

There are two ways to tell this story, one that it comes from the heavens and the other that became form the earth, through a woman's inwards. (heard many stories when 19 from Small Ankle and Chief my father in law during the winter village at Blue Buttes above here. Even older people would have them go out and tell the story to them and put on feast) Brown Old Man came to the village and always knew himself that he was not a real human but he would stay with them and when they needed meat, he would call the buffalo he would call the buffalo and if they needed rain, he would call it. The people did not know and he never told them who he was. After he had been with the people a while, he thought that he would marry. In the spring the buffalo hides get brown and he had one of those brown hides for a robe until they came to call him Brown Old Man. Sometimes the people would invite him and feed him well and he would say that this man would strike an enemy or sometimes he would say two or more and it would always come true. Still the people of the village did not know it. At last the people began to realize that he was trying to be a medicine man and they would say "If he was a real medicine man he would have a good living and more to show for his powers." He felt badly when he heard it but would say, "I am a man who saves the people here." At last he was getting old and white and his wife was old and white too.

There was one man in the village who would invite Brown Old Man often and when he went out to fast he dreamed of Brown Old Man. He saw in his dream the Brown Old Man painted all over so that he looked more like a bird. When the young man was with the warparties the young man would be the first to strike and he thought that this was being caused by the ROM. When it comes to the ROM lodge, one would see that it was small and he had only a few articles in it but he was a medicine man, nevertheless. One day this young man called the the ROM and gave him some pieces of meat to the ROM and wife and he said, "My son, I m the one who gave you the dream and spirit and you are my son. I am the man who gave you the dream and spirit and you are my son. I am the man who gave you the power to strike the enemy and make you chief." The young man began to tell his dream and said "I saw you in my dream all pained and you looked like a bird and had bird claws but I never told you or anyone else." The old man said, "That is right, I am not really human but when I gave you that dream you were not supposed to tell it to your own people. You dreamed that you saw me painted all over. I had a father who was a red bird, that is why you saw me painted with red paint." The young man was glad and took his leggings and moccasins, and robe and gave it to the old man. He said to the young man, "You have already seen me in your dream and I think you will be successful"

Even when the young man went out eagle trapping he would succeed in bringing back many eagle tails. The old man would smoke some days and then he would would take new life again. In the fall the people in that village would all go out eagle trapping in all directions, some to the Little Missouri, others along the Mo and Yellowstone so that the people were scattered all over the rough land. The old man said to his wife, "I am going out to the west and see all my different SONS. At this time not even the old woman knew that he was a bird and said, "I do not think you can find your way. You are too old." His SON who had dreamed of the ROM had left already and went to the mouth of Yellowstone and the place called ONE COTTONWOOD TREE CAMP

He told his wife, "I am going to One Cottonwood Tree Camp" but she said, "You can't find that place; you are just childish and think you are young again." He said, "I know all the earth; of course you do not know me is why you say that. When I am ready to go, you will go with me a little way until we come to a hill and then you can come back. I am not really human, I am different altogether from humans and that is why we did not have any children." They

walked out of the village to a hill and he said, "Cover up your head and you will see a god." She covered herself and did not see him but she heard a noise like a big bird and then she was sure that he was something else besides a human. Before she took the robe off her husband was flying through the air just above her, singing a holy song and then told her to take the robe off and when she looked up she saw her husband had turned into a spotted eagle, tsu-tsi. When she saw the big bird she cried and lay on the ground while the bird flew around and said, "You better go home; I will come back someday."

He flew up the Missouri and came to the hills south of the present Fishhook site. There were some people in the hills trapping eagles. Before he reached the village he changed into Brown Old Man again. He carried a cane and made them believe that he was an old man. He walked towards one of the little lodges and they said, "There is the brown Old Man; we better take him in and feed him" but others would say, "We don't want to bother with him." Some would treat him well while others would let him go without food. He went into one lodge and was fed, then the young man said he would give him water and for the old man to open his mouth and he would put the water in his mouth. When it was dark, the old man was still sitting near the door and some thought that being old he might have some stories to tell but others thought that he did not have much wealth at the old village so he could not know very much. Some were good to him and said, "Brown Old Man, we would like to hear a story" but others did not care to hear them.

Brown Old Man said, "I may not be able to tell a good story but I will tell a story. One of you go out and bring a block of wood and set it before that buffalo skull for me to sit on" One of them found a block of wood and left it before the skull. The Brown Old Man folded his brown robe put it on the wood, and sat on it. He said, "A long time ago there was a red bird and he had a son. the son thought that he would go among the people and turn himself into a human and be born among the people and lead them. (When he mentioned these words, some said he was crazy and wanted to drag him outside while others wanted to hear it all thinking it a good story) There was a man there who thought that he would take some of the young people as SONS and then they would strike the enemy, bring buffalo, or rain, and it always took place. Sometimes in the fall the people would go out eagle trapping and he thought since he knew all the places, he would tell them where to go to have good luck and it was always so. Even then the people would not believe it. (Some wanted to throw him out, others, give him a feast) This bird they would call Brown Old Man and when he was old he would smoke himself and get new life and he was leading his people even though they did not realize it. In the fall they were all out eagle trapping and ROM was getting very old at that time, his wife was old too so the old man said to his wife that he was going out to see all his SONS and she did not believe that he knew the way and that he would get lost. The Brown Old Man told his wife that he knew all the places and would not get lost. He asked his wife to go out a short distance and they went out a short distance together. He told her to cover up herself for he was not a true human, she heard a noise like a bird. He flew up in the air and sang a holy song and told her to uncover herself and saw a large spotted eagle flying above her. She cried and rolled herself on the ground all the time the large bird flying around on the air. He said to the old woman that she should go back and that he would return to her someday. The bird flew up the river to the place that the people were trapping eagles and there he light and turned into an old man with a cane and walked into the camp. Some of them treated him well, others did not. Some fed him and others wanted to throw him out. when the old man finished eating, the good young man took his mountain sheep horn spoon(? P. 3) and gave him water. The old man thought 'I know that the rest of the men here do not like me, those who

treat me well will get birds for I am a bird but those who treat me badly will get none those who treat me well will get six or seven eagles”

By that time all the men were looking at Brown Old Men. He said, “The one who treated me best and gave me water, I will give the power to catch 12 eagles. I am that Brown Old Man.” Then he changed himself into a tsu-tsi and flew out, saying, “You people see that I am holy” and was gone.

The next night he reached a place called Buckbrush Eagle trap (Hills around Slide Coulee) When they saw the old man they would say that they were crowded and that he might pass his water inside even. He sat outside until it was getting dark and some said that they should take him in or me might freeze. They called him in and fed him and wanted him to tell a story and he said, “He came and the people would not take him in and they would not get any birds for he was a bird.” He flew away. When he left, all the people there worried about him. they did not get any eagles at all that year and not even deer or buffalo. At last they were starving and went back to the village.

He came to a camp called LAST TRAPPING PLACE (below Sanish). When he stopped there he saw many people there and they had much dried meat hanging in the trees and having a good time. As soon as it was evening, he changed himself into an old man with a cane and walked towards the village. The people there said, I wonder how he got ere he is such an old man.” They said to the younger people, “You should take care of him for the young should always treat the old kindly.” even his moccasins were worn out and they gave him new ones a showed him every kindness. They wanted him to tell them a story and he called for a block of wood and they brought it in and put it beside the buffalo skull. When he told the story he told how that when he came to the first trapping place, some treated well and he promised the man who gave him the water 12 eagles, but those who were not kind to him would get none. At the second place they did not like him because he was old and they were afraid that he would wet in the house. They will not get any birds or food and starve because they did not know that he was a real bird. He changed into a bird and flew out the smokehole He came to the third place and they treated him well and when he was near the young men ran to tell that the Brown Old Man was coming, they fed him, gave moccasins and treated him well and all those would get 12 or more birds each and have plenty to eat.” He thought, “They have treated me well and I will sing my medicine song to show them that I am holy.” As he was changing into a bird he said “You see me as a bird. I am your father” and he sang as he flew off:

HIA HO HO HO HIA HO HO HO

They were lucky in getting their eagles and had plenty of game near the camp.

He went on and came to the mouth of the Yellowstone. It was here that the young man who had got a dream from Brown Old Man living here, also another younger single brother. When he came to the village, there were no men there but the SON’S wife was there, also another man had a wife there. The latter treated the old man well and gave him food and water but the other did not treat him well even though she was the wife of the old man’s SON. The good woman took him in and talked to him. in the evening the men came back, and Brown Old Man’s son said to his wife “What did you do to my father? Did you feed him?” and she said “I didn’t do anything to him and I did not feed him.” The other man asked “What did you do to the old man?” and she said, “I brought him in and gave him meat seasoned with peppermint and fresh water; I noticed that his moccasins were worn through and I gave him new ones.”

The other man was angry because his wife had not treated him well. When he went out trapping he was unlucky but the other man whose wife treated him well got many. The old Man

knew that but he wanted to give his SON eagles but though he would not since he woman had not treated him right. The lucky man got many eagles and at last he caught a white buffalo near the village and killed it. After they had been there some time, the weather began to get cold and that he would leave soon. He wanted to tell a story before he left so one night he told the men that he was going to tell a story. He said:

“There was a spotted eagle came to the people changed into a human. They called him Brown Old Man. He gave a dream to a young man and took him as his son. this old man would say that certain things would happen and they did. Brown Old Man thought that he would go out and see the people at their traps and that he would call on his son. He took his wife out on a hill and she saw him in the air. He came to different camps along the river. At some of the places he was treated well, others, not, and he thought that those who had treated him well would get many eagles but those who did not would not have good luck. He came to the second place and was very badly treated and would not take him in for fear he would dirty the house but the old man knew everything. He thought that since these people treated him so badly that he would not give them any birds. He came to the third camp and most of the people treated him well and he was glad and that they would catch many eagles and have plenty of food. When he left that place he thought of his SON again and a young man that he loved very much and decided to go to that camp and see his son. when he came to the fourth place at One Cottonwood Camp he changed himself back into a human and when he was near he found two women outside. His daughter in law, he could tell at once did not like him, but the other one liked him and called him to feed him. he thought that this woman’s husband was not his son but he would bring him good luck and since the other one’s wife did not like him, he would not get any birds but get dirty and covered with grass in the pit but never catch any eagles. He thought that this man who was not his son would catch 5 eagles and also kill a white buffalo. That Brown Old Man is myself and went back to Knife River again.

The man whose wife treated him well caught 12 eagles and killed a white buffalo. The SON and his wife quarreled after that and could not get along together. Before leaving the place killed a white buffalo also. The other man was lucky though and killed much game and had a white buffalo and he and his wife were happy. He said, “We better go home for it will soon be cold weather” They broke camp and came back along the Mo, they came back into the hilly country below the Yellowstone; all that time the SON was angry and as they walked along the SON said “We better stop here, my wife, and let the other ahead.” The man’s brother liked the wife and wanted to stay back with them but his brother sent him ahead, staying back with his wife. He put up two sticks in the ground and then he tied his wife to the sticks and built a fire under her and let her burn to death. The others were ahead waiting for them to catch up. After a while he came along and they asked him where his wife was and he said, “She will come up” and then the boy said, “I think I will go back and see my sister in law” and the husband said, “You can go back if you want to.” When the boy came back to where they stopped he saw something but at first could not tell what it was. He walked towards the place and saw an owl, wolf, Acira there. When he saw the three animals he began to cry and his sister in law was there and said, “Do not cry. I always loved you. This wolf, owl, and little bear brought me to life again” and when he looked at her he saw that her eyes looked bright, her hair light and long.

She said, “Do not cry, I am your medicine now and am holy and you will be holy too for your brother fastened me with sticks and burned me but this black bear came and cleaned out bad spirits and the owl fixed my eyes and hair, and now I am holy, the wolf fixed my body.” The Black Bear said to the woman “I know that you have suffered and who did that; Brown Old Man

was responsible for that. We know Brown Old Man's father, the Red Bird and I think I will get rid of him." She said to the boy, "You are old enough, we could go back to the lodge house and trap eagles" The went back to the lodge and beside the the door was a snare singing a holy song:

YOUNG WOMAN SHE IS CRYING BUT SHE WILL BE HOLY
YOUNG MAN WAS CRYING BUT HE WILL BECOME HOLY

(This song is used just before going into the holes and meaning that everything will be caught)

Then the snare said that everything would be caught or held tight (The snare in the little lodge was this one and they used this song when putting up the snare. I fasted in eagle trapping and heard song or tune but different words: THE YOUNG MAN WAS CRYING AND FOR THAT HE BECAME DIFFERENT and I think now it meant that I would become a Christian. That time I held an elk horn on one side of chest cut through and Mt Sheep hear on left, and cut hole through and had deer buck head on my shoulders and was running around the lodge when I heard the song.)

They moved into the lodge and went out and cleaned out the pits to trap. After a while they caught a bird apiece. They did not have much meat in the camp and after a while the woman said to the boy, "You should go out to hunt" but the boy thought he was still too young. She said, "I think you can. If you find a buffalo you be able to kill it alright. While you are gone I will go in the pit" She brought in two eagles, and he two buffaloes. After that they had plenty to eat and got along well.

The woman said, "You know the time we were here, your brother was angry at me for not taking the Brown Old Man and he nearly killed me but the Little Black Bear said that he was going to catch the brown Old Man's father. I think if we got 30 eagles it would be enough to satisfy your brother for the trouble I made him from failing to feed Brown Old Man. You go out and you will see some buffaloes; there will be a white one and you take the hide to give to your brother.

The boy came back with the white buffalo and it being just at the beginning of cold weather, it was gold looking. He said, "You better tan it and keep it for yourself." Just that time he noticed that she had caught some eagles and had them at the camp. She smiled and said, "You treat me very well. In my dream I saw that snare that hangs on the wall and it was singing a song, it was the same thing I dreamed of. I also dreamed of the small black bear and the bear said 'When I use this snare to trap with I never miss, no matter what animal I go after.' You know when we came into the lodge at first we hear a song by that snare. It sang two songs for us and I want you to own those songs because I was killed by your brother and though you came to see me and was crying and all those things you did for me I did not forget; now you have given me this white buffalo hide so now you can own those two songs and any time when you are having bad luck you can use those songs and when you wish anything sing these songs and your wish will come true so keep them for the future for it will be best for you to keep them since you are a boy. It is a rule that we are to stop trapping now for the river is beginning to freeze up along the edges, and if we do not, even the black bears used to quit at that time, the eagles might take some human lives and take away our spirits. As soon as I finish this tanning, we better quit and go home."

They put all the birds, 30 in all, sets of tails together. She packed up the meat and then went back towards Knife River. They stopped several times on the way and when they reached the village they stopped and at, living at Hidatsa. Before going into the village he said to the boy, "I know that your brother was mad but it was my mistake; he was angry about not getting

enough eagles and the white robe so we will go back to your brother's lodge and you give him the 30 tails and robe and say 'I want you to take back my sister in law again.'"

This time the woman looked changed with different eyes and hair combed down so that she looked different. When they went in the lodge house they found that her husband was making arrows and did not recognize the woman with his brother and wondered who she was. Even his brother looked different for he had been among the gods and did not recognize. The younger brother said, "I know that you are angry about those eagle tails and white robe but you can have these and I want you to stay with her again" and he put the robe over his brother's shoulders. Then his brother began to cry.

The older brother said, "It is all true what you said. The Brown Old Man was my god and loved me and that is where the trouble began for your sister in law did not treat him right and I burned her but now I can see that she has turned into a holy spirit and she can stay here and be my holy spirit and look after me and she can look after the village too." The woman said to the boy, "I have told you the two holy songs that were sung by the snare and you know them already. You keep them and then you will be chief and look after the village. I am not going to stay here forever because I once nearly died and those three gods brought me back to life. Someday I am going back to the Owls.

This woman lived with her husband again and he was always afraid of her for her actions were different and did not talk very much. He was afraid of her and they did not get along like had formerly. Before they ever knew it the woman disappeared.

(There were several snares, 1 Black Medicine snare, another timber snare)

In the same village there was a man who was always changing himself into a acira and he was good at trapping eagles for he was the head of the trappers. He grew to be a very old man. He planned to go out trapping and picked out six men and came to the high buttes just below Ft. Stevenson in the high buttes. He had experience trapping but the other six did not know anything about it. He went out with them fixing the trap then sent them out after bait and then he would sing a holy song for them. He said, "I have my trap already done; my trap is between those trees. You young men ought to make offerings and if you have any colored birds at home promise it to the eagles, even if you have any meadowlards with bright yellow breasts, offer that to the eagles if you catch any eagles." He asked each to the young men where his pot was. There was one boy who was poor and had no parents. When he came to the poor boy he said, "I have mine close to a spring for I thought the eagles might get thirsty and come there to drink and I might get them there." The old man said, "You did right. You want to ask your grandmother, she might have something that you could give to the eagles as offerings." Then he would talk to each young man, telling him to make an offering. The last time they were making an offering, the poor one peeped through the lodge and said, "Now small Black Bear, I want to make an offering to you that someday you will make my grandmother your mother in law" and the Black Bear said, "That is a good thing."

He told the young fellows again, "After it has snowed, I want all of you to hunt deer and if you have a chance to shoot it, do not follow it or you might drop dead." After a while it began to snow and after it cleared they went out and shot a buck and saw it run into the trees and fall down between the trees and when they saw the animal fall down, they said, "We must not follow it for we are not supposed to go up to it." They came back and the old man said, "I do not think that deer fell close to my trap so it will be hard to catch that red bird for if I drag the deer to the bait, it will know it so I think the only way I can catch that red bird is to dig a hole under the

ground to the deer. He dug into the ground and went up to the deer and tied himself tight under the deer. He noticed that the Red Bird was coming his way.

The Old Black Bear stayed there and some other bird flew around above and they said, "This looks like a trap so we better stay there until the Red Bird came. They sat in the trees and waited for the Red Bird to come. After a while the Red Bird came and the others said, "This deer looks fat and we wanted you to get your share is why we have waited for you to get yours first." Then the Red Bird said to the other birds, "I am afraid for I know that that Black Bear is the real trapper and never misses anything; he has great power of tying things up. Look around and see if there are any tracks." "We have looked around carefully and there are no tracks. That deer must have run a longways before falling." The Red Bird said, "If you could catch hold of that deer and move it to the side, I would take my share. I will pick one of you to move it to one side. I will select the Baldheaded eagle to move it to the side for you are strong"

The baldheaded eagle went to the deer and tried to lift it off and could not move it, only pulling off the hair. He said, "I can't lift it; I do not think there is anything under the deer." Then the Red Bird slowly flew down towards the deer, circling and then went down to the deer. The Black Bear seized him and said to the bird, "You are not the one who is holy; I am the holy man and have much more power than you have. I am going to get rid of you and the bird cried, "Save my life; if you get rid of me there will be no birds on the life" The bear said, "You have made the people suffer so I am going to kill you and get rid of you" He pulled all the feathers out of the bird saying, "I do not want to see any red birds like you and I do not want you to treat people the way you have. If you treat the people like you have in the past I am going to get rid of you by cutting your head off." He turned the red bird loose but after that they did not see any red birds like this kind again.

About this time the Brown Old Man in the village knew what was happening to his father, the Red Bird and he was feeling badly about it. After they caught his father and pulled all the feathers out, the Brown Old Man his father did not have the strength like he used to have. Still he had one holy song. At the village they were playing the pole and stone game and one fellow would win the game all the time. His medicine was the Snake. He was playing the game with another who had a father who was a chief but the boy always bet the things that belonged to his father. He would put in the house or all the things in the house. He even bet his parents' bedding and after a while they were sleeping in hay for bedding and did not have much left. at this time the man said to his son, "You ought to see that we do not have much left and you should see that we are very uncomfortable. The only thing that you should do now is to call in the Brown Old Man and give him a little roasted corn and moccasins and tell him that you will give him your wife for a daughter in law and have this after sundown.

The young man got roast corn, fat, moccasins and went to the Brown Old Man's lodge and told him to come over. He said to the Brown Old Man "I was playing a game with the young man with the Snake Medicine and he has cleaned up on me and we do not have very much left. I know that you are a holy man and I want you to help me and I will give you these things and if I ever marry, I will have her for my daughter in law." The old man said, "It is pretty hard to win a game from him and those sticks he plays with is a snake too is why he wins the game all the time. You will never win the game so long as he has that snake for a stick. You can't tell the difference but it is a snake just the same though you cannot recognize it. I heard some stories about that snake; I am a bird and snakes are my food; that is the reason that fellow is against me all the time. If you do not win the game, I will not take your wife as my daughter in law but if I win, I will call her that. I will try it tonight later on. You go out and see what you can find over

there where the snake man is; you will see a lot of dirt and things scattered around. That is not real dirt but eagle tails and other things he has won. You take some of them. He went and came back and ROM said, "You will see a pile of dirt but it is not real dirt but some eagle tails and the things he has won so take an armful of them, all you can carry and bring back to me." He brought back a robe full of articles and he put them in the the lodgehouse and put it on the ground but there was nothing visible only the dirt floor. He sent him out a third time, a little after midnight saying, "Do not let him know you. There will two sticks standing there. Go slowly and get those sticks and bring them over. When you bring those sticks in, the first thing in the morning call to him, "Let us play the game again" and when he comes tell him that you want ot use a bigger stick and if he says alright and then takes the smaller stick it will mean that he is going to lose his mind. This dirt you piled here, I will change like before into many valuable things that he has won from your father." Brown Old Man stood up and took hold of the largest stick and said, "I am going to sing a holy song." He bent the stick and rubbed it and started it moving like a snake and when he was through singing it had changed to a real stick and no sign of a snake. When he finished singing he threw the stick onto the ground. He threw it form one place to another like a bird a snake and said, "There is no snake left to it" He took the smallest stick and bent it and it seemed like a snake and then he sang his holy song and threw it onto the ground several times and it was a real stick

He said, "When you are ready to play the game, put one of these bird's claws on each end of the stick and if there are any snakes, these claws will catch the snake. When you want to start the game take the largest stick and say that you are going to say your prayer and he will say that you are not a real medicine man and say that you always pray before the game and then take some dirt and rub it on the stick. Be sure that you have the hoop of your own and after a while he will let you have it and that is a sign that he will loose his mind too. Play this game with him for four days and by that time he will be about all in and the water coming out of his mouth." Brown Old Man went over to the dirt pile and sang his holy song and said "Pick what you want for your bidding form this pile and the dirt changed to eagle tails." When he changed the dirt there were four eagle tails along and the Snake Man would say, "Where did you get those eagle tails?" and you say, "I have been around begging from my friends" and then he will not be afraid and put his four tails on too. While you play the game go as fast as you can and while you are running remember the holy song I taught you and sing it in your mind. Have some young men with you and they will run with you when you play the game. The last day I may be there for I know that that snake hates me."

After he finished talking he smoked the two sticks and told him to take them back and put them where they belonged and that they would not hear him for they were sleeping then. The Brown Old Man said, "The first thing in the morning, go to the river and take a bath put mud on your heads; I will be praying to the birds all the time and you will get exhausted but light while you run. Call the first thing in the morning that you are ready to play and he will ask why you don't use white clay instead of that dirt and you say 'I am in a hurry that I am going to use this kind of paint'

The snake man came and asked where he got the tails and he told him that they were given him by different people and they scolded because I was using up all my father's things. He sent for his eagle tails to bet against the young man and he said to the Snake Man "I want a bigger stick this time for you are always using your small ones but I don't know how to win the game anyhow and you will win" so the other one agreed to use the larger stick. (forgot: Brown Old Man said that he should go easy with him at first) There were many young fellows around

and he begged some of them to follow him while he ran even though he couldn't win the game." They ran letting the loop go first and snake man threw his stick first and then the other and the stick went where it should go. So he won the first game and had two sticks. They threw the sticks out again and before the stick stopped he saw that he was nearest and then he had four of the sticks. After a while the young man won the eagle tails so that he had 8 tails then and he thought he could fool the opponent by saying, "Now that I have the 8 I will be able to play all the longer before you win them back from me as you will eventually."

The Snake Man sent for 8 more eagle tails and they began to run again. Each time they threw, the young man would hit the right place, then he began to lag so the other would not be suspicious, until late in the evening he won the game outright, then he had 16 eagle tails. Snake Man said, "I am tired now so we better stop" but the other said, "When I was loosing, you always wanted to go until sundown" but Snake Man thought that he would stop so he could fix his sticks. The young man said to his helpers, "I will pay you after I have finished the game." Next day they had another game and Snake Man brought out all the eagle tails left and said, "If you win all the tails, I suppose I can put in robes and other things" and the young man agreed to do so. The third day he won the game again and ha(? P. 10) robes and everything that the Snake Man had. The third night, Brown Old Man came and said, "Tomorrow will be your last day of the game and after he has lost everything, he will be his wife for she is the real medicine so you want to try to do your best to win her." The boy's father was at the lodge when they brought in all the things that the father had lost before. The last day the Snake man did not have very much, bringing pots, bedding, spoons, everything he could get ahold of and the young man put up eagle tails against them. The game went on and the Snake Man said, "Now I have nothing left. I will bet my lodgehouse and when he lost that Snake Man said, "I will bet my wife, now, that is all that I have left." Brown Old Man said formerly, "The last game when he bets his wife, I will be over ahead sitting for if you do not win right away, she may throw you off in your throw for she is pretty strong medicine." When the other people saw that he was winning the game back, they would run beside him and make much noise in the victory. All that time the Snake Man was nearly exhausted, with water running from his mouth. The last game they ran, when they began to run the ROM was to the front and Snake Man threw his stick and saw the old man and thought that he would throw the stick not close to the hoop but past the Brown Old Man. After the game was over Snake Man said, "Brown Old Man, I think you were the one who did this and made me throw my stick in the wrong direction." The young man said to the people, "You may carry all that stuff over to the lodge and I have won and put it inside. I know that the Snake Man has won all these valuables from you and I am going to distribute them back to you again." They called the Snake Woman's wife in and said, "You belong to me but I do not think I will keep you so I will give you some clothing to put on and you can go anywhere that you like" and she went out. When he had everything that he won from the snake man gathered he called in his FATHER Brown Old Man and the Snake Man came in with nothing on but a breech cloth and he asked what he had come for, to smoke or what? The Snake Man said, "I went down to the river to take a bath and I was throwing out nothing but dirt" and the other said, "I had that happen too when you were winning so I don't think it is anything serious. If you find anything more to bet on I am ready. I always give a person a chance to get back what he won." After a while the Snake Man stepped out and late in the night the Brown Old Man came and ate with them and had a good time and he told the ROM what the snake man had said and then ROM laughed. ROM said, "I made one mistake here; at the time you fellows ran I was angry and I thought that every time the

snake man the dirt would go into his mouth and that is why he threw all that dirt up. That was a mistake for I am afraid that he will not have a long life.”

While the gambling was going on the young man married a woman. Then he told his wife to go out and take a bath for he had promised the Brown Old Man that if he won the game and had a wife he would take her as a daughter in law but the Brown Old Man said, “I will sleep beside her and take her as my daughter in law but I will not touch her. I am very happy what you have done giving me her for my daughter in law.” They slept together until the next day and the young man and his FATHER the Brown Old Man ate together and were happy. Brown Old Man said to his SON “I sang a holy song while you were playing the game and it is yours in the future and when you go out to attack your enemy, in the future, use that and you will win that game too.”

All that time the Snake Man was vomiting out the dirt and it was not long after that that he died.

Brown Old Man died in that village but when they tell the story the old people do not tell whether he went back to the birds or not but it seems from the earlier part of the story that he must have.