



Frog and Toad All Year



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Down the Hill

Frog knocked at Toad's door.

"Toad, wake up," he cried.

"Come out and see

how wonderful the winter is!"

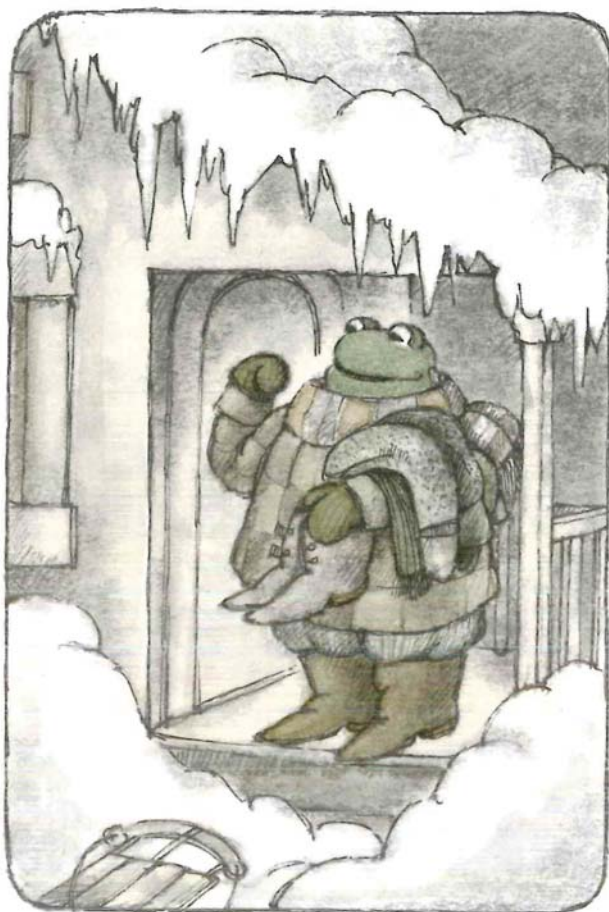
"I will not," said Toad.

"I am in my warm bed."

"Winter is beautiful,"

said Frog.

"Come out and have fun."



“Blah,” said Toad.

“I do not have
any winter clothes.”

Frog came into the house.

“I have brought you
some things to wear,” he said.

Frog pushed a coat
down over the top of Toad.

Frog pulled snowpants
up over the bottom of Toad.





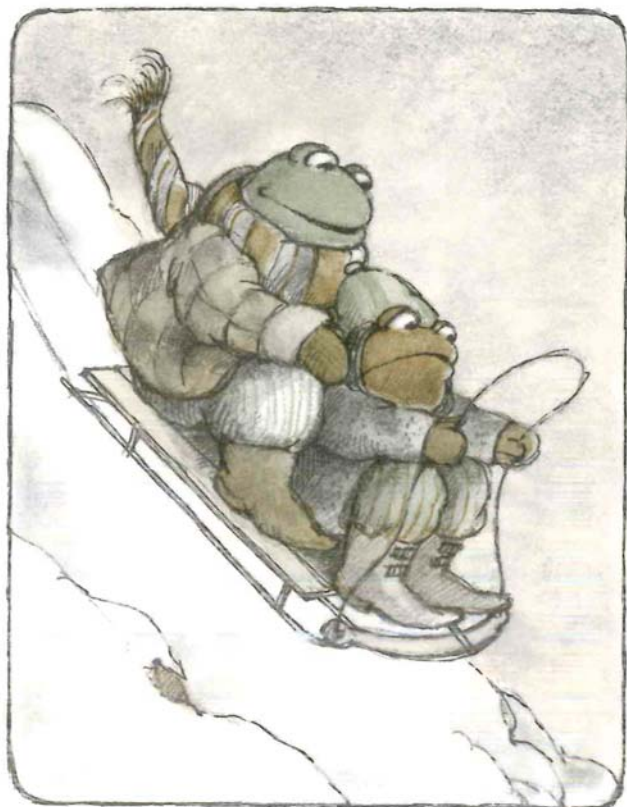
He put a hat and scarf
on Toad's head.

"Help!" cried Toad.

"My best friend
is trying to kill me!"

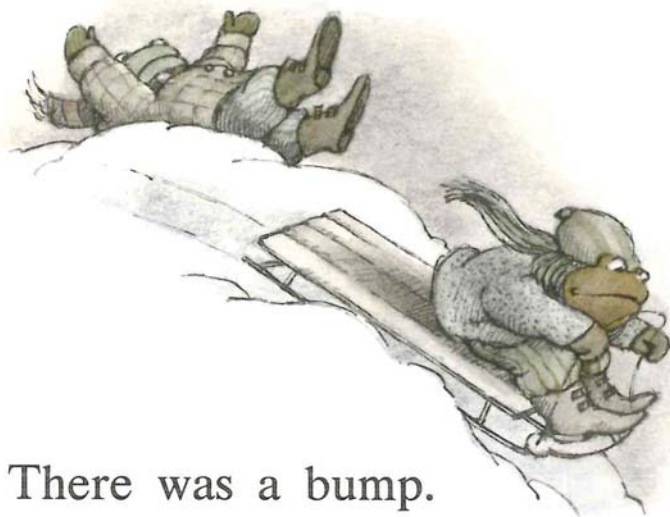
"I am only getting you ready
for winter," said Frog.

Frog and Toad went outside.
They tramped through the snow.
“We will ride
down this big hill
on my sled,” said Frog.
“Not me,” said Toad.
“Do not be afraid,” said Frog.
“I will be with you
on the sled.
It will be a fine, fast ride.
Toad, you sit in front.
I will sit right behind you.”



The sled began to move
down the hill.

“Here we go!”
said Frog.

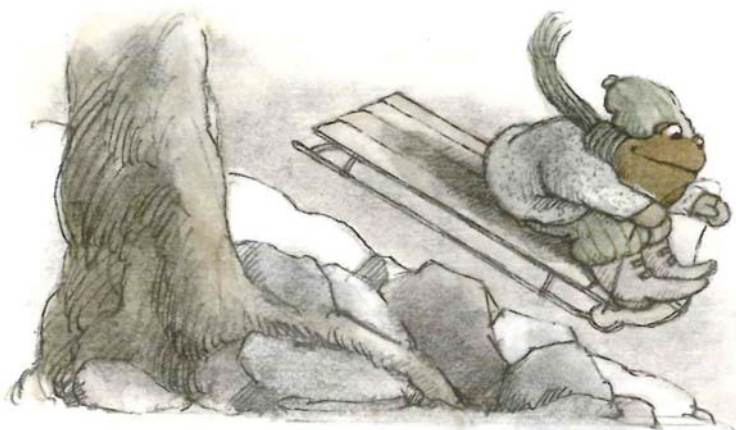


There was a bump.

Frog fell off the sled.

Toad rushed past trees and rocks.

“Frog, I am glad
that you are here,” said Toad.





Toad leaped over
a snowbank.

“I could not steer the sled
without you, Frog,” he said.

“You are right. Winter is fun!”



A crow flew nearby.

“Hello Crow,” shouted Toad.

“Look at Frog and me.

We can ride a sled
better than anybody
in the world!”

“But Toad,” said the crow,
“you are alone on the sled.”

Toad looked around.

He saw that Frog was not there

“I AM ALL ALONE!”

screamed Toad.





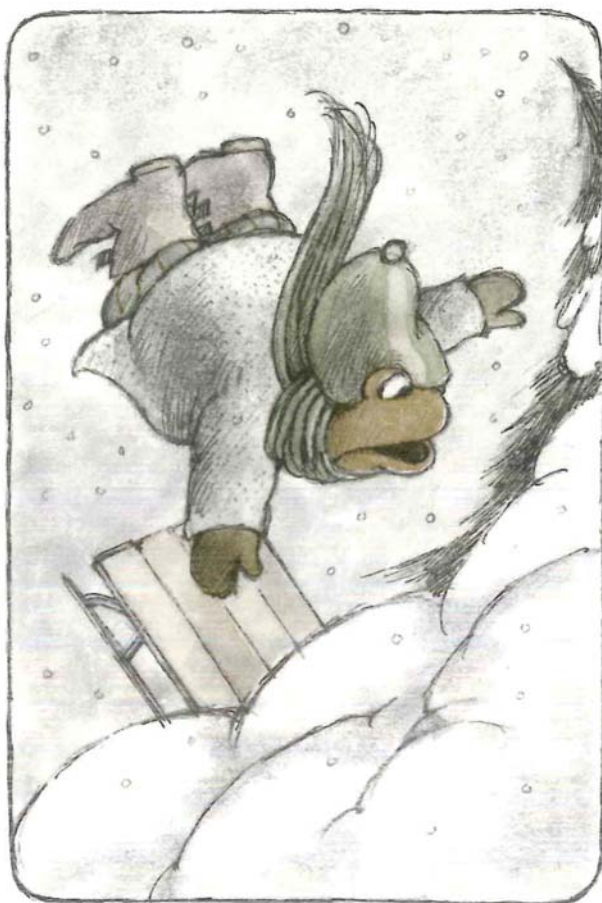
Bang!

The sled hit a tree.



Thud!

The sled hit a rock.



Plop!

The sled dived
into the snow.



Frog came running down the hill.

He pulled Toad out of the snow.

“I saw everything,” said Frog.

“You did very well

by yourself.”

"I did not," said Toad.

"But there is one thing
that I can do
all by myself."

"What is that?" asked Frog.

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