

A Prophet Story - Harda

Sold Aug. 28, 1953 to W. S. Buff by Mrs Susan Williams and Mr. Jimmy Jones at Skidegate.

The man was the uncle of JJ's uncle (his fa's younger bro). His nickname was *gandux x a tga*. (*'gandux's father'*)  
"I don't know the real beginning. He got his power from Heavens, from one of the prophets who died before Jesus came. One day when a big sickness came, he made all the Indians dance, used his power, tried to save them (Here Mrs W. sang the song).

They wanted him to go to sleep. People said no, he might not wake up. There was a long cedar bark. He marked lines across it with Indian paint. 'Between these lines is one hour.' Nobody understood 'hour'. He built a little tent inside the house and lay down inside. He lighted the end of the cedar bark. It burned <sup>along</sup> slowly. He told the people he was going away for a certain number of hours, and when to wake him. He went to sleep.

"His Master came down, and put the man in his coat pocket. He (Master) had a bicycle, got on, started to step on it (ride). He rode up to the top of *q'x'ngu* island (Kunga Island, off Tanoo, the locale of the story) here they rested. The Master started to cry, which meant

the Indian was not going to live long.

"He stepped on it (pedalled) again, right up to Heaven.

There was a big wall right around a big city, and one big coloured man looking after the gate. He had never seen a coloured man before. They reached the gate. The coloured man had a big gun in his hands, an old Hudsons Bay gun with a flared muzzle. He couldn't let the gun go, his hands had grown right around it.

"The coloured man asked 'Why do you smell like an Indian?'. He could smell the man in his pocket. The Master answered 'Because I went around where the Indians are'. The man looked down, saw no villages on earth, just the tent where he slept, nothing else. That meant that all Indians all over were going to be finished, all move to one place, and that has come true. The coloured man let them in.

"There was a big lake, all burning. Bad people were burning in there, crying, never die, Just before the man had went up a bad man had died at Zanoo. He saw him in there, really suffering

"The Master took him up to the place and he saw God. (Master, the prophet who gave this man his power, was called sɔkayn'it. God called s a n i ɔ i ' t aydas "great man in Heaven" or sɔn s ɔ a ' n a ɔ w ay "strange air master")

"God was real sheny, can't look at him. Master took him out of his pocket, said to him 'You see, I died five times. Each time I took something off (like clothes) and hung it up. Five suits hung there. The reason he told him was because he (the man) was going to die.

"When he woke up, he told all about that. After that he went to Victoria. There was a rock by his house. He told the people 'If I die this rock will smash up, also, all the clouds will turn red'. He died in Victoria. The rock smashed and the clouds turned red. They knew he was dead.