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Wake Up, Brother Bear!

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Cast:

- Brother Bear (BB) * He does not speak except in the Caterpillar story in which he plays the
- Voice of the Caterpillar.
- Sister Bear (SB)
- Cellist * Role is not needed if you use tracks

Note: the Prop Bag contains 1 flower, some leaves, a mini flashlight

PRESHOW

SQ 90 – Preshow

Music

BB lies under the quilt and a pile of about 10 small blankets, center stage. Cello plays sounds of spring: Vivaldi Audience enters at 5 mins before scheduled show time. SB encourages children to sit around the playing area. She hands out the cloth bags.

SQ 95 – End

Preshow

SISTER BEAR (*in character*)

Good Morning and Welcome!

Before our story begins I need to make sure everyone has a bag - If you have a bag can you hold it up for me? If you don't have a bag my friend Renee will get you one. Inside of your bag are lots of fun toys. If you've taken anything out I need you to put them back in and place your bag behind you. We'll get to these later.

During our story, I am going to ask you to come up into the center of the circle and help tell our story. It is very important that when its time to leave the center that you go back to where you are sitting, on the dark brown edge. There will also be times when I'll ask you to participate from where you are sitting.

We're going to have lots of fun today and it's important that all of our time here is safe for everyone. If you ever see me go like this (*Make up a sign*) that means we'll need to stop where we are, turn our voices off, and look at me. Let's practice. Go ahead, talk amongst yourselves (*She does sign*). Good job everyone!

Finally, all of my big people I'm going to need your help too. If you see your little one in the circle feel free to come up and bring them back to their spot around the edge.

I'm so excited to have you here today - but now it's time to finish my hibernation (*Big yawn*). I will see you when I wake up. (*She curls up to go to sleep*)

Music changes.

SQ 100 – End of

Speech

Waking up

SB: (*She wakes up when lighting and music happen. Big Yawn and then she realizes that Brother Bear is not there!*) Have you seen my brother?

It's beginning to be warm outside. Perhaps it's springtime. I'm awake and Brother Bear should be up, too. I wonder where he is? Have you seen Brother Bear?

BB moves and kids tell SB. but she does not see him move but the kids do. [SQ 110 – Music Stops](#)

SB: He's under there? (*She points behind her—this cues the music to stop.*)

SB turns back to the audience [SQ 115 – Music Restarts](#)

SB: That's just a pile of old blankets. That's not Brother Bear. You guys are teasing me.

BB moves again and kids tell SB. but she does not see him move but the kids do.

SB: There? (*points again to cue music to stop*) [SQ 120 – Music Stops](#)

She sits on BB to prove no one is there.

SB: I'll never be able to wake him up. And I'll be all alone all year long and never have any fun.

He moves. She is scared and jumps. [SQ 125 – Music Restarts](#)

SB: Ahhh! There is something there! You were right. But anything could be under those blankets. What if it isn't Brother Bear? What else could it be?

She takes some suggestions from the kids.

Is anyone here brave enough to go up and take one of those little blankets away?

Kids pull the blankets until BB is only covered by the quilt.

SB: Thank you. You are brave. Oh, look, there's one more blanket. I guess it's my turn.

She reveals Brother Bear and he sits up, yawning [SQ 130 – Change of Music](#)

SB: There he is! Oh Brother Bear, I am so glad you are awake!

But he falls right back asleep.

SB: How am I going to wake him up? Brother Bear is the heaviest sleeper I know.

SB: Wake up, Brother Bear. *(He doesn't)* I know! On a count of 3. Can everybody shout with me: "Wake up, Brother Bear!"

We all shout and BB awakens.

BB pops up and SB welcomes him. The bears laugh and hug each other. They dance. They bow.

SQ 135 – Dance

Music

SB: There are still blankets left. Who doesn't have one? You can come take one if you want. Here you go.

Kids come up and grab a blanket and return to their seat.

SQ 140 – Music

Change

As children get blankets, BB exits to get the butterfly puppet.

SB: This is for you to keep during the story. You never know when you might need a blanket. But right now it's warm and sunny.

SB can take any leftover blankets to the East Tree Trunk or hand them off to the House Manager.

BB enters with the butterfly puppet. SB admires it...

SQ 145 – Butterfly

Music

SB: Oh, look, a butterfly. That means I was right. It really is spring now. It's beautiful. Do you think I can catch it?

SB chases the butterfly: She tries to catch it, first one hand, then the other, then both. She sits.

SB: I don't think that butterfly likes me very much.

The butterfly lands on her head. SB takes the puppet from BB and continues to operate it.

SQ 150 – BFLy on

SB

SB: Oh... Would anyone else like to meet my butterfly? Look inside your bags. Do you have a flower in there? Take it out and hold it up for the

BB taps his baton. SQ 185 – Music

Stops

*He treats the kids like his orchestra
and teaches them to move the fabric up and down* SQ 190 – Up &

Down

and then from side to side SQ 195 - STOP
SQ 200 – Side to

Side

SQ 205 - STOP

*Cello plays “Row, row, row your boat” led by SB and the kids wave the
water up and down and side to side as they sing along.* SQ 210 – Row Row

SB: That was great, everyone. Now let go of the water and go back to your spots if you have left them. Brother Bear and I will show you how we like to play in the water. SQ 215 – Change of

Music

SB & BB dive into the water SQ 220 – Change of

Music

do synchronized swimming: back stroke from UC to DS. They circle around with Breast Stroke, then have a Doggie Paddle race that SB wins. They turn US and cannonball into the water. Holding your breath competition: BB cheats and wins. SB gets help from a child DS to “splash” BB.

SB brings the fish and acts as puppeteer SQ 225 – Fish Music

SB travels with it. BB sees the fish and WANTS it. He chases it, trying to catch it. They travel downstage right and then up the center. SB hands off fish to BB (under the water) and he puppets it for a while until it accidentally jumps out of his hands and SB gets it back and she puppets it to swim upstage and it “dives” into the large Tree Trunk at North

This is the fish escaping into the waterfall US. SQ 230 – Finishes

Fish Music

BB is frustrated. He pouts at center, sits

SB pulls in the strands of the waterfall, first R, then L and pools them at base of tree trunk. SQ 235 – Music

Change

SB: Don’t worry about that pesky fish, Brother Bear; you’ll catch him someday. Brother Bear looks really sad now, doesn’t he? He really wanted that fish. It’s ok to be sad sometimes...

SB comes in and tries to cheer BB up. She nuzzles him once, _____ **SQ 240 – First nuzzle**
then nuzzles him again _____ **SQ 245 – Second Nuzzle**
Then she gets mad at his rejections and sits with him, _____ **SQ 250 – SB Turns back to back**
_____ **SQ 255 – Back to back**
The bears breathe together and look up at the sky _____ **SQ 260 – L.Bug**