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Billy knew he was only six years old, and he didn't know everything, but he did know he didn't like Andy. Andy was mom's new boyfriend. Andy didn't like Billy either. Which was okay except Mom liked Andy. Mom even sat Billy down and had the talk. He had heard Stacy talking in class a few weeks ago about how her dad had the talk with her. Apparently, Stacy was getting a new mom.

Billy didn't want a new dad. Well, he did but he didn't want Andy being his new dad. Andy sucked. There was nothing he could do. He was only six years old, and he tried telling his mom, he didn't like Andy, but mom was being a pain in the butt on the subject and told Billy he had to be nice and give Andy a chance. Apparently, Andy wasn't used to be around children. Billy rolled his eyes.

He heard the door open and Andy coming inside. Groaning he rolled off his bed and headed over to the top of the stairs. Yup the enemy had arrived for dinner.

"Billy!" mom called.

He could pretend he didn't hear but she would only come up and get him then she would be a little annoyed that she had to do that.

"Coming!" he called back. Taking his time, he went downstairs and found Andy in the living room sitting on the sofa.

Billy climbed into the chair as far away from Andy as possible.

"I have a special surprise for my favorite men!" Mom beamed from ear to ear.

Mom wasn't too tall, she was slim, brown curly bouncy hair and big brown eyes. She was pretty. At least Billy thought so. He was proud that she was his mom. Until she brought Andy home.

"Cake?" Billy started to get excited. He hoped it was cake. He loved cake.

“Better,” she smiled at him.

“There’s nothing better than cake mom.”

“I’ll have to agree with Billy on that one,” Andy nodded.

“Yes, there is!” Mom went to the front door just as the doorbell rang. “And the surprise is here!”

Billy turned around and peeked over the side of the chair.

Mom opened the door and a familiar noise entered.

“GRAM!” Billy jumped off the chair and ran over to his grandmother flinging his little arms around her. “I’ve missed you!”

“I’ve missed you too peanut.”

“How was your flight?”

“Oh, it was a nightmare dear but not to worry, I’m here now.”

Grandma always smelled pretty, of lavender and perfume. He squeezed her tight. “Ok you are going to strangle me,” Gram laughed.

Billy eased up and let her into the living room where she was introduced to Andy. Andy looked uncomfortable; he rubbed his nose a few times. Billy crawled up into Gram’s lap and nestled into her.

Mom went and made dinner as Gram was asking Andy a bunch of questions. Andy looked uncomfortable; Billy loved having Gram around.

“Dinner is ready,” mom called.

They went out and sat down at the table. Mom made spicy chicken and spicy rice for dinner. Billy waited for his plate which was a milder version. Mom said when he got older, he could have full spicy food. Dinner flew by and the food was good. Billy was just happy to have Gram around that he mostly ignored Andy.

“You don’t like spicy food Andy?” Gram asked.

“Mary you are a fabulous chef but if I eat any more, I’m going to be in the emergency room tonight, I get really bad indigestion with spicy food.”

“You never said anything before,” mom looked alarmed.

“It’s okay Mary.”

“I am so sorry I should have asked.”

Billy noticed that Andy had a few bites and was sweating bad. He eventually excused himself and went to the bathroom. Mom told Billy he could be excused. Billy was heading back upstairs to get his new toy truck he wanted to show Gram, as he was walking pass the bathroom, he noticed Andy’s face looking into the mirror was weird. His eyes didn’t look normal they looked like Manon the classroom’s lizard. His eyes blinked twice once sideways and then the regular way. That was weird, another reason not to like Andy, Billy thought as he went got his truck.

Gram had stayed with us for two months. Andy stopped coming by for visits after two weeks, and Billy was okay with that. Billy didn’t know what Andy was, but he was not someone his mom should be dating. Mom went for coffee with Mr. Shade, Mr. Shade was a temporary teacher that mom met, and they liked each other. Mr. Shade didn’t blink like a lizard, and he got along with Gram way better too. Mr. Shade was funny and loved mom’s cooking. When Billy was telling his friends about Andy, Stacy was sure that Andy was a lizard person, she has saw a show on tv with her uncle Ray once. Billy didn’t know what that really meant but he didn’t care. He didn’t have to put up with Andy anymore.