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Not So SCARY

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through the city's empty streets.

Bear joins a new neighbourhood and does not come across friendly on his first impression. Oscar became suspicious of Bear's on-going weird behaviour, so decides to observe him and discover the truth, in fear that his neighbours and friends are in danger. It turns out that Bear is just very shy and wants to make friends, so Oscar kindly suggests he sticks with them as they want to be his friend too! It does not matter how lonely you feel, as long as you have friends to keep you safe and put a smile on your face, that's all you need, especially in a new neighbourhood.

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Selling Points:

- Beautiful illustrations by a successful and previously published author / illustrator.
- A warm story about accepting others even if they are different.

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Spread 1

The neighbours were disappointed. The moving van had delivered their new neighbour, Bear; yet he didn't very. There was no greeting, hello, or wave. Instead, he frowned at his feet.

Spread 2

The neighbours found Bear's behaviour peculiar.

He NEVER left home until the sun had set.

He NEVER said 'Good Morning' – or 'Good Evening'. In fact, Bear never said anything at all.

Bear ALWAYS wore a long black cloak. It SWOOSHED ... SWISHED AND SWEPT along the corridors. Oscar was convinced that it meant Bear was a VAMPIRE.

Spread 3

Oscar had been spying on Bear for one whole month. If he really was a vampire, someone needed to keep the neighbours safe. Oscar decided that this someone should be HIM.

Spread 4

One night, as Bear was setting out on his evening walk, Oscar crept behind in Bear's lumpy shadow.

Spread 5

Bear was a fast walker; making his cloak SWOOSH ... SWISH AND SWAY through the city's empty streets. He hadn't seemed to notice Oscar lurking behind.

Spread 6

With a screeching squeak, the park gates swung open and Bear slipped through. As Oscar followed, he decided the park looked a much creepier place in the dark.

Tip-toeing past the swings and the pond, Oscar scanned the park for Bear's lumpy shadow. It was nowhere to be seen.

Spread 7

Suddenly, with an almighty 'GRRRRRRR', Bear leapt from behind an oak-tree. Poor Oscar had never been so terrified.

Spread 8

With this gigantic roar, from under Bear's cloak flew a tattered little teddy bear that landed in between them.

Spread 9

With caution, Oscar gently handed it back. Then, quite unexpectedly, Bear burst into deep sobs. This kind gesture had brought him to tears; Bear had never felt kindness before.

Spread 10

'My frame is lumpy and I wear fancy dress. I come across as shy and unfriendly. This makes it difficult to make friends,' Bear wept. 'As I'm not like everybody else.'

Spread 11

'This city is big,' Oscar replied, 'but there's a friend here for everyone. Your vampire outfit is great.' This painted a smile back onto Bear's face.

Spread 12

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A rumour spread round the neighbourhood folk,
Their newest member was a bear in a cloak.
Bear didn't seem friendly arriving last week,
Instead of a smile, he frowned at his feet.

Spread 2

Bear never left home 'til the sun firmly set;
Plus small talk repeatedly gave him the sweats.
His unfriendly manner - no one admired;
Oscar believed Bear was a vampire.

Spread 3

A shifty shaped pocket lived under Bear's cloak,
It was something he often liked to stroke.
Bear's weird behaviour only grew stranger;
Oscar suspected his neighbours could be in danger.

Spread 4

Oscar decided to discover the truth;
observing Bear's routine behind a phonebooth.
The clock passed bedtime - it was getting quite late,
For his mission to work, Oscar just had to wait.

Spread 5

Bear's padded paws pattered past the ground floor,
Creeping low in Bear's shadow, Oscar snuck out the door.
Well after midnight, where could Bear be going?
The streets were empty, the moon began glowing.

Spread 6

The evening was humid; it was the middle of summer.
Plus, Bear walked as fast as a marathon runner.
Speedily, they had arrived at the park.
It looked a much creepier place after dark.

Spread 7

All of a sudden, Bear turned with a ROAR!
Oscar was more scared than ever before;
Jumping out of the shadows, no longer a spy.
Quite unexpededly, Bear started to cry.

Spread 8

Bear reached for his pocket,
as Oscar's gaze stared.
From under his cloak,
Withdrew an old teddy-bear.

Spread 9

'No one likes me!' sobbed Bear,
into teddy's soft fur.
'Be our friend,' said Oscar.
'We wish that you were!'

Spread 10

'I'm a tall, lumpy bear in fancy-dress -
This vampire outfit is one of my best.
Despite looking scary, I'm actually shy,
It's hard becoming a popular guy.'

Spread 11

'This city is big,'
Oscar agreed,
'but there's friends here for everyone -
just stick with me.'

Spread 12

After blowing Bear's nose and a friendly embrace,
Oscar painted a smile onto Bear's face.
'Tonight our neighbourhood makes hot-chocolate for all,
Let's get you a cup down at the townhall.'

The neighbours relaxed witnessing Bear smile,
Plus they joined in with fancydress once in a while.

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