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Reader's Theater

Brown Bear's Dream

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Characters:
Storyteller
Brown Bear
Grandfather Beaver



STORYTELLER:
Spring came to the woods
and Brown Bear woke
from his winter sleep.

BROWN BEAR:
I want to climb a tree to see the
rest of the woods but I hurt my leg in a trap.

STORYTELLER:
Brown Bear went down to the riverbank to sit and watch the beavers.

BROWN BEAR:
I want to swim and be free and strong like those beavers.

STORYTELLER:
Brown Bears Grandfather saw him imitating the beavers' movements.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:
What are you doing?

BROWN BEAR:
I am practicing how to swim.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:
Why are you doing that?

BROWN BEAR:
I have this dream of going to the sea. I can't walk there because I have a limp, but I've heard that the river goes to the sea. Maybe I can learn to swim.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

If you want to swim to the sea, I will go with you in the summer. It will be March soon. Let's go in July.

STORYTELLER:

Together Grandfather and Brown Bear made goals for March, April, May and June.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

In March, we will work on building your physical strength. Each day we will do:
100 push-ups on the ground,
100 pull ups on a tree branch,
and lift 100 rocks.

BROWN BEAR:

By April, I will be able to swim in the pond?

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

Yes, and by May, you will be able to swim in the river.

STORYTELLER:

As May approached Brown Bear realized that swimming in the river was more difficult than he thought.

BROWN BEAR:

I don't think I can do it.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

Nonsense! This is your dream! Keep working at it. It is never easy to realize a dream. If it was easy, it wouldn't be worth having.

STORYTELLER:

In June, Brown Bear practiced swimming in the river. He learned about the sea and the big waves. He learned how to avoid dangerous creatures.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

Well Brown Bear, it is July. Are you ready?

BROWN BEAR:

Yes, I am ready.

STORYTELLER:

Brown Bear and Grandfather Beaver jumped in the river and swam with the current. They swam until the sun went down, and then rested on the riverbank. In the morning, they began swimming again.

GRANDFATHER BEAVER:

Brown Bear, I am old and my body is tired. I can no longer go with you. You must swim on by yourself.

STORYTELLER:

Brown Bear continued on his own until he reached the sea. It was more beautiful than he had imagined.

BROWN BEAR:

I did it! I did it!

STORYTELLER:

Brown Bear had accomplished his dream. Soon it became cold and Brown Bear fell into a deep winter sleep where he began dreaming of his next accomplishment.