A Grey Day for Gus

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Gus the hedgehog woke up sad.

He did not know why. The sky was grey. So was Gus.

Fox came by. "Let me tell you a joke!" he said.

Gus did not laugh. "Sorry," said Gus.

Duck came by. "Come and swim with me!" she said.

"Not today," said Gus. He felt like a stone.

Rain fell on the grass, drip, drip, drip.

Gus went and sat under a bush.

Then Rabbit came. She did not tell a joke.

She did not ask Gus to swim. She sat down by him.

"I am sad," said Gus. "I do not know why."

"That is okay," said Rabbit. "I can sit here with you."

They sat and sat. The rain fell on the leaves.

Rabbit held up her big umbrella for them both.

Then the rain was just a soft hum.

Bit by bit, the grey got thin.

At dusk, the sun peeked out. Gus felt a little bit lighter.

He was still a bit sad. But he was not alone.

"Thank you for sitting with me," said Gus.