

OWL STORY

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LONG TIME AGO, THERE WERE PEOPLE AROUND HERE, AND THEY HAD A SMALL BABY.



THEY CAMPED OVER THERE ON THAT LAND, THEIR BABY WAS TINY.



I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT [THE WOMAN] WAS FIXING HIS [THE HUSBAND'S] HAIR.
BRUSHING HIS HAIR, BRUSHING HIS HAIR. SHE FIXED HER HUSBAND'S HAIR.

THE BABY WAS CRYING. THEY FOUND IT A NUISANCE.

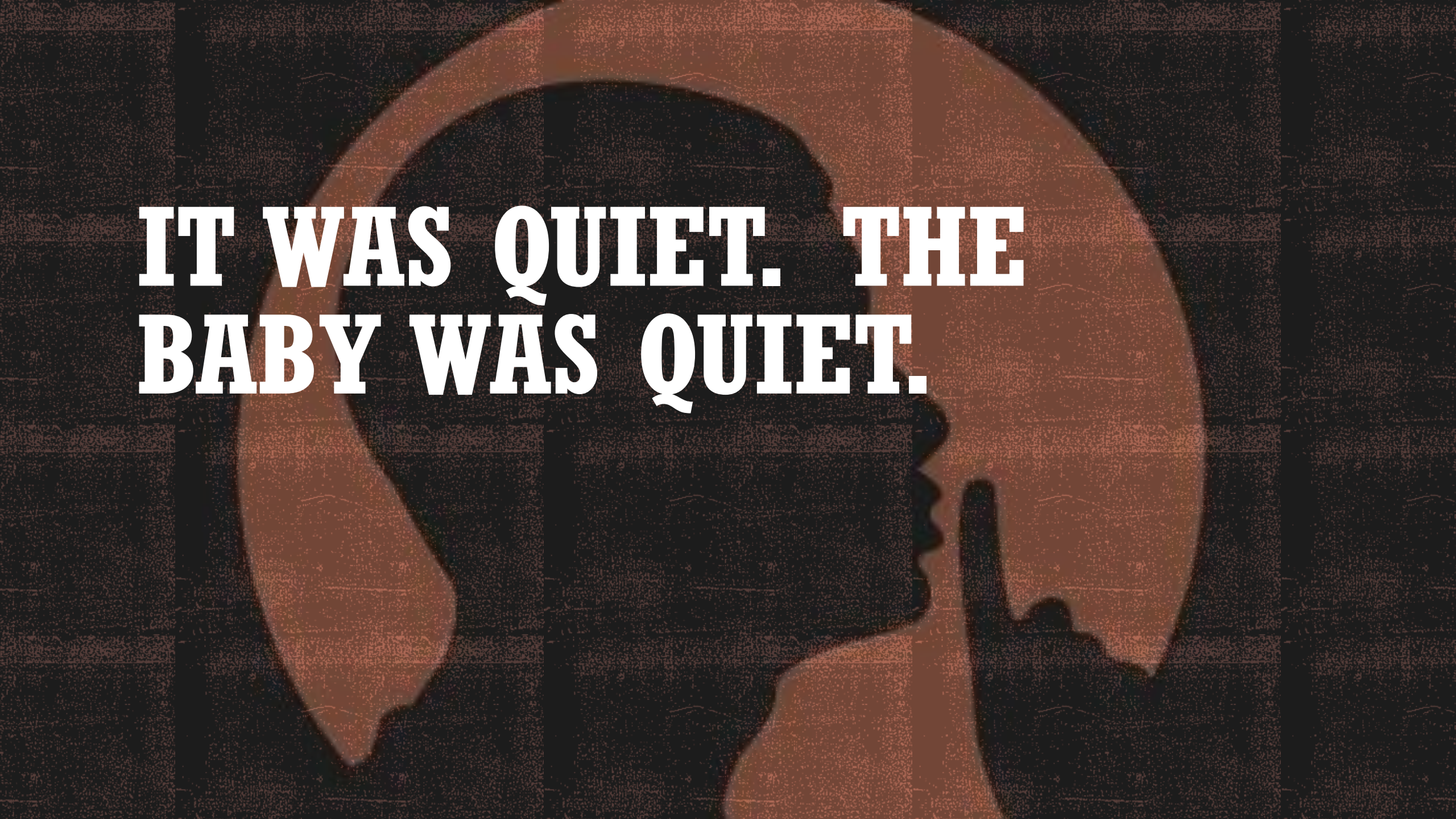


- She took it's birch bark cradle and set it outside the tent.

- They were staying in their home, their tent.

- She didn't make an effort to check the baby.




IT WAS QUIET. THE
BABY WAS QUIET.



AFTER A LONG TIME, SHE WENT OUT, SHE LOOKED. THERE WAS NOTHING.

ONLY THE CRADLE WAS SITTING THERE.





- The owl had come, and had taken the baby.

- It has taken him to wherever it must have lived.



IT HUNTED DIFFERENT THINGS FOR HIM. RABBITS, WHATEVER, AND TOOK THEM FOR THE BABY TO EAT.



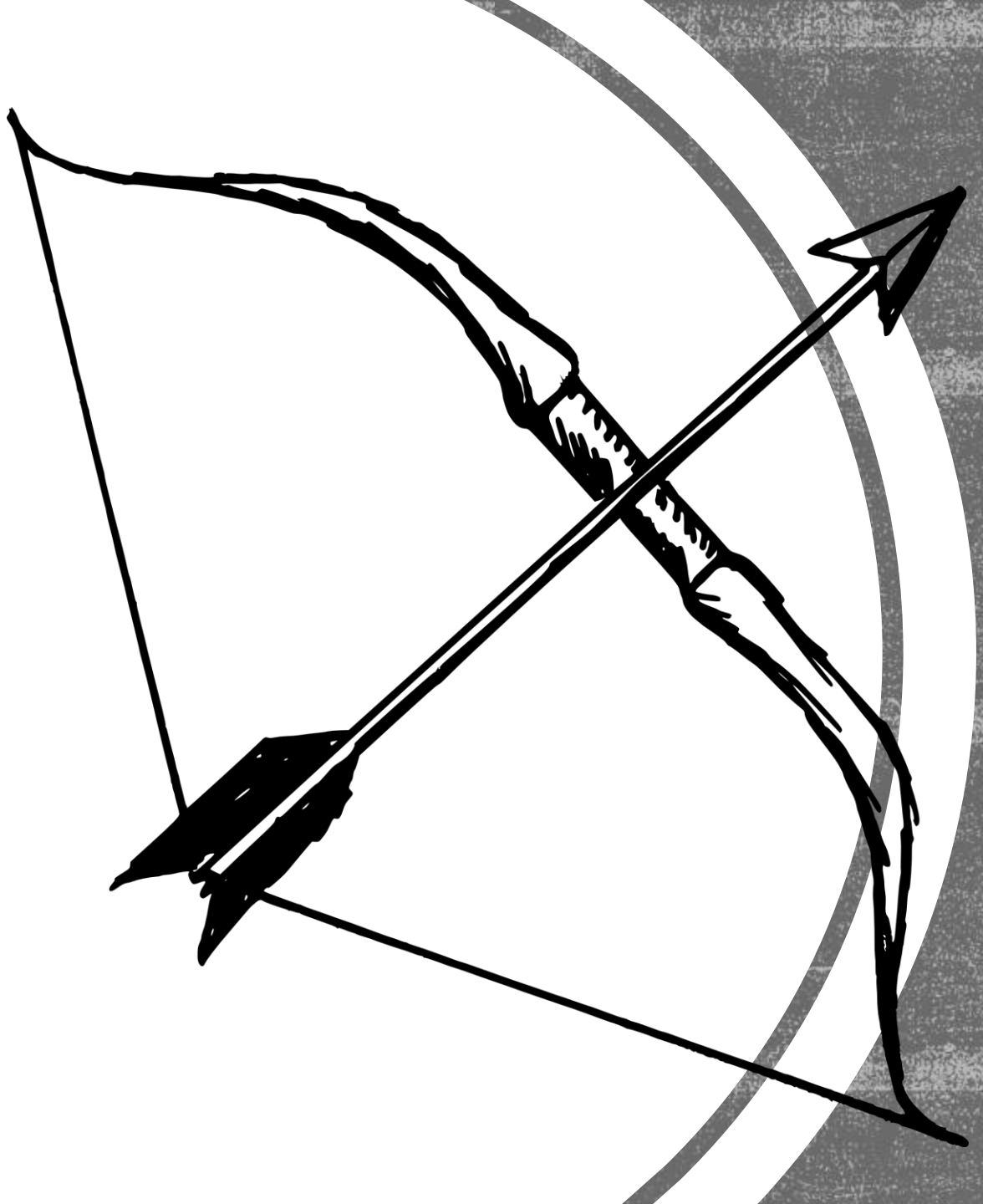
THE CHILD GREW, BECAME A BOY.



He thought about it, and wondered why he was kept by Owl.

HE ASKED OWL WHERE HE WAS TAKEN FROM.
HE WAS TOLD BY OWL, "YOUR PARENTS FOUND YOU A NUISANCE, AND SET YOU OUTSIDE."
I HEARD YOU CRY, THAT'S WHY I TOOK YOU.





- He made a bow and arrows for him.
- He used to hunt, the young boy, going far.

HE WAS TOLD BY OWL, “DON’T GO TOO FAR.” IT WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNED TO HIS PARENTS.





FOUR TIMES HE WONDERED…..



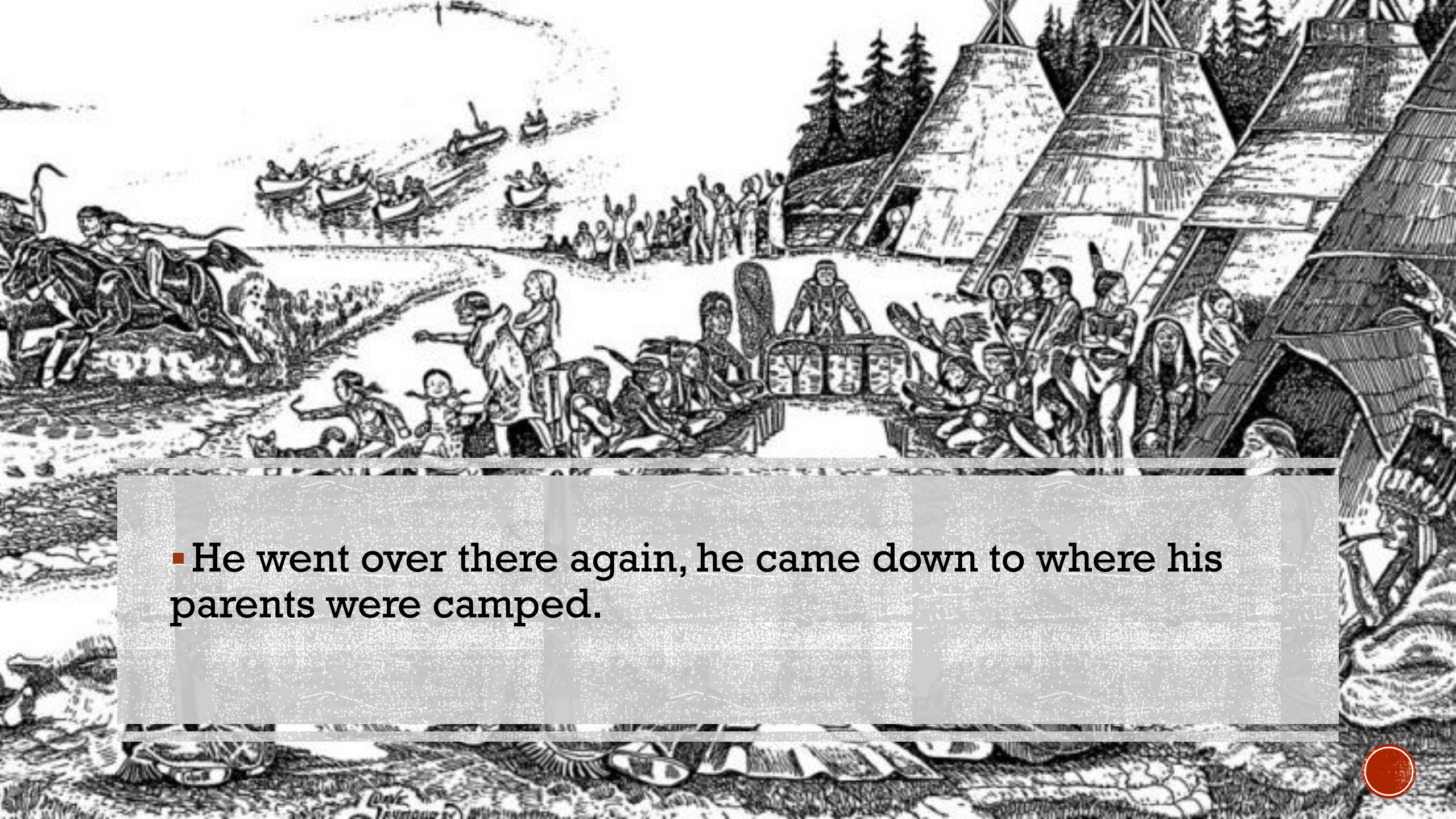
HE WONDERED WHY HE WASN'T ALLOWED BY THE OWL TO GO TOO FAR.

HE WAS WILD. HE WAS HIDING AWAY.
HE WAS HIDING AWAY, SO HE WOULDN'T BE SEEN BY THE PEOPLE CAMPED THERE.
BUT THEY WERE HIS PARENTS.





HE RETURNED AGAIN TO THE OWL THAT NIGHT.
HE TOLD THE OWL, "I SAW PEOPLE."
HE WAS TOLD BY THE OWL, "DON'T GO OVER THERE AGAIN."
HE DIDN'T LISTEN.



- He went over there again, he came down to where his parents were camped.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN SEEN BY HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS TAKEN. HE WAS TOLD BY HIS PARENTS TO KILL OWL.





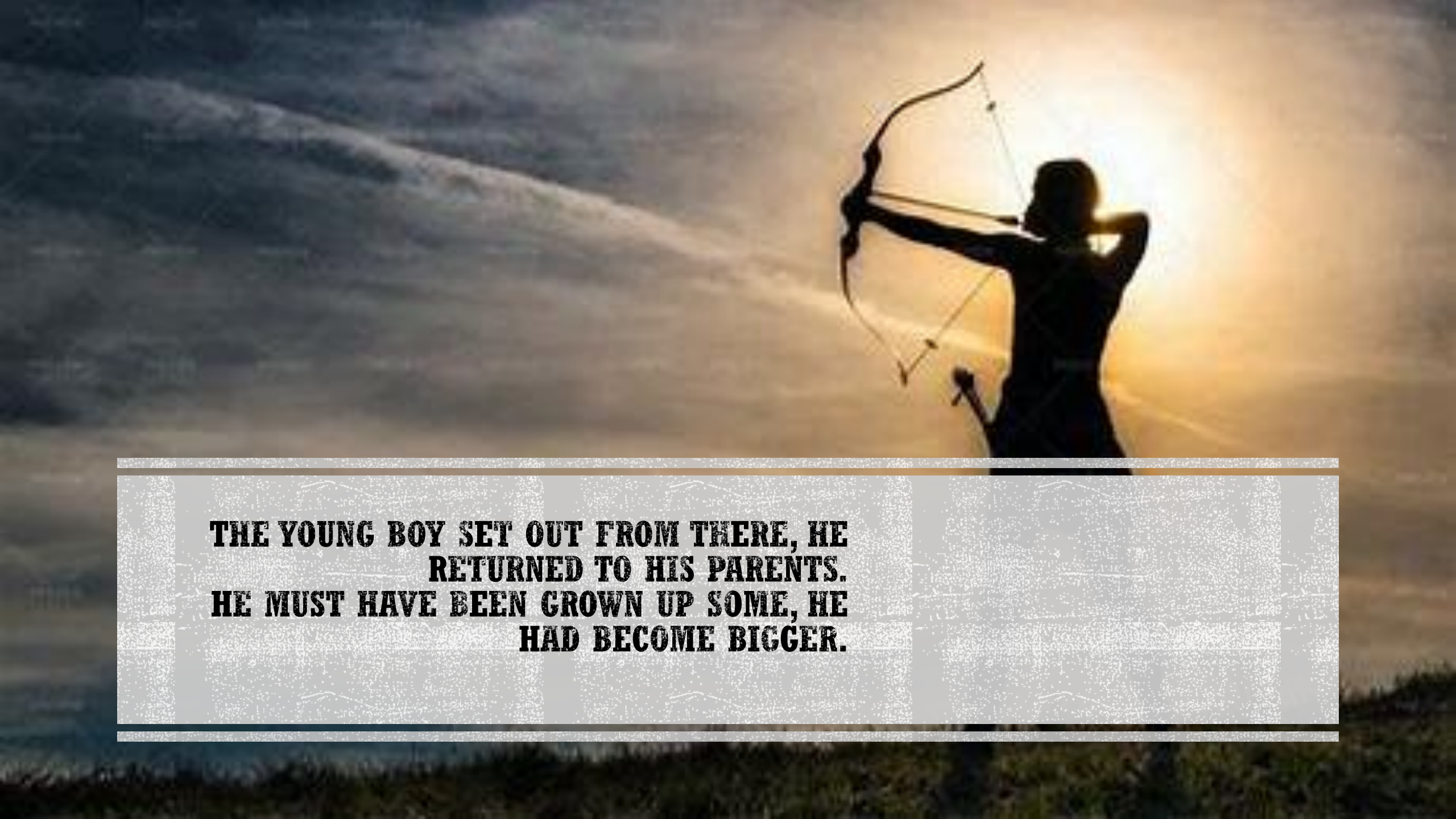
HE MADE SOMETHING LIKE A SWEATHOUSE FOR IT.
AND THERE HE PUT HOT ROCKS FOR IT.
AND IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE THAT, THAT HE PUT HOT ROCKS IN THERE.

THE BOY WENT IN THERE THROUGH THE FLAP, LIKE A FLY.
HE WAS SPILLING WATER ON THE ROCKS.





THE OWL WAS JUMPING ALL OVER THE HOT GROUND, EVERYWHERE.
IT COULD NOT GET OUT FROM THAT HOT PLACE, THE HOT ROCKS.
HE DIED.



THE YOUNG BOY SET OUT FROM THERE, HE RETURNED TO HIS PARENTS.
HE MUST HAVE BEEN GROWN UP SOME, HE HAD BECOME BIGGER.



He killed the owl, he ruined it (he took away it's power).



- Then he was taken back by his parents, then he stayed with his parents all the time.
- And he had killed the Owl.
- Yirri7
- (that is all)

CONSIDER THE TEACHINGS IN THIS STORY

- There is no right or wrong answers. Everyone will look at a story with their own personal lens (life experiences).
- Think about why this story would have been told to our families.
- I will circle back to this story in my presentation of the Law to show you how we (STWG) used it when developing/drafting the Law.