

# MOOSEBEAR



**SHE'S TRYING TO FIT IN,  
HE'S JUST TRYING TO FIT!**

2D ANIMATION FOR AGES 6-8  
ADVENTURE, COMEDY  
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**11 MINUTE EPISODES**

IN THE ALASKAN WOODS BEHIND HER HOUSE, A RELOCATED CA GIRL DETERMINED TO FIT IN BECOMES FRIENDS WITH A MAGICAL CREATURE TRYING TO HELP HIS NO-NONSENSE NEIGHBORS.



**Alese would love to tell you about her life in her own words:**



Hi there! So yah, living in a small Alaskan town when you're from L.A. can be a total drag. But, if your best friend is a moosebear... oh, what's a moosebear? They're only the most amazing creatures you'll ever meet! I'll tell you more about them later. They usually keep to themselves, but not Berry. With him as my friend, living in Alaska is better than being in L.A. any day. Even if it does get really cold... and there are no malls nearby... I wonder if Berry knows about malls...

### **ALESE BAUER**

Oh, I should have told you my name. I'm Alese. I'm 11. I grew up in L.A. but my parents decided to move us to Alaska where my mom grew up. They think it's good for me to be around more nature. That's cool and all, but I'm not sure I fit in here. The kids at school don't understand me. Just because I like shopping and video games, doesn't mean I can't do the same stuff other kids around here do. They think I'm just some silly city girl, but I'll show them! I know something even they don't know- I know about moosebears and Berry the moosebear is my friend no matter what! I'll never tell them about him.





## BERRY THE MOOSEBEAR

Berry lives in the woods by my house, so I get to see him every day after school. Moosebears are amazing! They have magical powers, can talk to animals, and can even become invisible! Berry's like a magical wi-fi hot spot, when you're around him, his magic can affect you, and anything can happen!

Moosebears usually keep to themselves, but Berry isn't like that. He's always trying to help others. He reminds me of this verse in Romans my dad taught me, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18 NIV). I think about it because Berry tries really hard to get along with everyone, but it's not that easy since he's clumsy, silly, and can't control his invisibility! He's weird by both human and animal standards. He likes singing to bees, fishing for old boots, and he chews on everything!



But, I really like that he never gets mad when the animals make fun of him for being different. Some of his animal friends are hard to get along with, but Berry is always nice to them no matter what they say or do. I wish I could be more like Berry when the kids at school make me mad.

I'm still trying to make friends here and find things I like to do, but I'm so happy Berry is here. I never know what he's going to do next!



Let me tell you about the other people & animals in my life...



### My Family:

#### **MOM - KARLA BAUER**

My mom grew up in Alaska so she fits in. She's an amazing pilot! When she's not working, she likes to spend time with Grandma practicing traditional dances. When the tourists show up in summer, they want me to do a show with them. I don't know if I want to...

#### **DAD - BEN (BENJAMIN) BAUER**

My dad is a wildlife biologist, so he's super excited for his new job working in Alaska. Everything my dad does he throws himself into with his whole heart. He's kinda dorky sometimes, but I still love him. He likes playing games, especially ones with Bible trivia.

#### **GRANDMA - ELISAPIE JONES**

My Grandma is Inuit which means she's a native Alaskan. She's lived here her whole life. I wonder if she knows about the moosebears? She loves to dance like mom and is always full of energy. She knows lots of traditions and is like the ultimate DIY person. When she wants to do something, she gets crazy into it, and there's usually no stopping her!



## **GRANDPA - LUKE JONES**

Grandpa just passed away. I miss him so much! He was a bush pilot and loved living out in the middle of no-where. He said braving the elements and trusting in God made him a stronger person. Just between you and me, I'd rather not, "brave the elements" unless I have too...

## **Kids I know:**

### **JACK OLSEN**

Jack lives near us and is in my class. He knows a lot about the woods, and he thinks there's a dangerous monster out there. I'm not sure I should tell him that the animal he's looking for is probably Berry. I don't know what he would do. He seems nice. Sometimes I see him outside of school and he doesn't make fun of me for not knowing stuff like the other kids do. He doesn't talk to me much in class though. He rides his 4-wheeler everywhere.



### **THE POPULAR GIRLS: ALLIE, EMMA, & MINKA**

I don't want to ~~talk~~ write about them at all. They make fun of me. OK, fine... Allie's got gorgeous hair, but she's super snobby. I don't know why she hates me so much. I never see Emma by herself, she's always around Allie, and does whatever Allie does. Minka's got a super cute name. I wish we could hang out more, but she's not fun to be around when she's trying to be like the other popular girls. She's nice to me as long as they're not around.

### **EVERLY SHA**

Everly is my best friend in L.A. I miss her so much! Dad bought me a tablet so we can still video chat and stuff, but the internet here doesn't work so great.



## Animals in the forest:

### **OLLIE THE OWL**



Ollie is Berry's neighbor. He lives on the tree that Berry sleeps under and thinks he owns the place. For being a "wise old owl" he's a total know-it-all. He always has to rub it in when he's right. He doesn't like that Berry lives by him, and is always trying to get Berry to move away. He also hates Moe and would probably eat him if Berry didn't stop him. I'm not sure if Ollie likes anybody...

### **MOE THE ARCTIC HARE**

Moe is also Berry's neighbor. He doesn't like Ollie very much, but he does hang out with Berry. He likes to play pranks, but sometimes they're not funny. Moe is kinda cute, but I don't know how Berry can be so nice to him when he's always trying to mess with him.



### **THE WHITE WOLF & HIS PACK**

The White Wolf is mysterious, but he seems smart. Mostly he and his pack keep to themselves, but sometimes I see them running through the woods, and I've heard them howling at night.

### **THE LONE WOLF**

He scares me. I heard he was banned from the pack and I'm sure it's because he's really mean. He's chased Berry before, and I think he wants to have magical powers like the moosebears do. I hope he never gets any.





## Neighbors:

I live in the woods by a lake and some of my neighbors are kinda weird, but I like them. I have a lot, even though it looks like I'm just living in the middle of nowhere. Berry is my favorite of course, but there's also:

### **BIG FOOT**

He looks out for Berry, and helps him sometimes. Hard to find him though.

### **STATE TROOPER DAVE**

He used to date mom in high school! So weird...

### **PREPPER PETE**

He, um... thinks the world is ending.

### **THE OLSEN FAMILY**

Jack's dad, older sister, and mom. Jack's sister seems cool, I've never met his mom, I don't know what's up with his dad.

### **ALASKAN GAME WARDEN**

I forget his name, he sometimes works with my dad, He's a bit uptight, but not a bad guy, I guess.

### **THE MOSQUITOES**

They are very bad neighbors! These pests are everywhere in the summer! They're like tiny vampires, all they think about is blood, but they're worse than vampires because they swarm you!



## EPISODES

### The Shoe Ordeal

While playing with Berry and Moe, Alese loses a shoe and has to wear flip-flops to school. Not a biggie, until her teacher announces a nature hike for the next day, using her as a “what not to wear” example. Everyone laughs except Jack and Minka. Embarrassed to the core, Alese is desperate to have the right gear for the field trip.

After school, she finds Berry at his pond with an enormous pile of shoes, none of which are hers, and most of which are suspiciously wet, stinky, dirty, and all-around gross. After reminding Berry what her shoe looks like, he promises to keep looking and Alese turns to her family. Hating that all she gets from her family are comments like, “new shoes aren’t in the budget right now” and “you can wear Dad’s old pair” (of over-sized, stinkers), Alese says a prayer, but still has trouble not worrying about what to do.

When all seems lost, Berry happens upon Alese’s classmate Jack, who’s loading up a box of donation items on his 4-wheeler, and inside is a perfect pair of Alese-sized boots discarded by Jack’s sister. Just when it seems Berry has found this perfect solution, his invisibility starts going on the fritz. Desperate to get Alese those shoes, he hatches a plan with Moe’s sneaky help that will lead Jack towards Alese’s house. Once there, Berry risks being seen when he runs across her driveway to strategically place Alese’s discarded flip-flops where Jack will notice and put-two-and-two together. To Berry’s delight, Jack pulls the boots out of his donation box and leaves them at her doorstep, but shyness takes over and he rushes off as soon as he rings the doorbell.



## *Mysterious Resident*

Berry's owl neighbor Ollie is fed up with living next to Berry, and Berry, eager to help, decides he'd be doing Ollie a favor by finding a new place to live. After trying various unwelcome places, he picks the garden shed at Alese's house. Of course, he has to move in on *the one day* Alese's dad has hired Jack to come help him with yard work. As Berry rifles through the shed setting up camp, it's all Alese can do to keep Jack & her dad from discovering him, while trying to act cool in front of Jack. As the guys work around the yard and try to retrieve tools from the shed, Berry's invisibility picks the worst time to misbehave! Alese's dad starts suspecting the shed is haunted, and Jack thinks it could be the monster he's been tracking. Alese goes crazy trying to keep Berry from being discovered, and convince him to take a stand for himself, by moving back home under Ollie's tree, despite the curmudgeonly owl's attitude.

## *Cultural Disaster*

Alese is supposed to perform a traditional Inuit dance with her mom and grandma at the annual summer cultural festival. Worried about messing up, and dreading the fact that *the popular girls* have a hip-hop number before her, she tells Berry about her fears. Knowing that the festival is in a highly populated area, she never dreamed that Berry might show up, but Berry follows her there to cheer her on. As usual, his invisibility is a little unstable, but that doesn't stop him from exploring the fun while he waits for Alese's show. When Berry causes one disaster after another while exploring all the new human things: fair food, crafts, and rides, it's up to Alese to set him straight before he's seen, or worse, she's late for her dance routine!



## *Crab Rescue*

When a crab falls out the back of a fisherman's truck, Berry takes it upon himself to return the little guy to his home in the ocean. Conveniently, Alese and her family are planning a deep sea fishing trip, and Berry sees it as the perfect opportunity to return the crab to his home.

Unfortunately, Berry's powers of language don't seem to be working on the crustacean, who constantly tries to get away. As Alese's family piles into her mom's pickup truck, Berry tries to sneak onto the back with the crab. Narrowly escaping discovery, Berry has a rough ride with the pinch-happy crab as his company.

Once on the boat Alese confronts Berry, and reluctantly agrees to help him with the crab. Out on the ocean, Berry's ready to release the crab, but can't keep him under control again. While chasing the crab all over the boat, Berry gets seasick, starts losing control of his invisibility along with his lunch, the crab latches onto him, and he punctures a hole in the hull with his antler! It's a race against time as Alese tries to keep Berry hidden from her family, get the crab off him, and find a way for everyone to make it back to shore before the boat sinks!



## *Blueberry Wars*

It's blueberry season! Everyone is excited to go berry picking, especially Berry, but when a turf war breaks out between bears and moose over the same wild blueberry patch there's no time for Berry to think about his stomach. He & Alese must convince the two animal groups there's enough for everyone to share.



## *The Slumber Party*

Alese shows her classmate Minka a bracelet she's been making and when Minka gets excited about it, Alese gains the courage to invite her over to play. When *the popular girls* find out, they plan a slumber party the same night, inviting Minka but not Alese. Minka cancels on Alese to go to it, not wanting to be left out of the group. Now Alese is totally left out! When Alese shares her problem with Berry and Moe, Moe rushes off to spy on the girls and maybe get a little revenge on them for hurting her.

As Berry and Alese try to stop Moe from playing pranks on the girls, they end up making a ruckus outside the house and the girls freak out. One of them calls Jack, knowing he's been investigating strange things in the woods. When Jack comes to the rescue, he discovers Alese crouching in the bushes by a window and assumes she's to blame. It doesn't help that she can't give a good explanation, not wanting to give Berry and Moe away. He tells Alese she's better than this, and reports to the girls there's nothing to be afraid of. Hurt, Alese runs home, leaving Moe and Berry to their own devices.



When *the popular girls* start playing "Truth or Dare" Minka gets really uncomfortable and wishes she was hanging out with Alese instead. Watching through a window, Berry can see how uncomfortable Minka is and wants to do something, but what? He glances around while thinking, and notices the bracelet Alese was making, lying on the ground. Berry picks it up and places it on the windowsill to catch the light, and gives Moe the ok to make one last loud noise. The trick works, and Minka looks out the window. Wanting to avoid the "truth" question she was just given to answer, Minka volunteers to investigate. Outside, she picks up the bracelet and recognizes it as Alese's. She decides to take it to Alese right away and apologize for ditching her. Alese accepts her apology, and gives Minka the bracelet after attaching one last charm to it- a heart with the word "friends" on it.

## Angry Storm

On a perfect day, the wind tells Berry a storm is coming, and the storm's angry! Worried about the other animals' safety, Berry and Alese work together to make a shelter for them, but Ollie refuses to leave his tree. Sure enough, the weather suddenly changes turning nasty with driving rain, thunder and lightning. Worried about Ollie's safety, Berry stays by Ollie's side, rescuing him just in time as lightning strikes the tree! With Ollie's tree destroyed, the next day Alese and Berry work to help find him a new home, but satisfying the grumpy owl isn't easy.

## Meeting Moosebear

Berry is shedding the velvet on his antlers and it itches like crazy. He crashes around the woods scratching on everything and ends up outside of Alese's house and finds that the newly built cabin works pretty well. Inside, Alese has been left alone for the first time. Despite her parents warning to not go outside, she investigates the noises and ends up meeting the strangest creature she's ever seen! After becoming friends, Alese helps Berry shed the rest of his velvet.



## Hollywood

It's Alese's first day of school, but the moving truck with all her clothes still hasn't arrived yet. Alese agonizes over what to wear, but chooses her bright Hollywood shirt, a gift from her best friend in L.A. Immediately, she gets made fun of at school for wearing it; *the popular girls* giving her the nickname, "Hollywood." Embarrassed and hurt, Alese turns to her family and Berry for guidance, who all encourage her to be brave and kind to *the popular girls* even if they are mean to her.

## The Report

Everyone in Alese's class is supposed to pair up to do a report on a local animal. Minka pairs up with Alese and suggests they do theirs on salmon. Alese wants to do one on arctic hares but gives in to her friend. The next day Minka ditches Alese when the popular girls invite her to join them. Alese finishes the report with Berry's help and gets a good grade!



## *Digital Friends*

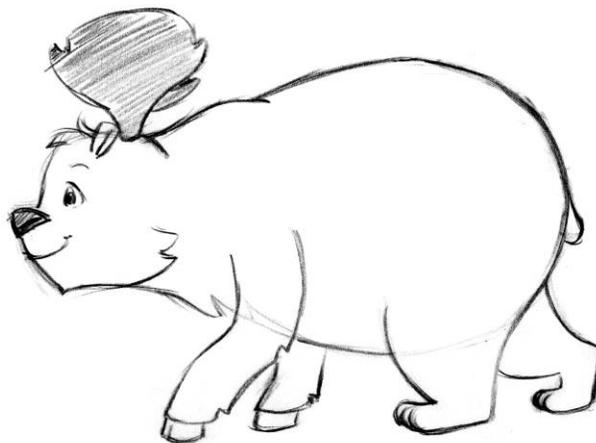
Alese gets a new video game and becomes obsessed playing it online with her LA friend, Everly. She forgets to meet up with her Alaskan friends, and doesn't go to see Berry after school, either. Worried about her, Berry schemes to get Alese's attention & show her what she's missing in the real world.

## *Light in the Darkness*

Alese & her dad have a hard time coping with the lack of light in winter. They bring out every light they can find in the house- even the Christmas lights! Then, to make matters worse, there's a power-outage making it completely dark! While Alese's parents get to work on the generator, Berry takes Alese to a special spot to see the northern lights reminding her that there's always hope even during the darkest times.

## *Invisible*

Spring is here, and everybody is busy with something. Everyone in Alese's family, her Alaskan friends, and even the animals are all too busy to notice Alese. Feeling invisible, she seeks advice from Berry, but Berry's more worried about *not* being seen, than being seen and doesn't really understand. Disappointed, Alese decides she might as well just disappear, but discovers something intriguing while looking for a place to hide. Grandma's cabin has a secret door leading to the attic full of Grandpa's old things. There she finds wisdom in an old journal and Bible. From them, Alese learns that even though she feels alone, God sees her and loves her.





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I'm an artist, animator, & writer. *Moosebear* is inspired by my life as a CA girl who moved to the country. I've had to find a way to be myself while learning to enjoy what a wild, remote, and often snowy place has to offer. I currently reside in Wisconsin to be close to bears, deer, family, the occasional porcupine, and who knows, maybe there's even a moosebear out there! Although I'd be hard pressed to find another one as fun as Berry.

I earned an MFA in 3D Animation in 2012, and am an adjunct professor for Liberty University's School of Visual & Performing Arts. I'm a member of ASIFA, ICVM, & WIA. And in case you were wondering, "Bruenjes" rhymes with sponges!

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