Bear Story

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(1) Sumar-dadu-wu šipiS-u k'ali-ši o

Umar-uncle(I)[SG.ABS]-and Shapi(I)[SG.ABS]-and Kali.IN-ALL

H.PL-go-CVB1

e<bd>di-li box:⁵-o

<H.PL>be.PAST-EVID mountain_goat-EPTH_V¹

Uncle Umar and Shapi went to Kali to hunt.

(2) turali-ši jat:i-ši χa·b›t:i-t:ib χ:ams b-ak:u-li jij-me-s
Tura.IN-ALL uphill-ALL чH.PL›go.POT-ATR.PL bear(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-see.PFV-EVID they-PL.OBL-DAT

When they were going to Tura, uphill, they saw a bear.

(3) šipiS-li e

Shapi(I)-SG.ERG

«III.SG>put.PFV-CVB1 gun(III)[SG.ABS] shoot.PFV-EVID

Shapi, having put the gun (i.e. having aimed), shot.

(4) χ it:a sapiS-li-s to-b b-eS ry s:u-r-si b-ak:u-t:u then Shapi(I)-OBL.SG-DAT that.one-III.SG III.SG- \langle III.SG- \langle

šapiς 4:unne-li χ:wa-li-k4' u<w>č'u-li
Shapi(I)[SG.ABS] flee.I.SG.PFV-CVB1 rock(III)-OBL.SG-SUB.ESS 4.SG-hide.PFV-EVID

Then, Shapi saw that one (the bear) running towards him, Shapi fled and hid under a rock.

¹ Since mountain goats are the default object of hunting, 'go for goats' comes to mean simply 'hunt'. The final *–o* is not a regular formative.

(5) Yumar-dada usdi-mij-wu w-immi<w>χu-li
Umar-uncle(1)[SG.ABS] stand.I.SG.PFV-LOC.CVB-and I.SG-remain<dli>I.SG-remain

Uncle Umar was standing right where he was.

(6) χ ir q'w et'u k'onc'o:l-u χ ir i-t:u-b χ :ams b-i-r after two cub(IV)[SG.ABS]-and behind be-ATR-III.SG bear(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-be.PRS-RPRT

ała b-erxː^su-r-t:u-b bu:r-ši hekł'ena wool(IV)SG.INESS III.SG-trail-IPFV-ATR-III.SG growl.IPFV-CVB2 thing(IV)[SG.ABS]

to-t naq'w lap'a:-r- $\dot{s}i$ b-aq $^{\varsigma}a$ -li kwa \dot{c}' -ur- $\dot{c}e$ -t that-IV.SG earth(IV)[SG.ABS] throw-IPFV-CVB2 III.SG-come-EVID paw(III)-PL-OBL.PL-SUPER

o
db>sd-er žu-s harak

<III.SG>-stand.PFV-RPRT LOGOPH.I.OBL.SG-DAT in.front

Then, allegedly there was the bear², and with two cubs behind him, trailing fur on the ground (it was so long), growling, and throwing...the thing...the earth (at him), he came and allegedly stood on his (hind) paws in front of him (Uncle Umar).

(7) χir žu bo-r zon t'o zon t'o after LOGOPH.I.SG.ERG SAY.PFV-RPRT 1SG.ABS NEG.COP 1SG.ABS NEG.COP

zarihanuw-liwas1sg.ergwhat(iv)[sg.abs]do.iv.sg.pfv-cvb12sg.dat

Then he allegedly said: It wasn't me, it wasn't me, what have I done to you?

(8) was kammu-t:u ʁudu f:unne
2SG.DAT shoot.PFV-ATR.I.SG that.one.I.SG flee.I.SG.PFV

The one who shot at you, he ran away.

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² In the sound file the speaker said *jam* 'wolf' by mistake which he corrected when translating the text.

(9) ʁudu k'onoč laha-s zari han uw-li edi that.one.i.sg k'onoč boy.obl.sg.-dat 1sg.erg what(iv)[sg.Abs] do.iv.sg.pfv-cvb1 iv.sg.be.past

That k'onoč guy³, what (harm) had I done to him? [i.e. what harm had I done, to make him want to shoot and put me in this situation]

(10) daki un za-t:i-k b-e⁵<r>
why 2sg.abs 1.obl.sg-super-lat III.sg-iII.sg-

Why are you running towards me?

(11) dunne-li laq'wiwt:a-t'u-kul sin-š-er usdi-li flee.i.sg.pfv-cvb1 save.i.sg.pfv-neg-msd know-cvb2-rprt stand.i.sg.pfv-evid

i·w»χ:o-r inž kur-ʁul-u jat:eχu-li «I.SG›remain.PFV-RPRT LOGOPH.ABS hand(IV)-PL.ABS-and lift.N_H.PL.PFV-EVID

Allegedly having understood that he would not be able to save himself by fleeing, he allegedly remained standing there, even having lifted his hands.

(12) χit:a os bu bo-t:u-t č'išu-wu uw-li χ:ams
then one bu say-ATR-IV.SG sound(IV)[ABS.SG]-and do.IV.SG.PFV-CVB1 bear(III)[ABS.SG]

b-akdi-li o

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a-r 4:**a-š žu-s:-u

III.SG-leave-CVB1

III.SG-leave.PFV-RPRT near-ELAT LOGOPH.I.OBL.SG-DAT-and

nac' uw-t'u-mat nothing do.IV.SG.PFV-NEG-CVB

And then having made sound like BU the bear left him, and went away having done nothing to him.

 $^{\rm 3}$ k'onoč is an Avar word, meaning 'young bull', it is an insulting nickname.