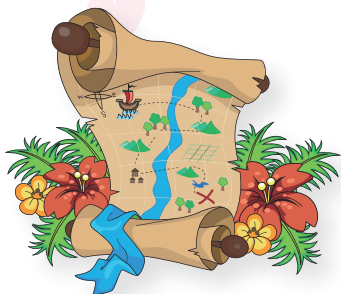


THE TREASURE HUNT

CHAPTER 1



LOVE

IS MORE THAN JUST

Flowers and Chocolates

This was my first valentine's gift that centered on a teddy bear and saying goodbye to that past. My brand new wife, of just two months, had a teddy bear from her past boyfriend of twelve years laying around in a prominent spot for memory's sake. By sheer luck one of my dogs, Lucy, happens to choose this object as her play toy or victim. After I got home from work, we had a crime scene that would make the players of CSI drool; body parts and stuffing everywhere. Let's just say my wife was not too happy with me and 'my' dogs (like I was the mastermind behind this crime and planned the whole event). Just as a side note, if I decided to 'go after' her bear I would: (1) start by kidnapping the bear leaving a ransom note, (2) then send one body part back by mail over the next year, and (3) she would have never known it was me. You may be thinking that I have a dark side and a little morbid, but you have to remember we are talking about a toy bear, an inanimate object, a combination a cloth, stuffing and thread...but back to the tragedy and my opportunity to say goodbye to the past and create a new and loving future. Since I was in the 'doghouse' any ways, I couldn't lose. This is when I came up with the idea of a treasure hunt with a new teddy bear as the treasure. Watching her search around the house was not only fun but actually exciting following her around and congratulate her every time she figured out each clue. When she got to the final location, inside the clothes dryer, the new replacement bear not only made her happy but made me look like a hero and started our romantic journey of valentine ideas. Thanks Lucy!

The idea:

This is an idea that you can have fun with. The point is to have her search throughout the house (in or outside – your choice), with your clues, to find the treasure. The first clue takes her to the next clue and so on.

For example:

- 1) Note on the first card “It’s cold in here” (next card is in the freezer)
- 2) Note on the next card “round and round we go” (next card is in the dryer)
- 3) Note on the next card “This little piggy went to market” (next card is in the sock drawer), and so on.

Note:

To make the treasure hunt more exciting for her, have a little gift with each clue.