

happened. Current. That's all they was supposed to tell, unless as I said, they're carrying on a tradition, like. If her husband was a medicine man and, if he was to die, she would carry on the best that she knows. Oh, cause she's the only one that has that authority. Unless you give it to your brother or your nephew or someone on the male side. You have that right. But mostly, people don't have anything to do with it unless they have to. Like me, I have to. Dr. Bittle come up to me and pick me out, and I have to carry on. I could decline but there wasn't-- (You mean, most people didn't want to tell these stories?)

No. Not only that, but just, just power or knowledge of it. For instance, like if you cure earache or toothache, or bellyache or something. If you have that power, well, you can either decline or take it. If you don't want to take it, people still contend that you, that you inherited it. And these story tellers, the same thing. Some peoples can't tell a story. No more than you could make a recitation. You heard that. You know some students just can't recite.

(How old was a person before he would start telling stories?)

Well he had to have experience. Like, go out on a war party or war journey. He had to be--just like doing a hitch in the Army. After you do three years, or two years--or whatever it is, then you're entitled to tell stories. But this has to do with a certain age. If you're twenty-one--twenty-five is about the average age of the Indian. That's the Indian's way. If you're twenty-five years old now, you're at the right age to marry or be a medicine man or to be a warrior or to be anything. To represent your people. Otherwise if you're not in that capacity, then you're a failure. You're a bum. You're a hippie. Especially hippies. Indians had that. Before the white man even introduced it. We referred to them as $\chi\acute{a}c\acute{e}g\grave{o}d\acute{a}$. But in telling stories or referring to them was a $\chi\acute{a}c\acute{e}g\grave{o}d\acute{a}$. And what that full meaning is is $\chi\acute{a}c\acute{e}g\grave{o}d\acute{a}$.

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(What does that mean?)

That means that you're a favorite of a family. What you mostly