

DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

Perky Squirrel's Riddles By DADDY Jack and Janet have a funny game of riddles in the woods with Perky Squirrel. In the midst of their fun Perky Squirrel suddenly tells them to hide.

CHAPTER IV The Brown Stranger

"Hide! Hide!" whispered Perky Squirrel to Jack and Janet. The children looked quickly around, but their eyes found nothing to alarm them. They wondered if Perky Squirrel was trying to play a joke upon them.

No, Perky Squirrel was not trying to play a joke. He was on the look-out for a tree above the heads of Jack and Janet and could see farther away than they could—looking over the small bushes.

"Hide! Hide!" again urged Perky Squirrel.

"Where shall we hide?" asked Janet.

"In a hollow tree, of course," answered Perky Squirrel. "That is the best hiding place in the woods."

"I'll show you a fine tree," whispered Perky Squirrel, leading to the ground and bounding along ahead of them.

"Don't make any noise," Perky Squirrel warned.

Jack and Janet kept as quiet as they could and hurried after Perky Squirrel. Soon they came to a very large tree, around which the bushes grew thickly.

Perky Squirrel darted among the bushes, and when Jack and Janet followed him, they found the bushes hid a large opening into the hollow inside of the tree.

They peeped into the opening and crouched low. It would be hard for any one to find them there.

Jack and Janet were both eager to learn what it was Perky Squirrel had seen. They asked Perky Squirrel, "Tell us a riddle," said he.

"It is a brown as chocolate candy, it is as fuzzy as a puppy, it walks like a cat, and it stands like a man. What is it?"

Jack and Janet at once started to guess.

"An Indian," said Janet, but Perky Squirrel shook his head.

"Is an Indian as fuzzy as a puppy and does he walk like a cat?"

Janet had to say "no" to that.

Again Perky Squirrel shook his head.

"You would be lucky if it were

only a monkey," he whispered, peering nervously out. Jack and Janet peeked out, too, but they saw only bushes. They could hear something, however—a snuffling, a whining, a muzzling.

Jack had heard that kind of snuffling and whining and muzzling before. Where? Jack tried to think. It was some place where there were bars and cages—some place where there were trees. Yes, it was in the zoo of a city park, and the animal he had heard doing the snuffling and whining and muzzling was a big caged bear.

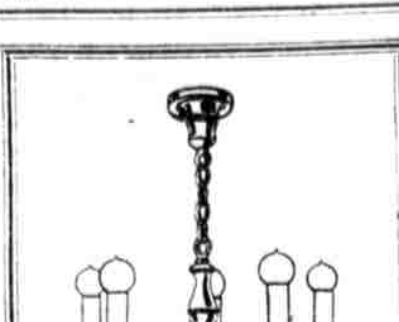
"It is a bear," whispered Jack. Perky Squirrel nodded his head.

"Yes, it is a great big brown bear. Keep very, very quiet for he is coming close."

"Tomorrow will be told how Jack

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