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D.B.  
For my little bears, Willow and Iolo,  
because I love you xx  
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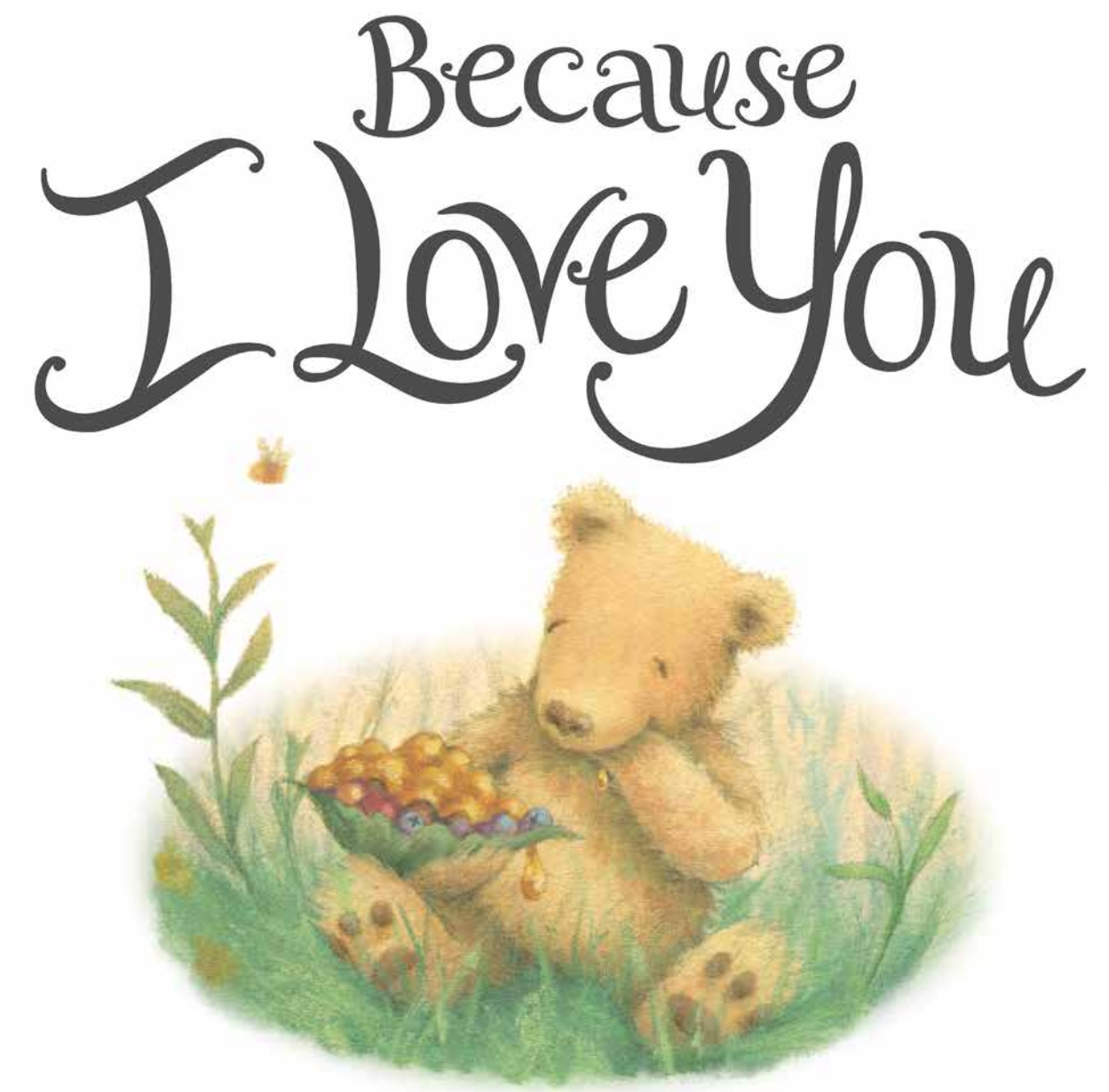
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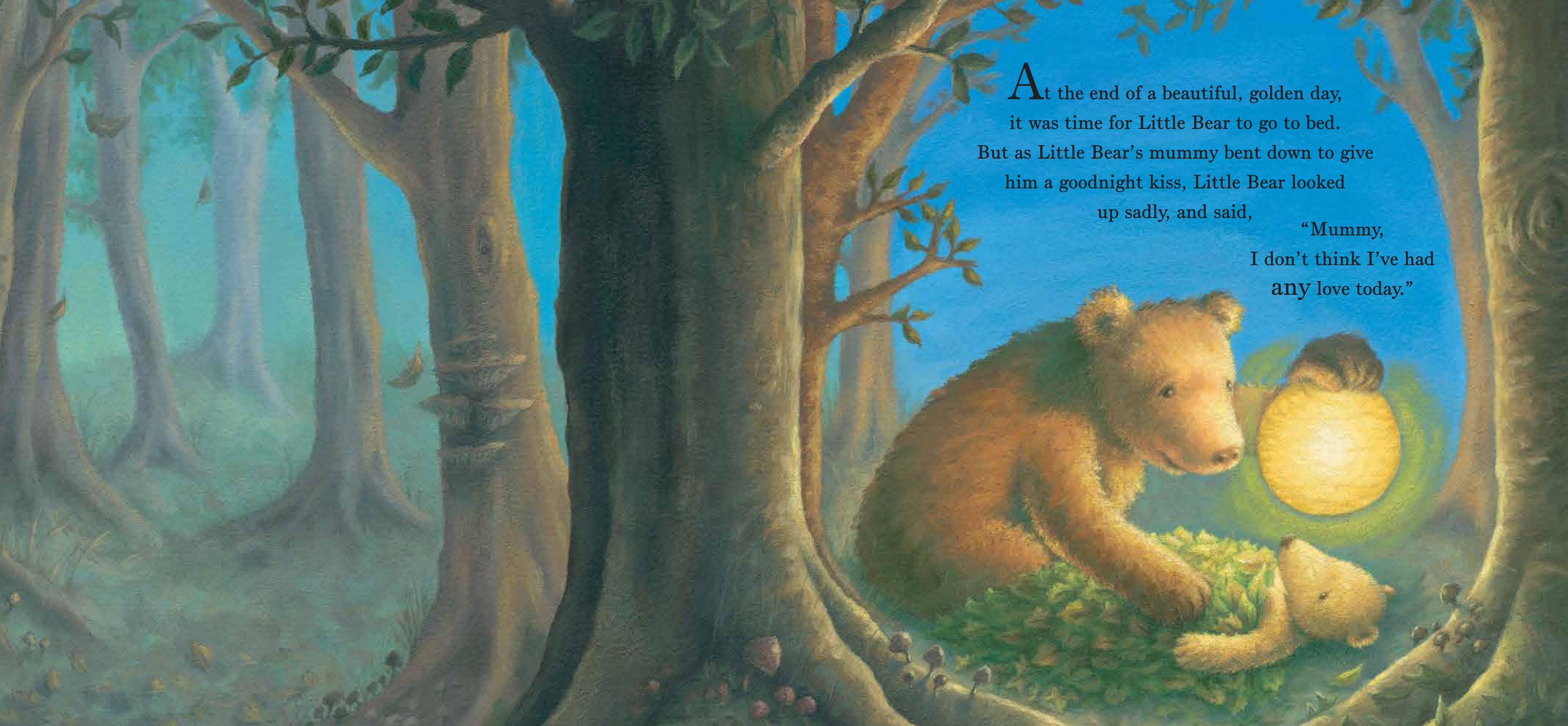
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At the end of a beautiful, golden day,  
it was time for Little Bear to go to bed.  
But as Little Bear's mummy bent down to give  
him a goodnight kiss, Little Bear looked  
up sadly, and said,  
"Mummy,  
I don't think I've had  
any love today."



Little Bear's mummy smiled  
and hugged her little bear.  
“Not enough love?” she said.  
“Why, I'm sure I've given  
you lots of love today.”



“But I don't remember any love,”  
said Little Bear.

“Well,” said Mummy Bear,  
“then let's remember together . . .”



“Do you remember our walk to the meadow early this morning?  
Didn't we have fun kicking up the fallen leaves?”

“And then we rested in the warm grass,”  
said Mummy Bear,  
“and watched the clouds race by.”

“And I thought one cloud looked  
like me!” said Little Bear.

“Yes,” smiled Mummy Bear,  
“but I said no other little bear could  
look as sweet as my little bear.”

“Because you love me?”  
asked Little Bear.

“Because I love you,”  
smiled Mummy Bear.

