

Edward and Arthur Williams were brothers who were very close in age. Edward was in the seventh grade, and Arthur was in the fifth grade. They spent most of their time trying to think how they could get into trouble.

The Williams family had a cleaning lady, who came twice a week to their home. Her name was Kristina, and she didn't like Edward and Arthur because they played tricks on her. Whenever it was time for Kristina to catch her ride home, she could never find her purse. Edward and Arthur would hide it in unusual places like the refrigerator, so Kristina spent a great deal of time searching for it. Their mother would punish the boys, but it did not seem to stop them.

One morning, Edward told Kristina that she had a bug in her hair. Of course, she didn't really, but Kristina believed him. She screamed and ranted while running around in a circle.

"Don't worry, Kristina, I'll get it out. Just be still," said Edward with a sly grin on his face. Kristina stopped in her tracks and let Edward comb through her hair with his fingers to remove the imaginary bug. "Thank you so much, Edward. I just hate bugs," said Kristina. "Anytime, Kristina," said Edward. He was so bad.

Arthur and Edward had a sister named Barbara who was in the eighth grade. Barbara knew how bad her little brothers were and she tried to keep out of their way. One evening as the family sat down for dinner, Arthur began reading aloud from a slip of paper: "Robby is the one I love. He is handsome and tall. I hope to marry him some day and be the happiest girl in the world."

Barbara shrieked with horror, "Where did you get that piece of paper? You must have stolen it from my drawer. Give it back to me this instant!"

Arthur and Edward laughed and danced around Barbara as she began to cry. Mr. Williams snatched the paper from Arthur and gave it back to Barbara. "Now, can we eat our dinner in peace, PLEASE!" he said, and Edward and Arthur respectfully sat and ate their dinner.

One morning, the boys decided to play in the garage while Mrs. Williams went to the store. They had been forbidden to play there. They climbed up the side of the garage and up onto the roof. They could see all the way down the street.

Suddenly the roof gave way and they both fell through, all the way to the floor of the garage. Kristina ran out of the house. She hoped the boys were not hurt. When she opened the door, there sat the boys covered with dust, laughing aloud. "Why, you won't be laughing by the time I catch up with you, you naughty boys!" said Kristina. The boys ran out into the yard, knowing that they would have to pay for their adventure when Mrs. Williams returned from the store.

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