

we learned. As a result, they cautioned us against dangers through these stories. So that's how we learned them and that's why we tell them. There's always a basic story to them and I think most children can learn these stories. What they mean and enjoy them at the same time. There was another story I remember about little squirrel. There's a squirrel family. They worked all year long saving up, preparing for winter. They stored a lot of otheir food in the trunk of a tree, as I remember. And of course the coyote was always after their food. He tried to trick'em out of their tree with different devices. Remember all this is told in Indian. It's kind of hard to interpret it. Somehow or another these squirrels were--they knew this coyote was coming in disguises and things like that. And they, being small animals couldn't think of anything to hurt this coyote with or they couldn't defeat him in any way. They knew that. So, I think they call their friends, beaver, or something like that. And he knawed a limb for them. So, the way they got this coyote was the limb fell on him and didn't kill him, I don't think. They didn't say. It hit him in the head and I think he ran away or he got knocked out or something. But he didn't bother them anymore. And all these little stories they were happy at the end of they story. Why, a little song was sung, and I don't remember the song. My dad used to sing a little song afterwards that these squirrels were singing. So, that was one of the stories I kind of remember. There were other stories they would tell. They was always having races these little animals. They would call each other together and they would say, let's have a foot race. Course the rabbits always thought they could run the fastest and all these other little