

Aligkhujon and Engkhechah.

1 Aligkhujon and Engkhechah were husband and wife.

2 When they got married, they held a wedding ceremony.

3 Not many days after, Engkhechah became pregnant.

4 After four months, she said, <<My stomach is hurting.>>

5 In a short time, she was giving birth.

6 The first came out but it was a lizard!

7 She gave birth to five small lizards!

8 Her husband, Aligkhujon, said, <<What is happening that when you give birth, the result is five lizards? Am I a lizard whom you married?>>

9 Engkhechah replied, <<I certainly can't tell. I don't know. Even myself, I don't what our children to be lizards, but we can't understand the ways of the one who makes people. So there's nothing we can do.>>

10 So they took a large chicken coop and put all the five lizards in it.

11 On the third day, Aligkhujon said to Engkhechah, <<Let's take them to the pond field so that they can swim, because that is what lizards like, they must go to water.>>

12 Engkhechah replied, <<Yes of course, so you take them. Take them to that nearby pond field.

13 He took them and released them, and the little lizards all swam around.

14 So he put the chicken coop down and went away.

15 He left them there and went home, then went to chop wood.

16 In the afternoon, he went home and they ate, and he said to his wife, Engkhechah, <<It's afternoon already so I really should go to see the little lizards. Because it will get dark later, so I should collect them and bring them home. A dog might go there and eat them all. Even if they are lizards, they are our children.>>

17 So Engkhechah said, <<Yes, so go and see them and collect them so that you can bring them home.>>

18 When Aligkhujon set off and went there, one of them was saying, <<That's all, that's all, my little tail will break off.>>

19 The others said, <<Be quiet, be quiet, because our father Aligkhujon will hear you.>>

20 Then his tail broke off.

21 Then it was the turn of another one and he also said the same.

22 And his tail broke off also.

23 When their tails had broken off, their lizard skin came off and they became children, then they got out of the water onto the dyke wall.

24 The fifth one came when their father hadn't yet arrived. He was still up above looking down at them.

25 The fifth one said, <<That's all, that's all, my little tail will break off.>>

26 And the children who were on the dyke wall said, <<Be quiet, be quiet, because our father Aligkhujon will hear.>>

27 His tail broke off and his lizard skin also came off and he became a child and got out of the water onto the dyke wall.

28 So they were in a line on that dyke wall and they were crawling on the edge.

29 Then Aligkhujon said, <<I'm going nearer because for some reason I can't really see their appearance. How come they are different, like children? Let me go closer.>>

30 He kept going and went closer, then he saw them.

31 When the children saw him, they said, <<Aay! Father!>>

32 They all called to their father.

33 <<Please come and get us because it's cold in this pond field!>>

34 Their father said, <<Goodness, you have all become children!>>

35 He called his wife, Engkhechah, and he said, <<Come here, Engkhechah, so that we can see our children and get them because they have all become children!>>

36 So Engkhechah put down the rice she was stripping and ran to go there.

37 She said, <<Well I never!>>

38 When she saw them, she said, <<Goodness, you have really all become children! You really aren't lizards!>>

39 They said, <<That's right, so come and carry us.>>

40 So they went over and their father carried two under his arms and one on his shoulders.

41 And Engkhechah their mother went over and carried two under her arms.

42 Then they set off, and they were very happy to take them home because they already had five children who were starting to walk.

43 They went home and Impfalla-uwag, Aligkhujon's mother, saw them and she said, <<Where on earth did you get these children?>>

44 Alighujon and Engkhechah replied, <<Well these are the little lizards!>>

45 And she said, <<Well I never!>>

46 Then Impfalla-uwag took the children and they were all walking around the yard and the parents said, <<Come here so that we can feed you.>>

47 Then they butchered their chicken.

48 Then they fed them well.

49 After they fed them, they dressed them.

50 So they continued to grow up and they all lived.

51 One married in Butigi and another married in Banaw.

52 Another married in Bontoc.

53 Another married in the lowlands.

54 And the other married here.

55 They had many children.

56 So they all continued to live.

57. The end.