

got suspicious. So he was leaving for hunting again. He cleaned up his wife, painted her up good, combed her hair good. She said, "Well, I'm going down there again, tan some more hides." So this man act like he was leaving. He left I guess, so he got suspicion. She kinda smelled funny. So he hid around someplace right close by. He seen his wife going down there. Just as she got down there he kinda sneaked back up, you know, round where they wouldn't see him. He saw her clothes. She took all her clothes off, she went in that water. Pretty soon this big water snakes head stood up. It looked round, looked around, see if anybody was around. Finally it swam to her and just curled round her. This man got mad when he seen it--was looking at them all the time. He ran over there, got his knife, just cut up that big snake, cut it all up. And he killed his wife. Cut her head off. I guess he was so mad, he went and cut up his wife to small pieces. Late in the evening he went home and told his daughter, he said "Here, cook this fresh meat." It was that woman. He fed his wife to his children.

(Why did he do that?)

Well, he go so mad, I guess. Well, he went out after that. He went around to some of them other camps there and told them that these children were gonna eat their mother, or rather, ate their mother already. They had an old dog. A real old dog, didn't have no teeth at all. Well, this little boy used to say, "Sister, let's don't eat this meat. It tastes like my mother." This girl says, "It taste like our mother. Oh you eat. I never eat fresh meat." So they didn't eat it. Oh, while they were trying to eat, well, they heard their mother coming. They thought it was their mother coming. All at once her head rolled in the tipi. Said, "Oh, my children are eating." And they got scared, these kids. The boy and the girl, they ran out. When they went out there was nobody camping around. They all moved from these kids, they got scared.