

Moving Day

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Zach was out of school for the year and was feeling a little sad. He wasn't sad that school was over, but sad that he would have to move over summer vacation and leave his friends and his tree house. The tree house was Zach's favorite place to go when he wanted to be alone. He also liked taking his friends there too. They would play for hours. Mom asked Zach what was wrong when he came home from school. "I don't want to move," said Zach. "I'm going to miss Jeff, Walter, and Tony," said Zach. "I'm also going to miss my tree house." "I want to take it with me," said Zach. "Zach, you know you can't take a tree house with you when you move." "You will have a much bigger bedroom, and you will meet new friends at your new school in the fall." Zach wasn't so sure.



Moving day had arrived. A big truck pulled up in front of Zach's house. Four men came out and started taking all the boxes and furniture and loaded up the truck. "Mom, do we have to move?" asked Zach. "Dad's job changed, and we need to go where his job is. Once you get in the new house, you'll see how much you will like it," said Mom. "I promise."

By 3:00 in the afternoon, everything was out of the house. The moving truck pulled away and headed for the new house. Dad was already there and waiting for Zach and his mom. Mom was ready to leave but couldn't find Zach. "Zach, Zach," she yelled. "Where are you?" "I'm in the backyard," said Zach. "What are you doing? It's time to go," yelled Mom. "I just wanted to say good-bye to my tree house," said Zach. "Let's take a picture of you in front of your tree house," said Mom. Mom and Zach finally drove away toward their new house. When they arrived, the truck was already there. Dad was showing the men where to put the boxes. Dad saw Zach and told him to go with him to the backyard. When they went to the back of the house, Zach saw a big tree house Dad had made for him as a surprise. "Wow!" yelled Zach. "This is great!" All of a sudden, Zach heard a boy's voice say, "Are you moving in?" "My name is Joey and I live next door." Joey and Zach started talking to each other and went in the backyard to look at the tree house. That night, Zach told his Mom and Dad, "I think I'm going to like it here after all!"

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