

The Bear and the Travelers

Two men were traveling together when a bear suddenly met them on their path.

One man quickly climbed up a tree and hid in the branches.

The other man, realizing that he was going to be attacked, fell flat on the ground.

When the bear came near and sniffed the man all over, the man lay very still and pretended to be dead.

A short time later the bear left, for it is said that bears will not touch a dead body.

Once the bear was gone, the other traveler climbed down from the tree.

"What did the bear whisper in your ear?" he asked his friend.

"He gave me this advice," the friend said.

"Never travel with a friend who deserts you when danger approaches."

