The rigidness came at night, when I was living in dream worlds. involved in strange adventures and stunning fights, in strong afflictions and marvelous victories. in airy formations beautiful and temptations, when I was feeling bold strong, and powerful, then it came to me and I didn't recognize it at first, only after some time was I able to realize altered the state, as arms and legs became stiff and

couldn't move

them anymore. It was like poison that crawls slowly and stealthily toward the heart but had already taken effect on its way.

Now it was crucial to wake up otherwise the iron stronghold would paralyze all my parts and finally kill me. But the problem was that I couldn't break the stiffness that easily because my legs and arms were completely numb. The simplest thing would have been to continue sleeping and to revert back the to disturbed dream. but this could mean death. In order to avoid this I had to wake up and rouse myself, but how when everything was SO numb? Panic hits me and I try to move.

doesn't **I**t work I try harder. It still doesn't work. My panic grows. if What I couldn't move at all and the poisonous stiffness reaches my heart? Would it then stand still, stop beating? make desperate efforts. but without the success. rigidity is too strong. But I must succeed if I want to live. Now I mobilize all my strength and with one sudden

thrust

I manage to

move my legs

and then also

my arms.

They hurt, but the spell was broken, I was relieved. Death passed me by this time.

But death could also come during the day,

while I was daydreaming on my

bed, relaxing, living

in dream worlds *ebab*, *uoY tuohtiw evil t'nac I oN*when my thoughts drifted, then it approached and attacked me
without any warning, grabbed
me and made me rigid and stiff.

Over time I gained experience in dealing with this rigidity, I got used to it, could feel it in advance, knew when it was stalking me, could scare it away early enough through movement of my body. And I learned to recognize it while sleeping, could sense the danger and break the spell. I learned to live with death lying in wait for me.