

later the bird stood long as he could and this witch got mad and she pulled that. "I said come on in. Now you're staying out there too long." And she pulled that rag and it was just a piece of rag. And they say she pulled it and then she pulled back, pulling so hard she kind of hit that fire. But anyway she jumped up and didn't get burned. I wish she got burned up right. Anyway she jumped up and just fix herself. And she said, "I don't care how far you go. And I don't care where you go, I'm gonna catch up with you and I'll kill both of you--you and your little sister." She was talking to herself and then she kill all the rest of the children. Then she went after her. It was daylight. There was another big creek, river I guess--overflowing. And she was getting close. Then this girl said, she just wonder how she gonna cross that river. And she heard that witch hollering, "Just wait till I catch up with you. I'll get you. I'm gonna kill both of you." Boy, this girl didn't know what to do. She couldn't swim. That water was up. And she knowed they would get drowned and oh, she was just crying and talking like she did. "Someone help me. Someone help us." She just cried cause she knows they gonna get caught cause she was coming, hollering way back there. Finally here she came closer and finally water come up like something is coming up. Right--just right at the bank where they stooped. They couldn't go this way or that way. There was a big river. They couldn't run back or this way. They gonna get caught anyway. So this, just when she start praying again--"Good Spirit, help us some way. Some way to save us." Finally that water just kind of splashed like that. Something came out of that, you know. Came up like that. It was an alligator. And said, "Get on my back." And boy, they got on! I don't know if it was a male or