

(How do you say that in Kiowa?)

tâ.hònèmká da -- "The star that never changes."

(Would you say it once more?)

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(I wanted to ask you about the Milky Way. Do the Kiowas have a name for that?)

Milky Way? Yeah, but I forgot. I think it was supposed to be a "race track of the gods." That's a long story, but I just about forgot that story. It's hard to remember now, those old stories. We never put them down and we just lost them. Can't remember them. If it was 50 years ago you came, I could have told you, but now I just about forgot.

BRIEF VERSION OF STORY OF ANIMALS GATHERED AT A RACE TRACK (THE MILKY WAY) AND CREATION OF THE HORSE, ETC.

But it was the beginning of creation story. Something all worked together. And how the sun went in the sky and all that. But I can't put it together like it was anymore. I've forgotten. But the gods were all in conference about the creation. And how these winds and storms and cyclones was formed. They was forming a horse. I just give you this for illustration just to show you how it went. Well, at this conference, they said, "We have to make a horse." And someone had to volunteer. Well, they got the clay. And they said, "He's got to have hair." And they put different animals' hair and it don't suit it.. It don't suit. (It's not suitable.) The buffalo tried to give his hair. And different animals offered their hair, and feathers, and no, they don't go with the horse. So the little prairie dog, he volunteered. He said, "I'll loan my skin." So this prairie dog's hide is some