



When Moms is Away, the Cubs Will Play

STAGE 4

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The three baby red pandas curl up for a nap. They feel snug with mom's bushy tail wrapped around them.



When they wake up they are hungry. Mom red panda leaves the den to look for food. Mom says, "Play safe and I will bring back a treat for you to eat."



Mom red panda creeps up to a bird's nest filled with yummy eggs.



Back at the den, the cubs forget about playing safe. They tumble, dive, and rumble. One cub leans too far back and sways right out of the hole to their den.



The other two cubs feel shocked as their sister sails out of their home and begins to fall down, down, down.



The little cub lands with a thump on a branch below. Lucky for her, the branch stops her fall.



Just then mom panda arrives back at the den. She sees two of her cubs peering out of the den and hears the frantic call from her other cub. She quickly lays down the egg she stole for their meal.



When mom red panda looks down below she sees her baby in danger on the lower branch. Mom races down the trunk of the tree and leaps to rescue her cub.



Later, while the cubs feast on the tasty egg, Mom red panda thinks about what she will teach her cubs to keep them safe.



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ba/by	branch	wake	eat	sails	curl	a/round	tumble
bush/y	snug	safe	meal	wails	bird	food	rumble
hun/gry	bush/y	dive	feast	tail	sis/ter	down	little
yum/my	hun/gry	hole	teach	leaves	la/ter		
la/ter	yum/my	stole	keep	treat	low/er		
	sis/ter	races	feel	sways			
	trunk		low/er	creeps			



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