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COVER IMAGE

Most readers will recognize the asterism in Ursa Major, seen by many cultures as a container (Big Dipper in America, Northern Dipper [Beidou] in China, steelpan [saucepan] in Dutch). For the ancient Gonds of central India, the box is the cot of an old woman, Sedona, who cannot sleep for fear that 3 thieves (Alkaid, Mizar, Alioth) will steal her precious bed. To learn more about Gond astronomy, see the article by Mayank Vahia and Ganesh Halkare on pp. 29-44.