

There was a village at Washburn and a man named i-ba-ta-ki or Soft Tail Eagle or a charred arrow or Arapucic, used juneberry stick for the arrows. He belonged in the heavens above but he had a wife in the village below Washburn. He was in the sky and trying to come to the village where his wife was and did not know what to do but he knew that if an arrow had two feathers it travelled fast but if one it went slowly. He came down to the village as an arrow with one feather, sticking in the ground up to the feathers. He could not get out for he was stuck so he salled(? p. 1) the rain and by moving around the ground became soft and he was able to free himself.

He went to the village and lived there and sometimes he would change himself into a bird and sit on a butte nearby until evening and then come back to the village. Whenever he was on the butte he would see a meadowlark. One day the meadowlark said, "There is something walking towards your village but each evening when he returned he forgot what the bird said. Again the meadowlark said, "There is something walking towards your village" but each night when he returned to the village he forgot what the bird had said. Again the bird came back the next day and repeated the same words and he tried to remember what was said but when he got to the village, he had forgotten what the bird had said.

All this time the F.C. came and told him, "You better prepare your arrows for there are many people coming to attack you. I am going away but I will come back again. Have plenty of arrows made and be ready."

He went up to the butte four times and the meadowlark came and reported that the people were almost to the village. He put some grass in his head and tried to remember by that but he was lying in the bed and the grass began to itch and he asked his wife to come and see if there were bugs in the hair and his wife said, "What is this grass here for?" and then he remembered what it was there for.

F.C. went to the people who were attacking the village and said, "When you come to the village, there will be a man who looks like me; you will have to be careful for there is a man who looks like me because he saw me in his dream and has power. I am going out towards the other people who are having a ceremony and feast" but that was said to fool the people for he was not going there.

When they started to Arapucic village, the people had a fortification and a yellow weasel came in the lodge running around and scattered all the arrows and Arapucic was angry and tried to hit it with an arrow; the weasel went out and he followed and before he knew it he had gone to the butte he was accustomed to climb. By that time weasel said to that man, "Why are you trying to kill me? Look at your village and see what is happening to it." He turned and saw a big smoke in the village and wondered how he could get back home again and he thought that by changing by thinking or sending his mind off to a great distance and doing that he reached the village at once but it was all destroyed. He saw the F.C. and F.C. said, "What have you been doing? I warned you of this." "That is right, I lost my mind by weasel and he took me far away."

F.C. said to him, "There is a man with something around his ankle and that is the one who goes around and burns the village, then there is an old woman with a basket on her shoulder and when she goes around she draws them into her basket then there is a man with no head and he draws the people into his mouth. We have our sister in the cornpit and we may have saved her." She was in a family way and likely to have a baby at any time. F.C. said "I destroyed many people and now I believe that I will go back to Dog Den and see how many of these people who came from Dog Den I was able to wound in that fight."

He went back to Dog Den and before going into the house, he pulled some grass and changed it into fat and coming to the door, he listened to what they were saying, "I think F.C. was the one who shot me in the ear, another that he was the one who shot out and eye," so they asked Bear to learn if he was the same man. Bear went to the fire and smoked himself and waited for F.C. to come in. As soon as F.C. came in Bear tried to find out and when bear held up his paw and he put some fat on it and said, "I was invited by those people below to feast and I brought some of this to you" and then he put the fat in the bear's paw.

F.C. saw that some of them were wounded and in pain and he said to them, "I told you that there would be a man who looked like me and brave and that how would get the best of you for he had a dream from me. I am not to blame if you got hit in the ears or eyes. I told you that there were some people putting on a ceremony and that I was to be the servant there. You know that I go from village to village and help the people in their servants. It is no use for you to stay here any more. I am going to go down the river to those people where there is plenty to eat." As soon as he got out of the Dog Den he ran from his friends.

When he got back to the village he told them that there were many wounded there and that he had fooled them. They got their sister out and the three were living in the lodge together. Every time they went out hunting, they told her to be sure to close the door so that none could get in. She would be sick, soon, they thought and that it would be alright for if she had a baby, their number would be increased. While they were gone, someone came from outside and hit the door with a stick saying, "Open the door my daughter in law." She was afraid and opened the door. He was without a head, and sat there. She was afraid and he was dressed in an old greasy robe. She asked the man, "My grandfather, what do you wish to eat?"

He said, "I always eat the fat from around the entrails of the buffalo and put on the belly of a woman about to give birth to a baby." She was so frightened that she heated the fat and put it on her belly and when she put it there, he broke open her belly and twins came out. He threw one of them at the side of the house and another to the spring saying, "Spring, you can keep this one as your hired man." He had her standing front of the house with her arms stretched and put small sticks in her mouth to make it appear that she was laughing. In the evening F.C. and his friend came home and seeing her thought that she was smiling because they had come back. They saw what had happened to her and fixed a scaffold of 4 posts and put her body on it.

Next day they went out hinting and in the evening when coming back and eating they heard a voice say, "My brother, give me some food" and R.C. said, "There is someone here" so when they heard the voice again, they looked around and found a baby on the ground next to the wall. F.C. said, "We should do something to make our brother bigger than that so he built a fire and held the boy in it and said, "I want my brother to be so big" and he did that four times and he was a young man. Then the by told how the mother got killed, saying "The time you were out hunting, a man with a big mouth but no head and she asked him what he ate and he told her fat eaten from her belly and then he ripped her belly open and threw me to the wall and my brother to the spring to be the spring's helper but my brother is always afraid to come out for he is afraid of you two. He was a dangerous looking man for he had a long tooth and an old greasy hide. (Looks like a human body ut(? p. 5) a mouth on the top.) I think it would be a good thing if you would take the boy back. when you go out he comes up here. He eats the little worms and fish in the water, even the shells and he has long teeth and when I give him buffalo tongues, he runs directly back into the water. When you come back he always smells you and knows it and runs back into the water; I think the best way to get him back is to put on a game, with a hoop and a hole in the center, we will throw our sticks at the center, and the one putting the sticks through

the center win. I will bet on the buffalo tongue and he his shells, worms, and little fish. You have a sweatbath and a dry hide for my robe he cannot cut through, the same way with my leggings and cap. When you catch him, you should change yourself into something he will not see though he may know you are there, at that. When you do that I will call him out and play the game and we will have to stoop down to see which stick is the nearest and when he does it I will seize him and hold tight to his back. and with my good clothing on he will not be able to bite through.” He called his brother to play the game and the boy in the spring came out and seeing the sticks he was afraid but the boy begged and he gave him one of the sticks. He could still smell the brothers but at last they played. Lodge Boy said, “I won the game” and that he should stoop down and then he seized the brother and called for help. Spring Boy tried to bite through but they put him in the sweat lodge and fanned him there until he began to remember himself. He vomited up bad water, shells, worms, and small fish. When they took him from the sweat F.C. said, “I will fix my brother” and then he held him in the smoke and fourth time he was the same size as his brother and could go around and hunt the birds.

One day F.C. and Arapucic were out hunting and the two boys were having a good time together. After four days they happened to come to the scaffolds where the mother lay and Spring Boy said, “What is this?” and the other said that it was their own mother and Spring Boy said, “You should have made her alive again. We will do that now. When your older brothers get back tell them to fix my arrows two with red paint and two with black paint.”

The older brother came back after four days and Lodge Boy said, “My brother from the spring wants you to prepare him two red arrows and two red ones” and they did. Then the older brothers went out hunting again and the two went to the scaffold where the mother lay and then I will shoot one arrow into the air and you say, “Look out, my mother” when it comes down. They shot one arrow in the air and he said, “Look out mother,” and when he said that she moved a little bit. He shot another arrow and he called to her again and she moved a little but lay down, the third time he shot and the other spoke, the mother sat up straight but could not hold herself up. The last time the arrow was shot, and he called, “Look out it is going to hit you, she sat up and came down from the scaffold. Spring Boy said, “You were not man enough or you would have had her alive long ago. I would have had her alive a long time ago if I had been here.”

They came back to the lodge house, ate, and were very happy. In the evening the older brothers came out with their mother and they wondered who they could be but when they came to their lodge they found that it was the sister and the boy from the spring told how he had done it. Spring Boy said, “You better ask your brothers if we could go out a longer distance and we might be able to find something.” They said, “You are old enough to take care of yourself and we will take a rest while you are gone.” They found the old woman with the basket and recognized her as the one who helped to kill off their village so they killed some birds. They roasted the birds for her but she said, “You better be careful or I will pull you into it.”

At that time there was a flock of geese over them and the boys asked her for the basket to draw them in but when he took the basket, instead of drawing the geese in, he turned it towards the old woman and drew her in. Spring boy said to his brother, “Run for home and tell your brothers that the old woman has drawn my brother into the basket and she is after me” but when he was near the lodge, they came out with bows and arrows ready to fight. F.C. recognized the basket and said to his brother, “That is one of them, she had much power but I think these two younger brothers are going to have still more and be able to do most anything.”

The boys asked permission to go out again and they said that they could travel all they wanted. When they came to the river they found some dry wood broken down and when they

were near they saw a man with smoke and fire around his ankles. They killed little birds again or made the birds themselves and killed them. When they came to the man they said, "We have brought you some birds to eat." He was glad and took off the burning moccasin tops and prepared to cook the birds. The Spring Boy said, "I wish you would let me use these to go around this tree and the man said he could if he would not go around the other boy or the man. When the man was looking away, he ran around him and the man dropped down, burned to death. Then they ran for home and when near one called, "Fire around his ankle is running after me" and the F.C. and Arapucic ran out with their arrows to find that it was the twins.

The basket had hung on the wall and when they brought the burning moccasins and hung it there too and F.C. began to become frightened of the two younger brothers, thinking they might do most anything. Spring Boy said, "You better ask our brother if we can go a long distance and across the river this time" and the older brothers thought they were able to look out for themselves. They crossed the river and on dry land. They were walking along and came to a deep ravine with some brush in it and they saw smoke coming out and there was a little lodge house and they said, "That is the man who killed our mother. We must find some way to kill him. We better change ourselves into a small bird, i-tsi-gi-gi, sparrow." They flew on top of the lodge and recognized them saying, "You are not the real birds but the twins from the woman I killed and I killed all that village and I do not want you to stay around here." They flew around and before going back they found a stone and rubbed it until small. Then heated it until very hot. The man inside the lodge became very angry and told them to go away and he became so angry that he opened his mouth to draw them in but they dropped the redhot stone instead. Then they changed themselves into men again and stood beside the lodge and he said that they had scratched his throat and becoming thirsty, he drank water and the steam burst him stomach. When he died, they went in and took the coat and when near the lodge, he ran and said, "The man has killed Spring Boy and is running after me" but when his brother and mother ran after him they found that it was not so. They hanged the coat beside the basket and moccasins. (Can see this stone sw of Washburn on the hills three or four miles on the hills towards Kensler(? p. 9), is a blue round stone)

They asked their brothers to go out again, this time toward the north where there was a beaver with a flint tail for that was one that helped destroy the village. When he swung his tail, it would destroy the village, it was white, a tail with flint pieces on it. They travelled north until they came to a big lake and found the beaver in the lake. The Spring Boy had more power than the other so he made it a nice day with no wind so that the beaver would come and sun itself. They changed into moles and went along under the ground until they came to where the white beaver was sleeping and killed it with their arrows, shutting it with arrows, dodging back into the ground for they knew that the beaver had lightning from its eyes and knives from its tail. They cut the tail off and took it home; it was all flint. When they came to the lodge, the brothers came out with bows and arrows, thinking there was an enemy. The boys took the beaver tail in and put it beside the other objects. F.C. said, "That was one of the things that destroyed the village and now the twins have got it alone."

This time Arapucic said, "It is lonesome here for there are not enough people here so I am going to make them out of my arrow, this arrow has three marks on the stem and that will be three lodge families. There will be a head to each of these lodges. There were three feathers on the arrows and that would make three more families; the sinew is in two places to hold the feathers and the split make three more, the flint itself, the notch, and the sinew to hold it on make three more, makes twelve lodges in all.

During all this time they had a small owl and after they had been there a long time, they thought they should go in all directions and the owl said, "I think I will look for a place where I will have everlasting life. I will look around and see if there is a place for that." The sister to Arapucis said, "I will go back in the sky" and six of them in all went there to be called "People in a Bunch" (Near the zenith not dipper) No one knows who the others were, but some of the dogs went up there to make the dipper. The twins were still on the earth and are the ones in Big Medicine and Black Medicine. Arapucis went back to the sky and there became one of the spirits above.