

captive. He rode two days and two nights. On the evening of the second day about sunset, he rode up the top of a hill and slowly raising his head to see if anything was on the other side. There was a village of Assiniboines along the creek and spied some one hobbling the ponies away from the camp. Upon close observation he discovered that he was an Assiniboine boy, about ten or twelve years of age. He paused, studied round as to the best course to pursue. Here he had the chance to get away with a bunch of horses. Then again he had the chance of capturing the lad. He decided he would do the latter.

He rode up to the boy and said, "Hoksela ongni ktelo." "Boy, let us go home." The boy understood him for the Assiniboines are Sioux with a distinct dialect. The boy cried and said, "Makte sni ye, incin lena cieu kte." "Do not kill me. I'll give you all of these. But Grayeagle said, "Nitasunke wacinsni. Niye ci cin." "I do not want your horses. I want you."

Then Grayeagle commanded the boy to get on the best pony and go home with him. The boy, reluctantly caught a fine pony and having mounted, started off for the camp of the Sioux.

Gray eagle and his captive reached the camp and no sooner the natives learned of the boy captive then the whole camp was in an uproar. Some say he ought not to take his spite out of a youngster, while others say it was the proper thing to do under the circumstances and then again some say it was an unusual deed committed on the war-path.

In the midst of this turmoil, Gray eagle requested Sitting Bull, the best way to make a disposition of the boy. The chief decided, that, as he had no younger brother living, he wished to adopt the little Assiniboine boy as his own brother. Everybody was pleased over this wise decision.

The next day Sitting Bull complied with all the formalities and ceremonies in connection with the adoption. He also christened the new brother Tantaka Psica -- Jumping Bull which was the name of Sitting Bull's father. This the boy became a permanent member of Sitting Bull's family as well as of the Sioux Nation.