

And at the end he noticed one that he didn't look like a prairie dog. It was one of these they call a--let's see--what does the white man call that? They're like ducks--funny little ducks-- (Mud hen?)

Mud hen, yes. It was at the end. This mud hen was at the end. And he kind of looked at it. It looked funny. It didn't look like a prairie dog. So he said, "All right, here I go. Everybody get ready to dance!" he said. He started to sing. (Sings a song in Cheyenne), over and over. And the words are "He who opens his eyes is going to have red eyes." That was the song (he sang) over and over. "He who opens his eyes is going to have red eyes." And these prairie dogs got scared. They didn't want to open their eyes so they would have red eyes. They were scared of that song. "Everybody shut your eyes tight," he said, "Close them tight!" And he said, "When you dance so hard, some of you might fall against each other, but don't mind it--just keep going," he said. He meant after he hit them when they fall against each other. That's what he meant. So they started dancing around in a big circle. And they start with the fattest one that was in the lead and he knock him on the head. He fell against this one. "Well, he already said not to open our eyes if somebody falls against us." He just kept dancing. Pretty soon he hit the next one, and on down the line till he hit the last one next to this mud hen. The little mud hen opened his eyes. "Run for your life! He's killing us!" He opened his eyes and that's the reason today that those mud hens have red eyes. And this White Man just laugh and laugh and watch, and he said, "You are so nice to invite me to your town," he said. "You're going to make a good meal for me!" He gathered them and