

PART OF SUN IN THE CEREMONY

A large village in which 12 holy men who could foretell future, men called miraguci, lived together and were always painted red and could not sue white or black; a gambler came to village and won all they had sent a loser for arrow sticks.

In the village was an old woman with black curly hair, Buffalo Woman. She told two orphans that they would not come much more for food and the 12 old men learned of it. The 12 men called her in to learn what she knew and she told that at the same time this man, Sun, was trying to destroy the people through their enemies to the south, Moon was their friend and would help them. They should select four young men and their wives to give the walking ceremony and Sun will "Walk" and that way the village would be saved. Gods will all be there but not seen and the Moon will beg Sun to walk.

Prepared for the ceremony but the first three nights Sun would not come in. Buffalo Woman went to Sun and asked him to WALK AND he did and he promised not to destroy the village even though he had a son in the other tribe.

After the ceremony, she painted the buffalo skulls red and when the enemy came Sun's son was the last killed. After that the people had plenty of buffaloes to eat.

Story comes from Small Ankle.

Twelve holy men and Buffalo Woman living in a village. Men could foretell future. A gambler came to village and won from everyone then sent the loser out for juneberry sticks and offered to play for them. The old woman had curly hair, plenty of buffalo skulls on top of her lodge; two orphans coming there for food told that the people might not live long and the 12 holy men, called miraguci asked her what she knew. She told that the Sun was trying to kill off the village and was sending 12 villages from south against them and that if he won the game, he would kill them all off, but that Moon was helping the people, she asked for four young men and their wives to give a ceremony for all the gods and that the Sun would come and the Buffalo Woman would walk with him and then she would make him promise not to kill the people. Do and Sun promises even though he will be killing and eating his own son. Sun will not come in until fourth day and then is seized and put on the left side where he loses power. The people kill 100, including Sun's son