

My Baby Brother and the Diaper Parade

Once there was a family that went to the park. There was Mom, Dad, a girl named Rainey, and her baby brother Judge. Judge was so excited to get to the park, he toddled ahead. Rainey decided to enjoy the sunshine and sit on the swings. Suddenly, Judge stopped and changed his path away from the playground to behind a tree. From the swings, Rainey peered around the tree to see what was happening. She saw her red-faced little brother squatting behind the tree and she heard the faintest sound of a “toot”. Soon, she saw little black things buzzing around her brother. After a few minutes he marched towards the playground and the flies followed. He stumbled up the stairs and before she knew it, a pair of cheerful little warblers swoped down, and with a trilling song, seemed to be chasing the flies. From behind Rainey, she heard a purring sound. It was Miss Gardener’s cat, Ginger. Ginger must have seen the birds with the corner of her eye, because she leapt towards the birds and her baby brother. She appeared almost to be like an Irish dancer as she frolicked on her hind paws, reaching and spinning for the birds. Then Rainey heard a bark. It was Mr. Gregory’s dog, Spotty. He was known throughout the neighborhood to loathe cats. As Judge was hopping over the playground bridge, Spotty sprinted towards the twirling cat, the trilling birds, the buzzing flies, and her stinky baby brother. Rainey could not believe her eyes. Almost as if it were magic, the frolicking cat and the bounding dog began twirling about in a dance. Rainey rubbed her eyes in amazement and looked up again. Judge jumped off of the playground right under the monkey bars. Out of nowhere, monkeys playing symbols came romping about. Rainey couldn’t believe what she was seeing. Judge was conducting a musical parade of animals. Suddenly, Rainey jerked in alarm. She opened her eyes and saw her stinky little brother kick her in the leg. She looked around and realized, it had all been a dream.

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