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Gruff the Grump

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A few days later, Gruff the Grump was fishing in the river when a log floated past. Clinging to the log was a small, soggy rabbit holding an orange pointy thing.

"Hello, Mr Bear," said the little rabbit, soggly.
"Can you help me out of the water please, thank you very much?"

"Humph!" went Gruff the Grump.
But then he reached over to lift the little rabbit safely on to the riverbank.

A large brown bear with a white patch on its face is walking through a lush green forest. The bear is the central focus, moving from left to right. In the background, several trees with green and yellowing leaves are visible. Various forest animals are scattered around: a woodpecker is pecking at a tree trunk on the left; a squirrel is perched on a branch above it; a rabbit is peeking from behind a tree trunk on the left; a fox is running in the middle ground; a small white animal is climbing a tree trunk; and a snail is on the ground in the bottom right. The scene is bright and colorful, typical of a children's book illustration.

One morning, Gruff the Grump was stomping through the forest when he saw something strange . . .

The other animals hid when they saw him coming.
They called him 'Gruff the Grump'.
"HUMPH!" went Gruff the Grump
to show he didn't care.