



## Tehnino·tátu Tehotíthale?.

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### The Two Isolated Ones Speak

An old lady had children, a brother and sister who had been isolated and they are important. No one had ever seen them talking because there was always a curtain hanging where they lived. But the old woman used to go out. She went off to shake the bowl (a raffle game) and a not very honest man saw that for a while the old woman was out. So he thought he would listen near the house to see whether these two isolated ones spoke to each other when they were alone. They say he listened for a long while. Then by golly he heard the boy say, "Fix up where my feather stands!" The feather was standing where he had combed.

So right away the unscrupulous man ran and he showed up at the bowl game. He shook and bowl and he lost so he said those two isolated ones. Then he lost again and he said again those two isolated ones talk. Immediately the old woman jumped right up and went home. She got back and she was angry. She tore off the curtain and said, "What good is it to isolate you two. It was found out at the meeting that you two are talking."

The boy was very saddened and to have peaceful thinking back a great tree called a willow should be uprooted. This tree makes daylight when it blooms. So they uprooted the tree and there underneath was a lake. Then this young woman was perched and he pushed her through.

So she fell and where she fell there were only water animals living, perhaps a beaver, a turtle, and others of that kind. So they saw this young woman coming and they agreed to make some earth on the water where she could stand. The beaver volunteered himself to stand and lift up the dirt while they would haul it but it was too heavy. It didn't go well because it tipped over because the beaver had such a thin body.

Then the turtle volunteered and he was able to do it so they built the land where the young woman stood. The land was just the size of a foot, but that is where the earth was built for the Iroquois people.