

The Indian Princess and the Bear

Sound Effects

Indians: "ooooooooo"

Chickaboom Tribe: "Chicka boom, chicka boom boom boom."

Running River: (Make a running sound on your legs.)

Bobby Beaver: (Make a noise like beaver teeth.)

Bear: "Grrr!"

Owls: "Whoo, whoo!"

Bluebirds: "Tweet, tweet!"

Bunny Rabbits: "boing, boing, boing!"

Snow: "Yippeel!"

Bows and arrows: (pretend to shoot a bow and arrow and make a "chooo!" noise)

Once upon a time, there were some Indians called the Chickaboom Tribe. In this tribe was a princess named Running River. She lived in a tepee with her little pal, Bobby Beaver. Now the little princess loved animals, and made friends with all of them. But she had never seen a bear, and she had always wanted to meet one. But the people told her that it was too dangerous to try to befriend a bear. And of course, her parents would not let her go. So one day, Running River and Bobby Beaver snuck away to see if they could find a friendly bear. On their way, they saw owls, bluebirds, and bunny rabbits. Then they saw some unusual tracks in the forest and began following them. The tracks went up into the mountains past the stream. They followed the tracks for a long time, and they didn't notice that a big storm was approaching. It began to snow, and it covered up the tracks they were following. They were cold and afraid, so they ran into a nearby cave to take cover and wait for the storm to stop.

Meanwhile, back at the village, the Indians realized that their princess was missing, along with her cute little Bobby Beaver. Of course they were concerned that she was out in the woods looking for bears. So they took their bows and arrows and they went out in the snow to look for them. They never would have found her, were it not for the help the owls, bluebirds, and bunny rabbits. The animals lead them through the forest to the cave where Running River and Bobby Beaver were taking shelter from the snow. The tribe approached the cave cautiously, because they knew that bears often spent the winter sleeping in mountain caves. They went inside with their bows and arrows ready. They found Running River and Bobby Beaver sleeping peacefully, all snuggled up together with a mother bear and her cubs. The princess woke up and shouted, "Stop! Don't shoot!" The Indians lowered their bows and arrows when they saw that the bear was friendly and had actually given their princess shelter from the snow and kept her warm. The Indians took Running River and Bobby Beaver home with them and, and promised that they would never again use their bows and arrows to hunt her new friends, the bears.

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