

## *Alex The Bear Goes to Child Care*

As the tea kettle whistled happily on the stove, Alex leaned closer to smell the yummy smells coming from his morning oatmeal... It seemed like another perfect beginning to another perfect day!

TRANS In Title: ***ALEX THE BEAR GOES TO CHILD CARE***

But today, wasn't like any other day.

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TRANS Out Title

Mommy was darting from here to there as she put on make-up and combed her hair! "Today's such a big day for MY big boy!" But for Alex, it wasn't a big day... It was a BAD day, "A VERY bad day!" [Hmph!]

TRANS

He liked being home with mommy. They always had such fun! They made trips to the playground and built buildings with blocks! They read stories and painted paintings... But not any more.

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They had talked about child care and even visited Miss Ellie's class. But it didn't matter. Alex was sad... and nervous... and even a little bit scared. What would happen when mommy left him? Would he cry? Would the other cubs laugh? His tummy felt like it was filled with a million butterflies!

[Alex gulps and a tiny butterfly pops out of his mouth]

TRANS

“Don’t worry Alex. You’re going to have such fun!”

“Look at the toys... And all your new friends! Remember, mommy loves you and will pick you up before you know it!” Then she gave him a big bear hug! As she left, he wanted to run out behind her but he was stopped by a tiny paw.

“My name’s Charlotte... Wanna play?” And before he could speak, they were off! [They zip away] They played on the playground and built buildings with blocks... They read with Miss Ellie... had a yummy lunch... and a nap. He even got to paint a picture that he finished just as mommy walked through the door! “Look! Look! I made it just for you!”

“Did you have fun?” mommy asked. “It was perfect!” said Alex as they skipped to the car. “See you tomorrow, Alex?” [Alex smiled and said] “Yep! And tomorrow’ll be even better!”

And it was.

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