A long time ago some Indians went on a war path for some other tribe of Indians, not far away from their village was a steep cut mountain, and a certain young man was looking at this dangerous mountain, this young boy was a quite boy, he had a quite disposition, as he stood there looking up, he saw some one spying on him, this person gawked his head back, again and again he noticed these were two people with feather bonnets, then he went and told the people of his village.
Then they passed the word on that two men with feather bonnets were spying on their village, one (to-ka-ma-) and one (ki-sho-) went about hollering, "we will all go out hunting to-day, in two bands of each class, the (ki-sho-) in one band and the (to-kon) in another band see which will bring home the most deer, it will be a contest." they said, so they all lift and these spyes said, "now let us tie the women up and steal them all," but their leader objected, he told
them only a coward would attack a woman, what can a woman do, they are powerless beside a man, so they did not attack the village of women who stayed at home. These women knew there were spies of the enemy tribe near, so they were outside very busy as they were expecting to be killed almost any time. But the leader said, let us not harm the women and children if the men were home it would be different, so they surrounded the village of women.
and in the mean time the hunters were all coming near! The rest of the men were anxious to attack the women but the leader said, "Manitou would not like it and he would punish them for a woman could not whip a man, he told them it would be a sin." As they were talking these men who were our hunting, came up from behind and started to shoot them down one by one; they tried to shoot back but they killed them too fast, they could hardly do anything back.
So they said, will all be killed, so the leader paid to them you even wanted to tie the women all up. And they were surrounding them now that they could not do nothing, that they had them cornered on the edge of the cliff, where it was dangerous, then there was one man that was god like or a manitou. He got mad and fought back alone, he chased them back, he really got them others scared, then there was one who got back who had been hunting.
And this man who got back from hunting was told that one of the men were real mad, he asked which it was and he was told, he walked up and said, "this man here, this is a woman you let a woman get the best of you," just then this woman was going to shoot off her arrow and she broke her bow, then he stepped up and killed her, it was really a woman, here they think it was a man all this time because she was more than the men were.
And they fought on until they had killed all but one and that happened to be the Chief's son, it was just a young boy, and on this cliff that was cut steep and dangerous one jumped from there, when he fell on the stone he turned to stone himself; then the leader was fighting and another man who was out hunting happen to come in again, his wife got after him, she said "Where have you been they have killed a lot of people now you should of been here!"
"I really wasn't hunting but I am going to join right in," so he took his tomahawk or war club and went to the battle field, when he got there, he was tired that a man was mad they were fighting and that man was gone, so he started to him, the man was going to shoot him and it done the same thing it broke his bow so he ran up to him and hit him on the head with his war club and he fell to the ground, he made noise like the
thunder when he fell, then all the men ran and grabbed him, they would not turn him loose, he would jump up but they held him real tight, till they finally cut his head off and then he was still moving, he was a very brave man, he was a chief, then he ran after his head was off and fell off the cliff, that was the end of that battle with another tribe, then, they put the head away.
And then later they captured one lonely man and they kept him a prisoner, they treated him good thes, they fed him real well, and one day they said they would have one of their men talk to him, so they began to look over the men of the village who could say some thing to him, so at last they that of one man, and he was called, so he began to preach to this prisoner, "well, he said," where ever it
it is that you are going
you will get there, no
matter if the way
is rough, no matter
if there is fighting
going on you will go
through safely, nothing
will harm you, and
when you get back to
where you came from
tell them to all come
if they want to fight,
we have a lot of
young men that are
dangerous to fight,
but for you, just as
soon as you get thru
telling this news, you
will fall backward
and die.
"Just as soon as you get there tell them to feed you good, you know that we have fed you good things, after you leave, we are going to begin our dances. If you want to die right away you can hurry and if you do not want to die real soon you can take your time, but just choose for yourself." So he lifted, soon as he lifted, they began to beat the drum and sing, it sounded so good to him as he was leaving.
So he took his time walking it was just noon when he got home, his father tried to talk to him but he told him not to talk to him that he was going to die right away. So he told them to give him a good meal for the last time, that he had good meals when he was a prisoner. So they began to cook for him and cooked a real good meal after he ate and was filled they called the tribe together to hear the news.
So every one came to listen to the messenger. So this young man began to tell about the last war they had and how they killed them all, how he was captured and was a prisoner and he told about their Manitowa the woman who fought so bravely about the man who fell off the cliffs and turned to stone, and last of all he told what they told him to say and when he got there, he fell backward and died.
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Coward, Man!

A long time ago there was one man, and he liked to go out hunting, so he and his wife went away to hunt. It was in the early spring, and they had only one son. They always had plenty of meat of all kinds of wild game. Then the early morning he got up and told his wife he could hear wild geese flying, he said he would get up to go and kill some for her to stay in bed.
So she did not get up and fell back to sleep. When she had fallen asleep, the baby she was nursing had eaten to her flesh and killed her.

While her husband was busy killing geese, he had killed a whole lot of them when he had put them in his bag. He started back to his home, a little way from the house he unpacked them on the ground, then he pat down the pulled feathers out of enough for them to eat.
for breakfast. He went inside of the wigwam, started the fire, put the water on and he called the woman to get up to cook, but she never answered. And he started to uncover her face but she had died and the baby who was laying with his mother was vicious, he tried to bite his father, so the father became so frightened, he ran straight to her parents to tell him what had happened. And they cried as they started to see the body of their only
daughter, when they got to the wigwam the body was gone so was the baby, they could only see the tracks where it had been dragged to the lake near by. And the mother felt very badly so she began to fast, and she fasted for ten whole days praying that she wished to know what had happened to her daughter. And she had a vision that some spirit told her that she should go to the lake and that she should drink pity her
Grandchild that she was to see there, so early the following morning she left for the lake. There she saw a cute little baby playing by the lake, so she took an ax and killed the baby as she chopped it up, frogs began to leap every direction from that baby and that was all she did not see any thing else, but she felt very bad her daughter and grandchild had turned to frogs in the lake. And so the man was left a widow and for four years
he fasted two to four days at a time, at the end of the fourth year, he set out to hunt again, and then it was dark and a band of dirty Indians was on his trail to attack him. Some way he could not get away from them. It was a band of warriors, so he began to fight back and he killed all of them but two. And these two he tortured, he cut their ears off and made them tell just how many were in each band.
so he became a very brave man that he had saved his tribe.
So when he got home he showed his scalps and about his story so they called him a brave man, and he was given a nice young girl to become his wife. She was the chief's daughter, so he married her and they were very happy for he married a real nice girl, only the bravest man of the tribe could marry her, was the chief's wish, and so he was given orders to go on a war path so
he began to prepare, he was to start early in the morning, in which he did. He was to climb a certain tall tree, as he was to the top of the tree, the Siony's surrounded the tree and gave loud war whoops, o, o, o, he think, as he looked down and saw all the enemies. They began to sing and dance around the tree, as they danced around he took one leap off the tree with his gun, he made them throw up their hands and they surrender.
and he was a brave man toward last at first he was a coward but he always got brave toward last and got the best of his enemies. So he always passed the village that he was given the best girl to have for his wife, this is what I heard about a man a long time ago but I do not remember his name. Alfred Yeana.
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A man, his nephew, lived together, fast my nephew, he said to him, so the boy would get very hungry, a woman is very hard to get," said his uncle who was a big man, and this boy was getting to be a young man, then his uncle had an elm tree grow from his breast, "well uncle, I am going away and look for a woman who can cook for me," he said, "alright, you take this knife with you," said his uncle who gave him a knife to take along with him.
Then the young man started off to any where, where ever he that he
would find some indi-
ans, when night came
he would lay on the
ground and sleep when
ever he felt sleepy,
then as he walked along
he came to where some
Indians had lived for a
long time ago, the frames of
the old villages were there
here he slept, he was
very glad, just as if there
was some body there
for he knew he must
be pretty close to
some Indians near there.
Then the following day he came to a road or path where a lot of people had passed—but he noticed no tracks coming back. He sat down there a little ways and watched this path thinking about it. Soon he saw ten men walking along it. He got up and followed them. They did not see him. He went quite a way then he spoke to the last one asking him where they were going. "We are going out to look for girls," he answered. "I am too," he said. He was a very handsome boy. You could not go back, they kept telling him, but he went on.
And the last man told him to turn back; I will give you one of my sisters if you will turn back," he was told, but he was asked to do that, and he said he would much rather be a good friend to him instead of doing that way. So they agreed to be pals instead of brother-in-laws and when evening came they stopped for campfire and this handsome boy went out and killed a bear, after he had killed it, he told his pal to go and get the bear, then they cinched the bear and cut it up in ten pieces, cooked it and told the boy to eat first
So he sat down and ate first, he ate very little and said he was filled plenty. And these ten men sat down and told him to cover up, so he got under the covers, in just a little while these ten ate up the bear, they took the bear, they ate it, they were awful big eaters. So when they woke up the next morning they went on their journey, when it was moon they stopped for lunch, again this boy killed two bears this time, they cinched them and cut them up in ten pieces.
when they had cooked them they told this boy to sit down first to eat, he ate only a little bit and said he had plenty. So these ten sat down and they made the bones fly, my, they surely are big eaters he thought, and then they stopped for supper again, he went out and killed three again, they done the same thing again, he ate very little and the ten ate the three bears up in a little while, he surely that they were big eaters again.
and as he was looking at them, he thot to him-self that they will get so full they won't eat up all the bears that he was going to kill. And this time he killed five bears, and told his friend to go after them, so they brought them, again they done the same, they cinched them, cut them in five pieces and cooked them, again they told him to sit down and eat first, he ate very little, then the ten ate the rest of the meat up in a little while.
and again he said he would increase one every day so that they would get so full that they could not eat up what he kills. So this time they stopped for lunch he killed six and told his friend to go and bring them so he did. Then they cinched them and evoked them and again they told him to eat first, a usual custom. He ate a very tiny bit and said he had plenty and was full.
So they tied together their cooking utensils and started off, they done the same thing when evening came they stopped on the way to camp, then this boy went out and this time he killed seven bears he came back and told his friend to go after the bears he had killed so his friend went after them, then they fished them and cooked them after they were all done they tried this boy to sit down and eat first he sat down and ate very little I do not believe you get
enough, don't go hungry" they told him, "I have a good plenty," he answered, then the rest of the ten ate them up so fast they made the bones fly-so they went on their journey again, and the same thing again when evening came they stopped for camp and this boy went out and this time he killed eight, and he came back and told his friend to go after them, so his pal brought them in camp and these big fat
men where very busy cinching bear and trying to get them ready for supper, they were very happy and joked with one another as they were about ready to eat the bears. And this boy sat around, he was the hunter and water boy for them. When they would get them cooking they would always make him sit down first, and he ate very little, so the ten ate them all up in a short time. Well, these men surely can eat
And he went out again when they stopped and he killed nine bears, this time and he told his friend to go and get them, they done the very same thing again they cinched and cooked them, then they had this boy to eat first and he ate very little, then these other ten ate them all up again. And then he asked them how far it was where they were going, they told him just a little way, just eight hills ahead go on the valley of the fourth hill they were to camp for the last time.
So they told this boy he was too good looking to go back for they would kill him pure, but he said he was going away. And they didn't sleep all night that time, they was practicing to out run each other, then this boy asked them why they was doing this, they told him a real old lady would chase them soon as they got there, so well, an old woman can catch me," he said, and there ten great big fat men, told him not to say that the old woman was...
very powerful. "Well I would like to see an old lady catch me this," he answered again.

So it was the last time to camp, and he killed ten bears for the last meal, and they ate the very same thing again. The ten ate them all up. They were so fat they could hardly walk, and the boy was real slim.

So after they cleaned the bushes they began to hang them up, and here were hundreds, hundreds of bushes hanging up.
them up there never came back, for the old lady always killed them.

"Well, such a sight of kettles," said the boy.

"Yes you better turn back here because the old lady will catch you and kill you," But he said he was going on with them any way; so they started out again after they hung up their kettles with the rest. And after they climbed over the last four hills they showed the boy the place, it was a house a summer house, and
on the scaffold outside sat two nice young girls with their feet swinging back and forth, and these men all sat down in a row at the end of the yard, then an old woman came out and looked at these men, she said, "too many son in laws are out there, one, one, one, one, just exactly ten, no, one, one, there are ten and one beside eleven" she said, "and she stepped inside the house. 'There's one real skinny fellow out there, I don't see why he brought himself here. I bet there is no taste"
to him," and her boy got after her and said that boy was a manitou, she doubted him, "of course he is," he told her again, and the old woman stepped out, she started to ward one of these fat men, he jumped up and could hardly run, she caught him and took him in the house, then shortly after ward just the insides of him were thrown out, and she came out again, and chased the next fat fellow, she caught him right away and took him in.
and this same thing happened to them all, till there were just these two pals left, they felt badly as they saw the insides of their partners laying out side with flies all over them, but they hid themselves in the dirt there, when she came out for them they were gone, she tho' they ran away, when night came these girls slept up in the shade over the scaffold these girls climbed up and cut their heads off, then they broke the steps. In the morning the old woman was going to
wake her daughters up
she broke the step and fell and could not get up.
the night before these folks turned to brown snakes
and done all kinds of damage to her place, then
they turned to birds—
fly away. Finally she climbed up to the scat-
fold she was going to jerk the corns off and she found that there
heads had been cut off.
She came down she was going to drink some com
soup she had prepared
for breakfast, she forgot
and drunk it real hot
and burned herself, she
fell backward, so mad she cried, and her son said as soon as he had his breakfast he was going to follow these folks that had done so much damage about that place, where so many men had been killed and eaten by this old woman's family. Now she was getting her medicine she was mad because they had killed her only two daughters, so her son was getting ready to go and suddenly he turned to a worm he couldn't go away and his mother scolded him
and wondered what was the matter with him. Every time he stuck his head out of the ground, he was a worm. The old lady would take her fire poker and hit him on the head. "What is the matter with you?" she would holler. "You would be the same every if you tried to follow that man, I tell you. He was a man-trap," he said to her. "And it was four days he was a worm and crawled around their yard, then he turned to a fly again and flew away in the air."
"There he goes, the ugly old worm," she said to her son. She was becoming so disgusted, when this son of hers turned to a fly and flew up in the air, he recognized the two boys that killed his sister. He flew over to ward them, and they ran as fast as they could, and one of these boys took his bow and shot an arrow to the other end of the earth. He said and the arrow flew way off—then he came to prise
water, he was very thirsty and wanted a drink. As he got on the water to drink, he saw two little minnows swimming in the water. He watched them awhile, then they came out of the water. It was the two boys he was after. He got mad and said here after if I see any little fish I will kill them. The fly paid and he was talking to them as he was so mad, "you will not get away from me if you go even to the
end of the earth I am following you, I will kill you," he was telling them, and as these two pals were walking along they came to a real nice timber it was shady and a clear lake near it, here they stopped and cooked, the timber was full of smoke when they got there. Just as they walked away this fly found them again, they looked back, and they saw the awful looking fly, and they ran away again.
fast as they could, then one day as he was walking along he was not a fly no more, he was a person like he was before, and then this nice looking young boy shot two arrows off saying he wanted it to look like a real old village on ahead and so there was a real old wigwam and just a very little fire in it, then these two pals went inside laid down, began to warm their backs by the fire and were talking like real
old men; soon this man was turned to a fly and came along, he looked in here where two real old men, there fire was almost out; then he heard his grand mother voice saying "kill them they're the one's you are after," but he looked and it was old men he then went out and gathered dry wood for them after he had done all he could for them and was ready to go on, he noticed two arrows, then these old men ran away, it was the two poles that forced
him, "the very next time I see some red men I will surely kill them," he said as he went on.

And again these two friends were walking along; they shot two arrows off, to the other end of the earth, they said, and they turned to two large geese one was white and the other was red, then this boy who was chasing them came along, he noticed these girls were on the ground, he took out this tobacco to an offering, asking these birds
to give him power and help him to catch the two boys he was after, after he gave tobacco these birds turned to the two boys, he was after and ran as fast as they could, he got real mad and chased them and these two friends that were going ahead shot two arrows off again they said let striped blankets began laying on the ground they said as they came to a river, then he said to be a village with a lot of Indians in it
So there were a lot of Indians in the village, men, women, and also children. They were playing around mocking the black birds—kal-ka-ka-ka—there were playing. And little boys were running all around trying to catch some grasshoppers. He saw a lot of nice looking girls; his heart felt so glad; he forgot all about the men he was after. After he was in this village.
The children were all busy mocking back at the blackbirds, and trying to catch grasshoppers, then he saw two very old men in a garden of tobacco pith, making tobaccos, he spoke to them but they did not pay any attention to him, they looked at each other and asked each other what they said. So he went on into the village and paid no more to the tobacco makers. He was more after the many beautiful girls.
he had seen in the village his heart felt very gay and, he forgot all about the enemies he was chasing. And when he was looking at these old men it was them and his old mother was hollering at him to hit them and kill them but he could not do such a thing to real old men. And he looked on for awhile again he went to watch these old men make tobacco this time they noticed him, so you are
walking around," yes,"
he answered, "if you
could learn to like
my little daughter you
could have her and
marry her," said the
old tobacco man,
"and I have a nice
young daughter you
can marry too. The
other paid, "If you
care to," and so he
answered, he would
like to very much, as
he was looking for a
nice girl to marry. So they
took him a little ways
to another wheat near
as they came here, he
he saw two pretty girls sitting out side of a
scaffold— one was real
white in complexion, and
the other was rather dark
but both were very
beautiful, one was blonder
and taller, the other was
short and real fat. And
 soon as they saw him
they called him and made
him sit in the middle,
he looked at them and
he admired them so
much, they were so beaut-
iful, and when it
got evening and begun
to get dark, he went
into their wigwam
just as they were about to go to bed, they heard some bells coming toward them, and there a man all painted black, his whole body came in, and called this boy, the boy asked why, so they told him to a council that none of the members could agree and decide upon a certain subject, they wanted his advice to come at once to the meeting, what ever he said, they could do, so he got up from the
bed and left for the meeting, when he got to the meeting they asked him what was the best, if a man had two sisters, should they choose their own husband, or should he or his mother choose for them? This was the subject, and he felt so shame he could say nothing for that was just the way he and his mother had done. So he got up and said in that case a woman should
choose her own husband and none of the relatives should interfere. He felt very bashful over it, as he looked about the room, he saw the boys that he was after, so after the meeting he went back to the wigwam to the women he was to marry, when he got there they asked him why they wanted him and what they paid so he told them all about it, it was about girls marrying who they loved and that...
what the relatives wanted
so I told them what
I think about it," he said
"well, let us go to my
mothers," he told the
girls," so they said
"alright," and away they
went to this house.
grandma, or I mean
mother she was a very
old lady, she told them
they could carry in wood
for her and cook for them.
When they got to the
house, he told them to
wait out side, while he
went in to tell his
mother. He told his
mother he had two
sires that she should step out and bring in
her daughter-in-laws—so the old woman went
out, she saw two big
rag dolls lying on the
ground, she brought
them in and threw them
on her son's lap, he got
up and walked away he
could not keep from
laughing.) it was another
bad trick, they done to
him, and these two
pals went away and this
handsome boy married
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were brother in laws; the
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lived only a big elm tree
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