

Pic, Topicality, and Discourse in Pahka'anil (Tübatulabal)

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1. Introduction

Pahka'anil, otherwise known as Tübatulabal, is an Uto-Aztecan language originating from Southern California. While there are currently no native speakers of Pahka'anil, there is a revitalization project underway based in the Pahka'anil offices in Lake Isabella, CA, and classes are currently taught to the community by tribal leaders at Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC) in Lake Isabella, CA¹. The foundation for these classes is a pedagogical grammar developed by Lindsay Marean and others at OVCDC². This grammar is mostly based on three published works by linguistic anthropologist Charles Voegelin: a descriptive grammar of the language (1935a), 27 transcriptions of oral narratives (1935b), and a working lexicon (1958).

Voegelin's grammar is invaluable to the revitalization effort and linguistic research. It has a very detailed phonology section along with morphology and syntax sections and one complete text ("The Power of Jimsonweed" see Appendix D) with detailed notes and some parsing of morphemes. While this grammar has been the building blocks for the revitalization effort as well as my own understanding of the language, the glaring omission of any section dedicated to discourse presents an important gap. This is especially true for learners of the language when considering the need to speak the language conversationally and the possibilities of developing more narratives in the language. Luckily, Voegelin's (1935b) collection of 27 more texts (besides "The Power of Jimsonweed") is a good place to start to ameliorate the lack of discourse research on Pahka'anil.

¹ <http://www.ovcdc.com/blog/locations/lake-isabella/>

² Unpublished manuscript unavailable for research use at this time.

In the Pahka'anil texts (Voegelin, 1935b), there are some noticeable patterns that immediately strike the reader. One of these patterns is the use of the word *pic* (in Pahka'anil orthography, IPA: /piʃ/); *pic* is immediately recognizable as starting most utterances in the narratives. In the text "The Deer Dream" (Appendix A) alone, which is a transcription of a spoken narrative recounting a dream by Steban Miranda, *pic* begins 7 of the 11 lines. Since this word is suspiciously ubiquitous, the possibilities of it being a crucial component of discourse structures is high. Voegelin glossed the word as the English *then*. If *pic* is functioning beyond the clausal level and related to discourse patterns, then its function is likely more complicated than the lexical meaning and function of the English *then* which is primarily used for connecting sequences of utterances and as a conditional in if/then type constructions. Besides connecting speech as *then*, *pic* also seems to function within the narrative of the story. Similar to other distinctions between main line and background information in narratives involving syntactic changes (Longacre, 1996 & Payne, 2015), there seems to be a change in the type of information being conveyed when *pic* begins an utterance both in terms of "topic" and "focus" elements (Chafe, 1987) as well as in differentiating between certain types of events in the narrative. Furthermore, in some instances *pic* is the host of other clitics such as *-gitc* (IPA: /-gitʃ/) which Voegelin (1935a) glosses as a quotative marker) such as in the story "Concerning Bears" (Appendix B). In yet other places, it even hosts other adverbs ("The Power of Jimsonweed" Appendix D). It could also be functioning to show some kind of relation to the previous utterance such as the English discourse marker *so*.

In order to identify and explore the general usage of *pic*, three research questions will guide the current study: (1) What is the relationship between *pic* and topic elements? (2) Which

functions does *pic* have as a discourse marker in the texts? and (3) Is there a direct relationship between the use of *pic* and narrative structure or narrative events? In order to develop hypotheses for these questions, a look at the relevant literature regarding topicality, discourse markers, main event lines, and previous research on *pic* is necessary (Section 2). This will be followed by preliminaries on Pahka'anil morphosyntax (3), the research methodology (4), sections on *pic* and topicality (5), *pic* and sequences of events and main event lines (6) and a conclusion (7).

2. Literature Review

In order to begin the exploration of Pahka'anil discourse, we must first consider a number of particularly relevant concepts in light of the previous literature. We will begin with discourse literature before looking at Voegelin's (1935a) statements on *pic*.

2.1 Discourse markers

Voegelin's (1935a) original glossing of *pic* as the time adverbial *then* could be an indication of its use as a discourse marker since time adverbials are likely candidates to be grammaticalized as discourse markers (Maschler & Schiffin, 2015). Before evaluating the significance of this classification, an overview of discourse markers and their functions is necessary. Maschler and Schiffin (2015) give an outline of multiple approaches to understanding and classifying discourse markers. They define discourse markers as "nonobligatory utterance-initial items that function in relation to ongoing talk and text" (191). Such items can perform a variety of functions, all of which have an extra-clausal relationship.

The most influential research on these functions can be divided into three subgroups: discourse, pragmatic, and interactional. For examining the potential functions of *pic* within discourse and narrative, Schiffrin's discourse based approach is the most relevant. Schiffrin's discourse based approach examines potential discourse markers based on their distribution and the context to determine function. Items as diverse as adverbs, lexicalized phrases, conjunctions and interjections are all commonly functioning on a discourse level. She divides these functions into local and global functions which either relate propositions on the same plane (two adjacent utterances) or on different planes (non-adjacent utterances). Perhaps most importantly, she describes discourse markers as multifunctional or as operating at multiple levels at once; this includes discourse markers also performing functions related to their semantic meanings as well as purely discourse related functions. An example of this multi-functionality in English can be found in the discourse marker *so* operating as a sequence-connecting discourse marker (local), an episode-initial discourse marker (global), and as a result construction based on its lexical meaning.

2.2 Relational propositions

Relational propositions, as outlined by Mann and Thompson (1986), are locally functioning propositions that have a relationship to each other which cannot be reduced to either proposition and, therefore, their function lies on the discourse level rather than the clausal level. Determined completely by the context and semantics of the sentences, Mann and Thompson call this type of connection of clauses relationship predicates. There are fifteen different ways that a clause can predicate a preceding clause: solutionhood, evidence, justification, motivation, reason,

sequence, enablement, elaboration, restatement, condition, circumstance, cause, concession, background, and thesis-antithesis. While all of these types of relationship predicates will be considered as clauses are examined, sequence is of a priori importance for this study since Voegelin's gloss of *pic* as *then* implies it creates a sequential relationship with the previous clause. Mann and Thompson (1986) define sequence as being established "when the two parts of the text convey events, where the second is understood to follow the first" (63). When examining a sequence of events, we should see a clear temporal relationship between two consecutive lines in the text.

2.3 Main and non-main event lines in narrative

Beyond a simple sequence of events, if the events that follow each other temporally are connected by *pic*, then there is a possibility that they are crucial for telling a narrative since all narratives involve events unfolding over time. Events in a narrative are commonly organized by main events and non-main events. If *pic* is connecting events in a clausal sequence, then it could have some relationship to main-event lines and narrative development within the text. In order to determine this, Payne (2015) provides an effective methodology. While examining clause combining and main event lines in Maa (Nilotic), Payne acknowledges the problematic nature of distinguishing main event lines from non-main event lines by the common imperfective (non-main event lines) and perfective (main event line) distinction; when main event lines are defined by aspect, then the rationale that a line is a main event line is based on the fact that it has a verb with that particular aspect in the line. This argument is circular and not very enlightening on the off chance that a main event line does not happen to be in the previously determined perfective

aspect for main event lines. Rather than define main events grammatically and then search through texts for particular grammatical features and label the lines that carry them main event lines, Payne develops a methodology based on the structure of events themselves. While non-main events can overlap and give background information or descriptions, main events for a single story do not overlap with other main events; they form a coherent thread occurring in single file from the beginning to the end of the narrative. Payne acknowledges that there may be some sub-narratives that overlap, but these are, in a way, part of a different story and these events also do not seem to overlap with events in their own story. Connecting main event lines is a global function beyond the local sequencing function because being marked as a main event can relate clauses to each other that are many lines apart rather than just connecting a clause with its preceding clause. When examining the sequencing of clauses that utilize *pic*, attention must be given to whether these lines are main event or non-main event lines based on Payne's methodology.

2.4 Topicality

Besides the utterance-initial position of *pic* indicating its use as a discourse marker and its potential narrative functions, there may be other reasons for placing *pic* in such a position. Chafe (1987) shows that we have cognitive limitations on why certain words are placed at the beginning and end of utterances cross-linguistically; the beginning of the utterance is reserved for familiar or topicalized content in order to establish a link to earlier discourse and common ground with the listener. This is because there is a certain set of "active" concepts at any given time that can be used as "given" information which relate either to a schema activated by the

content of the discourse (“teacher” and “homework” would be activated if the content of the discourse was “school”) or something that is always activated in discourse, namely the first and second person engaged in the discourse. After the established “given” content, an utterance may contain one “new” element which will then become activated from either an inactive or semi-active state based on how recently it was uttered or how closely it is related to the active schema. More than one new element and the cognitive load becomes too burdensome to facilitate an effective discourse. Hence, the tendency for sentences and utterances to start with a topic and have only one focus is cognitively necessary. Therefore, since topics and *pic* are both mostly utterance initial, particular attention must be given to whether *pic* is a topic marker in Pahka'anil.

2.5 Statements on *pic* in Voegelin's grammar and texts

Pic noticeably starts most utterances in the Pahka'anil texts (Voegelin 1935b). Despite its ubiquity, *pic* is only described once in Voegelin's grammar (1935a) in section 40 “Independent Particles” part 6 “Modal and Nexus Particles.” Of this grouping of words, Voegelin says, “The particles of this group are characterized by a vague meaning; when no translation is possible, the particle is termed an ‘empty word’” (177). Luckily, *pic* is not glossed as an “empty word” and we have a starting point for our endeavor. Instead, Voegelin glosses *pic* as the English *then*. This glossing has its reason; like *then*, *pic* appears to connect two lines of discourse sequentially. Even from glancing at texts, connecting sequences appears to be at least among its functions. Although, that is where the comparisons end since *pic* does not seem to have the functions of a time adverbial that *then* does but only the sequential function. Furthermore, since *pic* is always utterance initial and has a vague lexical meaning, we can hypothesize that it is a discourse

marker and possibly multi-functional on local and global levels. In order to examine *pic* and determine how it could be related to discourse in general and topicality, sequences and main event lines in particular, first we must outline some basic Pahka'anil morphosyntax.

3. Preliminaries on Pahka'anil

Besides an overview of the discourse concepts relevant to this research, some preliminaries on the morphosyntax of Pahka'anil are necessary to outline. After the morphological and syntactic structure of Pahka'anil is explored, some hypotheses about the functions of *pic* will be postulated.

3.1. Morphological and syntactic overview

Voegelin (1935a) describes Pahka'anil with a strict nominative/accusative alignment. Also, due to the high amount of morphemes per word the language is polysynthetic rather than analytic. While some morphemes exhibit more fusional meanings such as pronominal forms expressing number and person, most Pahka'anil morphology can be classified as agglutinative as most morphemes have only one meaning per form. In terms of word order, while Voegelin (1935a) states that word order can vary and head initial utterances exist (134), he identifies verb final patterns as being the most common. For example, both of the following utterances from Voegelin (1935a) are acceptable in Pahka'anil but the second is much more common (IPA and interlinearization are mine):

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|----|----|-------------------------|----|---------------|
| | V | -S | | O |
| 1. | 1. | tika-ki ³ | | tapiŋi:-l-a |
| | | eat.ATEL-1SG.SBJ | | bread-ABS-OBJ |
| | | 'I am eating the bread' | | |
| | | | | |
| | O | | -S | V |
| | 2. | tapiŋi:-l-a-gi | | tika-t |
| | | bread-ABS-OBJ-1SG.SBJ | | eat-ATEL |
| | | 'I am eating the bread' | | |

Neither number 1.1 nor 1.2 from this example show a free subject and since Voegelin never mentions where a free subject is typically found in an utterance, the common word order is difficult to determine with both OV and VO word orders being present. Since the objects are marked differently from the subjects, it appears, at least at the time of this research, that the subject is as variable in its placement as the object.

But while the verb, object, and presumably the subject can vary in their placements, Voegelin describes subject clitics as often attaching to the first element of an utterance (134). This structure is very common throughout all of the texts analyzed here. While the subject clitic is the most common pronoun to attach to the first element of an utterance, it is possible for a pronominal object clitic to attach to the first element as well. The first two lines from “The Power of Jimsonweed” (Voegelin 1935a, see Appendix D) show the subject pronominal clitic attaching to the first element in the first line (2.1) and the object pronominal clitic in the second (2.2) (IPA and interlinearization mine; all line numbers are marked for the specific example. The Appendix letter and the line numbers within that text are listed after the examples):

³ While the subject markers on the verb in 1.1 and the noun in 1.2 are clitics, I've elected not to mark them for this particular study as they are not crucial to my analysis.

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|----|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| | -S | V | | O |
| 2. | 1. piʃ- ki | tumu:ga | wa-l | a:dzowa:-l-a |
| | then- 1SG.SBJ | dream.TEL | DEM-OBJ | shaman-ABS-OBJ |
| | <i>'So I dreamt of that shaman'</i> | | | |

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | -O | V | | | | |
| 2. | piʃ- nm | ala:w-in-at | maf-pi | hal-it | ih | ig-it |
| | then- 1SG.OBJ | talk-VI-A TEL | INTER-2SG.SBJ | sit-A TEL | here | say-A TEL |
| | <i>'Then, talking to me, she says, why are you sitting here?'</i> | | | | | |

(From Appendix D: 1-2)

Taking note that a pronoun attaching to the first element is very common, for the most part word order seems variable, and pronouns can clearly be dropped since the subject (/a:dzowa:la/) of the first verb (/ala:winat/) in example 2.2 is absent; there are likely discourse purposes for the arrangements of words and whether a subject or object is first in an utterance or omitted entirely.

3.2. *Pic*, discourse marking, and topicality: Some initial hypotheses

Considering Voegelin's grammar (1935a), Chafe (1987) on given and new information and topicality, previous work on discourse markers (Maschler & Schiffrin, 2015), relational propositions (Mann & Thompson, 1986), and main event line distinctions (Payne, 2015), I attempt to develop hypotheses to the following research questions: (1) What is the relationship between *pic* and topic elements? (2) Which functions does *pic* have as a discourse marker in the texts? and (3) Is there a direct relationship between the use of *pic* and narrative structure or narrative events? As stated above, time adverbials often become multifunctional discourse markers. Besides a potential history as a grammaticalized time adverbial, *pic* would clearly fit Schiffrin's description of a discourse marker since it is non-obligatory, always utterance initial,

and relates utterances in an extended discourse; its purpose seemingly can only be defined beyond the scope of the clause, i.e. within discourse. The most salient relationship that *pic* establishes between two clauses, is shown by its gloss of *then* which is one of sequence; *pic* appears to connect a line sequentially to the previous utterance. However, a close look at the texts will determine if there are global functions in addition to this local function, and, preliminarily, I hypothesize that *pic* may have global functions in regards to main event lines as well as the local sequential function. Furthermore, from examples of both subject clitics and object clitics (examples 2.1 and 2.2 above, respectively) being hosted by *pic* in the utterance initial position, it seems likely that *pic* could be hosting “given” concepts (Chafe, 1987) and thus be a topic marker in Pahka’anil.

4. Methodology

In order to examine the functions of *pic* and develop a more nuanced understanding of its functions as well as acquire an explanation for its ubiquity, the current study approaches the problem in a variety of ways. For the first research question (1) What is the relationship between *pic* and topic elements?, two methods are employed. Firstly, I created a corpus by manually entering in 26 Tübatulabal texts from Voegelin (1935b) and the one full text from Voegelin (1935a). This corpus contains 6104 word tokens and 1379 word types. Using AntConc, I conduct a word count to see how frequent *pic* is in the texts. I utilize the regex search `\\.s+pic` to find all instances where *pic* is utterance initial. The remaining instances (only 17) are easy to isolate. Next, I use the regex search `pic[-\s]\S+` to find all instances of *pic* and the word directly after it (including clitics which are not separated from *pic* by a space but by a hyphen). Each word that

follows *pic* is categorized by part of speech. The results are examined in terms of discourse possibilities to develop possible hypotheses about the topicality functions of *pic* apparent through its distribution and the parts of speech of the subsequent words. Next, each individual occurrence of *pic* in the texts “The Deer Dream” (Appendix A), “Concerning Bears” (Appendix B), “How the Earth was Made” (Appendix C), and “The Power of Jimsonweed” (Appendix D) is examined. These texts were chosen because they vary in content from recounting a dream to myths to autobiography and were short enough to analyze every line and occurrence of *pic*. The texts are analyzed in terms of how each utterance introduced by *pic* relates to previous clauses, which parts of speech come immediately after *pic*, and whether or not the word after *pic* is topical. Topicality is determined by strictly following Chafe (1987) in equating topical content as that which is given or assumed in the schema of a discourse. For the next two questions (2) Which functions does *pic* have as a discourse marker in the texts? and (3) Is there a direct relationship with *pic* and narrative structure or narrative events?, I continue the textual analysis of *pic* by analyzing the events that come after *pic* in two ways. Firstly, whether or not the lines are sequential or contain any other apparent discourse relationship using Mann & Thompson (1986) as a guide for local relational functions within a discourse. The second examination is following Payne (2015) as discussed in the literature review in examining main event lines and determining whether or not the lines containing *pic* are overlapping or strictly in a single time line to determine if *pic* is related to main line events. My analysis, results, and hypotheses are presented in two sections: *Pic* and Topicality (5) and *Pic*, Sequence of Events, and Main Event Lines (6). All references to texts are numbered based on the example number within this study

with the appendix letter and line numbers within the original texts underneath the example. See the appendices for the full interlinearized texts.

5. *Pic* and Topicality

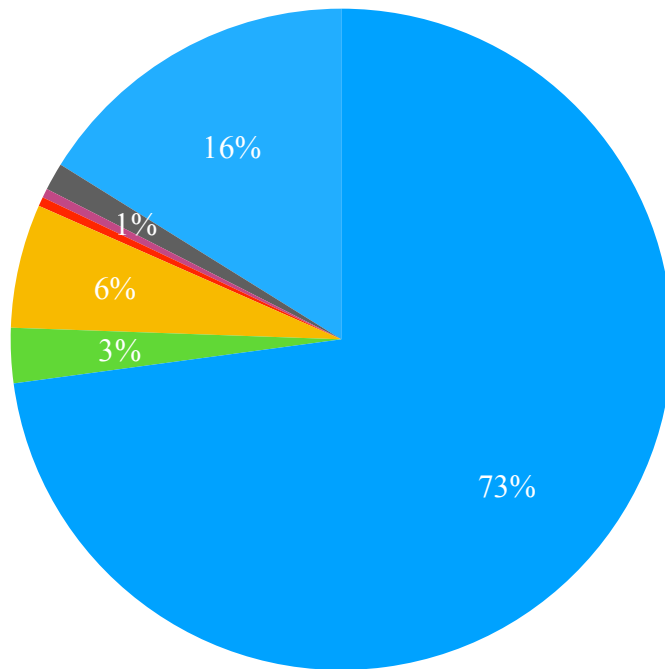
5.1 Corpus analysis of *pic* and subsequent words' parts of speech

After performing the word count, *pic* is the second most used word in the texts after the quotative/evidential marker *-gitc* (which is understandable since most of these texts are myths and therefore use the *-gitc* marker on most utterances). Of the 6104 word tokens, *pic* appears 446 times or once every 13.7 words. Of these 446 times, the utterance initial regex search showed that it begins an utterance 429 times. Furthermore, for each of the 17 other times, it still begins an independent clause; since the lines are based on a spoken text, Voegelin's distinction between lines could be less useful than counting independent clauses as utterances. If we follow this criterion, *pic* could be said to always be utterance initial. A word this frequent and ubiquitous across the different contexts of the texts is likely used more for its functionality than its semantics. These first statistics give us strong evidence that *pic* is indeed a discourse marker in Pahka'anil.

However, while we can likely determine that *pic* is a discourse marker, the relationship between *pic* and topic is harder to discern from the corpus searches; the results of the word search for the part of speech directly after *pic* are more complicated. Chart 1 shows the raw data from this search. The most common word after *pic* is the clitic *-gitc* which follows *pic* 325 out of the 446 occurrences or 73% of the time. Since *-gitc* is the most common word in the corpus (it appears 772 times), this is not surprising, but it does not provide us with any insight into how *pic*

● -gite ● DEM ● NOUN ● NEG ● ADV ● VERB ● PRO

Chart 1

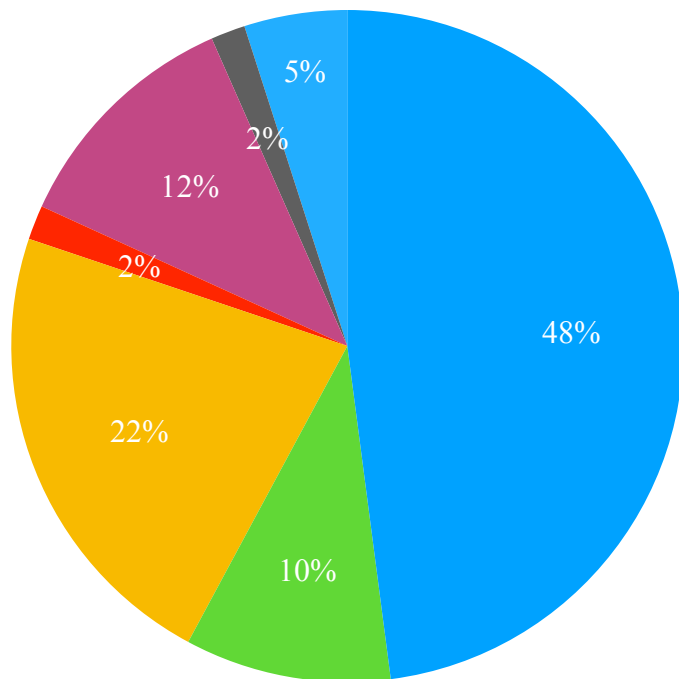


could be related to topicality. The next most common word class to follow *pic* are personal pronouns which occur 72 out of the 446 times.

However, if we divide the category of personal pronouns into first person and

● 1SG ● DEM ● NOUN ● NEG ● PRO (not 1SG) ● ADV ● VERB

Chart 2



the rest, we can see that the first person pronouns occur 58 of those 72 times. Next common are the nouns with 27 times, then the rest of the pronouns with 14, demonstratives with 12, verbs with 6, and lastly negative

particles and adverbs with 2 each. Chart 2 shows the percentages of the parts of speech (other than *-gitc*) with the first person pronouns separated from the others.

From the results, we can see that the most frequent word following *pic* is *-gitc*. This actually provides us with considerable evidence that *pic* cannot be a topic marker since a quotative/evidential marker cannot be topicalized⁴. There are a few reasons why *pic* and *-gitc* could be appearing together so frequently. Firstly, *pic* and *-gitc* both (almost) always appear at the beginning of an utterance with or without the other. And while *pic* is the first word of its utterance and can host clitics, *-gitc* is a clitic that always attaches to the first word of an utterance. Besides *-gitc*, when we consider the other words that follow *pic*, we can see that virtually every part of speech follows it. Like the quotative/evidential marker, verbs are likely not topicalized either and thus add to the evidence that *pic* is not related to topicality. One component of the data that could provide evidence that *pic* is a topic marker is the fact that the majority of words besides *-gitc* that follow it are pronouns followed by nouns. Pronouns and nouns are often agents which are usually topicalized. This is compounded by the fact that most of those words are the first person pronoun which is inherently topical⁵ (Chafe, 1987). However, when considering the fact that pronouns in Pahka'anil are usually in their clitic form and attach to any first element of an utterance, the coincidence of *pic* and pronouns is far from evidence for *pic* being a topic marker.

⁴ Function words such as *-gitc*, verbs, and adverbs are not typically topicalized due to the fact that a topic usually refers to some entity that is “given” information within a particular schema that should be understandable to the speaker and the listener; words without particular referents are rarely topicalized since they do not relate to the entities within that schema but rather describe the entities or their actions.

⁵ While topicality is dependent on a schema that makes the discourse intelligible to a listener, the fact that the schema is something that is mutually understood system of references between interlocutors means that the speaker (the first person) and the listener (the second person) are also “given” information and thus inherently topical.

Besides providing clarity to the potential arbitrariness of *pic* and topics coinciding, the results from the test to see how often *pic* is word initial are potentially more informative about its functions. The fact that *pic* is utterance initial 96% of the time and begins an independent clause every instance shows that it most likely a discourse marker. Furthermore, while *pic* is very common, it is clearly nonobligatory because there are many lines in the text that do not start with *pic* which fulfills Schiffrin's (2015) second criterion. There are many possible functions of *pic* as a discourse marker, but considering the fact that it was glossed as the sequential *then*, constructing a sequence of events is almost certainly one of them. However, from this data, the reasons that it would only present certain events rather than others is unclear. This relationship between *pic* and events will be revisited in section 6. As for topicality, a closer look at the texts can perhaps provide more insight into the possibility of topic marking functions of *pic*.

5.2 Pic and Topicality: Textual Analysis

Besides the corpus analysis, there is already good evidence that *pic* is not simply the topic marker in Pahka'anil. Chart 3 shows each of the 42 times *pic* appears in these texts along with the following word.

Chart 3

Text and Line	Personal Pronouns	Text and Line	Pic-kite	Text and Line	Pic and Others
A.4	pic ki 1SG.SBJ	D.7	pic-kite ict 'Coyote'	B.9	pic wahaai 'from there'
A.5	pic ki	D.15	pic-kite ict	D.8	pic wahaai
A.8	pic ki	D.22	pic-kite ict	B.4	pic mi'ipil 'close'

Text and Line	Personal Pronouns	Text and Line	Pic-kite	Text and Line	Pic and Others
A.9	pic ki	C.10	pic-kite eemeedatal 'old-timers'	D.12	pic omhombit 'Mud-diver'
A.10	pic ki	C.8	pic-kite kima'i 'someone'	D.2	pic paal 'water'
B.1	pic ki	D.16	pic-kite omhombit 'Mud-diver'	A.7	pic tciite 'one'
B.6	pic ki	D.5	pic-kite ta 3PL.SBJ	B.21	pic tüwü 'good'
B.10	pic ki	D.12	pic-kite ü'ülü 'after a while'	B.11	pic ütsühkatnü'ing 'prickling'
B.12	pic ki	C.2	pic-kite uunala 'Bear'	D.9	pic haaiyihaaint 'nothing'
B.13	pic ki	C.3	pic-kite wa' uunal 'that Bear'	B.5	pic hayi 'nothing'
B.14	pic ki	D.23	pic-kite wahaai 'from there'	B.8	pic ih 'here'
B.15	pic ki				
B.16	pic ki				
B.17	pic ki				
A.6	pic ta 3PL.SBJ				
C.5	pic ta				
D.3	pic ta				
D.14	pic ta				
B.2	pic nin 1SG.OBJ				
B.7	pic nin				

Of the 42 times that *pic* appears in the four texts, 11 instances are directly followed by *-kic*⁶.

That would be almost 25% of the instances that a topic marker does not mark topic. However, there does appear to be a connection between utterance initial particles (such as *pic*) and topic; it is not as simple as a single topic marker in Pahka'anil, but rather there are reasons for the coincidence of these particles and topic. First, I will show the relationship between *pic*, parts of

⁶ *-kic* or /kitʃ/ in IPA is the phonetic realization of the morpheme *-gic* when the last consonant of its host is voiceless.

speech and topics before looking at these utterance initial particles in general in order to develop a hypothesis about how *pic* is actually a discourse marker that precedes the topic in these texts.

5.2.1 Pic as host for subject-as-topic

Consider the two following lines from “The Deer Dream”. In the story, all subjects are first person until line 6 (example 3.2):

3. 1.pif-ki i:-diwa:-la tohi:l-a jowi
 then-1SG TEL-find-GO+ACT deer-OBJ many
‘Then I went and found many deer’
2. pif-ta e-ʔela i:fiwana-mi:k
 then-3PL TEL-jump different.branches-TO
‘Then they jump about in every direction’

(From Appendix A: 5-6)

Up until line 6 (3.2) of “The Deer Dream”, only the first person pronominal clitic (-*gi* but phonetically realized as -*ki*) is attached to *pic*. If the first and second person are always topical as mentioned above (Chafe, 1987), then this would be an apt place for a first person pronominal clitic. However an interesting component of example 3.2 is that the third person plural pronoun is attached to *pic* for the first time in the story. Since *pic* has taken clitic pronouns thus far, this is not an inappropriate place for such a pronoun. The change is that it is the first time that anything other than a first person clitic attached to *pic* or any other word in the narrative and it occurs in the line directly after the noun phrase of which it is a pronoun (tohiila or IPA: /tohi:la/ “deer”) is

first mentioned. This looks like a new concept being introduced and subsequently topicalized.

Yet another change occurs in the following line:

4. piʃ-tʃi:tʃ i:wini-t ege:ewan
 then-one stand-ATEL big
 'Then a big one stands still'

(From Appendix A: 7)

In this line, a personal pronoun does not appear but the word *tciitc* (/tʃi:tʃ/), meaning “one”) is attached to *pic*, referring to “one of the deer”. This is another example of something that was introduced in the previous line functioning as a topic in the next line. Rather than only taking a pronominal clitic, it appears that “Active Concepts” or “Given Information” (Chafe 1987) are able to attach to *pic* based on the fact that in each occurrence the coinciding word with *pic* was mentioned more specifically in the line before (except for the first person pronoun since it is likely implied due to the fact that the narrative is first person). And its position as utterance initial is exactly where Chafe shows given information appearing.

5.22 Pic as host for object-as-topic

However, from the data from this text alone, one could argue that *pic* is merely presenting the grammatical subject of the utterance and not related to the given-new distinction as described by Chafe (1987). In each of the examples above, there does not need to be a reference to topic at all; *pic* could easily be explained as marking subject. One look at another text shows this not to be the case. Here is an example from “The Power of Jimsonweed”:

5. 1. pɪf-ki wa-h hal:-i:ʔ-at
 then-1SG DEM-LOC sit-ITER-ATEL
 ‘then I am sitting and sitting (shifting about)’
2. pɪf-nin wɪtsiʔaf iŋgi-i iʔ-ig-m
 then-1SG.OBJ with foot-REFL TEL-swing.up-VI
 ‘swung up at me with her foot.’
3. pɪf ih a-hat:ap: a:-agim pɔ:ʃi-pi:-l
 then here TEL-stuck TEL-COME to be white-NMLZR-ABS
 ‘Then a white thing came and stuck here (on my knee)’

(From Appendix D: 6-8)

In example 5.1, the first person subject clitic (-*ki*) is attaching to *pic* followed by the first person object clitic (-*nin*) in 5.2. This seems to emphasize the topic over the grammatical subject even though the topic is the object of the clause of 5.2 rather than the subject such as we have seen in most other examples thus far. Furthermore, example 5.3 shows the deictic locative (*ih*) appearing right after *pic*. Again, the most topical element is appearing right after *pic* even though it is not the subject nor the object of the utterance because the grammatical subject is new information (*poocüpül*, IPA: /pɔ:ʃi:pi:l/ “a white thing”) and there is no direct object.

5.23 Complicating factors for *Pic* as Topic Marker

While these examples all provide evidence for *pic* as a topic marker, there is other evidence that complicates the issue. The first five lines of “Concerning Bears” show a different relationship between *pic*, other particles, and topic:

6. 1. e:me:edata-l-kiŋ̃ taʔag-i:jukaŋ u:na-l-a
 old.timer-ABS-QUOT meet-PST.HBT bear-ABS-OBJ
 ‘Old-Timers were in the habit of meeting bear’
2. piŋ-kiŋ̃ u:na-l-a ala:w-in-at ha:inda-p-niʔiŋ mi-t
 then-QUOT bear-ABS-OBJ talk-VI-ATEL what-2SG-1SG.POSS do-ATEL
- pəh-p-an ku:-wimfi-h iki:k ki-kiŋ̃ wa-l
 trail-LOC:IN-3SG.POSS CONJ-make.room-IMP this.way AND-SAY DEM-OBJ
- u:na-l-a
 bear-ABS-OBJ
 ‘Then (they) talk to Bear: “What are you doing in my trail?” and, “Give me room this way,” (they) say to that Bear’
3. piŋ-kiŋ̃ wa-ʔ u:una-l jandzi-t
 then-QUOT DEM-SBJ bear-ABS sit-ATEL
 ‘Then that Bear sits down’
4. wa-hai-giŋ̃ wimfi-in-at-ipi
 DEM-ABL-QUOT make.room-ATEL-3PL:OBJ
 ‘From there he makes them move aside’
5. piŋ-ta o:ja-t
 then-3PL:SBJ pass.by-ATEL
 ‘Then they pass by, those people’

(From Appendix B: 1-5)

Firstly, *eemeedatal* (/e:me:edata/ “Old-timers”) are the topic of the narrative and while not yet established as a topic, they are not preceded by *pic* or any other particle in example 6.1.

Considering this is the first line of the text, it would be strange for a topic marker to be absent when establishing a topic is crucial; it would be missing from the most ideal time its function could be utilized: establishing a topic in the narrative. Furthermore, *eemeedatal* is utterance initial which is where we would expect a topic. Next in lines 6.2 and 6.3, *pic* is utterance initial,

but it is immediately followed by the quotative/evidential marker *-gitc*. Furthermore, the topic of “Bear” is immediately after the quotative marker. This would indicate that it might not be as much that *pic* or any other particle is marking topic but precedes topic due to discourse markers being utterance-initial and cognitive constraints requiring the topic to usually be towards the beginning of the utterance (Chafe, 1987). In line 6.4, *pic* is not present but we have the ablative demonstrative (*wahai* “from there”) and the quotative/evidential marker again with no explicit topic. Lastly, in line 6.5 *pic* is attached to the pronominal subject.

“How the Earth was Made” shows more instances of these patterns:

7. 1. *piʃ-kitʃ omhombi-t o-ʔop imbi*
 then-QUOT Mud.Diver-ABS TEL-dive again
 ‘Then Mud-Diver dived again’
2. *wiŋ-gitʃ ogon mija-pi:-n omhombi-t-iŋ*
 be-QUOT on.and.on go-REL-3SG.POSS Mud Diver-ABS-GEN
 ‘Mud-Diver had been gone a long time’

(Appendix C: 16-17)

Again, the topic does not seem to be marked by these particles, but has a tendency towards the beginning of the utterance. And since *-gitc* cannot be word initial, it is even attached to an utterance initial copula in line 7.2. For this language, the trend seems to be that *pic* often (but not always) starts utterances, and topics, both generally and specifically for this language, tend to be towards the beginning of utterances as well (again, not always, see line 7.2 where the topic is at the end of the utterance). There are enough other examples of particles and other words being

utterance initial and next to the topic for no clear relationship between *pic* and topic to be established. This can be seen clearly at the end of “The Power of Jimsonweed”:

8. 1. wah-a:i-gi ɔgɔn win i:diwi
 DEM-LOC-AWAY-1SG on.and.on COP better
 ‘*I am better after that*’
2. haʃ-ki imbi ha:jiʃa i-ʔin:ihii
 NEG-1SG again never TEL-become.sick
 ‘*I never got sick again*’
3. mɔ:ɔmɔ:h-t tiw:iwa-n ti:bo:h-ɪʃ-t
 jimsonweed-ABS good-GEN treat-NMLZ-ABS
 ‘*Jimsonweed is good medicine*’
4. haʃ-wa-l a:ɖowa:l iʔ-t:ɪʃt:ip
 NEG-DEM-OBJ shaman-ABS TEL-spoil
 ‘*Shamans cannot spoil that*’

(Appendix D: 22-25)

In this section, *pic* is not uttered once yet topics abound. And while there are particles that precede the topic in some of the lines (*haʃ*, IPA: /haʃ/ in lines 8.2 and 8.4; *wahaai*, IPA: /waha:i/ in line 8.1), line 8.3 starts with the topic itself (*moohmooh*, IPA: /mɔ:ɔmɔ:ht/ “Jimsonweed”) without a particle. Thus, while *pic* is potentially a multi-functioning discourse marker, based on these texts, it does not appear to have any direct relationship with topics except for coinciding next to them as do many particles in Pahka’anil. Furthermore, it appears that there is no singular topic marker in Pahka’anil discourse, but that topics are often inferred through their placement within the utterance.

6. *Pic*, Sequence of Events, and Main Event Lines

While *pic* and topic have a coincidental relationship, there is more conclusive evidence for drawing connections between *pic* and sequence of events and main event lines. In all four texts, *pic* often appears at the beginning of an utterance that is sequentially after another event that described in the previous line in the narrative. Hence, the reason that Voegelin (1935a) glossed it as *then* is apparent. Here are lines from “The Deer Dream” showing this particular function:

9. 1. akatd̥zi:-p muwa:-l-a-p muwa:-l-a-k i-mihii
 across-LOC:IN mountain-ABS-OBJ-LOC:IN mountain-ABS-OBJ-1SG TEL-mtn.climb
 ‘*On the other side in the mountains, I ascend the mountains*’

2. piʃ-ki piʃa:-l-ibaʔ-aʃ i-wigi:jau tohi:l-iŋ
 then-1SG go.out-GO+ACT-want-SS:SUB TEL-track deer-GEN

wi:gi:-j-in
 tracks-NREFL:OBJ-3SG:POSS
 ‘*Then, when I wanted to go out, I tracked the deer in his tracks*’

3. piʃ-ki i:-diwa:-la tohi:-l-a jowi
 then-1SG TEL-find-GO+ACT deer-ABS-OBJ many
 ‘*Then I went and found many deer*’

4. piʃ-ta e-ʔela i:ʃiʃwana-mi:k
 then-3PL TEL-jump different branches-TO
 ‘*Then they jump about in every direction*’

(Appendix A: 3-6)

In these examples, there is a clear temporal sequence of events in lines 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4, and *pic* seems like it could be translated literally with the English sequence-connecting discourse marker

then. However, looking at the other texts complicates this interpretation of *pic* as only connecting sequences. Consider the first two lines of “The Power of Jimsonweed”:

10. 1. pɪf-ki tumu:ga wa-l a:ɬzowa:-l-a i:-bi:l i:-i-la
 then-1SG dream.TEL DEM-OBJ shaman-ABS-OBJ TEL-arrive TEL-GO+ACT
 wa-h
 DEM-LOC

‘So I dreamt of that shaman. She came and arrived there’

2. pɪf-nɪn ala:w-in-at maʃ-pi hal-it ih ig-it
 then-1SG.OBJ talk-VI-PRS INTER-2SG sit-ATEL here say-ATEL
‘Then, talking to me, she says, why are you sitting here?’

(Appendix D: 1-2)

Clearly *pic* cannot only connect an utterance to an earlier utterance, since it can be used in the first line of a narrative (10.1). Even glossing *pic* as *then* becomes problematic at this point. It seems that *pic* potentially relates more to connecting events in general rather than a simple sequence of events. If we follow Payne (2015) and define main event lines (MEL) as “sequential events that do not overlap” (16), then perhaps *pic* is attaching to MEL, connecting them together into a coherent narrative. This interpretation would solve the issue with “The Power of Jimsonweed” and elucidate why *pic* starts the first utterance. Furthermore, there is evidence of it in the other texts as well. Here are the first three lines from “How the Earth was Made”:

11. 1. taŋa-kitʃ tʃi:tʃwanaʔaʃ
 rain.ATEL-QUOT all.the.time
‘It is raining all the time’

2. piʃ pa:-l im-bim i: ʃuwa:-l-a
 then water-ABS TEL-be.full DEM earth-ABS-OBJ
 'Then the water filled the earth'

3. piʃ-ta piɲju a-waʔat muwa:-l-a-mi:k
 then-3PL.SBJ every TEL-run.away mountain-ABS-OBJ-TO
 'Then everyone ran away toward the mountain'

(Appendix C: 1-3)

And also consider a few lines later when *pic* suddenly does not start line 6 (12.2) of “How the Earth was Made”:

12. 1. piʃ-kitʃ-ta muwa:-l-iɲ ukuba:-n i:-bil-i:la
 then-QUOT-3PL.SBJ mountain-ABS-GEN peak-3SG.POSS TEL-arrive-GO+ACT
 'Then they went and arrived on top of the mountain'

2. me:da-gitʃ iʃ-t tiʃwaha-t ha:iji-ha:in-t ti:ki-n
 already-QUOT Coyote-ABS ready.to.die-ATEL not-thing-ABS food-3SG.POSS
 'Coyote is ready to die; his food (is) nothing'

(Appendix C: 5-6)

In both of these instances where *pic* is not used, there is an overlapping event and thus not a main event; in line 1 (11.1) it is raining while all of the other events in the narrative take place and in line 6 (12.2), Coyote is preparing for death and has no food while the water fills the Earth and they run to the mountain. This pattern of *pic* only appearing in events that are not overlapping is evident in all four texts. Here are some examples from the other texts. In “The Deer Dream”,

the last line is a reflection on the whole dream and thus overlaps with every other event; therefore, *pic* is omitted:

13. 1. piʃ-ki i-ʔi:lika.
 then-1SG TEL-wake up
'Then I woke up with a start'
2. tiʃ-tohi:-l un-dumu:gi-wa-ʃ nimiʔiga-pi-gi-dʒa.
 bad-deer-ABS ATEL-dream-PASS-SS:SUB kill.humans-2SG-say-3PL
'It is bad to be dreaming of deer; you kill human beings (as a result), so they say'
- (Appendix A: 10-11)

In “The Power of Jimsonweed”, *pic* is omitted in the exact same way when the narrator is philosophizing about the story and the efficacy of Jimsonweed; but it also happens when there are descriptions such as in example 14.2:

14. 1. piʃ-nm ala:w-in-at maʃ-pi hal-it ih ig-it
 then-1SG.OBJ talk-VI-A TEL INTER-2SG sit-A TEL here say-A TEL
'Then, talking to me, she says, “why are you sitting here?”'
2. maʃi:-n pʊndzi-i wiʃiʔaʃ tʊmɔ:-i
 cover-GEN eyes-3SG.REFL with hair-3SG.REFL
'with her eyes covered with her hair'
3. piʃ miʔipil i-ʔ-i:wɪn i:-igim
 then close TEL-stand TEL-COME
'She then came and stood close'
- (Appendix D: 2-4)

While the shaman is talking to the narrator (14.1) and when she comes and stands close (14.3), *pic* is present. However, it is not present when the narrator describes the shaman's appearance (14.2). Lastly, the relationship between *pic* and MEL is evident in the first two lines of "Concerning Bears":

15. 1. e:me:edata-l-kiŋ̃ taʔag-i:jukaŋ u:na-l-a
 old.timer-ABS-QUOT meet-PST.HBT bear-ABS-OBJ
 'Old-Timers were in the habit of meeting bear'
2. piŋ-kiŋ̃ u:na-l-a ala:w-in-at ha:inda-p-niʔiŋ mi-t
 then-QUOT bear-ABS-OBJ talk-VI-ATEL what-2SG-1SG.POSS do-ATEL
- poh-p-an ku:-wimfi-h iki:k ki-kiŋ̃ wa-l
 trail-LOC:IN-3SG.POSS CONJ-make room-IMP this.way and-SAY DEM-OBJ
- u:na-l-a
 bear-ABS-OBJ
 'Then (they) talk to Bear; "What are you doing in my trail?" and, "Give me room this way," (they) say to that Bear'

(Appendix B: 1-2)

Being in the habit of doing something is clearly overlapping with all of the events that take place while doing that thing. Therefore, we do not have *pic* in example 15.1, but it is then present in the main event of talking to Bear in example 15.2.

Pic is clearly connecting two utterances that otherwise do not have much to do with each other, not just by showing a sequence of events, but also by often marking main events from background events. However, it is not simply a main event marker; while it only appears on MEL, it is not the only discourse marker to appear on MEL. In these two lines from "The Power

of Jimsonweed”, there is a clear sequence of MEL while *pic* only appears on the first line (example 16.1):

16. 1. pɪf̃ tiwi gi-t: tahambɪ-l
 then good say-ATEL old man-ABS
 ‘“Then good,” Old Man says’
2. wah-a:i-gi ɔgɔn wɪn i:diwi
 DEM-LOC-AWAY-1SG on.and.on COP better
 ‘I am better after that’

(Appendix D: 21-22)

Example 16.2 has the ablative demonstrative *wahaai* (IPA: /waha:i/) start the utterance. This is one of many times that *wahaai* starts an utterance and every time it also introduces MEL.

Perhaps there are more discourse markers besides *pic* and *wahaai* that are marking MEL.

However, for the purpose of this research, it appears that *pic* is at least one discourse marker that is marking MEL and connecting sequences of events.

7. Conclusion

This study set out to answer three research questions: (1) What is the relationship between *pic* and topic elements? (2) Which functions does *pic* have as a discourse marker in the texts? and (3) Is there a direct relationship between the use of *pic* and narrative structure or narrative events? For the first question, it appears that while *pic* and topicalized elements often cooccur, this is coincidence. Evidence for this is based on the fact that *pic* occurs often without

topicalized elements. Furthermore, topicalized elements are likely to be near the beginning of utterances which is where discourse markers such as *pic* are expected to be found.

The answer to the second question is still incomplete as the many potential functions of *pic* are still undetermined and would require separate analyses of *pic* in regard to each particular function. However, it can now be hypothesized that *pic* is a multi-functional discourse marker that connects events sequentially and is perhaps a way (if not the only way) that main event lines are marked from non-main event lines. Furthermore, the relationship between *pic* and main event lines answers the third question as well. Specifically, it appears that the function of *pic* in a narrative is explained by its functions; it moves the narrative along sequentially while highlighting main events over non-main events.

However, these are merely preliminary hypotheses about the functions of *pic*. Since there are many more texts to consider, other functions may emerge or the functions outlined here may need to be refined. The next step in this research is to examine the usages and functions of *pic* in every text. Furthermore, a closer look at main line events and non-main line events and their relationship to *pic* and other discourse markers must be considered in other texts as well. However, this is a more developed starting place for research on *pic* than the glossing of it as *then*, and, hopefully, it will add some data to the virtually non-existent information on Pahka'anil discourse and further the Pahka'anil revitalization effort by offering a more nuanced understanding of narrative construction.

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Appendix A (Voegelin, 1935b)

“The Deer Dream”

1. un-dumu:g-af-ki:-mij-at
ATEL-dream-SS:SUB=1SG-GO-ATEL
‘While dreaming, I am going along’

2. ohola:-l-a-k a:-hatda:u tuga:wa-j-in
canyon-ABS-OBJ-1SG TEL-cross deep-NREFL:OBJ-3SG:POSS
‘I cross the deep canyon’

3. akatd̥zi:-p muwa:-l-a-p muwa:-l-a-k i-mihii
across-LOC:IN mountain-ABS-OBJ-LOC:IN mountain-ABS-OBJ-1SG TEL-mtn.climb
‘On the other side in the mountains, I ascend the mountains’

4. pijf-ki piʃa:-l-ibaʔ-af i-wigi:jau tohi:l-inj
then-1SG go.out-GO+ACT-want-SS:SUB TEL-track deer-GEN

wi:gi:-j-in
tracks-NREFL:OBJ-3SG:POSS
‘Then, when I wanted to go out, I tracked the deer in his tracks’

5. pijf-ki i:-diwa:-la tohi:-l-a jowi
then-1SG TEL-find-GO+ACT deer-ABS-OBJ many
‘Then I went and found many deer’

6. pijf-ta e-ʔela i:ʃiʔwana-mi:k
then-3PL TEL-jump different branches-TO
‘Then they jump about in every direction’

7. pijf-tʃi:tʃ i:wini-t ege:ewan

then-one stand-ATEL big
'Then a big one stands still'

8. piʃ-ki u:-umu: a-waiʔwaiʔa-gi:m
 then-1SG TEL-shoot TEL-fall.down.dead-ACT>COME
'Then I shot him; he came and fell down dead'

9. piʃ-ki a:-dawi:gi-la ʃu:na-ba:n-gi u:-mu:
 then-1SG TELsee-GO+ACT inside-in.its.heart-1SG TEL-shoot
'Then I went and saw him; I shot him in his heart'

10. piʃ-ki i-ʔi:lika.
 then-1SG TEL-wake up
'Then I woke up with a start'

11. tiʃ-tohi:-l un-dumu:gi-wa-ʃ nimiʔiga-pi-gi-dʒa.
 bad-deer-ABS ATEL-dream-PASS-SS:SUB kill.humans-2SG-say-3PL
'It is bad to be dreaming of deer; you kill human beings (as a result), so they say'

Appendix B (Voegelin, 1935b)

“Concerning Bears”

1. e:me:edata-l-kiʃ taʔag-i:jukaŋ u:na-l-a
 Old.timer-ABS-QUOT meet-PST.HBT bear-ABS-OBJ
'Old-Timers were in the habit of meeting bear'

2. piʃ-kiʃ u:na-l-a ala:w-in-at ha:inda-p-niʔiŋ mi-t
 then-QUOT bear-ABS-OBJ talk-VI-ATEL what-2SG-1SG.POSS do-ATEL

poh-p-an ku:-wimʃi-h iki:k ki-kiʃ wa-l
 trail-LOC:IN-3SG.POSS CONJ-make room-IMP this.way and-SAY DEM-OBJ

u:na-l-a
 bear-ABS-OBJ
'Then (they) talk to Bear; “What are you doing in my trail?” and, “Give me room this way,” (they) say to that Bear'

3. piʃ-kiʃ wa-ʔ u:una-l jandzi-t
 then-QUOT DEM-SBJ bear-ABS sit-ATEL
'Then that Bear sits down'

4. wa-hai-giŋ̃ wimjɪn-at-ipi
 DEM-ABL-QUOT make.room-ATEL-3PL:OBJ
'From there he makes them move aside'

5. piŋ-ta ɔ:ja-t wan-da aŋhani:l haʔi-kiŋ̃ wa-ʔ u:una-l
 then=3PL:SBJ pass by-ATEL DEM-3PL people-ABS hear-QUOT DEM-SBJ bear-ABS
 ala:wi-l-a
 language-ABS-OBJ
'Then they pass by, those people; that Bear hears the talking (as Old-Timers pass by)'

6. pmi:-ʔi:-kiŋ̃ mdama: a:w-in-at maʃi-l tin-t piniʔi:yu ɔɡɔn u:ʔɔ-t
 every-SBJ-QUOT someone tell-VI-ATEL weed-ABS rock-ABS every anyway tree-ABS
 a:w-in-at
 tell-VI-ATEL
'Everything tells (Bear)--the brush, the rocks, the trees tell him everything'

7. tanaha-p-kiŋ̃ u:na-l-a a:-na:ju:ma ku:u-giŋ̃ wɔ:ma
 COND.AUX-2SG-QUOT bear-ABS-OBJ TEL-disrespect CONJ-QUOT right.away

ma:aga-t mi:ʔi:m-giŋ̃ wa-h u:ʔɔ-t a:w-in-at
 know-ATEL because-QUOT DEM-LOC tree-ABS tell-VI-PRS
'And if you speak disrespectfully of the Bear, he knows it immediately; the tree right there tells him'

8. piŋ-kiŋ̃ kimaʔ-i ala:aw-aŋ tiwi-gi-kiŋ̃ u:una-l
 then-QUOT someone-OBJ talk-DS:SUB good-say-QUOT bear-ABS

a-taʔaɡi-ʃa:-gi-lɪŋ ki-kidʒa wɔhiŋ-kiŋ̃ ɔɡɔn taʔaga-t wa-l
 TEL-meet-FUT-1SG-2SG.OBJ say-QUOT surely-QUOT anyway meet-ATEL DEM-OBJ

ala:awa-t
 speaker-ABS
'Then he is mad when somebody talks (of him). "Good," Bear says, "I will meet you," he says. Surely he meets that talker'

9. miʔiga-kiŋ̃ wa-l wɔ:ɔma
 kill-QUOT DEM-OBJ right.away
'He kills that one right off'

10. piŋ-kiŋ̃ e:me:edatal haʃ u:na-l-a ala:wa-t
 then-QUOT Old.timers NEG bear-ABS-OBJ speak-ATEL

'Then Old-Timers do not talk of Bear'

Appendix C (Voegelin, 1935b)

“How the Earth was Made”

1. taŋa-kitʃ tʃi:tʃwanaʔaʃ
rain.ATEL-QUOT all.the.time
'It is raining all the time'

2. piʃ pa:-l im-bim i: ʃuwa:-l-a
then water-ABS TEL-be.full DEM earth-ABS-OBJ
'Then the water filled the earth'

3. piʃ-ta piŋiʃu a-waʔat muwa:-l-a-mi:k
then-3PL.SBJ every TEL-run away mountain-ABS-OBJ-TO
'Then everyone ran away toward the mountain'

4. a-katahwa:-gilu:ts-ki-t iʃ-t
TEL-slaughtered-1PL.INCL.SBJ-say-ATEL Coyote-ABS
'“We get slaughtered,” says Coyote'

5. piʃ-kitʃ-ta muwa:-l-iŋ ukuba:-n i:-bi:l-i:la
then-QUOT-3PL.SBJ mountain-ABS-GEN peak-3SG.POSS TEL-arrive-GO+ACT
'Then they went and arrived on top of the mountain'

6. me:da-gitʃ iʃ-t tʃiʃwaha-t ha:iʃi-ha:in-t tiki-n
already-QUOT Coyote-ABS ready.to.die-ATEL not-thing-ABS food-3SG.POSS
'Coyote is ready to die; his food (is) nothing'

7. piʃ-kitʃ iʃ-t im-biŋk oba:-ma-lu:ts amaŋata-l ogon wa-h
then-QUOT Coyote-ABS TEL-say dive-HORT-1PL.INCL.SBJ anyone-ABS again DEM-LOC

ʃuwa:-l-a a:-ba:iʔiw-ini-ʃa aʃi:-ogon wa-h ʃuwa:-l-a
earth-ABS-OBJ TEL-turn.into-VI-FUT who-again DEM-LOC earth-ABS-OBJ

a:-ba:iʔiw-ini-ʃa

TEL-turn.into-VI-FUT

'Coyote then said, “Let someone dive there; he will make earth appear; who will make earth appear there?”'

8. piʃ wa-h-a:i-da oʔ-op ku-gitʃ omhombi-t hali-t iki:k
 then DEM-LOC-FROM-3PL.SBJ TEL-dive and-QUOT Mud.Diver-ABS sit-ATEL aside
'Then from there they dived, but Mud-Diver is sitting to one side'

9. piʃ ha:ijiha:in-t kinip
 then not-thing-ABS bring
'Then they have brought up nothing'

10. a-katahwa:-gilu:ts we:du-ki-kitʃ iʃ-t
 TEL-slaughtered-1PL.INCL.SBJ so-say-QUOT Coyote-ABS
'"So we get slaughtered," says Coyote'

11. wetʃu imbi-ki-kidza omhombi-t-a
 next 2SG.SBJ-say-QUOT Mud.Diver-ABS-OBJ
"You (are) next," (Coyote) says to Mud-Diver'

12. piʃ omhombi-t o-ʔop piʃ-kitʃ iʔili omhombi-t
 then Mud.Diver-ABS TEL-dive then-QUOT after.a.while Mud.Diver-ABS

i-piʃa-kin
 TEL-come.out-ACT>COME
'Then Mud-Diver dived and, after a while, Mud-Diver came out from there to here'

13. igiʃpitʃ-kitʃ jiwi:-gim-at omhombi-t
 little.bit-QUOT hold-COME+ACT-ATEL Mud.Diver-ABS
'Mud-Diver is coming and holding very little (earth)'

14. piʃ-ta-gitʃ piɲiɲu a:-dawi:k
 then-3PL.SBJ-QUOT every TEL-see
'Then everyone saw it'

15. piʃ-kitʃ iʃ-t imbi imbi tʃi:dzami-ki-kitʃ iʃ-t tu:ʃi-gitʃ
 then-QUOT Coyote-ABS again again once-say-QUOT Coyote-ABS straight.on-QUOT

iʃ-t humugi:hwi-t
 Coyote-ABS be.in.a.hurry-ATEL
'Then Coyote says, "Again, once again." Coyote is in a hurry'

16. piʃ-kitʃ omhombi-t o-ʔop imbi
 then-QUOT Mud Diver-ABS TEL-dive again
'Then Mud-Diver dived again'

17. wiɲ-gitʃ oɲon miɲa-pi:-n omhombi-t-iɲ

be.PST again go-REL-3SG.POSS Mud.Diver-ABS-GEN
'Mud-Diver had been gone a long time'

18. tu:ʃi-gitʃ if-t talu:ʔi-ni:nim-ut
 straight-QUOT Coyote-ABS encircle-DISTBV-ATEL
'Coyote is circling about'

19. me:da-gitʃ i:liʔiŋ omhombi-t i-piʃa-kin
 already-QUOT evening Mud Diver-ABS TEL-come.out-ACT>COME
'Already, in the evening, Mud-Diver came out from there to here'

20. tu:ʃi-gitʃ if-t pe:wela:ŋ a:-ma:iʒi-gim
 straight-QUOT Coyote-ABS first go.ahead-COME+ACT
'Coyote came and ran first'

21. omhombi-t-kitʃ ʒiwi:-gim-at ʃuwa:-l-a ma:-p
 Mud Diver-ABS-QUOT hold-COME+ACT-ATEL earth-ABS-OBJ hand-LOC:IN
'Mud-Diver is coming holding earth in his own hand'

22. piʃ-kitʃ if-t wini-ʔ wini-ʔ wini-ʔ-ki-kitʃ if-t
 then-QUOT Coyote-ABS be-IMP.SG be-IMP.SG be-IMP.SG-say-QUOT Coyote-ABS
'Then Coyote says, "There it is, there it is, there it is."'

23. piʃ-kitʃ wa-h-a:i omhombi-t i-tip ʃuwa:-l-a pa:-l-a
 then-QUOT DEM-LOC-from Mud Diver-ABS TEL-put earth-ABS-OBJ water-ABS-OBJ

na:widami

between

'Then from there Mud-Diver put the earth in the middle of the water'

24. omhombi-t-kitʃ ʃuwa:-l-a a:-ba:iʔiw-in
 Mud.Diver-ABS-QUOT earth-ABS-OBJ turn.into-VI
'Mud-Diver made the earth appear'

25. wa-h o:-wok
 DEM-LOC TEL-be end
'There it is ended'

Appendix D (Voegelin, 1935a)

“The Power of Jimsonweed”

1. pɪf-ki tumu:ga wa-l a:ɖowa:-l-a i:-bil: i:-i-la wa-h
 then-1SG dream.TEL DEM-OBJ shaman-ABS-OBJ TEL-arrive TEL-GO+ACT DEM-LOC
 ‘So I dreamt of that shaman. She came and arrived there’

2. pɪf-nm ala:w-in-at maf-pi hal-it ih ig-it
 then-1SG.OBJ talk-VI-PRS INTER-2SG sit-ATEL here say-ATEL
 ‘Then, talking to me, she says, why are you sitting here?’

3. mafɪ:-n pɔndzi-i witsiʔaf tɕomɔ:-i
 cover-GEN eyes-3SG.REFL with hair-3SG.REFL
 ‘with her eyes covered with her hair’

4. pɪf miʔipɪl i:ʔ-i:win i:-igim
 then close TEL-stand TEL-COME
 ‘She then came and stood close’

5. pɪf haj:i wɔŋgɔ-n waʔad-ɪŋ kɔ:im-ɪŋ
 then NEG shoes-GEN DEM-GEN woman-GEN
 ‘not (having) that woman’s shoes’

6. pɪf-ki wa-h hal-i:ʔ-at
 then-1SG DEM-LOC sit-ITER-ATEL
 ‘then I am sitting and sitting (shifting about)’

7. pɪf-nm witsiʔaf iŋgi-i iʔ-igim
 then-1SG.OBJ with foot-3SG.REFL TEL-swing.up.at
 ‘swung up at me with her foot’

8. pɪf ih a-hatap a:-agim pɔ:ʃi-pi:-l
 then here TEL-stuck TEL-COME to.be.white-NMLZR-ABS
 ‘Then a white thing came and stuck here (on my knee?)’

9. pɪf wa-h-a:i i:-mi
 then DEM-LOC-AWAY TEL-go
 ‘She then left from there’

10. pɪf-ki i-ʔilik tu:ga-n:awidam:i
 then-1SG TEL-wake up dark-middle

'Then I awoke in the middle of the night'

11. piʃ iʃsiɣk-at-niʔ-iŋ tɔŋɔ-n iʃliŋ-aŋ-ni
 then prick-ATEL-1SG.OBJ-GEN knee-GEN wake.up-DS;SUB-1SG.OBJ
'And my knee is pricking me while I am waking up'

12. piʃ-ki ʃi:uba i-ʔinihi
 then-1SG back.again TEL-be sick
'Then I got sick again'

13. piʃ-ki imbi mɔ:ɔmɔh-t:-a i:-ʔi
 then-1SG again jimsonweed-ABS-OBJ TEL-drink
'So, again, I drank jimsonweed'

14. piʃ-ki wa-l pmi-ʔik a:dzowa:-l-a wuba wiʃs:i'ʔaf wa-l
 then-1SG DEM-OBJ all-OBJ shaman-ABS-OBJ whip.TEL with DEM-OBJ
 a:lɪ-tʃ
 bow-REFL
'Then I whipped all those shamans with my bow'

15. piʃ-ki wa-l tuha-t:-a pmi-ʔik i-wik
 then-1SG DEM-OBJ water snake-ABS-OBJ all-OBJ TEL-throw out
 tuha-t-a jo:wi
 water snake-ABS-OBJ many
'And I threw out all of those many water snakes'

16. piʃ-ki wah-a:i a-ta:twi
 then-1SG DEM-LOC-AWAY TEL-sober up
'And after that I sobered up'

17. piʃ-ki wah-a:i tahambi-l:-i a-ʔaw-in
 then-1SG DEM-LOC-AWAY old man-ABS-OBJ TEL-tell-VI
'From there, I then told Old Man'

18. pmi-i-ʔik 'wa-l 'a:dzo'wa:-'l-a wu'ba: gi-'ki
 all-OBJ DEM-OBJ shaman-ABS-ACC whip.TEL say-1SG
'"I whipped all those shamans," I am saying'

19. wiʃsiʔaf wa-l a:lɪ-tʃ ki-ki
 with DEM-OBJ bow-REFL say-1SG
'"with my bow," I am saying'

20. ti: wa-l tuha-t:-a-gi ɔ: no: o-ba-n i-wik
and DEM-OBJ water.snake-ABS-OBJ-1SG back-LOC-GEN TEL-threw away

ki-ki

say-1SG

‘*“and I threw away those water snakes outside,” I am saying*’

21. pɪʃ tiwi gi-t: tahambɪ-l
then good say-ATEL old man-ABS

‘*“Then good,” Old Man says*’

22. wah-a:i-gi ɔ'gɔn win i:diwi
DEM-LOC-AWAY-1SG on.and.on COP better

‘*I am better after that*’

23. haʃ-ki imbi ha:jiʃa i-ʔin:ihi
NEG-1SG again never TEL-become.sick

‘*I never got sick again*’

24. mɔ:ɔmɔ:h-t: tiw:iwa-n ti:bo:h-ɪʃ-t
jimsonweed-ABS good-GEN treat-NMLZ-ABS

‘*Jimsonweed is good medicine*’

25. haʃ-wa-l a:ɔzowa:l iʔ-t:ɪʃt:ip
NEG-DEM-OBJ shaman-ABS TEL-spoil

‘*Shamans cannot spoil that*’

26. tiw:il:i:i-baʔ-a-kiʃ-ta ɔm:ɔk ku-haʃ-kiʃ-ta mun:u:g-in-at
tamper-want-ATEL-QUOT-3PL in.vain but-NEG-QUOT-3PL be.able-VI-ATEL

‘*It is said that they want to tamper (with Jimsonweed) in vain, but it is said that they are not able to*’

27. mɔ:ɔmɔ:h-t-kiʃ ɔ:bɔwi-kaŋ ɔjan:af a:ɔzowa:l-a
jimsonweed-ABS-QUOT power-VBLZ more.than shaman-ABS-OBJ

‘*Jimsonweed, it is said, is more powerful than the shamans*’

28. pmi-ʔik-kiʃ-ta indamai i-tiʃtip ti:bo:h-ɪʃ-t-a
all-OBJ-QUOT-3PL sometimes TEL-spoil treat-NMLZ-ABS-OBJ

‘*They sometimes spoil all the medicines, it is said*’

29. mɔ:ɔmɔ:h-t:-a ha:ʔɪʃ
jimsonweed-ABS-OBJ NEG

'but not Jimsonweed'

30. mə:ɔmə:h-t wɪn məp:l tɪw:iwa-n ti:bo:h-ɪf-t
jimsonweed-ABS COP now good-GEN treat-NMLZ-ABS
'Jimsonweed is, today, a good medicine'