Basket Woman

Told by
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The children of long ago were taught to listen and to obey. The old people of the village would sometimes scare the children into obeying.
One day the children played and played. They played until it was very late.
“Come in,” called Grandma. There was no answer. Again Grandma called, “Come in.”
Some of the children heard. "But Grandma," said one boy, "I want to play."
A voice thundered through the woods, "You children go in and sit down. Listen to your Grandma."
"You children must listen," said Grandma. "More importantly, you must obey."
“Basket Woman lives near.
She has a basket on her back.
Basket Woman is dirty.”
“Basket Woman has lice in her hair. Nits fly around her head.”
“If Basket Woman is near, her nits will be high in the trees. If you see them she is near.”
"If you don't listen, Basket Woman will take you. She will put you into her basket. We will never see you again."
"If you are good, Basket Woman will not get you. You must listen and obey."
"We will listen," said the children.  
We will listen and we will obey."
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1. Warm Springs Animal Stories
   The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

2. Squaw Women at Squaw
   The Squamish Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation

3. Blue Jay — Star Child/Beaver Woman
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4. Assiniboine Woman Making Green Blankets
   Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation

5. Coyote
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6. How the Summer Season Came
   Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Hall Reservation

7. Little Wrene's Dream
   Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

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   Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

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    Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation

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    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

12. Chief Mountain's Medicine
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14. Amazing Fees
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15. Salish Coyote Stories
    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

16. Coyote and the Cowboys
    Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

17. Nez Perce Journey
    Blackfeet Tribe

18. Warm Springs Stories
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19. Tense Making
    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

20. Arrowheads and Canoes
    Shuswapimish Tribe

21. Warrior People
    Blackfeet Tribe