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This isn't a new story. It is my retelling of a folktale which has been around for more than 2000 years. Versions of the story have been recorded in countries as far apart as Ireland, South Africa, Iran, China and the USA. And I'd like to start by raising my hat to the storytellers who passed it on to us now. S.T.

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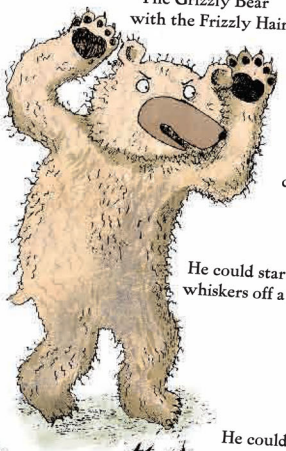
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There was nothing left to eat in the woods.
The Grizzly Bear with the Frizzly Hair had eaten it all.

That's why he was
bad-tempered and hungry.
That's why he was on the prowl.

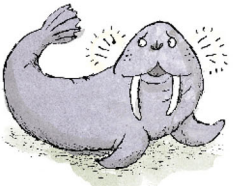
The Grizzly Bear
with the Frizzly Hair





could frighten the feathers off a peacock.

He could startle the
whiskers off a walrus.



He could
scare the
stripes off
a tiger.





He opened his frizzly, grizzly mouth a little wider.

"Not my knees!"
said the rabbit.

"Please!
For heaven's sake!
They're ever so very bony
And you'll get a tummy ache!"

"Hmm," growled the bear. "I don't care if I do!"

"They'll make a
lovely crunching sound
every time I chew!"

