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Cannibal

Four poor children had a house and they had no mother. They lived in the woods apart from an old lady who lived by herself. They say she came by and they overheard about a cannibal living somewhere around. Then the old lady said, "My grandchildren, you be careful. This cannibal is coming."

And she said, "Hide when it comes. It will bring something to feed you."

She also said, "You all nail down the door. Now I'm going home before it gets here."

When she had been gone a little while, there was a noise of someone coming carrying a basket. This was the one who would feed them. So they nailed the place down. Then they climbed up and peeked out through a hole in the wall. When it arrived and knocked on the door, the whole house shook. It said, "Grandchildren, open the door. I've brought you something to eat."

Finally it gave up waiting for them to open the door and it went home. It just said, "I'll be back later."

It had been gone a short while when the old lady returned and said, "My grandchildren, I think you must all flee. It'll come back later and break down the door to eat you if you don't run away."

So then she set a bow down and she said, "The youngest will be first. He'll get in the bow until they are all gone and the eldest will just run."

She said, "Hurry up. It's almost coming back."

So then they got busy and put the littlest one in and shot him far over to the old lady's house where he landed. And then the rest of them got in and the eldest was the only one to run. Just as he had about arrived, there was a yell and it got back near the house and said, "You're lucky you all ran off."

So then the children sat at the old lady's house and they lived back there. Then they overheard that the cannibal was killed. Then the children were happy again.