

There is a place at Knife Creek near Sanish on the the north bank called Hide Butte. A man would always go to this butte and each time he was there birds of all kinds and he called himself a holy man. He dug a hole and would always go in there. One time he went into the hole and suddenly he heard a noise as of drumming coming towards him. He did not know what the noise was and he came out of the hole and a large white owl he was changed into; he was sitting there thinking that there was an elk with a greasy horn it would be nice for me to eat. Again he thought, there is another big elk down to the ocean but he has too many guides such as the raven and if I tried to get him they would probably warn him. He thought he would hire someone, "I was human in the first place but now I am a white owl, so I might hire a white owl since I am that." He called a white owl to stay with him a while and said to the white owl, "I want to hire you to get the elk that has greasy horns and when you go out you should use your power and if you have any medicine use that." The white owl said to the leader, "If I go near the horns he will stick them into me and hurt me, still I will do the best I can. There is another one down in the ocean too but he has too many around him to get him" The leader said he should try to get that one also." The White Owl said to his leader, "If we knew the time it went to sleep, it would be much easier to get it for the ravens and geese are around him" The leader said, "I will have my holy song to sing and there will be some words to it

He sang IF YOU DO NOT BRING THAT GREASY HORN YOU ARE NOT A MAN

The leader said as the other was ready to leave, "It is better to get him while in the water than in high land. The one to the north in the big lake will be easier." He went out and saw the large horns sticking out of the water of the lake. He went to the elk but before he got to the lake he sang I HAVE POWER TO DO THIS AND THE STRENGTH. He flew down, broke off a small piece of the horn and went on, brought it back and gave it to the leader, cooked it and it gave out much fat so that it lasted for a long time. The leader sang his holy song and said that he wanted him to try for the elk in the ocean saying, "If you do not bring a piece of the horn, you are not a man."

He went to the elk that lived in the ocean and when he was near the raven sounded a warning and when he started, the White Owl told him to be quiet. The Raven asked, "Are you an owl?" and the White Owl replied that he was and the raven was quiet. Then he came to the goose and the goose squawked and White Owl told the goose to be quiet and Goose asked if he was white owl and he said he was and goose said, "We are supposed to report any enemy that comes around but we are so afraid of you that we did not give the warning. When he comes out of the water that is the time he sleeps; he never sleeps when he is in the water."

He walked towards the head and horns were sticking out and he saw that the animal was asleep. He flew over and broke off one of the prongs of his horn. He took the horn back to his leader and he sang a victory song, saying that he was brave. He cooked a piece of the horn and got much fat. He said, "I have been eating this fat alone; I should have something to eat with it." He sang a song IF YOU DO NOT BRING A BULL RABBIT YOU ARE NOT BRAVE ENOUGH

The white owl said that he thought it would be alright to catch it in the day but not at night for they cannot see very well in the daytime.

After some time the leader talked to himself saying, "I should have the Old Woman Above's son; they should kill him for me." He did not know how to get him and thought after a while that it would be best to have Black Wolf and see if I could not make arrangements with him to get the Woman Above's son. He called the Black Wolf and then he sang a song again like before IF YOU DO NOT BRING ME A PIECE OF THE ELK'S HORN YOU ARE NOT A

MAN” and when he finished the song Black Wolf said, “I do not think I have the power” and he sang again IF YOU DO NOT GO TO THE OCEAN AND BRING A PIECE OF THAT ELK’S HORN YOU ARE NOT A MAN” but Black Elk said that he did not think he had the power. He sang again “IF YOU DO NOT BRING THE WOMAN ABOVE’S SON, THE ONE WITH THE STRIPED HAIR YOU ARE NOT A MAN”

Black Wolf said, “I will go back and see the other Black Wolves for they know that this old woman’s son is always after these wolves and it may be that they have a chance to get him and after I find out I will be back again.” He went back to the other Black Wolves and said, “I came to that White Owl and in his song he sang that he would like to have that Old Woman’s boy with the striped hair and I told him that I would like to come back here and find out if you might have a chance to get him.” They choose one wolf and changed him to a woman and dressed him like a woman and gave her a nice robe and long hair and sent him up above where the boy was up in the heavens. When she came to the village, the old Woman said, “We never saw such a person” and she said, “I have come here to see your son” but the old woman still insisted that they had never seen such a person

The young woman came back and told what had happened to her. The Black Wolves changed another into a woman and dressed her up. When this one arrived, she went up onto the earthlodge and the Old Woman said, “Who is that person? We never saw such a person before” About this time the Black Wolf said to the old woman, “I came up here because you son always wanted me to come over and this time I made up my mind to come over and meet your son.” Before they sent him up in the heaven they told him that they would examine here before he will take you as his wife but we will fix that so they will think you are a woman. You will see that that Old Woman will have long hair with four real white stripes but her son’s will not be so white, just grey for he is not so old.” They taught him how to move like a woman and hold the blankets and move and act just like a woman, knowing that the Old Woman would examine him to see if he was a real woman. They told him how to get the boy, “When you go out with him, it might be that you will sit on the lodge with him; his heart will be on the top of his chest, watch closely when he goes to sleep, and his mother will tell him not to let you have your arms around his neck. Try hard to get your arms around his neck and when he goes to sleep, cut his head off and bring him down. Watch him closely but it will be hard for you so do not go to sleep. When you come there the old woman will say to her son that she will not let him go to bed with you for four nights.” Black Wolf went up and when he came near the village the Old Woman as on top of the lodge and said, “Who is this? I did not know there was any such woman.” Black Wolf said, “Your son is always after me and that is why I have come after him.”

The Old Woman asked, “Is it so tat you have been after that woman?” and her son said that it was true. The Old Woman said to Black Wolf Woman, “My daughter in law, I want to see how you walk” for she thought that it might be a man or something else trying to fool her son. Black Wolf Woman walked around and the Old Woman thought that it might be alright still she said, “I want to see how you wear you blanket.” and she did Then she asked to see how she looked around for she wanted to know if she was the right kind of woman or not. She said again, “I want to see your own body. We will go inside.” They went into the house. She said “I want you to take off all your clothing and I want to find out if it is the right kind of blood for if your blood is a man’s I will not think you are a woman but if the blood is a woman’s you will be real.” Black Wolf Woman undressed and the old Woman said, “Now, my son, there is one place that I discovered that does not have woman blood, that is beside the ankle (They had forgotten this when they changed him into a woman. When the old Woman discovered this the BW

woman said, "You are like calling me a bad thing for in my generation we carry on the same body that we have had many generation, all of our women have that." The woman believed it saying, "It is true; sometimes people do get their appearance from their own generation so you are right." She said to her son, "Do not marry her right away but wait for four nights before sleeping with her."

After stopping examining her, the son and BW Woman would go out together onto the lodge until night came but the old woman said that he should not sleep with her at once but the son would not take her word for her. He wanted to be intimate but she refused all the time for she wanted to get him asleep remembering their instructions from below. All that time the Old Woman was watching them all the time. Two nights passed and then she began to think tht they were getting along alright. She thought that if he slept too much in the day times he would not at night. All the time she watched for a chance to cut his neck off. BW Woman knew when he was getting sleepy for she could feel his heart on the top of his chest. The third night he was nearly all in he was so sleepy and she would shake him and he would hardly answer her. The fourth day he would almost sleep but she would pinch him and keep him awake. In the middle of the fourth night he was fully asleep and she felt of his heart and knew that he was sound asleep. She cut the neck off and putting a bug from her head saying, "Talk away and make the old woman believe it is I" and then she ran out. she came back to the earth and took it to the earth and gave it to the White Owl who took the scalp and all the hair off. Just when he had finished eating, the Old Woman came. He knew that she was coming and gave out his voice and it seemed that it shook the earth and she stopped and said, "I want my son back so that I can make him alive again" but the Owl said, "It is too late for I have eaten it up but you can have your son's hair." Again he gave out his voice and the old Woman went back into the sky again.

The White Owl sang a song to Black Wolf saying, **YOU ARE BRAVE YOU HAVE BROUGHT ME WHAT I WANT.**

After that when he wanted any of the greasy horns, he send the other owl out for it. The old Woman was angry because the owl had eaten her son. she went to see the Moon and the Sun and said to them, "I know that you had a son down below but I would like to destroy that village for it was those same people who destroyed my son I beg you to destroy that village. The Moon had many sons that he had taken from giving them dreams. Sun was always giving his dreams to the people to the south and some day the Sun would have those people fight the G.V. and the time for that was always when his own sons were fat, then he would have them killed and he would eat his own sons but the Moon would not often eat a son of his own. The Old Woman knew this and that was the reason she came to see the two. When the Sun had a son by dreams and he would show them how to dress (unsure where to put handwritten additions—p. 4) and how to keep their lives, he always would have them make long strings of the soft eagle feathers around the tail and then in the fight they could not be killed unless the enemy shot and broke that string of feathers. The Moon cared more for the people along the river, give them dreams and any dreams given to 'sons' he would give them a rabbit except that he would keep it himself, but give another rabbit to his 'son' to wear on his head and it would be hard to kill him unless getting the rabbit the Moon had owned.

After the Old Woman came to see the Sun and Moon and later they discussed it and Sun said, "I will have all the people from the south come up and kill off all your people; I know that you have taken several sons there and in dreams have instructed them how to fight and protect themselves." The Moon said "You have more 'sons' down there and I have only a few and you are stronger than I am and have more power" and Sun said, "We know that you have 'sons' there

my people will come over there and eat them for they are fat” and the Moon said “It would be alright” though he was still angry at Sun. Sun said again, “I will have seven different tribes called to fight your village. I have a SON whom I will give the lead and they cannot kill your people and I will make him leader” to which the Moon said, “Yes that is so for I do not have so many people and many less SONG than you have. As long as you have decided it, though I know I have many SONS, we will kill off and eat my SONS.”

Moon knew that the Sun had a lover down on the earth, and he did not take exception to him but he wanted to save his SONS but he knew that the Sun loved the OLD WOMAN OF THE TIMBER so he thought there might be some way for her to save the Moon’s people. Moon came down and said to the Old Woman of Timber, “The Old Woman in the heaven, and the Sun are going to go together and kill off my people because the White Owl ate the Old Woman’s people and I have come to see you to help my save my people where I have some SONS in because I hate to see them killed off.” There were several of these old women and they said, “We know that the Sun likes us and wants to marry us so we will try to find some way to head him off. As long as he likes us, we will send one up dressed up when the time comes to begin that fight and have her cause the Sun to sleep.” They talked it over among themselves and said, “We know that the Sun loves one of the SONGS WHO WEAR A CIRCULAR BRAID OF Sweetgrass on his breast and the only way we can save the people will be to take that away from him for that is the one who will lead the people for the Sun. we will show you how you can kill these people and we know that you have a SON among these people and when the time comes for the fight we will tell you how to save the people; have an orphan dress up like your son and when the fight begins, they will kill that one instead of your son and that is the only way you can save you people. You paint up like the poor orphan and you know how to fight, and the leader of the Sun’s people will have down eagle feather around his head. Try to take that off for it is the only way to kill him and when you kill him, your people will drive back all those people. When they start the fight, now be sure to dress up your favorite son like the orphan and another like the orphan and when they kill the orphan they will think they have won. Paint yourself like the orphan, painted in mud and kill the leader and when you kill him, we will drag him into the timber and eat him and just as soon as we eat him the Sun will come right down. They said again, “When they kill the one dressed like your son but not your real son, and we will fetch him in and cook too. The Sun will say, “Let’s go eat your own son but it will not be your real son and the fat will be like glue and when the Sun comes in he will not eat it. Sun will learn that there is another one killed and he will see it and know that it is his own SON and he will sing the honor song, even though he will feel badly about it.”

So the old Women of the Timber picked out a good looking girl to dress up and go up to the Sun and instructed her to say to the Sun whom they would find on his lodge in the sky, “I have been waiting for you to come down to visit me but you never have so I have come up to visit you.” They smoked her with Sweetgrass so that she would smell her and so that when the Sun came to her he would lose his mind. They said, “When you get there, stay four days and while you are over there we will have the people come north to fight. Try to get the Sun’s favorite son who has the braid of sweetgrass on his chest. Try to get that braid of sweetgrass. (They picked out STINK GRASS, a weed 3 feet high size of flax and grow in timber) Use some of this stink grass and when he gets sleepy, put some in his hair and it will scratch him and cause him to lose his mind and that will help you get the braid of sweetgrass away from his chest.”

Then the Sun will forget himself and you try hard to get the braid of sweetgrass on his chest which he calls his SON. After the Old Women of the Timber gave her instructions, she

went up and came to his lodge, the Sun saw here. She was with him three days and the last day towards morning she put the Stink Grass on his head and he lost his senses and she took the SON which was his braid of sweetgrass on his chest; then she ran for home. All that time the fight was on and at the moment she took the sweetgrass braid, moon's son killed the Sun's son. The Old Women ran over and took the body and carried it into the woods and began to cook it. They were in a hurry for the Sun was coming down. When the Sun's SON was killed, his people were driven back and only a few escaped.

They cooked the Sun's son and the orphan who had been dressed like Moon's son and had the flesh ready for the Sun when he arrived. When Sun woke up in the heaven, he saw what was happening and came right down. Before he got there, the Old women ate his son. Moon said, "In the beginning you said that we would eat my son; it is ready now roasting over there and I have been waiting for you." Sun and Moon came to the pot and looking in said, "That is not your son" but the Moon said, "That is my real son, he was dressed the way I instructed him to." Sun felt of the bones, looked at them and felt badly about the death of his son and then the Old Women said, "The Sun is going to eat the fat SON" and the old women ran off in different directions

So the Moon People got the best of the Sun's people.

According to the story Moon and Sun and a mother above but does not know if the Old Woman Above mentioned in the first part of the story is Sun and Moon's mother. Says these are Grandmothers these old women in the timber and not the Wild Women Society. Wolf Ghost's Med of Shell Robe came from Nuptadi for owned once by father Big Foot Bull once

This is G.V. story told by Small Ankle and thinks it does not belong to any particular ceremony but is a part of several, especially the Grandmothers (Says Lone Man outfit not to be shown until ceremony and thought he White Calf showed it as he died so suddenly)

Note: can't read handwritten notes at end (p. 5)