

KITTY'S FORGIVENESS.



“O MAMMA!” sobbed little Kitty, “look what naughty Vixen has done!”

“It’s only that old chocolate-box, ma’am,” observed Nurse; “children do set store on such rubbish!”

Nurse spoke in this way to make light of the whole affair; but Mamma knew how to soothe a child’s grief better than this. She took Kitty on her knee, dried her tears and kissed her golden head, saying:

“I hope you did not attempt to punish Vixen? She is only a little dog, and knows no better.”

“No, Mamma — I — I only pushed her away!” stammered Kitty.

“Even that would make her little heart very sad,” said Mamma.

“But the picture of the boat is all torn off!” sobbed Kitty afresh.

“Never mind. We must try and forgive Vixen. I am sure that she feels she has been naughty. Turn and look at her Kitty. She is begging you to forgive her.” At last, little Kitty stroked poor Vixen’s head.

“Now, my sweet, I am going to see dear Grandmamma for an hour, and when I return, I hope my little girl will have been brave enough not to cry any more.”

Kitty’s eyes were very red when Mamma came back, but Nurse said that she had not given away to tears again, although she had not had the heart to play with any of her toys.

“I never see a child take on so about a rubbishy box,” said Nurse. “And as for Vixen, ma’am, she’s run away into the garden, to hide herself.”

“Come to me, Kitty,” said Mamma; “I think the fairies must have told Grandmamma about your misfortune, because she had this all ready for me to bring to you.” Kitty gave a little cry of delight, for it was such

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a pretty bonbon box, tied up with pink ribbon, and on the lid was a picture of the most mischievous kitten you ever saw.

Kitty ran into the garden with her new treasure, and joyously called Vixen. The clever dog saw in an instant that the past was forgotten, and that her little mistress was happy once more, so she bounded to her side.

"Vixen loved sugar-plums, but waited patiently, wagging her tail, while Kitty opened the lid.

"Here, Vixen! I'll give you this large one, to show you I forgive you about the old box."

S. E. Bennet.



Directions: Put the words into alphabetical (ABC) order.

- garden _____
- ribbon _____
- naughty _____
- forgive _____
- rubbish _____
- patiently _____
- boat _____
- brave _____

Directions: Read and write each word three times.

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Create an alternate ending to the story.

Handwriting practice lines for writing an alternate ending to the story.

Directions: Illustrate a scene from the story.

