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Spirit of fire made by gods.

Once there was a young couple just got married and were living to themselves. They were both poor and without parents, just the woman had a grandpa. She was a good girl who was raised by her grandpa. He was the only relation she had.

Her father and mother had died since she was a small girl.

2. She was big enough to help her grandpa, to do the work. She would cook for him, fold away his bedding, wash up the dishes.

So he felt sorry for her, he never scolded her, he always spoke kindly to her.

She loved her grandpa very much.

3. She always had kept things about their wigwam just like he wanted her to. She had never been away from their wigwam. She

always stayed home. She never visited with the other girls. Her grandfather did not want her to. And she kept busy working at home always.

4. And in another home was a young boy, who was kind, a good worker, and a hunter. He lived with his grandmother. He done just what she would ask him to do. He hunted

and done work for
his old grandma.

He liked little
children, when he
saw little children
he would talk to
them and hold
them on his lap.

5. So this old woman
and old man said
they wish their
grandchildren could
get acquainted. So
one day the old
man took his grand
child to where the
old lady with the
grandson, so there
is where they got
married.

6. The girl was very
beautiful, she was
a hard working
girl, she knew how
to make moccasins
dress deer, and knew
how to do most any
kind of work. The
other girls could not
work that hard,
parents, they depend
upon their parents
to get around to do
what work they
ought to do.

7. And the same with
the boy, he was a

handsome boy, the other young men could not go out and kill as many deer as he could.

He did not go about as other boys do, he stays home and work for his grand mother, he did not care for good times as going to dances or moccasin games.

8. He was just the kind of a man the old grandpa wanted his grandchild to marry. Some one who could be kind to her, who could hunt

and bring home
buffalo, deer, turkey
bear meat. There
were a lot of girls
that liked him.
but he did not
care for any of
them.

9. And it was the
same with the girl,
every one knew
what a good girl
she was, so a lot
of young men
wanted her, but
she didn't like
any of them.

There was only one young man her grandpa wanted her to marry.

10. So it was the boy that lived with his grandma. When they were married all the other young people felt jealous of them. Some made fun of them. But they were both good. And they lived happy together.

11. They lived with the boys grandmother, for that was where they brought her.

The old woman would talk to them every evening, and tell them over and over to be kind to each other, never to speak cross to another.

12. The girl would stay at home every day while the boy was out all day long looking for deer. The first day the girl came there with her grandpa, the boy just come home with a load of deer on his

back. They dressed it
and gave half of it
to the old man.

13. That is what he
done all the time.
So the grandmas and
the rest always had
plenty of meat,
plenty of buck skin
to make their dresses
and moccasins, they
never ran out of any
thing.

14. The old woman's
health began to fail
she was sick most
of the time, Her grand
son felt very sorry
for her, also the
girl, she done all

she could for the old woman. She would not let her do any work.

15. Life went on the same every day, the man worked hunting all day long; sometimes he would be gone for days before he returned.
This girl's grandpa did not live so very far away so she would run over sometimes.

16. and see if he was well, she would make him mocha-pins and take them over to him. The old man was lonesome for his grandchild but he was glad she was married to a good man, and they both helped him right along. When he was in need of anything he would tell his grand daughter so she would tell their husband.

17. The old man too was now getting feeble. He wanted them to come

to his wigwam to live, but she told him they could not leave the old woman alone, for she was sick all the time. So she would go to see her grandpa often.

18. Then the old lady would talk all the more; she said her health was failing, she wanted them to know about days that they never saw, about her early days

so every evening
she would talk to
them, till she could
not talk any more.

19. She told her
grand daughter to al-
ways be kind to
her grandson, not
to never scold him,
not to do anything
that would hurt his
feelings, for I am
going to leave both
of you soon, she said.
20. And she also paid
the same to her grand-
son, for him to be
kind to her, and go
on like he has been
providing her with

food, and buckskins
for clothing and
moccasins. That she
was getting too old
she could not sit
up any more. Then
suddenly she became
seriously ill.

21. The boy felt very
sad, he did not
hunt for a few
days. He stayed
home to help care
for their grand
mother. She said
"There was no use"
then she turned

over and died, the boy cried out loud.
"O, my poor grand
mother, what will
I do without you!"

22. But the girl told
him not to feel
bad, but to go on
and live like she
asked him to. For
he and his wife to
always be the same
to one another kind
loving and true.

The girl went after
her grandpa.

23. So she came over
with him, then he
told them what
to do.

after they had buried her, the old man told them to move over to his wigwam. So after four days, they looked over the things that were in their wigwam then they prepared bison robes, ready to move away.

24. So after four days they moved over to the old man's wigwam. They were to make their home with him now.

He was a kind red man and loved both his grand children, he never talked mean toward them once. He was like the old women, he would talk to them every evening.

25. He would talk about when he was a boy, and they liked to listen to him, he would tell them all of the past, how many times he was on war path, about his parents, how he lost them and

every thing that was interesting;

26. After every thing was moved & packed they had settled with the old man, the young man began to go out to hunt for buffalos, elks, bears, deer and turkeys, he began to bring in all kinds of animals, so the old man had all kinds of nice meat to eat all the time, He was very happy.

after they had moved
with him.

27. He didn't worry
any more, but he
laid around smoked
his pipe of peace,
sang and told old
legends, and about
the early days.
He had been wanting
them to live with
him but they could
not leave the old
grandma.

28. It was a long while
before the boy could
stop thinking about
his grandma, at
times he got very
lonesome for her.

So one day the boy went on ^a hunting trip he did not get back for two days, and the girl wondered what was keeping him so long.

29. One evening she came home, this time he did not bring no deer home. So she asked him where he had been he told her he had been far off, to a village where the

other Indians lived.

30. He said he was watching a moccasin game. She asked who was playing the game. He said "a bunch of Indians and turtle; but turtle got beat," he said, "I help sing all night" he said, so he went out to hunt again. This time he brought in a deer.

31. He helped her dress it and tan the hide. So the next day he said he was going to hunt

again, so he started out. This time he killed all kinds of animals, so they were busy dressing meat and tanning the hides. Then he said 'he was going out to a moccasin hand game.'

32. That the old man and she were well supplied with food, he would be gone for a couple of days.

so he started out.
And he was given
a day, the old man
didn't like for the
grandson to go out
like that.

33. But she said
it was alright,
but he kept on talking.
She said he was
the one who wanted
her to marry him
so bad, now that
he was growling
because he went
out to moccasin
games. They finally
got into a quarrel
over it, then she
took her stick.

she use to tan hides
with an hit him
on the head.

34. She hit him so
hard she broke it,
he got scared of her
and ran away to
the dense forests,
there he fell so
bad and worried
to death in the
brush some where,
another day went
by, but the young
man did not re-
turn.

35. The girl slept by herself in the warm room; she did not worry about her grandpa, for he had said a lot of bad things to her, that she felt insulted over it.

Then when evening came her husband returned, she was so glad to see him. Soon as he came in, he said, "where did grandpa go?"

36. She told him he had insulted her, even tried to lay hands on her

so she grabbed her stick she used to tan hides with, and hit him on the head till she broke it all to pieces. Then he ran far into the woods.

37. Why, you shouldn't of done such a thing, he took care of you, when your parents died, he hunted food for you. Kept the wigwam warm by always having a pile of dry wood ready

for you to burns. And
you always said, you
loved your only grand-
pa." So he began to
feel sorry for her
grandpa to think
she treated him so
mean.

38. and drove him
away, just because
he talked mean to
her." O, my poor grand-
pa, the only relation
I had," she said and
cried out. They both
ran outside and called
in all the woods,
but no answer
came, and they did
not find any trace.

of him.

39. So the young men called the other men in the village to help him look for the old man, they found him dead in the thick brush. Then they carried him back to the wigwam. It was very lonely here after the old man was gone. Not long afterward.

40 There came a little boy in there home to live with

them. An old woman from the other village came to take care of the baby boy, she told the young man, how to make the cradle, so they tried the baby son to the cradle.

41 It wasnt long till the baby sat up, as years rolled by, soon it could walk. When it was several years old it could talk.

Then the woman had some one to stay home with her

He was a lot of company for her.

42. He use to run away from her and wander around in the woods; he wasn't afraid of anything; he killed the largest snakes that were dangerous. He could kill bear, deer and any thing. He would even go to other tribes villages and he could talk to them. He could understand any

kind of language.

43. He could even talk to little birds, he was different from any children his age, he was very bright. So Wi-sa-ke-a noticed him and his ways. Wi-sa-ke-a was a god sent from heaven to lead his race the Indians. He was the Indians god.

44. So Wi-sa-ke-a told all his partners different gods together in council. They were to have a council over the boy that was

so brave and knew
every thing. And this
boy knew they were
having a council over
him, he told him mother
"why are they having
a council over me?"
but she thought he was
out of his mind.
She didn't know what
to do with him.

45. And Wi-sa-ke-a
and other powerful
gods were in council,
they said, "let us
make this boy that
is so wonderful and

wise, the spirit of fire." Then one of the men who was supposed to be a good, didn't like the boy to be the spirit of fire, he wanted to be himself. So he and Wi-pa-ka-a-quarrelled. Then Wi-pa-ka-a-was the head one of all the gods on earth,

46. He took him by the neck, threw him out, it was after a rain, the ground was slippery, every one shall hate you, because you are self-

ish, jealous, go, and
the god like man
fell down, he couldn't
stand up, he was
cursed by Wi-sa-
ke - the head god.
He turned into an
ugly lizard, no one
likes his looks.

People are ready to
kill him when they
see him, the lizard.
47. so the others were
asked about their
opinion, and they
all liked this boy,
to be made the

Spirit of fire. Wi -
sa - ke - a - asked
them to rise one
by one and say
what they had to
say; but all were
willing except the
one who was thrown
out.

48. So it was fully
decided by all the
different gods that
were in council
for the boy to be
made the spirit
of fire. So they all
left for their homes,
they said they would
all meet again
in four days.

So-wi-sa-ke-went
home for a four day
rest. All these days
he was thinking very
hard.

49. On the fourth day,
he said to his old
grandma, "Mother,
who could I send to
go all around up,
down and all over
the earth to call the
people together, who
do you think is a
fast runner?" So she
said a man by the
name of, "da-wa-te-

si-wa, was about the
fastest runner there
was.

So he said "yes,
I think he is too, I
shall send for him
to go on an errand."

So he went and
told him to come to
his house. So da-wa-
te-si-wa-went,
then Wi-pa-ke-a-
gave him Indian
tobacco and told
him to go all over
and tell every one
to come. So da-wa-
te-si-wa-ran and
ran to tell the
world.

51. He wasn't gone
very long when he
returned to Wi-pa-
ke-a-s wigwam.

"Did you do what
I told you?" he said.
"Yes," said da-wa-
ti-si-ma^t-(Shawata)

"You are really a
fast runner, who
could go all over
the world telling
the people in such
a short time."

52. "But I really did
he said, "and what
did they say."

they all answered
in a kind way,
alright," "Grid" said
Wi-sa-ke-so his
errand boy, was
to help him, he
told him to go on
and cook the meat,
So da-wa-ti-si-wa-
got busy dressed
buffalos, bears and
deers, for the feast.

53. Toward noon
they became to come,
so they held a big
council, it was to
be the last time
to decide. So Wi-
sa-ke-a-got up
and told them why

he was calling them together, about a wonderful, wise boy they wished to make the spirit of fire, so everyone said it was good, they all agreed with Wi-pa-ke-a -

54. So they send for the parents the father and mother of this boy they were talking so much about, So, da-wa-te- si-va - brought them in, then Wi-pa-ke-a -

told them that he
and his holy coun-
cil men had decid-
ed what to do
with their son.

55. Wi-sa-ke-a-got
up and talks to them
for a long time, he
told them they could
go home to decide
if they were willing
to give the boy up
or not, that in four
days he would send
for all three again,
to come to his house.

56. So this couple
walked back to
their wigwam, when
they reached home

their son was home already, they told him about it. He laughed, he said he was willing to do it. "Then you will see me always, but if you are not willing to give me up, I will die right away, for Wi-sa-ke-a-is a god, he is powerful."

57. So he told them they must be willing to give him up, for if they don't

their god would send a punishment to them, that Wi-sa-ku-a-would not like it. So the woman was willing, but the man didn't want to give the boy up.

58. But the mother and boy told him he must. So he finally said he would.

Then da-wa-te-pi-ma-came and told them to come, so they all went with him again. When they got there the woman said "she loved her boy very

much that he was
all she had, but she
was willing to give
him up for the gods
sake." "Good! good!"
they all said.

59. You shall see him
as long as you live
and all people that
lives after you do
shall see him; He
will be the spirit
of fire all people
shall talk to him,
he will be powerful."
Then they asked the
old man, he got

up and said, I
am willing to do
anything my wife
does."

60 Since she is willing
"I am too", so they
all said "good, good"
again. Then they
took this boy and
painted all his body
red, all over. They
put tobacco in his
hand. When wi-pa-
ke-a-was talking,
suddenly he began
to smoke, then the
body burned to red
hot ashes. It fell to
pieces. Then they took
the ashes and teach

who owned a sacred
bundle put the ash
in it.

61. It was the spirit
of fire. So the father
and mother went
home happy; when
they got home they
began to roast deer
on hot ashes. The
fire they were using
was started by the
ashes of the spirit of
fire.

62. Then the old woman
that took care of the
boy came in; she asked

where their son was
they pointed at the
fire, then she be-
gan to cry, after they
had told her all about
it she smiled then.
So in many many
homes they were
using the spirit of
fire.

63 - And they used
it as a holy fire,
in sacred feasts, in
prayers to their gods.
They would throw
tobacco in the fire
and talk. It was
used especially
for sacred bundle
ceremonies.

but the parents were very happy over it.

64. Wi-sa-ke-a — said no one should play with fire or they would get hurt, so when children tried to play with fire they were told it was a person, that they would get hurt, and usually they got burned pretty bad. The children were told the fire was a person, to keep

it holy.

65. These parents of the spirit of fire lived a long time, others that were the same age had passed away long before but these two lived on and on. They lived to the length of four generations.

Finally they got old. In those days there were a lot of old folks.

66. Then other old folks begin to die, then these two old folks died last. They died exactly

the same day and hour. They died right together. Then the people got together, they brought things for which to put on them to wear, then they buried them right together.

67. This married couple thought a lot of each other, and spirit of fire was the only child they ever had, they loved

him so much but
they had to give
him up before he
grew to full
manhood.

68. When they were
ready to go to bury
this couple, after
they had dressed
them all up. The
men were ready
to lift them up
but they were so
heavy, they could
hardly lift them.
It took extra help.
Before they covered
them up, they
discovered the bodies
had turned to stone.

69. They were frightened. When they had left the graves the whole village of Indians cried out loud, because they had lost their best people. Every one mourned for them. They would go to the graves every once in awhile.

70. Every one knew about the spirit of fire, that it was the son of these old folks that died

In the early days
when any Indians
of the tribe died
every one in the
camp cried out
loud and mourn-
ed for four days,
but to day it is
not like that.

71. So they were two
men in the village
that began to feel
jealous over this
spirit of fire be-
cause even little
children used to
give the fire some
Indian tobacco,
Indian tobacco is
what was used as a

sacred offering to
any gods.

72. So they held a
council all to them
selves, but Wi-sa-
ke-a-knew ev'n all
their thoughts, so they
said, "let us go to
see Wi-sa-ke-a-
the god, he might help
us to destroy it some
way." so left for the
Wigwam of wi-sa-
ke-a-

73. Wi-sa-ke-a-
knew they were com-
ing, then they came to

him and told him, they wished the spirit of fire be destroyed; He asked them many questions as to why they wanted it destroyed.

74. But they could not give any reasons, so he told them to go back home, to offer the spirit of fire lob-acos, and pity all the Indians in the village. So they went back and done as they were told, they were afraid of Wi-pa-ke-a-thay knew he was nigh

powerful.

75. So one day they said "will, shall we go out and pity the people", "yes" they said, so they started out, they would go a little ways, then throw tobacco's and mention different people that were living close there.

76. They done this over and over for many days, they did not get tired. They was going to do

that to every wigwam in the village. Then Wi-sa-ke-a-lah laughed at them, he planned a trap for them.

77. He did not want to kill them but just teach them a lesson. So they kept on doing that, one day they went away again, there was a wigwam, there are some Indians it us pity them, so they threw out some tobacco toward the wigwam and began to talk in prayer.

78. When they were
there, let us go on
home said one, but
the other said, "let
us go on inside and
visit these people
who ever they are.
But the other man
said "no, I feel
some way that it
is not safe."

79. "Well, I'll take the
lead in, I am not
afraid of anything,"
said the man that
wanted to go in so
bad. So he took the

lead. Soon as they
stepped in it was
a bee hive full of
bees instead of a
wigwam,
so the bees got after
them especially the
man who took the
lead, they flew in
his nose and mouth,
just about killed
him. Then they ran
home, just about
quarreling." If you
would listen part
of the time, perhaps
you would learn
some thing;" they told
the man who didn't
listen.

81: So he was very sick; but the other who came behind him didn't get stung very bad. "Well, it is my own fault I should have turned back, when you had suspected the hive, and we should have looked closely that it wasn't a wasp-mine."

82. He suffered terribly for three days, and on the fourth day, Ni-pa-ke-came in

"Well, he said what is the matter?" So they told him all about it. We were going around trying to pity the people and we ran into a line of bees." Well," he said. But he knew what was going on all the time, this was his plan.

83. So he told them they were foolish that wasn't the way to pity the people, they should get out, hunt for the village and help

them, that was the
way to do, to try
to help the people,
to work for them,
so he made this
sick man who got
strung by the heels
well.

84 Then suddenly
Wi-pa-ke-wake up,
he said "grandma,
how long have I slept."
She said you have
been asleep for several
days, "Well," he said
"I had a bad dream
then, I must go out."

and walk about
the village and see
if it is true some
of my people doesn't
like the spirit of
fire."

85- So he got ready
and went about
the village, first he
came to these two
men he had dreamed
about, he stopped in
and asked them,
what they thought of
the spirit of fire.

86- "We do not like it
some times we wish
to destroy it." He
asked them again,
they were really in

earnest about it. So he took abold of one by the neck and threw him out, "you are wicked that spirit of fire, is my fire, you do not like me, you shall be called mouse, no one will like you, every one that sees you will kill you."

87. So the man turned to a mouse soon as he hit the ground, so he threw the other out and you as rat, no one will like you, people

will hate you, and
try to kill you where
ever they see you";
88. So he went on
again, he came to
another wigwam
where one old man
was living, he asked
him what he thought
of the spirit of fire,
I hate it, he said.
So Wi-pa-ki-grabbed
him by the neck and
threw him out, "no
one shall like you
neither, you will be
called a pocket gofer
you will have pockets
on each side of your
mouth, no one will

like you 89 - everyone
that sees you digging
under the ground will
kill you." so the old
man turned into a
pocket gopher soon as
he hit the ground.
He still went to
another wigwam,
here he asked the
same question.

90. It was an old
man too, "Well, grand-
pa, what do you
think of my fire?" he
said, "nothing I hate
it, I could destroy it

had & the power."
"O, said wi-pa-ke-
he took him by the
neck and threw him
out; you shall be
called a coon, when
old women get
hungry for good tasting
meat, hunters will
look for you and kill
you, you will not be
safe anywhere.

91. When the old
men fell on the ground
he played dead, he
was so scared. So
he kept on everyone
that didn't like his
fire, he cursed them
that is why we have

a lot of pests. Wi -
-pa - ke - a - made all
the useful and un-
useful animals.

92. Then he went to
his friend da - wa - te -
si - wa - the fast
runner, it looked so
nice in the wig -
wam, the fire looked
nice, it made the
wigwam look so
cheerful inside."How
do you like my fire?"
he said; as he sat
down. "Great," said
da - wa - te - si - wa.

93. "It makes my home warm, it cooks all my food, it makes my home cheerful, I could not do without it helps me ⁱⁿ every way."

"Good, good," said Wi-pa-ki-a-he visited quite awhile. Then he went on to another wigwam; the fire was about out, it showed it was not kept well; there were dirt all around it, and spit. So he didn't like it, he said, "soon 94. as the one who is living here returns he will turn into a bat

no one will like him";
so he went on. He
went into another wig-
wam, just one old man
was inside, he said,
"Well, how do you like
my fire? I do not
like it, I burn my
self every time I make
a big fire." 95-

So he threw him out
now you shall be
called a tick, you
will live in the
woods, no one will
like you, people will
hate you and kill you

when ever you get
close to them. So he
went on.

96. When this man that
was away from home
got sick, he turned
into a bat, he just
barely flew out. So
this is the way he
done to people that
did not like his fire.
He cursed them. That
is why we have
some of these bad
animals and fowls,
because Ma'-sa-ke-a-
cursed some of his
people that were not
careful, with the things
he gave them.

97. So when he got home
he found his grandma
very sick; she was
talking to herself, he
didn't know what to do
for her, so he thought of
an old woman who
could take care of his
grandma. This old
woman was called the
old toad woman.

98. So he ran to the
old toad woman's big-
house and asked her
to come and care for
his grandmother. She
said she would be

over night away so
she could.

99. Soon as she got there
she began to boil some
of her Indian medicines
then she told Wi-pa-
lee-a-to cool the
medicine and give to
his grandmas, so he
did. Then not long
afterward the grand-
mas began to get
all right.

100. The toad woman
had saved her life, so
she stayed and cooked
for them till the old
grandma could get
up to cook. So the
toad woman left

Wi-pa-ko was very thankful to her for her willing help. First Wi-pa-ko said, "I better do the cooking for a few days," but she did not listen to him.

101. So when she tried to cook she burned her self; but she only laughed, and called the fire, grandchild. She did not get angry. If she did get angry, it would of hurt her badly; but she is at good natured, so the effect of fire did not hurt her.

102. Then Wi-pa-ko took her what made her cloth, so suddenly, she told him about a waist she had kept for a long time, it had been passed down and down, a waist with ruffled collar and sleeves, it was a ghosts waist. She said she tried it on and it was too small.

103. So he said "grandma let me have it, I want to have some fun." So she gave the waist to him. He tried the waist on he got very sick, he hollered for help, there were some wolves going by, they heard him so they said, "Wi-pa-ka-a is dying we will have a big feast." They sneaked up to the wigwam.

104. They looked in, they saw the old grandma there making tea. "What is the matter with our brother?" said one of the hungry wolves, "O, nothing" said the old woman. "But he is dead" said another, "I think he was a god bird I found out he isn't" said one that was so glad.

105. The grandma looked at him, he looked dead, so she jerked the ghost waist off, he

got up right away laughing.
Then there being two birds that
were going to eat Wi-so-ke-a -
up and his grandma too, got
scared, and started to run
away, but Wi-so-ke-a -
said, "now I ate you; there's you
that I was going to die." then he
killed them all.

106. "This is a wonderful waist
grandma," he said.

So one day one of his friends
came to visit him, he asked
him to try on the waist, soon
as his friend put on the waist
he didn't know nothing. He hollered
for help, that he was digging.

107 So he took the waist off from
him, "Well, that is wonderful,"
his friend said, so they began
to fear Wi-so-ke-a - he is
truly a god, they said. Then

the devils got in council to try
to kill Wi-sa-ke-a
108. They said one of the devils
would go and call him and
lead him to a certain place.
The others would be there
ready with their papers,
and have a big hot fire
ready to burn Wi-sa-ke-
a up.

109. So the bravest devil was
sent to Wi-sa-ke-a 2 woman,
"sit down my friend," said,
Wi-sa-ke-a. This devil had
horns, and his tail was like
arrow heads, spears, he looked
fierce, he had wings like a bat.

110. So he said, this waist is a
little too small for me, try it
on, so the devil put it on.
Soon as he got it half way in
he became unconscious, then
Wi-sa-ke-a started to scrape

the hair off from him, but
the devil begged hair not, to
save his life.

111. So he made him promise
not to try to destroy people's
lives here on earth, if they didn't
live right on earth, he
could get them after they
died. So this was the head
one of the devils. So he prom-
ised Wi-pa-ke-a so they let
him loose, and didn't kill him.
So he went back and told the
others who were waiting.

112. That Wi-pa-ke-a was power-
ful, "I am afraid, let us go down
under the world," so they went
down, In Wi-pa-ke-a's days
they use to be on top of the earth
but he scared them away. So
the devils are under the ground,
when people listen to the devils,
They get them after they die. So

this is the end of mi-pa-ke-
a- and the agent office
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