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A myth dealing with the origin of a constellation:-

The Dipper (Ursa Major)

A constellation in line with the handle
is also mentioned. This is probably
part of Bootes.

The redness of autumn leaves is also explained (aetiological)



There was (once) a bear who had a nest in which he stayed most of the time.

Three hunters saw him and proposed to kill him. They were all good runners, and one of them carried a pot on his back. When the bear saw them coming, he began to get frightened. He stood up ready to fight, at first, but finally turned and ran away.

The man with the pot shouted, "Catch him !" and kept close to the bear, while the others were left away behind. They ran all day and all night and kept on until away in the fall, when they succeeded in killing him.

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The informant said, "I think they killed him last night, for the blood is on the trees." The reference was to the color of the autumn leaves.

The four stars in the body of the Dipper are the legs of the bear. The pot-carrier is immediately behind and is said to have two faint stars for a pot. The other hunters are the two remaining stars in the handle.

"Late in the summer," so the informant stated, "you can see the nest out of which the bear came. This apparently consists of a part of the constellation Bootes.

"Still later in the season," according to the informant, "the nest and the hunters are some distance apart."

