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**I'm Not
Scared,
YOU'RE
Scared!**

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There once was a bear who was easily scared.
Each night before going to sleep, he would tie
a bell to his door that would make a noise if
anyone tried to sneak in (because even a bear
that is easily scared is a very heavy sleeper).



He was even afraid of his own reflection.
And because he couldn't see himself, he never brushed
well and always had food stuck in his teeth.
When you're a scared bear with food in your teeth, you
don't have many friends.





Bear had one. Rabbit.
Rabbit was never scared.
She read scary stories.

She slept with her door
wide open.



And she brushed her teeth while hanging from a tree branch by her ears. This gave her very strong ears.



One day, Rabbit made an announcement.
"Bear, we are going on an adventure!"
Bear suggested that, instead of going
on an adventure, they could read a book
about adventures. "That way, if anything
goes wrong, we can just close the book."

Rabbit looked at her friend and asked,
"Bear, are you scared?"

And Bear replied,
"I'm not scared, *you're* scared!"
And with that, Bear walked past Rabbit
and out the front door.



Bear stopped to make sure they had everything they needed.
"Do I need a bike helmet?" Bear asked.
"No," said Rabbit.
"Do I need oven mitts?"
"NO!" said Rabbit.



"Do I need bear repellent spray?"
"You're a bear," said Rabbit.

And with that, Bear, realizing he would do anything to avoid the dark and spooky woods, walked to the road, where he waited for the bus.



The bus picked him up and drove him all the way around the forest.



When he got to the other side,



he woke up Rabbit, who, once again, had fallen asleep waiting for him.



After a bit more walking, they found themselves at one side of a long rope bridge. Bear stopped.

"It looks rickety," said Bear.

"It *might* be a little rickety," said Rabbit.

"It looks old," said Bear.

"It *might* be pretty old," said Rabbit.

"It looks like the boards might break if you were heavy enough," said Bear.

"Mmhm," agreed Rabbit.

Rabbit looked at her friend and said, "Bear, are you scared?"

And Bear took a deep breath and said . . .

"Yes!" Yes, Rabbit, I am scared! I was scared of the river, and I was scared of the forest, and I was scared of the mountain, but I am the most scared about this long, old, rickety bridge!" And with that, Bear turned around and headed home.

