

Three Old Men

Nswi Ke'eziiinak: Nibwa akaawin - Zaagidwin, Kchi-too-waag-ziwin, miinwa
Mna-kshke'ew-ziwin

Kwe gii bi zaadjiitang, nswi gii waabmaan ke'eziiinan gechi-gnook-miish-iingwen-jin
naamdabinit zhe'e aabdaako-pabwining niigaan endaa'aat. Gaayii gii nsidwin-
waasiin. "Gaayii gda kenmis-noonim, kbak-dem-waadik, kdaa bi biindgem, gdaa
shannim." Gii naan wa kwe ne ke'eziiinan. Gii gwedwe-ook endgwenh nini ji yaat
zhe'e endaat. "Kawiin yaa sii" gii kido dash wa kwe. "Gaawii maamdaa ji
biindge- aangaba" gii gon ke'eziiinan.

Enaak--shik wiidge-maagnan wa kwe bi dgoshna-nit mii gii wiind-moo-waat gaa
zhwebak. "Oo wiindmoo, zhaazhi ngii bi dgoshin, oo wiikiji'ish ji bi biindge-aat,"
gii gon wa kwe da niiman. Mish wa kwe gii zaagjiitang gii oo wiikmaat wii bi
biindgenit ke'eziiinan.

"Gaawii maamwi nda biingsiimi wiigwaaming," gii kidook "Aaniidaash?" gii
gwede wa kwe. Bezhik ke'eziiinh gii nasasta- mookii, "Kchi-too-waag-zit wedi
zhnikaazo, miinwaash Mena-kshke'ew-zit maaba zhinkaazo, niinsh genii
zaagidwin ndizhnikaas." Aa ne-aap biindgen, oo kwejim kda niimji wenaab-
maat waa bi biindgenjin.

Aash mii sa gii biindget miinwa wa kwe oo wiindmaaget ne ke'eziiinan gaa
kidnit. Gii kchi-nendmoon da wiidgemaagnan, "Esnaa nishin," gii kidwan.
Giishpin sa wii zhweb-dagwenh wi Kchi-too-waag-zit oo ndam ka kchi-
toowaagzimi dash. Gaayiish wa kwe gii nendziin, "Ni-bazgim, neyaa mishkwat
Gdaa nda maanaa, Mena-kshke'ew-zit." Na'aangnikwe dash gii bzinshe
aazhwisak wiigwaaming. "Oshme daa nishin Zaa-gidwin wiik-mangit, mii dash ji
baa-tiintoo-ing zaa-gidwin." "Ahaa dash genh, Zaagidwin ka wiikmaanaa ji bi
biindget," gii paapnaa-naa'aa Na'aangnikwe gaa kidot. "zaagjiitan, oo wiikji'ish
Zaagidwin ji bi biindget, "gii naandoo kweman wa nini

Miidash wa kwe gii zaagjiitang miinwaa oo gwejmaat ge nswi ke'eziiinak,
"Wenesh Zaagidwin ezhnikaazot? gda bgosendmigoo ji bi biindge-in." Mii
sa Zaagidwin gii maajii-gaadeset wii-gwaam-ing nikiiyaa, miish geyii-nwaa
wiiji- ke'eziiinan gii noop-nanaa-aat Zaagid-winan.

Gii maam-kaa-dendam wa kwe. Gii gwejmaan Kchi-too-waag- zit miinwaa
Mena-kshke'ew-zit, "Zaagidwin eta ngii wiikmaa, aaniidash geii-nwa binji
zhaa-ik?" gii mzoo-nkwetoowaa-aan dash ne'e kwewan, "Giishpin wenaam-
madba Kchi-too-waag-zit maage Mena-kshke'ew-zit, gwaaii kina ndaagii
Biindgesiimi, bezhik eta daagii biindge. Pii gii wiikji-at Zaagidwin, kii
mnadoodam, pane nda noop-nanaa-naa Zaagidwin wiikji-gaazot.

Zaagidwin ngwa-ji temgak, mii gwa geyii temgak Kchi-too-waag-ziwin
miinwaa mena-kshik'ew-ziwin.

