

They prayed. And they pound their herbs and they distribute them to these clients.

(Let's see--there's Beavers, Thunderbirds,--three or four other clans--I don't know which one it is. We'll have to find out. I can find out. My father-in-law--Lumpmouth--he used lizards. This lizard was his relative (?) --these ordinary--and he can do some wonderful things with them, too. He made buckskin beaded lizard come to life. Just for a moment, that buckskin just-- That was Lumpmouth. They still got seven of them in their family. You know, seven is the sacred number of the Arapahoes.

(Is that this common lizard?)

It's beaded--buckskin, beaded. Buckskin shaped like a lizard, with beadwork on there. I seen one of them come alive at Greenfield Sun Dance. I actually seen it. One Kiowa girl fainted when she saw that thing come alive.

(Is it supposed to represent a real lizard?)

Yeah. But that's the symbolism of their doctoring clan. The lizard, and the beaver and the thunderbird, and--I forgot the others. I think there's seven clans.

(Jess, on all of your relatives, do you remember what clans they belong to?)

Well, my own folks, they didn't belong to no clan. They were not doctors. Just them two herbs that I told you about was my mother's. She learned that from her sister, this All-Kills. She learned them just from our own experience.

(But all the Arapaho weren't in a clan?)

No. It depends--some have granddaughters or grandsons that they train. To that clan. And consequently there are those trained younger ones.

(These aren't the clans the young boys go in to--?)

No, No. We're talking about these doctoring clans--those are soldier clans that they go into--the Fox, you know, and the Starhawks and the Tomahawks and the Girdled Belt Spearmen and the Flying Moth or Fly Dancers and the Old Dog Soldiers, the Serenaders--

(These doctoring clans are different?)

Yeah.