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Twins

The earth happened as it is today but first they say that everything was water and the various kinds of animals that used to live here were the ones that live in the water and there were all sorts of bird. They say that a crane which was always looking up at the sky said, "It would be good for us to make some land because there is a woman coming."

So the animals got busy and the turtle said, "I will be the one to float and you all will put mud on me." And that is what happened. The various animals disappeared as they dove down some distance until they found mud and in small amounts they hauled it and placed it on the turtle's back. The amount grew and grew until it was possible for the woman who was coming to stand on. Now this woman came, perhaps from another world is where she came from where they say she had been chased out because she had done something wrong. When she arrived, they had built enough land for her to stand on. Every day they worked and then there was enough land for her to walk around and they put there various things for her to eat, but they were still working on making the earth.

When she was there for some time, she got pregnant with twins. When they were born, they were given names. One was Sky-holder and the other was Tawistawe - that is what they were called. And some time after that they grew up. One, this Tawistawe, was crooked and the other, Sky-holder, was a good person. So they agreed to create things. It happened that Tawistawe made an animal, a giant mosquito, but Sky-holder made a person. Then they agreed not to interfere with what they had made. So Sky-holder had to go someplace and he told Tawistawe not to interfere with what he had made. He promised that he wouldn't interfere with anything. Then Sky-holder set out and he went on horseback.

When he left after some while the giant mosquito escaped and went straight for where the person that Sky-holder had made was. He sucked out his blood and this person he had made died. So when Sky-holder returned, he noticed how it was and right away he went to see Tawistawe. He said, "Why did you do this anyway? You released him."

Tawistawe said, "I didn't release him. He escaped and that is how he got out."

Sky-holder said, "This cannot be. I must kill that pet of yours."

Then Tawistawe said, "You do what you intend to do."

So then Sky-holder chased him. He took a spear and he crossed the land until he caught up to him. They say it still shows where he caught up to it where there are tracks still in the stone where his horse stopped quickly. When they

returned, they had gone off to the south. When he caught up to it, he speared it and where he speared it, blood splattered. It was such a great amount that trees fell and that is the reason there are various open fields where they had fought. Far to the south he killed the giant mosquito and there there is a large open field and that is why mosquitos live there to this day. They say that when it lost blood there were born mosquitos. That is how it was that people became plentiful. Those that died said as I rise up then all will rise up.

It must be that Sky-holder is our Lord but that Tawistawe is the evil minded one, the devil.