THE JACKAL AND THE BEAR

There once was a jackal and a bear. The jackal — the bear had children. The children being there, the jackal came thus. ‘Hey children’, he said. ‘Where did your mother go?’, he says. ‘She went hunting’, they said.

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1 This tale by Mine Rāj Thāru, aged 20, a resident of Sāno Bāhraghare, was recorded in December 1998 in the village of Āṭhiyābārī. See also a Limbu version of this story collected by George van Driem (1987, 349)
'I'll give one tap, two taps, three taps right now', he said.

'I'll give it once, twice, three times', he said.

And so saying like this, he went away.

Once again he came, that jackal.

Coming, that jackal, and he said ‘hey, children,’ he said.

‘Where did these parents of yours go?’

‘[She] went hunting,’ [they] said.

Then [it] said to it’s mother,