

## The Bear – Bear Takes Manhattan

(Text in bold is The Bear addressing Manhattan directly, looking out of a window of the Empire Suite of the Fours Seasons Hotel.)

This is the story of how I, Great Britain's first ever Vampire Bear took Manhattan and the whole of New York! Twas a bright and stormless night...

**“Humans and Teddy Bears of Manhattan, listen to me and listen well, for I am Great Britain's first ever Vampire Bear and I come to you from the Empire suite atop of the Four Seasons Hotel! Yes be afraid, be very afraid, stop in the streets and stare in wonder at your nearest televisual device. For I have already taken over the broadcasting stations of Manhattan, New York and Beyond! See me on your screens in the Bars of Brooklyn, The Sidewalks of Staten Island, The Malls of Manhattan, The Backstreets of the Bronx, The Lobbies of Long Island and the Qu...the Qu....the...Oh curse my stuffing brain... erm... Everywhere in Queens! I am in your EYES! I am in your EARS! I am in your MINDS! Bow beneath me and beg for your lives, cover your necks and beg for mercy, drop to your knees and beg for your souls! Do not send in your police humans with their batons and bullets, for I am in-turmoil, I mean IMMORTAL! Leave your crosses in your churches, they do not offend me. Leave your garlic in your grocery stores, their smell does not bother me. Leave your silver bullets...actually yes, just leave them please...! Leave your...”** *(Beep beep sound effect)*

‘What’s this? Who dare interrupt me when I’ve barely got going? How very bear you? A text message? *(reads)* ‘Riddle me here, riddle me there, who’s afraid of a little...brown...bear...?’ What is this insolence, who text this tripe? Do you not realise who I am? One more message like that and you’ll find yourself slumped in the corner of the elevator of the Four Seasons Hotel, like Boris the bolshy bellhop with two blood dripping holes from his neck! Boy, the boy tasted good, rejuvenating! Ha!’

‘Where was I? Ah yes, taking Manhattan!’

**“Humans and Teddys, lurk in the alleys, quiver in the shadows, hide behind the dumpsters, Etcetera...Etcetera, for tonight I will walk amongst you! I have a hunger, a yearning, a lust for blood and fur, my needs you will incur! I like that, it rhymes!”**

*(Distracted by something in the sky.)* ‘What on earth now? Ha!, Do you think shining a ‘bat wing signal’ into the night sky will do you any good? Your bat man is long gone, he can’t save you now, this isn’t Gotham you know!’

**“Bow to me, the Vampire Bear, bring me your children and their Teddy Bears, sacrifice them to save yourselves! Feed me their blood and fur, flesh and stuffing, their soft skin necks and stitching! You may see me as just another Bear full of cotton stuffing, but it’s not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me!”**

‘This is so much fun, if only Cousin Steiff could see me now!’

**“The night is darkest just before dawn, and humans of Manhattan, your dawn is coming! Run for your lives, cower in you swanky loft apartments, go to/**

**Voice:** There he is Mummy! On the window ledge looking out over the city! Hehe! Silly Ol’ Bear!

*(Bear is grabbed by a human hand, cuddled and dragged off stage)*

'Unhand me at once! Let go of me Johnathon! Can't you see I'm busy taking Manhattan! Oh the indignity! Fine! Just don't carry me upside down please, the blood runs to my head.'

**The End.....**

**For Now.....**

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