

Indians charged down the river time after time, trying to wipe them out. The Indian camp was miles away, and Roman Nose took no part in the fight during the morning. Only the day before he had destroyed the charm of his sacred war bonnet. This bonnet had been given him by an Indian named Ice, and was supposed to make the man who wore it bullet-proof.

But there were certain rules which the owner must obey. One was that he must not eat meat touched by an iron tool. The day before the fight, Roman Nose had been invited to a feast and ate meat from the kettle with the other men. When they got to the bottom of the kettle, they found an iron fork in it. This broke the power of Roman Nose's protection. He had no time before the fight began to go through the ceremonies that would restore the power. However, he went out to watch the fight.

An old man taunted him for not taking part. So Roman Nose mounted his horse and charged. One of the scouts shot him from his horse. He died that night.

Of all the Cheyennes, Roman Nose is most famous as a warrior, and as all authorities agree, the Cheyennes were the most warlike of all the Plains Tribes.

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