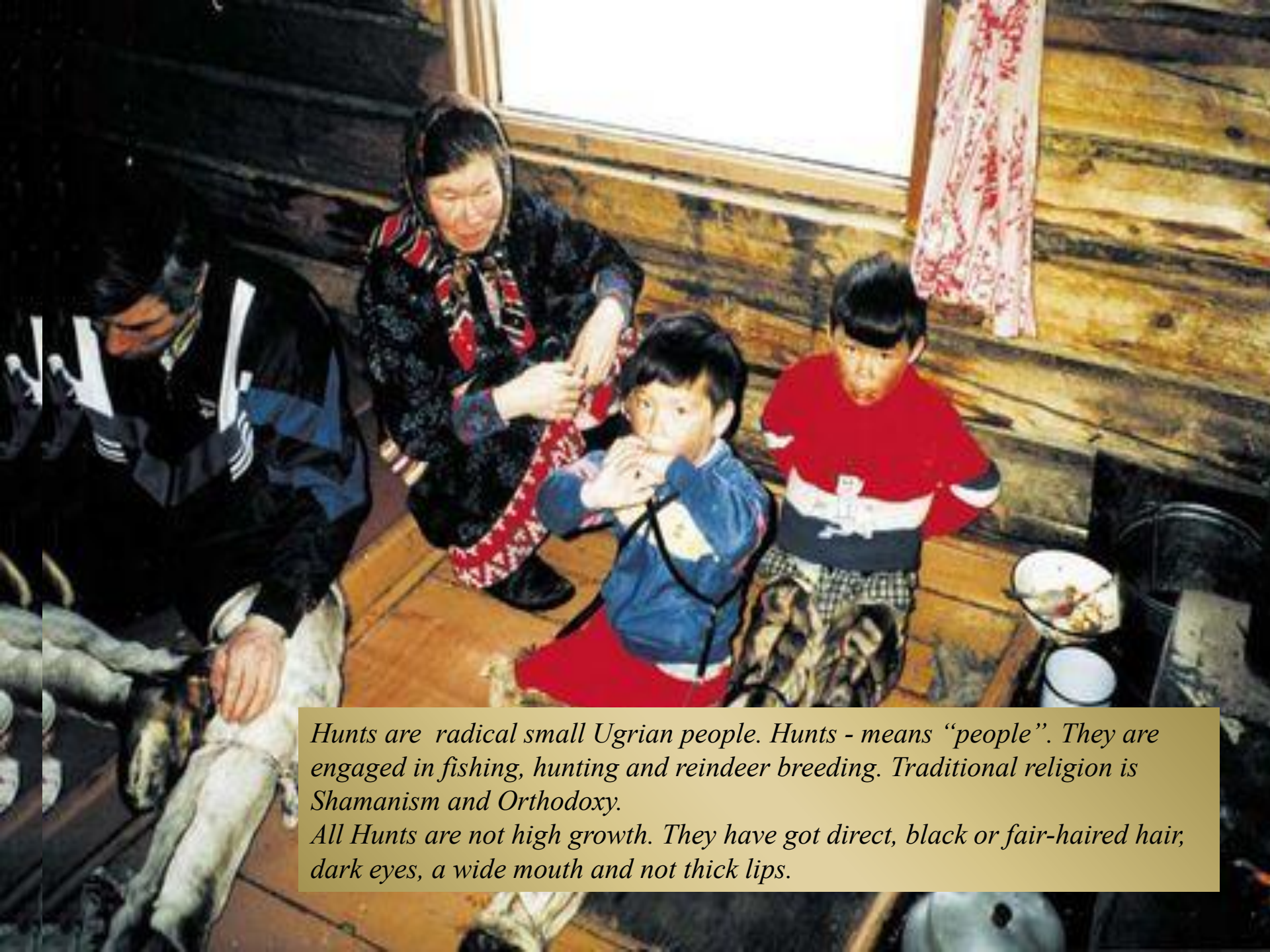


Dear Lehman.



Hunts are radical small Ugrian people. Hunts - means “people”. They are engaged in fishing, hunting and reindeer breeding. Traditional religion is Shamanism and Orthodoxy.

All Hunts are not high growth. They have got direct, black or fair-haired hair, dark eyes, a wide mouth and not thick lips.

THE PROHIBITIONS PLAY THE GREATEST ROLE IN A LIFE OF HUNTS AND MUNCIE. IT IS ESPECIALLY BRIGHTLY SHOWN CONCERNING TO THE GROUND WITH WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE EVEN TO WOUND WITH A SHARP SUBJECT. THERE WERE SEPARATE SITES OF THE GROUND, COAST OF SOME LAKES, SMALL RIVERS ON WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GO. IT WAS NECESSARY TO ATTACH TO SOLES THE BIRCH-BARK



Passing by such places Hunts and Muncie make the certain ceremonies - make a sacrifice (food, butts from a fabric, etc.). Hunts and Muncie made ceremonies of sacrifice in the beginning of a craft, for example fishing or hunting.



During such sacrifices addressed to spirits - to owners of the certain places with the request to give more extraction in a coming season.



The native residents have holidays :the Raven day, the Bear holiday, the Day of Water Spirit, the Ceremony of an entertainment to the moon. I wish to tell you about one of holidays. It is the Bear holiday.



It is the most liked holiday of Hunts and Muncie. The bear is considered the son of Supreme deity Torun, at the same time he is the son of the woman and the brother of her children, and therefore Hunts and Muncie perceive him as the brother. He is the personification of the Supreme validity, he is the owner of a taiga.



Each successful hunting for a bear is accompanied by a holiday. The people try to remove from themselves fault for their murder and make ceremonies. It leads to well-being of all participants of a holiday.

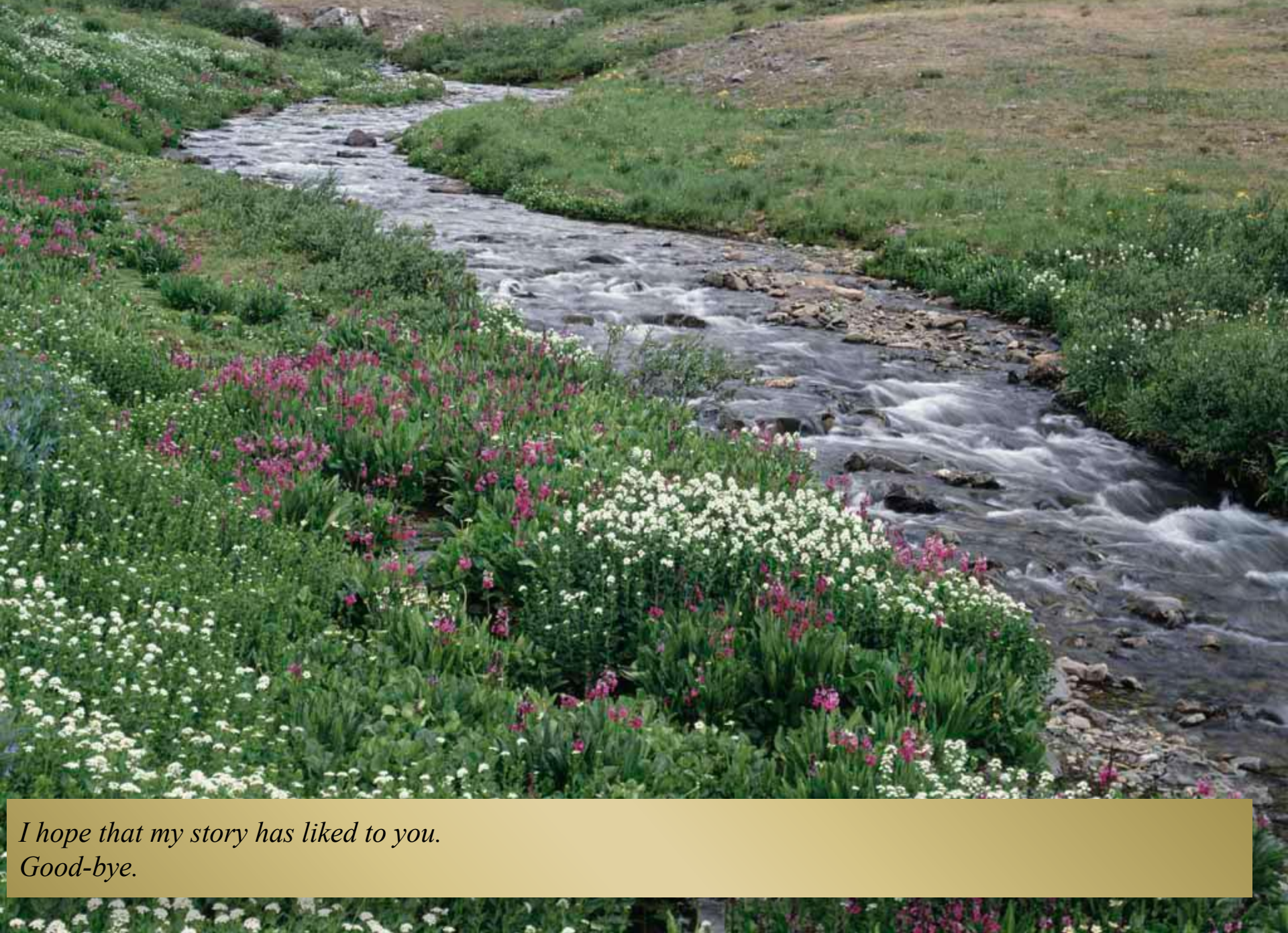




A skin of a bear curtailed, and paws decorated a head rings, tapes, scarves and stacked in a forward corner of the house in a so-called sacrificial pose, with the head put between extended forepaws

After that people arranged representations in masks. In first half of night necessarily execute the dances devoted to the main meaning. The second half when they ate the bear meat had special value, saw off soul of a bear on the sky, and guessed about forthcoming hunting.





*I hope that my story has liked to you.
Good-bye.*