

Chapter 7

Finally, Beverly found the underwater entrance to her lodge and crawled inside. There they were! They were so happy to see her! She told them about her adventure and about all the new friends who had helped her find her way home. She even told them about her close call with Cody Coyote! Her parents listened carefully to her story. When she finished, they said she was lucky to have escaped from Cody Coyote.

Her dad said sternly, “Next time before you wander off and have another adventure, be sure and tell us where you are going!”



Beverly promised she would tell them where she was going in the future. For now, she was so sleepy and hungry that all she wanted to do was to snuggle next to her mother and have some nice warm milk. As she drifted off to sleep, her mother whispered into her ear that she was proud of how adventuresome and brave she was. But she agreed with Beverly’s father that she should be more careful and always tell them where she was going. Then they all fell asleep, waiting for it to get dark so they could go out and work on their dam.

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