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Bears: Gay Erotic Stories

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Bears in nature are notorious for their appetites, and the men of *Bears* are equally voracious, devouring every beefy hunk in sight. These uninhibited symbols of blue-collar butchness put all their larger-than-life attributes—hairy flesh, big bellies, massive arms, and that other party-size accoutrement—to work in these close encounters of the furry kind. The “teddy bears’ picnic” becomes an S/M potluck play party in “Mr. Bear’s Birthday Bash.” In “Bear-Assed,” a West Hollywood boytoy meets a Russian River Daddy Bear who teaches him the pleasures of bearlove *and* serves him porridge. *Bears* takes you deep inside the world of these manliest of men (and their cub counterparts), as they romp and rage from woodland orgies to urban lust-fests.

“ ‘I’ve seen you watching me,’ he says in a deep, gravelly voice as he passes money through the opening in the glass partition. ‘Grabbin’ your crotch and starin’ out the window.’ He nods to where his shovel lies abandoned in the dirt. ‘You got me so riled up I had to take a break and come in here to check you out up close.’ He runs his eyes over my body and grins. ‘Skinny, but you got hair on your chest so you can’t be all bad.’ “ —from “Digger” by Hank Edwards

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