

THE PRINCESS AND THE elf

What do you do when you are suddenly under a spell?

By Rachel Carr
Cambridge Elementary

Once upon a time there lived a beautiful princess named Sarah who lived in a gigantic castle. She was 7 years old with sky blue eyes and curly, blonde hair. She was fun and exciting but a little selfish.

One day, when she was playing house, she wanted to get something down from a high shelf, but she could not reach it. She went and asked her mom and dad to help her. They said that they were busy with the baby. She did not like her baby brother because her parents always focused on him. So every time Sarah went close to her baby brother, he would cry. Since her parents would not help her, she could not get what she needed off the shelf.

She whined, "I wish I could be bigger!" Then she went outside to the lovely flower garden.

She complained, "I can never reach things!"

A little, wicked elf heard her and cast a spell on her. He was tiny with pointed ears and orange hair. He told her what the spell was and how to break it.

He explained, "The spell will make you keep growing bigger and bigger. To break the spell you have to make your baby brother laugh."

First she liked growing bigger. Then she started not liking it



Young writer Rachel Carr, who was a second-grader when she submitted her story, donned her princess robes to illustrate her award-winning story.

Ryan Chalk
The Reporter

because she could not fit in her bed. She was trying to figure out how to, but there was no possible way. By tomorrow she would be bigger than her parents! Maybe being big was not so great after all.

She wanted to break the spell, so she tried lots of plans to make her baby brother laugh. One was to act like a clown and dress up like one, but that did not work. She thought and thought, but she could not think of anything! Then she tried making funny faces like pulling her ears and sticking out her tongue, but he was still frowning.

She said, "I give up!"

She started walking out of the room. Then she accidentally tripped, and her brother smiled. So she kept on pretending to trip, and her brother started to laugh!

Then the wicked, horrible elf came and yelled, "No one has broken my spell before!" Then he vanished.

Sarah shrunk to her regular size. Then her baby brother liked her, and she liked him. So they lived happily ever after.

The author was a second-grader when this essay was submitted.

Mother inspires tribute

By Rachel Harrison
Foxboro Elementary School

The person I respect most, Doesn't even be mean or boast.

She isn't rich, she isn't poor She just keeps me from getting bored.

The person I respect most, Is true and she never lies. She bakes me pumpkin pie, When I am really hungry. She doesn't make too much

money My dad says she's a honey. My mom is who I respect most She loves me and cares for me.

She lets me be me, Is that what you see? The person I respect most is, MY MOM!

The author was a third-grader when this poem was submitted.

Fun party

By Jordan Eckmann
Sheldon Elementary School

We went to a water party. Mom and me did water bombs. I threw it at my mom and her face got wet. Then mom and me ate salad with five croutons. I got a balloon and a dinosaur mask and we dug for bones. Then we went home.

The author was a kindergarten when this entry was submitted.

Frosty tale

By John Osuna
Silveville Elementary School

Frosty jumped off of my car and a monster grabbed him. They took Frosty to the castle and put him on fire.

The author was a kindergarten when this entry was submitted.

Tarantula surprise

By Wyatt Todd
Notre Dame School

Black tarantula Hid in my bedroom slipper, Fuzzy feeling ... YUCK!

The author was a second-grader when this entry was submitted.

Meet the Students of Reporter U

Blogs written by local students @ college campuses around the country

MEET OUR COLLEGE BLOGGERS:



Michael Sean Carpenter, aka Sean Flood, is a 2004 Vacaville High School graduate who is attending San Francisco State University this fall.



Jarni Crabtree is a Fairfield High School graduate who is majoring in literary journalism at UC Irvine.



Aaron Crawford, a student at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., is a graduate of Will C. Wood High School.



Chad Golden, a 2005 Vacaville High graduate, is junior at California State University, Chico double majoring in construction management and concrete industry management.



Jonathan Lord, a Buckingham Charter Magnet High graduate, is majoring in music at Azusa Pacific University in Southern California.



Noren Shoyeb is a 2007 graduate from Will C. Wood high who is majoring in psychology with an emphasis in mathematics at UC Davis.



Courtney Innes is a sophomore at Brigham Young University and a Will C. Wood graduate.

Find it @ <http://blogcentral.thereporter.com/reporteru>