

The Bump Under the Rug

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For the family of Pip

For Pip, at bedtime.

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Pip's train rug had a bump. A little whistle was stuck underneath. “Soft feet, sleepy whistle,” said Pip.



Pip patted the rug with both hands. The cloth went flat, then popped up again. “Soft feet, sleepy whistle,” said Pip.



Moss sat on the bump, very sure. The bump slid sideways under him. Sitting was not the answer.



Pip fetched his toy station and set it on the corner. The whistle slipped away, and the lump wriggled along the rug.



Pip knelt close. The lamp made a warm yellow patch on the floor. “Soft feet, sleepy whistle,” he said.



Then Pip rolled a toy train carriage along the rug edge. Nudge, nudge, click on the floor. Out came the little whistle.



Pip put the whistle on the table. He smoothed the rug with his foot. Moss watched, and the trains stayed still.



Pip is in bed. It is night, with Bramble and Moss beside him, and his eyes are closing. Sleep well, little Pip.

The end

Sleep tight, Pip.