

## The Dog and the Snake (DS-1)

obscene story

### A. The Dog and the Snake (DS-1)

This tale is one of two similar tales provided by the language assistants. This version appears to be more complete and coherent.<sup>1</sup> Though identified by the language assistants as a *kāhka* (obscene) tale, it doesn't seem like one. There may be a deeper meaning.

#### A.1 Free Translation of Text

1. *This is a short obscene story.*
2. *There was a forest dweller. He had a dog. He had trained that dog properly. Whatever was said the dog understood.*
3. *One day he (the forest dweller) went to the jungle with the dog to catch birds. The forest dweller was walking along gazing up in the trees for birds. And he was not watching below.*
4. *Below was only dead leaves. Like that, in a pile of leaves was a python. He stepped on it a little.*
5. *Then the python stuffed the forest dweller's foot in its mouth. And it is swallowing (him) whole.*
6. *Then he told the dog. "Go! Up above where I sleep is kept a knife. Say (to householder), "Take down!" and bring it quickly," he said.*
7. *Then the dog ran quickly (to the house). And it went to his sleeping place. And having looked and looked up above, it does whatever else (to attract attention).*
8. *Then the people of the house saw it. And they are saying. They said, "Why is the dog having looked and looked up above, (it) is doing whatever else (to attract our attention)?" Later they said, "It is therefore for this very reason." And they took out the knife.*
9. *Then the dog bit it. (Took it in its mouth.) And how it was running to the forest dweller (and) it took it (to him). And it gave it to the forest dweller. That snake swallowing and swallowing had reached his waist.*
10. *Then the forest dweller took the knife. And he sawed away at the snake's jaw.*
11. *Then it couldn't swallow. Later the snake died.*
12. *Later he got out (of the snake). And later he came to the house. And he told the villagers. He said, "Let's go! I, on my own have killed a deer that requires 12 long carrying poles." He said, "Get hold of 12 long carrying poles!" And he persuaded the villagers.*
13. *And he took them to the jungle, to the snake. They are looking.*
14. *It is a python. They saw (it). And they gaped in surprise. And they are asking the forest dweller. "How did you (manage) to kill it, Friend? Without 10 to 15 people it is not possible to kill this," they are saying.*
15. *Then the forest dweller told (them). "Okay, Friend! I was walking along looking up (for birds). This damn thing (was) in a pile of leaves, not in another place, (and) I stepped on it. At first it swallowed my two feet and (then) it was swallowing (me). Later I sent the dog for the knife. It brought it therefore I did this to its jaw. Then it all became in pieces. It couldn't swallow me. It died there," saying he told the villagers.*
16. *Then later they carried (the snake) on the 12 long carrying poles. And they took (to the village).*
17. *That snake will swallow people whole. And having gone up a tree after having strained (to swallow), it will digest (the person). Those snakes will be very very large. It will also have a horn.*
18. *It's finished, the python **kāhka** obscene story.*

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## A.2 The Dog and the Snake Interlinear

## DS-1:1

ए गोटोक नानी माहा कहका आए।  
 e goʔok nani maha kəhka ae  
 DEM NUM ADJ ADV N EQ  
 this one younger like obscene story is.3S

*This is a short obscene story.*<sup>2</sup>

## DS-1:2.1

गोटोक बोनूआ रोए मने।  
 goʔok bonua roe məne  
 NUM N V PRT  
 one forest-dweller be-3S SFM

*There was a forest dweller.*

## DS-1:2.2

हूनचो जानू गोटोक कूकूर रोए मने।  
 huntʃo dʒanu goʔok kukur roe məne  
 POSSPRON PRT NUM N V PRT  
 he=POSS focus one dog(M) be-3S SFM

*He had a dog.*

## DS-1:2.3

हून कूकूर के जानू अछा चाली सीकाऊ रोए मने।  
 hun kukur ke dʒanu ətʃʰa tʃali sikau roe məne  
 DEM N CASE PRT ADV N V PRT  
 that dog(M) GOL focus good proper training teach-CONJ.COMP-be-3S SFM

*He had trained that dog properly.*

## DS-1:2.4

जसन बोलले ऊसन समजे मने कूकूर।  
 dʒəsən bolle usən səmdʒe məne kukur  
 REL V ADV V PRT N  
 as say-CNSUF like that understand-3S SFM dog(M)

*Whatever was said the dog understood.*

## DS-1:3.1

एक दीन जानू रान बाटे गेला मने कूकूर सँगे चड़ीई मारूकलाए।  
 ek din dʒanu ran baʔe gela məne kukur səŋe tʃəʔii maruklae  
 NUM N PRT N N V PRT N POSTP N V  
 one day focus jungle direction=LOC go-3P.PTC SFM dog(M) with-EMP bird hit-INF-PURP

*One day he (the forest dweller) went to the jungle with the dog to catch birds.*

## DS-1:3.2

बोनूआ जानू रूक ऊपरे ऊपरे चड़ीई मन के दकते  
 bonua dʒanu ruk upre upre tʃəʔii mən ke dəkʰte  
 N PRT N POSTP POSTP N PRT CASE V  
 forest-dweller focus tree above=LOC above=LOC bird =PL GOL look-CONJ.INC

हीडते रोए मने।  
 hīdʰte roe məne  
 V PRT

walk-CONJ.INC-be-3S SFM

*The forest dweller was walking along gazing up in the trees for birds.*

<sup>2</sup>Does not seem to be a *kəhka* obscene tale though there may be nuances which are missed by the researcher.

## DS-1:3.3

आऊर जानू खाले नी दके मने।  
 aur dzanu k<sup>h</sup>ale ni dake mæne  
 CONJ PRT ADV NEG V PRT  
 and focus below=LOC not look-3S SFM  
*And he was not watching below.*

## DS-1:4.1

खाले तो अबगे पान पातीई रोऊआए।  
 k<sup>h</sup>ale to əbge pan patii rouae  
 ADV CONJ ADV N V  
 below=LOC thus only dead leaves be-3S.F2  
*Below was only dead leaves.*

## DS-1:4.2

ऊसने गोटोक लगे पातीई कूड़ा ने जानू गोटोक बोड़ा साप रोए मने।  
 usne goʈok læge patii kuṛa ne dzanu goʈok boṛa sap roe mæne  
 ADV NUM N CN CASE PRT NUM CN V PRT  
 like that=MAN one place=LOC pile of leaves =LOC focus one python be-3S SFM  
*Like that, in a pile of leaves was a python.*

## DS-1:4.3

हूनचो जानू थोड़े खूदलो मने।  
 huntʃo dzanu t<sup>h</sup>oṛe k<sup>h</sup>udlo mæne  
 POSSPRON PRT ADJ V PRT  
 she=POSS focus a little jump-PTC.3S.M SFM  
*He stepped on it a little.*

## DS-1:5.1

तेबे जानू बोड़ा साप बोनूआ चो पाएँ के गबली मने।  
 tebe dzanu boṛa sap bonua tʃo paẽ ke gəbli mæne  
 CONJ PRT CN N PRT N CASE V PRT  
 then focus python forest-dweller =POSS foot GOL stuff in mouth-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*Then the python stuffed the forest dweller's foot in its mouth.*

## DS-1:5.2

आऊर गुला गीलेसे मने।  
 aur gula gilese mæne  
 CONJ ADJ V PRT  
 and whole swallow-3S.PINC SFM  
*And it is swallowing (him) whole.*

## DS-1:6.1

तेबे कूकूर के साँगलो मने।  
 tebe kukur ke sāṅlo mæne  
 CONJ N CASE V PRT  
 then dog(M) GOL tell-PTC.3S.M SFM  
*Then he told the dog.*

## DS-1:6.2

"जा मोचो सोओतो लगे ऊपरे छूरा कोचलोर आसे।  
 dza motʃo sooto læge upre tʃ<sup>h</sup>ura kotʃlor ase  
 V POSSPRON ADJ N POSTP N V ST  
 go I=POSS sleep-ADJR place=LOC above=LOC knife put in place-COMP is.3S  
*"Go! Up above where I sleep is kept a knife.*

**DS-1:6.3**

हीटा बोल आऊर झपके आन," बोललो मने।  
 hiṭa bol aur dʒhəpke an bollo məne  
 V V CONJ ADV V V PRT

take out say and quickly bring say-PTC.3S.M SFM  
*Say (to householder), "Take down!" and bring it quickly," he said.*

**DS-1:7.1**

तेबे जानू कूकूर पोरते गेली मने।  
 tebe dʒanu kukur porate geli məne  
 CONJ PRT N V V PRT

then focus dog(M) run-CONJ.INC go-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*Then the dog ran quickly (to the house).*

**DS-1:7.2**

आऊर हूनचो सोओतो लगे गेली मने।  
 aur huntʃo sooto ləge geli məne  
 CONJ POSSPRON ADJ N V PRT

and he=POSS sleep-ADJR place=LOC go-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*And it went to his sleeping place.*

**DS-1:7.3**

आऊर ऊपरे दकून दकून काए काए करे मने।  
 aur upre dəkun dəkun kae kae kəre məne  
 CONJ POSTP V V REL V PRT

and above=LOC see-CONJ.COMP see-CONJ.COMP whatever do-3S SFM  
*And having looked and looked up above, it does whatever else (to attract attention).*

**DS-1:8.1**

तेबे घर चो लोग दकला मने।  
 tebe gʰər tʃo log dəkla məne  
 CONJ N PRT N V PRT

then house =POSS people see-3P.PTC SFM  
*Then the people of the house saw it.*

**DS-1:8.2**

आऊर बोलसोत मने।  
 aur bolsot məne  
 CONJ V PRT

and say-3P.PINC SFM  
*And they are saying.*

**DS-1:8.3**

"काए काजे कूकूर ऊपरे दकून दकून काए काए करेसे," बोलला  
 kae kadʒe kukur upre dəkun dəkun kae kae kərese bolla  
 REL N POSTP V V REL V V

why dog(M) above=LOC see-CONJ.COMP see-CONJ.COMP whatever do-3S.PINC say-3P.PTC

मने।

məne

PRT

SFM

*They said, "Why is the dog having looked and looked up above, (it) is doing whatever else (to attract our attention)?"*

## DS-1:8.4

पासे, "एचीई काजे आए तेबे," बोलला मने।  
 pase etʃii kadʒe ae tebe bolla mæne  
 ADV ADV POSTP EQ CONJ V PRT  
 later this-absolutely-EMP for is.3S therefore say-3P.PTC SFM  
*Later they said, "It is therefore for this very reason."*

## DS-1:8.5

आऊर छूरा के हीटान दीला मने।  
 aur tʃʰura ke hiʈan dila mæne  
 CONJ N CASE V PRT  
 and knife GOL take down-CONJ.COMP-BEN-3P.PTC SFM  
*And they took out the knife.*

## DS-1:9.1

तेबे चाबली मने।  
 tebe tʃabli mæne  
 CONJ V PRT  
 then bite-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*Then the dog bit it. (Took it in its mouth.)*

## DS-1:9.2

आऊर काए पोरते बोनूआ लगे नीली मने।  
 aur kae porate bonua læge nili mæne  
 CONJ REL V N N V PRT  
 and what run-CONJ.INC forest-dweller place=LOC take-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*And how it was running to the forest dweller (and) it took it (to him).*

## DS-1:9.3

आऊर बोनूआ के दीली मने।  
 aur bonua ke dili mæne  
 CONJ N CASE BITRANS PRT  
 and forest-dweller GOL give-3S.NM.PC SFM  
*And it gave it to the forest dweller.*

## DS-1:9.4

हून साप गीलते गीलते करौंड लगे अमराऊ रोए  
 hun sap gilte gilte karāṇḍ læge əmrau roe  
 DEM N V V N N V  
 that snake swallow-CONJ.INC swallow-CONJ.INC waist place=LOC arrive-CAUS-CONJ.COMP-be-3S

मने।  
 mæne  
 PRT  
 SFM

*That snake swallowing and swallowing had reached his waist.*

## DS-1:10.1

तेबे छूरा के धरलो मने बोनूआ।  
 tebe tʃʰura ke dhərlo mæne bonua  
 CONJ N CASE V PRT N  
 then knife GOL take hold-PTC.3S.M SFM forest-dweller  
*Then the forest dweller took the knife.*

## DS-1:10.2

आऊर साप चो गाल बाटे रेतलो मने।  
 aur sap tʃo gal baʔe retlo mæne  
 CONJ N PRT N N V PRT  
 and snake =POSS cheek direction=LOC cut with sawing action-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 And he sawed away at the snake's jaw.

## DS-1:11.1

तेबे गीलूकलाए नी सकली मने।  
 tebe giluklae ni səkli mæne  
 CONJ V NEG V PRT  
 then swallow-INF-PURP not be able-3S.NM.PC SFM  
 Then it couldn't swallow.

## DS-1:11.2

पासे जानू साप मोरली मने।  
 pase dʒanu sap morli mæne  
 ADV PRT N V PRT  
 later focus snake die-3S.NM.PC SFM  
 Later the snake died.

## DS-1:12.1

हून पासे नीकरलो मने।  
 hun pase nikərlo mæne  
 PRON ADV V PRT  
 he later come out-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 Later he got out (of the snake).

## DS-1:12.2

आऊर पासे घरे ईलो मने।  
 aur pase ɣhəre ilo mæne  
 CONJ ADV N V PRT  
 and later house=LOC come-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 And later he came to the house.

## DS-1:12.3

आऊर गाव चो लोग के साँगलो मने।  
 aur gaw tʃo log ke sāŋlo mæne  
 CONJ N PRT N CASE V PRT  
 and village =POSS people GOL tell-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 And he told the villagers.

## DS-1:12.4

"जो, मोएँ एकला बारा डँडेआ चो सामोर मारलेसे," बोललो मने।  
 dʒo moẽ ekla bara d̪ẽd̪eɑ tʃo samor marlese bollo mæne  
 V PPRON ADV NUM N PRT N V V PRT  
 go-1P.OPT I alone twelve long carrying pole =POSS deer name hit-1S.PC say-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 He said, "Let's go! I, on my own have killed a deer that requires 12 long carrying poles."

## DS-1:12.5

"बारा ठान डँडेआ धरा," बोललो मने।  
 bara tʰan d̪ẽd̪eɑ dhəra bollo mæne  
 NUM CLSS N TR V PRT  
 twelve thing long carrying pole take hold-IMP.2P say-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 He said, "Get hold of 12 long carrying poles!"

**DS-1:12.6**

आऊर गाव चो लोग के ऊसकालो मने।  
 aur gaw tʃo log ke uskalo məne  
 CONJ N PRT N CASE CV PRT  
 and village =POSS people GOL persuade-PTC.3S.M SFM  
*And he persuaded the villagers.*

**DS-1:13.1**

आऊर राने नीलो मने साप लगे।  
 aur rane nilo məne sap lage  
 CONJ N TR PRT N N  
 and jungle=LOC take-PTC.3S.M SFM snake place=LOC  
*And he took them to the jungle, to the snake.*

**DS-1:13.2**

दकसोत मने।  
 daksot məne  
 V PRT  
 look-3P.PINC SFM  
*They are looking.*

**DS-1:14.1**

बोड़ा साप आए मने।  
 boṛa sap ae məne  
 CN EQ PRT  
 python is.3S SFM  
*It is a python.*

**DS-1:14.2**

दकला मने।  
 dākla məne  
 V PRT  
 see-3P.PTC SFM  
*They saw (it).*

**DS-1:14.3**

आऊर अक चकान होला मने।  
 aur ək tʃəkən hola məne  
 CONJ V PRT  
 and gape with surprise-CONJ.COMP-become-3P.PTC SFM  
*And they gaped in surprise.*

**DS-1:14.4**

आऊर बोनूआ के पूचसोत मने।  
 aur bonua ke putʃot məne  
 CONJ N CASE V PRT  
 and forest-dweller GOL ask-3P.PINC SFM  
*And they are asking the forest dweller.*

**DS-1:14.5**

"कसन करून मारलीस, ना?  
 kəsən kərun marlis na  
 REL TR V VOC  
 how do-CONJ.COMP hit-2S.PTC Friend!  
*"How did you (manage) to kill it, Friend?"*

## DS-1:14.6

एके तो दस पँदरा झान नाहालो मारी होऊ नो आए," बोलसोत मने।  
 eke to dəs pə̃dra dʒʰan nahalo mari hou no ae bolsot məne  
 PPRON CONJ NUM NUM CLSS ADV V V PRT  
 she-GOL thus ten fifteen person without hit-CONJ.COMP-not-is.3S say-3P.PINC SFM  
 Without 10 to 15 people it is not possible to kill this," they are saying.

## DS-1:15.1

तेबे बोनूआ साँगलो मने।  
 tebe bonua sāṅlo məne  
 CONJ N V PRT  
 then forest-dweller tell-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 Then the forest dweller told (them).

## DS-1:15.2

"नाई ना मोएँ जानू ऊपरे ऊपरे दकते हीडते रोएँ।  
 nai na moē džanu upre upre dakte hīḍte roē  
 ADV VOC PPRON PRT POSTP POSTP V V  
 focus Friend! I focus above=LOC above=LOC look-CONJ.INC walk-CONJ.INC-be-1S  
 "Okay, Friend! I was walking along looking up (for birds).

## DS-1:15.3

ए बाप लोटी आऊर पातीई कूडाने आऊर नी रोटोर आए खूदून तो  
 e bap loṭi aur patii kurane aur ni rotor ae khūḍun to  
 DEM EXCL CONJ CN ADJ NEG V V CONJ  
 this EXCL(anger) and pile of leaves=LOC other not be-CONJ.INC-is.3S jump-CONJ.COMP thus

दीले।

dile

BITRANS

give-1S.PTC

This damn thing (was) in a pile of leaves, not in another place, (and) I stepped on it.

## DS-1:15.4

एके हार दूनो पाएँ के गबली आऊर गीलते रोली।  
 eke har duno paē ke gəbli aur gilte roli  
 PPRON N ADJ N CASE V CONJ V  
 this-GOL times both foot GOL stuff in mouth-3S.NM.PC and swallow-CONJ.INC-be-3S.NM.PC  
 At first it swallowed my two feet and (then) it was swallowing (me).

## DS-1:15.5

पासे कूकूर के छूरा काजे पोटाले।  
 pase kukur ke tʃʰura kadʒe poṭale  
 ADV N CASE N POSTP V  
 later dog(M) GOL knife for send-1S.PTC  
 Later I sent the dog for the knife.

## DS-1:15.6

आनली गूने गाल बाटे असन करून दीले।  
 anli gune gal baṭe əsən kərun dile  
 V CONJ N N ADV V  
 bring-3S.NM.PC therefore cheek direction=LOC like this do-CONJ.COMP-BEN-1S.PTC  
 It brought it therefore I did this to its jaw.

## DS-1:15.7

तेबे जमा खापा होली।  
 tebe dzəma kʰapa holi  
 CONJ ADJ N V  
 then all pieces become-3S.NM.PC  
 Then it all became in pieces.

## DS-1:15.8

मके पासे गीलूक नी सकली।  
 məke pase giluk ni səkli  
 PRON ADV V NEG V  
 I-GOL later swallow-INF not be able-3S.NM.PC  
 It couldn't swallow me.

## DS-1:15.9

हूताए मोरली," बोलते गाव चो लोग के साँगलो मने।  
 hutāe morli bolte gaw tʃo log ke sāṅlo mənə  
 ADV V V N PRT N CASE V PRT  
 there-EMP die-3S.NM.PC say-CONJ.INC village =POSS people GOL tell-PTC.3S.M SFM  
 It died there," saying he told the villagers.

## DS-1:16.1

तेबे पासे बारा ठान डँडेआ ने भोओला मने।  
 tebe pase bara tʰan d̪ɛ̃d̪eə ne bʰoola mənə  
 CONJ ADV NUM CLSS N CASE V PRT  
 then later twelve thing long carrying pole =INSTR carry ON head-3P.PTC SFM  
 Then later they carried (the snake) on the 12 long carrying poles.

## DS-1:16.2

आऊर नीला मने।  
 aur nila mənə  
 CONJ TR PRT  
 and take-3P.PTC SFM  
 And they took (to the village).

## DS-1:17.1

हून साप लोग के गूला गीलूआए मने।  
 hun sap log ke gula giluae mənə  
 DEM N N CASE ADJ V PRT  
 that snake people GOL whole swallow-3S.F2 SFM  
 That snake will swallow people whole.

## DS-1:17.2

आऊर जानू रूक ने जाऊन भाती अलट बीलट होऊन भाती जीराऊआए मने।  
 aur džanu ruk ne džauṅ bʰati əleṭ biləṭ houn bʰati dʒirauae mənə  
 CONJ PRT N CASE V PRT V PRT V PRT  
 and focus tree =LOC go-CONJ.COMP after strain-CONJ.COMP after digest food-3S.F2 SFM  
 And having gone up a tree after having strained (to swallow), it will digest (the person).

## DS-1:17.3

हून साप मन बोड़े भारी रोज़आत।  
 hun sap mən boṛe bʰari rouat  
 DEM N PRT N ST  
 that snake =PL very large stay-3P.F2  
 Those snakes will be very very large.

**DS-1:17.4**

हूनचो सीग बोले रोज़आए मने।  
 huntʃo sīg bole rouae mæne  
 POSSPRON N ADV V PRT  
 it=POSS horn also be-3S.F2 SFM

*It will also have a horn.*<sup>3</sup>

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सरली बोड़ा साप चो कहका।  
 sərli boṛa sap tʃo kəhka  
 V CN PRT N  
 finish-3S.NM.PC python =POSS obscene story

*It's finished, the python **kəhka** obscene story.*

**Abbreviations**

1S	=	first person, plural
1P	=	first person, singular
2S	=	second person, plural
2P	=	second person, singular
3S	=	third person, plural
3P	=	third person, singular
ADJ	=	adjective
ADJR	=	adjectiviser
ADV	=	adverb(ial)
BEN	=	benefactive
BITRANS	=	bitransitive
CASE	=	case marker
CAUS	=	causative
CLSS	=	classifier
CN	=	compound noun
CNSUF	=	conditional/temporal suffix
COMP	=	complete
CONJ	=	conjunctive
CV	=	compound verb
DEM	=	demonstrative
EMP	=	emphatic marker
EXCL	=	exclamation
EQ	=	equative
F2	=	future 2
GOL	=	goal marker
IMP	=	imperative
INC	=	incomplete
INF	=	infinitive
INSTR	=	instrumental
LOC	=	locative
M	=	human male
MAN	=	manner
N	=	noun
NEG	=	negation, negative

<sup>3</sup>Comment from language assistant is that the horn is probably a small one.

NM	=	non human-male
NUM	=	cardinal number
ON	=	onomatopoetic nominal
OPT	=	optative
PC	=	present complete
PINC	=	present incomplete
PL	=	pluraliser
POSS	=	possessive particle
POSSPRON	=	possessive pronoun
POSTP	=	post position
PPRON	=	personal pronoun
PRON	=	pronoun
PRT	=	particle
PTC	=	past complete
PURP	=	purpose marker
REL	=	relative marker
SFM	=	story form sentence marker
ST	=	stative
TR	=	transitive
V	=	verb
VOC	=	vocative