Deer and Changer – sqigwəc ?i dukwibəł

Narrator 1: The Tulalip Tribes Lushootseed language program began in 1960. Lizzie Krise was the first one to agree to talk to a graduate student from the University of Washington, Thom Hess.

Lizzie Krise: *Sitting in chair, curtain acts as a door*

Narrator 2: Thom went to the chairman of the tribe, Sebastian Williams, and asked for names of people who could help him learn the language. And he gave Lizzie's name.

Sebastian: *Sitting in chair showing Thom list of names, holds up Lizzie's picture*

Thom: *Talking to Sebastian*

Narrator 3: Back then people were very skeptical on who they would let into their homes. The day he went to her house it was pouring down rain. Lizzie could not believe, at first, that this nontribal person she had never met wanted to come to her house and sit with her and learn Lushootseed.

Thom: *Walks from Sebastian over to curtain by Lizzie, stands at the door*

Narrator 4: Thom stood in the rain for quite a while before Lizzie made up her mind to let him in. Because Lizzie decided to take the chance, and because she continued to work with him recording stories and information, is how we now have tapes of which our language program was founded. It was Lizzie who introduced him to others who also helped.

Lizzie: *Let's Thom in the door, talks to Thom*

Thom: *Records Lizzie talking*

Lizzie: *Brings friends in to talk to Thom*

Narrator 5: This play is a thank you to Lizzie Krise. The work she started is continuing with her grandchildren and her community.

Lizzie: *Play audio loud of Lizzie telling story to Thom*

?əsgwədil ti?ə? sqigwəc

This man was sitting down. This deer was sitting down gwəl ?ukwədadəxw gwəl ?učuqwudəxw ti?ə? qwəlay? Shaving sticks. Getting sticks reading for the great that is coming.

gwəl di?+əxw kwi s+čisəbs ?ə ti?ə? dukwibə+ gwəl wiliqwitəbəxw,

"stab t(i) ads?uhuy"

This great asked him, "What are you doing?"

"?u, ?učuqwud čəd ti?ə? łudsšiċšiċyid kwi dukwibəł łułčiləxw

And he says, "I am shaving these sticks to use on the great man that's coming."

gwəhawə difəxw dukwibəf ti?ə? ?ufčil. kwədatəbəxw ?ə ti?ə? dukwibəf ti?ə? qwəfqwəfay?

So the great man took these sticks and looked at him. huy kwədatəbəxw gwəl šicsicyitəbəxw dxw?al cədił and then took them and put them on this deer's legs ti?ił dəxw?a?s ti?iłə ?əssicsicsaw ?al ti?ił jəsjəsəd ?al tsi?ə? sqigwəc So the deer has the extra little bones on his legs not his joints. Praise the lord.

Narrator 6: ?al tudi? tuha?kw, a long time ago, before the world was changed to the way it is today. The animals were made almost like people and people were made almost like animals. They could all talk to each other. And this is why you will see some animals in this play that look like people. Those of you that know the story of mink and the Whale. Will know that mink should be bald. He was embarrassed to be in the play with no hair, so you will see him wearing a wig of black wool. Don't be fooled. If you look carefully you will see he still has no eyebrows.

Narrator 7: ?al tudi? tuha?kw

in those far away days.

tu?əsgwədil ti?ə? sqigwəc gwəl ?učuqwud

Deer was sitting and whittling

GROUP 1: DEER SONG

Bee: ?i, sqig^wəc, stab čəx^w ?učuq^wud

Hey Deer, what are you whittling?

Deer: ?i, xwsəbəd, ?učuqwud čəd ti?ə? qwəlqwəlay?

Hey Bee, I am whittling these sticks.

łušicyid cəd ti?ił dukwibəł ?al kwi łusłcils

I am going to stab dukwibəł with them when he gets here.

Bee: gwat əwə ti dukwibəł

who is dukwibə+?

Deer: ləʔibəš bəkw čad lədukwud bəkw gwat

He is going around changing everyone to the way they will be

forever.

Bee: tixixdubut, ti dsya?ya?

Take care of yourself my friend. xwu?ələ? čəxw gwədukwutəb

You might get changed.

Deer: huy?

GROUP 2: DEER SONG

Mink: ?i sqig^wəc

Hi, Deer

Deer: ?i, bəščəb. ?uludxw čəd kw(i) ads?ubəqtəb?ə kwi čəxwəlu?

Hi mink. I heard you were swallowed by a whale.

Mink: ?i, bəqtəb čəł ?i ti dsuqwa?, tətyika

Yeah, my little brother tətyika and I both got swallowed. huy, tukwtubuł ti?ił cədił čəxwəlu?. ?əca xəł ti ?əsdukwil

But that same whale ended up bringing us home. You know I have

my special powers

Deer: ?učuqwud čəd ti?ə? qwəlay? dxw?al kwi gwədsšicyid ti dukwibəl

I am whittling these sticks to stab into dukwibəł

λal d²ə+ basdukwil ti?i+

he is supposed to have special powers too.

Mink: tixixdubut, dsya?ya?

Take care my friend.

xwu?ələ? čəxw gwədukwutəb

You might get changed.

Deer: huy?

GROUP 3: DEER SONG

Wolf: ?i, sqig^wəc. ?u?əxiixədəx^w čəx^w

Hi, Deer. What are you up to?

Deer: ?učuqwud čəd ti?ə? qwəlqwəlay?

I'm whittling these sticks

day čəd łusšicyid ti dukwibəł ?al kwi łusłcils

I'm really going to let that dukwibə have it when he gets here.

Wolf: ləʔibəš bəkw čad. lədukwud bəkw gwat

He is going everywhere changing everyone.

gwəl ?əca, gwəl łučadzis čəd

as for me, I am going to hide from him.

tixixdubut, sqig^wəc. take care deer.

xwu?ələ? čəxw gwədukwutəb Maybe you might get changed.

Deer: huy?

GROUP 4: DEER SONG

Grizzly: ?i sqig^wəc

Hi, Deer

?uludxw čəd kwi gwads?učuqwud kwi qwəłay?

I heard you're whittling some sticks

Deer: ?i, stəbtabəl

Hi, Grizzly!

?i, łušicyid čəd ti dukwibəł

Yeah, I'm going to stab dukwibəł

Grizzly: ?əčida?. ?əca gwəl xwul +upa+

Oh my gosh! Me? I'm just going to run away.

GROUP 5: DEER SONG

dukwibəł: ?i, dsya?ya?

Hello my friend! stab kw(i) ads?uhuy What are you doing? Deer: ?u, tuxw čəd ?učuqwud

Oh, I'm just whittling.

dukwibəł: gwəl ?əxid kw(i) addəxw?učuqwud

and just why are you whittling?

Deer: ?u...

Oh...

dukwibəł: dəgwi kwi lusšicyitəb ti dsya?ya?

you are the one that's going to get stabbed

huy ?əca ti?ił dukwibəł

for I am dukwibəł

Narrator 8: dil dəx^w?əs?istə? ?ə ti?ə? sqig^wəc ?al ti?ə? sləxil

That is why deer is the way he is today.

Narrator 9: s?ə+əd dx^w?al ti ?aci+talbix^w he is food for human beings.

Narrator 10: gwəl ?ah ti?i+ sa?səli? šawsaw ?al ti?i+ jəsjəsəds

And there are two little bones stabbed into four legs

Narrator 11: \u224u?\u229\u229dx\u229v \u2202\u229a\u229v \u229a\u229v \u229a\u229v \u229a\u222a

You will find them there even to this very day

Narrator 12: dił shuy ?ə ti?ə? syəhub ?ə ti sqigwəc ?i dukwibəł

That is the end of this old story about Deer and Changer

EVERYONE: tigwitubuład – Thank you all!