

# How Sleeping Beauty came to rest in the Huon Valley



This is the story of how Sleeping Beauty came to rest in the Huon Valley.

Long, long ago - in the Dreamtime - when the land and animals were being made, mighty giants lived in the clouds.

One particular day, the giants were having a race. They noticed one giant was winning all the races and they figured she was cheating. So they sent someone to watch where she went without her knowing. They saw that she was cheating and taking short cuts. The giants were furious with her! The giants were so annoyed with her that they banished her and threw her off the clouds.

She fell down... and down... and down... and finally landed in a volcano.

After 50 years of a long slumber, she eventually awoke when the volcano erupted violently. She was mad that the giants had thrown her out. She stomped through the trees. She ripped huts out of the ground. She was working herself up into a frenzied rage. She was so mad she ripped through mountains.

If she continued, the local tribes would have no food and the animals would have no shelter. They were not happy with what the giant was doing so they went to the elders and pleaded for help.

The elders set out to find the giant. When they found her, she was very tired and they offered her some berries to restore her energy. They told her to have them before she went to sleep. Little did she know, the berries were poisoned. When she ate them she would fall asleep forever.

That night, the giant ate the berries and laid to rest in a beautiful mountain range, never to wake again.

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