

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Subject: Snake Clan

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Bill: Well what's this Snake Clan?

Grandma: Huh?

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Grandma: Snake Clan?

Bill: Yah.

Grandma: Oh! That's, uh, my father's¹ side, up.

Bill: Oh.

Grandma: Up, they claim, Snake Band, up there². He claim, my father, there's a big snake up there, they claim. That's what they claim, Snake Band. That's, just know they say that, a snake bit them and they spit on it and he said they kill them, they'd claim.

Bill: Kill the snake?

Grandma: Uh, huh.

Bill: Oh.

Grandma: Kill that disease, where the snake bit them.

¹ Tall Chief

² Quapaw, Oklahoma