

CAPTURE OF THE TAIME AND ONE OF THE TEN GRANDMOTHERS

But they carried the Taime and the Grandmother God with them and one woman they captured--they take her. They knew that the men, they that were gone--the warriors--would appear and get on their trail. So they tried to get away as far as they can without sleep. They travelled for two or three days. After a few days' travel, all night and day, they stopped to rest. They thought they was plenty safe and when they stopped to rest there. That woman, each night when they go to bed, those men form a circle to sleep and they put that captiye woman to sleep in the middle, so she can't get away. And that last night when they thought they was safe, camping, resting, one of those that carried the Taime, he kept it--and he kind of knew that that must of been a sacred Indian god. But the other one that took the Grandmother God, he didn't know what it was. So he began to inspect and see what it was made of. It was in a young buffalo calf hide and lots of human scalps hanging on it. So he investigated and he took his knife and cut it open and this Kiowa woman captive, all the time was praying now. "We're both captured. Now, if you can, if you can save yourself from being burned up and killed, if you cause and spare my life and they don't kill me, we may be able to get home. I'll see that you get back home." So this man inspected the contents and took whatever was in there. He emptied it and it looked like a little doll. Or something in costume.

(A little what?)

Looked something like a doll. It's on the inside.

(A doll?)

It's not a doll. It's something that is an imitation of (unclear)