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- A story which has no apparent moral or meaning.

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Once again the Old Man Land Maker was walking. Then he saw a tipi, there was a lady outside scraping hides. Then the lady saw him and she called to her old man in the tipi, "Your friend is here." Then a voice from inside the tipi called, "Tell him to come in." Old Man Land Maker walked in, then he told him, "Sit across from me," The man was talking to his woman and told her, "Cook for my friend, for me." Then she said, "What am I going to cook for him? I'm in a hurry scraping hides."

"Even that come in," he called out, "cook for my friend!" Then she walked in, then he told her, "Sit in front of me." The Old Man was just looking with great interest.

Then the man said, "Sit in front of me, old lady." Then he picked up a stick; then he raised the stick three times over the lady's head; then on the fourth time he struck her on the head hard.

She split into two women. Then he told her, "There, now you can scrape and this one cook for my friend."

"What am I going to cook for him?" she said, "There is

nothing around," as she looked around for food.

Then the man seen a bark of a tree and said to the lady, "Bring the bark to me." So she brought it to him. Then the man said some prayers holding the bark in his hand. All of a sudden the bark changed into a great big slab of dry meat with plenty of fat on it. "Now cook this for my friend," he said, "Cook it right away, my friend is hungry." Then the lady started to cook the meat on the open fire.

The Old Man was just astonished, amazed at what was happening before him.

The lady finished cooking; then she placed the cooked meat in front of the Old Man. He started to eat.

After he was finished he wiped his hand with an old newspaper. "Friend, you're a real friend," he said, "You and me, we're just alike; the things you can do." The man just kept agreeing with him, "Yes."

Then shortly after he left his friend's tipi.

Then he started to travel again, soon after he saw a tipi again. An old lady was camping. Then he said, "Old lady I want to marry you." Then the lady said, "What are you trying to say?"

"I'll make some wood for you and work for you," the Old Man said. The old lady got fooled right away. "Now tomorrow you scrape some hides," he said to her. Then she said, "What am I going to scrape?"

"Tomorrow take your blanket out and scrape it, and then keep looking that way on that hill over there; then wave him over with your scraper, then he's going to come down to us," he said.

Next day the old lady took a buffalo rug out. Then she started to scrape it. Then the Old Man said, "Some one appeared on the hill; now wave him over." Then the old lady started to wave at the man on the hill.

It was the other man he had visited.

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