

Some Bunny Loves You

Have you ever checked under your bed for a village of dust bunnies? Well, last month I did and now I have a ton of new friends. My name is Mr. Cuddlesworth and my new best friend is Hopsicle. He, his friends, and family have all been living under my nose for years, and I had no clue at all! I bet you think it's odd that a teddy bear and dust bunny could become such good friends, but it did, and here's how.

The day I discovered them I was cleaning my room and decided to make sure nothing had fallen under my bed. The dust bunnies weren't expecting me to look. They were all running around doing their daily errands. They freaked out, scared of bears, and ran to hide. Now I know they exist and they know I know.

A few days later when I got home from working at the Honey Factory, Hopsicle was on the counter waiting for me. He said that I had spooked the village, but his hope was that bears and dust bunnies would one day get along. He told me about his plans and I agreed to help. We got straight to work and soon it was time for dinner. So we went our separate ways, planning to finish the next day.

In the morning I started to get ready for work, then I remembered it was Saturday and I don't have work on the weekends. So I went to the treehouse, where Hopsicle and I planned to meet. When I got there I was surprised to find three other dust bunnies with him. Hopsicle hadn't told me this part of his plan. These three friends of his were going to help convince the rest of the village that bears were good. He introduced his sister Pawny, friend Mousse, and cousin Teddy. They had seen him with me and wanted to know what he was doing. He told our plan and they wanted to help. We worked for a while and soon, it was time for lunch. Hopsicle and I ate there, but the others had to go home for the night. Afterward, we continued working until dark, then we both went home. The next day we would put our plan into action.

That morning I got up and started on the plan. We were going to show how harmless I was and hope that they decided to like me. First I was going to help Pawny with her groceries. That went fine, but most of the dust

bunnies ran away. The next thing I did was play soccer with Mousse. That was tons of fun and this time some of the dust bunnies played and others cheered us on. Then I helped Teddy and his wife get ready for a party. They even let me stay and celebrate!

Finally, it was Hopsicle's turn. Tonight there was a talent show and he was going to perform. I was going to play a piano accompaniment to his singing. He had already worked it out with the director of the show, but the audience would be surprised. When the M.C. announced "Hopsicle and Mr. Cuddlesworth" we walked onstage. There was a collective gasp from the crowd, but no one left. We performed and the crowd went nuts, they loved the duet. Many of the dust bunnies had seen me around all day and they were now getting comfortable around me. This was good. It meant our plan worked.

For the rest of the month I gained everyone's trust and soon the city of dust bunnies and I were great friends. I love having them as a part of my life and everyone else loves knowing me too. I do everything with them and Hopsicle is like my brother. We both love and take care of each other.