

Johnny the Class Clown Goes to the Planet Kleptarr

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Johnny is a funny boy.

Some people call him the class clown.

He's always making funny faces some of his favorite ones include the garbage muncher, the hog lover, and the angry gorilla.

Johnny tells jokes all the time. He loves to tell jokes during class. It always makes Mrs. Scabwillow angry like a gorilla, but his classmates always laugh.

The students at Zachary Taylor Elementary School all agree that Johnny is the funniest kid in the WHOLE SCHOOL.

This is quite a high honor.

Johnny gives his grandpa the credit for all of his talent. He loves his grandpa. Johnny's grandpa is always telling jokes at home.

In fact, Johnny's grandpa gave him a joke book for his birthday.

It was the best present ever! It was better than all of the airplanes and peanutbutter on the whole entire Earth.

The joke book was full of tons and tons of funny stuff.

One time Johnny did a book report on his joke book in class. All he did was stand up in front of everybody and tell a whole bunch of funny jokes. The kids LOVED IT. It was the best book report they heard all week. Mrs. Scabwillow got so mad that she spit her dentures out into her coffee. This made the kids laugh even more.

Mrs. Scabwillow sent Johnny to the principal's office.

Mr. Brickfist is the principal of Zachary Taylor Elementary School.

His office is cold and dark like a prison cell in outer space.

Mr. Brickfist hates jokes. He also hates smiles, chocolate, rainbows, breakfast cereal, and puppies.

Mr. Brickfist smells like an old ham sandwich and he coughs a lot. His coughs sound like a rhino drowning in a giant toilet. They gurgle and are full of phlegm.

"There is no room for jokes in the classroom, Johnny. Hurkloof glurg hack!", said Mr. Brickfist. "But, jokes make

me happy.", explained Johnny.
"Happy? There is no happiness here!", yelled Mr. Brickfist,
"I'm giving you an after school detention! Don't you dare
tell anymore jokes in the classroom!"

Mr. Brickfist then wrote up a detention slip for Johnny and
gave it to him with a cold, crusty hand.

"Get out of here, and don't get sent here again! Hurk hoof
hack hack!", bellowed Mr. Brickfist.

Johnny looked at his detention slip. It was yellow like the
polka-dots on his grandpa's bowtie.

Johnny sat in detention. Bored, bored, bored out of his
mind.

Time passed slowly like a walrus swimming through an ocean
of maple syrup.

Then after about one thousand eternities the bell rang.
Detention was over. FINALLY!

As he was walking home, Johnny decided that one day he would
tell a joke that was so funny even Mr. Brickfist and Mrs.
Scabwillow would laugh.

That would have to be one really funny joke.

Johnny got home and his parents greeted him at the door.
"Hey, Johnny you got home pretty late. Did you get a
detention again?", asked Johnny's dad.

"Yes.", said Johnny, "Mr. Brickfist is meaner than a dirty
old baboon. He says that I can't tell anymore jokes in
class."

"Well, you can't tell jokes all of the time, Johnny. And,
since you got a detention today I am going to send you to
your room and there will be no video games or baseball
tonight."

Bummer!

Johnny walked up the stairs dragging his feet.

He watched the sunset as he sat in his room. Johnny was so
sad that he didn't get to play his video games or watch any
baseball.

Then Johnny realized that this was a great time. This was
perfect. He's alone without any distractions. He decided to
use this time to write the funniest joke ever! He was going

to create a joke that would make Ms. Scabwillow and Mr. Brickfist laugh their socks off. What a task! Johnny got right to work. He started writing down ideas of things that he thought were funny: bananas, pickles, monkeys, hairless cats. He got out his crayons and drew funny pictures hoping to get new, hilarious ideas. This would have to be one amazing joke, a life changing joke. Johnny wondered if he could change the world with just one joke.

Just then a bright white light flashed in Johnny's window.

Johnny looked out the window and saw nothing out of the ordinary. Then the bright light quickly returned almost blinding Johnny!

Johnny could hear a weird sound coming from the bright white light. It sounded like this, "woo woo woo woo woo".

Then Johnny's feet slowly lifted up off of the ground. Johnny was floating! Johnny floated up and out of the window. Then Johnny could see it. He was floating towards a flying saucer from outer space!

Johnny had always heard stories about space aliens and he always wanted to meet one. This looks like it's going to be his chance to do just that!

Johnny's heart started beating fast. He was really scared but at the same time he was excited because he knew that something amazing was going to happen and that he was going to experience the story of a lifetime.

Johnny floated up and up and up over all of the houses and trees. Then a round door opened up at the bottom of the flying saucer. Then Johnny floated inside of the alien space craft.

The round door closed behind Johnny. The white light turned off, Johnny stopped floating, and fell to the metal floor.

Johnny quickly stood up and looked all around him. He could see weird green, blue, and red lights blinking everywhere. He could see control panels with shiny red buttons. Johnny noticed that the whole place smelled like wet dog food. Then he looked out of one of the windows of the space craft and he could see his house. The house was getting smaller and smaller. Yikes! The saucer is starting to fly away! Johnny would rather sit in detention for twelve billion years than to have this happen! The house looked really small out of the window and Johnny could see the whole neighborhood. Then he could see the whole city, then the whole country, then the entire Planet Earth. Then the Earth got smaller and smaller. Then it looked like a little blue marble and it

disappeared into space. Then Johnny could see a lot of stars, they looked like floating bits of cereal in black milk. Black milk!? Yuck, that's gross.

Suddenly Johnny felt a tap on his shoulder.

Johnny turned around to find three space aliens staring right at him!

The aliens were big, fat and purple. They were tall, hairless and rubbery, and they all smelled bad!

One of the space aliens spoke. "Hello, Johnny. My name is Kragg, and this is Blort, and this is Floop.", said Kragg.

"Hello.", said Johnny softly.

"Don't be afraid, Johnny!", said Blort, "This is going to be a wonderful adventure for you!".

"We are taking you to the Planet Kleptarr!", exclaimed Floop.

"That is our home planet. We are all Kleptarrians.", said Blort.

"I'm going to another planet?", asked Johnny.

"Yes.", answered Blort.

"AWESOME!!!", shouted Johnny, "This is way better than any of my video games!"

"Yes, it is, Johnny. Yes, it is.", said Floop.

"We have a special mission for you.", said Blort.

"What is it?", asked Johnny.

"We want you to tell a joke.", said Blort.

"Yes, Johnny we have been observing Zachary Taylor Elementary School for many months now and we know that you are the funniest kid in the whole school.", said Floop.

"Our planet has never had laughter.", explained Kragg, "Kleptarr is the most boring planet in the galaxy. It's more boring than a pile of wet cardboard."

"The workers on our planet aren't working as fast as they used to.", said Floop, "They never smile and they drag their feet. We believe that if you can bring laughter to our planet then our workers will work happy and work faster."

Johnny had a hard time imagining an entire planet that has never had laughter before.

"Will you help us, Johnny?", asked Kragg.

Johnny waited a minute before he gave an answer just to make them nervous.

"Yes!", exclaimed Johnny.

Johnny clapped his hands in excitement he couldn't believe that he was going to tell the first joke ever told on an alien planet.

Johnny thought about all of the jokes he knew. He remembered that everyone laughs really hard everytime he makes fun of Mr. Brickfist.

People like to laugh at the people who are in charge of things.

Johnny knew that he had to find out who was in charge of the Planet Kleptarr.

"So, does Kleptarr have a leader?", asked Johnny.

"Yes!", answered Blort, "All of Kleptarr is ruled by one man, King Squishybottom the fifteenth. He comes from a long line of Squishybottoms. All of the Squishybottoms are brilliant men. They are smarter than smart and our king is the smartest one out of all of them. Many of our people think that he has two brains, but that hasn't been proven yet."

Johnny knew that he would have to tell a joke that made King Squishybottom seem like a drooling idiot.

Just then an alarm sounded off.

Kragg exclaimed, "We are approaching Planet Kleptarr!"

Kragg, Blort and Floop ran to their stations and started pressing buttons like crazy all over the place. Their fat little fingers made light squishing sounds as they pressed each button. This made Johnny laugh a little.

Lights were flashing, machines were beeping, and the entire space craft was shaking.

Johnny was starting to feel sick to his stomach.

Suddenly, the space craft stopped with a loud clang.

TOOF!

A doorway opened on one side of the space craft.

"Welcome to Planet Kleptarr.", said Blort.

"Come let us show you our home planet.", said Kragg.

Johnny and the three aliens stepped off of the space craft and stepped onto the ground of another world.

Johnny looked all around at this strange place. Kleptarr isn't the way Johnny imagined an alien planet would be. It was so boring. Kragg was right. Kleptarr was the most boring place Johnny had ever been. It was more boring than the waiting room at the dentist's office. It was more boring than reading the newspaper without any comics. It was more boring than reading the word 'boring' over and over again fifty times. It was so boring that Johnny felt like he was smacked in the face with boringness. Broken rubber bands in the garbage can are ten times more exciting than anything on the Planet Kleptarr.

The ground, the buildings, the sky, they were all gray. Wait, they weren't. They were grayer than gray, if such a thing is possible.

Floop then sadly said, "It's not as nice as Earth, but it is our home. Come, let's take a tour so you can learn more."

"Let's go.", said Johnny.

Johnny and the aliens went to a nearby restaurant. They all sat down at a small table. Johnny took a look at the menu and saw that all they had there was bran flakes and water.

"This is the nicest restaurant on all of Kleptarr.", said Kragg.

Yikes! Johnny could already tell that this planet needed some serious help. They needed serious help with not being so serious.

Johnny and the aliens ate their bran flakes and drank their water.

Then they left the restaurant and walked through the grayer than gray city.

"Here is a pet store.", said Floop.

They all walked inside of the pet store and all Johnny could

see was a bunch of empty cardboard boxes.

Johnny asked, "Where are all of the pets?"

"These are the pets.", answered Blort. "Everyone on Planet Kleptarr has a pet cardboard box.", said Kragg.

"Can they do any tricks?", asked Johnny. "No.", said Blort, "They just sit there."

Then Johnny and the aliens left the pet store and walked across the grayer than gray street to a grayer than gray factory.

"Most of our workers work in top of the line factories like ths one.", said Blort.

They all walked inside of the factory. "This place in huge!", exclaimed Johnny.

Johnny looked around and he saw thousands of workers making leather whips. Then he saw the managers of the factory cracking their whips at the workers for not making more whips fast enough.

Floop looked at the clock on the wall. "It's almost time.", said Floop, "We need to bring Johnny to the center of town so that he may tell his joke."

Floop, Blort, and Kragg all rushed Johnny out of the factory.

They all hopped onto a small flying saucer and flew to the royal palace of Kleptarr!

Johnny was excited to see the palace. He loved hearing stories about kings and castles when he was in kindergarten. Johnny always imagined the castles to be huge and beautiful. But, this wasn't the case for the royal palace of Kleptarr. This palace was a monument to boringness. It looked like it was one of the pet cardboard boxes only it was humungous and grayer than gray. Johnny, Floop, Kragg, and Blort got off of the flying saucer and climbed the steps to the doorway of the palace. There were so many steps Johnny thought it was like climbing Mount Fuji, except climbing Mount Fuji would be fun and exciting. Climbing those steps was like going to detention and P.E. class at the same time, it was both boring and exhausting. Finally they reached the top of the steps.

"My legs are about to fall off.", said Johnny. Floop, Blort, and Kragg suddenly became worried. "Oh no!", screamed Floop. "I didn't know that Earthling legs could just fall off!",

cried Blort. "I was just kidding.", said Johnny. "Oh yes, just kidding, we understand.", said Kragg eventhough he didn't really get it. "Wait. He would say things like this on Earth a lot.", said Floop, "He's exaggerating to make a point. He's just trying to say that his legs are tired. Is that right, Johnny?" "Yes.", said Johnny as he tried not to laugh. Kragg still didn't get it.

The fact of the matter is the Kleptarrians never said or did anything that was out of the ordinary. Their lives are just normal, normal, normal. They never joke around or exaggerate things. Everything they do or say is straight forward. All they ever do is work, eat their bran flakes, and sleep. Johnny could see that he had his work cut out for him.

Before they could knock, a royal servant opened the palace doors.

"The king is already expecting you, Johnny.", said the servant. And, with a gesture of the hand he invited Johnny, Kragg, Floop, and Blort to come in.

The inside of the palace was even more boring than the outside.

There were no pictures, no rugs, no fireplaces, there was nothing inside of the palace to make it look nice or fancy. There were only a bunch of grayer than gray walls and doors.

The servant led Johnny, Blort, Kragg, and Floop down a large hallway. If the hallway weren't so boring it would be spooky, but it was way too boring to be even just a little bit spooky. Finally they came upon a door.

"This is King Squishybottom the fifteenth's personal office.", said the servant, "He is the smartest, most brilliant king we have ever had, and this is where he makes his most important decisions." "What kind of decisions has he made?", asked Johnny. "Well, he hasn't made any decisions yet.", said the servant, "But, if he did I'm sure they would be brilliant. Yes. I'm sure of it."

The servant opened the door. Johnny, Floop, Kragg, Blort, and the servant all walked inside of the king's office. And, there sitting behind the desk was King Squishybottom the fifteenth himself! The first thing that Johnny noticed was that the king smelled like an old turkey sandwich and he coughed a lot. His coughs were rough and they sounded like a rhino trying to eat a toilet.

The king was fatter and squishier than the other Kleptarrians, when he stood up from his chair his arms and stomach jiggled like a plastic bag full of tapioca pudding.

"You must be Johnny. Hurrerrrrrrrk Hoff Cruf Cruff!", said King Squishybottom the fifteenth.

"Yes, that's me.", replied Johnny with a smile.

"Good. Herf Hoof Hoff! I'm glad you're here. You are scheduled to tell this thing that you call a joke in five minutes!", said the king.

"Quick, we must bring the boy to the royal pulpit! We haven't a moment to spare!", shouted the servant.

King Squishybottom the fifteenth, the servant, Blort, Kragg, Floop, and Johnny all rushed to a tall tower in the palace. They then stepped onto the royal pulpit high above the ground looking over the entire city.

Johnny looked down from the pulpit and he could see millions upon millions of Kleptarrians looking back at him. He thought they all looked like big grape gumdrops with eyes.

Johnny was amazed by the silence. There were millions of them standing there looking at him, but none of them made a sound. It was so quiet! On Earth if millions of people gathered together it would be the loudest and biggest party ever, but not on Kleptarr. They just stood there before the palace staring straight up at Johnny.

King Squishybottom the fifteenth stepped forward and addressed the crowd. "My fellow Kleptarrians, today is a great day in our history. Hack Hack Hork!", said the king, "For today we are going to hear something that is called a joke for the very first time. Hopefully, we will all then experience something new, we will experience a thing that the people of Earth call laughter. My team of scientists believes that if we all experience laughter then we will all have better lives. Then we can all work harder to make more whips and more bran flakes. Hurf Hoff Hoff! We have an Earth boy here named Johnny. He is what they call a class clown and he is going to tell us a joke."

The king stepped back and Johnny stepped forward. Johnny was getting nervous. He felt like he had a lizard in the back of his throat, his forehead was wet with sweat, and he clenched his fists so hard that his knuckles turned white. Johnny looked at the Kleptarrians and the Kleptarrians looked right back. Silence, pure silence.

Then Johnny smiled.

He stood up tall and said, "I heard yesterday that King Squishybottom the fifteenth's library caught fire. Yes, he

lost both books."

The Kleptarrians looked up at Johnny with looks of confusion.

The Johnny said, "The sad thing is, he wasn't finished coloring them!"

Silence.

"Get it?", Johnny asked.

Down below the Kleptarrians were amazed by this weird story they just heard. They were thinking about how smart and brilliant King Squishybottom the fifteenth is. What a crazy story. First he said that the king's library was on fire, which wasn't true. Second he said that the entire library had only two books. Only two books?! The king of Kleptarr is a genius! Surely his library contains hundreds even thousands of books! That can't be true either. Third Johnny said that the king wasn't finished coloring the books. That means that those two books were coloring books. Those are for children! King Squishybottom the fifteenth is not a child! He the brilliant ruler of our planet! This story is crazy in three ways. This can't be true, but it is fun to imagine the king acting like a child. Ha!

Then the first Kleptarrian laughed.

Then a second one laughed.

Then a third.

Then before they knew it, millions of Kleptarrians were laughing.

At first the laughter was soft, but as the Kleptarrians thought more and more about the joke, their laughter got louder and louder.

Then the laughter got so loud that it sounded like ten thousand rock concerts happening at the same time.

The Kleptarrians had huge smiles on their faces as they laughed, some of them even had tears in their eyes. They couldn't believe what was happening to them. Laughter felt SO good!

As the Kleptarrians laughed they would talk to each other about what was happening. You could hear them saying things like:

"HA HA HA! What is happening to my face?"

"HA! This laughter thing is making my stomach hurt, but it still feels so good."

"I'm imagining the king using crayons like a child! HA! HA!"

"HA! This laughter is making my throat sore, but I don't want it to stop!"

"HA! HA! HAAAAAAA! I feel alive!"

"I want to smile all the time!"

"I feel happy!"

"Let's all laugh everyday."

"Today is a great day!"

"I no longer feel fear! HA! HA! HA!"

"I don't feel like making whips anymore."

"HA! HA! I feel excited, like something wonderful is happening!"

"I want a pet turtle."

"I hope we have laughter forever!"

"I want to feel happiness all the time."

"I'm tired of eating bran flakes."

"HA! HA! HA! The joke made me laugh a second time!"

"Let's stop making whips and bran flakes and start making water balloons and pizza!"

"Yes, let's do that!"

"Let's have a party!"

All of the Kleptarrians started cheering and jumping and dancing.

King Squishybottom the fifteenth put his face right in front of Johnny's face. Johnny could smell and feel the king's terrible hot breath.

"You fool! Hurk Hoff Hoff!", said the king, "Your joke ruined us! It was supposed to make them work happier and work harder so we can have more whips and bran flakes. Now

they all want to eat chocolate ice cream and make balloons!"

"What's wrong with ice cream and balloons?", asked Johnny.

The king replied, "Hack Hack Hoff! They're silly things! We can't have silly things here! This is Planet Kleptarr, the home of the best made whips and bran flakes of the galaxy! Hoff Hoff Hurk!"

Then King Squishybottom the fifteenth turned and looked at his servant.

"Seize him!", the king cried, "Throw Johnny, the so-called class clown, in our jail."

"As you wish, sire.", said the servant.

The servant then slapped a pair of cold hand cuffs on Johnny.

"Oww! My wrists!", cried Johnny. "Quiet.", said the servant.

The servant then walked Johnny to the other side of the royal palace to their special grayer than gray jail.

The inside of the jail was cold and dark like the inside of the principal's office at school.

The servant threw Johnny into one of the prison cells and slammed the door.

Kerchunk!

The servant then locked the door with a big fat key.

Then Johnny was left alone, all alone in the most boring jail in the galaxy.

Johnny sat in his prison cell. He was so bored it almost made him crazy.

Time passed slowly like a donkey with broken legs walking through a swamp made of peanutbutter and mustard.

Then after about seven billion eternities Johnny could hear foot steps.

It was the king!

King Squishybottom the fifteenth walked right up to Johnny's cell.

"Hurkloof Hoof Hoff! Why did you have to make me look like a

fool?", asked the king.

"Jokes about people who are in charge of things are the funniest jokes ever.", replied Johnny.

"Well, Hurf Hoff, it didn't make me laugh.", said the king.

"Of course it didn't make YOU laugh. You're the king.", said Johnny.

Then tears started to come out of the king's eyes.

"But, I wanted to laugh too.", sobbed the king.

Johnny hates it when people cry, even if they are Kleptarrians who have him thrown in jail.

"Would you like me to tell you a joke?", asked Johnny.

"Yes, please. Horkhoff!", said King Squishybottom the fifteenth.

"OK.", said Johnny, "Why is six afraid of seven?"

"I don't know. Why?", asked the king.

"Because, seven ate nine!", replied Johnny.

King Squishybottom the fifteenth stood there and thought about this joke he just heard.

The king thought, "The end of that joke sounded like he was counting seven, eight nine. However it also sounded like seven ate nine. Numbers can't eat. That's crazy!"

Ha!

King Squishybottom the fifteenth started to laugh.

Ha! Ha!

He couldn't help himself.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

The king started rolling on the floor with laughter.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

The king stood up, still laughing.

Kerchunck!

The king opened the door to Johnny's prison cell.

"You are free, Johnny.", said the king, "Laughter is wonderful!"

Johnny stepped out of the prison cell with the biggest smile in the world on his face.

Then King Squishybottom the fifteenth said, "Let's get you back home, Johnny."

The king then walked Johnny out of the jail and out of the royal palace. There they found Floop, Kragg, and Blort.

"Send Johnny back to his home on Earth Ha Ha!", commanded the king.

Then Blort, Floop, Kragg, and Johnny all went aboard a large saucer spacecraft.

The saucer appeared to spin and then the spacecraft started to fly up into the grayer than gray sky.

King Squishybottom the fifteenth, still laughing, waved good-bye.

The spacecraft flew through the galaxy past stars, comets, and asteroids finally arriving at Earth.

The saucer then hovered down to Earth over Johnny's house.

The spacecraft opened up on the bottom and then a white beam of light made Johnny and Floop float down into the open window of Johnny's bedroom.

In the bedroom Johnny gave Floop his treasured joke book.

"Here.", said Johnny, "This is my joke book. My grandfather gave this book to me, but you guys need it more than me."

"Thank you.", said Floop, "Thank you so much for giving us laughter."

"You're welcome.", said Johnny.

Then the white beam of light made Floop float out of Johnny's window and back into the flying saucer.

The space craft then ripped through the air and flew back to Kleptarr.

Johnny closed his window.

Then Johnny's mom and dad opened his bedroom door.

"We heard you talking to someone. What's happening in here?", asked Johnny's dad.

The Johnny excitedly said, "Mom, Dad, you won't believe what happened! I was sitting here by myself trying to write the greatest joke ever. Then all of a sudden I was abducted by aliens from the Planet Kleptarr! They took me to their world which was really weird. And, they had me tell the first joke ever told on Kleptarr. Can you believe that they've never had jokes before?! Then the king threw me in jail, but then he let me out when I told him a joke. Then they sent me back home and I gave them my new joke book."

"Ha! Wow! You have a really great imagination, Johnny.", said Johnny's mom.

"Come on downstairs and eat some dinner.", said Johnny's dad.

Johnny went downstairs and ate all of his dinner, even the lima beans. Then his mom gave him a grape snow cone for dessert.

The purple snow cone reminded Johnny of the Kleptarrians and it made him smile.

Meanwhile on Kleptarr, King Squishybottom the fifteenth ate his first ever dessert. The king enjoyed a watermelon snow cone. Without a cough the king whispered under his breath, "Thank you, Johnny. Your joke changed our world."

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