

the coyotes or wolves just ate it up and just the hide and the ribs were still in there. She got in there, inside for shelter. Rain was coming--storm. She was safe in there. She wouldn't get wet or nothing. She went to sleep in there like he said and something talked to her. It said, "I feel sorry for you. Nobody ever come over here. But you came to me for your shelter and you're a woman. I'm gonna bless you with power--with my power. When you go back to your people, you gonna get back to your people. That's my blessing I'm gonna give you. And when you get over there, I'm gonna give you how to be a doctor. And when people are sick, you're gonna doctor them and they gonna get well. That's my blessing I'm going to give you." And she got glad. I don't know if she was in a dream or if this thing was talking to her. So he said, "This is what you gonna use when you doctor. Buffalo tail with paint." They use paint. They dig it out of the earth. My father used to have lots. We don't know where he gets it. And we don't know. We ain't got anymore ourselves. So he made different kinds. A white clay, and a red paint, and a yellow paint. All those come from earth. You know, they dig them. And they used to use them to paint their faces. And then a buffalo tail and a buckskin. They all gonna go together. And he told this woman how to fix them. Now when you doctor, you use them. And even gave her a song--a medicine song. Seven songs he gave her. So the next day when she got up and went out, he told her which way to go. And sure enough, one day she came to her people. And they saw her coming, way off. You know, they're out watching because they're--they in danger too, enemies. And they have a young man to go out, way out to watch. If someone is coming somewhere, some stranger, enemy, well, they see.