

and then get paid and all that and don't have to do nothing. But in other words you just have to keep on going if your on that (road).

(Another question about this word, Komptog δ aet'au.. -- what does just -g δ aet'au. by itself mean?)

That's where they're at. Where they're staying. komptog δ aet'au.

kompto- that's "ghost". And 'aet au. -- that's where they're staying.

komptog y -- that's what they call "ghost".

DISPOSITION OF THE DEAD IN THE OLD DAYS & STORY OF A MAN WHO MARRIED A SPIRIT WOMAN

(Could you just say) δ aet au. by itself?)

'aet au. -- that means "staying". In the olden days they think there used to be spirits like that. They turn into their flesh and you can see them. You don't see them any more. Way back I think there's a story--I guess--when you die way back there, they'll leave a tipi there.

Put up a tipi and then put you in there. Lay you in the back. Leave lot of groceries and everything. Leave a lot of things in there. Maybe all their horses they kill them there and just let them lay out there.

This man was coming along. It was snowing--a blizzard, or something-- and he seen a tipi. He went in there. It was cold, you know, and he start that fire. And he seen somebody laying up there and he know what it was. But he didn't have no place to eat, and he just have to stay in there. Big fire going on. And all that dry meat and everything (there) and he start eating. That dead person--a woman--was laying there. I think the second or third night that thing talked to him.

It said, "Don't be afraid of me. Just help yourself to these things here and just stay here as long as you like." Well, he stayed there four days and four nights, I think. And the fifth night, that person laying there, she got up. Just like we are. And she said, "I'm going to go with you wherever you go. But don't you ever call me a komptomah -- "ghost woman". Don't you ever call me that. Well, this man made that