

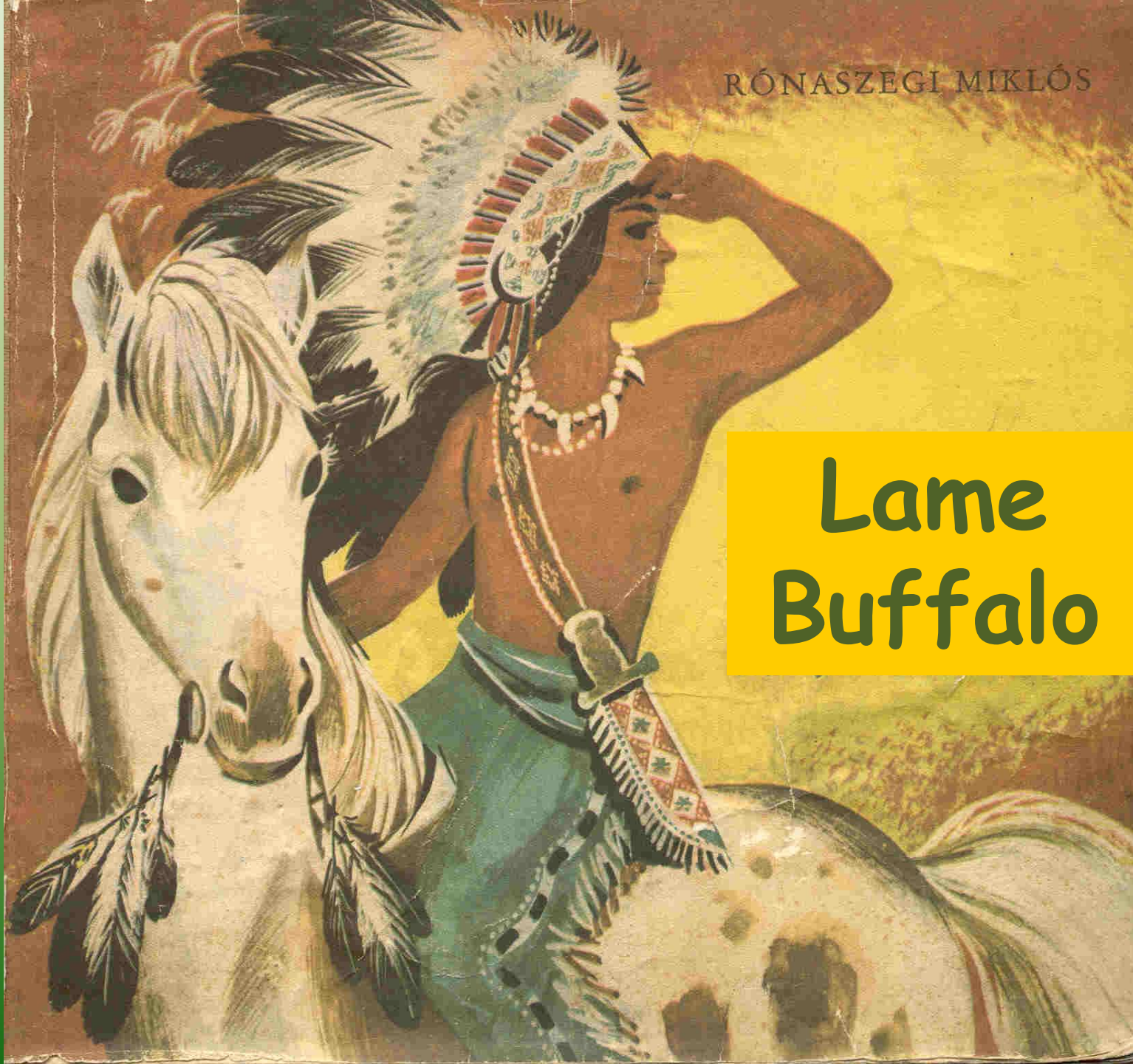
# Lame Buffalo, a native American tale





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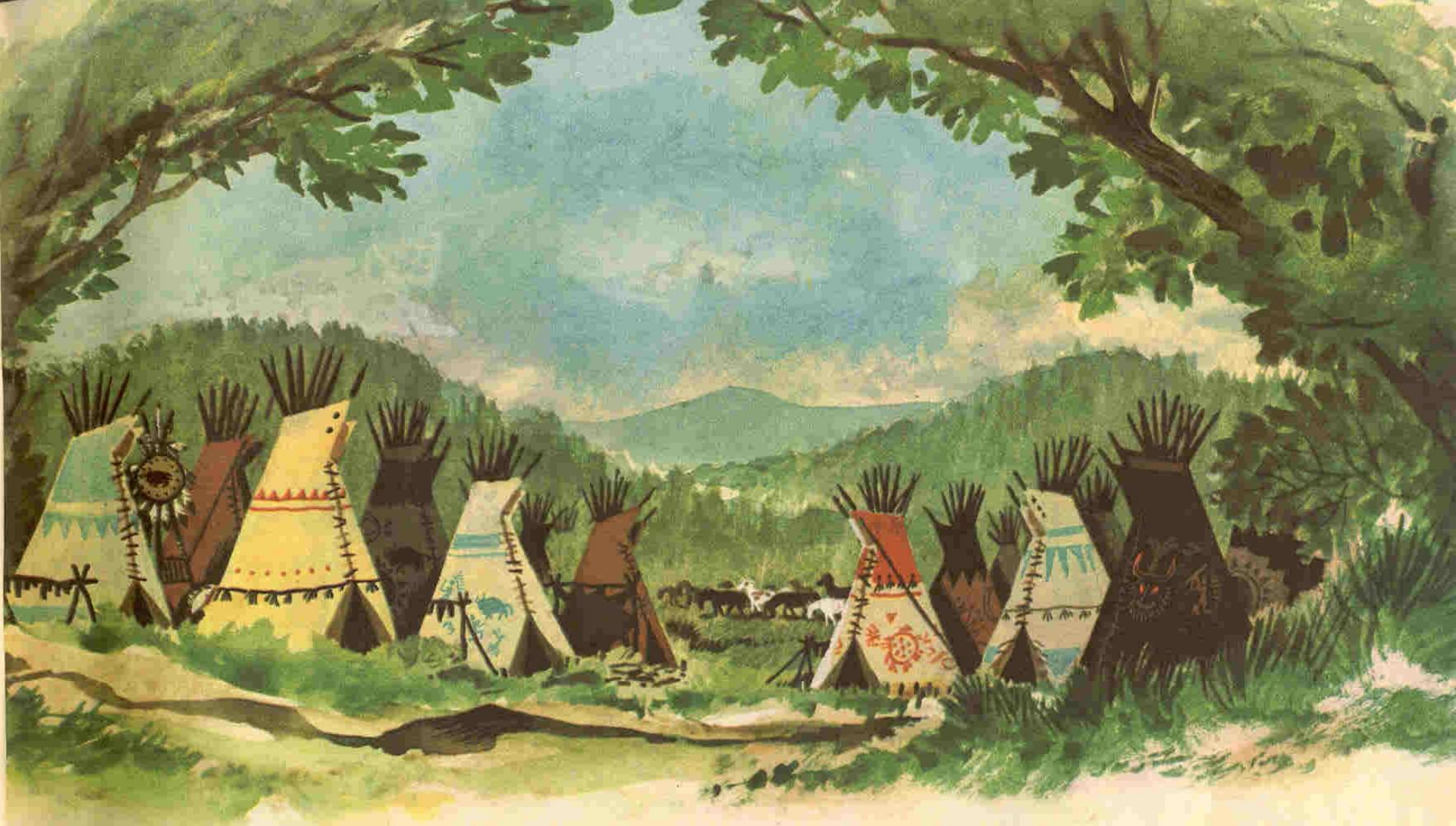
In the story that takes place in the North American Prairie before the appearance of the white man, the two children of Clever Beaver, the chieftain of a Blackfoot Indian tribe, the Son of Clever Beaver and his younger sister Always Sleeping are stalking a wild mustang after a great storm.





The young boy, the Son of Clever Beaver manages to supple the wild mustang whom they name White Storm





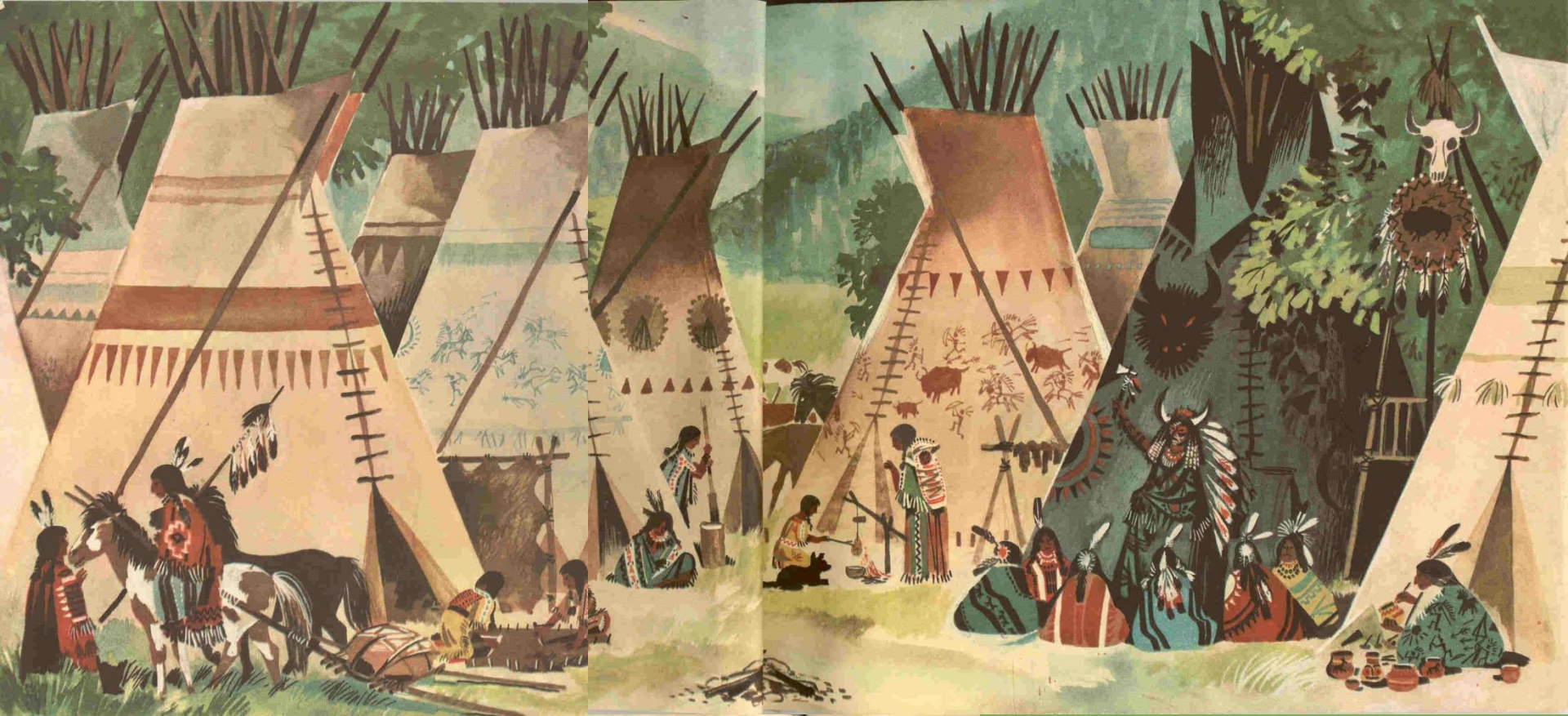
This is the summer camp of the Blackfoot Indians in the North American Prairie. In winter they stay among the mountains, and in summer they camp in the Prairie, the vast, rolling grassland, where they live on hunting buffalo that roam the Prairie in herds numbering many thousands of animals.





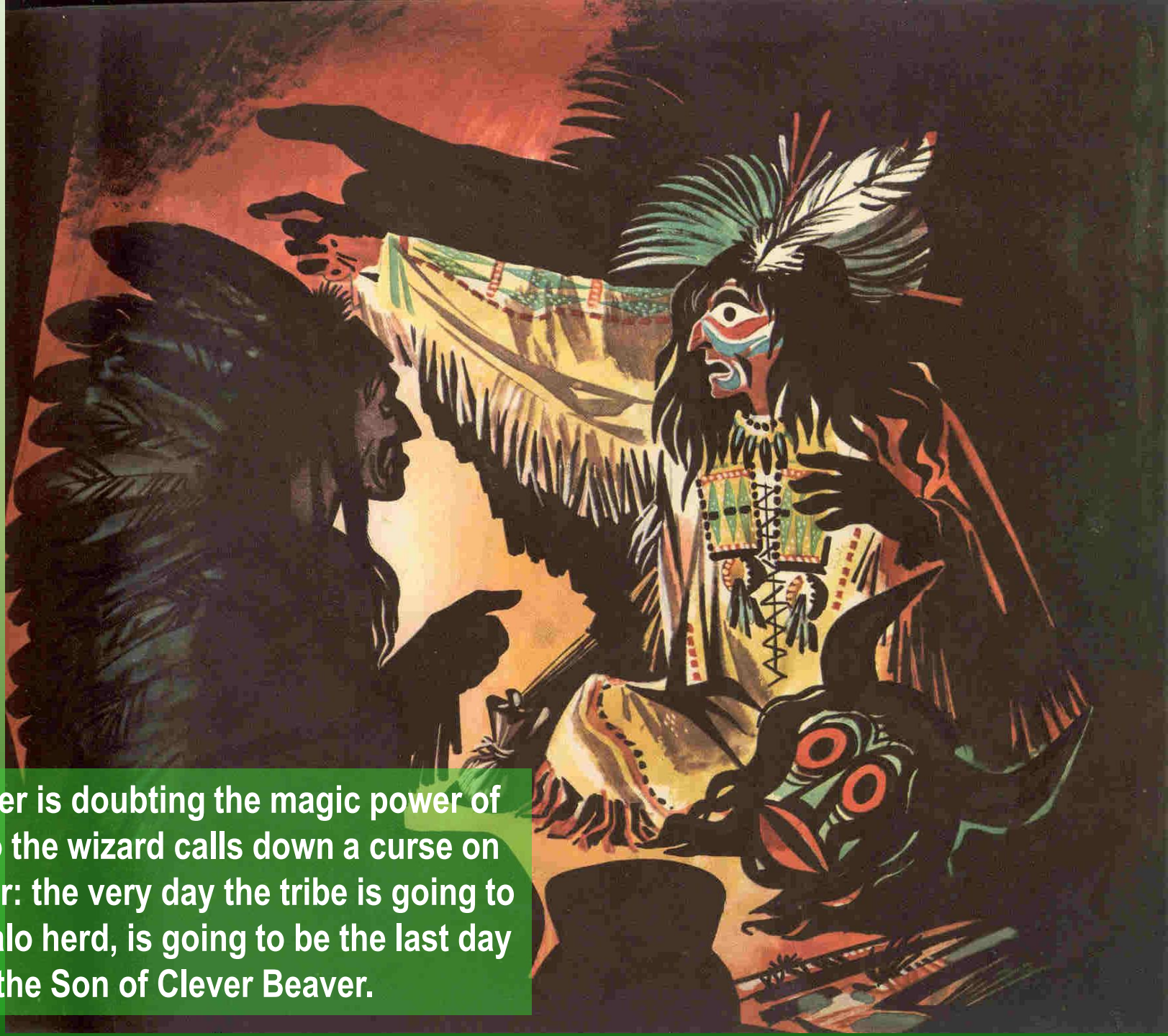
The Son of Clever Beaver and Always Sleeping take White Storm to the Indian camp and show Clever Beaver the horse. The chieftain praises his son for catching and taming the wild horse.





The Blackfoot Indians have not yet met a buffalo herd this summer, and if they cannot manage the summer hunt, they are going to face a deadly starvation during the winter. The wizard, Fiery Eye, says there is a buffalo bull of magical power named Lame Buffalo that keeps the buffalos away.





Clever Beaver is doubting the magic power of Fiery Eye so the wizard calls down a curse on Clever Beaver: the very day the tribe is going to find the buffalo herd, is going to be the last day for the Son of Clever Beaver.





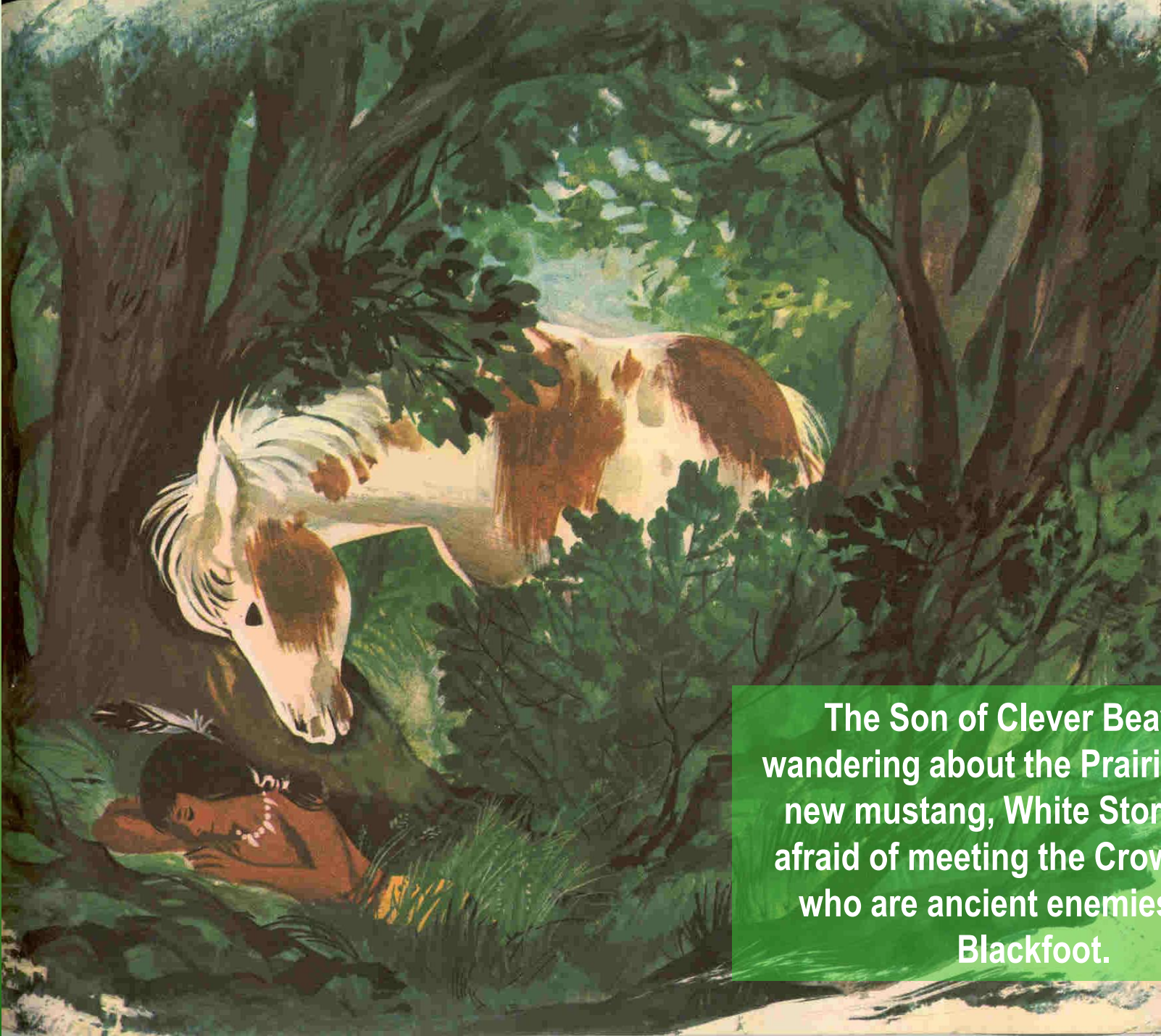
The Prairie Indians, when they cannot stalk the buffalo herds, try to apply magic. Now, Fiery Eye, the wizard is calling the warriors and hunters dressed into the skins of buffalos, to dance the Buffalo Dance. They are going to dance around the fire as long as the scouts can find the buffalos in the Prairie. It can last days.





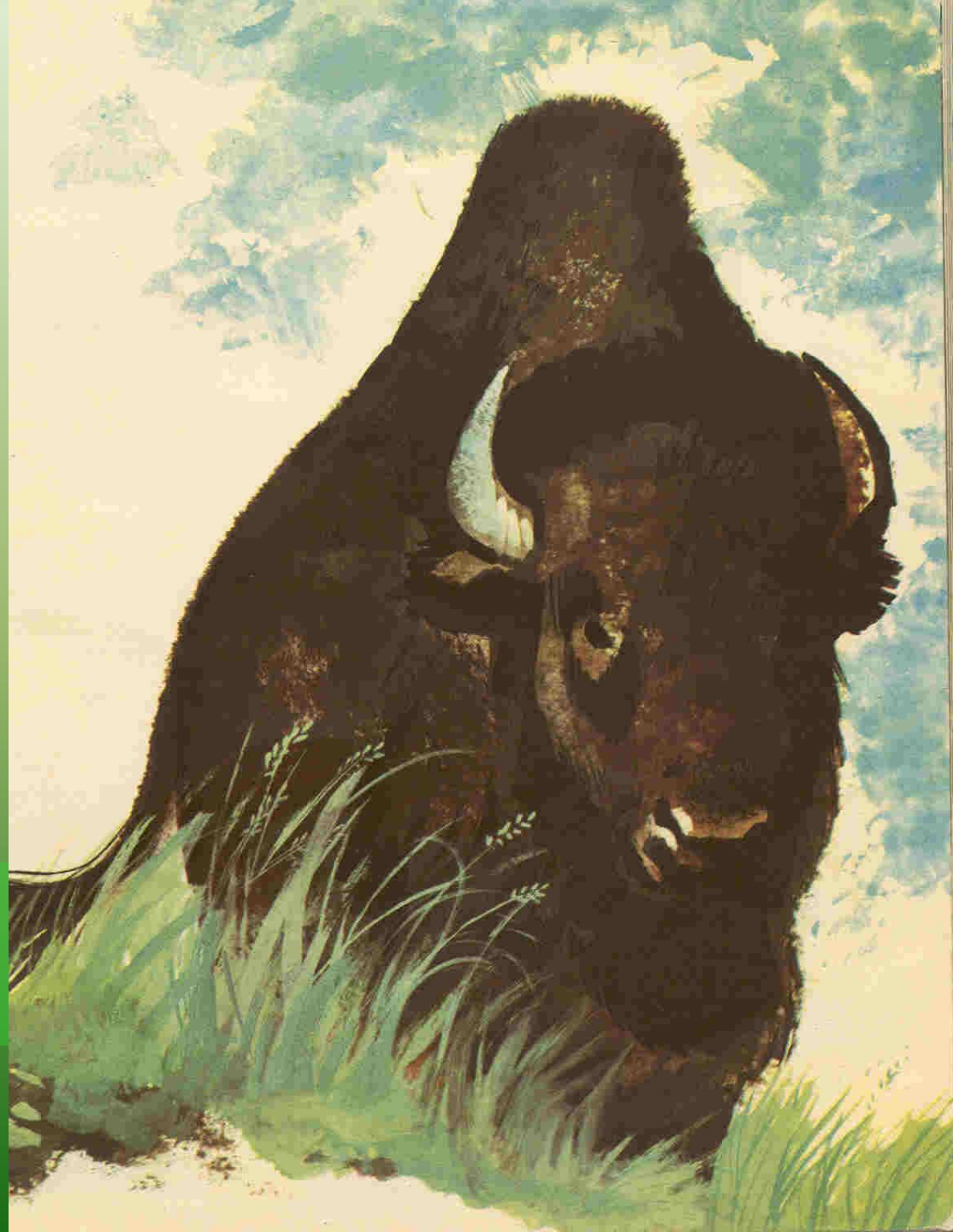
Clever Beaver sends away his son from the camp in secret, because he is afraid of the magic power and the revenge of Fiery Eye.





The Son of Clever Beaver is wandering about the Prairie with his new mustang, White Storm. He is afraid of meeting the Crow Indians who are ancient enemies of the Blackfoot.





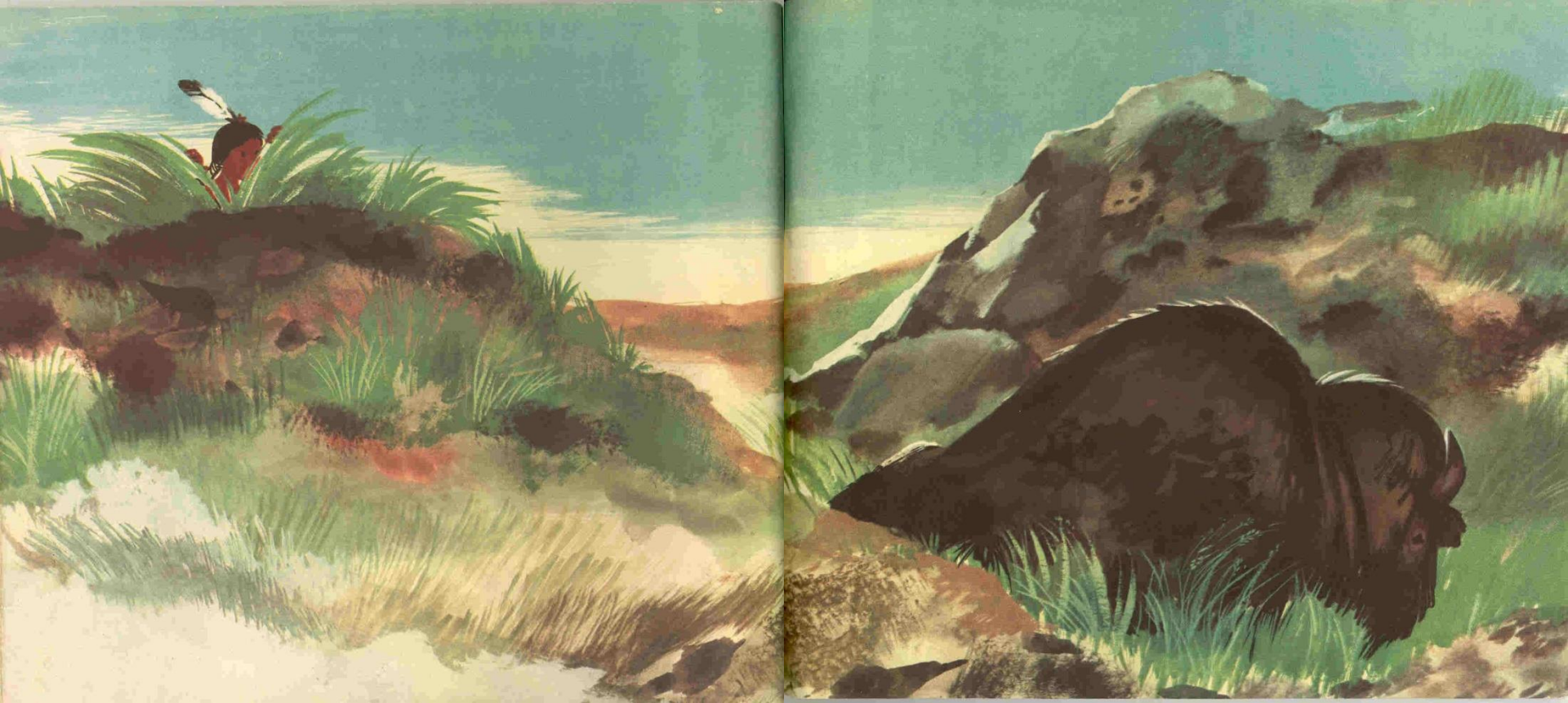
In his dream the formidable **Lame Buffalo** appears to him.



The young boy is hunting on his own in the Prairie and wanders toward the Buffalo Rock where he thinks he has seen **Lame Buffalo** in his dream.







On arriving at the Buffalo Rock the Son of Clever Beaver catches sight of a huge buffalo bull which is ... lame. He is scared and wants to flee, but when he sees the scorn in the eyes of White Storm, he decides to attack the bull.



Meanwhile in the Indian camp Always Sleeping is making the Son of Clever Beaver, a deerskin shirt.

She is embroidering a lame buffalo on it. ... Then the scouts are reporting a huge herd of buffalo.







The Indian hunters get on their horses and are racing towards the herd of buffalo. Clever Beaver and Fiery Eyes are riding in the front side by side.





The earth is trembling as thousands of buffalo are running away from the Indians.





Heading the herd, there is Lame Buffalo pursuing the Son of Clever Beaver, who has wounded him. The young boy has shot his arrow into the forehead of the bull, thus wounding and irritating the big bull. Lame Buffalo wounds White Storm, but before he could horn and tread the mustang and the boy, the Indian hunters catch up with the bull and shoot a lot of arrows at him. Thus the boy is saved.



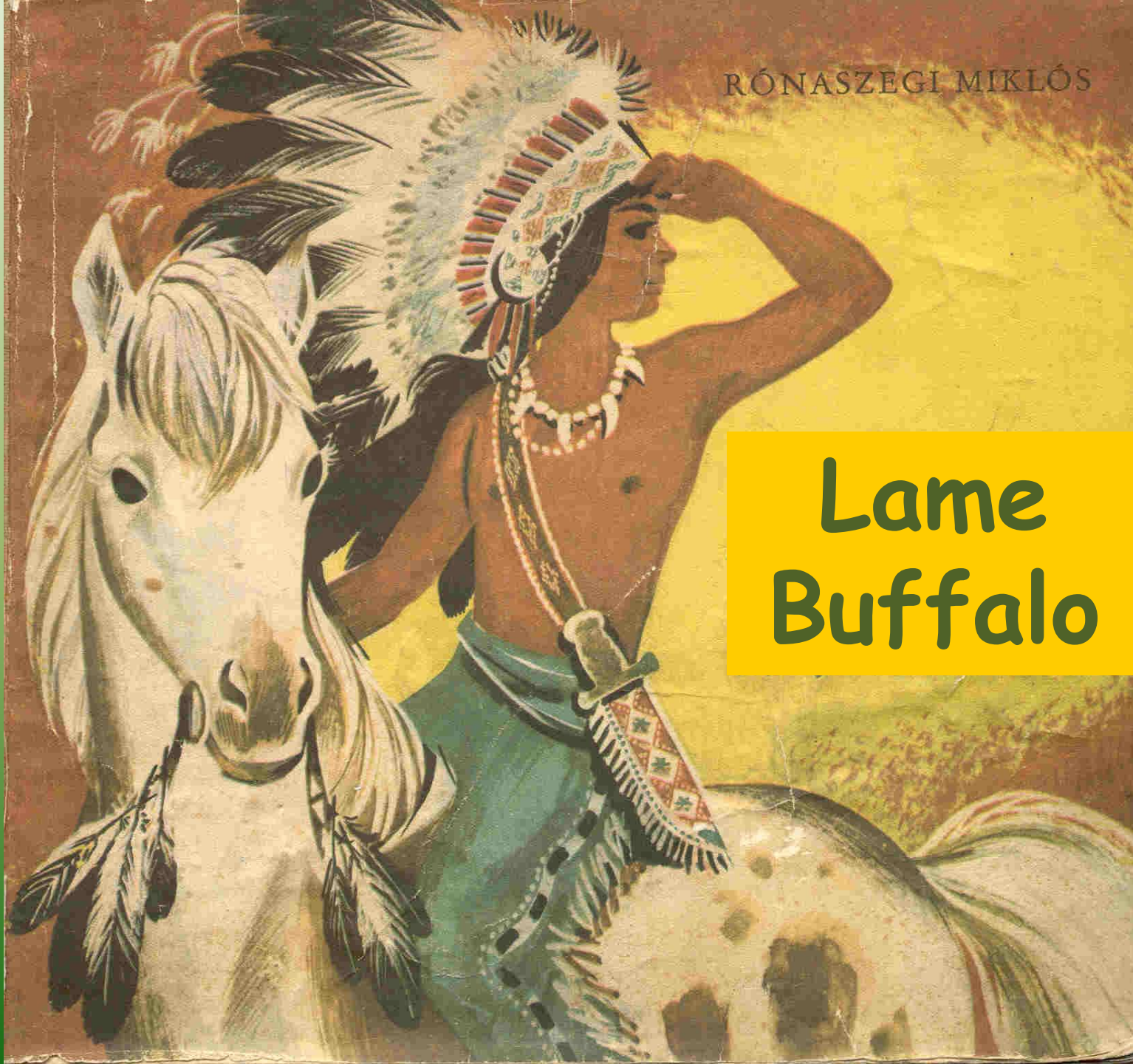


After the successful hunt Clever Beaver and Fiery Eye smoke the peace pipe. However, the magic spell of Fiery Eye is fulfilled. The Son of Clever Beaver does not exist any more. The brave boy has deserved his new name: Lame Buffalo.



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BLACKFOOT

HURON

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CHEYENNE

IOWA

NAVAJO

PUEBLO

CHEROKEE

APACHE

COMANCHE

SEMINOLE

The North American Indian peoples. The white immigrants exterminated most of the native American Indians.





