

Tea Time for Two

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Polly sat across from her friend Sara. Sara was lifting a teacup and smiling. Polly smiled back and tried to look dainty as she lifted a biscuit to her mouth. She nibbled carefully, lifting her pinky finger as she did so.

"This is so nice. I'm glad you invited me." Sara gushed.

"I'm glad you came." Polly replied. "It is so hard to find nice company to have over for tea."

"Who do you normally have tea with?" Sara asked.

Polly frowned over at one of the other chairs. There were four chairs around the table. She sat in one. Her friend Polly sat across from her. On her left was Mr. Wiggles, her tabby cat. The other chair was empty.

"Normally, I have tea with Mr. Wiggles, or sometimes my brother." Polly answered.

"Mr. Wiggles doesn't seem like he would like tea." Even though he purred, he didn't drink tea.

"He doesn't. I have to put cat food in his cup."

The two girls giggled as Mr. Wiggles ate his canned cat food from his teacup. It smelled like fish, which wasn't very nice for a tea party, but he looked pretty with his tiara on.

"We should invite another friend over to sit with us." Sara suggested. "How about Melanie?"

Polly shook her head strongly. "She's mean to me."

"Carly?"

"She thinks she's too cool." Polly answered.

"Jane?"

Polly shook her head again. "Bad manners."

"Stephanie?"

"She lives too far." Polly whined.

Sara sighed. She was running out of ideas, and her friend's pickiness was bothering her. "Bea?"

"She lives next door, but she's not too bad."

"Oh, she's on vacation, I think." Sara suddenly remembered.

"I guess we'll have to settle for my brother then." Polly looked disappointed. The idea of a bigger tea party had excited her. "Maybe we can make him wear a wig and white gloves."

"Polly, that's mean."

"He's my brother, so I can be mean." Polly insisted.

"Just let him be a gentleman. It would be nice to take tea with a gentleman." Sara replied.

"You know, that's a good idea."

"The less you change people, the better." Sara advised her friend. Being a good friend meant giving good advice.



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