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# Puppet Play

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## Comic

**SAMANTHA:** [redacted]; Kelsey and Brittanny's [redacted] friend

**KELSEY:** [redacted] Brittanny's sister.

**BRITTANNY:** [redacted] Kelsey's sister.

*Yesterday, after school, A bedroom, which [redacted] girls share. Kelsey "loses" her new teddy bear and enlists [redacted] help in finding it. Kelsey is on the floor, looking for something.*  
**SAMANTHA enters.**

**SAMANTHA:** What are you looking for, Kelsey?

**KELSEY:** My new teddy bear.

**SAMANTHA:** Did you look in the closet?

**KELSEY:** Yes! And under my bed.

**SAMANTHA:** How about under mine?

**KELSEY:** Yeah, Samantha. I can't find it!

**SAMANTHA:** Well, it has to be here somewhere, unless you—Did you take it downstairs?

**KELSEY:** I don't think so.

**SAMANTHA:** Sometimes you do. When you're watching TV.

**KELSEY:** But I haven't watched TV today.

**SAMANTHA:** I'll help you look. But maybe we can figure out where you left it.

**KELSEY:** Okay. Thanks.

**SAMANTHA:** When you got up this morning, what did you do?

**KELSEY:** I washed up, got dressed, and I braided Brittany's hair—it got all tangled. She was really mad! Mom had to fix it.

**SAMANTHA:** Uh-huh. Did you ask her if she saw it?

**KELSEY:** She's not home yet. She's got her after-school program today.

**SAMANTHA:** Which one?

**KELSEY:** Oh, you know, where they use puppets.

**SAMANTHA:** Oh, that's right. I forgot.

**KELSEY:** I have to find it. Mom'll kill me! And I won't be able to go to sleep.

**SAMANTHA:** Was Brittany *really* mad at you? About her hair?

**KELSEY:** Yeah! She said I did it on purpose!

**SAMANTHA:** Did you, Kelsey?

**KELSEY:** Well . . . no. She was just squirming all the time.

**SAMANTHA:** Maybe she hid it.

**KELSEY:** Hid it! Oh, Samantha, if she did I'm gonna—hide her stuffed dog!

**SAMANTHA:** I'm gonna look all the way on top of the closet. Here, hold the chair while I . . .

**KELSEY:** Can you see it?

**SAMANTHA:** Not yet, but I can feel something all the way at the back of the shelf.

**KELSEY:** Reach farther!

**SAMANTHA:** I'm trying! Hold onto the chair!

[*As she reaches, BRITTANY walks in with her backpack.*]

**BRITTANY:** What are you doing?

**SAMANTHA:** We're looking for something.

**BRITTANY:** What?

**KELSEY:** My teddy bear.

**BRITTANY:** The new one?

**KELSEY:** Uh-huh!

**BRITTANY:** Oh. You look really silly up there, Samantha.

**KELSEY:** At least she's helping me. *You* hid it!

**BRITTANY:** Hid it?

**KELSEY:** Yes!

**BRITTANY:** You mean this one?

[*She takes a small teddy bear out of her knapsack.*]

**SAMANTHA:** Where did you get that?

**BRITTANY:** Kelsey gave it to me. This morning.

**KELSEY:** I—. . . Oh, my gosh!

**BRITTANY:** She said I could take it to use as a puppet in my after-school program because she was sorry she messed up my hair. We did a puppet play of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. He was Baby Bear.

**SAMANTHA:** Did you, Kelsey?

**KELSEY:** I forgot.

**BRITTANY:** Here, Kelsey.

**KELSEY:** Thanks. I'm—sorry, Brittany.

**BRITTANY:** That's okay. I forget things, too.

**SAMANTHA:** Like whose turn it is to walk the dog, for example?

**BRITTANY:** Oh! It's—mine?

**SAMANTHA:** Uh-huh. And he really, *really* needs to go out.

**BRITTANY:** Oh, I better hurry. [*She runs out.*]

**SAMANTHA:** Now you'll be able to get to sleep tonight.

**KELSEY:** Yeah. But I better do my homework now. I'm going downstairs.

[*She puts the teddy bear on her bed and leaves.*]

**SAMANTHA:** Okay. See you later. [*SAMANTHA picks up the teddy bear and pretends it's a puppet.*] And you better be good, little girl, or I'll eat all your porridge. And you too! [*She puts the teddy bear on the bed and leaves.*]