

FLAMING GHOSTS

Bob, Jaime, Alex, Sienna, and Rob were in the same class together, 5G. It was 12:00 PM; they were in the middle of building their bird feeder for the principal to keep the squirrels away, when the loud speaker boomed "Could we please dismiss, Bob Palodos, Jaime Art, Sienna Pelt, Rob Jo, and Alex Rodenotavich?" "OK" the teacher boomed as loud as she could "I will dismiss them right now."

Bob, Jaime, Alex, Rob, and Sienna were really surprised because their parents had told them to stay late after school for chorus. The five children left their classroom in to the quietness of the hallway to go down to the pickup lane when the principal came out of a nearby classroom and asked, "Gone so soon? I thought you were finishing up your bird feeder?" "What?" exclaimed the 5 children in chorus "We just got sent home by you."

"HA HA HA HA HA HI HI HI HI HI HU HU HU HU HO HO HO HA HO HO HO HO HE HE HE HE HE I sure got you that time fair and square by 25 miles long eh eh. The children felt relieved that it was just a joke. When they got to the pick-up line they saw Alex's mom in her minivan ready to drive them home. Their homes are right next to each other on a little loop where all the backyards meet in the middle. Alex's mom Fernandez Rodenotavich preferred to be called Feriz was waiting for them patiently to drive them home.

When the children were in the car they all asked why they were being taken from school early and her response was, "You get to have a 15 minute long play date before a grand surprise." The children were shocked, they never had any grand surprises ever, ever, *ever*. "What's the grand surprise?" they all asked pretty much at the same time. "Well," said Feriz, "I can't tell you what it is but I can give you some hints. Here's one, look in the trunk, and another is we are going to Maine."

When the children got home they were told where they were going and were really happy because they were going camping. "Hop on in" said Alex's dad who had one long red eyebrow and a red curly moustache, so they all hopped on in. "Jaime, do you think we will have any

adventurous adventures?" asked Bob. "I don't kn...." "Time to set camp" ordered Alex's dad, "Can't waste a minute." "OK," the kids chorused and set up the tent. In no time they were all sitting around the fire babbling away next to the babbling brook. "Don't stay quiet otherwise the flaming ghost will appear and try to catch us," said Sienna.

Suddenly, they heard a twig break and everyone including Sienna fell quiet. "What was that?" asked Rob. "Don't you dare fall silent, I told you that the ghost of flames would appear and now it's too late, he's going to try to catch us." WOOOOOOOOOOHHHOH, WEEEEHHHEH, WUUUUUHHHHUH, "what's tha... the... thr... thf... tha... hat... that?" asked Rob in a really trembling voice. "It's the gho... gho... ghost of the fire" replied Sienna. "Now **RUN** as fast as you can or the ghost will come and catch you." "No use running I got you MWAHAHAHAHAHAHA" said the ghost. "No, you don't, come and try to catch me you little ghost" said Alex, the best runner on his soccer team. "This way" said Sienna "follow me."

They all ran Pell Mel through the camp until they felt safe. "We're safe" said Jaime. "No you're not" said the ghost appearing from behind a tree. The children ran down an alley until they realized they were trapped. "You're trapped you little midgets" said the ghost. "Quick run down the alley and then circle around him" said Alex. They all started to run until they got stopped by the ghost holding them by their shirts. "HELP!" screamed Jaime, and Alex, "We are all trapped by the evil ghost of the flames." "I am going to have you for supper tonight" said the ghost and started to run away with the five little helpless kids. "MWAHAHAHEHAHEAHUHUHOHAHAH."

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