

Bowdoin Convocation Faculty Address, August 29

I was scared out of my wits, I was terrified, or as we like to say around here, I was outside my comfort zone. I'd never seen a porcupine before. We don't have them in England. We have hedgehogs. Which is a bit like comparing



being frozen to death. But soon they felt each other's quills, which induced them to separate again. And then, when the need for warmth arose once more, it brought them

were eating griddle cakes and going on hikes—

isn't wrong,

Finally, and most importantly—don't worry! Things which may seem really intimidating at first—porcupines,

