

# *The Uncomfortable Glass Slippers*

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## *Creative Writing Ideas*

"I followed the direction her finger was pointing. My eyes went round and so did my mouth.

"No way," I whispered. Then I said, "So cuuuuute." I dropped to a crouch and held my hand out toward Rory, gesturing with my fingers for him to come over to me. He ambled across, lay on his back with his legs in the air, and rolled from side to side as I tickled his furry little tummy. He gave little yelps of happiness, and when I tried to pull my hand away he grabbed at my arm with all four of his legs.

That's right. I counted them. He had four legs, no arms, and was covered in ginger fur. He was a bear. He was a baby bear. In fact, after I thought about it, I realized that he was the Baby Bear from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. He was seriously cute and cuddly. Well, until he opened his mouth that is."

Wow, Rory becomes Baby Bear in the second of Sabrina Summers' Strange Sagas, can you imagine what that must be like, to be a talking bear? Try one of these short story ideas:

- ✎ Write a short story where you wake up one morning to find that you have become a bear. What do your parents, friends and teachers say? What do you like about it and what doesn't work out so well?
- ✎ The magic glass slippers really hurt when Sabrina wears them. Write a story about a fantastic magic object but give it a twist – what goes wrong when you try to use it?
- ✎ Latrina Earwax turns out to be a were-dragon; that's someone who turns into a dragon at the full moon, just like a were-wolf turns into a wolf at the full moon. If you could be a were-something, what would you pick?
- ✎ Aidan is a really good friend to Sabrina and the others. They know what it's like in his world, but imagine what might happen if they took him back to Melas, to their world. What things would he see and eat and try? How weird would it be for him?