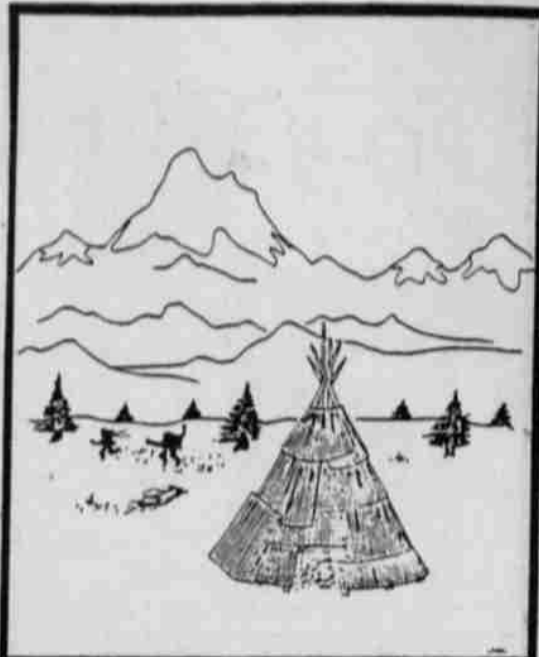


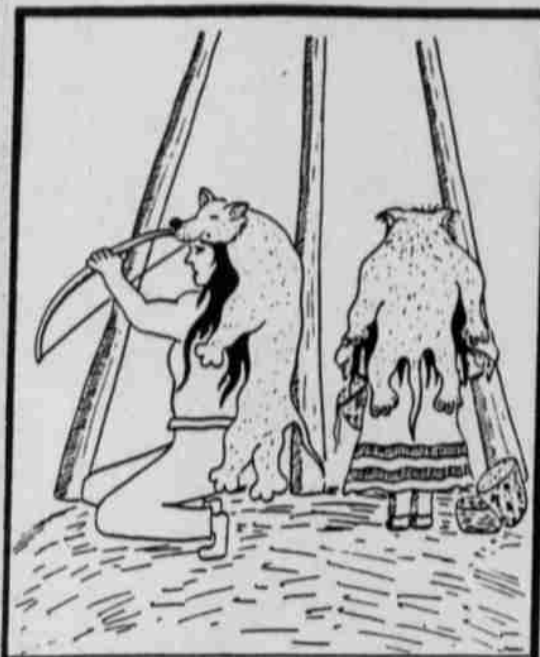
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THE DOC FAMILY

A LEGEND TOLD IN SAHAPTIN
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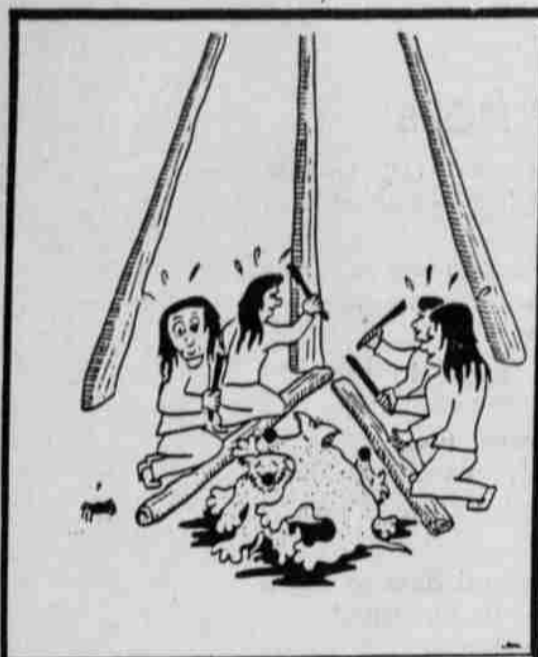
ONCE UPON A TIME, WHEN ANIMALS WERE PEOPLE, THERE LIVED DOG FAMILY SOMEWHERE IN THE MOUNTAINS. A MOTHER AND A FATHER, FOUR BOYS, AND THE YOUNGEST CHILD, A GIRL.



EVERY DAY, MOTHER AND FATHER WOULD LEAVE, AND THE CHILDREN WOULD STAY AT HOME. MOTHER WOULD GO AND DIG FOR HUNUS AND OTHER ROOTS, WHILE THE FATHER HUNTED.



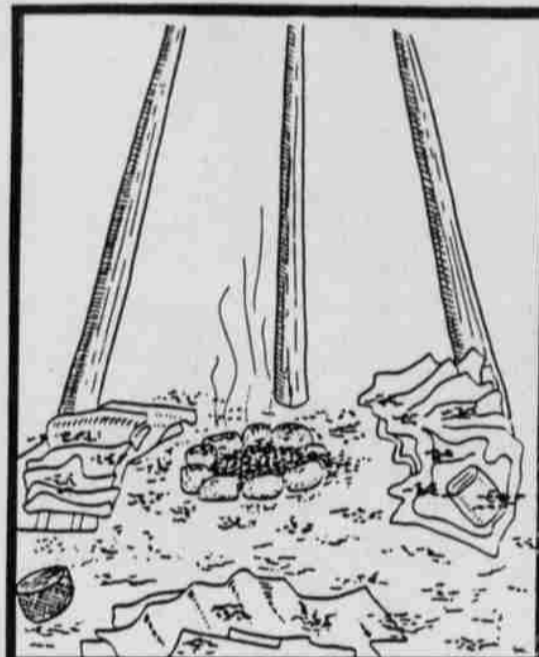
BEFORE THEY WENT, MOTHER AND FATHER WOULD TELL THEIR CHILDREN, "STAY HOME, DON'T GO ANYWHERE, WE HAVE PILED UP THE WOOD FOR YOU, YOU KEEP THE FIRE GOING."



AFTER THE PARENTS LEFT, THE BOYS PLAYED STICKGAME. THEY PILED UP THEIR COATS IN THE MIDDLE, AND USED THEM FOR BETS. THEY MADE THEIR SISTER WATCH FROM THE DOOR AND TOLD HER, "WATCH FOR MOTHER AND FATHER, TELL US IF THEY COME, FOR IF THEY CATCH US, THEY WILL BE VERY ANGRY, SO SHE WATCHED AS LONG AS THEY PLAYED STICKGAME."



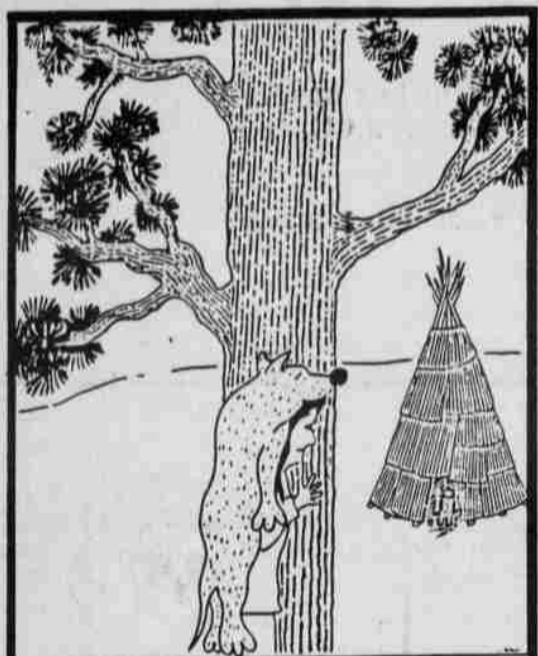
WHEN THEY KNEW THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER WERE CLOSE TO HOME, THE BOYS WOULD PUT ON THEIR COATS, FIX UP THE BEDS, AND LIGHT THE FIRE AS THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER HAD TOLD THEM TO DO.



THIS WENT ON FOR TWO DAYS. ON THE THIRD DAY, MOTHER AND FATHER CAME HOME, AND SAW THE BEDS STILL MESSY AND FULL OF ASHES. THE CHILDREN HAD TRAMPLED ON THE ASHES AND WALKED ALL OVER THE HOUSE. "FOR SOME REASON THE CHILDREN AREN'T KEEPING THINGS NEAT," THE PARENTS THOUGHT.



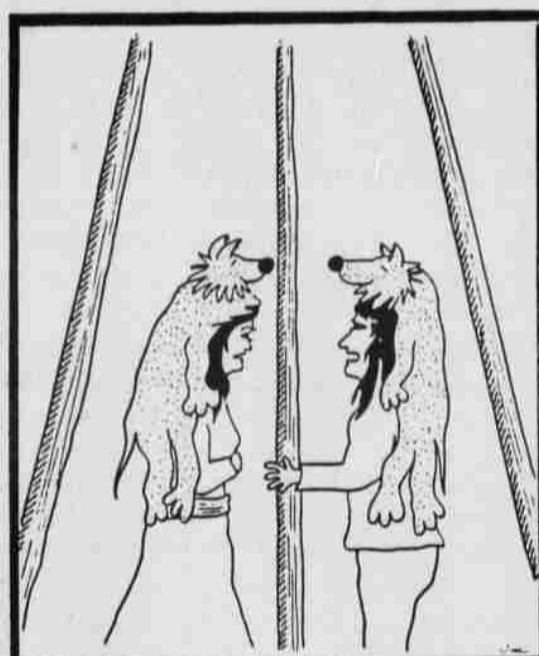
THE NEXT DAY, MOTHER AND FATHER SAID AS USUAL, "WE'RE GOING AWAY AGAIN, STAY HOME, DON'T GO ANYWHERE, WE HAVE PILED UP THE WOOD FOR YOU, YOU KEEP THE FIRE GOING." AND AGAIN MOTHER AND FATHER LEFT: MOTHER TO DIG ROOTS, AND FATHER TO HUNT.



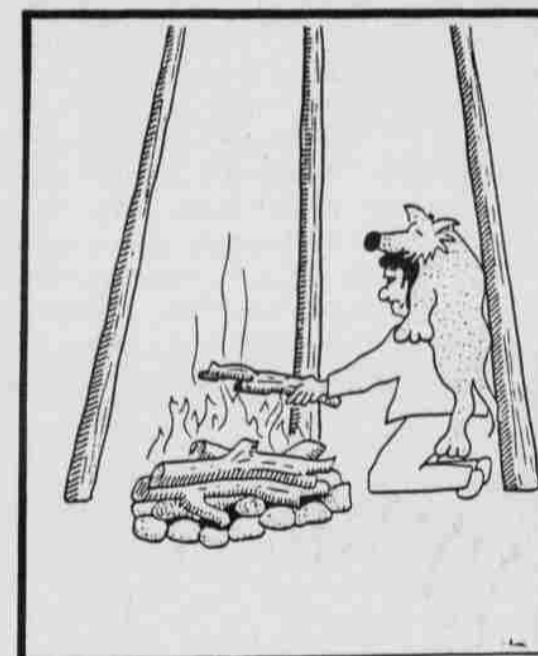
MOTHER AND FATHER WENT FAR ENOUGH INTO THE WOODS SO AS NOT TO BE SEEN. THEY WAITED AWHILE, THEN THEY HEARD LOUD NOISES. THEY LISTENED CLOSER, AND THEY HEARD THE CHILDREN SINGING STICKGAME SONGS. AGAIN, THE CHILDREN WERE PLAYING STICKGAME USING THEIR COATS AS BETS. THE GIRL WATCHED AT THE DOOR FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT COME.



ONCE AGAIN, WHEN THEY KNEW THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER WERE CLOSE TO HOME, THE BOYS PUT ON THEIR COATS, FIXED UP THEIR BEDS AND LIT THE FIRE. JUST AS MOTHER AND FATHER HAD TOLD THEM TO DO.



ON THE FIFTH DAY, MOTHER AND FATHER DECIDED, "LET'S SEE HOW IT IS THAT THEY ARE MAKING SUCH LOUD NOISES."



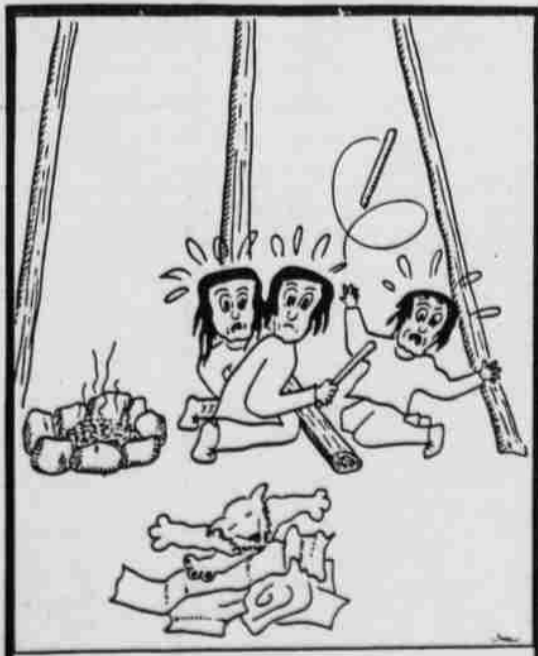
BEFORE MOTHER AND FATHER LEFT HOME TO DIG ROOTS AND HUNT, THEY TOLD THEIR CHILDREN, "STAY HOME, DON'T GO ANYWHERE, WE HAVE PILED UP THE WOOD FOR YOU, YOU KEEP THE FIRE GOING." AND AGAIN MOTHER AND FATHER LEFT.



THEY WENT JUST FAR ENOUGH SO THE CHILDREN COULDN'T SEE THEM. THEY HEARD THE STICKGAME SONGS AGAIN, THIS TIME VERY LOUD. THE CHILDREN WERE PLAYING STICKGAME AGAIN, AND THEY HAD THEIR COATS PILED IN THE MIDDLE FOR BETS AGAIN.



MOTHER AND FATHER WATCHED THE GIRL LOOKING DOWN THE PATH. SOON SHE FORGOT ABOUT KEEPING WATCH. SHE WAS NO LONGER AT THE DOOR, SHE WENT IN TO PLAY WITH THE BOYS. SO MOTHER AND FATHER CREEPT SLOWLY BACK TO THE HOUSE. THE NOISES BECAME LOUDER AND LOUDER THE CLOSER THEY GOT.



THEN THEY THREW OPEN THE DOOR AND SAW THAT THE CHILDREN HAD NO COATS ON. THE HOUSE WAS A MESS, AND THERE WAS NO FIRE.



THEN FATHER JUMPED ON THE PILE OF COATS. ONLY ONE OF THE CHILDREN GRABBED A COAT AND QUICKLY PUT IT ON.