

That long before my time. And I just know little history of it that was handed down to us, but it's been so long ago I've almost forgotten most of it, but that's the first recollection I have of a thunderbird--from those first original two Grandmother Gods called dzáidətáli of the secret bags or Grandmother Gods we have. Originated that came from, escaped from the Sun--Sun God's wife and son that came from--let down from heaven and didn't touch the ground--this earth. And the man had left a limestone rock, only--magic rock round on the cord and jumped over the sun knocked both to the ground--killed the woman and left the boy to wander around. And the old story of the Spider Woman and the flood and all them.

BRIEF VERSION OF TWIN BOYS AND THUNDERBIRD (STORY CONNECTED WITH TEN GRANDMOTHER GODS):

That's a long story, I thought maybe you got it. But you'll find it in the original story by the American Ethnologist--anthropologist, James Mooney, and Frank LeFleche and John Harrington. I know all them fellows. But I have work with them, too, but afterwards. They already had this story.

(What, this word that you mentioned, dzáidətáli--)

dzáidətáli is the original boy that was dropped from heaven to this earth, and how Spider Woman adopted and raise him, and give him toys and arrows to play with. Told him not to throw the hoop in the air. And he done it against the wishes -- "Why grandma don't want me to throw it in the air?" And it came down and divided the boy's half -- two living boys. And said, "Don't throw it to the--don't throw the wheel to the north or south--" I forgot which way it was-- and they threw it that-a-way and it stampeded and they chased it till it went to--and camp under a high--what do you call it--cliff, down there in the bottom. And they jumped off the cliff and they was tipis setting there. And it lodge on the tipi roof in one of those poles and they went down there to try to take it off, and they couldn't it off--it was way up there, and they was a man and wife in there. And the dzáidətáli stood outside and said, "Hey! Give us our wheel off your tipi!" And they say whoever was in there, maybe no one, I don't know--th y was only inhabitants, under there and says, "Come inside, come inside and I'll get it for you." And they went inside the tipi and they set down and they notice inside the tipi, bags all around. And they were kinda curious, looking up there. And he says, "Well, I'll get the hoop off for you, but