

THE STORY OF A BEAR AND EVIL WOODMAN

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Lately, the village people have started talking about the fact that the nearby forest has become quite dangerous because there lives a huge and evil bear. Therefore, the woodman was sent to cut down the trees from the most dangerous forest.

Although he was afraid, he accepted the mission and went into the forest all by himself. There he started cutting down the first tree, then the second one, the third one and so on, until he reached the last tree. Suddenly, the bear appeared, but he looked very, very scared.

“Don’t be scared, I’m not going to attack you!”, the bear said.

“Then why did you come to me? Why are you scaring everyone?”, the woodman asked.

“Do you think that’s my intention? I don’t have a choice... If they come in the woods and eat our food, why wouldn’t we also eat their food? Where are we supposed to get our food from?” the bear said, revealing a small bag with money.

“What’s this? What are you doing with all that money?”

“With this money? I went to the store to buy blackberries and honey, but they didn’t let me in. They chased me away. Why? Because I’m a bear and no one thinks about the fact that I need to eat, too! They all get scared of me and don’t even consider what I truly want. If only you would let me speak... Why do you come to us?” the bear said with sadness, sitting on a fallen stump.

“And what about you, bear? How do you scrape by?”

“What do you think? It’s tough! If I come in the village in search of food, I get hunted. If I remain here, you come to me, destroy everything and hunt me! The same you did today... You cut down everything and now you’re leaving! You’re earning money and I... I’m losing my own life.”

Touched by the bear’s story and feeling deeply sorry for ruining the forest, the woodman built the bear a den, he brought him food and started replanting the trees along with the other villagers.



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