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I love Mom's coat!

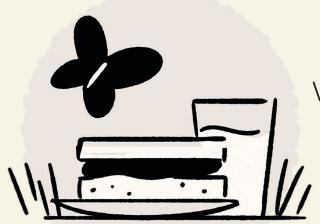
It's red and long and warm.
And it smells like Mom!

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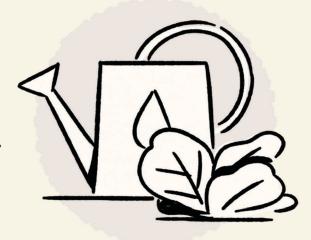


I love doing things with Mom!



We picnic outside.

We work in the garden.

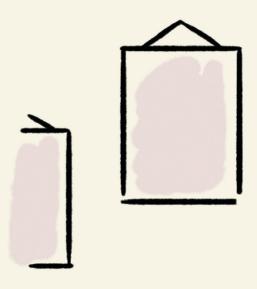




She hugs me when I come home from school.

At night, she holds me tight until I fall asleep.

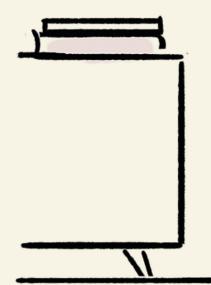




'Good news!'

says Mom.

'I found a job! I will be away all week, but I'll come home on weekends!'







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'Who will hold me at night, Mom?'

'Who will hug me, picnic with me, garden with me?'





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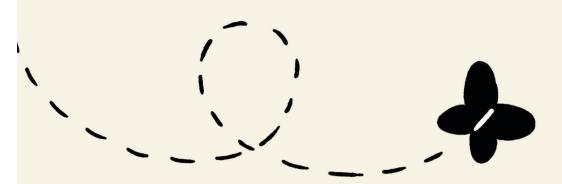
'I can see that you are sad. I will leave my red coat here with you.'

'When you see it, remember that

I love you

and I'm coming back.'

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I drag the red coat outside – it's my picnic blanket!

It feels like Mom is with me.

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I am sad that Mom's not waiting at the door when I come home.

I put on her coat.

It's warm and it smells like her. It feels like a hug!





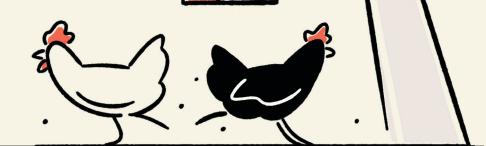
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The long coat on the branch scares away the chickens!

It feels like Mom is gardening with us.





When it's dark, I miss Mom most.

Gogo covers me with her warm coat.

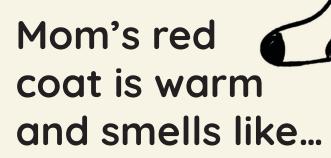
It feels like Mom is holding me as I fall asleep.





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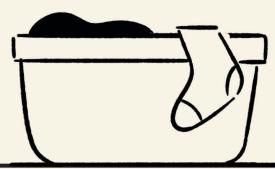




paint, juice,

mud

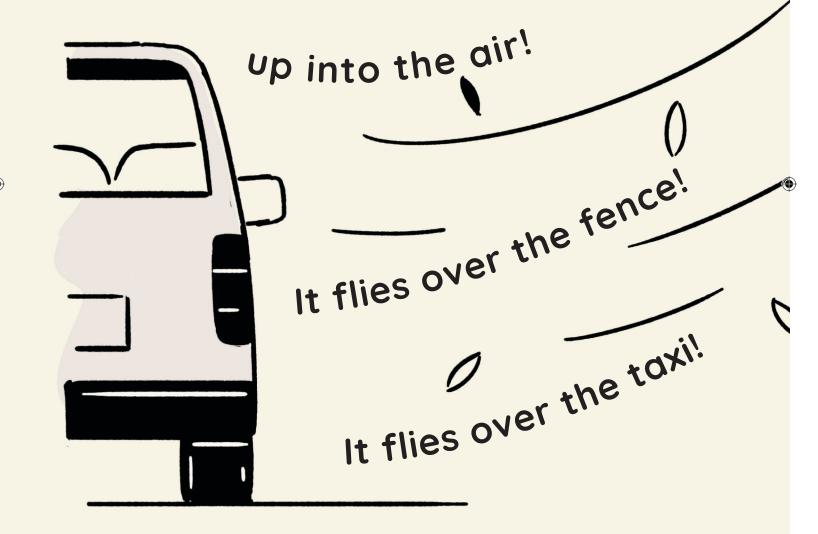
and cookie crumbs!







The wind blows the red coat off the washing line...



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I run and grab it!

'Found you, coat!'

The red coat smells like Mom again.

'Oh!' 'Found you, Mom! You're back!'







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