## Theodore and Tilly-Bear Present



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"Theodore, you lazy animal, summer is coming and the only thing I've got to put on is my underwear. I can't go around dressed wearing just that."

"Hey," said Theodore, "maybe we should get some cool looking sunglasses and a baseball cap. Then, maybe, nobody will notice."

"I need more to wear than that," said Tilly-Bear. "We need to go shopping for some clothes. Let's get going."

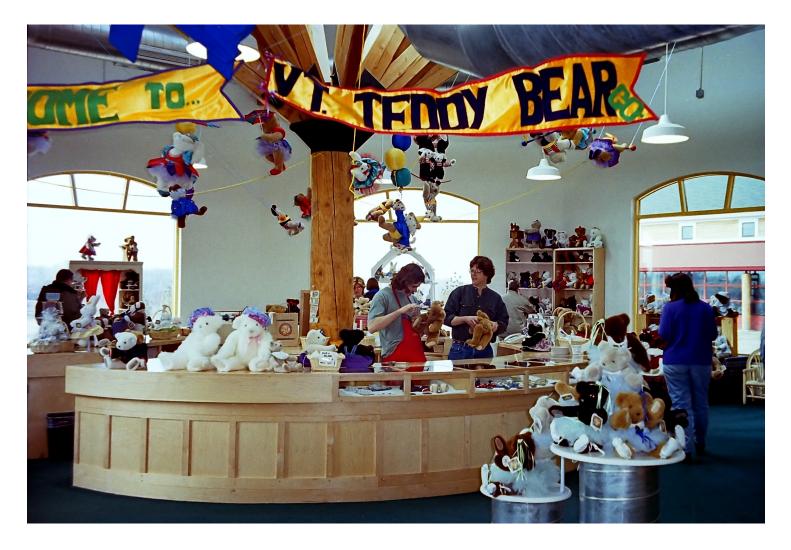


So the two bears began to walk along the road. They walked and walked and after they had traveled several miles, they noticed a strange looking building set back from the road. Curious, they followed the path to the walkway for a closer look.



"What a strange looking place," Theodore said. "Look at that silo with a propeller on top. Maybe it's supposed to fly."

"Jelly bean brain, didn't you notice that they have clothes here?" said Tilly-Bear. "Let's go inside."



So the two bears walked inside, took one look around, and couldn't believe their eyes. Everywhere they looked they saw teddy bears wearing the latest fashions.

"Hi, my name is Alex," said a nice young man. "Can I help you find something?"

"Yes you can," Theodore replied. "My sister and I want some cool looking sunglasses and baseball caps."



But Tilly-Bear's attention was elsewhere as she began to look at all of the clothes the teddy bears were wearing. Suddenly, she noticed a pretty purple summer dress.

"Oh Mr. Alex," asked Tilly-Bear, "do you have that dress in a size 15?"

"Yes we do," he replied.



So Alex got the two bears a pair of cool sunglasses, a baseball cap, and, for Tilly-Bear, a purple summer dress.

"You bears look great," Alex exclaimed.

"Thank you for all your help," the two bears replied as they got up to look around a little more.



Then Theodore noticed that the store was almost empty. Suddenly, he turned and whispered in Tilly-Bear's ear, "We've got to leave right now while nobody's looking."

"But what's the rush?" asked Tilly-Bear, hoping to shop a little longer.

"Well," said Theodore, "if we don't get out of here soon, somebody's likely to notice us, and then we might get sold!"



"Yikes!" exclaimed Tilly-Bear, as the two of them ran out of the store, down the walkway, and hid behind a bush.

"We safe?"

"I think so," Theodore answered. "Come on, we better get going home."



So the two bears headed for home. When they got back, both settled down in their lawn chairs to soak up the sun.

"Theodore, do you like my new dress?"

"Yes, Tilly-Bear, it looks nice on you."

"I have a question. When we were out shopping, why didn't you buy yourself something to wear during the summer?"

"I already have something," Theodore replied as if annoyed.



"Then why don't you put it on right now? After all, the sun is shining and the skies are clear."



"Because," Theodore interrupted, "it's a rain coat!"