

Lulus

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There was once a Delaware man who had three children, two daughters and a son. The son was given the nickname of "Lul:us" which is a type of little wasp that burrows into the ground.

A man from another tribe who didn't speak any Lenape thought one of these Delaware girls was sure pretty. He stayed around for a while on the pretext of visiting the father, and finally decided to ask him if he could marry this one.

He went to her father and told him, "I sure do like that child of yours, and would like to ask your permission to marry." The father thought he was a good man, so he agreed, asking him which of his children he wanted.

Well, because this man hadn't been there for too long, and hadn't learned their names well, he called the only woman's name he had heard. He told the father, "I want to marry the one called Lulu."

The father on hearing this became very upset and said, "Oh no! He wants to marry my little son!"