

## H.P. and the Floating Soap

One day a rubber duck named H.P. sat on the side of the bathtub. This duck was a green yellow and orange duck. He had H.P. written in green marker on the bottom of him. He had a small hole on his beak so he could squirt water. He was not the play in the water kind of rubber duck. He was a super duck! But he was afraid to go in the water. Now for the story:

One day Harry was walking home from school and he started thinking about his rubber duck H.P. He wondered if he'd get to see the floating show his rubber duck put on most afternoons. Maybe Harry would see the squirting from the beak show. Or he wondered if he would get to see the scrape off the soap and the sit in the puddle act. In that act H.P. scrapes a hole in his soap bar splashes some water in it and sits in the puddle and the soap bar floats.

When Harry got home he unpacked his bag and did his homework as fast as he could so that he could watch his duck's floating show. In the show H.P. balanced on one wing and tip toed across the soap bar. When he got to the end of the soap bar he slipped and almost fell in. H.P. screamed "oh no", but Harry grabs a cup to scoop H.P. and put him back on his soap. "You should face your fear of water H.P." said Harry "and don't go to close to the edge of your soap bar if you don't want to fall in." H.P. said "my act includes going close to the edge but I am scared of the water so I might not go that close." When the show was done Harry left the bathroom.

The next day when H.P. was practicing his floating act Harry came into the bathroom. Harry was surprised to see his rubber duck doing such a challenging move. Harry could hear H.P.'s wings flapping on the soap and knew he was practising the flying on the mushy soap move. H.P. asked for a new soap bar because his old bar was getting thin. When Harry walked out of the bathroom H.P. fell off his soap and into the bath. "My eyes are soapy and my ears are wet." moaned H.P. "Help me I can't swim" he yelled. Harry came bursting in and he saw H.P. flailing in the water. Harry ran for a cup to rescue H.P. safely. Harry accidentally dropped the cup in the tub. He decided he would leave the cup so that H.P. would face his fear of water. H.P. thought while he was treading water. He thought that he might be able to swim because he was getting good at treading water. He decided he would try to swim to the cup. H.P. faced his fear of water and swam to the cup. When he got to the cup he wondered what he would do next but luckily Harry lifted the cup up. H.P. felt very proud. "Good job H.P." cheered on Harry.

Nowadays H.P. practices swimming and his floating act.