

(CHARLES AND MARY ARE CONVERSING IN KIOWA)

ANOTHER SAINDAY STORY * CHEATER

CHARLES: Now this one here is that - uh - Kiowa Sainday. He, he went and got to uh, they seen him in some timber, you know. And he had big fire built there. And he had uh - deer, deer, you know. He killed a deer. And he had this fire and he went and had it all fixed up. And he was making barbecue. Uh - Kiowa Sainday when he built a fire, why he put all that meat on there, you know. Said, "Well," he said, "I'm going to get up there on that tree up there and set up there," he said, "and wait till this meat cook. I'll come down when it's fine and tender," he said. "Going to come down and I'm going to get off and I'm going to eat it," he said. "I'll get my fill." So he got up on that tree and went up there. And pretty soon he get up there and he got blind in that tree. He couldn't, he couldn't uh - get off, you know, 'cause he's, look like he was just tied up on it, you know. Got tied up on it. So he start talking to that tree. Said, "Go ahead, turn me lose." So it turn him lose, you know. So he set there little while again, "Well," he said, "I'm just about ready to go down. My meat probably just good and tender now." He said, "I can get down there and eat my meat." And he said that tree went and twisted again and he got caught. So just about that time a big old, uh - bird came there. Bunch of birds came there, you know. And they all landed on that meat and they started eating it. And he was up in that tree, tied up. He couldn't get lose. He couldn't make it back down. And he start hollering to that tree. "Turn me lose. Turn me lose." He said, "Turn me lose, all the birds are eating all my ~~meat~~ meat up. They're going to take everything, I won't get nothing to eat. I work hard," he said, "to get this meal. And I can't get down and it won't turn me lose." And he stayed there till all them birds and the animals came round. They ate it all up. Just left him nithing but bone. Birds eat it all up. Just about that time, well, uh - uh -, this tree begin to go lose.