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Sitting Bull adopts an Assiniboine lad.

By One Bull.

The hostile Sioux were roaming round in that territory lying between the Yellowstone River on the South, the Missouri River on the East and North and the Rocky Mountains on the West, about a year or so prior to the coming of Father DeSmet to the Teton Sioux while they were located on the Powder River.

They were still at war with the Crows, Mandans, Gros Ventres, Arickarees, Assiniboine, Piegans and Flat heads, hence they were in danger all the time. They were ever on the alert for sudden attacks from these Tribes. Their horses were also in danger.

About this time, Gray eagle, brother-in-law of Sitting Bull, was coming to the front ranks on account of his brave deeds on the war path.

One night word was passed round in the camp by the standing scouts, that a party of Assiniboines had been seen in the vicinity of the camp. Warnings were given to keep a vigilant watch on their horses. The scouts were ordered to guard the camp constantly. They were camping by the Mussellshell River which was thickly wooded.

The day after this warning, a daughter of one of the prominent warriors - a very beautiful girl was missing. Upon inquiry, it was learned that the missing girl, ~~together~~ ^{in company} with a younger brother and sister had been to the river to bathe and that upon their walk home, through the woods, a party of strange Indians had captured the girl and took her