

THE MOSQUITO WAR

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One of the things I like to do is to pick flowers for my mother, so a week ago I went out to get flowers for Mother's Day. I went to the river and found the perfect flowers. While I picked flowers, I put them into my backpack. Unknown to me at the time, a mosquito also flew into my bag. I didn't know about it until I got home.

After I got home, I gave the flowers to my mother. She loved the flowers and put them into a glass vase. She put the vase on the table so everyone could see the beautiful flowers I found by the river.

Meanwhile, the mosquito flew out of my backpack and went to the bathroom in my room and found a place to lay her eggs. A week later, something very bad happened.

It was around midnight when I woke up scratching my face and my body. I was covered in red bumps. I ran to my parent's room screaming.

"I've been bitten by a thousand mosquitoes! Where did they come from?" I screamed.

At first, they didn't believe me, but when they saw my face, they were amazed.

Then my dad noticed he had mosquito bites as well. He looked at my mom and she was red in the face too.

"What are we going to do with all these mosquitoes! There are so many of them! How did they get into the house?" my dad was angry.

Then I remembered about my trip to the river.

“I think a mosquito was in my bag when I gave mom the flowers,” I said.

“Do you think she had babies?”

“Don’t worry about it. It doesn’t matter how they got here. We just need to get rid of them,” my mom tried to make me feel better.

We had to come up with a plan.

“First we need to find out where they are coming from. Where are the eggs? If we can find the eggs, then we can stop more mosquitoes from growing up in our house,” my father said. “And then we need to find the mosquitoes that are biting us and find a way to kill them.”

I thought for a few minutes and then I offered a plan.

“What if we get the electric flyswatter and use it to kill the mosquitoes,” I suggested.

“The holes in the flyswatter are too big. A mosquito can fly right through it. We need something smaller,” my dad thought.

I went to get the flyswatter to try it. At first, I was able to kill a few of them, but most of them just flew away. The biggest one, started to tease me. She was really smart. I think she was the mother of all the mosquitoes in my house. I decided to call her Lulu.

I kept swinging the flyswatter at her, but she was too fast. It became a game for us. I began to laugh. Soon I was tired, but Lulu kept buzzing around my room. I saw her land on the wall. I tried to smash her, but she flew away again.

Then I came up with another idea on how I would get her out of my room.

I have a parrot in my room. I opened the cage to let Jack eat the mosquito, but Lulu was smart. She flew and landed on the parrot’s back and began to bite the bird.

Jack felt the bite and tried to get the mosquito off of his back, but Lulu would not let go. He flew around the room and crashed into my light. He fell into the trashcan and flapped his wings as hard as he could. Lulu was stubborn she did not want Jack to eat her. She jumped off of Jack and hid under the trash so he could not find her.

Jack flew out of the trashcan. Shook his body, and then went back into his cage. He didn't want to fight with Lulu anymore.

I got a book from my shelf and covered the trashcan.

"Mom, Dad! I trapped Lulu in the trash can!" I cried out.

"Who is Lulu?" my mom asked.

"The biggest mosquito I've ever seen!" I replied. "I trapped it in my trashcan."

We took the trashcan outside and dumped it into the dumpster next to our house.

Lulu flew out and tried to bite me again. I tried to slap her, but I missed. She flew away. I hope I never see her again.

The baby mosquitoes flew out of our house looking for their mother. We went home and fell asleep knowing we would not have to worry about mosquitoes anymore.

The End

VOCABULARY (*Match the word to its definition*)

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| 1. perfect _____ | a. to give, propose |
| 2. beautiful _____ | b. yelled loudly |
| 3. screamed _____ | c. wound, injure, sting |
| 4. bite _____ | d. tool to kill flies |
| 5. offer _____ | e. talking bird |
| 6. flyswatter _____ | f. crunch, splat, make flat |
| 7. smash _____ | g. run into |
| 8. parrot _____ | h. ideal, wonderful |
| 9. crash _____ | i. outdoor trash can |
| 10. dumpster _____ | j. pretty |

TRUE / FALSE

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| 1. The flowers were for my mother. | T / F |
| 2. I found the flowers in our garden. | T / F |
| 3. I planted the flowers in our garden. | T / F |
| 4. My mother loved the flowers. | T / F |
| 5. The mosquito came to my house in my backpack. | T / F |
| 6. The mosquito flew to my bathroom. | T / F |
| 7. I named the biggest mosquito Lulu. | T / F |
| 8. My parrot's name was Frank. | T / F |
| 9. I killed all the mosquitoes with my flyswatter. | T / F |
| 10. I put Lulu into the dumpster. | T / F |

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Where did I find the flowers? _____
 - a) river
 - b) garden
 - c) flower shop
 - d) at my friend's house

2. What name did I give to the mosquito? _____
 - a) Lala
 - b) Lonnie
 - c) Lulu
 - d) Lola

3. What did I use to try to kill the mosquitoes? _____
 - a) electric flyswatter.
 - b) tennis racket.
 - c) wet towel.
 - d) my hands.

4. What did I open to let Jack out to eat the mosquitoes? _____
 - a) trash can
 - b) dumpster
 - c) bathroom door
 - d) birdcage

COMPREHENSION: *(Write a complete sentence to answer the question.)*

1. Where did I find the flowers?

2. How did the mosquito get into my house?

3. Where did the mosquito lay her eggs?

4. What happened that woke me up?

5. Where did I go after I realized I had been bitten by mosquitoes?

6. What did I use to try to kill the mosquitoes?

7. What did my parrot try to do?

8. What was the name I gave to the mother mosquito?

9. Where did I take the trashcan?

10. What happened to the baby mosquitoes?
