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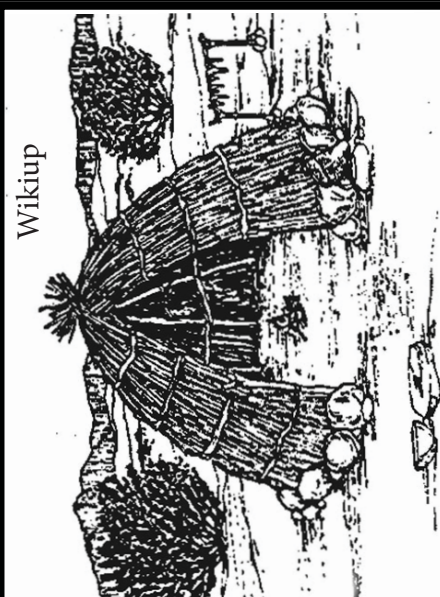
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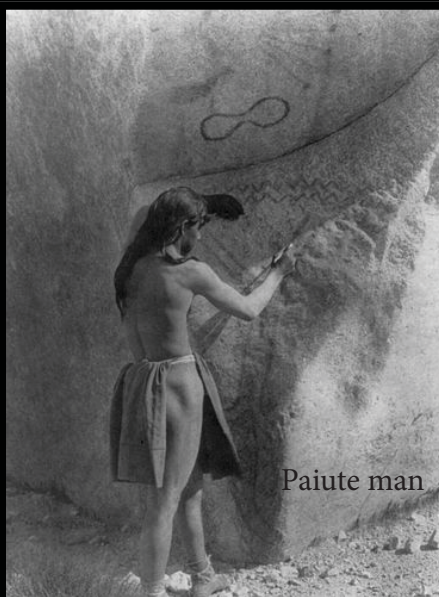
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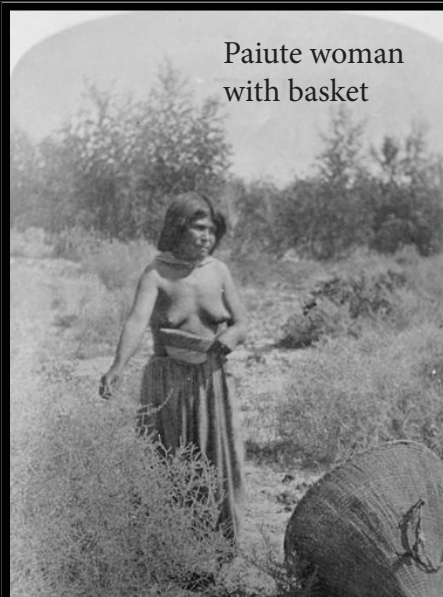
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Paiute man



Paiute woman with basket



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The people of the Great Basin were nomadic hunter gatherers living in small family groups. They came together in big groups to harvest seasonally abundant foods. They respected elders and shamens but didn't have chiefs.

They had to make the most of an arid land gathering different foods in different seasons. Important foods included pinyon pine nuts, which were collected in the autumn at the big annual gathering.

Many different grasses, roots and berries were eaten. They hunted rabbits, ducks, lizards, grasshoppers and sometimes antelope.

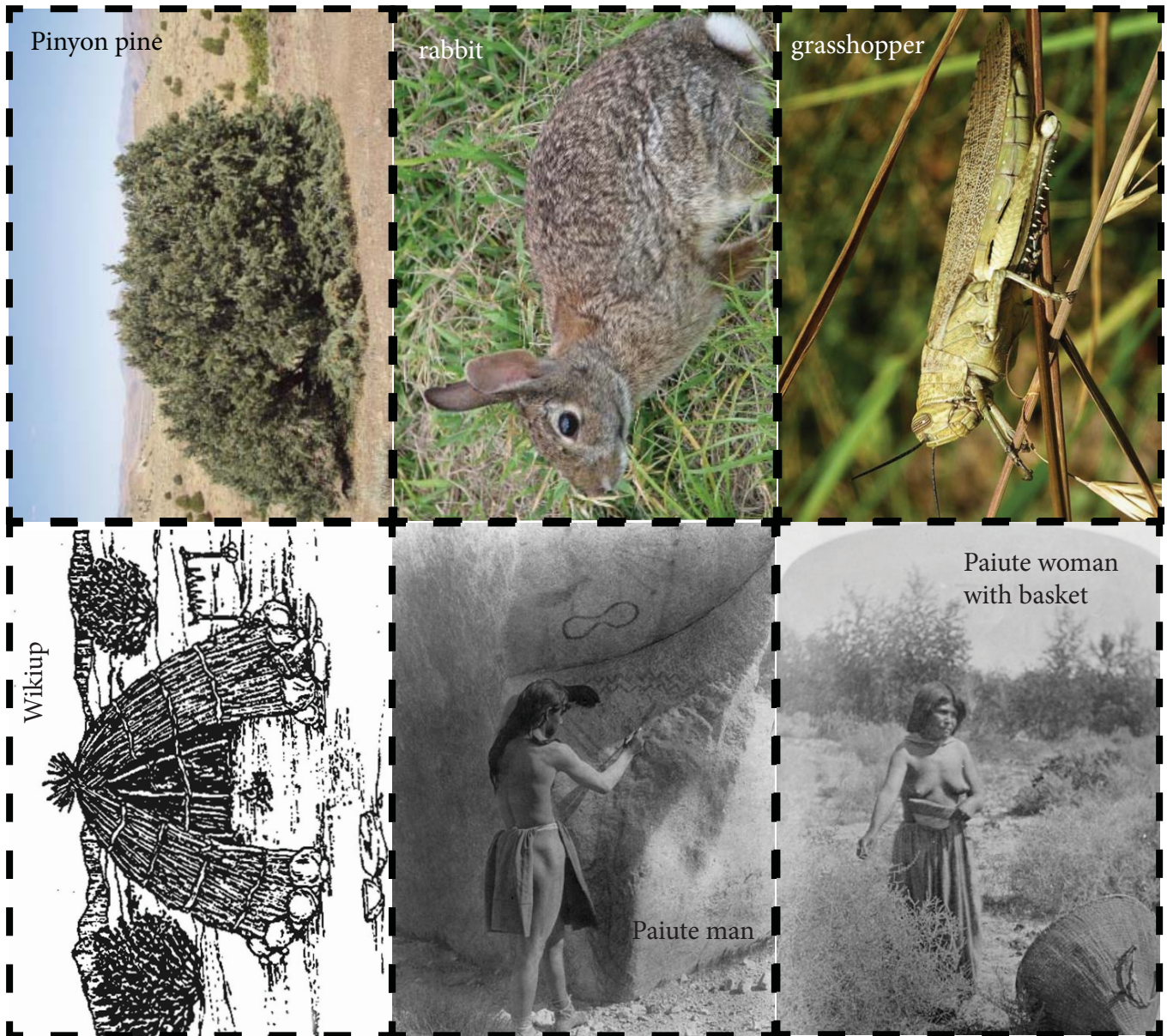
The houses were cone shaped wikiups, made of poles covered in grass.

Baskets were essential to gather foods, and carry water.

Few clothes were needed in summer, and were made of bark strips. rabbit fur and feathered duck skin robes were worn in cold winter months.

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