



WHAT'S UNDER MAVERICK'S BED?
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Maverick was a little boy who loved bedtime. Every night, his dad would tuck him into bed, read him a story, kiss him on his forehead, and turn off the light. But one night, as Maverick was about to fall asleep, he heard a strange noise coming from under his bed. It sounded like a soft scratching. Maverick felt a shiver

run down his spine, but he was too scared to look.



Maverick called out for his dad in a tiny voice. 'Dad, there's a noise under my bed,' he said, his voice trembling. His dad came rushing back into the room and asked, 'What's the matter, Maverick?'



Maverick's dad knelt down and looked under the bed with a smile. 'See, there's nothing here, Maverick. It's just your imagination playing tricks on you,' he reassured his son.



After his dad left the room, the scratching noise returned. Maverick felt his heart race with fear. He pulled his blanket up to his chin and tried to ignore the sound, but it wouldn't go away.



The next night, Maverick decided to be brave. He took a deep breath and peeked under his bed. To his surprise, he saw two shiny little eyes staring back at him. 'Hello?' he whispered.



The eyes belonged to a tiny, furry creature. It was a friendly little mouse! 'Hi there, little guy,' Maverick said with a smile. The mouse squeaked in response, and Maverick knew that he had found a new friend.



From that day on, Maverick and the mouse became the best of friends. They would play games together and share secrets. Maverick no longer felt scared at bedtime, knowing that his little friend was there with him.



Maverick learned that sometimes, things that seem scary at first can turn out to be wonderful surprises. He also realized that it's important to be brave and curious, as it can lead to new and exciting friendships.



Maverick couldn't wait to tell his dad about his new friend. 'Dad, guess what? I found a little mouse under my bed, and now we're friends!' he exclaimed, his eyes shining with joy.



Maverick's dad smiled and listened to his son's story. 'That's wonderful, Maverick. I'm glad you were brave enough to look under the bed. It's amazing how a little curiosity can lead to such happiness,' he said, ruffling Maverick's hair affectionately.



Maverick and the mouse went on many adventures together, both in real life and in their imaginations. They discovered that the world is full of surprises and that true friendship knows no bounds.



And so, every night, Maverick and his little mouse friend would listen to bedtime stories together, cuddled up under the covers. Maverick had learned that sometimes, the most unexpected friendships can be found in the most unlikely places, even under his own bed.