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Raven Bull, went out fasting on the butte called Rainy Butte for seven nights at a time for seven times and each time he fasted, he had a good dream but none of them satisfied. He thought that if he fasted more he would get something with his own eyes without having to dream about it and when the seventh night of seventh time, when the sun was about up to 9 o'clock he cut the first finger, next to thumb, cutting all the flesh off with a piece of sharp sandstone to cut the flesh off with and the blood spurted off; he cried on top of the butte and he heard someone singing back of him singing, **THAT IS THE ONE I CAN DEPEND ON** and he looked up and a little cloud came over the butte and there was a bear standing on the butte trying to look over to see who was doing the singing. All the time Raven Bull could hear the singing at his back. The singer said **WHEN HE(BEAR) DOES THAT HE ALWAYS OVERCOMES WHAT HE HAS IN MIND**. Then the cloud over the butte went on. Then the voice said, "You have always wanted to see the things with your own eyes and not in a dream; now you have see it."

Every time they pass the medicine down from fa to son and there was a bow and arrow with it.

After he was through with his fasting and crying that he should go up the Little Missouri where the RR crosses the Little Missouri, the Sentinal Butte, and that the enemy 30 in number will be there and though some of your men will be wounded, none will be killed." He went where he was instructed to go out and sent out some scouts to look around and the scouts came back to tell him that they saw the enemy coming.

They waited for them until they were closer and when the enemy saw them coming, they climbed one of the buttes; the men with shields were told to go ahead and all the others followed and the shields protected them and in a short time they killed all the enemy. At that time there were a few horses but no guns for the horses came first. They were the Snake Indians and they named the Butte Snake Indian Butte.

Raven Bull's father had the Bear Medicine and when Raven Bear saw the bear on a cloud, he thought that the bear wanted him to get the medicine so he gathered 20 robes that he needed for the ceremony Raven Bull's wife then was supposed to be the daughter in law, i-tu-ga and when she becomes a daughter in law of the medicine and could not marry, and if she got married again both she and new husband would have stouble and all are afraid of her (Bears Arm says he would call her I-tu-ga, Wolf Chief says Marutaga)

Raven Bull gave the ceremony and was a successful leader in war and a doctor for the bears had instructed him or the old men.

Breathing went out the hills fasting and dreamed of the bears often; even at home sleeping, he dreamed of the Bears and that is how he came to take over his father's medicines, the Bears.

Lone Pine Tree, Bears Arm's father was married and living at Awaxawi when the smallpox came. He had several dreams at night, seeing the bear and it seemed that were many people all around trying to kill the bear and the bear chasing them the men shooting at him but the bullet was not going in. he saw this quite often in his dreams but he thought that he would not have it because he was single and quite young yet. Every time when he dreamed of the bear, he decided to get an ear, and when he had a dream of it, he would take the ear down from the wall and there would be a bullet stuck to the ear; he would take the bullet each time to the outside of the village and put it away. This happened six time that he had a dream and found a bullet in the ear the next day; still he did not want to have the bear for he was single and it was quite hard for a single person to perform the ceremony and get the bear. He was told by the bears that if he took

the Bear Medicine, the bullets would not go through him, still he did not want it, especially yet. After that he did not dream of the bears any more.

The next dream he had he saw the bear ceremony and he decided to get that but he was not going to take the Bullet Medicine that the bears had promised.

He promised then that he would make the ceremony. In the ceremony, there was a man named ix-ta-kic, or the man representing the F.C. It was his job to keep up the fire; then there were the Two Men, Mahagua, and Atutic, each must be there, Mahguas had bow and two arrows, one black, one red, and Atutic had only two arrows one red, one black and had to give that to Old Woman Crawling at the end of ceremony. a buck and a female elk

(When Bears Arm saw it giving once, Black Shield was giving it. Buying the ceremony He dreamed of the Bears and gathered foods and goods to put on a feast for the bears. Old Woman Crawling was the singer. He could go to own father or mother and tell them about it and they would interpret the meaning of the dreams. In this case Black Shield would go to a man of father's clan and have him get together the bear skin. Mahaguac is one giving NaxpikE (Order of Black Shield's ceremony. His assistant had everything ready; as they were going in, Old Woman Crawling sang outside the door, song #1. I WANT TO EAT CHERRIES and then he goes in and takes his place back of the bear hide and Black Shield and his wife in their places at the head of the lodge.

Before going in there are four stations approaching, the first time they sing, I WANT TO EAT CHERRIES, then to second station singing PILE OF GOODS, I THINK GOURD I WILL TAKE TO at the third station they sing I WANT TO EAT CHERRIES and the fourth station is the same as the second PILE OF GOODS, I THINK THE GOURD I WILL TAKE TO IT.

The F.C. takes the bear hide in and puts it in its place, and Old Woman Crawling takes his seat back of it, Old men with Bear Medicine after Old Woman Crawling (Lone Pine Tree) takes his seat but the waiter does not sit down much. Black Shield goes back to his robes. Old Mouse made the sweatlodge, the fire and heated the rocks and got permission of Black Shield to make it for OM wanted to fast there. ½ Black Shield's job is to make it.