



TOP BEAR

by Bill Nagelkerke

TV News has received reports of strange events taking place on Lockdown Street in Bubbletown. We have all seen bears in the windows of houses around the country adding interest to lockdown walks, but lately it seems to have sparked some “bear-faced” rivalry. Two bears on Lockdown Street seem to be trying hard to get the most attention and become the street’s top bear. Families have been enjoying the competition.

Photographs of Dora and Ted first appeared on social media in March.



A few days later, Ted was seen holding a rugby ball and wearing a striped scarf.




Next, Dora appeared in her window, climbing a rope.

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- Go Dora – you have reached your peak!
- Your name should be Edmund Hillary Bear!

Soon afterwards, Ted appeared in a new outfit.



Ted



5,291

- A flying bear – amazing!
- This bear is really taking off!
- Ted is the best bear – that's plane to see! lol.

Dora



6,960

- Twinkle, twinkle, little bear!
- You are a star, Dora!
- A-DORA-ble ❤️❤️



Not to be outdone, Dora appeared the next day surrounded by stars.

We cross now to our reporter Nellie Ready, who is in Lockdown Street.

“Kia ora, everyone. Well, I’ve spoken to the owners of the two bears, and they deny all knowledge of the bears’ antics. Ted’s owner could not say how his favourite rugby scarf had come to be in his front window. And Dora’s owner says that she was as surprised as anyone to see Dora surrounded by those glow-in-the-dark stars.

“What is going on here? Will these strange events continue? Will these two remarkable bears keep trying to outdo each other? Who will be the top bear of Lockdown Street?”

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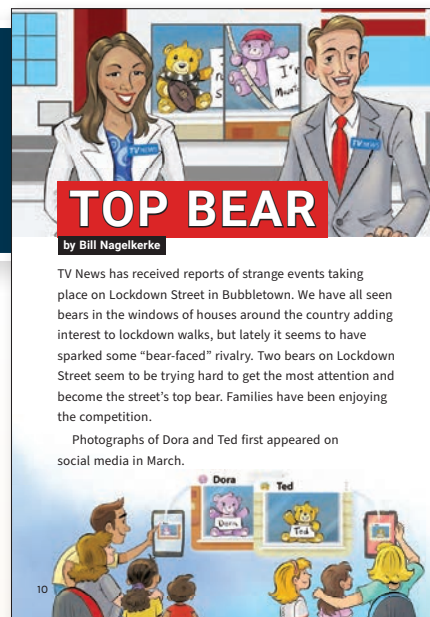
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