Though they never wandered far from boats, the men made interesting side trips tribe hold of their here. A visit to the grave of Omaha Blackbird must have felt dramatic, although wasn’t very much to see. Blackbird died in a smallpox epidemic that reduced his once powerful tribe to 300 survivors. The chief had been to hold up traders and grab of their cargo before releasing them. also poisoned members of his tribe disagreed with him. According to reports, Blackbird erect, astride his favorite horse. Lewis Clark placed a white flag over burial mound. This was a traditional Omaha of paying respects to the dead. explorers were probably told to do by an interpreter or river man was familiar with Indian customs.

The “Mountain of Little People” was another trip. This was said to be inhabited resident Deavles who are in form with remarkable large heads, 18 inches high …armed with sharp …said to kill all persons who so hardy as to approach the .” The men didn’t find midget demons, flocks of birds and bats that the dreaded “Deavles” hill. only all can covered mail blanked

Lewis often excursions alone to collect plants and . Many of those he found were to him. Shortly after Council Bluff, stopped to examine a beaver dam marvel at its construction. He also a cliff to test

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