

Everything's
ROSIE

**BIG BEAR'S
SPECIAL
INVITATION**





Rosie and Raggles were tidying up. They had been playing dressing up all morning.

"I think we're all done, Raggles," said Rosie, as she dropped a shoe into the box.

"That's great," said Raggles yawning, "I'm off for some serious hammock time!"

But no sooner had Raggles jumped into his hammock, there was a knock at the door. Rosie and Raggles had a visitor.



Rosie and Raggles were tidying up the Playhouse when there was a knock at the door.

When Rosie opened the door, Big Bear was standing outside looking confused. "What's the matter?" asked Rosie, inviting him in.




Big Bear showed Rosie an invitation and read aloud, "Dear Big Bear, please can you come to my palace for tea... from The Queen."

"How exciting!" said Rosie.
"You're going to have tea with The Queen!"

But Big Bear was frowning.




The Queen had invited Big Bear to tea. Rosie was very excited.



"I've never had tea with the Queen!" sighed Big Bear. "I'm worried that I'll get crumbs in my whiskers or jelly on my paws."

Rosie giggled. "Raggles and I can teach you how to have tea with the Queen."



Big Bear smiled. "Oh, thank you Rosie and Raggles!" he said.



Rosie and Raggles offer to teach Big Bear how to have tea with the Queen.

First of all," Rosie told Big Bear, "you have to dress right."

They pulled a pink cape, an orange hat and a pair of purple ear warmers out of the dressing up box, but Big Bear didn't like any of them.



Rosie had an idea. "Wait a minute, Big Bear!" she called as she dashed off. She came back with a red bow tie and popped it around Big Bear's neck.

"That looks great!"
said Raggles



Rosie and Raggles helped Big Bear to dress up. They found a smart red bow tie.

"**N**ow," said Raggles, "you have to learn to walk tall with confidence!"



"That's easy," said Big Bear. But although he tried hard to walk properly, he still walked like a bear.

"Try this," said Rosie as she popped a book on top of Big Bear's head. "Now try and walk towards Oakley."

Big Bear set off towards Oakley's Hill. It was hard to balance the book and he felt a bit silly but Raggles cheered him on.



Next they helped Big Bear to walk tall. He felt a bit silly.

Will was hiding in a flower bed and watched as Big Bear tried to balance the book on his head.

"This is my best joke ever! Big Bear thinks he is going to have tea with the Queen!" he chuckled.

Will then spotted Holly who was in the Playground.

"I'm sure Holly would like to have tea with the Queen too!" Will giggled to himself. He took a piece of paper out of his pocket and began to write...



**Will sent Big Bear
the invitation as a joke!
He sends another one to Holly.**



On Oakley's Hill, Rosie, Raggles and Big Bear practiced drinking tea.

"That's good slurping Big Bear!"
laughed Raggles.



Big Bear felt proud. Now he just had to learn to speak properly.

"Repeat after me," said Oakley.
"Rosie and Raggles ran around the roundabout." Each word was spoken clearly. Big Bear took a deep breath...



Oakley tried to teach Big Bear to speak clearly by saying a tongue twister.



"**R**osie and Raggles round-a-ran about the run..oh." Big Bear stopped while Rosie and Raggles smiled to encourage him.

Big Bear tried again. "Rosie and roundabout raggled round and ran and about..." Oh dear, he got all muddled again!

Big Bear let out a sigh. He was determined, so he took a big breath and tried one last time. "Rosie and Raggles ran around the roundabout."

He did it! Big Bear was ready to meet the Queen.



Big Bear managed to say Oakley's tongue twister. Now he was ready to meet the Queen.

Just then, Holly came running up Oakley's Hill.

"I've got an invitation!" Holly told her friends, as she waved the piece of paper. It says "Dear Holly, please can you come to my palace for tea? From the Queen."



Rosie didn't know what to say and just then Bluebird fell out of Oakley's branches!

"I, too, have been invited to have tea with the Queen!" announced Bluebird.



Holly and Bluebird had received invitations too. They were very excited.

Not you as well!" said Raggles, as Rosie looked at the invitation Bluebird was holding. It was the same as Big Bear's and Holly's!



"I've seen this handwriting before," said Rosie.

"I didn't know you knew the Queen," exclaimed Oakley.

"I don't," said Rosie.
"But I think I know who wrote these invitations."



**Rosie looked at the invitations.
She recognised the writing
and realised it was a trick.**

Everyone was upset.

"But I've had a special wash!"
cried Big Bear.

"And I've spent ages polishing my
beak!" complained Bluebird.

Holly's eyes filled with tears. She had
been so excited about meeting the
Queen but it was just a trick.

Rosie suddenly had an idea. "Come on,
everyone!" she smiled. "We ARE going
to have tea with the Queen..."



**Big Bear, Holly and Bluebird
were upset, but Rosie thought of
a way to have tea with the Queen.**

Meanwhile, Will watched his friends from afar and laughed out loud. His trick had worked! But Will was puzzled when they all started walking to the Playhouse. He ran ahead of them to see what was going on.

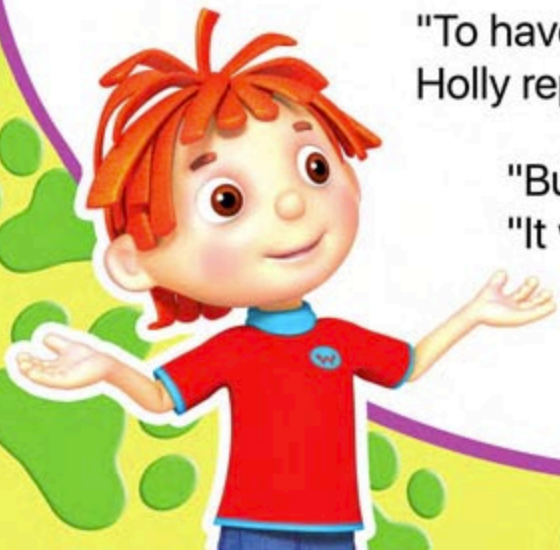
"Where are you all going?" he asked Big Bear, Holly and Bluebird.


"To have tea with the Queen," Holly replied.

"But you can't be," said Will.
"It was only a joke!"



Will wondered how his friends were going to have tea with the Queen. It had been a big joke!





"It is no joke having tea with Her Majesty, I can assure you..." said Bluebird in a posh voice.

"Can I come?" asked Will.

"Have you got a special invitation?"
said Big Bear.

"No," replied Will.

"Well then, you can't come, sorry..." replied Bluebird, but she didn't sound very sorry. Will felt very left out as his friends walked away. Perhaps his trick wasn't so funny after all and now his friends were having a lovely tea without him.



**Will felt left out.
He didn't have a
Special Invitation.**



At the Playhouse, Her Royal Highness Queen Rosie and her Loyal Knight Sir Raggles welcome guests to their palace. Rosie is wearing a beautiful gold crown and the table is laid with delicious cakes and jellies.

Will looked through the window and decided to ask if he could come in. He knocked on the Playhouse door and Raggles answered.



"Hi Raggles," said Will quietly.
"Am I invited for tea?"

"Yes, of course," replied Raggles.
"On one condition...You will have to be our waiter to make up for playing a trick on Big Bear, Holly and Bluebird."



Rosie dresses up as a Queen and they all have tea. Will wants to join in.

"OK," Will agreed, and soon he was dressed up in a smart jacket and carrying a tray of drinks.

Rosie, Raggles, Big Bear, Bluebird and Holly sat around the table and praised Big Bear on how well he had remembered everything - he looked very smart in his red bow tie, he sat up nice and straight and he did great slurping with his tea! It was just like having tea with the real Queen!



"Except..." smiled Rosie, "in this palace you ARE allowed to get jelly on your paws!"

Everyone laughed
- even Will.



Will agreed to be the waiter and everyone enjoyed having tea with Queen Rosie!



At bedtime Raggles wondered what life would be like if Rosie was a real Queen.

"You could wear a really big crown... and we could have an ice cream lake... and a cake factory!" said Raggles excitedly.

Rosie giggled. "Goodnight Raggles," she said.

"Night night, Rosie," Raggles replied.



If Rosie was a real Queen they could have an ice-cream lake, thought Raggles