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# The Magical World of Winnie the Pooh, Vol. 8: Growing Up with Pooh

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"CLOUD, CLOUD GO AWAY"

Tigger is bouncing, bouncing and bouncing... He could do it blindfolded with his ears in his mouth. he's trying to teach Pooh Boy to bounce. You don't become a skilled bouncer overnight. It takes at least twelve hours, you know. He is about to bounce a large tree - and it's just the right light. He gets ready to bounce, when a little cloud appears, casting a gigantical shadow. Shoo, go away! Amscray! Don't show your fluffy face around here again, Tigger says. However the cloud gets angry and turns grey with rage. He tried to bounce the tree and bounces into the cloud. The cloud starts to rain on Tigger, or is it crying? It starts following Tigger around, raining only on him. Tigger goes to Rabbit clad in yellow rain gear. Maybe the cloud wants to be a storm when he grows up. Rabbit wants Tigger to stay in his Garden, watering his garden. Tigger is disguised as an apple to hide the cloud and he apologizes to Pooh for not being a cleverly disguised bee hive... The cloud finds Tigger him and snows on him. Tigger bolts up his house, but Cloudy comes in through the stove and rains in Tigger in his bed. Man the life boats, we're goin' down! Tigger has come to stay with Pooh. He's come up with a plan and he needs his friends help. He dressed Piglet and Pooh as Tiggers as he tried to lasso the cloud. He plans to take the cloud anywhere he's not... But the cloud ends up taking him! And blasting the string with lightning, disintegrating it as the others run and hide, but the cloud blasts their hiding spot... Do they roast marshmallows? Or head for the logs? They hide inside a big hollow log. Pooh suggests talking to the cloud and apologizing. The cloud was just doing what clouds do. he might have hurt the clouds feelings. You never know what's going to upset a cloud. Clouds are very sensitive. He does apologize for calling him names. He promises never to upset any other cloud ever again, cross his stripes. A rainbow pours out of the little cloud. Tigger bounces up to it and into the cloud, softer than fluff... And he makes friends as the cloud helps him execute his bounce, and the cloud hugs him. Tigger promises to look him up next time it's stormy as he goes to bounce a really, really tall tree he saw from his cloudy friend.

"ME AND MY SHADOW"

Piglet is depressed that he has no one to play with. Pooh is trying to gather hunny. Pooh is dressed as a sun, however he says to Piglet that the bees will get suspicious of two bees. Tigger is bouncing where no Tiggers have bounced before. Rabbit and Eeyore are building Eeyore's crisscross wood stick house. Piglet wants to help, but he accidentally knocks the house down. He's sad because there's no one else to play with. He wants to find a very small friend to play with. He decides to play with catch his shadow. Piglet says that he's happy that his shadow doesn't ignore him. The gang sees Piglet playing with his imaginary playmate and are sorry that they ignored him. They decide to entice him by going out to catch fireflies, but now the shadow's depressed and runs away. Piglet is upset.

Tigger is determined to find the lost shadow. It's not in the chimney or in the closet. Pooh lets Piglet borrow his shadow. He thanks Pooh, but still wants his own. Tigger offers his shadow too. However Tigger's shadow bounces off and the gang run after it. Piglet stays home, upset feeling it's all his fault. He takes a candle into the night looking for his shadow and he tried to be brave, a small animal in the night. Piglet's shadow is being trounced by some mean tree shadows. Piglet saves his shadow by asking him to make a scary hand shadows to scare the trees. The candle goes out, and it's all dark, and the shadow is gone again. Piglet is upset that he's lost him again, but he sees shadow when he's home and goes to sleep. Nighty nite.

"EASY COME, EASY GOPHER"

Rabbit is digging a ditch with Piglet and Pooh to save work. he plans to fill it with water to fill it with water to water his garden, but Gopher fills it in... He tells Rabbit he almost ruined the work of a life time and shows them a special blackboard - an equation for The Ultimate Tunnel... His Grandpappy once accidentally tunnelled into the Grand Canyon and ever since then he's had the dream... Gopher's tunnel is to start at... Rabbit's house... Pooh accidentally smears hunny on Gopher's blackboard... Much to Rabbit's delight... And he puts some bogus equations on the board. However the equation involves Piglet's house... Tigger's house... Pooh's hunny tree... Pooh confesses to Tigger, and Piglet... They try to change the equation back... Rabbit is trying too, but he doesn't know how, but they try their hand at Tiggernometry anyway, and they try to dig Grandpappy's Ultimate Tunnel... ut is caves in and splits the earth around... Gopher says that their homes were important and they were included in the tunnel... But they can clean up after it. Rabbit's windmill collapses... and Gopher's made his dream, choosing Rabbit's house for the site of his Super Tunnel...

"THE BUG STOPS HERE"

Pooh has offered to baby-sit Roo and Dexter (owls highbrow cousin) But it's not baby sitting, they're not babies... They mess up Pooh's place with a pillow fight and would be delighted to assist in any recuperative maintenance Pooh may require, but Pooh just asks them to clean up... Pooh takes them to Christopher Robin's house - it's larger to untidy. Chris is showing them his science project... a box with holes in. It's outside... but it's inside... and there's a big caterpillar! The buggie flees, and the gang are happy that they saved Christopher Robin's science project... but the bug was Christopher Robin's science project... And they go off to find the bug. Any bug worthy of a name is usually bugging Rabbit... Rabbit is chasing them away with a broom. They go to Rabbit and ask for a bug. He tells them there aren't any good bugs and tells them they can take them, but they've fled. Roo and Dexter want to go too to find a bug. Dexter tells them that Pooh that he'll keep them safe on the quest, however they feel

responsible. They go off... bug meeting and Pooh discovers he can't baby sit Roo and Dexter without Roo and Dexter. Roo and Dexter are getting worried about being alone in the woods. A large caterpillar finds their lunch... They're upset because they've lost their lunch... The bug gives it back and they happily ask him to join them... Pooh comes to rescue them. Tigger, Rabbit and Piglet have trapped themselves in their suspended net, but the others get them down. Chris loves his huge bug - the best science project in the whole class. Reluctantly Rabbit gives up some of his vegetables. Roo says the caterpillar is their friend and Chris promises to let the bug go after he's shown him in class. The other caterpillars still don't want him with them, but he gives them some of their vegetables. Roo and Dexter agree that Pooh is a most proficient baby-sitter. Indubitably, Pooh says.