

STORY OF HOW A WOMAN WAS PUNISHED FOR ADULTERY LONG AGO

(Back in the old days, did it ever happen that sometimes a man and a woman would do something that was really considered to be bad, like maybe a man got into an argument with another man and kill him --or run off with this wife or something like that--I was wondering what they used to do?)

I don't know. Way back that way, you know, I don't know nothing about it, and I don't know who run away with somebody else's wife. It's way back there when they used to do that, and I don't know nothing about it. I used to hear here and there--when they used to gather around and tell stories--old stories--I happened to run into my grandma's tent when they were all telling stories, and just here and there I would hear a little of it. One time I heard them--I didn't hear the whole story and I said to my grandma, "Who was it?" And she told me, "Go play." And after that I was asking her, about it, and she told me. I guess there was a man. I guess he caught his wife with another man and he went and cut her nose, and then he went and bit her ear. Bit it off and threw it in the fire. And that's all I know, just what she was telling me. She told me, "If you're a bad woman when you grow up, your husband is going to cut your nose," she used to tell me. She was just teasing me. Yeah. And they used to sing about him. I guess his name was White Crow. And they used to sing, "White Crow, he cut his wife's nose. And he cut her ear off and throw it in the fire." They used to sing that. There's a song like that. And I guess he used to get ashamed when they sing about him, you know. I guess he used to hide. Hide around--he wouldn't be among people. And they said that woman used to have to hold her