

might happen and they might die.

(Well, did they use any other kind of medicine?)

No, it don't mix. The buffalo medicine don't mix with any other medicines. They have lots of medicines. After we get these other stories that--did they tell you anything about captive stories? Cecil's grandmother was a captive woman.

(Oh, I didn't know that.)

Yeah, and he might give you-- When they had a Sun Dance, she was selected to chop the sacred post that the Sun God is tied to in the center post. And they go through a big ceremony when she goes out to cut the tree. And she was the one, always, to cut the tree. And different clans--orders--go out and sing, and she strikes the tree and then it fell down. They say the tree always falls to the east. And then they carry it to the Sun Dance grounds. Cecil's grandmother was the one that cut the pole. He didn't see any of that, only he was told, just like I was told. I don't know how much he remembers. Grandpa told me lots of those stories about how they do then--but they're long stories to tell. That's one of the best stories you could get is the Sun God and Taimé stories.

(Well, do you remember that story?)

It's a long story, long one. Now I had another story that I wanted you to get, but we don't have time this time.

(Well, let me ask you another question. When your cousin was doctored you said he shot himself.)

Who?

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(Your cousin, Wilbert. Well, why did he shoot himself?)