

① Jane's First Sleep Over

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One spring, sunny day June and Abby's families all went for a picnic in Central Park. They played baseball, tag, duck-duck goose and other fun games. Abby's brother Jack and Jane's brother Rob thought the baseball game was the most fun because they both scored runs. Jane's sister Anna and Abby's sister Robin thought the picnic was fun and they should plan another one again soon. The parents Mary, Chris, Mel and Kevin thought it was a great idea to have another picnic in Central Park because it was big and there were great places to play.

Later in the day when the sun was setting over the carousel and they were about to leave Abby asked, "Hey Jane do you want sleep over at my house tonight?" Jane's face froze and for a second she didn't say anything then Jane said, "I can't sleep over."

"Why not?" questioned Abby. Before Jane was able to say anything Abby added, "you aren't scared are you?"

"No way, of course not!" said Jane. "I just can't."

All of a sudden Robin and Anna started to chant "Jane is scared, Jane is scared."

"At least I'm smarter than you guys!" Jane said as she huffed off. But Jane thought about how Robin and Anna were right about her being scared. She felt like a baby which made her feel bad inside. Why couldn't she sleep over at Abby's house? she'd played there a million times but she'd never slept anywhere but at her own house with

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her parents right across the hall.

Coincidentally, two weeks later Jane and Abby's families had tickets to "Typo" at the New Victory Theater. After the show Abby asked again,

"Jane, do you want to sleep over at my house?"

"Why don't you sleep over at my house?" said Jane.

"But I always sleep over at your house and you never sleep over at my house. I think Robin and Anna are right when they said you're scared to," said Abby.

"Well I'm not...it's just...I don't want to," said Jane.

"You don't want to! That hurts my feelings! Anyway, I think you're scared and you're lying to me. Maybe if you tried to sleep over at my house you might like it," said Abby.

"Fine" said Jane "I'll do it just to show you I can. See you Friday night after school."

When Jane walked away she thought I hope I won't embarrass myself and start crying like a baby for my Mom and Dad or worse wake up in the middle of the night and want to go home. Yikes! I can't believe I just said yes thought Jane. But I have to because Abby looked so excited and I did say I would.

Friday came along quickly and Jane was pretty nervous and excited at the same time to sleep over at Abby's house. At first the girls were having a blast. Jane and Abby watched their favorite movie "Elf" and said the lines they knew by heart.

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They played Candy Land and watched the Disney Channel. They painted each other's nails and put on make-up. They ordered Chinese food and ate until their stomachs ached. Abby's Mom came in the room and told the girls it was time for bed. As Jane got into the bed next to Abby she started thinking about her Mom and Dad. She got quiet and her eyes filled with tears. Abby noticed and said, "let's play one more game in the dark with a flashlight so my parents won't see the light on." The girls played game after game of War until Jane and Abby fell asleep.

Jane woke up the next morning when she heard Abby in the bathroom brushing her teeth. As she layed in bed she smiled thinking about all the fun she had and how proud she was that she made it through the night without her parents. She couldn't wait to tell her family how much fun she had and how she wanted to do it again soon.