

The New Girl

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THIS STORY IS DEDICATED TO

MOM


BECAUSE

She is always there for me and raised me on her own with the help of my sibling. She fed me everyday and she was the one who put me in this class to make me a better writer. I am very grateful for what she does for me everyday. She always makes sure I am cared for and that I do well in school. She has cared for me my entire life.

An illustration of a classroom scene. A teacher, a woman with blonde hair, is standing at the front of the room, partially obscured by a large white speech bubble. She is wearing a light blue shirt and a green skirt. In the foreground, three children are seated at a wooden table. On the left, a boy with spiky red hair, freckles, and a striped shirt under dark overalls sits in a brown chair, looking towards the teacher. Next to him, a girl with red hair in a bun, freckles, and a yellow shirt with a black skirt sits in a brown chair, also looking towards the teacher. In the bottom right foreground, the back of a girl's head and shoulders is visible; she has long brown hair in a ponytail with a blue hair tie and is wearing a yellow shirt. On the table in front of the boy and girl are a red book and a yellow book. The background shows a classroom with a whiteboard, a chalkboard, and a desk with a chair. The floor is a reddish-brown color.

It was a new day at Kooky Elementary. Alex and Brianna heard that there was going to be a new transfer student. They knew instantly that they wanted to be friends with the new girl or boy. "I hope its a boy, we will be best buds" said Alex excitedly "I hope its a girl we will have sleepovers" said Brianna looking as if she was daydreaming finally the bell rung ."Hello class this is our new transfer student her name is Penny" said the teacher excitedly. Then the teacher said "Penny will you please introduce yourself to the class?" Penny walked to the front of the class and said " Hello my name is Penny and I really enjoy playing volleyball with friends, and I also enjoy math."






When Penny sat down everybody treated her like an outcast. Everybody always stared at her. She started to think everybody in this school was weird and it didn't help that the little girl with black hair was picking her nose the whole time. Alex saw this scene and felt bad for Penny. "Sorry," Alex finally said " She's really weird she picks her nose like every single day my names Alex by the way." "Hey my name is Penny nice to meet you" said Penny. "And I'm Brianna Alex's twin sister nice to meet you Penny." "Nice to meet you too Brianna" said Penny excitedly.





After school Alex and Brianna went to go walk their dog Appa. They were really excited because a new dog park had opened in the neighborhood. They wanted to take Appa to go see it. Even Appa was excited to go to the park he's always excited to go everywhere with anyone. The twins were extra excited because their friends Marcie and Brayden invited them over to their house and it was the twins first time going over to a friends house when their mom said yes they where thrilled. Marcie and Brayden said they could even take Appa if they wanted to and that their dogs can have a play date together while they all eat pizza and had fun.





But suddenly to their surprise they heard the best rhythm and the tune was on point. They both thought that an international band was at that house. The rhythm was so magical even Appa was mesmerized and pulling on the leash to go to the house and investigate where that beautiful tune was coming from. At some point, the rhythm started getting so chaotically beautiful. The twins just had to go investigate what the rhythm was but they knew it was wrong so they tried to leave.




But then suddenly Appa pulled on the leash and ESCAPED!! The twins went running to go get Appa and try to catch him but he was just too fast and he got away the twins tried to step on the leash but failed. Alex actually almost fell while trying to step on the leash. Brianna was so close to catching Appa by lunging on him but she didn't want to hurt him so she couldn't fully jump on him. So then they had to keep running toward him down the hill up the grass and finally down to the house







An illustration of two children with bright red hair. The child on the left has their hair in a bun and is wearing a yellow shirt. The child on the right has spiky hair and is wearing a yellow and red striped shirt with black overalls. They are in a room with a piano, a small table with a lamp, and some papers on the floor. A large, white, hand-drawn speech bubble is positioned above them, containing text. The background is a simple room with a piano and some furniture.

When the children entered they expected to see a really big band. But to their surprise they saw Penny and what seemed to be her dad. "Penny?" asked Alex "Oh Alex and Brianna what are you doing here?" asked Penny confused but happy at the same time " Oh we where just walking our dog, Appa and he started running down the hill to your house we are very sorry we will leave now" Brianna said sadly "Oh! you won't need to leave we need some more percussion in our song" said Penny's dad. "Let's take this outside we need more space"



They got outside and Penny's dad gave the kids some percussions. "The homemade maraca for Brianna and the homemade guitar for Alex" Penny and Brianna started playing with the homemade maracas together. Penny's dad showed Alex how to play the guitar. All the children played their instruments happily and Appa found Penny's stray bunny and he looked like he wanted new friend.





These were the homemade maracas they are large glass bottles with a bunch of little bottle caps inside of it that makes the sound of shaking in the bottle.

These are the homemade Tingle Lings Penny and her dad invented them. It is a bunch of straws tied together with hair ties. To use it you pull the hair ties and when you release it it makes a SNAP noise.



This is another one Penny and her dad invented they called it The Shakers it's like the maracas but a little different this is a can with a toothbrush through it you grab the toothbrush by the bristles and you start shaking it because it has soda caps to make the music.

These are all the materials that Penny's dad used. As a drum set a trash can to make the vibrations. The second one is the one with the pan tops on it so you hit it with the stick and it pushes down then jumps back up and makes a little boing noise. The last one is the one with two floaties with a stick sticking through the middle of them and then they put a hole in the stick and put some bottles through the holes so the bottom of the bottle is sticking out. Penny's dad uses bottles to make a loud BANG sound and if he wants he can make a CLANG sound.





Then all the kids got the instruments and started playing a lovely tune. Soon the tune got so good that the whole town came and kids from school realized that Penny wasn't that bad. Soon a lot of people started to recognize the tune and started to sing "MAYBE I LOST MY MIND NO ONE NOTICED NO ONE NOTICED!!!" They all sang happily Alex and Brianna saw all their friends.



The towns people noticed than Penny and her dad needed some house renovations. They all joined in to help them make their house brand new. They got paint, hammers, nails, and wood planks to cover up the roof top so that when it rains it doesn't get the house all wet and damp. Penny's dad helped all the old people get around and Appa and the stray little bunny ran around playing in the grass careful not to get hit by people moving stuff around.







ABOUT THE AUTHOR

My name is Monica Peralta and I was born here and I really enjoy playing volleyball and hanging out with friends after school. I have 7 close friends and they all make me laugh every day at school and out of school when I grow up I want to be a veterinarian.



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