

There were seven brothers. They had one sister. I don't know if they were orphans because I never did hear anybody say about their parents. But anyway, this sister, she must have been older than some of her brothers. They didn't say she was the youngest, because they always say she had a younger brother that stayed around her when all her six brothers went out hunting. I guess they hunted and hunted--that's all they did. They were camping all alone somewhere. That's the way these hunters used to do back there. They'd go way out like I told you, you know, they'd leave in groups. And then they'd be alone where they could find something. But if they come in big groups I guess they would scare all the animals away--the wild game. And maybe this same bunch would maybe kill too many and didn't give those no chance that had slow horses. So the way they used to do, they scattered. So these groups, that had slow horses, that would give them a chance to get their meat. But if they stayed where these men had fast horses, then maybe they would be left out. They would just take what was given to them. That's the reason they scattered. So these brothers were camping somewhere by themselves. And all this girl would do, she'd tan hides. When they'd bring in some kind of animal, she'd scrape the hide and tan them. And these boys would always leave their brother--the last-born child is named "ma'guts". I can't translate that. So this Ma'guts was told by his brothers to stay with his sister. "You're a boy now. You stay with our sister." Many times he would have like to went with his brothers to hunt, and his brothers would make him stay. He was already a pretty good sized boy. And I think one of the older boys said-- Oh! After she tanned these hides, she'd make something for her brothers--moccasins or a jacket or something for them. Maybe something for their bedding. That was just all she did. And she'd