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Trolls are supposed to eat goats,
but no goats ever came trip-trapping
over this troll's little bridge.
So he ate fish instead.

But one morning, he heard a faint noise
on his bridge. Up he popped, and he said
what trolls are supposed to say, which is . . .



"WHO'S THAT TRIP-TRAPPING
OVER MY BRIDGE?"

"I'm not trip-trapping, I'm scuttling,"
said a tiny black creature.
"And I'm a spider."

"Oh bother, I thought you were a
goat," said the troll.

"No – goats have fur," said the spider.

"Never mind, I'll eat you anyway,"
said the troll. "You'll make a nice
change from fish."

