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## Lucas and the dark forest

Once upon a time, in a forest, there lived a young boy named Lucas. He lived in a cozy cottage with his parents surrounded by tall trees and wildflowers. Lucas loved living in the forest, he would spend hours exploring the woods, playing in the creek, and foraging for wild berries.

But there was one thing that Lucas was afraid of, and that was the dark. When the sun went down, the forest would become very dark and scary. The shadows would stretch long and the animals of the forest would make strange noises that frightened Lucas. He was always careful to make sure he was back in his cottage before

it got dark, so he wouldn't have to be outside in the dark.

One day, Lucas was out playing and having so much fun that he lost track of time. Before he knew it, the sun had set, and the forest was dark. Lucas realized that he was too far away from his cottage and would have to walk home in the



dark. His heart started to race, and he felt a lump form in his throat.

But then he remembered all the times he had explored the woods during the day and knew that he knew the forest well enough not to get lost. He also remembered that it was not only the light that make things beautiful, but also the dark. So he decided that he would be brave and not let the dark scare him anymore. As Lucas walked home, he noticed how the stars sparkled in the sky and the moon shone bright like a lantern. He could hear the crickets singing and the owls hooting. It was actually quite peaceful. He felt proud of himself for overcoming his fear and saw the beauty of the dark.

When Lucas finally reached his cottage, he realized that the dark was not so scary after all. From that day on, he would often stay out later in the evening, and he would never be afraid of the dark again. He learned that by facing his fear, he had opened himself up to a whole new world of beauty and wonder.