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Regarding a Blind Man

There was a man who might be described as a small-time medicine power person. Big and powerful medicine power people are quite safe from harm because it takes powerful medicine or a combination of different medicine powers to hurt them in any way. Some medicine powers are weak. A person's power can be damaged if the recipient of that power does not look after it.

There was a family where the man had medicine power from a few things, but the power was not very strong. If someone with medicine power wanted to do harm to this man, it could be done. This man had a bad wife. She fooled around with young men and she wanted to get rid of her husband.

The wife had a dirty and evil mind. She thought that if she walked over her husband's body while he was asleep and over his hunting gear, including his cap, his medicine power would kill him. Then she would be free, she thought. So this is what the woman did.

The husband did not know what his wife was up to and ended up having trouble from his medicine power, but did not die. He went completely blind instead. The family was now living with a blind man. They started to have a lot of problems and became very poor. They were living on a fish lake. One night, the woman decided to leave her husband. She got all her children and took off into the country, leaving the blind man by himself.

When the blind man woke up, he called out for his wife and children to get up because he was hungry. Nobody answered. The blind man could not stand it anymore, so he started crawling around. He found out that no one was in the tent.

The blind man crawled down the hill to the lake shore for a drink of water. He sat on the shore feeling really bad, abandoned and very alone. He wondered why so much misfortune was happening to him. The man then heard a loon calling not far away.

The blind man had loon medicine power, therefore he could talk to the loon. He yelled at the loon, "Come here! Why do you say you are my partner if you won't help me?" The man crawled to the water again and drank. Then he sat.

A loon swam towards him and asked, "What is the matter stranger? I heard you yelling."

"Yes," said the man. "A long time ago, you told me we were partners. If that is the case, maybe you could help me now." "What is the problem?" the loon asked. "Somehow I became completely blind. I can't see anything. On top of that, my family abandoned me. I think I will die," the man said. The loon told him, "Get on top of my back. I will swim a bit with you. I might be able to help you."

The blind man crawled on top of the loon's back. They swam around a bit. The loon said, "Hold on to my neck hard. I will dive with you and see what happens."

The loon dove with the man on his back.

After awhile, the loon came up to the surface. "How do you see?" he asked the blind man. "It's different now," the man replied. "I will dive with you again," the loon said.

The loon took the man underwater and then resurfaced. "How do you see now?" the loon asked. "I can see better. I can see the shore, but it's kind of a blur," the man replied. The loon said, "I will take you down one more time."

This time, the loon spent more time underwater than previously. Then he took the man back up to the surface. "How do you see now?" the loon asked. The man yelled, "I see perfect now! I can see everything good!" The loon told him, "I will take you back to where I picked you up."

The man was so happy that he got all his sight back. The loon did that for him. So that is the story.

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