

Díí dló t'ah nnee dá' ánágot'iilhi. Dló'hi íla'ádzaago yádałti. "Haadast'i'hí dawa binant'a' dagolíí dá' néehíí nohwinant'a' doo ła' da'," daniigo lék'e. "Daílíizhi' nnee daandlıj. Nant'an nohwá ágolne'go nłtéé néé ałdo'. Hago ágot'eehíí nohwá yałti' doleeł hibigha," dani lék'e.

Go dló íłtsogécho haabi'dołtj dantséh, "Bit'a' nłtéé dazhó án," daniigo. "Bit'a'hí dayinił'íigo án binant'a' hileeh hádat'ii lék'e. Nzaad godiyaa, yaa yádałt'igo. Áí n'íí; dah nzhqó án," daniid lék'e. "Bidiyagé dani dénzhóné ndiníí doo zhó yałti'hj k'ego at'éé da. Nohwinant'a' siljyógo doo nohwá yałti'da nkeegonigháh dánkoh." Go án k'izhi'niltj lék'e.

Aídi' bizaagolaani níhanáánáłtj. Dagoshch'i, "Án dazhó bizaagochi'hi at'éé," dabiłnniid lék'e. "Dazhó dadzaaníí yaa yałti' ła'íí dadzaaníí yedlıj. Án doo nzhqó da nohwinant'a' hileeh yógo. Nohwits'a' ılta yałti' hileeh dánkoh," daniigo. Án k'izhi' naanáłtj.

K'adik'eh, jagháshdiyé habi'dołtj. "Dín nohwinant'a' hileeh gohíí dat'éé?" naałch'ini. "Án ałdo' ła'n'hí k'ehgo at'éé, bizaagochi'go. Doo nłtéégo nohwá haodzih at'éé da. Doo beegonidzaa da, ła'íí ák'ee yałti'hi at'éé ałdo'. Łąągo yedlıj hileeh, dázhohgo na'a níí." Án ałdo' k'izhi' naanáłtj.

"Áík'ehgo yógo, goshdiyéhíí dat'éé?" dani lék'eh. "Án nłtéé wıj. Án yógo dijaad, hayú yáná'itihyú nohwá nazit'ii doleeł. Áídi' nłtéégo yałti' ałdo'." Án nohwinant'a' hileehgo nłtéé.

Go góshdiyé dló' binant'a' silj lék'eh. Díjı yúgo goshdiyé t'ah dló' binant'a' ninlıj.

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This story is about a time when birds were still like people. The birds got together to talk. "The different clans (animals) all have leaders, but we do not," they said. "We are goo for nothing. It would be good for us to choose a leader also. He could then speak for us about our activities," they said.

So the birds selected the oriole first. They said, "His feathers are very nice." Because of his feathers they thought they wanted him to be their leader. They discussed this for some time. "Well, never mind him after all," they said. "His long clothes are pretty, but he doesn't speak very much. If he becomes our leader he might not speak well for us in the future." They put him aside.

Then they chose the mocking bird. But they immediately said, "He is too talkative." He always speaks bad and mocks things. It would not be good for him to become our leader. He might speak even worse for us in the future." They put him aside to choose again.

The next time they chose a ???. "What would it be like for us if we chose him to be the leader?" they asked. "He is also like the other one. He talks too much. It would not be good for him to speak for us. He's too stubborn, and he also brags about himself. There would be a lot of mocking." They also set him aside.

"In that case, should it be the roadrunner?" they said. "He's good for sure. He would be fast for us in running to meetings. And he also talks well. It would be good for us if he became our leader."

Therefore, the roadrunner became the leader. Nowadays roadrunner is the leader of all the birds.