

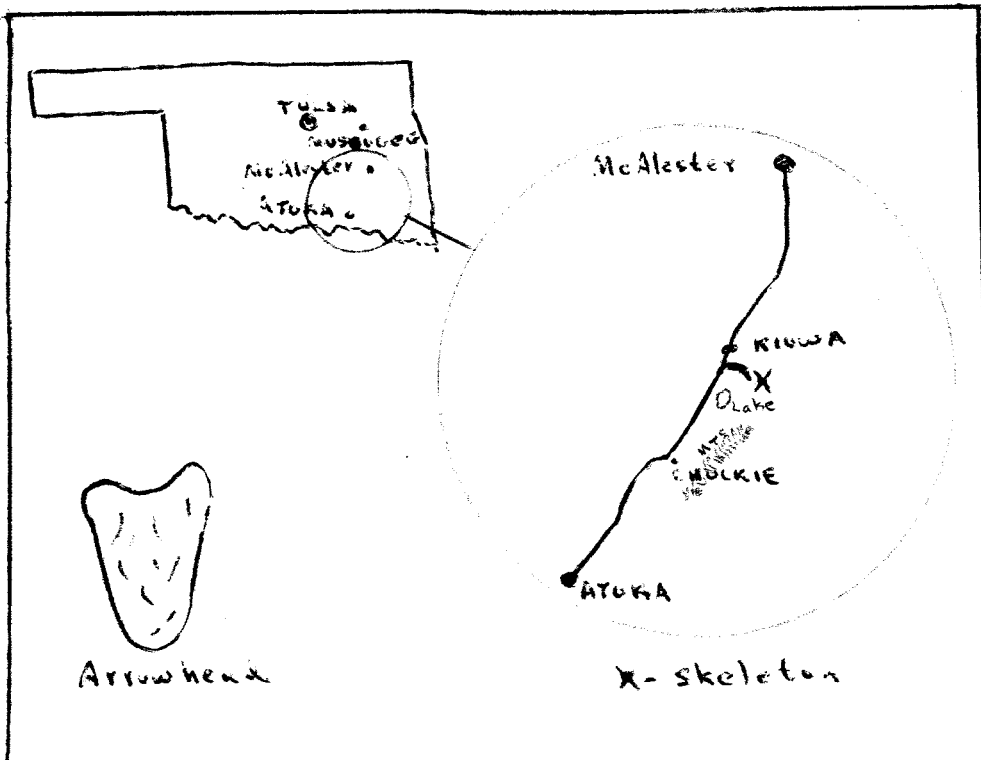
me, but for all I know it may be true. It would have been easy, I suppose, for an anatomy student to establish the racial identity of the skeleton, but it was sent away to a museum at Norman or Oklahoma City (I don't remember which) before positive identity was decided upon.

The existence of other skeletons in the area seems to me to indicate a battle, but I could not remember reading of any warring tribes in that section. No doubt there were, since Indians roamed all over Oklahoma. I thought that with your knowledge of Indians you might know just what tribes inhabited that section, and what occasioned the number of burials there.

One other thing that interested me was the shape of the arrowhead I found in the vertebra: it had no ~~barbs~~<sup>stem</sup>. I thumbed through history books and found mention of such an arrowhead, called the Folsom point, whose age was reckoned at a fantastic number of years. I hesitated to ascribe pre-historic properties to my pet skeleton, but --! I have since seen pictures of ~~arrow-heads~~<sup>smaller</sup> of more recent origin. It was my idea that the shape of the point would be of some help in establishing its user.

Proceeding in the fashion of Sherlock Holmes, I am almost certain that the skeleton was one of an Indian (beads and bone ornaments found in the burial place) killed by a rival tribe of Indians (witness the arrowhead in the spine) in battle (established by presence of other skeletons).

The attempt at illustration below is calculated to fix the locale more specifically and establish the general shape of the arrowhead. I shall appreciate very much any information you can supply. It has always seem to me an adventure half-consummated, not knowing the skeleton's origin.



Sincerely,

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