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# Starkotter, Öinne and Bock

A Local Tale  
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All

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A

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B

One of the most gently giants was Starkotter.

*Starkotter enters roaring and throwing things around him trying to scare everyone.*

**Starkotter**

Oh, ah, I am so lonely here in Alfta, if I only had someone like me to play with.

If I had, I should kick him around and punch him until he begged me to stop.....

Then I would start all over again.

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*A strong noise is heard. It's like someone is heaving giant rocks not far away.*

**Önne**

Oh, I really like it here in the mountains. It's as wild and unfriendly as you can wish. At this place I will settle and this rough mountain top I will call Önne Hill. I can rest here after my fights in far-away countries.

*He stretches out on the ground and takes a mouthful of raw meat from a dead bear.*

*He falls asleep.*

*Starkotters head is seen in the background, he looks very happy. He walks up to the sleeping Önne, with his big wooden stick lifted over his head, ready to kill the sleeping giant.*

*At the same moment he's ready to hit Önne, a voice is heard.*

**Bock**

Hi ho, hi ho, what do I see? It looks like a pleasant fight just in front of Bocks wandering feet. Well, well, I think today is my lucky day.

*With one leap he reaches Starkotters stick and stops him from killing Önne. The both giants fight in a dancelike manner (oxdansen) and the entire nature sings.*

**All**

*Do do, do do, do do, do do, do. Clap the hands.*

*Do do, do do, do do, do do, do. Clap the hands...and so on.*

*Awaken by the noise of the fight, Starkotter joins the "dance".*

*At the time when each one of them has a strangling grip around the neck of one of the others, and they all walks round in a circle, weaker and weaker for each step because of the loss of air, suddenly two young women appear.*

**All**

*Imitates, sounds like, happy birds.*

*The three men see the women, but they think they are dreaming. They just sit there with a happy grin in their faces.*

**Kotta**

Önna! Do I really see what I think I see?

Do I see men?

**Önna**

Yes, Kotta, there are men!

*They get very excited.*

**Kotta**

Fine, let's go and get them.

**Önna**

But Kotta, there are three men, and we are only two women.

**Kotta**

I can do with two men; if I get tired of one I can love the other one.

**Önna**

Two men!? That was a good idea. You're so smart Kotta.

I too would like it better with two...

*She walks towards the men.*

**Kotta**

Stop Önna, it was my idea. I'm the one that shall have two men

*She grabs Önnas hair and tries to stop her..*

**All**

Do do, do, do do, do, do, do. *Clap the hands.*

Do do, do, do do, do, do, do. *Clap the hands...and so on.*

*Önna then grabs Kottas hair. They both scream loudly.*

**Starkotter**

Oh, what a beautiful sight...girls...

**Önne**

...fighting and screaming...I think I'm in love...

**Bock.**

...beautiful strong girls... look at that steady grip in the hair...oh...

**Sarkotter, Önne and Bock.**

Ho, ho, young girls...

*The girls stop the fight and suddenly act very shy.*

**Starkotter, Önne and Bock.**

These girls are mine..

Come and follow me

You are meant for me...

*Starkotter and Öinne walks towards the women. Bock find Starkotters stick and knock  
Stakotter and Öinne so they faint.*

*Bock puts his arms around the waist of the two women and happily walks away.*

**Starkotter**

*He takes his wooden stick ready to kill Öinne.*

**Öinne**

What are you doing? If you kill me you'll never get a hold of the girls.

**Starkotter**

If I get rid of you, I only have to kill Bock to get the girls.

**Öinne**

Starkotter, there are two girls and you and I are two men. If we kill Bock we can take  
one girl each ...

**Starkotter**

You're right. Let's go!

*They sneak away. Musik: The James Bond Theme.*

**A**

Starkotter grabbed hold of Kotta...

*We see Starkotter and Kotta walking away together.*

**B**

...and Öinne got Öinna..

*We see Öinne and Öinna walking away together.*

**C**

Starkotter forced Öinne...

**D**

...to move far away from him..

**E**

...all the way to The Cottage Lake in Järvsö...

**F**

Starkotter and Kotta got children...

**G**

...and so did Öinne and Öinna..

H

...many, many children...

I

Starkotter and Kotta got thousands and thousands...

J

...and so did Öinne and Öinna...

K

...then they got grandchildren...

L

...and so did...

All

We know!

M

...and grand grandchildren..

N

...and grand grand grand grandchildren...

O

Starkotter became very, very old...

P

...and

All

...and so did Öinne!

A

Both of them lived happy and in peace with everybody.

*Starkotters home.*

**Starkotter**

*Very angry.*

I've been told that this rotten and unreliable Öinne trespass my land.  
I can't tolerate his feet on my territory. We must stop that before he takes it all.

**Starkotters family**

We must stop that! We must stop Öinne!

*Önnes home.*

**Önne**

Starkotters sons and grandsons are building huts on our side of the river.

We can't accept such a behavior!

**Önnes family**

No, we can't accept that! We can't stand Starkotter!

**Önne**

I will hunt; when I come back I know how to solve this problem.

*Starkotters home.*

**Starkotter**

*Starkotter takes his longbow and spear.*

When I'm home; I know the way out of this situation.

*Starkotter and Önne walk in the forest thinking. They kick and throw stones and whatever comes in their way.*

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*Önne throws a stone which happens to land in the head of Starkotter.*

**Starkotter**

Oh, I bet this stone was flung by that traitor Önne.

Ah, when I find him...

**Önne**

Well, well, well, Starkotter is trying to kill me.

But he won't succeed. He doesn't see me, but I can see him clearly.

Ho, ho, ho, ho.

*He puts an arrow in the longbow.*

Finally I will get rid of you. I've been waiting for this moment for hundreds and

hundreds of years.

*He stretches the longbow.*

Good bye, you false and mean creature. The world will be a better place without you.

*The arrow kills Starkotter.*

From now and on I will rule alone.

*One of Starkotters sons has seen the murder of his father. He hurries back to the family.*

### **The son**

The founder of our family, the most respected father of as all, Starkotter has been killed.

*The family cries and swears.*

### **The son**

The murderer was Önnel!

### **The family**

Revenge! Revenge! Revenge!

Önne must die!

Önne must die!

He and his family want our land!

Stop him! Stop him! Stop him!

Kill him! Kill him! Kill him!

*They all pick up weapons and hurry away.*

### **All**

*Strong voices to the accompaniment of drums.*

Do do, do, do do, do, do, do. *Clap the hands.*

Do do, do, do do, do, do, do. *Clap the hands...and so on.*

*When they arrive to the border, Önnel and his family already waits for them, armed to the teeth.*

*The music is getting stronger, the two armies walk slowly towards each others with the arms raised. When their weapons have touched the enemies they freeze.*

### **A**

Önnes family won the battle.



**B**

They drove Starkotters family away from their land...

**C**

...and called it The Country of Önne.

**D**

They didn't tolerate anyone...

**E**

...of Starkotters ancestors...

**F**

...to live in their territory...

**G**

Then The Starkotters came back...

**H**

...and regained their land...

**I**

... and...

**All**

We know! We know!

It...

...all ...

...started...

...all over..

...again and...

...again and...

...a

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