

## *THE MAN WHO VISITED THE THUNDER-BEINGS*

Once a man wanted to go and visit with the thunder beings. He told the men all over the village, "I wish you would all help me, I want to cut some wood. I want to heat this boulder." Everyone came there, and there were many of them who cut wood, and finally they had a lot of wood. Then they began to heat the big rock. When it got very hot, they pushed it into the big river. Then when the steam arose the man jumped into it. He went up to where the thunder beings live.

Oh, the man was well received by the thunder beings. One told the man, "I am glad because you came here where we live. Soon we will eat." Finally when it got to be evening, the thunder beings began to gather some bones. The bones were dry, and white, and old. They used them when they made soup. He said that the soup looked good.

The one old being told the man, "You people might hear us sometimes." Soon after the old being said that he heard them, but when those young thunder beings make a noise it is loud and they are heard when it is going to rain. The old thunder beings made a low rumbling noise. After the man had visited the thunder beings for several days, he told them, "Now I will be going home."

Then when a little cloud floated by near where he was standing he jumped onto it. The man went home and he notified everyone and they held a council. He said, "Here is what the thunder beings told us." Everyone was surprised when the man told the story.

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