# Bruno and the Sparkly Paws

## A FatesFables Story

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# Meet the friends of Whispering Wood



Tilly · Dash · Pip · Bruno · Kiki · Grandma Hoot



It was a busy, sunny morning in Whispering Wood. Bruno had been digging in the garden since breakfast, planting crunchy carrots for the big picnic. Dig, dig, dig went his big brown paws.



Then he spotted the picnic blanket, and all the yummy food.



“Ooh, honey sandwiches! Bruno is so hungry!” said Bruno.



“Wait, Bruno! Wash your paws first. You've been digging in the dirt,” said Pip.



“Bruno's paws are clean enough! Look, hardly any dirt. Bruno knows best,” said Bruno.



Grandma Hoot had been watching from her branch. She had an idea.



“Bruno, dear, let's play a little game. Hold out your paws,” said Grandma Hoot.



Grandma Hoot sprinkled a pinch of sparkly glitter onto Bruno's paws. Then she said, Now, go and say hello to everyone.



Bruno shook Dash's paw. He patted Tilly's shell. He gave Kiki a high five, and tickled Pip under the chin. And then he picked up a honey sandwich. Everywhere he went, a little bit of sparkle went too.



“Hey! My paw is all sparkly now!” said Dash.



“And my feathers! And look, the sandwich is sparkly too!” said Kiki.



“The glitter is like the tiny germs we can't see. They hide on our paws, and they go everywhere we touch. Even into our food,” said Grandma Hoot.



“Oh. Pip was right. And I didn't listen, because I thought I knew best. I'm sorry, Pip,” said Bruno.



“That's okay, Bruno! Come on, let's all wash our paws together,” said Pip.



Scrub, scrub, scrub, with lots of soap and lots of bubbles. Fronts and backs, and in between the fingers, and all around the claws. They sang a little song while they scrubbed, until every bit of sparkle was gone.



Then everyone sat down for the picnic, with clean paws and happy tummies.



“Gather round, little ones. Sometimes a friend tells us something we don't want to hear. But a good listener stops, and thinks, and says, maybe you're right,” said Grandma Hoot.

# The End

Listen, even when you think you already know.

## Let's talk about it

What did the glitter show the friends?

Why is it hard to listen when we think we already know?

When do you wash your hands?

# About FatesFables

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