

The Tale of a Kite
Or
The Tail of a Kite

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TED JONSUN RAN DØN STERZ SATṚDE MØRNIO ṪṪ ḲṪṪḲḺ ḺṪ HIZ BREKFUST SQ ḤAT HE AND HIZ FRENṪ TOM PØRKṚ ḲØḲ GØ ṪṚḺḺ ṪṪ ḤṪ PØRK ṪṪ FLṪ TED'Z ḲṪṪ. ḤIS IZ SUMḤIO ḤAT TED AND TOM HAD BIN LØḲIO FØRṪṚḲ ṪṪ ḺḺ ṪḺḲ. TOM ṪṚṪṪṪḲ BḺFØR TED FINIṚṪ HIZ BREKFUST. TOM ṪØZ SṚṚṚṪZḲ. "Ṫ ḤAT ṪṪ ṪØḲ BḺ ṚḺḺḺ ṪṪ ḺḺṪ ḺṪN ḺZ Ṫ ḲΔM ØṪṚ!"

TED RIṪḺḲḲ, "Ṫ BET ṪṪ ḲΔM ØṪṚ ṪIḤØṪ HAVIO ENḺ BREKFUST."

TOM ṪØḲ ØF HIZ ḲØṪ, HṪṪ IT ØṪṚ ḤṪ ḲΔḲ ṪṪ Δ ØḺḺṚ AND SAT DØN AT ḤṪ ṪΔḲḺ. "ṪḺḺ, NØ Ṫ ḤAVUNT."

TED HAD NØ FINIṚṪ HIZ BREKFUST. "SINS ṪṪ ØR SITIO DØN, HAV SUM SIRḺḺḺ ṪḺḺ Ṫ ṪḺ ḤṪ ṪΔḺ ṪṪ ḤṪ ḲΔḲ ṪIP ṪṪ ḤṪ ḲṪṪ."

SṪN TOM HAD EMPTḺḺ HIZ BØḺ ṪṪ SIRḺḺḺ AND ḤΔ ṪØṪ ØN ḤḺṚ ḲØṪS AND ṪΔḲṪ ØṪ ḤṪ ḲΔṚ. TED ṪØZ ḲΔṚIO ḤṪ ḲṪṪ AND TOM HAD ḤṪ ḲΔḺ ṪṪ STRIO IN HIZ PØḲṪṪ, AND IN HIZ HAND Δ ṚḺḺ ṪṪ ṪḺḺḺ ḤṪ STRIO ØN.

TED ṪØNTṪḲ ṪṪ ḲḺṪ ṪṪ ḤṪ PØRK ḲṪṪḲḺ. "ṪḺ ḲØNT ṪḺ ḲṚAS MISTṚ ḲṚḺN'Z SḺḲ ṪØṚḲ SQ ṪḺ ḲØNT HAV ṪṪ ḲØ ḺḺ ṪṪΔ ṪṚØḺḲ ḤṪ ḲØḲ?"

TOM LØḲṪ ṪṚØḺḲ AND SΔ NØ ṪṪN ḲṪMIO. "Ṫ ṪSṪḺḺḺ ḲØ ṪṚØḺḲ ḤṪ ḲØḲ ḲṪṪ NØ IZ ØṚ ØANS ṪṪ ḲṪṪ ḤṚṪ." ḤΔ ḲṚASṪ INTṪ ḤṪ ṪØṚḲ AND ṪΔḲṪ ḤṚṪ ḤṪ ENḲ ṪṪ MISTṚ ḲṚḺN'Z ḲØṚḲṪN.

JUST ḤḺN MISTṚ ḲṚḺN STEṪṪ ØṪ HIZ ḲΔḲ ḲΔṚ AND SΔ ṪṪ ḲØZ ṪΔḲIO ḤṚṪ HIZ ḲØṚḲṪN. "ḲØ ḲΔḲ! ḲØ ḲΔḲ! ṪṪ ØR ṪΔḲIO ṪḺṚ Ṫ ḤAV ṪṚANTṪḲ MḺ ḲḺNṪ!"

TED SΔ MISTṚ ḲṚḺN ṪΔṪIO ḤIZ HANDZ. "ḤṚḺḺ TOM, ḲΔḲ ṪṪ ḤṪ SḺḲṪΔḲ ḲḺFØR HE ḲΔØṪZ ṪṪ ṪIḤ ṪS! HE LØḲS MAD! "

TOM FOLOD TED UP ĤU STRĒT. "YŪ AND YĀR BIG ±DĒUZ. HĒRE UP YŪ OR RUNIŪ TŪ SLO!" AFTĒR Δ FYŪ SEKUNDZ TOM LŌKT QVR HIZ ŠOLDĒR. "HĒ IZ NOT FOLOIŪ US SQ ± GES WĒ KAN SLO DŌN."

TED SLOD DŌN TŪ Δ WĀK. "± GES WĒ WIL BĒ TΔKIŪ ĤU LĀŪ WΔ URŌND ĤU NEKST T±M."

TOM WOZ PANTIŪ. "YŪ KAN KŌNT ON IT!"

ĤΔ UR±VD AT ĤU PORK AND WENT TŪ AN ERĒU ĤAT HAD NŌ TREZ.

"TOM, L±TLĒ HQLD ĤU K±T AT ĤU BOTUM AND TIP ĤU TOP TUWARDZ MĒ." TED UNRAVULD ĤU STRIŪ UBŌT TWENTĒ FĒT. "GET REDĒ TŪ LET ĤU K±T SLIP FRUM YĀR FIŪGRZ! QKΔ HIR WĒ GŌ!" TED STORTUD TŪ RUN AND ĤU K±T BIGAN TŪ R±Z INTŪ ĤU ER. IT SP±RULD URŌND KUMIŪ KLOSĒR AND KLOSĒR TŪ ĤU GRŌND AND ĤĒN BŌNST ULĀŪ ĤU GRAS.

MISTR GRĒN WOZ WĀKIŪ PAST ĤU PORK ON HIZ WΔ TŪ ĤU BORBR ŠŌP. HĒ STOPT WEN HĒ SA ĤU TŪ BŌZ AND WOŪT ĤĒM TR± TŪ FL± ĤU K±T. ĤU BŌZ TŌK TRNZ, BUT ĤΔ KŌD NOT GET ĤU K±T UP INTŪ ĤU ER. ĤIS BRAT BAK MEMĒREZ TŪ MISTR GRĒN WEN HĒ WOZ YUŪ AND FLŪ K±TS.

TED GLANST QVR TŪ ĤU RŌD. "LŌK TOM, ĤĒR'Z MISTR GRĒN! DŪ YŪ ĤIŪK WĒ ŠŌD MΔK ŌRSELVZ SKERS?"

"NŌ," SED TOM, "WĒ OR NOT ON HIZ PROPĒTE NŌ. BIS±DZ, HĒ UPIRZ TŪ BĒ SM±LIŪ AT US."

MISTR GRĒN UPRŌŪT ĤU BŌZ. "± ĤIŪK YĀR PROBLUM IZ ĤAT YŪ DŌNT HAV INUF TΔL ON ĤU K±T."

TOM LŌKT AT TED. "DID YŪ BRIŪ ENĒ EKSTRU KLAĤ WIĤ YŪ?"

"NŌ ± DIDUNT. ± NEVR GΔV IT Δ ĤAT"

MISTR GRĒN WOZ WERIŪ AN ŌLD WĀRN T± ĤAT HĒ KEPT KUVĒRD WIĤ Δ SWĒTR SQ ĤU SMAL RIP IN ĤU T± KŌD NOT BĒ SĒN. HĒ TŌK OF ĤU T± AND HANDUD IT TŪ TED. "HIR TΔK ĤIS AND T± IT ONTŪ ĤU TΔL."

TOM STŌD ĤĒR WIĤ HIZ ±Z W±D QPUN AZ TED AKSEPTID ĤU T±. "YŪ DŌNT HAV TŪ DŪ ĤIS MISTR GRĒN. ± KAN RUN BAK HQM AND GET SUM STRIPS UV KLAĤ."

MISTĀ GRĒN SMĒLD. "IT'S KWĒT ALRĒT. ĤU TĒ IZ FRAD AND IZ QLDĀ
ĤAN BQĤ YAR ΔJUZ ADUD TUGEĤĀ!"

"ĤAĤKS MISTĀ GRĒN." SED TED. "WĒ WIL GIV IT Δ TRĒ." ĤU BQZ TĒD
ĤU TĒ TŪ ĤU TΔL. TED HELD ĤU TΔL END UV ĤU KĒT AND TOM RAN AZ
FAST AZ ĤĒ KQD. ĤU KĒT RQZ INTŪ ĤU ER AND STAD UP. MISTĀ GRĒN
RIMΔND UWĒL TŪ MΔK ŠQD ĤU KĒT FLŪ AND ĤĒN PRĒPERD TŪ LĒV. "BĒ
ĤU WΔ BQZ, IT IZ ALRĒT TŪ KUT ĤRŪ MĒ PROPĀTĒ AZ LΔŪ AZ YŪ STIK
TŪ ĤU PAĤ BĒ ĤU HQS. Δ JUST DIDUNT WONT YŪ TŪ KUT ĤRŪ ĤU GORDUN
BIKLΔZ Δ HAV SĒDZ PLANTUD ĤĒR."

"ĤAĤK YŪ FAR LETIŪ US GQ ĤRŪ ĤAT WΔ." TOM GRIND. "WĒ WIL STA
QT UV YAR GORDUN."

TED PONTUD TŪ ĤU KĒT IN ĤU SKĒ. "ĤAĤKS FAR YAR TĒ MISTĀ GRĒN.
IT SĀTUNLĒ MΔD Δ DIFĀRUNS."

MISTĀ GRĒN WΔVD TŪ ĤU BQZ AND STORTUD TŪ WΔK UWΔ. "GLAD Δ
KQD HELP. WEL, Δ AM ON MĒ WΔ TŪ ĤU BORBĀZ. HAV Δ GQD DΔ WIĤ YAR
KĒT."

BQĤ BQZ WΔVD AND RIPLĒD. "ĤAĤKS UGEN. GQD BĒ."

TOM LQKT AT TED AĤĀR MISTĀ GRĒN LEFT. "JĒ, Δ GES MISTĀ GRĒN IZ
Δ TRĒFIK GĒ AĤĀR ΔL!"

TOM RIPLĒD, "ĤĒ SĀTUNLĒ IZ. ĤĒ ŠQD HAD ĤU ANSĀ TŪ QĀ KĒT
PROBLUM!"

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