

TRICKSTER STORIES: WHITE MAN TRICKED BY COYOTE

(Was this story one of the ones you heard from your grandparents?)

Yes, from my grandparents. Then there was another one. They used to say, "White man was going east." I guess this White Man went east. And he seen a young girl. Buckskin clothes on and she was pretty and all that, and I guess he cut up with her. I guess he said--he start putting his arms around her, and I guess this girl said, "Say, my mother told me you're my uncle." "Oh, no, you're not my niece. I'm going to marry you," I guess he told her. I guess he just kept on and kept on. Finally he throw her down. He threw her down and I guess she just fight him, you know. Fight. She didn't want him to do anything to her, you know. I guess he just kept trying. "You're my uncle! You're my uncle! I'm going to tell my mother--" "No, you're not my niece. You're going to be my wife," I guess he said. Finally he got her dress up and this woman went and hit him right over here by the navel. It was a coyote. It was a coyote and it was a he-one. And I guess this coyote said, "Yii-ai! I fool White Man!" I guess he said. "You didn't fool me. I know it--I was just teasing you!" I guess he said. Then he went on. Went on after this coyote tricked him.

He went on. I guess he seen a buffalo. So he killed that buffalo and he went and cut the meat and everything. I guess he was butchering. Here I guess there was a coyote come. "Hey, brother," I guess he said. "Go wash these--" you know, the insides of the buffalo. This coyote take them down to the river. He come back and said, "Hey, my brother. The fish took that away from me." "Oh, here's some more--" I guess every time he go and wash something the fish would get it. Fish got it, and here he ate it up. Finally he got tired. He didn't send him any more.