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BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON SAINDAY

(Did you say what kind of a man Sainday was?)

I don't know. Maybe he's Kiowa. He talks any way. He talk all kind (of language) I guess. They didn't say he's Kiowa or Comanche or Apache --they just call him Sainday. He talks every languages, I think. That's why he understands everything. He could bear and (?) and turkeys, and everything. That's why the kids ask me, "Grandma, what kind of man he is? How did he die?" "Well, nobody don't know," I said. "I don't know much." We just know the stories that way back there they make a story. They keep coming. And you know these new generations began to know it. Because their parents tell them about it. Some don't. Some don't study these Sainday stories. Some of them don't. All these childrens (her grandchildren), they know it. I told them, and they know it. They understand. And that's why they ask me what kind of man he is. When did he die. Oh, they buried him like crazy. Oh, they just laugh.

(What did he look like?)

I don't know. They say he's tall man. He's got big muscles and big hands and big feet. That's what I heard--that's all I heard. Big tall man. And strong. You can't block him down. Any bear hold him, he could throw him down. That's why they call him Sainday I guess.

(Where did he come from?)

Maybe he come on the earth--I don't know. I don't know where he come from. All I know is Sainday. I don't know where he comes from. Maybe he's born like we are.

(What kind of things does he do?)