

Childhood of Ji-shib

He saw that the beaver had many times saved him from being injured, that he had saved his life from the Bad Spirit of the lake, and from starvation in Winter. And Ji-shib knew, from the many wonderful things which the beaver said and did, that that little animal was wiser, many times wiser, than he himself, and even wiser than the old Medicine-Men were, for was it not an animal, now living as a Sacred Spirit, which told the Medicine-Men how to do the marvelous things they did?

Ji-shib felt that the beaver was not only wiser than all Indians, but that he was even wiser than all other animals; he knew everything. And he would teach Ji-shib everything, if he was only worthy and good. And so Ji-shib felt in his dream that the beaver was his Guardian Spirit, though at times he came in the form of a beautiful young Indian, and, sometimes, even, he was not visible at all.

Lastly, in his dream that night the beaver showed him a wigwam, not like the wigwams in the village, but a pointed

