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of All**

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a true friend in the dark woods,
this one is for you with all my love

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Once upon a wild wood,
deep down in a burrow, lived a family
of rabbits. There were big rabbits, medium-sized
rabbits, small-to-medium-sized rabbits and one
very, very little rabbit called Pip.



Poor Pip. He couldn't help it.
To him, even the most harmless
things were full of menace.

To Pip, the sound of rainfall
was exactly like the sound a
vast hisster makes as it
weaves its web.

He just *knew*
it was a gobbler
blowing bubbles
at the bottom of
the lily pond.

Those tree stumps?
Pip was ninety-nine point nine per cent
positive that they were the teeth
of the giant wood troll.

And those fluffy pink clouds?
Those ones that looked just like ~

STOP RIGHT THERE.