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Meglen Vlach	English translation
1 00:00:12,600 --> 00:00:14,960 Ra únă bábă ši un moš,	1 00:00:12,600 --> 00:00:14,960 Once there was an old woman and an old man,
2 00:00:14,960 --> 00:00:16,800 nu vęaų măcsqám.	2 00:00:14,960 --> 00:00:16,800 who didn't have any children.
3 00:00:16,800 --> 00:00:21,120 Ši dzítse: <tsi si fátsem sí că nu vem măcsqám?>	3 00:00:16,800 --> 00:00:21,120 They said: <What should we do without a child?>
4 00:00:21,120 --> 00:00:24,520 <Aj si luăm un măcsqám,> dzítse, <că noi im moši.>	4 00:00:21,120 --> 00:00:24,520 <Let us just take a child,> they said, <we are old.>
5 00:00:24,520 --> 00:00:25,240 <No, hai se luăm!>	5 00:00:24,520 --> 00:00:25,240 <Well let's take one!>
6 00:00:25,240 --> 00:00:29,000 Ši dúsiră, láră un măcsqám, ă láră un macsqám.	6 00:00:25,240 --> 00:00:29,000 They went and took a child.
7 00:00:29,000 --> 00:00:33,800 <Cum s-u púnem númea? Čučúi-Măndžúi, Čučúi-Măndžúi.>	7 00:00:29,000 --> 00:00:33,800 <What name should we give it? Choochoo Manjou.>
8 00:00:33,800 --> 00:00:38,240 Căn víni dumínica, bába púsi tǎéndžer cu báclă si ýarbă,	8 00:00:33,800 --> 00:00:38,240 When Sunday arrived, the old lady put a pot to cook beans,
9 00:00:38,240 --> 00:00:41,680 că nu vęaų bíbă. Báclă, pătătă, línti.	9 00:00:38,240 --> 00:00:41,680 Because they had no meat. Beans, potatoes, lentils.

10 00:00:41,680 --> 00:00:44,720 Mo, fără bíbă nu-i tsivá.	10 00:00:41,680 --> 00:00:44,720 It works as well without meat.
11 00:00:44,720 --> 00:00:47,360 Púsi tǵén[žera], dúsiră la băsérică, dzíse:	11 00:00:44,720 --> 00:00:47,360 She put the pan and before they went to church they said:
12 00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:50,600 <Čučúj-Măndžúj, noj nă dútsem la băsérică.	12 00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:50,600 <Choochoo Manjoo, we will go to church now.
13 00:00:50,600 --> 00:00:55,880 Tu s-nu fudž di ȷa ši šozi ȷa un s-ti lăsóm.>	13 00:00:50,600 --> 00:00:55,880 Stay here and sit still where we leave you.>
14 00:00:55,880 --> 00:00:59,720 Ši scúlă că ísi -- si fácă tsevá.	14 00:00:55,880 --> 00:00:59,720 But he got up and wanted to do something.
15 00:00:59,720 --> 00:01:05,160 Ĭa tsí fési? Că fúdzi bába cu móšu ši-u lăsáră mátsa-n cásă,	15 00:00:59,720 --> 00:01:05,160 So what did he do? The old couple had left the cat at home,
16 00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:08,040 u lăsáră mátsa-n cásă.	16 00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:08,040 they had left their cat at home.
17 00:01:08,040 --> 00:01:10,400 Mátsa cǎn ľea vízu Čučúj-Măndžúj, ľă mǎncǒá.	17 00:01:08,040 --> 00:01:10,400 And when the cat saw Choochoo Manjoo, it went to eat him.
18 00:01:10,400 --> 00:01:13,440 Cǒn vín[rǎ] de la băsérică: <Čučúj-Măndžúj, Čučúj?>	18 00:01:10,400 --> 00:01:13,440 When they came back from church: <Choochoo Manjoo?>
19 00:01:13,440 --> 00:01:18,000 Nu ári, nu ári. Ĭúndi sǎ ĩře Čučúj-Măndžúj, mǎcsǒámu?	19 00:01:13,440 --> 00:01:18,000 He was nowhere. Where was Choochoo Manjoo, the child?
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00:01:18,000 --> 00:01:23,200

<Mm, móšuli u vídìm sub pat, u vídìm dúpã úšã, nu-i.

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00:01:23,200 --> 00:01:27,640

Lã bãdžãnic nu-i. Pqãti l-o mãncqã mãtsã.>

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00:01:27,640 --> 00:01:30,080

<M, štiú ò, móšu, l-o mãncqã mãtsã.>

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00:01:30,080 --> 00:01:33,360

<Haj sã ručóm!> Cõn púsirã sã ručqãscã

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00:01:33,360 --> 00:01:35,280

cã-l ardicãrã cãpãcu,

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00:01:35,280 --> 00:01:37,760

Čučúĭ-Mãndžúĭ cã si spãru di mãtsã,

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00:01:37,760 --> 00:01:42,440

cãzù-n tendžerqã cu bãclã, tsi di atúntšqã rãmási.

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00:01:42,440 --> 00:01:45,960

La fu tsísta cã Čučúĭ-Mãndžúĭ si spãru di mãtsã,

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00:01:45,960 --> 00:01:47,840

cãzù-n tíndžerqã cu bãclã.

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00:01:47,840 --> 00:01:49,480

Nu maj štiú mo lãnti pricãzmi.

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Vqã múlti mo, š-nu maj tson mínti ò mo.

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<Oh dear, let's look under the bed, behind the door, nothing.

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He is not even in the chimney, maybe the cat ate him.>

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00:01:27,640 --> 00:01:30,080

<How should I know, old man? The cat ate him.>

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<Let's have dinner!> When they prepared dinner

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00:01:33,360 --> 00:01:35,280

and when she picked up the lid, there he was,

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Choochoo Manjoo frightened by the cat,

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he had fallen into the pot of beans and stayed there.

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Because Choochoo Manjoo was afraid of the cat,

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he had fallen into the pot with beans.

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I don't know any other fairy tales.

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00:01:49,480 --> 00:01:52,720

In the past there were plenty, but I don't remember them.

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31	00:01:52,720 --> 00:01:54,080	Că știi cȃtse?	31	00:01:52,720 --> 00:01:54,080	You know why?
32	00:01:54,080 --> 00:01:59,000	Că ši na spunęau pricázma cȃn na punęá si rupím gárnišór.	32	00:01:54,080 --> 00:01:59,000	Because we told fairy tales, while we worked with wheat.
33	00:01:59,000 --> 00:02:03,440	Cȃn nă punęau să ĩie, nõáptęa si runím gárnišór cu mȃne,	33	00:01:59,000 --> 00:02:03,440	In the evening we separated the wheat from the chaff by hand,
34	00:02:03,440 --> 00:02:07,040	runęám gárnišór, ca s-nu durním: <Haj s-vă spúnă bábă.>	34	00:02:03,440 --> 00:02:07,040	and instead of falling asleep: <Let me tell you a story.>
35	00:02:07,040 --> 00:02:11,080	Nu vęa că mo televizór pricázme, ()	35	00:02:07,040 --> 00:02:11,080	Back then there were no stories on television.
36	00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:12,160	nă stăm păr om cóla	36	00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:12,160	We all stood next to each other
37	00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:13,760	s-nu văvutím prin drúmuri,	37	00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:13,760	and instead of going out on the street,
38	00:02:13,760 --> 00:02:15,840	<Șídets, haj s-vi spúnem úna pricázma!>	38	00:02:13,760 --> 00:02:15,840	<Sit down and listen to a story!>
39	00:02:15,840 --> 00:02:17,600	Mo macsqámi	39	00:02:15,840 --> 00:02:17,600	Now the children
40	00:02:17,600 --> 00:02:20,080	păn-la únu la dóuă tótă nõáptęa bubutés drúmuri.	40	00:02:17,600 --> 00:02:20,080	stroll through the streets until one or two o'clock at night.