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To all children
and the young at heart



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Hidden by the mountain, at his secret place, the Shaman
is pushing a round rock against a cliff over and over again.
He closes his eyes and hums.

Hamm - haa - ajaa
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"Aqipi, are you there?" he whispers.
"Yes, I am right here!" his tiny spirit
helper answers. "People are
starving and miserable in the
settlement; we have to go
on a spirit journey."
"I am ready, just call me,"
Aqipi responds.



The Shaman remains standing for a long time rolling the stone around and
around while he prepares for the dangerous journey ahead. It is almost nightfall
when he finally stops and walks back to the settlement.