



The Bear's Friendship

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Once upon a time there was a young man who loved to hunt. In fact, he spent most of his days hunting in the forest.

One day, while walking in the forest he heard the sound of an animal crying out in pain. He ran towards the sound as fast as he could. And what did he see? A giant boa constrictor was wrapping itself around a bear! The boa constrictor was squeezing the poor bear very tightly. The bear was calling out for help. The hunter killed the huge snake with his bow and arrow and saved the bear.







The bear was very happy that it was saved. It went to the hunter right away and smiled at him.

The hunter smiled back at the bear.

The hunter went on his way, but the bear followed behind him. Wherever the hunter went in the forest, the bear went too. It never left the young man alone. When the hunter went home, the bear came too.



"I guess this bear really loves me," the hunter said to himself. "It doesn't want to leave me because I saved its life."

He let the bear into his home.