# The Fable of the Two Friends

Two friends were walking through the forest when a bear sprang out at them. One bolted off, climbed a tree, and hid, while the other stayed on the road. There was nothing he could do—he fell to the ground and pretended to be dead.

The bear came up to him and began to sniff: he even stopped breathing.

The bear sniffed his face, decided he was dead, and walked away.

When the bear had gone, the other one climbed down from the tree and laughed:

"Well, what did the bear whisper to you?"

"He told me that bad people are those who run away from their friends in danger."