

Yeah, just mean. Naturally mean. But you take them--the meanest snake we got in this country here is them old cotton mouths.

(Yeah.)

That's a mean snake.

(The creeks are full of 'em aren't they?)

Well, there's a few here, but not very many. There may be three or four here, right over here, the only place I know and then one place on Fourteen Mile Creek too, they come. You see, you can tell if there's any cottonmouths, you get in that water you'll find out. They'll take in after you.

(Really, will they?)

Now, you take that water moccasins now, he'll run,

Maggie: That's the reason I'm so afraid to go swimming.

(Even over here at the swimming hole I got a little bit worried last summer.)

No, this is rocky place right over here where they--there ain't none up there where that--

(Oh, if it's rocky they don't get around that?)

Yeah, that's where they stay in them rocks.

Maggie: Rocky or shell like, rocky, that where they stay under rocks.

And if they not in there, they're in the mud somewhere. Where there's, you know, slough like, you know, that's where they stay. You can tell if they, you know. You don't have to look for 'em. But water mocaasin now, they'll run from you.

(Yeah.)

Cottonmouth, he's just a mean snake, he's just like a copperhead.

(T.V. noise in background.)

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