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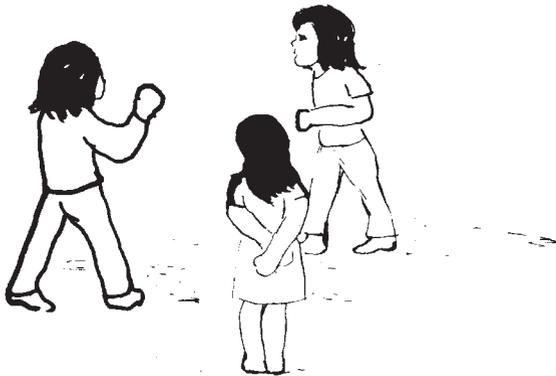
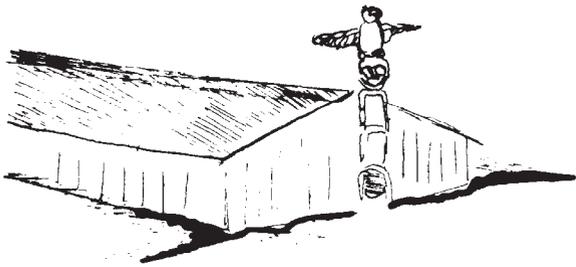
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Snail Woman was an old hag.
One day Snail Woman was sneaking
around Suquamish village and wait-
ing for children she could steal. She
thought, "Here are some children
small enough to stuff into a basket and
carry away."



Snail Woman stole the crying children. Slowly she carried them off to a place in Sinclair Inlet. One of the children cried, "This is the place known as Snail or Sq³a'le, the old hag's home!"



At Sq³a'le Snail Woman began to build her fire. The children whispered, "She's going to cook us and eat us all!" The children were too frightened to run away and were never seen again. In the Suquamish village there were many sad faces and heavy hearts.



Another time, Snail Woman returned to the village and stole more children. This time the children decided, "We will try to get away by tricking Snail Woman." While she was tending the fire, one of the children called to her, "Snail Woman, look here!" She looked up and the rest of the children pushed her into the fire. Snail Woman burst and the flying pieces turned into jellyfish.





All the people in the village were happy. You could hear them say, "Our children have strong hearts. No one will bother us when they hear what bravery our children have shown."

The bursting of Snail Woman explains why there are so many jelly-fish in the upper end of Sinclair Inlet. It's been said that you could hardly put the point of a paddle in the water without touching one.

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