A warm, painterly illustration of a bear family. On the left, a large brown bear (Mummy Bear) holds two small brown cubs. In the center, another small brown cub is visible. On the right, a large brown bear (Grandma Bear) looks down at a small yellow cub (Little Bear) who has a surprised expression. The background is a soft, warm glow of orange and yellow light.

It had been a surprise to Little Bear when Mummy announced she was going to have a cub. The idea of having someone to play with was great and Little Bear was very happy to be getting a baby brother. He had not planned or even thought about having to play with a sister too. But that was exactly what had happened. Mummy Bear had twin bears, a baby brother, but also a baby sister and apart from Mummy Bear and Grandma Bear, Little Bear was quite sure he did not like girls.

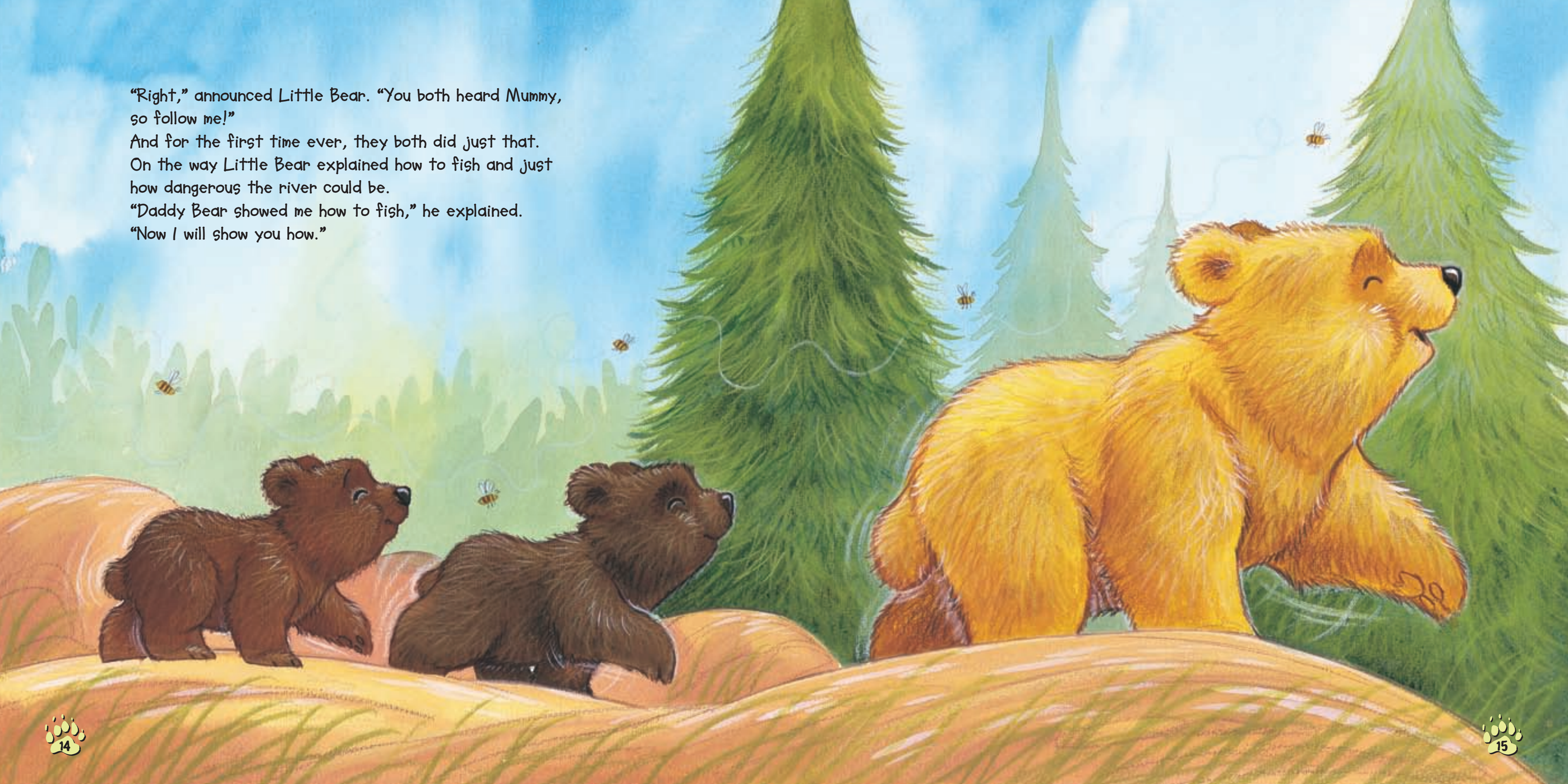


"Right," announced Little Bear. "You both heard Mummy, so follow me!"

And for the first time ever, they both did just that. On the way Little Bear explained how to fish and just how dangerous the river could be.

"Daddy Bear showed me how to fish," he explained.

"Now I will show you how."





Being a boy bear, his paws were just a little wider, his shoulders just a little thicker and his whole self just a little heavier. When he stepped onto the log, it really did start to wobble, his paws began to tremble and the log began to shake. They both clung on, but the log had now come loose and was floating down the fast flowing river.

