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Stories**

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But they couldn't catch the Gingerbread Man either, and he soon disappeared out of sight down the road.

The Gingerbread Man ran until he came across two men digging the road. They looked up from their work and called out, "Where are you going, Gingerbread Man?" And the Gingerbread Man laughed as he raced past and said,

"I've outrun a man and his wife, and a little boy and I'll outrun you too-o-o!"

"Oh, you will, will you? We'll see about that!" said the men, as they threw down their spades and ran after him too.

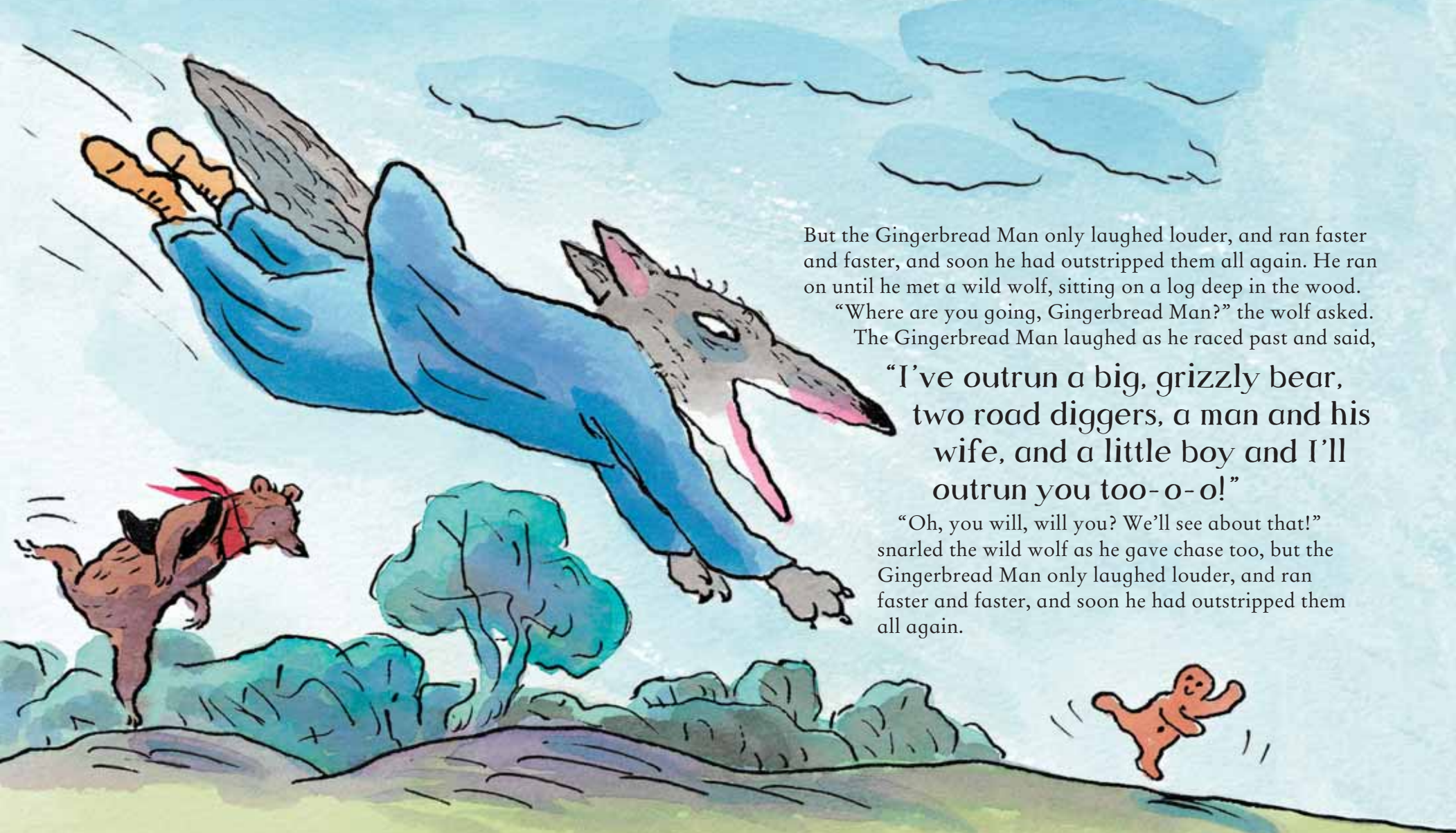


The Gingerbread Man ran on until he met a big, grizzly bear, who was looking for honey.

“Where are you going, Gingerbread Man?” the big, grizzly bear asked. The Gingerbread Man laughed as he raced past and said:

“I’ve outrun two road diggers, a man and his wife, and a little boy and I’ll outrun you too- o- o!”

“Oh, you will, will you? We’ll see about that!” growled the big, grizzly bear as he gave chase too.



But the Gingerbread Man only laughed louder, and ran faster and faster, and soon he had outstripped them all again. He ran on until he met a wild wolf, sitting on a log deep in the wood.

“Where are you going, Gingerbread Man?” the wolf asked. The Gingerbread Man laughed as he raced past and said,

“I’ve outrun a big, grizzly bear,
two road diggers, a man and his
wife, and a little boy and I’ll
outrun you too-o-o!”

“Oh, you will, will you? We’ll see about that!” snarled the wild wolf as he gave chase too, but the Gingerbread Man only laughed louder, and ran faster and faster, and soon he had outstripped them all again.