

English 342: The Contemporary Novel

Ceremony Resources

Pronunciation Guide for Keresan

| Vowels | Consonants | Other |
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| A = as English "a" in "papa" E = as English "a" in "mate" I = as English "i" in "police" O = as English "o" in "moat" U = in English "u" in "mule" | C and g are hard before "a," "o," and "u" Ch is pronounced as in English "chair" H is silent T is quite explosive Y is pronounced as English "yet" Z is pronounced as "s" in English "sin" | ' = glottal stop h(') = aspiration R = trill |

Tayo Story

Long ago.—Eh.—There in the southwest at Wacpacak'a, long ago there was a town and there was some man. Tayo was his name. He was very covetous. Then he had an eagle and every day he went about. When he was not there his sister and his mother never fed well this eagle. Then a long time he had it, maybe ten years. Then said the eagle, "My friend, Tayo," thus he said to him, "I should like to take you to my house," thus he said to him, "from there after four days," he said to him. "All right," said Tayo. Then after three days they washed Tayo's head. At that time and the next day the whole town above and all the men went to plant the chief's field. Then early in the morning the morning the chief called out, "People, come out!" Then the people went out. When all the people had come out, then were ready the eagle and Tayo. At noon they took food out to the fields. Then, behold, his mother and sister took food out the field. Then, when they had come out he said to him, "Let us go, Tayo," thus said his eagle to him. "Go ahead," said he to him. "Here to my wing hold on," said he to him. Then he held on to it. Then from there flew up above the eagle. Then that way up they went. When they were half way up he sang, "Hao Tayo inai," said Tayo. Then those who were planting corn saw them. They said, "Behold, there Tayo's eagle took him away," thus said the people. Then there above the eagle was soaring, and then Tayo sang. Then they just looked at him the way he was going up. Then away off to K'oatuyumi they went up. Then up on top there was another different world. There they arrived. Then said to him his eagle, "There in the north above us is where I live," said the eagle. "Here in the north below Old-Woman-Spider is living," thus he said to him. She has two grandsons," thus he said to him. "Behold, go ahead. There you will stay." Then northward down he went. When there in the very north down below they arrived, then at once spoke to him the Spider-Boys, "Here are my snares," they said to him. Then there in the north he arrived. "Are you here?" they said to him. "Yes," they said. "Oh my, I think, Tayo, your eagle brought you here."—Yes," said he. Then he stayed there. There he killed robins. In the evening they went west carrying in their hands the robins. In the evening they went west where Old-Woman-Spider lived. "Mother," they said to her, "somebody brought these," said the Spider-Boys. "Come in," said Old-Woman-Spider. Then they entered. "How are things, grandmother?" said Tayo. "It is well," said Old-Woman-Spider. "Oh, poor Tayo," said she. "I guess your eagle brought you here."—"Yes," said he. Then there at Old-Woman-Spider's house stayed Tayo a long time. Thus it was long ago, when Tayo's pet took him there to K'oatuyumi and above. That long is my aunt's backbone.