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The Pathetic Deaf Man

There was once a man who went to the mountains to cut some firewood. While he was chopping down a tree, a bear came along and clawed and mangled the man very badly. In fact, he was lucky to escape alive. Besides his other wounds, the man's head was clawed so badly that he became half deaf. It was the most painful experience of his life

Sometimes when this poor man was among people who were holding a conversation, he would try to add something to what was being said: "Oh-h-h, that bear Ha-a-a! Yes, he mauled me very badly and made me deaf, too