

Peace

When the Great Spirit made the Earth animals, He told them they must always be friends. "You must help each other and live together as good friends. I will send Peace, the beautiful Spirit, to dwell in your hearts."

Everyone was happy for awhile, but soon the Earth animals forgot to be good and kind and helpful. They began to brag and make fun of others and to quarrel.

Then one day the beautiful Peace Spirit flew away.

When the Peace Spirit was gone there were many Earth animals who were sad. Soon fear came into their hearts. They asked the Great Spirit to show them how they could find Peace once more.

Peace can be found after many moons of searching. You will have to change your quarrelsome ways and boast no more. "Learn to be kind and helpful," the Great Spirit told them.

"We will find Peace," said Crane and Heron. "We are strong and can fly to the edge of the land."

"You will never find the Peace Spirit for you are too greedy. You will stop at the river to catch fish and eat the tadpoles." "Let me find Peace," said Hummingbird. "I fly swiftly and never rest."

"You will never find Peace," said Great Spirit kindly."You are to flighty and the beautiful flowers will make you forget

Coyote and the fishers

One day Coyote was walking down the trail. Coyote looked at the quiver and said, "This quiver is moth-eaten, ragged, and dirty. I need a new one."

Further down the trail, Coyote looked up in a tree and saw five beautiful Fishers sitting on a branch. Coyote was glad and said, "Here is where I get new quiver."

So Coyote took his old one and tore it up. He threw the pieces down the mountain side.

Then he took his arrows and shot at the Fishers. As the first arrow went by, two Fishers jumped down and ran away.

Then Coyote shot another arrow. Two more Fishers jumped down and ran away.

Coyote didn't mind. He said, "I'll still have my new quiver." And he shot at the last Fisher. But he missed.

Coyote climbed down the mountain. He picked up all the pieces of his old quiver and sewed them back together.

So you never throw anything away until you are sure you have replaced it with something new.

your mission."

When Crow said he would go, the Earth animals laughed. "Crow is too noisy and boastful and quarrelsome. He will only frighten Peace farther away."

"You must all go together," said Great Spirit. "You need Bear who is strong and tireless. You need Thrush whose song brings cheer and happiness. It will be a long, hard journey and none of you can rest on the trail."

"Peace is a happy Spirit who will live only with kindness, thoughtfulness, and understanding."

"When you speak with crooked tongues and angry hearts, you frighten Peace away. But if you speak straight and true, Peace will come again to dwell in your hearts." All illustrations and stories included in this special insert of Spilyay Tymoo are protected under the United States copywrite law.

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