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I have heard of a case of a sexual dream where the disclosure of the dream cost the owner his life. It would not be easy to obtain a better example of how real events are held to be which pass before the sleeper. Such dreams mean that "your soul desires that woman's soul" state my informant. "If you dream that you have had intercourse with a woman with whom you have never had sexual relations, it means that you will never in all your life have sexual intercourse with that woman, because 'your soul has already devoured her'."

If you dream that you have had sexual intercourse with another man's wife and any one hears of it, and tells her husband, then you will be fined the usual adultery fee, for your soul and here have had sexual intercourse. If you ever dream such a dream you should not tell anyone, but very early next morning you should go to the midden heap, which is also the women's latrine, and whisper to it and say Suminna ma so dae bone emma no nye sa (O midden heap, I have dreamed an evil dream, grant that it may never happen like that.) And bad dream you must carry away to the refuse heap, where everything bad is put.



If you dream that you have sexual intercourse with someone who is now dead and with whom you have had sexual relations during her life, then your penis will surely die; but this does not happen if the dream is about some woman now dead, but with whom you have never had sexual relations during her life.

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