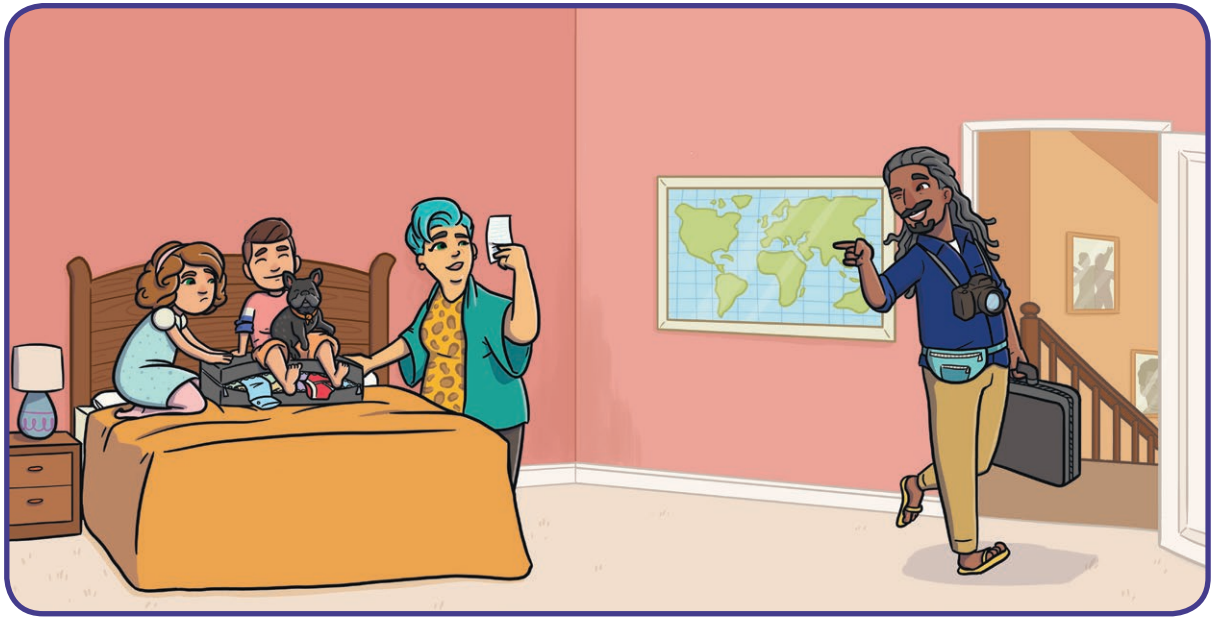# The Bear Who Came to Babysit

Arno and Bibi were helping Mum and Mike to pack for their honeymoon. Mum checked her list. "Clothes, toothbrush, tickets... We just need the babysitter to arrive," she said.

"We've found you the perfect one," said Mike with a wink. "You're going to have a great time! You'll bear-ly notice we're gone."



But little did the children know, the babysitter was... a great, big BEAR! "Be on your best behaviour," said Mum. "We'll be back in a few days!"

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

The children stood speechless, staring at their new babysitter. Arno turned to his sister. "Is this really happening?" he asked.

"Whoever heard of a bear babysitter?" shrugged Bibi.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

That night, the bear ran a bath. "Don't forget the bubbles!" said Bibi, handing the bear the bottle. The bear squeezed it very hard!

"This is fun!" giggled the children.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

The next morning, Bibi and Arno sat down at the table. "I wonder what's for breakfast," said Arno. The bear gave them each some extremely sticky honey.

"This is delicious!" chuckled the children.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

After breakfast, it was time to go to school. Arno and Bibi hopped into the car and buckled their seatbelts as the bear squeezed into the driver's seat. Screech! went the brakes.

"Wheeeeee!" said the children.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

That night, the bear tucked the children into bed. They snuggled up to listen to a bedtime story. "Goodnight," whispered Arno.

"Goodnight," whispered Bibi.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

The next day was Saturday so the children slept late. Meanwhile, the bear did some laundry then hung it on the line. "Good morning!" called the neighbour.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

When the children finally woke up, the bear was busy washing the dishes. "Good morning, Bear!" shouted Bibi as they both raced downstairs. "How did you slee–"

"Yuck!" said the children. This was not how Mum and Mike usually did the dishes. In fact, the bear hadn't done anything the way that Mum and Mike usually did. "They won't let you babysit again if they see all this mess!" cried Arno.

"GRRR!" growled the bear.

They rushed to gather the clothes from the line and placed them in the washing machine. They whizzed around the kitchen until the dishes were spotless and the sticky breakfast mess was all cleaned up.

They sped through the upstairs rooms, mopping up the bathroom and tidying the bedroom. Arno hastily patched up the curtains while Bibi and the bear hurriedly painted the car... finishing just as Mum and Mike arrived home!



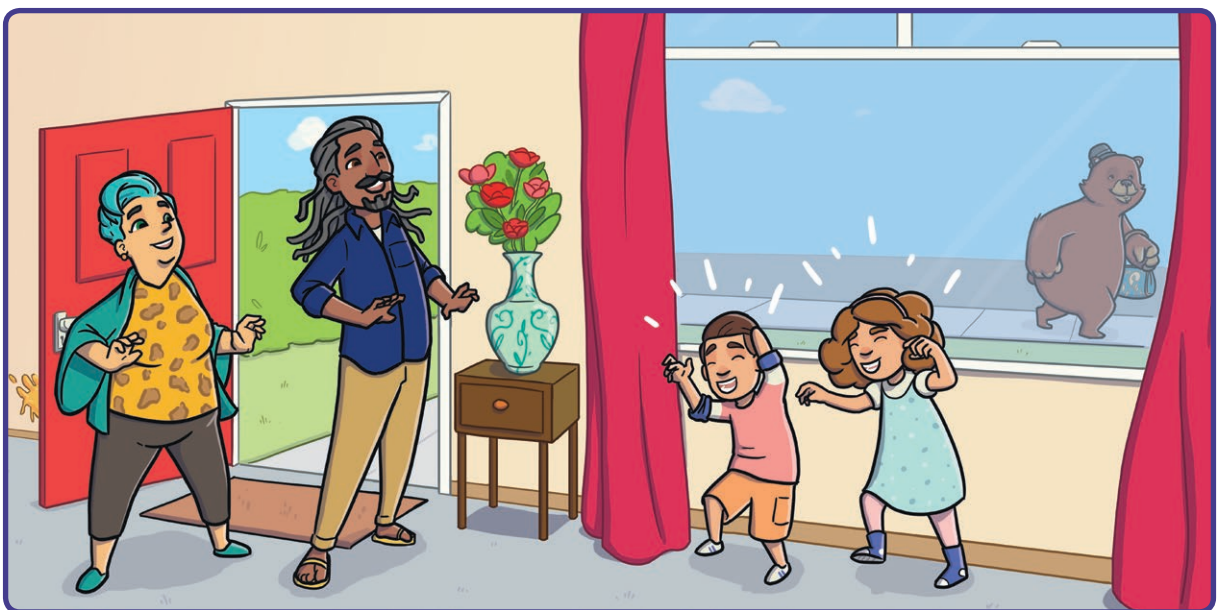"Well, you both look happy!" said Mike.

"And the house looks very tidy!" said Mum. "Have you all had fun?"

"YES!" shouted the children.

GRRR!" growled the bear.

After the bear had gone, Mum asked the children, "Would you like your new friend to babysit again one day?"

"GRRR!" growled the children.

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