Please read the following Blackfoot legend. Underline any words you do not understand.

Mistakes of Old Man

Old-man made a great many mistakes in making things in the world, but he worked until he had everything good. I told you at the beginning that Old-man made mistakes, but I didn't tell you what they were, so now I shall tell you.

One of the things he did that was wrong, was to make the big-horn sheep to live on the plains. Yes, he made him on the plains and turned him loose, to make his living there. Of course the bighorn sheep couldn't run on the plains, and Old-man wondered what was wrong. Finally, he said: "Come here, Big-Horn!" and the Big-Horn came to him. Old-man stuck his arm through the circle his horns made, and dragged the Big-Horn far up into the mountains. There he set him free again, and sat down to watch him. Ho! It made Old-man dizzy to watch the Big-Horn run about on the ragged cliffs. He saw at once that this was the country the Big-Horn liked, and he left him there. Yes, he left him there forever, and there he stays, seldom coming down to the lower country.

While Old-man was waiting to see what the Big-Horn would do in the high mountains, he made an Antelope and set him free with the Big-Horn. Ho! But the Antelope stumbled and fell down among the rocks. He couldn't run at all; could hardly stand up. So Old-man called to the Antelope to come back to him, and the Antelope did come to him. Then he called to the Big-Horn, and said:

"You are all right, I guess, but this one isn't, and I'll have to take him somewhere else."

He dragged the Antelope down to the prairie country, and set him free there. Then he watched him a minute; that was as long as the Antelope was in sight, for he was afraid Old-man might take him back to the mountains.

He said: "I guess that fellow was made for the plains, all right, so I'll leave him there"; and he did. That is why the Antelope always stays on the plains and the bighorn sheep stays in the mountains.

Source: Native Languages of the Americas website 1998-2009 <u>http://www.native-languages.org/blackfootstory4.htm</u>

Please answer the following questions about the story you have read. Please answer each question with a full sentence:

What is a legend?

What is the title of this story?

Where did Old Man make the bighorn sheep?

Where did Old Man drag the bighorn sheep to?

How did Old Man feel watching the bighorn sheep run on the cliffs?

Why do you think bighorn sheep stayed in the mountains forever?

What problem did the antelope have?

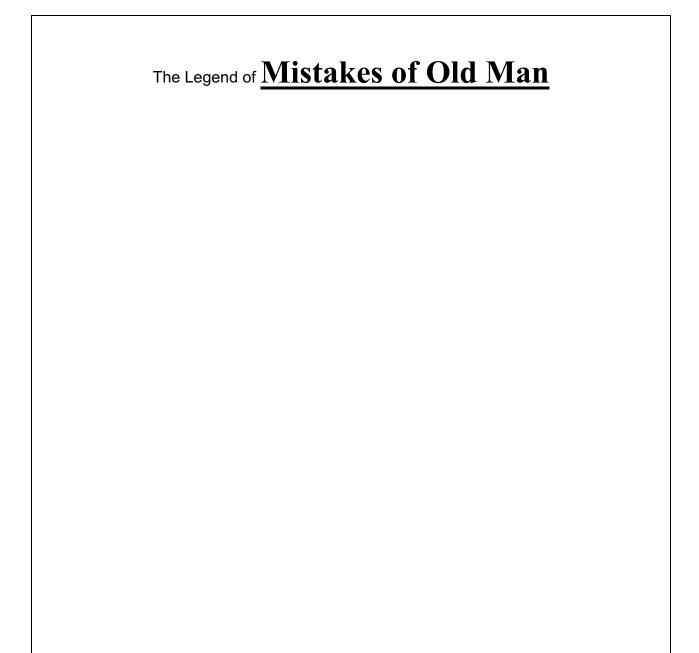
What was Old Man's solution to the problem?

Why was antelope afraid?

(in the space provided $\sqrt{}$ write your own question about this story and provide an answer):

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You are an illustrator for this story. Please draw a picture of the legend in the space provided:



Write a caption about your drawing: