

## **Betsy Baine – A Foolish Tale: Alice String**

Betsy Baine is my best buddy. She is BIG, Bold and BAD. She loves playing tricks.

She tied a bell to Bella my brother Bob's cat, which made her run crazily around the room. She put stones in Baba's shoes, which made her hobble. She put honey in the handwash which made Mama mad. She painted a spider on my sister's Sarah's foot while she was sleeping. It made her scream.

One day she pulled out Bob's chair just as he was going to sit. His bum hit the ground. Betsy started to laugh. Bob started to cry. Betsy started to cry too.

I went over and got out my bubble gum and blew a bubble. My brother Bob blew an even bigger one. 'Betsy,' I said, 'You must STOP being so foolish. Be kind. Be the best bubble gum queen you can.' So, she did and blew the biggest bubble ever.

As I hugged her goodbye, I saw a \$2 coin on the floor. 'Oh, look Betsy, we can use this to buy more bubble gum.' Betsy started to laugh. And so did Bob. Drat that Bad-arsed Betsy. She had stuck it to the floor!