

Oh, things that's no good. You're not supposed to say in front of them.

(Is it just your grandparents or any old people?)

Any of them. Any of these old people. You're not supposed to say anything out of the way in front of them. And you're not supposed to talk in a way that might hurt their feelings.

(What about telling about some of these stories--these White Man stories--you know how some of them are. Would it be all right for a mother to tell one in front of one of her sons?)

No. You know these younger people up here, they don't know these. Just way back over there where they used to have these stories. But these grandfolks of ours, they knew a few. Their folks used to tell them stories. And then they used to tell us. And they used to say that if we remember these stories--if we just put them in our minds--that we're going to remember them. "You're going to be able to tell your grandchildren these same stories." They used to tell us that.

(Like, would you ever tell some of those stories to your boys?)

No.

(What about to your girls--would you ever tell them?)

Oh, I told my girls a few of them.

(If your boys ever heard them, who would they hear them from?)

Oh, their father would tell them. Their father used to tell them stories.

(Well, if an old person like a grandmother or grandfather is telling these stories to their grandkids--and if there were brothers and sisters there together--would that be all right?) They tell them separate. They don't put them girls and boys together when they tell them.

(Could a grandmother, if she's telling some of these stories to her grandkids--could she tell her grandsons--as well as her granddaughters?)

Well, she'd tell them separate--not mixed--but she could tell some to her grandsons and granddaughters.

(What about a girl and her uncle--her mother's brother--or a man and his niece--how are they supposed to treat each other?)