

THE NIGHT THE SKY FELL

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One cold winter night, Papa Whoppah was rolling the garbage can to the street for trash pickup the next day, when an icicle fell from a tree and bonked him on the head. Since it was dark, Papa could not see the icicle, so he thought "A piece of the sky has fallen on me! I must go tell Momo."

He ran to the door, and went inside. There was Buddy Muddy, who was wagging his tail and hoping to get a treat. Papa said, "Buddy, when I was outside, a piece of the sky fell on me! We need to tell Momo right now." Buddy had no idea what he was talking about, so he just wagged his tail some more.

Some of the kids were at the house. Lonzo Gonzo was watching TV, so Papa said, "Lonzo, a piece of the sky hit me on the head! We have to tell Momo right away." Lonzo wanted to watch the show, so he said, "OK, you go ahead, and I'll catch up."

Austin Boston was sending a text to his friend, so Papa told him "Austin, when I was outside, a chunk of sky hit me on the head! Momo needs to know right away." Austin thought, "That's pretty odd, even for Papa." So , he just nodded and smiled and went on with his text.

Papa went upstairs, and found Audrey Tawdry playing with the iPad. He said, "Audrey, I was outside just now, and a piece of sky hit me! Where is Momo, so I can tell her?" Audrey said, "She is in the sewing room. I will go with you."

So both of them went to the sewing room, where Momo was making a new quilt. Papa said, "Momo, you will never guess what just happened!"

Momo could see that Papa and Audrey were excited, so she said "I don't know what it was. Tell me."

Papa said, "No, you have to guess." Audrey thought that was pretty odd, even for Papa.

Momo said, "Let's see. Did you slip and fall on the ice?"

"No," said Papa.

"Did you find a gift that Santa dropped?"

"No," said Papa, smiling.

"Is it something silly like an icicle falling on your head and you thought it was a piece of the sky?"

Papa did not know what to say, but Audrey fell on the floor laughing, and could not wait to tell the others.

Momo said, "Was that it?"

Papa nodded his head, and felt silly and a little sad. But Momo and Audrey gave him a big hug and said it was OK. So, Papa went to bed, but inside he was very glad that the sky wasn't falling after all.

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