAT;  
YET U TRND U BAK-SUMRSALT IN AT HU DAR—  
PRD, HWUT IZ HU REZUN UV HAT?”?

“IN ME UF,” SED HU SDJ, AZ HE XOR HIZ GRD LOKS,  
“I KEPT AL ME LIMZ VERI SUPUL  
BE HU US UV HIS ONTMUNT—WUN SILI HU BOKS—  
ULQ ME TU SEL U U KUPUL?”

“U OR OLD,” SED HI UF, “AND YOR JAZ OR TU WEK  
FAR ENIHU TUFER HAN SJET;  
YET U FINIST HU GUS, WIH HU BONZ AND HU BEK—  
PRD HQ DID U MANIJ TU DU IT?”

“IN ME UF,” SED HIZ FOER, “I TOK TU HU LA,  
AND ORGUD IØ KAS WIH ME WF;  
AND HU MUSKYULR STREJKH, HWIØ IT GAV TU ME JA,  
HAZ LASTID HU REST UV ME LF.”

“U OR OLD,” SED HI UF, “WUN WOD HORDLI SUPQZ  
HAT YOR I WUZ AZ STEDE AZ EVR;  
YET U BALUNST AN EL ON HI END UV YOR NOZ—  
HWUT MAD U SQ AFLI KLEVR?”?

“I HAV ANSRD FRE KWESJUNZ, AND HAT IZ INUF,”  
SED HIZ FOER; “DONT GIV YORSELF ERZ!

DU U HINIK ± KAN LISUN AL DA TU SUØ STUF?  
BE AF, AR ±L KIK U DON STERZ!"?

"HAT IZ NOT SED R±T," SED HU KATRPILR.

"NOT KW±T R±T, ±M UFRAD," SED ALIS, TIMIDLI; "SUM UV HU WRDZ  
HAV GOT ALTRD."

"IT IZ RAØ FRUM BIGINIØ TU END," SED HU KATRPILR DIS±DUDLI,  
AND HER WUZ S±LUNS FAR SUM MINUTS.

HU KATRPILR WUZ HU FRST TU SPEK.

"HWUT S±Z DU U WONT TU BE?" IT ASKT.

"O, ±M NOT PRTIKYULR AZ TU S±Z," ALIS HASTILI RIPL±D; "ONLI WUN  
DUZUNT L±K ØANJIN SQ AFUN, U NQ."

"± DQNT NQ," SED HU KATRPILR.

ALIS SED NUHIØ: §E HAD NEVR BIN SQ MUØ KONTRUDIKTUD IN HR L±F  
BIFAR, AND §E FELT HAT §E WUZ LUZIN HR TEMPÆ.

"OR U KONTENT NØ?" SED HU KATRPILR.

"WEL, ± §OD L±K TU BE U LITUL LORJR, SR, IF U WØDUNT M±ND," SED  
ALIS: "HRE INØIZ IZ SUØ U REØID H±T TU BE."

"IT IZ U VERI GØD H±T INDED!" SED HU KATRPILR ANGRILI, RIRIN  
ITSELF UPR±T AZ IT SPOK (IT WUZ IGZAKTLI HRE INØIZ H±).

"BUT ±M NOT UZD TU IT!" PLIDID PØR ALIS IN U PITIUS TQN. AND §E  
HAT UV HRSELF, "± WIS HU KREØRZ WØDUNT BE SQ EZULI UFENDID!"

"YUL GET UZD TU IT IN T±M," SED HU KATRPILR; AND IT PØT HU  
HØKU INTU ITS MØF AND BIGAN SMQKIN UGEN.

HIS T±M ALIS WATID PA§UNTILI UNTIL IT ØQZ TU SPEK UGEN. IN U  
MINIT AR TU HU KATRPILR TØK HU HØKU ØT UV ITS MØF AND YAND  
WUNS AR TW±S, AND §ØK ITSELF. HEN IT GOT DON AF HU MU§RUM,

AND KRALD UWA IN HU GRAS, MIRLI RIMORKIU AZ IT WENT, "WUN SUD WIL MAK U GRO TALR, AND HI UFR SUD WIL MAK U GRO SARTR."

"WUN SUD UV HWUT? HI UFR SUD UV HWUT?" FAT ALIS TU HRSELF.

"UV HU MUSRUM," SED HU KATRPILR, JUST AZ IF SE HAD ASKT IT ULQD; AND IN UNUFR MQMUNT IT WUZ QT UV SUT.

ALIS RIMAND LOKIU FATFULI AT HU MUSRUM FAR U MINIT, TRIU TU MAK QT HWIØ WR HU TU SUDZ UV IT; AND AZ IT WUZ PRFIKTLI RQND, SE FQND HIS U VERI DIFIKULT KWESØUN. HQEVR, AT LAST SE STREØT HR ORMZ RQND IT AZ FOR AZ HA WQD GQ, AND BRQK AF U BIT UV HI EJ WIH IØ HAND.

"AND NQ HWIØ IZ HWIØ?" SE SED TU HRSELF, AND NIBULD U LITUL UV HU RIT-HAND BIT TU TRU HI IFEKT: HU NEKST MQMUNT SE FELT U VULUNT BLQ UNDRNEH HR ØIN: IT HAD STRUK HR FØT!

SE WUZ U GQD DIL FRITUND BU HIS VERI SUDUN ØANJ, BUT SE FELT FAT HER WUZ NQ TIM TU BE LAST, AZ SE WUZ SRIKIU RAPIDLI; SQ SE SET TU WRK AT WUNS TU ET SUM UV HI UFR BIT. HR ØIN WUZ PREST SQ KLOSLI UGENST HR FØT, FAT HER WUZ HORDLI RUM TU QPUN HR MQH; BUT SE DID IT AT LAST, AND MANIJD TU SWOLQ U MARSUL UV HU LEFT-HAND BIT.

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"KUM, MØ HEDZ FRE AT LAST!" SED ALIS IN U TQN UV DILIT, HWIØ ØANJD INTU ULORM IN UNUFR MQMUNT, HWEN SE FQND FAT HR SØLDRZ WR NQHWER TU BE FQND: AL SE KQD SE, HWEN SE LØKT DQD, WUZ AN IMENS LEIKH UV NEK, HWIØ SEMD TU RIZ LØK U STAK QT UV U SE UV GRN LØVZ FAT LA FOR BILQ HR.

"HWUT KAN AL FAT GRN STUF BE?" SED ALIS. "AND HWER HAV MØ SØLDRZ GOT TU? AND Q, MØ PØR HANDZ, HQ IZ IT Ø KANT SE U?" SE WUZ MQVIU NEM UBQD AZ SE SPQK, BUT NQ RIZULT SEMD TU FOLQ, IKSEPT U LITUL SØKIU UMUU HU DISTUNT GRN LØVZ.

AZ HER SEMD TU BE NO ÇANS UV GETIÛ HR HANDZ UP TU HR HED, SE TRËD TU GET HR HED DÛN TU ÆEM, AND WUZ DILËTUD TU FËND ÆAT HR NEK WÛD BEND UBÛT ÆZULI IN ENI DIREKŞUN, LËK U SRPUNT. SE HAD JUST SUKSËDID IN KRVIÛ IT DÛN INTU U GRASFUL ZIGZAG, AND WUZ GOIÛ TU DËV IN UMUÛ ÆU LËVZ, HWIÛ SE FÛND TU BE NUHIÛ BUT ÆU TOPS UV ÆU TREZ UNDR HWIÛ SE HAD BIN WONDRIÛ, HWEN U ŞORP HIS MAD HR DRA BAK IN U HRI: U LORJ PIJUN HAD FLÛN INTU HR FAS, AND WUZ BËTIÛ HR VËULUNTLI WIÆ ITS WIÛZ.

“SRPUNT!” SKRËMD ÆU PIJUN.

“ËM NOT U SRPUNT!” SED ALIS INDIGNUNTLI. “LET MË ULÛN!”

“SRPUNT, Ë SA UGEN!” RIPËTID ÆU PIJUN, BUT IN U MAR SUBDÛD TÛN, AND ADID WIÆ U KËND UV SOB, “ËV TRËD EVRI WÛ, AND NUHIÛ SEMZ TU SÛT ÆEM!”

“Ë HAVUNT ÆU LËST ËDËU HWUT YÛR TAKIÛ UBÛT,” SED ALIS.

“ËV TRËD ÆU RÛTS UV TREZ, AND ËV TRËD BANKS, AND ËV TRËD HEJIZ,” ÆU PIJUN WENT ON, WIÆÛT UTENDIÛ TU HR; “BUT ÆOZ SRPUNTS! ÆERZ NO PLËZIÛ ÆEM!”

ALIS WUZ MAR AND MAR PUZULD, BUT SE ÆAT HER WUZ NO US IN SAIÛ ENIËIÛ MAR TIL ÆU PIJUN HAD FINIŞT.

“AZ IF IT WOZUNT TRUBUL INUF HAÛIÛ ÆI EGZ,” SED ÆU PIJUN; “BUT Ë MUST BE ON ÆU LÛK-ÛT FAR SRPUNTS NËT AND DÛ! HWË, Ë HAVUNT HAD U WIÛK UV SLËP ÆËZ ÆRE WEKS!”

“ËM VERI SORI UV BIN UNÛD,” SED ALIS, HU WUZ BIGINIÛ TU SE ITS MENIÛ.

“AND JUST AZ ËD TAKUN ÆU HËUST TRE IN ÆU WÛD,” KUNTINUD ÆU PIJUN, RAZIÛ ITS VÛS TU U ŞREK, “AND JUST AZ Ë WUZ FIÛKIÛ Ë ŞÛD BE FRË UV ÆEM AT LAST, ÆÛ MUST NËDZ KUM RIGLIÛ DÛN FRUM ÆU SKË! UG, SRPUNT!”

“BUT ËM NOT U SRPUNT, Ë TEL U!” SED ALIS. “ËM U—ËM U—”



“WEL! HWUT OR U?” SED HÛ PIJUN. “± KAN SË YÖR TR±IÛ TÛ INVENT SUMFÛIÛ!”

“±—±M U LITUL GËRL,” SED ALIS, RAHËR DÖTFÖLI, AZ SË RIMEMBRD HÛ NUMBR UV ÇANJIZ SË HAD GAN HRÛ HAT DA.

“U L±KLI STARI INDED!” SED HÛ PIJUN IN U TQN UV HÛ DËPUST KUNTEMPT. “±V SËN U GÖD MENI LITUL GËRLZ IN M± T±M, BUT NEVR WUN WIH SUÇ U NEK AZ HAT! NQ, NQ! YÖR U SËRPUNT; AND HERZ NQ US DIN±IÛ IT. ± SUPQZ YÛL BË TELIÛ MË NEKST HAT U NEVR TASTID AN EG!”

“± HAV TASTID EGZ, SËRTUNLI,” SED ALIS, HÛ WUZ U VERI TRÛHFUL Ç±LD; “BUT LITUL GËRLZ ËT EGZ KW±T AZ MUÇ AZ SËRPUNTS DÛ, U NQ.”

“± DQNT BILËV IT,” SED HÛ PIJUN; “BUT IF H± DÛ, HW± HËN HER U K±ND UV SËRPUNT, HATS AL ± KAN SA.”

HIS WUZ SUÇ U NÛ ±DËU TÛ ALIS, HAT SË WUZ KW±T S±LUNT FAR U MINIT AR TÛ, HWIÇ G±V HÛ PIJUN HÛ OPËRTUNUTI UV ADIÛ, “YÖR LÖKIÛ FAR EGZ, ± NQ HAT WEL INUF; AND HWUT DUZ IT MATËR TÛ MË HWEHËR YÖR U LITUL GËRL AR U SËRPUNT?”

“IT MATËRZ U GÖD DËL TÛ MË,” SED ALIS HASTILI; “BUT ±M NOT LÖKIÛ FAR EGZ, AZ IT HAPUNZ; AND IF ± WUZ, ± SÖDUNT WONT YÖRZ: ± DQNT L±K HËM RA.”

“WEL, BË AF, HËN!” SED HÛ PIJUN IN U SULKI TQN, AZ IT SETULD DÖN UGEN INTÛ ITS NEST. ALIS KRÖÇT DÖN UMUÛ HÛ TRËZ AZ WEL AZ SË KÖD, FAR HËR NEK KEPT GETIÛ ENTANGULD UMUÛ HÛ BRANÇIZ, AND EVRI NQ AND HËN SË HAD TÛ STOP AND UNTWIST IT. AFTËR U HW±L SË RIMEMBRD HAT SË STIL HELD HÛ PËSIZ UV MUËRÛM IN HËR HANDZ, AND SË SET TÛ WËRK VERI KERFULI, NIBLIÛ FËRST AT WUN AND HËN AT HÛ UHËR, AND GRQIÛ SUMT±MZ TALËR AND SUMT±MZ SËARTËR, UNTIL SË HAD SUKSËDID IN BRIÛIÛ HËRSELF DÖN TÛ HËR UËËUL H±T.

IT WUZ SQ LAV SINS SË HAD BIN ENIHÛ NIR HÛ R±T S±Z, HAT IT FELT KW±T STRANJ AT FËRST; BUT SË GOT UZD TÛ IT IN U FÛ MINUTS, AND BIGAN TAKIÛ TÛ HËRSELF, AZ UËËUL. “KUM, HERZ HAF M± PLAN DUN NQ! HÖ PUZLIÛ AL HËZ ÇANJIZ OR! ±M NEVR SÖR HWUT ±M GQIÛ

TU BE, FRUM WUN MINIT TU UNUŃR! HŃEVŃ, ±V GOT BAK TU M± R±T S±Z: ŃU NEKST HİŃ IZ, TU GET INTU ŃAT BUTIFUL GORDUN—HŃ IZ ŃAT TU BE DUN, ± WUNDR?" AZ ŠĚ SED ŃIS, ŠĚ KΔM SUDUNLI UPON AN QPUN PLΔS, WIŃ U LITUL HŃS IN IT UBŃT FAR FĚT H±. "HŃEVŃ LIVZ ŃER," HAT ALIS, "ITUL NEVŃ DŃ TU KUM UPON ŃEM ŃIS S±Z: HW±, ± ŠŃD FR±TUN ŃEM ŃT UV ŃER WITS!" SQ ŠĚ BIGAN NIBLIŃ AT ŃU R±T-HAND BIT UGEN, AND DID NOT VENŃŃR TU GŃ NIR ŃU HŃS TIL ŠĚ HAD BRAT HŃSELF DŃN TU N±N INŃIZ H±.

## CHAPTER 6 PIG AND PEPPER

FAR U MINIT AR TU ŠE STOD LOKIŃ AT ĤU HOS, AND WUNDRIŃ HWUT TU DU NEKST, HWEN SUDUNLI U FOTMUN IN LIVRI KAM RUNIŃ OT UV ĤU WOD—(ŠE KUNSIDRD HIM TU BE U FOTMUN BIKAZ HE WUZ IN LIVRI: UĤRWŁZ, JUJIŃ BŁ HIZ FAS QNLI, ŠE WOD HAV KALD HIM U FIŠ)—AND RAPT LODLI AT ĤU DAR WIĤ HIZ NUKULZ. IT WUZ QPUND BŁ UNUĤR FOTMUN IN LIVRI, WIĤ U ROND FAS, AND LORJ ŁZ LŁK U FROG; AND BQH FOTMEN, ALIS NQTUST, HAD PŌDRD HER ĤAT KRLD AL QVR ĤER HEDZ. ŠE FELT VERI KYŌRIUS TU NQ HWUT IT WUZ AL UBŌT, AND KREPT U LITUL WΔ OT UV ĤU WOD TU LISUN.

ĤU FIŠ-FOTMUN BIGAN BŁ PRUDUSIŃ FRUM UNDR HIZ ORM U GRAT LETR, NIRLI AZ LORJ AZ HIMSELF, AND ĤIS HE HANDID QVR TU ĤI UĤR, SΔIŃ, IN U SOLUM TQN, “FAR ĤU DUŌUS. AN INVITΔŠUN FRUM ĤU KWEN TU PLA KRQKA.” ĤU FROG-FOTMUN RIPETID, IN ĤU SAM SOLUM TQN, QNLI ŌΔNJIŃ ĤI ARDR UV ĤU WRDZ U LITUL, “FRUM ĤU KWEN. AN INVITΔŠUN FAR ĤU DUŌUS TU PLA KRQKA.”

ĤEN ĤΔ BQH BŌD LQ, AND ĤER KRLZ GOT ENTAŃGULD TUĤEĤR.

ALIS LAFT SQ MUŌ AT ĤIS, ĤAT ŠE HAD TU RUN BAK INTU ĤU WOD FAR FIR UV ĤER HIRIŃ HR; AND HWEN ŠE NEKST PEPT OT ĤU FIŠ-FOTMUN WUZ GAN, AND ĤI UĤR WUZ SITIŃ ON ĤU GROND NIR ĤU DAR, STERIŃ STŌPUDLI UP INTU ĤU SKŁ.

ALIS WENT TIMIDLI UP TU ĤU DAR, AND NOKT.

“ĤERZ NQ SART UV US IN NOKIŃ,” SED ĤU FOTMUN, “AND ĤAT FAR TU RIZUNZ. FRST, BIKAZ ŁM ON ĤU SAM SŁD UV ĤU DAR AZ U OR; SEKUNDLI, BIKAZ ĤER MΔKIŃ SUŌ U NOZ INSŁD, NQ WUN KŌD POSUBLI HIR U.” AND SRTUNLI ĤER WUZ U MQST IKSTRARDUNERI NOZ GOIŃ ON WIĤIN—U KONSTUNT HŌLIŃ AND SNĖZIŃ, AND EVRI NŌ AND ĤEN U GRAT KRAŠ, AZ IF U DIŠ AR KETUL HAD BIN BROKUN TU PISIZ.

“PLĖZ, ĤEN,” SED ALIS, “HŌ AM Ł TU GET IN?”

“HER MÆT BÆ SUM SENS IN YØR NOKIØ,” HØ FØTMUN WENT ON WIHØT UTENDIØ TØ HÆ, “IF WÆ HAD HØ DAR BITWÆN US. FAR INSTUNS, IF U WÆ INSÆD, U MÆT NOK, AND Æ KØD LET U ØT, U NQ.” HÆ WUZ LØKIØ UP INTØ HØ SKÆ AL HØ TÆM HÆ WUZ SPÆKIØ, AND HÆS ALIS HÆT DISÆDUDLI UNSIVUL. “BUT PÆRHAPS HÆ KANT HELP IT,” SÆ SED TØ HÆRSELF; “HÆZ ÆZ OR SQ VERI NIRLI AT HØ TOP UV HÆZ HED. BUT AT ENI RÆT HÆ MÆT ANSÆ KWESØUNZ.—HØ AM Æ TØ GET IN?” SÆ RIPÆTID, ULØD.

“Æ SÆL SIT HIR,” HØ FØTMUN RIMORKT, “TIL TUMARQ—”

AT HÆS MQMUNT HØ DAR UV HØ HØS QPUND, AND U LORJ PLÆT KÆM SKIMIØ ØT, STRÆT AT HØ FØTMUNZ HED: IT JUST GRÆZD HÆZ NQZ, AND BRØK TØ PÆSIZ UGENST WUN UV HØ TRÆZ BIHÆND HIM.

“—ÆR NEKST DÆ, MÆBI,” HØ FØTMUN KUNTINUØ IN HØ SÆM TØN, IGSÆKTLI AZ IF NUHÆØ HAD HÆPUND.

“HØ AM Æ TØ GET IN?” ASKT ALIS UGEN, IN U LØDR TØN.

“OR U TØ GET IN AT AL?” SED HØ FØTMUN. “HÆTS HØ FÆRST KWESØUN, U NQ.”

IT WUZ, NQ DØT: QNLI ALIS DID NOT LÆK TØ BÆ TOLD SQ. “ITS RÆULI DREDFUL,” SÆ MUTÆD TØ HÆRSELF, “HØ WÆ AL HØ KRÆØRZ ORGU. ITS INUF TØ DRÆV WUN KRÆZI!”

HØ FØTMUN SÆMD TØ HÆK HÆS U GØD OPÆRTUNUTI FAR RIPÆTIØ HÆZ RIMORK, WIH VERIÆSUNZ. “Æ SÆL SIT HIR,” HÆ SED, “ON AND ÆF, FAR DÆZ AND DÆZ.”

“BUT HWUT AM Æ TØ DØ?” SED ALIS.

“ENIHÆØ U LÆK,” SED HØ FØTMUN, AND BIGAN HWISLIØ.

“Q, HÆRZ NQ US IN TÆKIØ TØ HIM,” SED ALIS DESPÆRITLI: “HÆZ PÆFIKTLI IDIOTIK!” AND SÆ QPUND HØ DAR AND WENT IN.

ƚU ɔAR LED R±T INTU U LORJ KIØUN, HWIØ WUZ FØL UV SMQK FRUM WUN END TU ƚI UƚR: ƚU DUØUS WUZ SITIU ON U ƚRE-LEGID STUL IN ƚU MIDUL, NRSIU U ɔABI; ƚU KØK WUZ LENIU QVR ƚU F±R, STRIU U LORJ KALDRUN HWIØ SEMD TU BE FØL UV SUP.

“ƚERZ SRTUNLI TU MUØ PEPR IN ƚAT SUP!” ALIS SED TU ƚRSELF, AZ WEL AZ ŒE KØD FAR SNEZIU.

ƚER WUZ SRTUNLI TU MUØ UV IT IN ƚI ER. EVUN ƚU DUØUS SNEZD UKASUNULI; AND AZ FAR ƚU ɔABI, IT WUZ SNEZIU AND HOLIU ALTRNUTLI WIFØT U MQMUNTS PAZ. ƚI QNLI ƚIUZ IN ƚU KIØUN ƚAT DID NOT SNEZ, WR ƚU KØK, AND U LORJ KAT HWIØ WUZ SITIU ON ƚU HORF AND GRINIU FRUM IR TU IR.

“PLIZ WØD U TEL ME,” SED ALIS, U LITUL TIMIDLI, FAR ŒE WUZ NOT KW±T ŒØR HWEƚR IT WUZ GØD MANRZ FAR ƚR TU SPEK FRST, “HW± YØR KAT GRINZ L±K ƚAT?”

“ITS U ØEŒR KAT,” SED ƚU DUØUS, “AND ƚATS HW±. PIG!”

ŒE SED ƚU LAST WRD WIF SUØ SUDUN V±ULUNS ƚAT ALIS KW±T JUMPT; BUT ŒE SA IN UNUƚR MQMUNT ƚAT IT WUZ UDREST TU ƚU ɔABI, AND NOT TU ƚR, SQ ŒE TØK KRUI, AND WENT ON UGEN:—

“± DIDUNT NQ ƚAT ØEŒR KATS ALWIZ GRIND; IN FAKT, ± DIDUNT NQ ƚAT KATS KØD GRIN.”

“ƚA AL KAN,” SED ƚU DUØUS; “AND MQST UV ‘EM DU.”

“± DQNT NQ UV ENI ƚAT DU,” ALIS SED VERI PUL±TLI, FELIU KW±T PLIZD TU HAV GOT INTU U KONVRSΔŒUN.

“U DQNT NQ MUØ,” SED ƚU DUØUS; “AND ƚATS U FAKT.”

ALIS DID NOT AT AL L±K ƚU TQN UV ƚIS RIMORK, AND ƚAT IT WØD BE AZ WEL TU INTRUDUS SUM UƚR SUBJEKT UV KONVRSΔŒUN. HW±L ŒE WUZ TR±IU TU FIKS ON WUN, ƚU KØK TØK ƚU KALDRUN UV SUP LF ƚU F±R, AND AT WUNS SET TU WRK ƚRQIU EVRIƚIU WIFIN ƚR REØ AT ƚU DUØUS AND ƚU ɔABI—ƚU F±R-±RNZ KAM FRST; ƚEN FOLQD U ŒØR

UV SASPANZ, PLATS, AND DIŞIZ. ƦU DUÇUS TØK NQ NQTIS UV ƦEM  
EVUN HWEN ƦΔ HIT HƦ; AND ƦU BΔBI WUZ HØLIØ SQ MUÇ ALREDI, ƦAT  
IT WUZ KW±T IMPOSUBUL TØ SΔ HWEƦƦ ƦU BLQZ HƦT IT LR NOT.

“Q, PLËZ M±ND HWUT YØR DØIØ!” KR±D ALIS, JUMPIØ UP AND DØN IN  
AN AGUNI UV TERR. “Q, ƦER GQZ HIZ PREŞUS NQZ ”; AZ AN UNLSDUWULI  
LORJ SASPAN FLØ KLQS B± IT, AND VERI NIRLI KARID IT LF.

“IF EVRIBODI M±NDID ƦER QN BIZNIS,” ƦU DUÇUS SED IN U HARS  
GRØL, “ƦU WƦLD WØD GQ RØND U DËL FASTƦ ƦAN IT DUZ.”

“HWIÇ WØD NOT BË AN ADVANTIJ,” SED ALIS, HØ FELT VERI GLAD TØ  
GET AN OPƦTØNUTI UV ŞQIØ LF U LITUL UV HƦ NOLIJ. “JUST ƦIØK UV  
HWUT WƦK IT WØD MΔK WIƦ ƦU DΔ AND N±T! U SË ƦI ƦƦ TAKS  
TWENTI-FAR ØRZ TØ TƦN RØND ON ITS AKSUS—”

“TAKIØ UV AKSIZ,” SED ƦU DUÇUS, “ÇØP LF HƦ HED!”

ALIS GLANST RAƦƦ AØKŞUSLI AT ƦU KØK, TØ SË IF ŞË MENT TØ TΔK  
ƦU HINT; BUT ƦU KØK WUZ BIZULI STRIØ ƦU SØP, AND SËMD NOT TØ  
BË LISUNIØ, SQ ŞË WENT ON UGEN: “TWENTI-FAR ØRZ, ± ƦIØK; LR IZ  
IT TWELV? ±—”

“Q, DQNT BOƦƦ MË,” SED ƦU DUÇUS; “± NEVR KØD UB±D FIGYƦZ!”  
AND WIƦ ƦAT ŞË BIGAN NƦSIØ HƦ Ç±LD UGEN, SIØIØ U SART UV  
LULUB± TØ IT AZ ŞË DID SQ, AND GIVIØ IT U V±LUNT ŞΔK AT ƦI END  
UV EVRI L±N:

“SƦËK RUFLI TØ YØR LITUL BØ,  
AND BËT HIM HWEN HË SNEZIZ:  
HË QNLI DUZ IT TØ UNØ,  
BIKΔZ HË NOZ IT TËZIZ.”?

KARUS.  
(IN HWIÇ ƦU KØK AND ƦU BΔBI JØND):—

“WØ! WØ! WØ!”

HWÆL ÆU DUØUS SAØ ÆU SEKUND VRS UV ÆU SAØ, ŠE KEPT TASIØ ÆU BÐBI VÆULUNTLI UP AND DØN, AND ÆU PØR LITUL ÆIØ HØLD SQ, ÆAT ALIS KØD HORDLI HIR ÆU WÐRDZ:—

“Æ SPEK SUVIRLI TÙ MÆ BØ,  
Æ BÆT HIM HWEN ÆE SNÆZIZ;  
FAR ÆE KAN ÆRULI ENJØ  
ÆU PEPÐ HWEN ÆE PLÆZIZ!”?

KARUS.

“WØ! WØ! WØ!”

“HIR! U MÐ NRS IT U BIT, IF U LÆK!” ÆU DUØUS SED TÙ ALIS, FLIINIØ ÆU BÐBI AT HR AZ ŠE SPØK. “Æ MUST GØ AND GET REDI TÙ PLA KROKÐ WIÐ ÆU KWEN,” AND ŠE HRID ØT UV ÆU RØM. ÆU KØK HRØ U FRÆIØ-PAN AFTÐ HR AZ ŠE WENT ØT, BUT IT JUST MIST HR.

ALIS KAT ÆU BÐBI WIÐ SUM DIFIKULTI, AZ IT WUZ U KWIR-ŠÐPT LITUL KRÆØÐ, AND HELD ØT ITS ORMZ AND LEGZ IN AL DIREKŠUNZ, “JUST LÆK U STOR-FIŠ,” ÆAT ALIS. ÆU PØR LITUL ÆIØ WUZ SNARTIØ LÆK U STEM-ENJUN HWEN ŠE KAT IT, AND KEPT DUBULIØ ITSELF UP AND STRATUNIØ ITSELF ØT UGEN, SQ ÆAT ALTUGEÐÐ, FAR ÆU FÐST MINIT AR TÙ, IT WUZ AZ MUØ AZ ŠE KØD DÙ TÙ HØLD IT.

AZ SUN AZ ŠE HAD MÐD ØT ÆU PROPÐ WÐ UV NRSIØ IT, (HWIØ WUZ TÙ TWIST IT UP INTÙ U SART UV NOT, AND ÆEN KÆP TÆT HØLD UV ITS RÆT IR AND LEFT FØT, SQ AZ TÙ PRIVENT ITS UNÐØIØ ITSELF,) ŠE KARID IT ØT INTÙ ÆI ØPUN ER. “IF Æ DØNT TÐK ÆIS ØÆLD UWÐ WIÐ MÆ,” ÆAT ALIS, “ÆER ŠØR TÙ KIL IT IN U ÐÐ AR TÙ: WØDUNT IT BÆ MÐÐÐ TÙ LÆV IT BIHÆND?” ŠE SED ÆU LAST WÐRDZ ØT LØD, AND ÆU LITUL ÆIØ GRUNTID IN RIPLÆ (IT HAD LEFT AF SNÆZIØ BÆ ÆIS TÆM). “DØNT GRUNT,” SED ALIS; “ÆATS NOT AT AL U PROPÐ WÐ UV IKSPRESIØ YØRSELF.”

ÆU BÐBI GRUNTID UGEN, AND ALIS LØKT VERI ANKŠUSLI INTÙ ITS FAS TÙ SÆ HWUT WUZ ÆU MATÐ WIÐ IT. ÆER KØD BÆ NØ DØT ÆAT IT HAD U VERI TRN-UP NØZ, MUØ MAR LÆK U SNØT ÆAN U RÆUL NØZ; ALSØ ITS ÆZ WÐ GETIØ IKSTREMLI SMAL FAR U BÐBI: ALTUGEÐÐ ALIS DID NOT LÆK ÆU LØK UV ÆU ÆIØ AT AL. “BUT PÐRHAPS IT WUZ QNLI SOBIIØ,” ŠE ÆAT, AND LØKT INTÙ ITS ÆZ UGEN, TÙ SÆ IF ÆER WÐ ENI TIRZ.

NO, HER WR NO TIRZ. "IF YOR GOIØ TU TRN INTU U PIG, M± DIR," SED ALIS, SIREUSLI, "±L HAV NUHIØ MAR TU DU WIH U. M±ND NO!" ÆU PØR LITUL HIØ SOBD UGEN (AR GRUNTID, IT WUZ IMPOSUBUL TU SA HWIØ), AND ÆA WENT ON FAR SUM HW±L IN S±LUNS.

ALIS WUZ JUST BIGINIØ TU HIØK TU HÆSELF, "NO, HWUT AM ± TU DU WIH HIS KRÆØR HWEN ± GET IT HQM?" HWEN IT GRUNTID UGEN, SQ V±ULUNTLI, ÆAT SÆ LØKT DON INTU ITS FAS IN SUM ULORM. HIS T±M HER KØD BÆ NO MISTAK UBØT IT: IT WUZ NÆÆR MAR NAR LES ÆAN U PIG, AND SÆ FELT ÆAT IT WØD BÆ KW±T ABSRD FAR HR TU KERI IT FÆÆR.

SQ SÆ SET ÆU LITUL KRÆØR DON, AND FELT KW±T RILEVD TU SÆ IT TROT UWA KW±UTLI INTU ÆU WØD. "IF IT HAD GRON UP," SÆ SED TU HÆSELF, "IT WØD HAV MAD U DREDFULI UGLI Ø±LD: BUT IT MAKS RAÆR U HANSUM PIG, ± HIØK." AND SÆ BIGAN HIØKIØ QVR UÆR ØILDRUN SÆ NØ, HØ M±T DU VERI WEL AZ PIGZ, AND WUZ JUST SAIØ TU HÆSELF, "IF WUN QNLI NØ ÆU R±T WA TU ØANJ ÆEM—" HWEN SÆ WUZ U LITUL STORTULD B± SÆIØ ÆU ØEÆR KAT SITIØ ON U BØ UV U TRE U FU YORDZ AF.

ÆU KAT QNLI GRIND HWEN IT SA ALIS. IT LØKT GØD-NÆØRD, SÆ ÆAT: STIL IT HAD VERI LAV KLAZ AND U GRAT MENI TÆH, SQ SÆ FELT ÆAT IT AT TU BÆ TRÆTID WIH RISPEKT.

"ØEÆR PØS," SÆ BIGAN, RAÆR TIMIDLI, AZ SÆ DID NOT AT AL NO HWEÆR IT WØD L±K ÆU NAM: HØEVÆR, IT QNLI GRIND U LITUL W±DR. "KUM, ITS PLÆZD SQ FOR," ÆAT ALIS, AND SÆ WENT ON. "WØD U TEL MÆ, PLÆZ, HWIØ WA ± AT TU GØ FRUM HIR?"

"ÆAT DIPENDZ U GØD DÆL ON HWER U WONT TU GET TU," SED ÆU KAT.

"± DQNT MUØ KER HWER—" SED ALIS.

"ÆEN IT DUZUNT MATÆ HWIØ WA U GØ," SED ÆU KAT.

"—SQ LAV AZ ± GET SUMHWER," ALIS ADID AZ AN EKSPLUNASUN.

"O, YØR SØR TU DU ÆAT," SED ÆU KAT, "IF U QNLI WAK LAV INUF."



ALIS FELT ĤAT ĤIS KØD NOT BË DINËD, SQ ŠË TRËD UNUHËR KWESØUN.  
“HWUT SART UV PËPUL LIV UBØT HIR?”

“IN ĤAT DIREKŠUN,” ĤU KAT SED, WΔVIO ITS RËT PΛ RØND, “LIVZ U  
HATR: AND IN ĤAT DIREKŠUN,” WΔVIO ĤI UĤËR PΛ, “LIVZ U MORØ HER.  
VIZUT ÆĤËR U LËK: ĤËR BØĤ MAD.”

“BUT Ë DØNT WONT TÛ GØ UMUIØ MAD PËPUL,” ALIS RIMORKT.

“Ø, U KANT HELP ĤAT,” SED ĤU KAT: “WIR ΛL MAD HIR. ËM MAD. YØR  
MAD.”

“HØ DÛ U NØ ËM MAD?” SED ALIS.

“U MUST BË,” SED ĤU KAT, “ΛR U WØDUNT HAV KUM HIR.”

ALIS DIDUNT ĤIØK ĤAT PRØVD IT AT ΛL; HØEVËR, ŠË WENT ON “AND  
HØ DÛ U NØ ĤAT YØR MAD?”

“TÛ BIGIN WIĤ,” SED ĤU KAT, “U DAGZ NOT MAD. U GRANT ĤAT?”

“Ë SUPØZ SQ,” SED ALIS.

“WEL, ĤËN,” ĤU KAT WENT ON, “U ŠË, U DAG GRØLZ HWEN ITS AØGRI,  
AND WAGZ ITS TΔL HWEN ITS PLËZD. NØ Ë GRØL HWEN ËM PLËZD,  
AND WAG MË TΔL HWEN ËM AØGRI. ĤËRFAR ËM MAD.”

“Ë KAL IT PËRIO, NOT GRØLIO,” SED ALIS.

“KAL IT HWUT U LËK,” SED ĤU KAT. “DÛ U PLΔ KRØKΔ WIĤ ĤU KWËN  
TÛ-DΔ?”

“Ë ŠØD LËK IT VERI MUØ,” SED ALIS, “BUT Ë HAVUNT BIN INVËTID  
YET.”

“YUL ŠË MË ĤËR,” SED ĤU KAT, AND VANIŠT.

ALIS WUZ NOT MUØ SRPRŁZD AT ĦIS, ŠE WUZ GETIØ SQ UZD TØ KWIR ĦIØZ HAPUNIØ. HWŁL ŠE WUZ LØKIØ AT ĦU PLΔS HWER IT HAD BIN, IT SUDUNLI UPIRD UGEN.

“BŁ-ĦU-BŁ, HWUT BIKΔM UV ĦU BΔBI?” SED ĦU KAT. “ŁD NIRLI FØGOTUN TØ ASK.”

“IT TØRND INTØ U PIG,” ALIS KWŁUTLI SED, JUST AZ IF IT HAD KUM BAK IN U NAØRUL WΔ.

“Ł ĦAT IT WØD,” SED ĦU KAT, AND VANIŠT UGEN.

ALIS WΔTID U LITUL, HAF IKSPEKTIØ TØ SE IT UGEN, BUT IT DID NOT UPIR, AND AFTØR U MINIT ØR TØ ŠE WAKT ON IN ĦU DIREKŠUN IN HWIØ ĦU MORØ HER WUZ SED TØ LIV. “ŁV SEN HATRZ BIFAR,” ŠE SED TØ HØSELF; “ĦU MORØ HER WIL BE MUØ ĦU MQST INTRISTIØ, AND PØRHAPS AZ ĦIS IZ MΔ IT WQNT BE RΔVIØ MAD—AT LEST NOT SQ MAD AZ IT WUZ IN MORØ.” AZ ŠE SED ĦIS, ŠE LØKT UP, AND ĦER WUZ ĦU KAT UGEN, SITIØ ON U BRANØ UV U TRŁ.

“DID Ł SΔ PIG, ØR FIG?” SED ĦU KAT.

“Ł SED PIG,” RIPLŁD ALIS; “AND Ł WIŠ Ł WØDUNT KØP UPIRIØ AND VANIŠIØ SQ SUDUNLI: Ł MΔK WUN KWŁT GIDI.”

“ØL RŁT,” SED ĦU KAT; AND ĦIS TŁM IT VANIŠT KWŁT SLQLI, BIGINIØ WIĦ ĦI END UV ĦU TΔL, AND ENDIØ WIĦ ĦU GRIN, HWIØ RIMΔND SUM TŁM AFTØR ĦU REST UV IT HAD GAN.

“WEL! ŁV ØFUN SEN U KAT WIĦØT U GRIN,” ĦAT ALIS; “BUT U GRIN WIĦØT U KAT! ITS ĦU MQST KYØRIUS ĦIØ Ł EVØ SΔ IN MŁ LŁF!”

ŠE HAD NOT GAN MUØ FORĦØR BIFAR ŠE KΔM IN SŁT UV ĦU HØS UV ĦU MORØ HER: ŠE ĦAT IT MUST BE ĦU RŁT HØS, BIKΔZ ĦU ØIMNIZ WØ ŠΔPT LŁK IRZ AND ĦU RØF WUZ ĦAØT WIĦ FØ. IT WUZ SQ LØRJ U HØS, ĦAT ŠE DID NOT LŁK TØ GØ NIRØ TIL ŠE HAD NIBULD SUM MØR UV ĦU LEFT-HAND BIT UV MUŠØUM, AND RΔZD HØSELF TØ UØØT TØ FØT HŁ: EVUN ĦEN ŠE WAKT UP TARD IT RØØR TIMIDLI, SΔIØ TØ HØSELF “SUØQZ IT ŠØD BE RΔVIØ MAD AFTØR ØL! Ł ØLMQST WIŠ ŁD GAN TØ SE ĦU HATR INSTED!”

## CHAPTER 7 U MAD TĒ-PORTI

HER WUZ U TABUL SET OT UNDR U TRE IN FRUNT UV HĒU HOS, AND HĒU MORČ HER AND HĒU HATR WĒR HAVIŃ TĒ AT IT: U DARMOS WUZ SITIŃ BITWĒN HĒEM, FAST USLEP, AND HĒI UHĒR TŪ WĒR UZIŃ IT AZ U KOSUN, RESTIŃ HER ELBOZ ON IT, AND TAKIŃ QVR ITS HED. "VERI UNKUMFĒRTUBUL FAR HĒU DARMOS," FAT ALIS; "ONLI, AZ ITS USLEP, ± SUPQZ IT DUZUNT M±ND."

HĒU TABUL WUZ U LORJ WUN, BUT HĒU HĒRE WĒR AL KRŒDID TUĒĒĒR AT WUN KARNĒR UV IT: "NQ RŪM! NQ RŪM!" HĒA KR±D OT HWEN HĒA SA ALIS KUMIŃ. "HERZ PLENTI UV RŪM!" SED ALIS INDIGNUNTLI, AND ŠĒI SAT DŒN IN U LORJ ORM-ČER AT WUN END UV HĒU TABUL.

"HAV SUM W±N," HĒU MORČ HER SED IN AN ENKĒRIJIŃ TŒN.

ALIS LŒKT AL RŒND HĒU TABUL, BUT HER WUZ NUHIŃ ON IT BUT TĒ. "± DQNT SĒ ENI W±N," ŠĒI RIMORKT.

"HER IZUNT ENI," SED HĒU MORČ HER.

"HĒEN IT WOZUNT VERI SIVUL UV U TŪ AFĒR IT," SED ALIS ANGRILI.

"IT WOZUNT VERI SIVUL UV U TŪ SIT DŒN WIHŒT BĒIŃ INV±TID," SED HĒU MORČ HER.

"± DIDUNT NQ IT WUZ YŒR TABUL," SED ALIS; "ITS LAD FAR U GRAT MENI MAR HĒAN HĒRE."

"YŒR HER WONTS KUTIŃ," SED HĒU HATR. HE HAD BIN LŒKIŃ AT ALIS FAR SUM T±M WIHĒ GRAT KYŒRIOSITI, AND HĒIS WUZ HIZ FĒRST SPEČ.

"U ŠŒD LĒRN NOT TŪ MΔK PĒRSUNUL RIMORKS," ALIS SED WIHĒ SUM SIVERITI; "ITS VERI RŪD."

ƚU HATR QPUND HIZ ƚZ VERI WƚD ON HIRIƚ ƚIS; BUT AL HE SED WUZ,  
“HWƚ IZ U RƘVUN LƚK U RƚTIƚ-DESK?”

“KUM, WE ƆAL HAV SUM FUN NQ!” ƚAT ALIS. “ƚM GLAD ƚΔV BIGUN  
ASKIƚ RIDULZ.—ƚ BILƚV ƚ KAN GES ƚAT,” Ɔƚ ADID ULQD.

“DU ƚ MEN ƚAT ƚ ƚIƚK ƚ KAN FƚND QT ƚI ANSR TU IT?” SED ƚU  
MORQ HER.

“IGZAKTLI SQ,” SED ALIS.

“ƚEN ƚ ƆQD SΔ HWUT ƚ MEN,” ƚU MORQ HER WENT ON.

“ƚ DU,” ALIS HΔSTILI RIPLƚD; “AT LƚST—AT LƚST ƚ MEN HWUT ƚ SΔ—  
ƚATS ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ, ƚ NQ.”

“NOT ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ U BIT!” SED ƚU HATR. “ƚ MƚT JUST AZ WEL SΔ ƚAT  
‘ƚ SE HWUT ƚ ƚT’ IZ ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ AZ ‘ƚ ƚT HWUT ƚ SE!’”

“ƚ MƚT JUST AZ WEL SΔ,” ADID ƚU MORQ HER, “ƚAT ‘ƚ LƚK HWUT ƚ  
GET’ IZ ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ AZ ‘ƚ GET HWUT ƚ LƚK!’”

“ƚ MƚT JUST AZ WEL SΔ,” ADID ƚU DARMQS, HU SƚMD TU BE TAKIƚ  
IN HIZ SLƚP, “ƚAT ‘ƚ BRƚƚ HWEN ƚ SLƚP’ IZ ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ AZ ‘ƚ SLƚP  
HWEN ƚ BRƚƚ!’”

“IT IZ ƚU SΔM ƚIƚ WIƚ ƚ,” SED ƚU HATR, AND HIR ƚU KONVERSΔƆUN  
DROPT, AND ƚU PORTI SAT SƚLUNT FAR U MINIT, HWƚL ALIS ƚAT QVR  
AL Ɔƚ KQD RIMEMBR UBQT RƘVUNZ AND RƚTIƚ-DESKS, HWIQ WOZUNT  
MUQ.

ƚU HATR WUZ ƚU FRST TU BRΔK ƚU SƚLUNS. “HWUT DΔ UV ƚU MUNƚ IZ  
IT?” HE SED, TRNIƚ TU ALIS: HE HAD TΔKUN HIZ WOQ QT UV HIZ  
POKUT, AND WUZ LQKIƚ AT IT UNƚZULI, ƆΔKIƚ IT EVRI NQ AND ƚEN,  
AND HQLDIƚ IT TU HIZ IR.

ALIS KUNSIDRD U LITUL, AND ƚEN SED “ƚU FARƚ.”

“TU DΔZ RƘI!” SƚD ƚU HATR. “ƚ TQLD ƚ BUTR WQDUNT SUT ƚU  
WRKS!” HE ADID LQKIƚ ANGRILI AT ƚU MORQ HER.

“IT WUZ ÆU BEST BUTÆR,” ÆU MORÇ HER MÆKLI RIPLÆD.

“YES, BUT SUM KRUMZ MUST HAV GOT IN AZ WEL,” ÆU HATÆR GRUMBULD: “ÆU ŠODUNT HAV PØT IT IN WIÆ ÆU BRED-NÆF.”

ÆU MORÇ HER TØK ÆU WOÇ AND LØKT AT IT GLØMULI: ÆEN HÆ DIPT IT INTU HIZ KUP UV TÆ, AND LØKT AT IT UGEN: BUT HÆ KØD FIÆK UV NUÆIÆ BETÆ TÆ ŠA ÆAN HIZ FÆRST RIMORK, “IT WUZ ÆU BEST BUTÆR, ÆU NQ.”

ALIS HAD BIN LØKIÆ QVÆR HIZ ŠQLDR WIÆ SUM KYØRIOSITI. “HWUT U FUNI WOÇ!” ŠÆ RIMORKT. “IT TELZ ÆU DÆ UV ÆU MUNÆ, AND DUZUNT TEL HWUT UKLØK IT IZ!”

“HWÆ ŠØD IT?” MUTÆRD ÆU HATÆR. “DUZ YØR WOÇ TEL ÆU HWUT YIR IT IZ?”

“UV KÆRS NOT,” ALIS RIPLÆD VERI REDILI: “BUT ÆATS BIKÆZ IT STÆZ ÆU ŠAM YIR FAR SUÇ U LÆV TÆM TUÆÆÆR.”

“HWIÇ IZ JUST ÆU KÆS WIÆ MÆN,” SED ÆU HATÆR.

ALIS FELT DREDFULI PUZULD. ÆI HATÆRZ RIMORK ŠEMD TÆ HAV NQ SART UV MÆNIÆ IN IT, AND YET IT WUZ ŠÆTUNLI IÆGLIŠ. “Æ DQNT KWÆT UNDRSTAND ÆU,” ŠÆ SED, AZ PULÆTLI AZ ŠÆ KØD.

“ÆU DÆRMØS IZ USLÆP UGEN,” SED ÆU HATÆR, AND HÆ PÆRD U LITUL HOT TÆ UPON ITS NQZ.

ÆU DÆRMØS ŠØK ITS HED IMPÆŠUNTLI, AND SED, WIÆØT QPUNIÆ ITS ÆZ, “UV KÆRS, UV KÆRS; JUST HWUT Æ WUZ GQIÆ TÆ RIMORK MÆSELF.”

“HAV ÆU GEST ÆU RIDUL YET?” ÆU HATÆR SED, TÆRNIÆ TÆ ALIS UGEN.

“NQ, Æ GIV IT UP,” ALIS RIPLÆD: “HWUTS ÆI ANSÆR?”

“Æ HAVUNT ÆU SLÆTUST ÆDIÆU,” SED ÆU HATÆR.

“NÆR ÆU,” SED ÆU MORÇ HER.

ALIS SÆD WERULI. “Æ HƆK U MÆT DƆ SUMHƆ BETÆ WIH HƆ TÆM,” SÆ SED, “HÆN WÆST IT IN ASKƆ RIDULZ HÆT HAV NQ ANSRZ.”

“IF U NƆ TÆM AZ WEL AZ Æ DƆ,” SED HƆ HÆTÆ, “U WƆDUNT TAK UBƆT WÆSTƆ IT. ITS HIM.”

“Æ DƆNT NQ HWUT U MÆN,” SED ALIS.

“UV KÆRS U DƆNT!” HƆ HÆTÆ SED, TÆSIƆ HIZ HED KUNTEMPƆUSLI. “Æ DER SÆ U NEVÆ ÆVUN SPƆK TƆ TÆM!”

“PÆRHAPS NOT,” ALIS KÆSUSLI RIPLÆD: “BUT Æ NQ Æ HAV TƆ BÆT TÆM HWEN Æ LÆRN MUZIK.”

“O! HÆT UKƆNTS FÆR IT,” SED HƆ HÆTÆ. “HÆ WƆNT STAND BÆTIƆ. NQ, IF U QNLI KEPT ON GƆD TÆRMZ WIH HIM, HÆD DƆ ALMQST ENIHƆ U LÆKT WIH HƆ KLOK. FÆR INSTUNS, SUPƆZ IT WÆR NÆN UKLOK IN HƆ MÆRNƆ, JUST TÆM TƆ BIGIN LESUNZ: UD QNLI HAV TƆ HWISPÆ U HINT TƆ TÆM, AND RƆND GƆZ HƆ KLOK IN U TWIƆKLIƆ! HÆF-PAST WUN, TÆM FÆR DINÆ!”

(“Æ QNLI WIŠ IT WUZ,” HƆ MORƆ HER SED TƆ ITSELF IN U HWISPÆ.)

“HÆT WƆD BÆ GRAND, SÆRTUNLI,” SED ALIS HÆTFULI: “BUT HÆN—Æ SƆDUNT BÆ HUƆGRI FÆR IT, U NQ.”

“NOT AT FÆRST, PÆRHAPS,” SED HƆ HÆTÆ: “BUT U KƆD KÆP IT TƆ HÆF-PAST WUN AZ LÆV AZ U LÆKT.”

“IZ HÆT HƆ WÆ U MÆNIJ?” ALIS ASKT.

HƆ HÆTÆ SƆK HIZ HED MÆRNFƆLI. “NOT Æ!” HÆ RIPLÆD. “WÆ KWÆRULD LAST MORƆ—JUST BIFÆR HÆ WENT MAD, U NQ—” (PONTƆ WIH HIZ TÆ SPƆN AT HƆ MORƆ HER,) “—IT WUZ AT HƆ GRÆT KONSÆRT GIVUN BÆ HƆ KWÆN UV HORTS, AND Æ HÆD TƆ SIƆ

“TWIƆKUL, TWIƆKUL, LITUL BAT!  
HƆ Æ WUNDÆR HWUT YƆR AT!’

“U NO ÆU SΛØ, PÆRHAPS?”

“ÆV HÆRD SUMÆIØ LÆK IT,” SED ALIS.

“IT GOZ ON, U NO,” ÆU HATR KUNTINUD, “IN ÆIS WΔ:—

‘UP UBUV ÆU WÆRLD U FLÆ,  
LÆK U TÆ-TRΔ IN ÆU SKÆ.  
TWIØKUL, TWIØKUL—”

HIR ÆU DARMØS ØØK ITSELF, AND BIGAN SIØIØ IN ITS SLÆP  
“TWIØKUL, TWIØKUL, TWIØKUL, TWIØKUL—” AND WENT ON SQ LΛØ ÆAT  
ÆΔ HAD TØ PINØ IT TØ MΔK IT STOP.

“WEL, ÆD HORDLI FINIØT ÆU FÆRST VÆRS,” SED ÆU HATR, “HWEN ÆU  
KWÆN JUMPT UP AND BALD ØT, ‘ÆZ MÆRDÆIØ ÆU TÆM! ΛF WIÆ HIZ  
HED!”

“HØ DREDFULI SAVIØ!” IKS KLΔMD ALIS.

“AND EVÆ SINS ÆAT,” ÆU HATR WENT ON IN U MÆRNFUL TØN, “ÆE  
WØNT DØ U ÆIØ Æ ASK! ITS ΛLWIZ SIKS UKLOK NØ.”

U BRÆT ÆDÆU KΔM INTØ ALISIZ HED. “IZ ÆAT ÆU RÆZUN SQ MENI TÆ-  
ÆIØZ OR PØT ØT HIR?” ØÆ ASKT.

“YES, ÆATS IT,” SED ÆU HATR WIÆ U SÆ: “ITS ΛLWIZ TÆ-TÆM, AND  
WÆV NØ TÆM TØ WOØ ÆU ÆIØZ BITWÆN HWÆLZ.”

“ÆEN U KÆP MØVIØ RØND, Æ SUPØZ?” SED ALIS.

“IGZAKTLI SQ,” SED ÆU HATR: “AZ ÆU ÆIØZ GET UZD UP.”

“BUT HWUT HAPUNZ HWEN U KUM TØ ÆU BIGINIØ UGEN?” ALIS VENØÆRD  
TØ ASK.

“SUPØZ WÆ ØΔNJ ÆU SUBJEKT,” ÆU MORØ HER INTRUPTID, YANIØ. “ÆM  
GETIØ TÆRD UV ÆIS. Æ VØT ÆU YUØ LADI TELZ US U STARI.”

“I'M UFRAD I DQNT NQ WUN,” SED ALIS, RAFER ULORMD AT HU PRUPOZUL.

“HEN HU DARMOS SAL!” HA BQH KRID. “WAK UP, DARMOS!” AND HA PINOT IT ON BQH SIDZ AT WUNS.

HU DARMOS SLQLI QPUND HIZ IZ. “I WOZUNT USLEP,” HE SED IN U HARS, FEBUL VOS: “I HRD EVRI WRD U FELOZ WR SAID.”

“TEL US U STARI!” SED HU MORO HER.

“YES, PLEASE DO!” PLIDID ALIS.

“AND BE KWIK UBOT IT,” ADID HU HATR, “AR YUL BE USLEP UGEN BIFAR ITS DUN.”

“WUNS UPON U TIM HER WR HRE LITUL SISTRZ,” HU DARMOS BIGAN IN U GRAT HRI; “AND HER NAMZ WR ELSI, LASI, AND TILI; AND HA LEVD AT HU BOTUM UV U WEL—”

“HWUT DID HA LIV ON?” SED ALIS, HU ALWIZ TOK U GRAT INTRIST IN KWESUNZ UV ETI AND DRINKI.

“HA LEVD ON TREKUL,” SED HU DARMOS, AFTER HINKI U MINIT AR TU.

“HA KODUNT HAV DUN RAT, U NQ,” ALIS JENTLI RIMORKT; “HAD HAV BIN IL.”

“SO HA WR,” SED HU DARMOS; “VERI IL.”

ALIS TRID TU FANSI TU HRSELF HWUT SUO AN IKSTRARDUNERI WA UV LIVI WOD BE LEK, BUT IT PUZULD HR TU MUO, SO SE WENT ON: “BUT HWI DID HA LIV AT HU BOTUM UV U WEL?”

“TAK SUM MAR TE,” HU MORO HER SED TU ALIS, VERI RNUSTLI.

“I'V HAD NUHI YET,” ALIS RIPLID IN AN UFENDID TQN, “SO I KANT TAK MAR.”



“U MEN U KANT TAK LES,” SED HU HATR: “ITS VERI EZI TU TAK MAR HAN NUFIU.”

“NOBODI ASKT YOR UPINYUN,” SED ALIS.

“HUZ MAKIU PERSUNUL RIMORKS NO?” HU HATR ASKT TRUMFUNTLI.

ALIS DID NOT KWET NO HWUT TU SA TU HIS: SO SE HELPT HERSELF TU SUM TE AND BRED-AND-BUTR, AND HEN TRND TU HU DARMOS, AND RIPETID HR KWESUN. “HWET DID HA LIV AT HU BOTUM UV U WEL?”

HU DARMOS UGEN TOK U MINIT AR TU TU HIJK UBOT IT, AND HEN SED, “IT WUZ U TREKUL-WEL.”

“HERZ NO SUO HIU!” ALIS WUZ BIGINIU VERI ANGRILI, BUT HU HATR AND HU MORO HER WENT “S! S!” AND HU DARMOS SULKILI RIMORKT, “IF U KANT BE SIVUL, UD BETR FINIS HU STARI FAR YORSELF.”

“NO, PLIZ GO ON!” ALIS SED VERI HUMBLI; “ET WONT INTERRUPT UGEN. E DER SA HER MA BE WUN.”

“WUN, INDIED!” SED HU DARMOS INDIGNUNTLI. HOEVER, HE KUNSENTID TU GO ON. “AND SO HEZ FRE LITUL SISTRZ—HA WR LRNIU TU DRA, U NO—”

“HWUT DID HA DRA?” SED ALIS, KWET FRGETIU HR PROMUS.

“TREKUL,” SED HU DARMOS, WIHOT KUNSIDRIU AT AL HIS TEM.

“ET WONT U KLEN KUP,” INTERRUPTID HU HATR: “LETS AL MUV WUN PLAS ON.”

HE MUV ON AZ HE SPQK, AND HU DARMOS FOLQD HIM: HU MORO HER MUV INTO HU DARMOSIZ PLAS, AND ALIS RAHR UNWILIULI TOK HU PLAS UV HU MORO HER. HU HATR WUZ HI QNLI WUN HU GOT ENI ADVANTIJ FRUM HU DANJ: AND ALIS WUZ U GOD DEL WRS AF HAN BIFAR, AZ HU MORO HER HAD JUST UPSET HU MILK-JUG INTO HIZ PLAT.

ALIS DID NOT WIS TŪ UFEND HŪ DARMOS UGEN, SQ ŠE BIGAN VERI KAŠUSLI: “BUT † DQNT UNDRSTAND. HWER DID HΔ DRA HŪ TRĒKUL FRUM?”

“U KAN DRA WATR OT UV U WATR-WEL,” SED HŪ HATR; “SQ † ŠOD HĪK U KOD DRA TRĒKUL OT UV U TRĒKUL-WEL—E, STUPID?”

“BUT HΔ WĒ IN HŪ WEL,” ALIS SED TŪ HŪ DARMOS, NOT ČUZIŪ TŪ NQTIS HĪS LAST RIMORK.

“UV KARS HΔ WĒ ”, SED HŪ DARMOS; “—WEL IN.”

HĪS ANSR SQ KUNFUZD PØR ALIS, HAT ŠE LET HŪ DARMOS GQ ON FAR SUM T‡M WIHØT INTRUPTIŪ IT.

“HΔ WĒ LRNIŪ TŪ DRA,” HŪ DARMOS WENT ON, YANIŪ AND RUBIŪ ITS ‡Z, FAR IT WUZ GETIŪ VERI SLĒPI; “AND HΔ DRŪ AL MANĒR UV HĪNZ—EVRIHIŪ HAT BIGINZ WIH AN M—”

“HW‡ WIH AN M?” SED ALIS.

“HW‡ NOT?” SED HŪ MORČ HER.

ALIS WUZ S‡LUNT.

HŪ DARMOS HAD KLOZD ITS ‡Z B‡ HĪS T‡M, AND WUZ GOIŪ AF INTU U DQZ; BUT, ON BEIŪ PINČT B‡ HŪ HATR, IT WQK UP UGEN WIH U LITUL ŠRĒK, AND WENT ON: “—HAT BIGINZ WIH AN M, SUČ AZ MØS-TRAPS, AND HŪ MŪN, AND MEMRI, AND MUČNES—U NQ U SA HĪNZ OR ‘MUČ UV U MUČNES’—DID U EVĒR SE SUČ U HĪŪ AZ U DRAIŪ UV U MUČNES?”

“RĒULI, NØ U ASK ME,” SED ALIS, VERI MUČ KUNFUZD, “† DQNT HĪK—”

“HĒN U ŠODUNT TAK,” SED HŪ HATR.

HĪS PĒS UV RUDNUS WUZ MAR HAN ALIS KØD BER: ŠE GOT UP IN GRAT DISGUST, AND WAKT AF; HŪ DARMOS FEL USLĒP INSTUNTLI, AND NEHĒR UV HĪ UHĒRZ TØK HŪ LĒST NQTIS UV HR GOIŪ, HØ ŠE LØKT BAK WUNS

AR TWÆS, HAF HQPIU ꝥAT ꝥA WOD KAL AFTR HR: ꝥU LAST TÆM SÆ SA  
HEM, ꝥA WÆ TRÆIU TU POT ꝥU DARMOS INTU ꝥU TEPOT.

“AT ENI RAT ÆL NEVR GO HER UGEN!” SED ALIS AZ SÆ PIKT HR WA  
HRU ꝥU WOD. “ITS ꝥU STUPIDUST TÆ-PORTI Æ EVR WUZ AT IN AL MÆ  
LÆF!”

JUST AZ SÆ SED HIS, SÆ NOTUST ꝥAT WUN UV ꝥU TREZ HAD U DAR  
LÆDIU RÆT INTU IT. “ꝥATS VERI KYORIOUS!” SÆ FAT. “BUT EVREHIUZ  
KYORIOUS TUDA. Æ HIUK Æ MA AZ WEL GO IN AT WUNS.” AND IN SÆ  
WENT.

WUNS MAR SÆ FOND HERSELF IN ꝥU LÆU HAL, AND KLOS TU ꝥU LITUL  
GLAS TABUL. “NO, ÆL MANIJ BETR HIS TÆM,” SÆ SED TU HERSELF, AND  
BIGAN BÆ TAKIU ꝥU LITUL GOLDUN KE, AND UNLOKIU ꝥU DAR ꝥAT LED  
INTU ꝥU GORDUN. HEN SÆ WENT TU WÆK NIBLIU AT ꝥU MUSRUM (SÆ  
HAD KEPT U PÆS UV IT IN HR POKUT) TIL SÆ WUZ UBOT U FOT HÆ: HEN  
SÆ WAKT DON ꝥU LITUL PASIJ: AND HEN—SÆ FOND HERSELF AT LAST IN  
ꝥU BUTIFUL GORDUN, UMUU ꝥU BRÆT FLOR-BEDZ AND ꝥU KUL FONTUNZ.

## CHAPTER 8 THE KWENZ KROKA-GROND

U LORJ ROZ-TRE STOD NIR HI ENTRUNS UV HU GORDUN: HU ROZIZ GROIU ON IT WR HWIT, BUT HER WR HRE GORDUNRZ AT IT, BIZULI PANTIU HEM RED. ALIS FAT HIS U VERI KYORIUS HIU, AND SE WENT NIRR TU WOCE HEM, AND JUST AZ SE KAM UP TU HEM SE HRD WUN UV HEM SA, "LOK OT NO, FIV! DONT GO SPLASIU PANT QVR ME LK FAT!"

"I KODUNT HELP IT," SED FIV, IN U SULKI TON; "SEVUN JOGD MI ELBO."

ON HWICE SEVUN LOKT UP AND SED, "FATS RIT, FIV! ALWIZ LA HU BLAM ON UFRZ!"

"UD BETR NOT TAK!" SED FIV. "I HRD HU KWEN SA QNLI YESTRDA U DIZRVD TU BE BIHEDID!"

"HWUT FAR?" SED HU WUN HU HAD SPQKUN FRST.

"FATS NUN UV YOR BIZNIS, TU!" SED SEVUN.

"YES, IT IZ HIZ BIZNIS!" SED FIV, "AND IL TEL HIM—IT WUZ FAR BRIUIU HU KOK TULUP-RUTS INSTED UV UNYUNZ."

SEVUN FLUI DON HIZ BRUS, AND HAD JUST BIGUN "WEL, UV AL HI UNJUST HIUZ—" HWEN HIZ I CANST TU FAL UPON ALIS, AZ SE STOD WOCEIU HEM, AND HE CEKT HIMSELF SUDUNLI: HI UFRZ LOKT ROND ALSQ, AND AL UV HEM BOD LQ.

"WOD U TEL ME," SED ALIS, U LITUL TIMIDLI, "HWI U OR PANTIU ROZ ROZIZ?"

FIV AND SEVUN SED NUHIU, BUT LOKT AT TU. TU BIGAN IN U LQ VOS, "HWI HU FAKT IZ, U SE, MIS, HIS HIR AT TU HAV BIN U RED ROZ-TRE, AND WE POT U HWIT WUN IN BI MISTAK; AND IF HU KWEN WUZ TU FEND IT OT, WE SOD AL HAV OR HEDZ KUT AF, U NO. SQ U SE, MIS,

WIR DJIŪ QŪR BEST, UFAR ŠE KUMZ, TŪ—” AT HĪS MQMUNT FĪV, HŪ  
HAD BIN ANKŠUSLI LŪKIŪ UKRAS HŪ GORDUN, KALD QŪT “HŪ KWĒN! HŪ  
KWĒN!” AND HŪ HRE GORDUNRZ INSTUNTLI HRŪ HEMSELVZ FLAT UPON  
HER FASIZ. HER WUZ U SOND UV MENI FŪTSTEPS, AND ALIS LŪKT  
RŪND, EGR TŪ SE HŪ KWĒN.

FĪRST KAM TEN SQLJRZ KARIŪ KLUBZ; HĒZ WĒR AL ŠΔPT LĒK HŪ HRE  
GORDUNRZ, OBLAŪ AND FLAT, WIH HER HANDZ AND FĒT AT HŪ  
KARNRZ: NEKST HŪ TEN KARTĒRZ; HĒZ WĒR ARNUMENTID AL QVR WIH  
DĒMUNDZ, AND WAKT TŪ AND TŪ, AZ HŪ SQLJRZ DID. AFTĒR HĒZ KAM  
HŪ ROUL ŪILDRUN; HER WĒR TEN UV HEM, AND HŪ LITUL DIRZ KAM  
JUMPIŪ MERILI ULAŪ HAND IN HAND, IN KUPULZ: HΔ WĒR AL  
ARNUMENTID WIH HORTS. NEKST KAM HŪ GESTS, MQSTLI KIŪZ AND  
KWĒNZ, AND UMUŪ HEM ALIS REKUGNĒZD HŪ HWĒT RABIT: IT WUZ  
TAKIŪ IN U HRID NRVUS MANR, SMĒLIŪ AT EVRIHIŪ HAT WUZ SED,  
AND WENT BĒ WIHŪT NQTISIŪ HR. HEN FOLOD HŪ NΔV UV HORTS,  
KARIŪ HŪ KIŪZ KRŪN ON U KRIMZUN VELVUT KŪŠUN; AND, LAST UV  
AL HĪS GRAND PRUSEŠUN, KAM HŪ KIŪ AND KWĒN UV HORTS.

ALIS WUZ RAHER DŪTFUL HWEHER ŠE AT NOT TŪ LĒ DŪN ON HR FΔS LĒK  
HŪ HRE GORDUNRZ, BUT ŠE KŪD NOT RIMEMBR EVR HAVIŪ HRD UV  
SUŪ U RŪL AT PROSEŠUNZ; “AND BISĒDZ, HWUT WŪD BĒ HŪ US UV U  
PRUSEŠUN,” HAT ŠE, “IF PĒPUL HAD AL TŪ LĒ DŪN UPON HER FΔSIZ, SQ  
HAT HΔ KŪDUNT SE IT?” SQ ŠE STŪD STIL HWER ŠE WUZ, AND WΔTID.

HWEN HŪ PRUSEŠUN KAM OPUZIT TŪ ALIS, HΔ AL STOPT AND LŪKT AT  
HR, AND HŪ KWĒN SED SUVIRLI “HŪ IZ HĪS?” ŠE SED IT TŪ HŪ NΔV UV  
HORTS, HŪ QNLI BŪD AND SMĒLD IN RIPLĒ.

“IDĒUT!” SED HŪ KWĒN, TΔSIŪ HR HED IMPΔŠUNTLI; AND, TĒRNIŪ TŪ  
ALIS, ŠE WENT ON, “HWUTS YŪR NΔM, ŪĒLD?”

“MĒ NΔM IZ ALIS, SQ PLĒZ YŪR MAJISTI,” SED ALIS VERI PULĒTLI;  
BUT ŠE ADID, TŪ HRSELF, “HWĒ, HER QNLI U PAK UV KORDZ, AFTĒR AL.  
Ē NĒDUNT BĒ UFRAD UV HEM!”

“AND HŪ OR HĒZ?” SED HŪ KWĒN, PONTIŪ TŪ HŪ HRE GORDUNRZ HŪ  
WĒR LĒIŪ RŪND HŪ ROZ TRĒ; FAR, U SE, AZ HΔ WĒR LĒIŪ ON HER FΔSIZ,  
AND HŪ PATĒRŪN ON HER BAKS WUZ HŪ SΔM AZ HŪ REST UV HŪ PAK, ŠE

KØD NOT TEL HWEĦR ĦΔ WĦ GORDUNĦZ, ΛR SOLJĦZ, ΛR KARTĦZ, ΛR ĦRĦ UV ĦR QN ØILDRUN.

“HØ ŠØD ± NQ?” SED ALIS, ŠRPR±ZD AT ĦR QN KĦUJ. “ITS NQ BIZNIS UV M±N.”

ĦU KWĦN TĦND KRIMZUN WIĦ FYØRI, AND, AĦĦR GLERIO AT ĦR FAR U MQMUNT L±K U W±LD BĦST, SKRĦMD “ΛF WIĦ ĦR HED! ΛF—”

“NONSENS!” SED ALIS, VERI LØDLI AND DIS±DUDLI, AND ĦU KWĦN WUZ S±LUNT.

ĦU KIO LΔD HIZ HAND UPON ĦR ORM, AND TIMIDLI SED “KUNSIDĦ, M± DIR: ŠĦ IZ QNLI U Ø±LD!”

ĦU KWĦN TĦND AØGRILI UWΔ FRUM HIM, AND SED TØ ĦU NΔV “TĦN ĦEM QVR!”

ĦU NΔV DID SQ, VERI KERFULI, WIĦ WUN FØT.

“GET UP!” SED ĦU KWĦN, IN U ŠRIL, LØD VØS, AND ĦU ĦRĦ GORDUNĦZ INSTUNTЛИ JUMPT UP, AND BIGAN BØIO TØ ĦU KIO, ĦU KWĦN, ĦU ROUL ØILDRUN, AND EVRIBODI ELS.

“LĦV ΛF ĦAT!” SKRĦMD ĦU KWĦN. “U MΔK MĦ GIDI.” AND ĦĦN, TĦNIO TØ ĦU RQZ-TRE, ŠĦ WENT ON, “HWUT HAV U BIN DØIO ĦIR?”

“MΔ IT PLĦZ YØR MAJISTI,” SED TØ, IN U VERI HUMBUL TQN, GØIO DQN ON WUN NE AZ ĦĦ SPQK, “WE WĦ TR±IO—”

“± SE!” SED ĦU KWĦN, HØ HAD MĦNW±L BIN IGZAMINIO ĦU RQZIZ. “ΛF WIĦ ĦER HEDZ!” AND ĦU PRUSEŠUN MØVD ON, ĦRĦ UV ĦU SOLJĦZ RIMΔNIO BIH±ND TØ EKSUKUT ĦI UNFARØUNUT GORDUNĦZ, HØ RAN TØ ALIS FAR PRUTEKŠUN.

“U ŠANT BĦ BIHEDID!” SED ALIS, AND ŠĦ PØT ĦEM INTØ U LORJ FLØR-POT ĦAT STØD NIR. ĦU ĦRĦ SOLJĦZ WONDRD UBØT FAR U MINIT ΛR TØ, LØKIO FAR ĦEM, AND ĦĦN KW±UTLI MORØT ΛF AĦĦR ĦI UĦĦZ.

“OR ĦER HEDZ ΛF?” ŠØTID ĦU KWĦN.

“HER HEDZ OR GAN, IF IT PLĪZ YØR MAJISTI!” HÛ SQLJRZ ŠOTID IN RIPLĪ.

“HATS RĪTI!” ŠOTID HÛ KWĒN. “KAN U PLA KRQKΔ?”

HÛ SQLJRZ WR SĒLUNT, AND LØKT AT ALIS, AZ HÛ KWESØUN WUZ EVUDUNTLE MENT FAR HR.

“YES!” ŠOTID ALIS.

“KUM ON, HEN!” RARD HÛ KWĒN, AND ALIS JOND HÛ PRUSEŠUN, WUNDRIØ VERI MUØ HWUT WØD HAPUN NEKST.

“ITS—ITS U VERI FĪN DΔ!” SED U TIMID VØS AT HR SĪD. ŠĒ WUZ WAKIØ BĪ HÛ HWĒT RABIT, HÛ WUZ PĒPIØ ANKŠUSLI INTU HR FΔS.

“VERI,” SED ALIS: “—HWERZ HÛ DUØUS?”

“HUŠ! HUŠ!” SED HÛ RABIT IN U LQ, HRID TQN. HE LØKT ANKŠUSLI QVR HIZ ŠOLDR AZ HE SPQK, AND HEN RAZD HIMSELF UPON TIPTQ, PØT HIZ MØF KLOS TU HR IR, AND HWISPØRD “ŠĒZ UNDR SENTUNS UV EKSUKUŠUN.”

“HWUT FAR?” SED ALIS.

“DID U SA ‘HWUT U PITI!’?” HÛ RABIT ASKT.

“NQ, Ī DIDUNT,” SED ALIS: “Ī DQNT FIØK ITS AT AL U PITI. Ī SED ‘HWUT FAR?’”

“ŠĒ BOKST HÛ KWĒNZ IRZ—” HÛ RABIT BIGAN. ALIS GΔV U LITUL SKRĒM UV LAFTØ. “Q, HUŠ!” HÛ RABIT HWISPØRD IN U FRĒTUND TQN. “HÛ KWĒN WIL HIR U! U SĒ, ŠĒ KΔM RAHER LAT, AND HÛ KWĒN SED—”

“GET TU YØR PLΔSIZ!” ŠOTID HÛ KWĒN IN U VØS UV HUNDR, AND PĒPUL BIGAN RUNIØ UBØT IN AL DIREKŠUNZ, TUMBLIØ UP UGENST IØ UHER; HØEVR, HΔ GOT SETULD DØN IN U MINIT AR TU, AND HÛ GAM BIGAN. ALIS HAT ŠĒ HAD NEVR SEN SUØ U KYØRIUS KRQKΔ-GROND IN HR LĒF; IT WUZ AL RIJIZ AND FRQZ; HÛ BALZ WR LĒV HEJHOGZ, HÛ

MALITS L±V FLUMIINGQZ, AND ÆU SOLJRZ HAD TÙ DUBUL ÆEMSELVZ UP AND TÙ STAND ON ÆER HANDZ AND FÆT, TÙ MΔK ÆI ORÆIZ.

ÆU ØÆF DIFIKULTI ALIS FOND AT FÆRST WUZ IN MANUJII HÆ FLUMIINGQ: ÆÆ SUKSÆDID IN GETII ITS BODI TUKT UWΔ, KUMFÆRTUBLI INUF, UNDR HÆ ORM, WIÆ ITS LEGZ HAVII DQÑ, BUT JENRULI, JUST AZ ÆÆ HAD GOT ITS NEK NÆSLI STRATUND QOT, AND WUZ GOII TÙ GIV ÆU HEJHOG U BLQ WIÆ ITS HED, IT WQD TWIST ITSELF RQND AND LQK UP IN HÆ FΔS, WIÆ SUØ U PUZULD IKSPREÆUN ÆAT ÆÆ KQD NOT HELP BÆRSTII QOT LAFII: AND HWEN ÆÆ HAD GOT ITS HED DQÑ, AND WUZ GOII TÙ BIGIN UGEN, IT WUZ VERI PRUVQKII TÙ F±ND ÆAT ÆU HEJHOG HAD UNRQLD ITSELF, AND WUZ IN ÆI AKT UV KRALII UWΔ: BIS±DZ AL ÆIS, ÆER WUZ JENRULI U RIJ AR FÆRQ IN ÆU WΔ HWEREVÆ ÆÆ WONTID TÙ SEND ÆU HEJHOG TÙ, AND, AZ ÆU DUBULD-UP SOLJRZ WR ALWIZ GETII UP AND WAKII AF TÙ UÆR PORTS UV ÆU GRQND, ALIS SQN KΔM TÙ ÆU KUNKLQSSUN ÆAT IT WUZ U VERI DIFIKULT GΔM INDIÆ.

ÆU PLΔRZ AL PLΔD AT WUNS WIÆQOT WΔTII FAR TÆRNZ, KWORULII AL ÆU HW±L, AND F±TII FAR ÆU HEJHOGZ; AND IN U VERI ÆART T±M ÆU KWEN WUZ IN U FYQREUS PÆSQN, AND WENT STAMPII UBQOT, AND ÆQOTII “AF WIÆ HIZ HED!” AR “AF WIÆ HÆ HED!” UBQOT WUNS IN U MINIT.

ALIS BIGAN TÙ FÆL VERI UNÆZI: TÙ BÆ ÆQR, ÆÆ HAD NOT AZ YET HAD ENI DISPUT WIÆ ÆU KWEN, BUT ÆÆ NQ ÆAT IT M±T HAPUN ENI MINIT, “AND ÆEN,” ÆAT ÆÆ, “HWUT WQD BIKUM UV MÆ? ÆER DREDFULI FOND UV BIHEDII PÆPUL HIR; ÆU GRAT WUNDR IZ, ÆAT ÆÆRZ ENI WUN LEFT UL±V!”

ÆÆ WUZ LQKII UBQOT FAR SUM WΔ UV ISKΔP, AND WUNDRII HWÆÆR ÆÆ KQD GET UWΔ WIÆQOT BÆII SQN, HWEN ÆÆ NQTUST U KYQRIUS UPIRUNS IN ÆI ER: IT PUZULD HÆ VERI MUØ AT FÆRST, BUT, AFTÆ WOØII IT U MINIT AR TÙ, ÆÆ MΔD IT QOT TÙ BÆ U GRIN, AND ÆÆ SED TÙ HÆRSELF “ITS ÆU ØÆÆR KAT: NQ ± ÆAL HAV SUMBODI TÙ TAK TÙ.”

“HQ OR U GETII ON?” SED ÆU KAT, AZ SQN AZ ÆER WUZ MQH INUF FAR IT TÙ SPEK WIÆ.



ALIS WATID TIL HI EZ UPIRD, AND HEN NODID. "ITS NO US SPEKIØ TU IT," SEI FAT, "TIL ITS IRZ HAV KUM, AR AT LEST WUN UV HEM." IN UNUFR MINIT HU HOL HED UPIRD, AND HEN ALIS PØT DØN HR FLUMIØGØ, AND BIGAN AN UKØNT UV HU GAM, FELIØ VERI GLAD SEI HAD SUMWUN TU LISUN TU HR. HU KAT SEMD TU HIØK FAT HER WUZ INUF UV IT NØ IN SÆT, AND NØ MAR UV IT UPIRD.

"Æ DQNT HIØK HÆ PLA AT AL FERLI," ALIS BIGAN, IN RAFR U KUMPLANIØ TØN, "AND HÆ AL KWARUL SQ DREDFULI WUN KANT HIR WUNSELF SPEK—AND HÆ DQNT SEM TU HAV ENI RØLZ IN PÆTIKYULÆ; AT LEST, IF HER OR, NOBODI UTENDZ TU HEM—AND UV NO ÆDEU HØ KUNFUZIØ IT IZ AL HU HIØZ BEIØ ULÆV; FAR INSTUNS, HERZ HI ORØ ÆV GOT TU GØ HRØ NEKST WAKIØ UBØT AT HI UFR END UV HU GRØND—AND Æ ØØD HAV KRØKAD HU KWENZ HEJHOG JUST NØ, QNLI IT RAN UWA HWEN IT SA MÆN KUMIØ!"

"HØ DU U LÆK HU KWEN?" SED HU KAT IN U LØ VØS.

"NOT AT AL," SED ALIS: "SEIZ SQ IKSTREMLI—" JUST HEN SEI NOTUST FAT HU KWEN WUZ KLOS BIHÆND HR, LISUNIØ: SQ SEI WENT ON, "— LÆKLI TU WIN, FAT ITS HORDLI WRH HWÆL FINIÆIØ HU GAM."

HU KWEN SMÆLD AND PAST ON.

"HU OR U TAKIØ TU?" SED HU KIØ, GØIØ UP TU ALIS, AND LØKIØ AT HU KATS HED WIH GRAT KYØRIOSITI.

"ITS U FRENÐ UV MÆN—U ØÆÆR KAT," SED ALIS: "ULØ MÆ TU INTRUDUS IT."

"Æ DQNT LÆK HU LØK UV IT AT AL," SED HU KIØ: "HØEVÆ, IT MÆ KIS MÆ HAND IF IT LÆKS."

"ÆD RAFR NOT," HU KAT RIMØRKT.

"DQNT BÆ IMPÆTUNUNT," SED HU KIØ, "AND DQNT LØK AT MÆ LÆK FAT!" HÆ GOT BIHÆND ALIS AZ HÆ SPØK.

"U KAT MÆ LØK AT U KIØ," SED ALIS. "ÆV RED FAT IN SUM BØK, BUT Æ DQNT RIMEMBR HWER."

“WEL, IT MUST BE REMOVED,” SED ÆU KIØ VERI DISIDUDLI, AND HE KALD ÆU KWEN, HØ WUZ PASIØ AT ÆU MOMUNT, “MØ DIR! Ø WISØ U WØD HAV ÆIS KAT REMOVED!”

ÆU KWEN HAD QNLI WUN WΔ UV SETLIØ AL DIFUKULTÆZ, GRAT AR SMAL. “AF WIH HIZ HED!” ØÆ SED, WIHØT ÆVUN LØKIØ RØND.

“ØL FEØ ÆI EKSUKLØSUNØR MØSELF,” SED ÆU KIØ ÆGRLI, AND HE HØRID AF.

ALIS HAT ØÆ MØT AZ WEL GØ BAK, AND SE HØ ÆU GAM WUZ GOIØ ON, AZ ØÆ HØRD ÆU KWENZ VØS IN ÆU DISTUNS, SKRØMIØ WIH PASUN. ØÆ HAD ALREDI HØRD HØ SENTUNS HØÆ UV ÆU PLØRZ TØ BE EKSUKLØTID FAR HAVIØ MIST HØR TØRNZ, AND ØÆ DID NOT LØK ÆU LØK UV HØIØZ AT AL, AZ ÆU GAM WUZ IN SUØ KUNFLØSUN HAT ØÆ NEVØR NØ HWEHØR IT WUZ HØ TØRN AR NOT. SO ØÆ WENT IN SRØ UV HØ HEJHOG.

ÆU HEJHOG WUZ ENGØJD IN U FØT WIH UNUØØR HEJHOG, HWIØ SØMD TØ ALIS AN EKSULUNT OPØTØNUTI FAR KRØKØIØ WUN UV HØM WIH ÆI UØØR: ÆI QNLI DIFIKULTI WUZ, HAT HØ FLUMIØGØ WUZ GAN UKRAS TØ ÆI UØØR SØD UV ÆU GORDUN, HWER ALIS KØD SE IT TRØIØ IN U HELPLUS SART UV WΔ TØ FLØ UP INTØ U TRØ.

BØ ÆU TØM ØÆ HAD KAT ÆU FLUMIØGØ AND BRAT IT BAK, ÆU FØT WUZ QVØR, AND BØH ÆU HEJHOGZ WØ ØT UV SØT: “BUT IT DUZUNT MATØ MUØ,” HAT ALIS, “AZ AL ÆI ØRØIZ OR GAN FRUM ÆIS SØD UV ÆU GRØND.” SO ØÆ TUKT IT UWΔ UNDØR HØ ORM, HAT IT MØT NOT ISKØP UGEN, AND WENT BAK FAR U LITUL MØR KONVØRSØSUN WIH HØ FØEND.

HWEN ØÆ GOT BAK TØ ÆU ØØSØR KAT, ØÆ WUZ SRØRØZD TØ FØND KWØT U LØRJ KRØD KULEKTUD RØND IT: HØR WUZ U DISØUT GOIØ ON BITWØN ÆI EKSUKLØSUNØR, ÆU KIØ, AND ÆU KWEN, HØ WØ AL TAKIØ AT WUNS, HWØL AL ÆU REST WØ KWØT SØLUNT, AND LØKT VERI UNKUMFØRTUBUL.

ÆU MOMUNT ALIS UØIRD, ØÆ WUZ UØØLD TØ BØ AL HØÆ TØ SETUL ÆU KWESØUN, AND HØ RIPØTID HØR ORGYUMUNTS TØ HØ, HØ, AZ HØ AL SPØK AT WUNS, ØÆ FØND IT VERI HØRD INØØD TØ MØK ØT IGZØKTLI HWUT HØ SED.

HI EKSUKUŠUNRZ ORGYUMUNT WUZ, FAT U KODUNT KUT AF U HED UNLES HER WUZ U BODI TU KUT IT AF FRUM: FAT HE HAD NEVR HAD TU DU SUČ U HIU BIFAR, AND HE WOZUNT GOIU TU BIGIN AT HIZ T±M UV L±F.

FU KIUZ ORGYUMUNT WUZ, FAT ENIHU FAT HAD U HED KOD BE BIHEDID, AND FAT U WRUNT TU TAK NONSENS.

FU KWENZ ORGYUMUNT WUZ, FAT IF SUMHIU WOZUNT DUN UBOT IT IN LES HAN NO T±M ŠID HAV EVRIBODI EKSUKUTID, AL ROND. (IT WUZ HIS LAST RIMORK FAT HAD MAD FU HQL PORTI LOK SQ GRV AND ANKŠUS.)

ALIS KOD HIUK UV NUHIU ELS TU SA BUT "IT BILVZ TU FU DUČUS: UD BETR ASK HR UBOT IT."

"ŠEZ IN PRIZUN," FU KWEN SED TU HI EKSUKUŠUNR: "FEČ HR HIR." AND HI EKSUKUŠUNR WENT AF L±K AN ARQ.

FU KATS HED BIGAN FADIU UWA FU MQMUNT HE WUZ GAN, AND, B± FU T±M HE HAD KUM BAK WIH FU DUČUS, IT HAD ENT±RLI DISUPIRD; SQ FU KIU AND HI EKSUKUŠUNR RAN W±LDLI UP AND DON LOKIU FAR IT, HW±L FU REST UV FU PORTI WENT BAK TU FU GAM.

## CHAPTER 9

### THE MOK TERTULZ STARI

"U KANT FIINK HO GLAD I AM TO SEE U UGEN, U DIR OLD FIINK!" SED THE DUZUS, AZ SHE TUKT HER ORM UFEKSUNITLI INTO ALISIZ, AND HA WAKT AF TUGHER.

ALIS WUZ VERI GLAD TO FIND HER IN SUO U PLEZUNT TEMPER, AND HAT TO HERSELF HAT PERHAPS IT WUZ ONLI THE PEPR HAT HAD MAD HER SO SAVIJ HWEN HA MET IN THE KIOUN.

"HWEN IM U DUZUS," SHE SED TO HERSELF, (NOT IN U VERI HOPFUL TON HO), "I WONT HAV ENI PEPR IN ME KIOUN AT AL. SUP DUZ VERI WEL WIHOT—MABI ITS ALWIZ PEPR HAT MAKES PEPUL HOT-TEMPRD," SHE WENT ON, VERI MUO PLEZD AT HAVIHO FOND OT U NU KEND UV ROL, "AND VINUGR HAT MAKES THEM SOR—AND KAMUMEL HAT MAKES THEM BITR—AND—AND BORLE-SOGR AND SUO FIINZ HAT MAK OILDRUN SWET-TEMPRD. I ONLI WIS PEPUL NU HAT: HEN HA WODUNT BE SO STINJI UBOT IT, U NO—"

SHE HAD KWET FERGOTUN THE DUZUS BE HIS TEM, AND WUZ U LITUL STORTULD HWEN SHE HRD HER VOS KLOS TO HER IR. "YOR FIINKIHO UBOT SUMFIHO, ME DIR, AND HAT MAKES U FERGET TO TAK. I KANT TEL U JUST NO HWUT THE MARUL UV HAT IZ, BUT I SAL RIMEMBR IT IN U BIT."

"PERHAPS IT HAZUNT WUN," ALIS VENCERD TO RIMORK.

"TUT, TUT, OULD!" SED THE DUZUS. "EVREFIINZ GOT U MARUL, IF ONLI U KAN FIND IT." AND SHE SKWEZD HERSELF UP KLOSR TO ALISIZ SUD AZ SHE SPQK.

ALIS DID NOT MUO LEK KEPIHO SO KLOS TO HER: FRST, BIKAZ THE DUZUS WUZ VERI UGLI; AND SEKUNDLI, BIKAZ SHE WUZ IGZAKTLI THE RHT HHT TO REST HER OIN UPON ALISIZ SOLDER, AND IT WUZ AN UNKUMFRTUBLI SORP OIN. HOEVR, SHE DID NOT LEK TO BE RUD, SO SHE BAR IT AZ WEL AZ SHE KOD.

“ŦU GAMZ GOIŦ ON RAĦR BETR NŦ,” ŒI SED, B± WA UV KEPIŦ UP ŦU KONVRSΔŒUN U LITUL.

“TIZ SQ,” SED ŦU DUŒUS: “AND ŦU MARUL UV ĦAT IZ—‘Ŧ, ‘TIZ LUV, ‘TIZ LUV, ĦAT MΔKS ŦU WRLD GŦ RŦND!”

“SUMBODI SED,” ALIS HWISPRD, “ĦAT ITS DUN B± EVRIBODI M±NDIŦ ĦER QN BIZNIS!”

“Ŧ, WEL! IT M±NZ MUŒ ŦU SAM ĦIŦ,” SED ŦU DUŒUS, DIGIŦ ĦR ŒORP LITUL ŒIN INTŦ ALISIZ ŒOLDR AZ ŒI ADID, “AND ŦU MARUL UV ĦAT IZ—‘TΔK KER UV ŦU SENS, AND ŦU SONDZ WIL TΔK KER UV ĦEMSELVZ.”

“HŦ FOND ŒI IZ UV F±NDIŦ MARULZ IN ĦIŦZ!” ALIS ĦAT TŦ ĦRSELF.

“± DER SΔ YŦR WUNDRIŦ HW± ± DQNT PŦT M± ORM RŦND YŦR WΔST,” ŦU DUŒUS SED AFTR U PLZ: “ŦU R±ZUN IZ, ĦAT ±M DŦTFUL UBŦT ŦU TEMPR UV YŦR FLUMIŦGŦ. ŒAL ± TR± ĦI IKSPERUMUNT?”

“ĦE M±T B±T,” ALIS KΔŒUSLI RIPL±D, NOT F±LIŦ AT AL ANKŒUS TŦ HAV ĦI IKSPERUMUNT TR±D.

“VERI TRŦ,” SED ŦU DUŒUS: “FLUMIŦGŦZ AND MUSTRD BŦH B±T. AND ŦU MARUL UV ĦAT IZ—‘BRDZ UV U FEĦR FLOK TUGEĦR.”

“QNLI MUSTRD IZUNT U BRD,” ALIS RIMORKT.

“R±T, AZ UŒŦUL,” SED ŦU DUŒUS: “HWUT U KLIR WΔ U HAV UV PŦTIŦ ĦIŦZ!”

“ITS U MINRUL, ± ĦIŦK,” SED ALIS.

“UV KARS IT IZ,” SED ŦU DUŒUS, HŦ S±MD REDI TŦ UGR± TŦ EVRIĦIŦ ĦAT ALIS SED; “ĦERZ U LORJ MUSTRD-M±N NIR HIR. AND ŦU MARUL UV ĦAT IZ—‘ŦU MAR ĦER IZ UV M±N, ŦU LES ĦER IZ UV YŦRZ.”

“Ŧ, ± NŦ!” IKSKLΔMD ALIS, HŦ HAD NOT UTENDID TŦ ĦIS LAST RIMORK, “ITS U VEJTUBUL. IT DUZUNT LŦK L±K WUN, BUT IT IZ.”

“± KW±T UGRĒ WIĦ Ț,” SED ȦU DUȚUS; “AND ȦU MARUL UV ȦAT IZ—‘BE HWUT Ț WȚD SĒM TȚ BE’—AR IF ȚD L±K IT PȚT MAR SIMPLI—‘NEVR IMAJUN YȚRSELF NOT TȚ BE UȦRW±Z ȦAN HWUT IT M±T UPIR TȚ UȦRZ ȦAT HWUT Ț WR AR M±T HAV BIN WUZ NOT UȦRW±Z ȦAN HWUT Ț HAD BIN WȚD HAV UPIRD TȚ ȦEM TȚ BE UȦRW±Z.’”

“± ȦIȦK ± ŐȚD UNDRSTAND ȦAT BETR,” ALIS SED VERI PUL±TLI, “IF ± HAD IT RITUN DȚN: BUT ± KANT KW±T FOLȚ IT AZ Ț SA IT.”

“ȦATS NUȦIȚ TȚ HWUT ± KȚD SA IF ± ȚȚZ,” ȦU DUȚUS RIPL±D, IN U PLĒZD TȚN.

“PRA DȚNT TRUBUL YȚRSELF TȚ SA IT ENI LȦȚGR ȦAN ȦAT,” SED ALIS.

“Ț, DȚNT TAK UBȚT TRUBUL!” SED ȦU DUȚUS. “± MAK Ț U PREZUNT UV EVRIȦIȚ ±V SED AZ YET.”

“U ȚĒP SART UV PREZUNT!” ȦAT ALIS. “±M GLAD ȦA DȚNT GIV BRȦDA PREZUNTS L±K ȦAT!” BUT ŐĒ DID NOT VENȚR TȚ SA IT ȚT LȚD.

“ȦIȦKIȚ UGEN?” ȦU DUȚUS ASKT, WIĦ UNUȦR DIG UV HĒ ŐȚRP LITUL ȚIN.

“±V U R±T TȚ ȦIȦK,” SED ALIS ŐȚRPLI, FAR ŐĒ WUZ BIGINIȚ TȚ FĒL U LITUL WRID.

“JUST UBȚT AZ MUȚ R±T,” SED ȦU DUȚUS, “AZ PIGZ HAV TȚ FL±; AND ȦU M—”

BUT HIR, TȚ ALISIZ GRAT SĒRPR±Z, ȦU DUȚESIZ VȚS D±D UWA, EVUN IN ȦU MIDUL UV HĒ FȦVRIT WRD “MARUL,” AND ȦI ORM ȦAT WUZ LIȦKT INTȚ HĒZ BIGAN TȚ TREMBUL. ALIS LȚKT UP, AND ȦER STȚD ȦU KWĒN IN FRUNT UV ȦEM, WIĦ HĒ ORMZ FȚLDID, FRȚNIȚ L±K U HUNDRSTARM.

“U F±N DA, YȚR MAJISTI!” ȦU DUȚUS BIGAN IN U LȚ, WEK VȚS.

“NQ, ± GIV U FER WARNIØ,” ŠOTID ÆU KWEN, STAMPIØ ON ÆU GROND AZ ŠE SPOK; “ÆÆR U AR YØR HED MUST BE AF, AND ÆAT IN UBØT HAF NQ T±M! TΔK YØR ØOS!”

ÆU DUØUS TØK HÆR ØOS, AND WUZ GAN IN U MQMUNT.

“LETS GO ON WIÆ ÆU GAM,” ÆU KWEN SED TØ ALIS; AND ALIS WUZ TØ MUØ FR±TUND TØ SΔ U WÆD, BUT SLOLI FOLOD HÆR BAK TØ ÆU KRØKA-GROND.

ÆI UÆR GESTS HAD TΔKUN ADVANTIJ UV ÆU KWENZ ABSUNS, AND WÆ RESTIØ IN ÆU ŠΔD: HØEVÆ, ÆU MQMUNT ÆΔ SA HÆR, ÆΔ HÆRID BAK TØ ÆU GAM, ÆU KWEN MIRLI RIMORKIØ ÆAT U MQMUNTS DILΔ WØD KAST ÆEM ÆER L±VZ.

AL ÆU T±M ÆΔ WÆ PLΔIØ ÆU KWEN NEVÆ LEFT AF KWORULIØ WIÆ ÆI UÆR PLΔÆZ, AND ŠØTIØ “AF WIÆ HIZ HED!” AR “AF WIÆ HÆR HED!” ÆOZ HØM ŠE SENTUNST WÆ TΔKUN INTØ KUSTUDI B± ÆU SOLJÆZ, HØ UV KARS HAD TØ LEV AF BEIØ ORØIZ TØ DØ ÆIS, SQ ÆAT B± ÆI END UV HAF AN ØR AR SQ ÆER WÆ NQ ORØIZ LEFT, AND AL ÆU PLΔÆZ, IKSEPT ÆU KIØ, ÆU KWEN, AND ALIS, WÆ IN KUSTUDI AND UNÆR SENTUNS UV EKSUKUŠUN.

ÆEN ÆU KWEN LEFT AF, KW±T ØT UV BÆÆ, AND SED TØ ALIS, “HAV U SÆN ÆU MOK TÆRTUL YET?”

“NQ,” SED ALIS. “± DQNT ÆVUN NQ HWUT U MOK TÆRTUL IZ.”

“ITS ÆU ÆIØ MOK TÆRTUL SØP IZ MΔD FRUM,” SED ÆU KWEN.

“± NEVÆ SA WUN, AR HÆRD UV WUN,” SED ALIS.

“KUM ON, ÆEN,” SED ÆU KWEN, “AND HÆ ŠAL TEL U HIZ HISTÆI,”

AZ ÆΔ WAKT AF TUGEÆÆ, ALIS HÆRD ÆU KIØ SΔ IN U LQ VØS, TØ ÆU KUMPUNI JENÆULI, “U OR AL PORDUND.” “KUM, ÆATS U GØD ÆIØ!” ŠE SED TØ HÆSELF, FÆR ŠE HAD FELT KW±T UNHÆPI AT ÆU NUMBÆR UV EKSUKUŠUNZ ÆU KWEN HAD ARÆÆD.

ƆΔ VERI SUN KΔM UPON U GRIFUN, LΔIŲ FAST USLEP IN ƆU SUN. (IF U DQNT NQ HWUT U GRIFUN IZ, LŲK AT ƆU PIKŲR.) “UP, LΔZI HII!” SED ƆU KWEN, “AND TΔK ƆIS YUŲ LΔDI TU SE ƆU MOK TŲRTUL, AND TU HIR HIZ HISTRI. Δ MUST GO BAK AND SE AFTŲ SUM EKSUKUŠUNZ Δ HAV ARDŲD ”; AND ŠE WAKT AF, LEVIŲ ALIS ULQN WIƆ ƆU GRIFUN. ALIS DID NOT KWΔT LΔK ƆU LŲK UV ƆU KREŲR, BUT ON ƆU HQL ŠE ƆAT IT WŲD BE KWΔT AZ SΔF TU STΔ WIƆ IT AZ TU GO AFTŲ ƆAT SAVIJ KWEN: SQ ŠE WΔTID.

ƆU GRIFUN SAT UP AND RUBD ITS ΔZ: ƆEN IT WOŲT ƆU KWEN TIL ŠE WUZ ŲT UV SΔT: ƆEN IT ŲUKULD. “HWUT FUN!” SED ƆU GRIFUN, HAF TU ITSELF, HAF TU ALIS.

“HWUT IZ ƆU FUN?” SED ALIS.

“HWΔ, ŠE,” SED ƆU GRIFUN. “ITS ΔL HŲ FANSI, ƆAT: ƆΔ NEVR EKSUKUTS NOBODI, U NQ. KUM ON!”

“EVRI BODI SEZ ‘KUM ON!’ HIR,” ƆAT ALIS, AZ ŠE WENT SLQLI AFTŲ IT: “Δ NEVR WUZ SQ ARDŲD UBŲT IN ΔL MΔ LΔF, NEVR!”

ƆΔ HAD NOT GAN FOR BIFAR ƆΔ SA ƆU MOK TŲRTUL IN ƆU DISTUNS, SITIŲ SAD AND LQNLI ON U LITUL LEJ UV ROK, AND, AZ ƆΔ KΔM NIRŲ, ALIS KŲD HIR HIM SΔIŲ AZ IF HIZ HORT WŲD BRΔK. ŠE PITID HIM DŲPLI. “HWUT IZ HIZ SORŲ?” ŠE ASKT ƆU GRIFUN, AND ƆU GRIFUN ANSRD, VERI NIRLI IN ƆU SΔM WŲDZ AZ BIFAR, “ITS ΔL HIZ FANSI, ƆAT: HŲ HAZUNT GOT NQ SORŲ, U NQ. KUM ON!”

SQ ƆΔ WENT UP TU ƆU MOK TŲRTUL, HŲ LŲKT AT ƆEM WIƆ LORJ ΔZ FŲL UV TIRZ, BUT SED NUHIŲ.

“ƆIS HIR YUŲ LΔDI,” SED ƆU GRIFUN, “ŠE WONTS FAR TU NQ YŲR HISTRI, ŠE DU.”

“ΔL TEL IT HŲ,” SED ƆU MOK TŲRTUL IN U DŲP, HOLŲ TQN: “SIT DŲN, BŲH UV U, AND DQNT SPEK U WŲD TIL ΔV FINIŠT.”



SO HĀ SAT DŌN, AND NŌBODI SPŌK FAR SUM MINUTS. ALIS HĀT TŪ HĀRSELF, “± DŌNT SĒ HŌ HĒ KAN ĒVUN FINIŠ, IF HĒ DUZUNT BIGIN.” BUT ŠĒ WĀTID PΔŠUNTLI.

“WUNS,” SED HŪ MOK TĀRTUL AT LAST, WIH U DĒP S±, “± WUZ U RĒUL TĀRTUL.”

HĒZ WĀRDZ WĀR FOLŌD B± U VERI LĀŌ S±LUNS, BRŌKUN QNLI B± AN UKΔSUNUL EKSKLUMΔŠUN UV “HIKUP!” FRUM HŪ GRIFUN, AND HŪ KONSTUNT HEVI SOBIŌ UV HŪ MOK TĀRTUL. ALIS WUZ VERI NIRLI GETIŌ UP AND SΔIŌ, “HĀŌK Ū, SR, FAR YŌR INTRISTIŌ STARI,” BUT ŠĒ KŌD NOT HELP HIŌKIŌ HĒR MUST BĒ MAR TŪ KUM, SO ŠĒ SAT STIL AND SED NUHIŌ.

“HWEN WĒ WĀR LITUL,” HŪ MOK TĀRTUL WENT ON AT LAST, MAR KOMLI, HŌ STIL SOBIŌ U LITUL NŌ AND HĒN, “WĒ WENT TŪ SKŪL IN HŪ SĒ. HŪ MASTR WUZ AN ŌLD TĀRTUL—WĒ ŪZD TŪ KAL HIM TARTUS—”

“HW± DID Ū KAL HIM TARTUS, IF HĒ WOZUNT WUN?” ALIS ASKT.

“WĒ KALD HIM TARTUS BIKAZ HĒ TĀT US,” SED HŪ MOK TĀRTUL AŌGRILI: “RĒULI Ū OR VERI DUL!”

“Ū AT TŪ BĒ UŠΔMD UV YŌRSELF FAR ASKIŌ SUŌ U SIMPUL KWESŌUN,” ADID HŪ GRIFUN; AND HĒN HĀ BŌH SAT S±LUNT AND LŌKT AT PŌR ALIS, HŪ FELT REDI TŪ SIŌK INTŪ HI RĒ. AT LAST HŪ GRIFUN SED TŪ HŪ MOK TĀRTUL, “DR±V ON, ŌLD FELO! DŌNT BĒ AL DΔ UBŌT IT!” AND HĒ WENT ON IN HĒZ WĀRDZ:

“YES, WĒ WENT TŪ SKŪL IN HŪ SĒ, HŌ Ū MAUNT BILĒV IT—”

“± NEVR SED ± DIDUNT!” INTRUPTID ALIS.

“Ū DID,” SED HŪ MOK TĀRTUL.

“HŌLD YŌR TUI!” ADID HŪ GRIFUN, BIFAR ALIS KŌD SPĒK UGEN. HŪ MOK TĀRTUL WENT ON.

“WĒ HAD HŪ BEST UV EJUKΔŠUNZ—IN FAKT, WĒ WENT TŪ SKŪL EVRI DΔ—”

“±V BIN TÛ U DΔ-SKÛL, TÛ,” SED ALIS; “Û NEDUNT BË SQ PRØD AZ AL  
ĤAT.”

“WIĤ EKSTRUZ?” ASKT ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL U LITUL ANKŠUSLI.

“YES,” SED ALIS, “WE LRND FRENÇ AND MUZIK.”

“AND WOŠIÛ?” SED ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL.

“SËRTUNLI NOT!” SED ALIS INDIGNUNTLI.

“O! ĤEN YØRZ WOZUNT U RËULI GØD SKÛL,” SED ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL IN U  
TON UV GRΔT RILËF. “NØ AT ØRZ ĤΔ HAD AT ĤI END UV ĤÛ BIL,  
‘FRENÇ, MUZIK, AND WOŠIÛ—EKSTRU.’”

“Û KØDUNT HAV WONTID IT MUÇ,” SED ALIS; “LIVIÛ AT ĤÛ BOTUM UV  
ĤÛ SË.”

“± KØDUNT UFARD TÛ LRN IT.” SED ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL WIĤ U S±. “± QNLI  
TØK ĤÛ REGYULR KARS.”

“HWUT WUZ ĤAT?” INKW±RD ALIS.

“RËLIÛ AND R±ĤIÛ, UV KARS, TÛ BIGIN WIĤ,” ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL RIPL±D;  
“AND ĤEN ĤÛ DIFRUNT BRANÇIZ UV URIĤMUTIK—AMBIŠUN,  
DISTRAKŠUN, UGLIFIKAŠUN, AND DËRISUN.”

“± NEVR HËRD UV ‘UGLIFIKAŠUN,’” ALIS VENÇRD TÛ SΔ. “HWUT IZ IT?”

ĤÛ GRIFUN LIFTID UP BQH ITS PΔZ IN SËRPR±Z. “HWUT! NEVR HËRD UV  
UGLIF±IÛ!” IT IKS KLΔMD. “Û NØ HWUT TÛ BUTIF± IZ, ± SUPOZ?”

“YES,” SED ALIS DØTFØLI: “IT MËNZ—TÛ—MΔK—ENIĤIÛ—PRITËR.”

“WEL, ĤEN,” ĤÛ GRIFUN WENT ON, “IF Û DQNT NØ HWUT TÛ UGLIF± IZ,  
Û OR U SIMPULTUN.”

ALIS DID NOT FËL ENKËRIJD TÛ ASK ENI MΔR KWESÇUNZ UBØT IT, SQ  
ŠË TRND TÛ ĤÛ MOK TËRTUL, AND SED “HWUT ELS HAD Û TÛ LRN?”

“WEL, ÆER WUZ MISTRÆ,” ÆU MOK TÆRTUL RIPLÆD, KØNTIØ AF ÆU SUBJIKTS ON HIZ FLAPÆZ, “—MISTRÆ, ΔNØUNT AND MODÆRN, WIÆ SÆ-UGRAF: ÆEN DRÆLIØ—ÆI QLD DRÆLIØ-MASTR WUZ AN QLD KLÆÆR-ÆL, ÆAT UZD TØ KUM WUNS U WÆK: HÆ TÆT US DLÆLIØ, STREØIØ, AND FÆNTIØ IN KØLZ.”

“HWUT WUZ ÆAT LÆK?” SED ALIS.

“WEL, Æ KANT ØQ IT U MÆSELF,” ÆU MOK TÆRTUL SED: “ÆM TØ STIF. AND ÆU GRIFUN NEVÆ LÆRNT IT.”

“HADUNT TÆM,” SED ÆU GRIFUN: “Æ WENT TØ ÆU KLÆSIKS MASTÆ, ÆQ. HÆ WUZ AN QLD KRAB, HÆ WUZ.”

“Æ NEVÆ WENT TØ HIM,” ÆU MOK TÆRTUL SED WIÆ U SÆ: “HÆ TÆT LÆFIØ AND GRÆF, ÆΔ UZD TØ SΔ.”

“SQ HÆ DID, SQ HÆ DID,” SED ÆU GRIFUN, SÆIØ IN HIZ TÆRN; AND BQÆ KRÆØÆZ HID ÆER FÆSIZ IN ÆER PÆZ.

“AND HØ MENI ØRZ U DÆ DID U DØ LESUNZ?” SED ALIS, IN U HÆRI TØ ØΔNJ ÆU SUBJEKT.

“TEN ØRZ ÆU FÆRST DÆ,” SED ÆU MOK TÆRTUL: “NÆN ÆU NEKST, AND SQ ON.”

“HWUT U KYØRIUS PLAN!” IKSKLÆMD ALIS.

“ÆATS ÆU RÆZUN ÆER KÆLD LESUNZ,” ÆU GRIFUN RIMORKT: “BIKÆZ ÆΔ LESUN FRUM DÆ TØ DÆ.”

ÆIS WUZ KWÆT U NØ UDEU TØ ALIS, AND ØÆ HÆT IT QVÆ U LITUL BIFÆR ØÆ MÆD HÆR NEKST RIMORK. “ÆEN ÆI ILEVUNÆ DÆ MUST HAV BIN U HOLUDÆ?”

“UV KÆRS IT WUZ,” SED ÆU MOK TÆRTUL.

“AND HØ DID U MÆNIJ ON ÆU TWELFFÆ?” ALIS WENT ON IÆRLI.

“HATS INUF UBOT LESUNZ,” HÛ GRIFUN INTRUPTID IN U VERI DIS±DID  
TQN: “TEL HËR SUMFIH UBOT HÛ GAMZ NQ.”

## CHAPTER 10 THE LOBSTER KWODRIL

THE MOK TERTUL SIDD DEPLI, AND DRU THE BAK UV WUN FLAPER UKRAS HIZ EZ. HE LOKT AT ALIS, AND TRID TU SPEK, BUT FAR U MINIT AR TU SOBZ OKT HIZ VOS. "SAM AZ IF HE HAD U BON IN HIZ HRQT," SED THE GRIFUN: AND IT SET TU WRK SAKIØ HIM AND PUNØIØ HIM IN THE BAK. AT LAST THE MOK TERTUL RIKUVRD HIZ VOS, AND, WITH TIRZ RUNIØ DON HIZ ØIKS, HE WENT ON UGEN:—

"U MA NOT HAV LEVD MUØ UNDR THE SE—" ("I HAVUNT," SED ALIS)—  
"AND PERHAPS U WR NEVR EVUN INTRUDØST TU U LOBSTER—" (ALIS BIGAN TU SA "I WUNS TASTID—" BUT ØEKT HØRSELF HASTILI, AND SED "NQ, NEVR ") "—SQ U KAN HAV NQ IDEU HWUT U DILTFUL HIØ U LOBSTER KWODRIL IZ!"

"NQ, INDED," SED ALIS. "HWUT SART UV U DANS IZ IT?"

"HWI," SED THE GRIFUN, "U FRST FARM INTU U LEN ULØ THE SE-SAR—"

"TU LENZI!" KRID THE MOK TERTUL. "SELZ, TERTULZ, SAMUN, AND SQ ON; HEN, HWEN UV KLIRD AL THE JELI-FIS OT UV THE WA—"

"HAT JENRULI TAKS SUM TIM," INTERRUPTID THE GRIFUN.

"—U UDVANS TWIS—"

"IØ WITH U LOBSTER AZ U PORTNR!" KRID THE GRIFUN.

"UV KARS," THE MOK TERTUL SED: "UDVANS TWIS, SET TU PORTNRZ—"

"—ØANJ LOBSTRZ, AND RITØR IN SAM ARDR," KUNTINUD THE GRIFUN.

"HEN, U NQ," THE MOK TERTUL WENT ON, "U HRQ THE—"

"THE LOBSTRZ!" ØOTID THE GRIFUN, WITH U BOND INTU HI ER.

“—AZ FOR OT TŪ SĒ AZ Ū KAN—”

“SWIM AFTĒR ĤEM!” SKRĒMD ĤU GRIFUN.

“TĒRN U SUMĒRSALT IN ĤU SĒ!” KRĒD ĤU MOK TĒRTUL, KĀPĒRIŪ WĒLDLI UBŌT.

“ĀDNJ LOBSTĒRZ UGEN!” YELD ĤU GRIFUN AT ĤU TOP UV ITS VŌS.

“BAK TŪ LAND UGEN, AND ĤATS AL ĤU FĒRST FIGYUR,” SED ĤU MOK TĒRTUL, SUDUNLI DROPIŪ HIZ VŌS; AND ĤU TŪ KRĒĀRZ, HŪ HAD BIN JUMPIŪ UBŌT LĒK MAD ĤIŪZ AL ĤIS TĒM, SAT DŌN UGEN VERI SADLI AND KWĒUTLI, AND LŌKT AT ALIS.

“IT MUST BĒ U VERI PRITI DANS,” SED ALIS TIMIDLI.

“WŌD Ū LĒK TŪ SĒ U LITUL UV IT?” SED ĤU MOK TĒRTUL.

“VERI MUĀ INDĒD,” SED ALIS.

“KUM, LETS TRĒ ĤU FĒRST FIGYUR!” SED ĤU MOK TĒRTUL TŪ ĤU GRIFUN.  
“WĒ KAN DŪ WIĤŌT LOBSTĒRZ, Ū NŌ. HWIĀ ŠAL SIŪ?”

“Ō, Ū SIŪ,” SED ĤU GRIFUN. “ĒV FĒRGOTUN ĤU WĒRDZ.”

SŌ ĤĀ BIGAN SOLUMLI DANSIŪ RŌND AND RŌND ALIS, EVRI NŌ AND ĤĒN TREDIŪ ON ĤĒR TŌZ HWEN ĤĀ PAST TŪ KLŌS, AND WĀVIŪ ĤĒR FARPAZ TŪ MORK ĤU TĒM, HWĒL ĤU MOK TĒRTUL SAŪ ĤIS, VERI SLŌLI AND SADLI:—

“WIL Ū WĀK U LITUL FASTĒR?” SED U HWĒTIŪ TŪ U SNĀL.  
‘ĤĒRZ U PARPUS KLŌS BIĤĒND US, AND ĤĒZ TREDIŪ ON MĒ TĀL.  
SĒ HŌ ĒGRĒLI ĤU LOBSTĒRZ AND ĤU TĒRTULZ AL UDVANS!  
ĤĀ OR WĀTIŪ ON ĤU ŠIŪGUL—WIL Ū KUM AND JŌN ĤU DANS?

WIL Ū, WŌNT Ū, WIL Ū, WŌNT Ū, WIL Ū JŌN ĤU DANS?  
WIL Ū, WŌNT Ū, WIL Ū, WŌNT Ū, WŌNT Ū JŌN ĤU DANS?

‘Ū KAN RĒULI HAV NŌ NŌŠUN HŌ DILĒTFUL IT WIL BĒ  
HWEN ĤĀ TĀK US UP AND ĤRŌ US, WIĤ ĤU LOBSTĒRZ, ŌT TŪ SĒ!’

BUT HÛ SNAL RIPLËD ‘TÛ FOR, TÛ FOR!’ AND GAV U LØK  
USKANS—  
SED HË FANKT HÛ HWËTIÛ KËNDLI, BUT HË WØD NOT JØN HÛ  
DANS.

WØD NOT, KØD NOT, WØD NOT, KØD NOT, WØD NOT JØN HÛ  
DANS.  
WØD NOT, KØD NOT, WØD NOT, KØD NOT, KØD NOT JØN HÛ  
DANS.

“HWUT MATRZ IT HØ FOR WË GØ?’ HIZ SKALI FRENÐ RIPLËD.  
‘HER IZ UNUHER ŠAR, U NQ, UPON HI UHER SËD.  
HÛ FRHER AF FRUM IŅGLUND HÛ NIRZ IZ TÛ FRANS—  
HEN TRN NOT PAL, BILUVID SNAL, BUT KUM AND JØN HÛ DANS.

WIL U, WQNT U, WIL U, WQNT U, WIL U JØN HÛ DANS?  
WIL U, WQNT U, WIL U, WQNT U, WQNT U JØN HÛ DANS?”

“FANƆ U, ITS U VERI INTRISTIÛ DANS TÛ WOØ,” SED ALIS, FËLIÛ  
VERI GLAD HAT IT WUZ QVR AT LAST: “AND Ë DÛ SQ LËK HAT  
KYØRIUS SAN UBØT HÛ HWËTIÛ!”

“Q, AZ TÛ HÛ HWËTIÛ,” SED HÛ MOK TËRTUL, “HÄ—UV SËN HËM, UV  
KARS?”

“YES,” SED ALIS, “ËV AFUN SËN HËM AT DIN—” ŠË ØEKT HËRSELF  
HASTILI.

“Ë DQNT NQ HWER DIN MÄ BË,” SED HÛ MOK TËRTUL, “BUT IF UV SËN  
HËM SQ AFUN, UV KARS U NQ HWUT HER LËK.”

“Ë BILËV SQ,” ALIS RIPLËD HATFULI. “HÄ HAV HER TALZ IN HER  
MØHZ—AND HER AL QVR KRUMZ.”

“YØR RAN UBØT HÛ KRUMZ,” SED HÛ MOK TËRTUL: “KRUMZ WØD AL  
WOŠ AF IN HÛ SË. BUT HÄ HAV HER TALZ IN HER MØHZ; AND HÛ RËZUN  
IZ—” HIR HÛ MOK TËRTUL YAND AND ŠUT HIZ ËZ.—“TEL HR UBØT HÛ  
RËZUN AND AL HAT,” HË SED TÛ HÛ GRIFUN.

“HU REZUN IZ,” SED HU GRIFUN, “HAT HA WOD GO WIH HU LOBSTRZ TU HU DANS. SQ HA GOT HRQN OT TU SE. SQ HA HAD TU FAL U LAN WA. SQ HA GOT HER TALZ FAST IN HER MONEZ. SQ HA KODUNT GET HEM OT UGEN. HATS AL.”

“HANK U,” SED ALIS, “ITS VERI INTRISTIU. I NEVR NU SQ MUØ UBOT U HWETIU BIFAR.”

“I KAN TEL U MAR HAN HAT, IF U LK,” SED HU GRIFUN. “DU U NQ HWET ITS KALD U HWETIU?”

“I NEVR HAT UBOT IT,” SED ALIS. “HWET?”

“IT DUZ HU BUTS AND SØZ.” HU GRIFUN RIPLID VERI SOLUMLI.

ALIS WUZ HRULI PUZULD. “DUZ HU BUTS AND SØZ!” SE RIPETID IN U WUNDRIU TON.

“HWET, HWUT OR YØR SØZ DUN WIH?” SED HU GRIFUN. “I MEN, HWUT MΔKS HEM SQ SENE?”

ALIS LØKT DON AT HEM, AND KUNSIDRD U LITUL BIFAR SE GAV HR ANSR. “HER DUN WIH BLAKIU, I BILEV.”

“BUTS AND SØZ UNDR HU SE,” HU GRIFUN WENT ON IN U DEP VØS, “OR DUN WIH U HWETIU. NØ U NQ.”

“AND HWUT OR HA MAD UV?” ALIS ASKT IN U TON UV GRAT KYØRIOSITI.

“SQLZ AND ELZ, UV KARS,” HU GRIFUN RIPLID RAHER IMPΔSUNTLI: “ENI SRIMP KOD HAV TQLD U HAT.”

“IF ID BIN HU HWETIU,” SED ALIS, HUZ HATS WR STIL RUNIU ON HU SAN, “ID HAV SED TU HU PARPUS, ‘KEP BAK, PLIZ: WE DONT WONT U WIH US!’”

“HA WR UBLJD TU HAV HIM WIH HEM,” HU MOK TRTUL SED: “NQ WET FIS WOD GO ENIHWER WIHOT U PARPUS.”



“WØDUNT IT RÆULI?” SED ALIS IN U TQN UV GRAT SRPRÆZ.

“UV KARS NOT,” SED ÆU MOK TÆRTUL: “HWÆ, IF U FIÐ KAM TÙ MÆ, AND TQLD MÆ HÆ WUZ GOIÆ U JÆRNÆ, Æ ÐOD SA ‘WIÆ HWUT PÆRPUS?’”

“DQNT U MÆN ‘PÆRPUS?’” SED ALIS.

“Æ MÆN HWUT Æ SA,” ÆU MOK TÆRTUL RIPLÆD IN AN UFENDID TQN. AND ÆU GRIFUN ADID “KUM, LETS HIR SUM UV YØR ADVENØÆRZ.”

“Æ KØD TEL U MÆ ADVENØÆRZ—BIGINIÆ FRUM ÆIS MÆRNÆ,” SED ALIS U LITUL TIMIDLI: “BUT ITS NQ US GOIÆ BAK TÙ YESTÆRD, BIKÆZ Æ WUZ U DIFÆRUNT PÆRSUN ÆEN.”

“IKSPLÆN ÆL ÆAT,” SED ÆU MOK TÆRTUL.

“NQ, NQ! ÆI ADVENØÆRZ FÆRST,” SED ÆU GRIFUN IN AN IMPÆÐUNT TQN: “EKSPLUNÆÐUNZ TÆK SUØ U DREDFUL TÆM.”

SQ ALIS BIGAN TELIÆ ÆEM HÆ ADVENØÆRZ FRUM ÆU TÆM HWEN ÐÆ FÆRST SA ÆU HWÆT RABIT. ÐÆ WUZ U LITUL NÆRVUS UBØT IT JUST AT FÆRST, ÆU TÙ KRÆØÆRZ GOT SQ KLQS TÙ HÆ, WUN ON IØ SÆD, AND QPUND ÆER ÆZ AND MØÆZ SQ VERI WÆD, BUT ÐÆ GÆND KÆRUJ AZ ÐÆ WENT ON. HÆ LISUNÆZ WÆ PÆFIKTLI KWÆUT TIL ÐÆ GOT TÙ ÆU PORT UBØT HÆ RIPÆTIÆ “U OR QLD, FOÆÆ WILYUM,” TÙ ÆU KÆTÆPILÆ, AND ÆU WÆRÐZ ÆL KUMIÆ DIFÆRUNT, AND ÆEN ÆU MOK TÆRTUL DRU U LÆÆ BREF, AND SED “ÆATS VERI KYØRIUS.”

“ITS ÆL UBØT AZ KYØRIUS AZ IT KAN BÆ,” SED ÆU GRIFUN.

“IT ÆL KAM DIFÆRUNT!” ÆU MOK TÆRTUL RIPÆTID ÆATFULI. “Æ ÐOD LÆK TÙ HIR HÆ TRÆ AND RIPÆT SUMÆIÆ NØ. TEL HÆ TÙ BIGIN.” HÆ LØKT AT ÆU GRIFUN AZ IF HÆ ÆAT IT HAD SUM KÆND UV UFÆRUTI QVÆ ALIS.

“STAND UP AND RIPÆT “TIZ ÆU VØS UV ÆU SLUGÆRD,” SED ÆU GRIFUN.

“HØ ÆU KRÆØÆRZ ÆRÐÆ WUN UBØT, AND MÆK WUN RIPÆT LESUNZ!” ÆAT ALIS; “Æ MÆT AZ WEL BÆ AT SKUL AT WUNS.” HØEVÆ, ÐÆ GOT UP, AND BIGAN TÙ RIPÆT IT, BUT HÆ HED WUZ SQ FØL UV ÆU LOBSTR

KWODRIL, FAT ŠE HORDLI NU HWUT ŠE WUZ SAIU, AND NU WRDZ KAM VERI KWIR INDEID:—

“TIZ NU VOS UV NU LOBSTR; ± HRD HIM DIKLER,  
'U HAV BAKT ME TU BRON, ± MUST ŠOGR M± HER.'  
AZ U DUK WIH ITS ±LIDZ, SQ HE WIH HIZ NOZ  
TRIMZ HIZ BELT AND HIZ BUTUNZ, AND TRNZ OT HIZ TOZ.”

HWEN NU SANDZ OR AL DR±, HE IZ GA AZ U LORK,  
AND WIL TAK IN KUNTEMPÇUUS TONZ UV NU ŠORK,  
BUT, HWEN NU T±D R±ZIZ AND ŠORKS OR UROND,  
HIZ VOS HAZ U TIMID AND TREMYULUS SOND.

“FATS DIFRUNT FRUM HWUT ± UZD TU SA HWEN ± WUZ U Ç±LD,” SED NU GRIFUN.

“WEL, ± NEVR HRD IT BIFAR,” SED NU MOK TRTUL; “BUT IT SONDZ UNKOMUN NONSENS.”

ALIS SED NUHIU; ŠE HAD SAT DON WIH HR FAS IN HR HANDZ,  
WUNDRIU IF ENIHU WOD EVR HAPUN IN U NAÇRUL WA UGEN.

“± ŠOD L±K TU HAV IT IKSPLAND,” SED NU MOK TRTUL.

“ŠE KANT IKSPLAN IT,” SED NU GRIFUN HASTILI. “GQ ON WIH NU NEKST VRS.”

“BUT UBOT HIZ TOZ?” NU MOK TRTUL PRSISTID. “HO KOD HE TRN NEM OT WIH HIZ NOZ, U NOZ?”

“ITS NU FRST PUZIŠUN IN DANŠU.” ALIS SED; BUT WUZ DREDFULI PUZULD B± NU HQL HIU, AND LAND TU ÇANJ NU SUBJEKT.

“GQ ON WIH NU NEKST VRS,” NU GRIFUN RIPETID IMPAŠUNTLI: “IT BIGINZ ‘± PAST B± HIZ GORDUN.”

ALIS DID NOT DER TU DISUBA, NU ŠE FELT ŠOR IT WOD AL KUM RAN,  
AND ŠE WENT ON IN U TREMBLIU VOS:—

“± PAST B± HIZ GORDUN, AND MORKT, WIH WUN ±,  
HQ HI QL AND HU PANHER WR SERIØ U P±—  
HU PANHER TOK P±-KRUST, AND GRAVI, AND MET,  
HW±L HI QL HAD HU DISØ AZ ITS SER UV HU TRET.

“HWEN HU P± WUZ AL FINIØT, HI QL, AZ U BUN,  
WUZ K±NDLI P±RMITID TU POKUT HU SPUN:  
HW±L HU PANHER RISEVD N±F AND FARK WIH U GRØL,  
AND KUNKLØDID HU BANKWUT B±—”

“HWUT IZ HU US UV RIPETIØ AL HAT STUF,” HU MOK TERTUL INTERRUPTID,  
“IF U DQNT IKSPLAN IT AZ U GØ ON? ITS B± FOR HU MQST KUNFUZIØ  
HIØ ± EVR HRD!”

“YES, ± HIØK UD BETR LEV AF,” SED HU GRIFUN: AND ALIS WUZ QNLI  
TU GLAD TU DU SQ.

“ØAL WE TR± UNUHER FIGYUR UV HU LOBSTER KWODRIL?” HU GRIFUN  
WENT ON. “AR WØD U L±K HU MOK TERTUL TU SIØ U U SΛØ?”

“Q, U SΛØ, PLÆZ, IF HU MOK TERTUL WØD BE SQ K±ND,” ALIS RIPL±D,  
SQ EGRLI HAT HU GRIFUN SED, IN U RAHER UFENDID TQN, “HM! NQ  
UKONTIØ FAR TASTS! SIØ HR ‘TERTUL SØP,’ WIL U, QLD FELQ?”

HU MOK TERTUL S±D DEPLI, AND BIGAN, IN U VØS SUMT±MZ ØQKT WIH  
SOBZ, TU SIØ HIS:—

“BUTIFUL SØP, SQ RIØ AND GRËN,  
WATIØ IN U HOT TREN!  
HU FAR SUØ DANTIZ WØD NOT STØP?  
SØP UV HI EVNIØ, BUTIFUL SØP!  
SØP UV HI EVNIØ, BUTIFUL SØP!  
BU—ØTIFØL SØ—ØP!  
BU—ØTIFØL SØ—ØP!?  
SØ—ØP UV HI E—E—EVNIØ,  
BUTIFUL,? BUTIFUL SØP!

“BUTIFUL SØP! HU KERZ FAR FISØ,  
GAM, AR ENI UHER DISØ?”

HŪ WŌD NOT GIV AL ELS FAR TŪ  
PENIWŔH QNLI UV BŪTIFUL SŪP?  
PENIWŔH QNLI UV BŪTIFUL SŪP?  
BŪ—ŪTIFŌL? SŪ—ŪP!  
BŪ—ŪTIFŌL SŪ—ŪP!?  
SŪ—ŪP UV HĪ Ǝ—Ǝ—ƎVNIŪ,  
BŪTIFUL, BŪTI—FŌL SŪP!”

“KARUS UGEN!” KRĪD HŪ GRIFUN, AND HŪ MOK TŔTUL HAD JUST BIGUN  
TŪ RIPĒT IT, HWEN U KRĪ UV “HŪ TRĪULZ BIGINIŪ!” WUZ HŔD IN HŪ  
DISTUNS.

“KUM ON!” KRĪD HŪ GRIFUN, AND, TĀKIŪ ALIS BĪ HŪ HAND, IT HŔID  
AF, WIFŌT WĀTIŪ FAR HĪ END UV HŪ SĀŪ.

“HWUT TRĪUL IZ IT?” ALIS PANTID AZ ŠƎ RAN; BUT HŪ GRIFUN QNLI  
ANSŔD “KUM ON!” AND RAN HŪ FASTŔ, HWĒL MAR AND MAR FĀNTLI  
KĀM, KARID ON HŪ BRĒZ HĀT FŌLQD HĒM, HŪ MELUNKOLI WŔDZ:—

“SŪ—ŪP UV HĪ Ǝ—Ǝ—ƎVNIŪ,  
BŪTIFUL, BŪTIFUL? SŪP!”

## CHAPTER 11 HU STQL HU TORTS?

HU KIU AND KWEN UV HORTS WR SETID ON HER FRON HWEN HA URIVD, WIH U GRAT KRQD USEMBULD UBOT HEM—AL SARTS UV LITUL BRDZ AND BISTS, AZ WEL AZ HU HQL PAK UV KORDZ: HU NAV WUZ STANDIU BIFAR HEM, IN CANZ, WIH U SQLJR ON EC SD TU GORD HIM; AND NIR HU KIU WUZ HU HWIT RABIT, WIH U TRUMPIT IN WUN HAND, AND U SKRQL UV POROMUNT IN HI UHR. IN HU VERI MIDUL UV HU KART WUZ U TABUL, WIH U LORJ DIS UV TORTS UPON IT: HA LOKT SQ GOD, HAT IT MAD ALIS KWIT HUNGRI TU LOK AT HEM—“I WIS HAD GET HU TRUL DUN,” SE HAT, “AND HAND ROND HU RUFRESMUNTS!” BUT HER SEMD TU BE NO CANS UV HIS, SQ SE BIGAN LOKIU AT EVRIHU UBOT HR, TU PAS UWA HU TM.

ALIS HAD NEVR BIN IN U KART UV JUSTIS BIFAR, BUT SE HAD RED UBOT HEM IN BOKS, AND SE WUZ KWIT PLIZD TU FND HAT SE NU HU NAM UV NIRLI EVRIHU HER. “HATS HU JUJ,” SE SED TU HRSELF, “BIKAZ UV HIZ GRAT WIG.”

HU JUJ, BI HU WA, WUZ HU KIU; AND AZ HE WAR HIZ KRQD QVR HU WIG, (LOK AT HU FRUNTSPIS IF U WONT TU SE HQ HE DID IT,) HE DID NOT LOK AT AL KUMFERTUBUL, AND IT WUZ SRTUNLI NOT BIKUMIU.

“AND HATS HU JORI-BOKS,” HAT ALIS, “AND HQZ TWELV KRECRZ,” (SE WUZ UBLJD TU SA “KRECRZ,” U SE, BIKAZ SUM UV HEM WR ANUMULZ, AND SUM WR BRDZ,) “I SUPQZ HA OR HU JORRZ.” SE SED HIS LAST WRD TU AR HRE TMZ QVR TU HRSELF, BEIU RAHR PRQD UV IT: FAR SE HAT, AND RITLI TU, HAT VERI FU LITUL GRLZ UV HR DJ NU HU MENIU UV IT AT AL. HOEVR, “JORI-MEN ” WQD HAV DUN JUST AZ WEL.

HU TWELV JORRZ WR AL RITIU VERI BIZULI ON SLATS. “HWUT OR HA DUHU?” ALIS HWISPRD TU HU GRIFUN. “HA KANT HAV ENIHU TU POT DON YET, BIFAR HU TRULZ BIGUN.”

“HER POTIU DON HER NAMZ,” HU GRIFUN HWISPRD IN RIPLI, “FAR FIR HA SQD FRGET HEM BIFAR HI END UV HU TRUL.”

“STUPID FIWZ!” ALIS BIGAN IN U LØD, INDIGNUNT VOS, BUT ŠE STOPT HASTILI, FAR HÛ HWËT RABIT KRËD ØT, “SËLUNS IN HÛ KART!” AND HÛ KIW PØT ON HIZ SPEKTUKULZ AND LØKT ANKŠUSLI RØND, TÛ MΔK ØT HÛ WUZ TAKIW.

ALIS KØD SE, AZ WEL AZ IF ŠE WËR LØKIW QVËR HËR ŠQLDRZ, HAT AL HÛ JØRËZ WËR RËTIW DØN “STUPID FIWZ!” ON HËR SLATS, AND ŠE KØD EVUN MΔK ØT HAT WUN UV HËM DIDUNT NØ HØ TÛ SPEL “STUPID,” AND HAT HË HAD TÛ ASK HIZ NΔBËR TÛ TEL HIM. “U NËS MUDUL HËR SLATSUL BË IN BIFAR HÛ TRËULZ QVËR!” HAT ALIS.

WUN UV HÛ JØRËZ HAD U PENSUL HAT SKWËKT. HËS UV KARS, ALIS KØD NOT STAND, AND ŠE WENT RØND HÛ KART AND GOT BIHËND HIM, AND VERI SÛN FØND AN ØPËRTÛNUTI UV TΔKIW IT UWA. ŠE DID IT SQ KWIKLI HAT HÛ PØR LITUL JØRË (IT WUZ BIL, HÛ LIZËD) KØD NOT MΔK ØT AT AL HWUT HAD BIKUM UV IT; SQ, AFTËR HUNTIW AL UBØT FAR IT, HË WUZ UBLËJD TÛ RËT WIH WUN FIWGR FAR HÛ REST UV HÛ DΔ; AND HËS WUZ UV VERI LITUL US, AZ IT LEFT NØ MØRK ON HÛ SLAT.

“HERULD, RËD HË AKUZΔŠUN!” SED HÛ KIW.

ON HËS HÛ HWËT RABIT BLÛ HËR BLASTS ON HÛ TRUMPIT, AND HËN UNRØLD HÛ PORØMUNT SKRØL, AND RED AZ FØLØZ:—

“HÛ KWËN UV HORTS, ŠE MΔD SUM TORTS,  
AL ON U SUMËR DΔ:  
HÛ NΔV UV HORTS, HË STØL HØZ TORTS,  
AND TØK HËM KWËT UWA!”

“KUNSIDËR YØR VËRDIKT,” HÛ KIW SED TÛ HÛ JØRI.

“NOT YET, NOT YET!” HÛ RABIT HASTILI INTRÛPTID. “HËRZ U GRΔT DËL TÛ KUM BIFAR HAT!”

“KAL HÛ FËRST WITNUS,” SED HÛ KIW; AND HÛ HWËT RABIT BLÛ HËR BLASTS ON HÛ TRUMPIT, AND KALD ØT, “FËRST WITNUS!”

ƁU FƐRST WITNUS WUZ ƁU HATR. HE KAM IN WIƁ U TEKUP IN WUN HAND AND U PƐS UV BRED-AND-BUTƐR IN ƁI UƁƐR. “Ɛ BEG PORDUN, YƐR MAJISTI,” HE BIGAN, “FAR BRIWIƐ ƁEZ IN: BUT Ɛ HADUNT KWƐT FINIƐT MƐ TE HWEN Ɛ WUZ SENT FAR.”

“U AT TU HAV FINIƐT,” SED ƁU KIW. “HWEN DID U BIGIN?”

ƁU HATR LƐKT AT ƁU MORƆ HER, HU HAD FOLOD HIM INTU ƁU KART, ORM-IN-ORM WIƁ ƁU DARMƆS. “FARTENƁ UV MORƆ, Ɛ HIƐK IT WUZ,” HE SED.

“FIFTENƁ,” SED ƁU MORƆ HER.

“SIKSTENƁ,” ADID ƁU DARMƆS.

“RƐT ƁAT DON,” ƁU KIW SED TU ƁU JƐRI, AND ƁU JƐRI EGRLI RQT DON AL ƁRE DATS ON ƁER SLATS, AND ƁEN ADID ƁEM UP, AND RIDUST ƁI ANSR TU ƐILINZ AND PENS.

“TAK AF YƐR HAT,” ƁU KIW SED TU ƁU HATR.

“IT IZUNT MƐN,” SED ƁU HATR.

“STQLUN!” ƁU KIW IKSKLAMD, TERNIƐ TU ƁU JƐRI, HU INSTUNTLI MAD U MEMRANDUM UV ƁU FAKT.

“Ɛ KEP ƁEM TU SEL,” ƁU HATR ADID AZ AN EKSPLUNASUN; “ƐV NUN UV MƐ QN. ƐM U HATR.”

HIR ƁU KWEN PƐT ON HR SPEKTUKULZ, AND BIGAN STERIƐ AT ƁU HATR, HU TRND PAL AND FIJITID.

“GIV YƐR EVUDUNS,” SED ƁU KIW; “AND DQNT BE NRVUS, AR ƐL HAV U EKSUKUTID ON ƁU SPOT.”

ƁIS DID NOT SEM TU ENKRIJ ƁU WITNUS AT AL: HE KEPT ƐIFTIƐ FRUM WUN FƐT TU ƁI UƁƐR, LƐKIƐ UNEZULI AT ƁU KWEN, AND IN HIZ KUNFLUSUN HE BIT U LORJ PƐS QT UV HIZ TEKUP INSTED UV ƁU BRED-AND-BUTƐR.

JUST AT HIS MOMENT ALIS FELT U VERI KYØRIUS SENSΔSUN, HWIØ  
PUZULD HÆ U GØD DÆL UNTIL SÆ MAD ØT HWUT IT WUZ: SÆ WUZ  
BIGINIØ TÙ GRQ LORJÆ UGEN, AND SÆ HÆT AT FRST SÆ WØD GET UP  
AND LEV ÆU KART; BUT ON SEKUND HÆTS SÆ DISΔDID TÙ RIMAN HWER  
SÆ WUZ AZ LÆØ AZ HÆR WUZ RUM FAR HÆ.

“± WIŞ U WØDUNT SKWÆZ SQ.” SED ÆU DARMØS, HÙ WUZ SITIØ NEKST  
TÙ HÆ. “± KAN HORDLI BRÆH.”

“± KANT HELP IT,” SED ALIS VERI MÆKLI: “±M GRQIØ.”

“UV NQ RÆT TÙ GRQ HIR,” SED ÆU DARMØS.

“DQNT TAK NONSENS,” SED ALIS MÆR BØLDLI: “U NQ YØR GRQIØ TÙ.”

“YES, BUT ± GRQ AT U RÆZUNUBUL PΔS,” SED ÆU DARMØS: “NOT IN HÆT  
RIDIKYULUS FΔSUN.” AND HÆ GOT UP VERI SULKILI AND KRAST QVÆ  
TÙ ÆI UHÆR SΔD UV ÆU KART.

AL HIS TÆM ÆU KWÆN HAD NEVÆ LEFT AF STERIØ AT ÆU HÆTÆ, AND,  
JUST AZ ÆU DARMØS KRAST ÆU KART, SÆ SED TÙ WUN UV ÆI AFISÆZ  
UV ÆU KART, “BRIØ MÆ ÆU LIST UV ÆU SIÆÆZ IN ÆU LAST KONSÆT!” ON  
HWIØ ÆU REØID HÆTÆ TREMBULD SQ, HÆT HÆ SØK BØH HIZ SØZ AF.

“GIV YØR EVUDUNS,” ÆU KIØ RIPÆTID AØGRILI, “ÆR ±L HAV U  
EKSUKÆTID, HWEHÆR YØR NÆRVUS ÆR NOT.”

“±M U PØR MAN, YØR MAJISTI,” ÆU HÆTÆ BIGAN, IN U TREMBLIØ VØS,  
“—AND ± HADUNT BIGUN M± TÆ—NOT UBUV U WÆK ÆR SQ—AND HWUT  
WIH ÆU BRED-AND-BUTÆ GETIØ SQ HÆN—AND ÆU TWIØKLIØ UV ÆU TÆ—”

“ÆU TWIØKLIØ UV ÆU HWUT?” SED ÆU KIØ.

“IT BIGAN WIH ÆU TÆ,” ÆU HÆTÆ RIPLÆD.

“UV KÆRS TWIØKLIØ BIGINZ WIH U TÆ!” SED ÆU KIØ SØRPLI. “DÙ U  
TÆK MÆ FAR U DUNS? GQ ON!”

“±M U PØR MAN,” ÆU HÆTÆ WENT ON, “AND MQST HÆIØZ TWIØKULD  
AFTÆ HÆT—QNLI ÆU MORØ HÆR SED—”



“± DIDUNT!” ƚU MORÇ HER INTŖUPTID IN U GRAT HŖI.

“U DID!” SED ƚU HATR.

“± DIN± IT!” SED ƚU MORÇ HER.

“HE DIN±Z IT,” SED ƚU KIŖ: “LÈV QŖ ƚAT PORT.”

“WEL, AT ENI RAT, ƚU DARMQS SED—” ƚU HATR WENT ON, LOKIŖ ANKŠUSLI ROND TŖ SÈ IF HE WQD DIN± IT TŖ: BUT ƚU DARMQS DIN±D NUHIŖ, BEIŖ FAST USLÈP.

“AFTŖ ƚAT,” KUNTINUD ƚU HATR, “± KUT SUM MAR BRED- AND-BUTŖ—”

“BUT HWUT DID ƚU DARMQS SΔ?” WUN UV ƚU JQRI ASKT.

“ƚAT ± KANT RIMEMBR,” SED ƚU HATR.

“U MUST RIMEMBR,” RIMORKT ƚU KIŖ, “AR ±L HAV U EKSUKUTID.”

ƚU MIZŖUBUL HATR DROPT HIZ TÈKUP AND BRED-AND-BUTŖ, AND WENT DQŖ ON WUN NÈ. “±M U PQR MAN, YQR MAJISTI,” HE BIGAN.

“YQR U VERI PQR SPEKR,” SED ƚU KIŖ.

HIR WUN UV ƚU GINI-PIGZ QIRD, AND WUZ IMEDIITLI SUPREST B± ƚI AFISRZ UV ƚU KART. (AZ ƚAT IZ RAƚŖ U HORD WŖD, ± WIL JUST IKSPLAN TŖ U HQ IT WUZ DUN. ƚΔ HAD U LORJ KANVUS BAG, HWIÇ T±D UP AT ƚU MQH WIƚ STRIŖZ: INTŖ ƚIS ƚΔ SLIPT ƚU GINI-PIG, HED FŖST, AND ƚEN SAT UPON IT.)

“±M GLAD ±V SÈN ƚAT DUN,” ƚAT ALIS. “±V SQ AFUN RED IN ƚU NUZPΔPŖZ, AT ƚI END UV TR±ULZ, ‘ƚER WUZ SUM UTEMPTS AT UPLAZ, HWIÇ WUZ IMEDIITLI SUPREST B± ƚI AFISRZ UV ƚU KART,’ AND ± NEVŖ UNDRSTQD HWUT IT MENT TIL NQ.”

“IF ƚATS AL U NQ UBQŖ IT, U MΔ STAND DQŖ,” KUNTINUD ƚU KIŖ.

“± KANT GQ NQ LQR,” SED ƚU HATR: “±M ON ƚU FLAR, AZ IT IZ.”

“HEN U MA SIT DON,” HU KIU RIPLD.

HIR HI UFR GINI-PIG ØIRD, AND WUZ SUPREST.

“KUM, HAT FINIŠT HU GINI-PIGZ!” HAT ALIS. “NO WE ŠAL GET ON BETR.”

“D RAHR FINIŠ MŠ TE,” SED HU HATR, WIH AN ANKŠUS LOK AT HU KWEN, HU WUZ REDIU HU LIST UV SIØRZ.

“U MA GQ,” SED HU KIU, AND HU HATR HRIDLI LEFT HU KART, WIHOT EVUN WATIØ TU PØT HIZ ŠUZ ON.

“—AND JUST TAK HIZ HED AF ØTSID,” HU KWEN ADID TU WUN UV HI AFISRZ: BUT HU HATR WUZ ØT UV SŠT BIFAR HI AFUSR KØD GET TU HU DAR.

“KAL HU NEKST WITNUS!” SED HU KIU.

HU NEKST WITNUS WUZ HU DUØESIZ KØK. ŠE KARID HU PEPR-BOKS IN HR HAND, AND ALIS GEST HU IT WUZ, EVUN BIFAR ŠE GOT INTU HU KART, BŠ HU WΔ HU PEPUL NIR HU DAR BIGAN SNEZIØ AL AT WUNS.

“GIV YØR EVUDUNS,” SED HU KIU.

“ŠANT,” SED HU KØK.

HU KIU LØKT ANKŠUSLI AT HU HWŠT RABIT, HU SED IN U LQ VØS, “YØR MAJISTI MUST KRAS-IGZAMIN HIS WITNUS.”

“WEL, IF Š MUST, Š MUST,” HU KIU SED, WIH U MELUNKOLI ER, AND, AFTR FØLDIØ HIZ ORMZ AND FRØNIØ AT HU KØK TIL HIZ ŠZ WR NIRLI ØT UV SŠT, HE SED IN U DØP VØS, “HWUT OR TORTS MAD UV?”

“PEPR, MQSTLI,” SED HU KØK.

“TRØKUL,” SED U SLØPI VØS BIHŠND HR.

“KOLR HAT DARMOS,” HU KWEN SREKT OT. “BIHED HAT DARMOS! TRN HAT DARMOS OT UV KART! SUPRES HIM! PINÇ HIM! AF WIH HIZ HWISKRZ!”

FAR SUM MINUTS HU HOL KART WUZ IN KUNFLUSUN, GETIØ HU DARMOS TRND OT, AND, B± HU T±M HΔ HAD SETULD DØN UGEN, HU KØK HAD DISUPIRD.

“NEVR M±ND!” SED HU KIØ, WIH AN ER UV GRAT RILEF. “KAL HU NEKST WITNUS.” AND HE ADID IN AN UNDRTQN TU HU KWEN, “REULI, M± DIR, U MUST KRAS-IGZAMIN HU NEKST WITNUS. IT KW±T MΔKS M± FARHED ΔK!”

ALIS WOÇT HU HW±T RABIT AZ HE FUMBULD QVØR HU LIST, FÆLIØ VERI KYØRIUS TU SÆ HWUT HU NEKST WITNUS WØD BÆ L±K, “—FAR HΔ HAVUNT GOT MUÇ EVUDUNS YET,” SÆ SED TU HÆSELF. IMAJUN HÆ SRPR±Z, HWEN HU HW±T RABIT RED OT, AT HU TOP UV HIZ SÆRIL LITUL VØS, HU NAM “ALIS!”

## CHAPTER 12 ALISIZ EVUDUNS

“HIR!” KRÆD ALIS, KWÆT FÆGETIØ IN ÆU FLÆRI UV ÆU MOMUNT HØ LORJ  
ÆE HAD GRON IN ÆU LAST FÆ MINUTS, AND ÆE JUMPT UP IN SUØ U HÆRI  
ÆAT ÆE TIPT QVÆ ÆU JØRI-BOKS WIÆ ÆI EJ UV HÆ SKÆRT, UPSETIØ AL  
ÆU JÆRIMEN ON TÆ ÆU HEDZ UV ÆU KRØD BILO, AND ÆÆR ÆÆ LÆ  
SPRALIØ UBØT, RÆMÆNDIØ HÆ VERI MUØ UV U GLOB UV GOLDFIÆ ÆE  
HAD AKSUDENTULI UPSET ÆU WÆK BIFÆR.

“O, Æ BEG YØR PORDUN!” ÆE IKSKLÆMD IN U TON UV GRÆT DISMÆ,  
AND BIGAN PIKIØ ÆEM UP UGEN AZ KWIKLI AZ ÆE KØD, FÆR ÆI  
AKSUDUNT UV ÆU GOLDFIÆ KEPT RUNIØ IN HÆ HED, AND ÆE HAD U VÆG  
SÆRT UV ÆÆIØ ÆAT ÆÆ MUST BÆ KULEKTUD AT WUNS AND PØT BÆK  
INTÆ ÆU JØRI-BOKS, ÆÆ ÆÆ WØD DÆ.

“ÆU TRÆUL KANOT PRUSÆD,” SED ÆU KIØ IN U VERI GRÆV VØS, “UNTIL  
AL ÆU JÆRIMEN OR BÆK IN ÆÆR PROPÆ PLÆSIZ—ÆÆ,” HÆ RIPÆTID WIÆ  
GRÆT EMFUSIS, LØKIØ HORD AT ALIS AZ HÆ SED DÆ.

ALIS LØKT AT ÆU JØRI-BOKS, AND SÆ ÆAT, IN HÆ HÆST, ÆE HAD PØT  
ÆU LIZRD IN HED DØNWRDZ, AND ÆU PØR LITUL HÆIØ WUZ WÆVIØ ITS  
TÆL UBØT IN U MELUNKOLI WÆ, BÆIØ KWÆT UNÆBUL TÆ MØV. ÆE SUN  
GOT IT ØT UGEN, AND PØT IT RÆT; “NOT ÆAT IT SIGNUFÆZ MUØ,” ÆE  
SED TÆ HÆRSELF; “Æ SØD HÆK IT WØD BÆ KWÆT AZ MUØ ÆS IN ÆU  
TRÆUL WUN WÆ UP AZ ÆI UÆÆ.”

AZ SUN AZ ÆU JØRI HAD U LITUL RIKUVÆRD FRUM ÆU SØK UV BÆIØ  
UPSET, AND ÆÆR SLÆTS AND PENSULZ HAD BIN FØND AND HANDID BÆK  
TÆ ÆEM, ÆÆ SET TÆ WÆK VERI DILUJUNTLI TÆ RÆT ØT U HISTÆRI UV ÆI  
AKSUDUNT, ÆÆ IKSEPT ÆU LIZRD, HÆ SÆMD TÆ MUØ QVÆRKUM TÆ DÆ  
ENIÆIØ BUT SIT WIÆ ITS MØF QPUN, GÆZIØ UP INTÆ ÆU RØF UV ÆU  
KÆRT.

“HWUT DÆ Æ NQ UBØT ÆIS BIZNIS?” ÆU KIØ SED TÆ ALIS.

“NUÆIØ,” SED ALIS.

“NUHIŪ HWUTEVŔ?” PŔSISTID HŪ KIIŪ.

“NUHIŪ HWUTEVŔ,” SED ALIS.

“HATS VERI IMPARTUNT,” HŪ KIIŪ SED, TŔNIŪ TŪ HŪ JŌRI. HŪ WŔ JUST BIGINIŪ TŪ RĚT HĪS DŌN ON HĒR SLATS, HWEN HŪ HWĚT RABIT INTŔUPTID: “UNIMPARTUNT, YŌR MAJISTI MENZ, UV KARS,” HĒ SED IN U VERI RISPEKTFUL TŌN, BUT FRŌNIŪ AND MŌKIIŪ FŌSIZ AT HIM AZ HĒ SPŌK.

“UNIMPARTUNT, UV KARS, Ě MENT,” HŪ KIIŪ HŌSTILI SED, AND WENT ON TŪ HIMSELF IN AN UNDRŌN, “IMPARTUNT—UNIMPARTUNT—UNIMPARTUNT—IMPARTUNT—” AZ IF HĒ WŔ TRĚIŪ HWIŌ WŔD SŌNDID BEST.

SUM UV HŪ JŌRI RŌT IT DŌN “IMPARTUNT,” AND SUM “UNIMPARTUNT.” ALIS KŌD SĒ HĪS, AZ ŐĒ WUZ NIR INUF TŪ LŌK QVŔ HĒR SLATS; “BUT IT DUZUNT MATŔ U BIT,” ŐĒ HŌT TŪ HŔSELF.

AT HĪS MQMUNT HŪ KIIŪ, HŪ HAD BIN FAR SUM TĚM BIZULI RĚTIŪ IN HĪZ NŌT-BŌK, KAKULD ŌT “SĚLUNS!” AND RED ŌT FRUM HĪZ BŌK, “RŪL FARTI-TŪ. AL PŔSUNZ MŌR HŌN U MĚL HĚ TŪ LĒV HŪ KART.”

EVRI BODI LŌKT AT ALIS.

“ĚM NOT U MĚL HĚ,” SED ALIS.

“Ū OR,” SED HŪ KIIŪ.

“NIRLI TŪ MĚLZ HĚ,” ADID HŪ KWĒN.

“WEL, Ě ŐANT GŌ, AT ENI RŌT,” SED ALIS: “BISĚDZ, HATS NOT U REGYULŔ RŪL: Ū INVENTID IT JUST NŌ.”

“ITS HĪ QLDUST RŪL IN HŪ BŌK,” SED HŪ KIIŪ.

“HĒN IT AT TŪ BĒ NUMBŔ WUN,” SED ALIS.

HŪ KIIŪ TŔND PŌL, AND ŐŪT HĪZ NŌT-BŌK HŌSTILI. “KUNSIDŔ YŌR VŔDIKT,” HĒ SED TŪ HŪ JŌRI, IN U LŌ, TREMBLIŪ VŌS.

“HERZ MAR EVUDUNS TŪ KUM YET, PLĪZ YŌR MAJISTI,” SED HŪ HWĒT RABIT, JUMPIŪ UP IN U GRĀT HĒRI; “HIS PĀPĒR HAZ JUST BIN PIKT UP.”

“HWUTS IN IT?” SED HŪ KWĒN.

“Ē HAVUNT QPUND IT YET,” SED HŪ HWĒT RABIT, “BUT IT SĒMZ TŪ BĒ U LETĒR, RITUN BĒ HŪ PRIZUNĒR TŪ—TŪ SUMBODI.”

“IT MUST HAV BIN HĀT,” SED HŪ KIŪ, “UNLES IT WUZ RITUN TŪ NŌBODI, HWIŒ IZUNT ŪSŪUL, Ū NŌ.”

“HŪ IZ IT DĒREKTID TŪ?” SED WUN UV HŪ JĒRIMEN.

“IT IZUNT DĒREKTID AT AL,” SED HŪ HWĒT RABIT; “IN FAKT, HERZ NUHĪŪ RITUN ON HĪ ŌTSĒD.” HĒ UNFŌLDUD HŪ PĀPĒR AZ HĒ SPŌK, AND ADID “IT IZUNT U LETĒR, AFTĒR AL: ITS U SET UV VĒRSIZ.”

“OR HĀ IN HŪ PRIZUNĒRZ HANDRĒTIŪ?” ASKT UNUHĒR UV HŪ JĒRIMEN.

“NŌ, HER NOT,” SED HŪ HWĒT RABIT, “AND HĀTS HŪ KWIRIST HĪŪ UBŌT IT.” (HŪ JŌRI AL LŌKT PUZULD.)

“HĒ MUST HAV IMUTĀTID SUMBODI ELSIZ HAND,” SED HŪ KIŪ. (HŪ JŌRI AL BRĒTUND UP UGEN.)

“PLĪZ YŌR MAJISTI,” SED HŪ NĀV, “Ē DIDUNT RĒT IT, AND HĀ KANT PRŪV Ē DID: HERZ NŌ NĀM SĒND AT HĪ END.”

“IF Ū DIDUNT SĒN IT,” SED HŪ KIŪ, “HĀT QNLI MĀKS HŪ MATĒR WĒRS. Ū MUST HAV MENT SUM MISŒIF, AR ELS ŪD HAV SĒND YŌR NĀM LĒK AN ONUST MAN.”

HĒR WUZ U JENĒRUL KLAPIŪ UV HANDZ AT HĪS: IT WUZ HŪ FĒRST RĒULI KLEVĒR HĪŪ HŪ KIŪ HAD SED HĀT DĀ.

“HĀT PRŪVZ HIZ GILT,” SED HŪ KWĒN.

“IT PRŪVZ NUHĪŪ UV HŪ SĀRT!” SED ALIS. “HWĒ, Ū DŌNT ĒVUN NŌ HWUT HER UBŌT!”

“RED HEM,” SED HU KIU.

HU HWIT RABIT POT ON HIZ SPEKTUKULZ. “HWER SAL ± BIGIN, PLIZ YOR MAJISTI?” HE ASKT.

“BIGIN AT HU BIGINIU,” HU KIU SED GRAVLI, “AND GO ON TIL U KUM TU HI END: HEN STOP.”

HIZ WR HU VRSIZ HU HWIT RABIT RED:—

“HA TOLD ME U HAD BIN TU HR,  
AND MENSUND ME TU HIM:  
SE GAV ME U GOD KERIKTR,  
BUT SED ± KOD NOT SWIM.

“HE SENT HEM WRD ± HAD NOT GAN  
(WE NO IT TU BE TRU):  
IF SE SOD POS HU MATR ON,  
HWUT WOD BIKUM UV U

“± GAV HR WUN, HA GAV HIM TU,  
U GAV US HRE AR MAR;  
HA AL RITRND FRUM HIM TU U,  
HQ HA WR MHN BIFAR.

“IF ± AR SE SOD CANS TU BE  
INVOLVD IN HIS UFER,  
HE TRUSTS TU U TU SET HEM FRE,  
IGZAKTLI AZ WE WR.

“M± NOSUN WUZ HAT U HAD BIN  
(BIFAR SE HAD HIS FIT)  
AN OBSTUKUL HAT KAM BITWEN  
HIM, AND ORSELVZ, AND IT.

“DQNT LET HIM NO SE LKT HEM BEST,  
FAR HIS MUST EVR BE  
U SEKRIT, KEPT FRUM AL HU REST,  
BITWEN YORSELF AND ME.”

“HATS FŪ MQST IMPARTUNT PĪS UV EVUDUNS WĒV HĀRD YET,” SED FŪ KĪŪ, RUBIŪ HIZ HANDZ; “SQ NŌ LET FŪ JŌRI—”

“IF ENI WUN UV HĒM KAN IKSPLAN IT,” SED ALIS, (ŠĒ HAD GRŌN SQ LORJ IN FŪ LAST FŪ MINUTS HĀT ŠĒ WOZUNT U BIT UFRAD UV INTĀRPTIŪ HIM,) “HĒL GIV HIM SIKSPENS. HĒ DŌNT BILĒV HĒRZ AN ATUM UV MĒNIŪ IN IT.”

FŪ JŌRI AL RŌT DŌN ON HĒR SLATS, “ŠĒ DUZUNT BILĒV HĒRZ AN ATUM UV MĒNIŪ IN IT,” BUT NUN UV HĒM UTEMPTUD TŪ IKSPLAN FŪ PĀPĀ.

“IF HĒRZ NŌ MĒNIŪ IN IT,” SED FŪ KĪŪ, “HĀT SĀVZ U WĀRLD UV TRUBUL, HĒ NŌ, AZ WĒ NĒDUNT TRĒ TŪ FĒND ENI. AND YET HĒ DŌNT NŌ,” HĒ WENT ON, SPREDIŪ ŌT FŪ VĀRSIZ ON HIZ NĒ, AND LŌKĪŪ AT HĒM WIH WUN HĒ; “HĒ SEM TŪ SĒ SUM MĒNIŪ IN HĒM, AFTĀR AL. ‘—SED HĒ KŌD NOT SWIM—’ HĒ KANT SWIM, KAN HĒ?” HĒ ADID, TĀRNIŪ TŪ FŪ NĀV.

FŪ NĀV ŠŌK HIZ HED SADLI. “DŪ HĒ LŌK LĒK IT?” HĒ SED. (HWIŌ HĒ ŠĀTUNLI DID NOT, BĒIŪ MĀD ENTĒRLI UV KORDBARD.)

“AL RĒT, SQ FOR,” SED FŪ KĪŪ, AND HĒ WENT ON MUTĀRIŪ QVĀR FŪ VĀRSIZ TŪ HIMSELF: “WĒ NŌ IT TŪ BĒ TRŪ—’ HĀTS FŪ JŌRI, UV KĀRS—’ HĒ GĀV HĀR WUN, HĀ GĀV HIM TŪ—’ HWĒ, HĀT MUST BĒ HWUT HĒ DID WIH FŪ TORTS, HĒ NŌ—”

“BUT, IT GŌZ ON ‘HĀ AL RITĀRND FRUM HIM TŪ HĒ,’” SED ALIS.

“HWĒ, HĒR HĀ OR!” SED FŪ KĪŪ TRĒUMFUNTLI, PONTIŪ TŪ FŪ TORTS ON FŪ TĀBUL. “NUHIŪ KAN BĒ KLĪRĀR HĀN HĀT. HĒN UGEN—’BIFĀR ŠĒ HAD HĪS FIT—’ HĒ NEVĀR HAD FITS, MĒ DIR, HĒ HIŪK?” HĒ SED TŪ FŪ KWĒN.

“NEVĀR!” SED FŪ KWĒN FYŌRIUSLI, HĀRŌIŪ AN IŪKSTAND AT FŪ LĪZĀRD AZ ŠĒ SPŌK. (HĪ UNFĀRŌUNUT LITUL BIL HAD LEFT AF RĒTIŪ ON HIZ SLĀT WIH WUN FIŪGR, AZ HĒ FŌND IT MĀD NŌ MŌRK; BUT HĒ NŌ HĀSTILI BIGAN UGEN, HĒZIŪ HĪ IŪK, HĀT WUZ TRIKLIŪ DŌN HIZ FĀS, AZ LĀŪ AZ IT LASTID.)

“HĒN FŪ WĀRDZ DŌNT FIT HĒ,” SED FŪ KĪŪ, LŌKĪŪ RŌND FŪ KĀRT WIH U SMĒL. HĒR WUZ U DED SĒLUNS.



“ITS U PUN!” HÛ KIÛ ADID IN AN UFENDID TQN, AND EVRIBODI LAFT,  
“LET HÛ JØRI KUNSIDR HËR VÐDIKT,” HÛ KIÛ SED, FAR UBØT HÛ  
TWENTIUF T±M HAT DΔ.

“NQ, NQ!” SED HÛ KWËN. “SENTUNS FRST—VÐDIKT AFTRWRDZ.”

“STUF AND NONSENS!” SED ALIS LØDLI. “HI ±DËU UV HAVIÛ HÛ  
SENTUNS FRST!”

“HQLD YØR TUI!” SED HÛ KWËN, TRNIÛ PRPUL.

“± WQNT!” SED ALIS.

“AF WIH HËR HED!” HÛ KWËN ØOTID AT HÛ TOP UV HËR VØS. NOBODI  
MØVD.

“HÛ KERZ FAR U?” SED ALIS, (SË HAD GRQN TU HËR FØL S±Z B± HIS  
T±M.) “YØR NUHIÛ BUT U PAK UV KORDZ!”

AT HIS HÛ HQL PAK RQZ UP INTO HI ER, AND KΔM FL±IÛ DØN UPON  
HËR: SË GΔV U LITUL SKRËM, HAF UV FR±T AND HAF UV AØGR, AND  
TR±D TU BËT HËM AF, AND FØND HËRSELF L±IÛ ON HÛ BANIK, WIH HËR  
HED IN HÛ LAP UV HËR SISTR, HÛ WUZ JENTLI BRUØIÛ UWA SUM DED  
LËVZ HAT HAD FLUTRD DØN FRUM HÛ TRËZ UPON HËR FΔS.

“WΔK UP, ALIS DIR!” SED HËR SISTR; “HW±, HWUT U LAV SLËP UV  
HAD!”

“Q, ±V HAD SUÇ U KYØRIUS DRËM!” SED ALIS, AND SË TOLD HËR  
SISTR, AZ WEL AZ SË KØD RIMEMBR HËM, AL HËZ STRANJ ADVENØRZ  
UV HRZ HAT U HAV JUST BIN RËDIÛ UBØT; AND HWEN SË HAD FINIØT,  
HËR SISTR KIST HËR, AND SED, “IT WUZ U KYØRIUS DRËM, DIR,  
SRTUNLI: BUT NØ RUN IN TU YØR TË; ITS GETIÛ LAT.” SQ ALIS GOT UP  
AND RAN AF, HIÛKIÛ HW±L SË RAN, AZ WEL SË M±T, HWUT U  
WUNDRFUL DRËM IT HAD BIN.

BUT HËR SISTR SAT STIL JUST AZ SË LEFT HËR, LENIÛ HËR HED ON HËR  
HAND, WOØIÛ HÛ SETIÛ SUN, AND HIÛKIÛ UV LITUL ALIS AND AL HËR  
WUNDRFUL ADVENØRZ, TIL SË TU BIGAN DRËMIÛ AFTR U FAØUN, AND  
HIS WUZ HËR DRËM:—

FIRST, SHE DREAMD UV LITUL ALIS HERSELF, AND WUNS UGEN HU TINI HANDZ WR KLASPT UPON HR NE, AND HU BRIT EGR EZ WR LOKIUN UP INTU HRZ—SHE KOD HIR HU VERI TQNZ UV HR VOS, AND SE HAT KWIR LITUL TAS UV HR HED TU KEP BAK HU WONDRIUN HER HAT WOD ALWIZ GET INTU HR EZ—AND STIL AZ SHE LISUND, AR SEMD TU LISUN, HU HOL PLAS UROND HR BIKAM ULIV HU STRANJ KREERZ UV HR LITUL SISTRZ DREM.

HU LAV GRAS RUSULD AT HR FET AZ HU HWIT RABIT HRID B—HU FRITUND MOS SPLAST HIZ WA FRU HU NABRIUN PUL—SHE KOD HIR HU RATUL UV HU TEKUPS AZ HU MORO HER AND HIZ FRENZDZ SERD HER NEVR-ENDIUN MEL, AND HU SRIL VOS UV HU KWEN ARDRIUN AF HR UNFAROUNUT GESTS TU EKSUKUSUN—WUNS MAR HU PIG-BABI WUZ SNEZIUN ON HU DUOESIZ NE, HWIL PLATS AND DISIZ KRAST UROND IT—WUNS MAR HU SREK UV HU GRIFUN, HU SKWEKIUN UV HU LIZRDZ SLAT-PENSUL, AND HU OKIUN UV HU SUPREST GINI-PIGZ, FILD HI ER, MIKST UP WIH HU DISTUNT SOBZ UV HU MIZRUBUL MOK TRTUL.

SQ SHE SAT ON, WIH KLOZD EZ, AND HAF BILIVD HERSELF IN WUNDRLAND, HQ SHE NU SHE HAD BUT TU QPUN HER UGEN, AND AL WOD OANJ TU DUL REALUTI—HU GRAS WOD BE ONLI RUSLIUN IN HU WIND, AND HU PUL RIPLIUN TU HU WAVIUN UV HU WINDZ—HU RATLIUN TEKUPS WOD OANJ TU TIUKLIUN SEP- BELZ, AND HU KWENZ SRIL KRIZ TU HU VOS UV HU SEP RD BO—AND HU SNEZ UV HU BABI, HU SREK UV HU GRIFUN, AND AL HU UNR KWIR NOZIZ, WOD OANJ (SHE NU) TU HU KUNFUZD KLAMR UV HU BIZI FORM-YORD—HWIL HU LOIUN UV HU KATUL IN HU DISTUNS WOD TAK HU PLAS UV HU MOK TRTULZ HEVI SOBZ.

LASTLE, SHE PIKERD TU HERSELF HO HIS SAM LITUL SISTR UV HRZ WOD, IN HI AFTR-TIM, BE HERSELF U GRON WOMUN; AND HO SHE WOD KEP, FRU AL HR RPR YIRZ, HU SIMPUL AND LUVIUN HORT UV HR OILDHOD: AND HO SHE WOD GAHR UBOT HR UNR LITUL OILDRUN, AND MAK HER EZ BRIT AND EGR WIH MENI U STRANJ TAL, PRHAPS EVUN WIH HU DREM UV WUNDRLAND UV LAV UGO: AND HO SHE WOD FEL WIH AL HER SIMPUL SORQZ, AND FND U PLESR IN AL HER SIMPUL JOZ, RIMEMBRIUN HR ON OILD-LIF, AND HU HAPI SUMR DAZ.

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