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(an extract from *Probuditi!*)

Calvin waited outside Trudy's bedroom. Then it happened—a scream, a very loud scream. Calvin ran to his room and dived into bed. He heard Mama coming down the hall.

“Did you do this?” his mother asked. Calvin looked out from under the covers. His mother stood over him, holding a rubber spider.

“Do what?” he asked.

“You put that thing in my bed,” Trudy told him, stepping out from behind Mama.

“Don't think that just because it's your birthday you can get away with something like this,” Mama scolded.

“You do want your present don't you?” That wiped the smile off Calvin's face.

“Course I do,” he said.

“Then you apologize.”



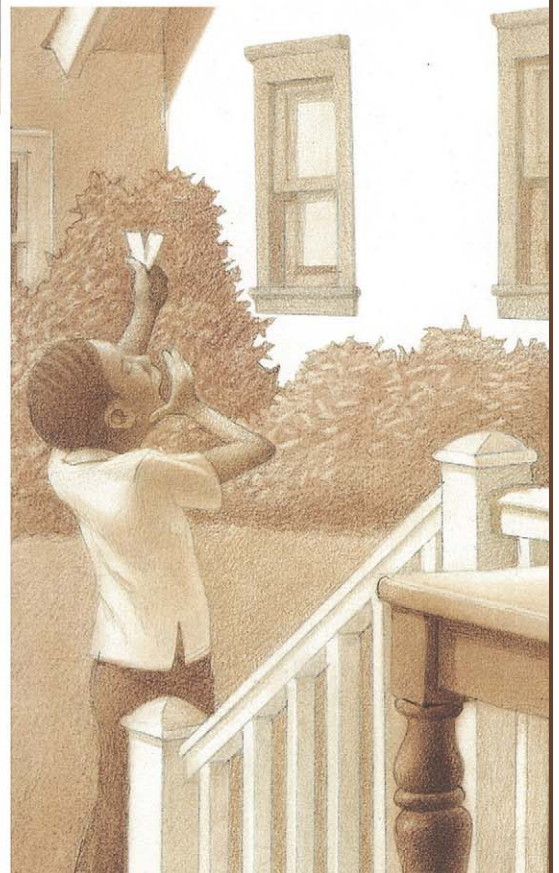
Calvin dropped his head. “Sorry Trudy,” he muttered.

“Here,” Mama said. “Happy birthday.” At the breakfast table she handed Calvin an envelope. Inside were tickets to the matinee show of Lomax the Magnificent, the world-famous magician and hypnotist. “You've got two tickets there, Mama said, “and I know someone who'd really love to go along.” She smiled at Trudy.

“You don't mean her, do you?” Calvin asked, eyeing his little sister.

“Well that would be really nice. But those tickets are yours. “If you want to ask somebody—” Calvin didn't wait for his mother to finish. He bolted out of the house to tell Rodney, his pal next door that the two of them were going to see Lomax the Magnificent.

To find out what happened after the show, read the rest of the story, *Probuditi!* by Chris Van Allsburg.



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Name Date

1 *Then it happened — a scream, a very loud scream.*

Who was screaming?

- Calvin
- Calvin's sister
- Calvin's friend
- Calvin's mother

2 Calvin dived into his bed to

- hide.
- get warm.
- go to sleep.
- receive his present.

3 Calvin used the spider to

- test a theory.
- tease his sister.
- perform magic.
- annoy his mother.

4 *"Do what?"*

Calvin asks this because he

- wants to know the answer.
- is pretending not to know.
- needs his mother to explain.
- doesn't know what happened.

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5 What wiped the smile off Calvin's face?

- his mother's threat.
- his sister's anger.
- the scary spider.
- his present.

6 Calvin received his present

- in the kitchen.
- in his bedroom.
- outside the theatre.
- outside of his house.

7 Calvin's mother smiled at Trudy to

- make Trudy feel better.
- encourage Calvin to invite Trudy.
- ensure Trudy apologized to Calvin.
- suggest Calvin apologize to Trudy..

8 Calvin's mother really wanted Calvin to

- make up his own mind.
- ask his friend to the show.
- do what she thinks is right.
- find out what his friend thinks.

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9 Write one number from 1 to 5 in each box to show the order of events in this story.

Number 5, the last event has been done for you.

Calvin calls Rodney.

Calvin waits in the hall.

Calvin's mother is angry with Calvin.

Calvin put a spider in his sister's room.

Calvin is getting his birthday present.

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