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On a high wooded peak at the **GREAT OB**, there is a tall old larch with about 150 knives forced into it... Attached to each **KNIFE** is a cloth with tobacco, a traditional offering to **CHOKHRYN-OYKA**, one of the most worshiped patron spirits of the Northern **MANSI**. **C. 76**

