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JUST then a white shape glided past the bed. Rabbit and Little Bear dived under the sheet.

'What was it?' whispered Rabbit.

'I don't know,' said Little Bear.





HE shook Bramwell's paw.

'Wake up!' he whispered. 'Something's making a whoooOo noise.'

'Wind, I expect,' said Bramwell. 'Why are you hiding?'

'We saw it,' said Little Bear. 'But we don't want it to see us!'

NOW all the toys were awake.

'What are you doing?' grumbled Duck. 'It's the middle of the night.'

Then they all heard the noise: Whoooooooo.

Old Bear turned on the bedside light
and reached for his torch.
'I'd better go and see,' he said,
as he set off across the room.







LITTLE Bear and Rabbit looked at their shadows on the wall.

'Let's make scary monsters,' whispered Little Bear, 'to frighten the ghost thing away.'

The monster shadows were looking big and fierce when Old Bear came back.

'I didn't see anything,' he said, 'but the room is much tidier than we left it.'

'Well wind doesn't tidy up,' said Duck.

'A ghost might,' said Little Bear.
'Let's all go and see together.'





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