THE MAN WHO KEPT HOUSE

0101 Once upon a time there was a woodman
0102 who thought he worked as hard as
0103 he did. One evening when he came home
0104 from work, he said to his wife, "What do you
0105 do all day while I am away, cutting wood?"
0106 "I keep house," replied the wife. "And
0107 keep house is hard work."
0108 "Hard work!" said the husband. "You don't seem"
0109 to know what hard work is! You should try
0110 cutting wood!"
0111 "I'd be glad to," said the wife.
0112 "Why don't you do my work some day? I'll
0113 stay home and keep house," said the woodman.
0114 "If you stay home to do my work, you'll
0115 have to make butter, wash water from the
0116 well, wash the clothes, clean the house, and
0117 look after the baby," said the wife.
0118 "I can do all that," replied the husband.

0119 "We'll do it tomorrow!"

0201 So the next morning the wife went off to the forest. The husband stayed home and began to do his wife's work.

0203 He began to make some butter. As he put the cream into the churn, he said, "This is not going to be hard work. All I have to do is sit here and move the stick up and down."

0205 Soon the cream will turn into butter."

0206 Just then the woodman heard the baby crying. He looked around, but he could not see her. She was not in the house.

0212 he ran outside to look for her. He found the baby at the far end of the garden and brought her back to the house.

0214 In his hurry, the woodman had left the door open behind him. When he got back to the house, he saw a big pig inside with its nose in the churn. "Get out! Get out!"

0303 The big pig ran around and around the
0307 room. It bumped into the k- chum, knocking it
0308 over. The cream splashed all over the room.

0309 Out the door went the pig.

0310 "Now I've got more work to do," said the
0311 man. "I'll have to wash everything in this
0312 house. Perhaps keeping house is harder work
0313 than I thought." He took a bucket and went
0314 to the well for some water. When he came

0315 back, the baby was crying.

0316 "Poor baby, you must be hungry," said the
0317 woodman. "I'll make some porridge for you.

0318 I'll light a fire in the fireplace, and the

0319 porridge will be ready in a few minutes.

0320 Just as the husband was pouring the

0321 water into the big pot, he heard the cow

0401 mooing outside the door. "I guess the cow is

0402 hungry, too," he thought. "No one has given

0403 her any grass to eat or any water to drink

0404 today."

0405 Felt proud

0406 The man left the porridge to cook on the

0407 fire and turned outside. He gave the cow

0408 some water.
I haven't time to find any grass for you.

Now, he said to the cow, "I'll put you up on the roof. You'll find something to eat up there."

The man put the cow on top of the house. After that, he was afraid that she would fall off himself and hurt herself. So he put one end of a rope around the cow's neck. He dropped the other end down the chimney.

Then he climbed down from the roof and went into the house. He pulled the end of the rope out of the fireplace and put it around his left leg.

"Now I can finish making this porridge."

This said the woodman. "And the cow will be safe.

But the man spoke too soon. For just then the cow fell off the roof. She pulled him up the chimney by the rope. There she hung.

The cow hung upside down over the porridge pot. As for the ground, and there she had to stay.
It was not very long before the woodman's wife came home. As she came near the house, she could hear the cow mooing, the baby crying, and her husband shouting for help. She hurried up the path. She cut the rope from the cow's neck. As she did so, the cow fell down to the ground, and the husband dropped dead first down the chimney.

When the wife went into the house, she saw her husband with his legs up the chimney and his head in the porridge pot. From that day on, the husband went into the forest every day to cut wood. The wife never did the woodman say to his wife, "What did you do all day?" Never again did he tell his wife that he would stay home and keep house.
E: Well, the man he...when he came home from cutting the wood he um...he...he said to his wife that...that um...he...he started complaining that h...she doesn't do hard work and and that he does hard work and then...then the wife said, "I do hard work, too." And then so...so...and so they said um the man said, "I'll stay here at home, you'll go cut the wood at my work. And she said...they said, "OK." And so the old...so they started working and the man he start...he started to...["I FORGOT"]. He started...he started to clean the house, take care of it, and...and he...then the chill...the kids...the little girl started crying he...and he went back outside...he went back outside to check if she was still there but she was gone. And then...and then...then when she s......he said, "Maybe you're hungry[SHRUGS SHOULDERS]...maybe you're hungry." So I made her some porridge. He...he...he...he was gonna get fire. He was gonna put in the fireplace and cook it. And he went to the well and put some water in there. And when he went...when he went to the well he saw...he saw the cow...uh...mooing...he heard the cow moo and he said, "Maybe you're hungry while I'm...maybe you're hungry too." So he went back inside and got some water. And he said, "I can't give you some grass right now." S...he got...So he got the rope, and he tied it around the leg and then he started pulling and put it up the roof. And he he it went over the the the big pot. "I forgot about the pig!" (puts hand to face).

Y: Well, you can still tell me about it.

E: Oh, first...and then the...when he goes back the pig was all over, sniffing all over the food. And then...um...then the...the and then...the...the pig kept on going around and around and then he spilled...um...he spilled something on...on one room. And...and...and then he saw...when he saw...when he saw the man, he ran...he ran outside, the pig ran outside and then and then the...the baby started crying and then he said that he..."Maybe you're hungry, so I'll keep...cook...cook you some porridge." And then he...so he went outside and got some water and saw a cow so he started pulling the the rope up and it went over the porridge and on it and...and then...and then it...I...and then it...he wrapped it around his leg and then then and then the cow fell (laughs) and it pulled him up and then the la...the wife came home and saw the baby crying and then the man wrapped around with he...his...the powder spilled on him and the rope around him. And...and...and he ne...he nev...and then after this he caught the pig and fixed the house and all that, he never again asked her why did...um...um...he never asked her again that she didn't do hard work or something li...he doesn't...he never just asked her again.

Y: Why do you think he never asked her again?

E: He doesn't want to do hard work again (laughs/group laughs). House cleaning.