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THEY all peered into the basket . . .

‘Well, that IS a surprise!’ gasped Bramwell.

There, tucked under a teacloth and looking very full, was Little Bear.

Bramwell lifted him out of the basket and gave him a big hug.

‘Hmm,’ said Duck, staring at the crumbs that covered Little Bear, ‘we seem to have found a bear and lost a picnic!’

‘Don’t worry,’ said Old Bear. ‘There’s plenty left for us! It’s picnic time!’



THEY dragged the basket, bumpety bump, down the stairs and out into the garden.

What a wonderful feast; they finished every crumb!

'Now,' said Old Bear, 'it's time for a rest. It's been a very busy day.'

'No!' cried Little Bear, 'let's have another game of hide and seek!'

But there was no reply. Leaning against the tree and full of food, all the other toys were fast asleep.

