

Three Boys on a Vision Quest

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There were once three Lenape boys who were sent on a vision quest. A manëtu came to them and asked what they would like to be when they grew up.

One boy said that he would like to be a hunter. Another said he would like to be a warrior. The last one said he wanted all the women to like him.

When they grew up, that came to pass. The one boy was a fine hunter. The other was a good warrior. But the third one, who wanted all the women to like him, was killed by a bunch of women at a gathering who ganged him and tore him to pieces. He should only have asked for one woman to like him.

There are two morals to this story: One is to not be greedy when you ask for something, and the other is to not ask to be more than you can be.