

Jerry skipped down the road as he headed home from school. He knew that he had a surprise waiting for him at home. Jerry's Uncle Marvin was visiting from the city. Uncle Marvin always brought a gift for Jerry when he came to visit. Jerry could not wait to see what the gift was this time.

When Jerry ran in the front door, he saw his Uncle Marvin sitting in the living room. "Hi, Uncle Marvin," yelled Jerry. "You are still as loud as you always were," said Uncle Marvin. He gave Jerry a big hug. Jerry knew that Uncle Marvin was teasing him. Uncle Marvin liked to tease Jerry. "What did you bring me?" asked Jerry. "I just got off the plane and you are already asking me for a present!" said Uncle Marvin. "If you go out into the backyard, you will find a present."

Jerry ran out to the backyard. He could not wait to see what Uncle Marvin had brought him. There in the backyard was a shiny new bike! The bike was red with black handlebars. Jerry jumped up and down with joy. He had never ridden a bike before.

Uncle Marvin came out behind Jerry. "Let's see you get on this bike and ride it," he said. Uncle Marvin and Jerry wheeled the bike to the sidewalk. Jerry climbed on the bike. Uncle Marvin stood on one side and held the bike as Jerry pedaled the bike down the sidewalk. Faster and faster Jerry pedaled with Uncle Marvin running along beside him. At last, Uncle Marvin let go of the bike. Jerry was riding the bike all by himself! Jerry pedaled down to the end of the street. He was so excited that he finally had a bike of his own to ride.

Suddenly the bike hit a bump. Jerry and the bike went crashing into a nearby tree. Jerry sat up slowly. He felt dizzy and was seeing

stars. Uncle Marvin came running up to Jerry. "Are you alright?" he asked Jerry. Jerry groaned as Uncle Marvin picked him up. "Maybe I can't ride a bike after all," Jerry said. "Sure you can," said Uncle Marvin. "Everyone takes a spill on a bike when they are learning how to ride."

Uncle Marvin picked the bike up. He helped Jerry climb on the bike. Jerry took off much more slowly this time. With Uncle Marvin's help, he was riding the bike by the end of the day.

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