

It was very quiet when someone shouted, "Hey! Anybody home?" Yoopie jumped up quickly and peeked out from under his bush to see who it was.



"Whoa! You scared me," Yoopie said to the stranger as he looked out from under his bush. "Would you please be more careful?"

"Sorry, friend. I was just wondering what that red thing was under your bush. I guess I do have a pretty loud voice for a little guy. I'll try to keep it down."

"Thanks," Yoopie said.

"Hey, what's your name?" the stranger said. "Mine's Munky."

"Munky?! You sure don't *look* like a monkey!"

"Of *course* I don't look like a monkey!" the stranger giggled. "I'm a chipmunk. Munky's just my nickname."

"Nick?! I thought you said your name was Munky!"

"No, it's not Nick!" Munky said, laughing. "It's Munky! Munky's my nickname! You know — *nickname* — like Dash is for Dasher and Rudy is for Rudolph! I can't help it if my nickname sounds like a real monkey!"

"Oh, I get it! Duh!" Yoopie said and then he laughed. "My name's Yoopie and sometimes my friends call me Yooper."

"Could I call you Yooper, too?"

"Sure! I'd like that!"