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Thunder & Lightning

~~Lightning~~ - The people prayed to the thunder a shooting bird when they saw the storm cloud approaching - "hold up, stop - wait, dont come this way dont shoot & kill somebody here - shoot upwards into the clouds" they had no medicine strong enough to stop it - One thing I saw once a man was struck by lightning and died (was unconscious) they put him in water and kept him there a long while suddenly he jerked one leg - then the other - after a while an arm he caught his nurse by the hair - then they took him out and he recovered Thunder was called "Big Throat" man (or Loud voice -) ever since I was a boy I have heard that name. Whenever I saw a rain cloud coming with loud noises coming out of it it sounded like a man with a big throat ~~with a loud voice - as loud as the discharge~~ like a mans voice

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as loud as the discharge of the revolver gun over at the Guardhouse (Fort Dill) just like a loud shot and that is what the Sign name is for it. I have seen persons killed by lightning - they were killed just as if they had been shot. I have heard old men discuss this two sides were maintained - one said "we are blind people, we do not see what is up there above, may be somebody up there shot him with a gun - the other side maintained that it occurred from natural causes but we do not really know anything about it except that we hear the noise we hear the flash and we see the man lying there dead. A very long time ago near the head of Red River (Canadian) a Kiowa man saw far up in the sky an immense bird it had the appearance of a large Eagle with a big throat its wings were about fifty feet across from tip to tip - it was soaring in the

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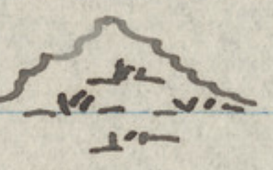
in the air with its head turned to one side and its eyes shut every time it opened its eyes a bolt of lightning ~~started~~ one came out of Tacherse and set fire to the grass  bolts came also from the wings – this was very long ago I did not see that myself one of the long ago people saw it & told the people since then it has been called the thunder bird or shooting bird –"–