

a test. And they gave him four rocks. They told him, "You take these four rocks, and throw as far as you can out there." And when he done that, he threw the rock, oh, maybe a hundred-fifty years or somewhere along there. That water cut (divided). And he walked right on the ground there. And he took the second one. He threw it. And then he took the third one. And then the fourth one. Oh--he was maybe quarter mile out there. And that water was just cut in half. And he walked down there to that end, and that water closed in and he was where there was a tipi. There's a tipi there, and they had for a door a mud-turtle. You know what a mud-turtle is? A big, giant mud-turtle. But this person or this thing, whatever it was, told him, "That's going to be that way, but you just grab his leg and push him aside and walk in". Which he did. And inside there, there were a group of men like they have in this modern Native American Church--just sitting in a circle. And it seemed to me that they were in there having a meeting. And the chief, told the boy, "All right. Come on in and sit anywhere you want to." As he look about, he saw all different sorts of men. And right to his right there was some three or four men that was had cancer--sores and boils and what-not. But that's incurable, you know. You can't cure this tuberculosis and cancer and some of these ulcers. Ulcers. All it has to do with--cancer. They' all cancer, but they got different names. Now, especially in English. But the Apaches got names for those. Tuberculosis is 'ízá. í. cí. zé and --da' íX'áh-- or Xó.da' íX'áh--that's sores that, you know, breaks out. Have water all the time. Something like cancer. That's something you can't cure. It just breaks out here and breaks out there. And next is that smallpox. You can't cure that either. It's gotta take its course. And the measles. That's the four that I had in mind when I wrote--when I told the story the first time it was written. That's the reason I wanted to-- (What was it you called the smallpox in Apache?) 'íxcí, or 'íxcídicani--that's "small pox". And measles is 'inída.íkase. Which means "things that go right back in". That's measles. Now them things, they take their course. You can't cure 'em. And instead of setting over there, if he sit by