





Long ago a young cougar by the name of Ajig wandered away from his family. He soon became lost in a strange and beautiful forest.

Sa'q to'q eykis petalu teluisit Ajik toq e'napni'kk wikma. Keska's piluey kisoqey ta'n maw wultek.



As Ajig walked, he began to feel alone and scared. He wondered who would take care of him. Just then he spotted an otter resting near a crystal blue lake.

Ajik poqji we'kwata'sit ta'n alika'jek. Ankite't ta'n wen ankweyatal nike'. Jijuaqa nemital kiwnikal elisinlitl kikjuk qospemk.







Ajig approached the otter. She became frightened and slid into the safety of the lake. Ajig continued to look into the lake in hopes of her return. But he saw only the sad reflection of his face.

Ta'nju kikjiteskuatl kiwnikal, jipaqateskuatl aq siaw kwetapiet qospemk. Ajik elapis qospem aq ajipjutoq apija'slin. Pasik nemisit ewlapu'jink.

Ajig did not give up hope. He continued to walk, enjoying the warmth of the sun on his golden coat. Alongside a pond, he came upon a beaver gathering branches to repair his lodge. As soon as the beaver noticed the young cougar he jumped into the safety of his home. Ajig felt a pain near his heart. No one wanted to meet him.

Mu Ajik entuk ajipjutuaqn. Siawlika's mita welpisit na'kuset. Welteskuatl kopital etli-tantoql kumu'jl wjit wi'k. Ta'njiw kopit nemiajek Ajikal, kwetapiet mita wesmuktuatl petalual. Ajik paska'sik wkkamlamun mita mu ketu'-wulteskuaql wen.









Ajig was still hopeful that he would meet someone who would want to be his friend. Just then he came upon two deer standing in a clearing. As he approached, the deer leaped back into the safety of the thick forest. Ajig was puzzled. Why were all the animals running away from him? All he wanted was to be welcomed and to have friends.

Me' Ajik ajipjutoq wulteskuatal na'tuen ta'n tu witaptitaq. Jijuaqa nemiaji tapusijik lentukk kaqmijik. Ta'nju kikjuteskuaj lentukk, wesinkwatki'kk kisoqe'k. Pa'qilaik Ajik. Koquey waisisk wesumuktuatitl? Ajik pasik menuweket sua'luksin aq wula'muksin.