

EXCERPT FROM
A Life Spurred into Meaningful Adventure
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EXCERPT

AT RISE: LITTLE BEAR and GOLDDILOCKS are walking in the woods.

LITTLE BEAR
There it is!

GOLDDILOCKS
What?

LITTLE BEAR
There! In the distance! The purple sky! The orange! The yellow! It's pouring rainbow sherbet!

GOLDDILOCKS
It's the sunset, Little Bear.

LITTLE BEAR
The...well, I thought we were headed there.

GOLDDILOCKS
To the sunset?

LITTLE BEAR
To the...to the "rainbow sherbet in the sky"..."raining down for all to eat?"

GOLDDILOCKS
I'm sorry...It's only the colors of the sun turning into the moon. That's not where we're headed.

LITTLE BEAR
Oh.

(pause)
Well, might you tell me...where was it we were headed?

GOLDBLOCKS

You forgot again?

LITTLE BEAR

Well, I didn't forget. I know we are going somewhere deliciously exciting, terrifically adventurous, I just...could you remind me of the exact...terminology?

GOLDBLOCKS

Our destination is...Where Life Takes Us!

LITTLE BEAR

Oh, right.

GOLDBLOCKS

See?

LITTLE BEAR

Where Life Takes Us! Yes. I remember now.

GOLDBLOCKS

So there really is no way of knowing if we've made it or not.

LITTLE BEAR

But then...if our destination is Where Life Takes Us and we're going Where Life Takes Us, then aren't we reaching it as we speak? As we live? And then, wouldn't it be time for a break and...some porridge?

(pause)

GOLDBLOCKS

No.

LITTLE BEAR

With honey?

GOLDBLOCKS

We'll eat soon enough. When the sun's colors are...more faded.

LITTLE BEAR

I was enjoying eating at home this morning.

GOLDBLOCKS

I imagine you were.

LITTLE BEAR

I love to stretch out in my little bed, wait for Mama to tell me the porridge is ready, then bound out of—

GOLDBLOCKS

You bound?

LITTLE BEAR

I'm an expert in bounding!

GOLDBLOCKS

But you walk as though your feet were stuck in molasses.

LITTLE BEAR

Not when there's porridge and honey to be had! Then I bound!

GOLDBLOCKS

I'd like to see that some day.

LITTLE BEAR

Oh, you will. This morning, I was cuddled up, with the little corn doll you made for me, when Mama announced the porridge and I bound out of bed to it!

GOLDBLOCKS

I bet you burned your tongue.

LITTLE BEAR

I did! (laughing)

GOLDBLOCKS

You think that's funny!

LITTLE BEAR

I do!

GOLDBLOCKS

Those burns take a few days to go away.

LITTLE BEAR

Oh, not when you rub them with honey. Then they're gone by the afternoon.

GOLDBLOCKS

So is yours gone?

LITTLE BEAR

Hm...well...no, not quite. I don't think I had the chance to rub it with honey properly. Not like I should anyhow.

GOLDBLOCKS

Because of me.

LITTLE BEAR

Because of our Adventure.

(pause)

GOLDBLOCKS

You didn't have to come.

LITTLE BEAR

I wanted to!

(pause)

GOLDBLOCKS

You just seemed like such a kept bear.

LITTLE BEAR

Perhaps I was.

GOLDBLOCKS

I wanted to take you away from that house. Bears don't belong in houses with chairs and beds and stoves on which to cook porridge.

LITTLE BEAR

It does seem a bit odd when you put it like that.

GOLDBLOCKS

You belong in the forest. Running, getting your honey straight from the hive.

LITTLE BEAR

I do like to do that when Papa lets me go with him. But I don't like the bee stings on my nose.

GOLDBLOCKS

But the honey is worth it.

LITTLE BEAR

The honey is worth it.

(pause)

GOLDILOCKS

Now you'll have the option to, well, "roam free," as you said you'd wanted.

LITTLE BEAR

I did say that, didn't I?

GOLDILOCKS

On several occasions. And when Mama Bear and Papa Bear were chasing me around your house with that broom...I saw you had that excitement coming over you. You knew it was Our Time.

LITTLE BEAR

I liked that your eyes were gleaming.

GOLDILOCKS

I've been known to have gleaming eyes.

LITTLE BEAR

They always catch my attention.

GOLDILOCKS

And yours catch mine.

LITTLE BEAR

I'd never seen blue eyes before you.

GOLDILOCKS

I'd never known bears could talk before you!

LITTLE BEAR

We're quite the pair, aren't we?

GOLDILOCKS

"The pair of the bear—"

LITTLE BEAR

"And the girl with golden hair!"

GOLDILOCKS

That's us!

LITTLE BEAR

Off we go!

GOLDILOCKS

On our adventure!

Here we come! LITTLE BEAR

Here we go! GOLDBLOCKS

Here we go! LITTLE BEAR

Here we come! GOLDBLOCKS

Here we...!
(looks around) LITTLE BEAR

Here we are. GOLDBLOCKS

(pause)
The sun has faded more. LITTLE BEAR

Alright, Little Bear. Let's find us our dinner. GOLDBLOCKS

END OF EXCERPT

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