

her, you know. And she tied herself. She tied the little boy up here above her just where she could reach him. And then tied herself the last around here. I don't know how she tied it. But anyway she came down to that hole. Kept coming down on that rope, you know. Keep coming down and then just when she was about to touch the ground, the rope gave out. About maybe to this ceiling. They said just when she could touch the ground, just like that. If she put a little more rope, she'd come down. But that--it gave out. So she kept hanging like that. And couldn't cut that thing. If she had a knife, well anyway it happened that way I guess. Finally a woman came. A witch woman coming along. And she saw her and the little boy. And she stopped. No! No, her husband came home up there and she was gone and the boy was gone. He said, "I wonder what become of them. Where did she go when I, after I told her not to go anywhere far off." He looked for them and he couldn't find them. And just look and look and finally he found this place where she went and took that buffalo dry manure away and could see down there. She had a post there and had a rope tied. He looked down there and there she was hanging way down with the little boy was tied above her. He said, "I just can't do nothing now." He said, "That's something I can't help her. It's too far down." So he had a rain. I don't know what kind of rain it was--just a little rain. He must be a medicine man, you know, if he was a thunder man. And then he said, "I'm going to do this. I'm gonna--this is the only way I can save the boy. But her, I don't know about her." He got mad at her. He wanted to save his son. He said, "Even though they down there I can't be with my son anymore because my place is up here. And she's already going down there--took the boy with her.