continued their occupation, and when the rope was long enough, descended by it to the lower world. The father of the star child, anxious to recover his son followed and demanded it, but the woman refused to give it up, and eluded his pursuit. He then employed the blue jay who was very cunning, to get it for him. The jay entered into conversation with the woman as she rocked her child on the end of a stick, and having succeeded in attracting her attention from it, substituted a piece of wood and carried off the infant to the father who took it to the world above. The mother was much incensed, but could not recover it.

Another version of the story is that the women first dug down to a lower world, to which they descended, and looking up from thence saw the stars above them, two of which they selected for husbands, and that they afterwards returned by their rope. Hence they concluded that the stars above were in like manner people, and that there was an upper as well as a lower world.