# The Origin of the Seasons

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**Page 1** Bear has a younger brother, Rabbit.

**Page 2** One day Bear said: "Alright now, we'll gamble. Soon now, the cold will come. We'll gamble. Then, if you beat me, it will be the way that you want it. If I beat you, it will be the way that I want it—with respect to the way day and night will be. Now then, we'll gamble. And if you're going to beat me, sing your spirit power song."
The Bear said: "If I beat you, it will be the way I want it."

**Page 3** Then they gambled. The Bear sat at the board and the Rabbit sat at the board. Then they gambled. Then, Rabbit sang his power song from the north. He sang it and said: "Clear, clear the sky. Dry, dry the sky." He called for freezing weather and cold. That is the song of the Rabbit.
Rabbit wanted it to get cold.

**Page 4** Then, Bear sings for cloudy weather. Bear says: "Get warm, get warm."
He calls for clouds.

**Page 5** Then they were gambling. The Bear was beaten by Rabbit. When the Rabbit would be outguessed (made to fall) by the Bear, the Bear would jump at the Rabbit. Until the Bear was being beaten by the Rabbit. Rabbit won. It froze and became cold. It would crackle until it froze. The sky would clear.

**Page 6** Bear said: "You beat me. Now it will be the way you want it."

**Page 7** Then, for winning, Rabbit got the freezing weather. So now it freezes and gets cold.