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S.McB.

For the mice,
Julian and Mami,
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Little Nutbrown Hare
and Big Nutbrown Hare went out
in the autumn wind.



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The box, or the monster –
or maybe the box monster –
took two hops forward.

"Here I come!" roared the box,
hopping its biggest hop yet,
and Big Nutbrown Hare
jumped behind the tree.

"I wonder should I run
away!" said Big
Nutbrown Hare.

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"No!" shouted the box, which suddenly flew into the air. "It's only me!"

And there was Little Nutbrown Hare, who could hardly stop laughing.

"You're not a monster," said Big Nutbrown Hare. "But guess what."

"What?"



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