

The Cub Who Needs to be Brave

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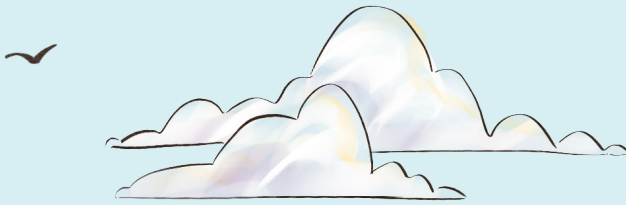
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For every child, who has ever
needed to be brave...



This is a story about The Bear Cub who was afraid to hibernate.

The Cub was scared that it wouldn't wake up!

So, The Cub asked its parents...

"Why do I have to hibernate?"

"Because that's what bears do!" The Father replied.

The young Bear Cub stopped...





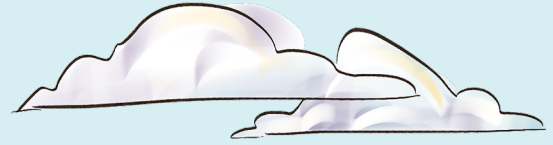
And ran away from the cave... Into the forest!

The Cub stumbled upon a Wise Squirrel, who was afraid to see
The Cub.

The Wise Squirrel scurried up a big pine tree.

The Cub shouted, "Don't run! I just want to be your friend."





“Wait really...? Where are your parents?” The Wise Squirrel asked.

“They’re at home getting ready to hibernate... But I don’t want to hibernate!” The Cub shouted back.

Confused, the Wise Squirrel asked, “Why don’t you want to hibernate? Lots of animals do!”

The Cub grew worried. “What if I don’t wake up...?”

“Trust me...” The Wise Squirrel stated. “You’ll be okay.”







Still afraid to hibernate, The Cub ran...

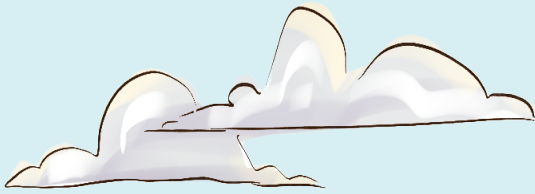
Away from the forest...

And found itself at the foot of a hill.

A Cool Eagle flew above The Cub's head to the top of the hill.

The Cub chased behind.





“What’s up little Cub? I saw you from above.” Said the Cool Eagle.

“Oh hello! I like your sunglasses!” The Cub replied.

“Thanks, little Cub.” The Cool Eagle paused... “Aren’t you meant to be hibernating?”

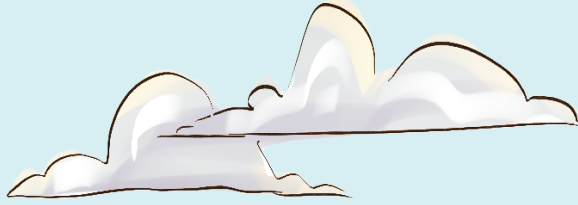
The Cub once again said...

“I am meant to be... but I’m too scared! What if I don’t wake up?”

“Well, there is another way...” The Cool Eagle said with a grin.







The Cool Eagle put its wing around The Cub and said...

“You can join me and the boys in migration!”

The Cool Eagle continued, “We all fly away from our problems... And find a new home!”

The Cub replied, “But I can’t fly... And I don’t want to leave my family.”

“You’ll be fine... Come and join us!” The Cool Eagle said.







There was a strange feeling in The Cub's tummy. The Cub missed home...

And so, The Cub turned around and ran.

"Hey, where are you going?!" Shouted the Cool Eagle.

Hearing this, The Cub ran faster than before...



Lost in the woods, The Cub curled up in a cubby next to an oak tree.

A Young Wolf snuck up to The Cub...

And sniffed around.

Suddenly, The Cub opened its eyes and reached out its paws...

Startling the Young Wolf, who leapt back in fear.



They stared at each other, until the Young Wolf noticed The Cub was sad.

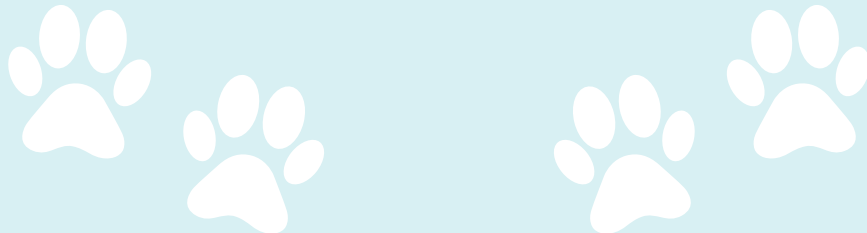
“What’s wrong?” Asked the Young Wolf.

“It’s time to hibernate... But I don’t want to... I’m scared I won’t wake up.” The Cub replied.

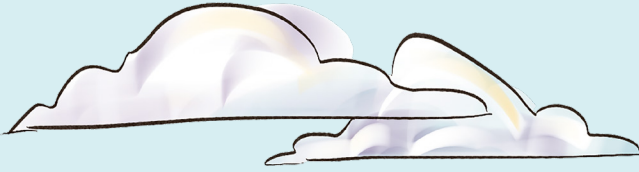
The Young Wolf asked, “Why are you afraid?”

The Cub looked blankly at the Young Wolf.

“Why be afraid of something you can’t control?” The Young Wolf said.







They smiled at each other.

“Also, it’s really warm when I hibernate and snuggle up to mama!”
Continued the Young Wolf.

The two animals laughed together.

The Cub wiped away its tears and asked for directions.

Now with confidence, The Cub made its way back home, happy to
have made a new friend.





The Cub's Mother shouted, "WHERE DID YOU GO?!"

"We have been worried sick!" Said The Cub's Father.

The Cub recalled its adventure...

Thankful to have their cub home, the parents asked...

"Are you now ready to hibernate?"

The Cub was no longer afraid to hibernate.

THE END



