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***I Am Not a Worm!* – written and illustrated by Scott Tulloch**

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Scott Tulloch tells this tale with few words, all spoken, but those used express lots of emotion. Speech is clearly differentiated, using speech bubbles and boxes.

Likewise his colourful characters sketched on a plain white background, show their moods clearly. Indignation, annoyance, anger are shown in the way each character is drawn.

Hello, little worm. I am not a worm.

Not a worm? Nope.

Are you sure? Yep.

... very sure? YES!

Okay ... no need to be a grump. I'm not being a grump.

You grumped at me just now! No, I didn't.

... You did! I didn't. DID!

Irritation and annoyance escalate.

The twist at the end of the tale is quite unexpected and should provoke discussion (and maybe even a few tears?)

Reviewed by Chris Wright

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