



## Deerhide Robe Woman

Deerhide Robe Woman was an only child. Her parents loved her very much and they let Deerhide Robe Woman do whatever she wanted to do.

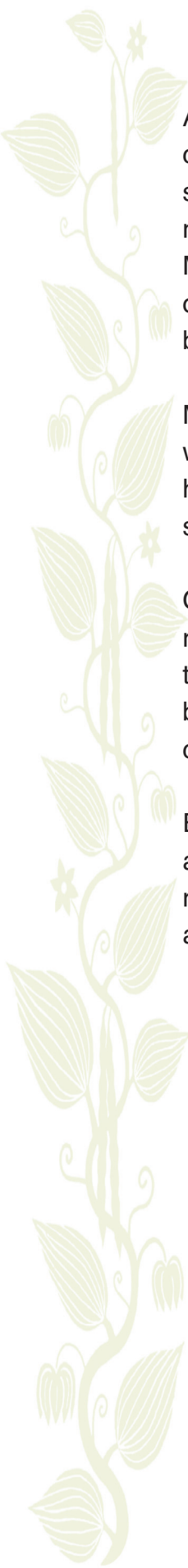
Every night young men would come to visit Deerhide Robe Woman. They all wanted to marry her. Deerhide Robe Woman did not like most of the young braves. She only cared for two certain men.

One bright starry night, Deerhide Robe Woman followed the first man to his lodge. She found that this young brave was very spoiled and was not kind to his mother. On another night, she went to the second brave's lodge. She saw that he was very gentle and kind to his mother. Deerhide Robe Woman decided to marry the second brave because he was so gentle and warm to his mother. This brave's name was Night Hawk.

The next day, Deerhide Robe Woman was going to tell her parents she wished to marry Night Hawk. However, before she could tell her parents the news, she heard the chief talking to the young warriors. The chief told all the young warriors to get ready for a long and trying journey. The warriors were going to battle their enemy. Night Hawk and all the other young braves left camp the next day. Deerhide Robe Woman decided to follow Night Hawk on the warpath.

While Deerhide Robe Woman followed the warriors, she stayed far behind them. When the men finally spotted Deerhide Robe Woman, they were worried about her. Night Hawk tried to convince her to return home to the people, but she did not want to leave Night Hawk. She told him she refused to return to the village without him.

At dawn's light, the warriors found the enemy and fought bravely. Night Hawk's leg was wounded in the battle and he was taken captive by the enemy. That night, Deerhide Robe Woman was able to sneak into the enemy camp and search for Night Hawk. When Deerhide Robe Woman found Night Hawk, she helped him escape from the enemy camp.



After Deerhide Robe Woman and Night Hawk were far away from the enemy camp, they hid in some bushes. Soon the enemy was upon them. The enemy searched and searched for Deerhide Robe Woman and Night Hawk but could not find them.

Many days and nights passed. Because Deerhide Robe Woman and Night Hawk did not return to the village, everyone thought they had both been killed in the battle. Their parents and everyone in the village grieved for them.

Many days and nights had passed since the battle. Because Night Hawk's leg was injured, he was not able to walk very well. However, with the help of Deerhide Robe Woman, Night Hawk was able to use a crutch to walk. Together they started on their journey back to their people.

On a clear and calm night, Night Hawk and Deerhide Robe Woman finally reached their village. Everyone was surprised and excited to see them, especially their parents. Night Hawk told the village stories about Deerhide Robe Woman's bravery in choosing to follow the men and how she rescued him from the enemy's camp. He also told the story of how she helped him return to the village.

Everyone was happy for safe return of Night Hawk and Deerhide Robe Woman and celebrated with a feast in their honor. Soon after, they were joined in marriage as Deerhide Robe Woman had wished. From that day forward, Night Hawk and Deerhide Robe Woman were never apart and lived a long and happy life.