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Sky-holder and Tawistawe

An old woman was quite surprised when it seemed she was pregnant with twins. When they were born, they were given names right away. One they called Sky-holder and the other they called Tawistawe.

When the two of them had indeed grown up, they were told that they must get prepared because of some sort of animal killing people in the west. So they got spears perhaps three feet long and made of the best iron and they gave them the best horses. She said, "In the morning you two will set out and go where that monster kills."

So in the morning they did set out and it was a few days before they arrived where the monster kills. They say it had a body like an elephant and it would pick at beings and take the blood out. So they chased it and they kept catching up to it and jabbing at it. They say they went off in the west and at perhaps five mile intervals they would catch up to it and jab at it until the great mountains (Rocky Mountains?) and near there they killed this monster. It never again bothered anyone.

They they went still beyond the mountains and did many good things. Then they slept and as they rested, they might have turned to stone. They say that when they rested it was because they two would rise up, then everyone else resting would rise up and go off to the east. They would drive all the whites in the direction of the sea and then only the Oneidas and other Indians would remain here. Then they say we will enjoy whatever we want and it will be here and never again would we be poor as long as we have the earth.