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Legend

Informant: Kayla Lee is my mother. She is 48 years old and lives in North Logan, Utah. She has lived in North Logan or the surrounding areas for most of her life. She works as a part-time high school math teacher and adjunct professor of Chemistry at Utah State University.

Context: Kayla told this story in our living room during the day. It was a response to me asking about stories or traditions she remembered from her childhood.

Text: My mom would tell me kind of stories that were also warnings, ya know. Anyway, she said one day that she had heard that people would hide under your car and wait for you, and then when you came out to your car then they’d-I don’t know- slash your ankles or something and get ya [laughs]. So whenever I walked out to the car after work, I’d always crouch down and check if anyone was under my car from far away before I went over there.

Texture: Kayla told me that she always thought this story was a little far fetched but she believed it enough to check under her car when she was in high school. She was happy to share this story and was more amused than frightened as she was telling it. She seems to think it’s a little ridiculous now.

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