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We were just entering the Heathrow local flyport after a long, tiring ride on one of the new 747 jumbo flies (only the biggest and strongest were used.) My mother told ~~told~~ me to follow her onto the next plane so I wouldn't get lost. ~~but I couldn't have~~

~~that I could have~~
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→ I guess I wasn't listening very well because I was just watching a 727 fly by when I remembered that I better catch up with my mother so I looked around but she wasn't there! I went out on the porch where a fly was waiting. I saw somebody who looked like my mother boarding it so I ran up and jumped on just as it

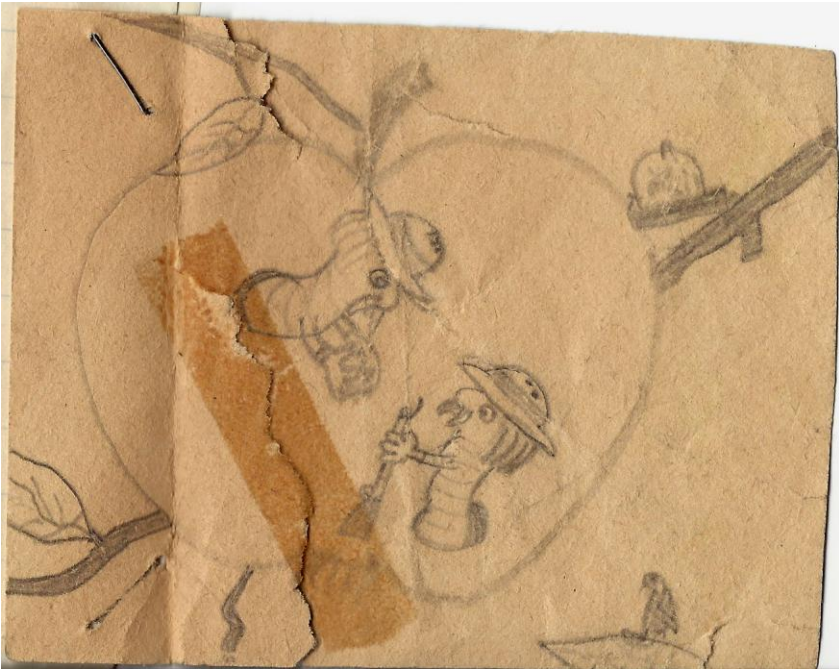
started to move. But
to my surprise there
wasn't a single flea
in the whole plane
and I couldn't see
out of the windows
because they were
boarded up. I called
to the driver but
nobody answered so
I decided to just sit
down and wait. After
awhile that fly probably
wanted a change so he
turned over and started
flying upside down. When
he did that I fell slam
against the door and,
of course, fell out. Lucky
for me there was an
apple tree with soft green
leaves under me or I
would have been flat
as a pancake in just
a minute! When I got
my breath back I decided

that I should find
out where I was so
I looked around

All of a sudden
two worms popped
their heads out of
an apple. They stared
at me for a moment
then one of them said
"Funny young chap."

Then the other one said
"Yes 'e is!"

Then I explained that I
was lost and asked them
where I was. The first
one said to the other one,
"He whants to know where
he is." Then the other one
said back to him, "He whants
to know where he is." They
kept on saying that
back and forth about ten
times then suddenly
they both shouted together,
"Yowr at the Howl residence
of course!" But before they



could get through saying that we heard a loud clap of thunder from up in the sky so they invited me in. Inside they had one picture without a frame a few pieces of furniture and everywhere I looked I saw every kind of animals head except a flea! Just then I heard a click I turned around to see one of the worms aiming at me, with his gun then he heard him say, "Drat out of bullets!" The other worm said back to him, "You know you shouldn't be doing that he's our house guest." "Besides fleas are out of season now." After that I said I better go. They didn't think that I should since it was raining so but they said if I must they could at

least let me borrow
a raincoat. Even though
it was twelve times too
big I wore it. I was glad
to get out of there and
I didn't think they had
been very hospitable but
I said thank you anyway.
I decided to get down
as fast as possible (as I'd
heard not to stand under
trees during a rain storm) so
I looked for a way to climb
down. Just then one of the
worms poked his head
out and quickly said, "Don't
forget to use the elevator,
it's faster." I didn't know
what he meant when he
said, "The elevator" because
I'd never seen one before
but I guessed that I
could look around. When
I looked around I saw
a person (really he was a
bug) who was coming out

of a doorway I said, "Sir could you please show me the way to the elevator." All he said was "That's it mac." I stepped in and the door closed. I could feel the floor descending underneath my feet when I reached the ground the doors opened automatically. When I got out I started to try to find my way home. Then I heard someone (or something) cring in the distance. I looked around but couldn't see anyone. Then I looked behind a large rock. And there sitting in the shade was a big toad dressed up like Napoleon.

He was cring and cring and it seemed like he was never going to stop. Suddenly he turned around and exclaimed "What are you

doing here?" I told him that I was lost and that I was trying to find my way home. All he answered was "Kowasme, Kowasme." I asked him what the matter was.

He said "I ts a very sad story for us toads but gather round and I ll tell you." "For all us toads and frogs rain is a plesuare.

A specially during these dry spells so we can use all the rain we can get. But with me-I-I just dont understand it. Whenever it pours rain like this, why I can never get any rain to this thick skin of mine, why I could do turkey rolls and chicken hawk gobbles till I was blue in the face but it never would help one ostrich egg of a bit why I." Then

I said, "U.h, sir, maybe
your problem is..." "Dont
inturrupt son!" he snapped.
Then he started again,
"Now where was I....." "Oh yes!"
"Why I could do turkey
ro-no no." "Oh yeh!" "Why
I long so much just to
taste some drips from the sky
Huh sheek! Huh sheek! I
started to try to wake
him for some directions
but I thought of what
he might do to me if
I did ~~wake him~~ so I
decided to skip and just
find my way by myself.
I walked along for
awhile and I guess I wasn't
watching where I was going
beacase I walked right up
a chopstick and bumped
into an otter before I
realized it. All he said
when I bumped into him
was, "Ahh I see!" "Unawable

spidew!" "How you come
hewe?" I told him that
I was not a spider and
that I was lost. He said
"Ohh." "How you like
to join me foh hamblogoh?"
"You eat hamburgers?"
"My ohlented otturu
brother not been to
stlow to by chop foey."
I told him it was chop
suey not chop foey but
all he said was "You
call it chop suey, me
call it chop foey!"
I was going to correct
him again but I decided
it would be useless since
I couldn't tell him the
way to speak. He asked
me again except this
time more anxiois,
"Do you want to
join me foh hamblogoh?"
This time I answered, "Yes
Please." He said, "Uelley good."

He said, "Ah Iso, Velly
seelius ploblem." He took
out a long, clay pipe
and started smoking
it. After a moment
he took it out and snapped
his fingers three times and
five ants appeared. He said
to them, "Chey shap sholay
sholay." Which means take
splideen to his home.
Immediately all five
raced back to their hole.
In a minute they
were back with a few
other ants. Then the
otter said, "They take
you home." I said
"Thankyou-very-much" for
all you have done.
I said one last thankyou
and we were off. We
walked many hours along
a little path with the
ants seemed to now very
well then finally one

of them said, "I her
shep shop." Then the
one standing next
to him who was the
transtater said, "He means
to say we rest now."
So they sat down and
took out a few sandwiches
and started eating them.
But before they could take
one bite out a giant
creature jumped out
from behind a big bush.
He practically knocked
me over but he didnt
go for me he went strait
for the ants but they
were already out of sight
and I could guess why
he was an anteater.
Then he looked down at
me and said, "Who are
you." I told him that I
was lost but the ants
had been taking me home.
He apoligized very nicely

and said "Oh I'm awfully
sorry but it was dinnertime
and you now how us antaters
a "Oh of course, I understand"
I said even though I had lost
all hope of ever getting home
now. But then he said, "I'd love
to give you a ride home - that is
if you don't mind riding
home on a second class antater."
"Oh of course not, of course not!"

I shouted eagerly. I hopped on
his back and we were off for
a second time. After long
we were following a trail which
I knew very well. Our dog had
followed this trail many a
time. Why this trail was the
one that ran right behind the joo.
And that's just where he went.
He walked through a big bush inside
was a big hole. Finding it where
two big snakes. He walked into
it. When we saw daylight again,
we were inside his cage. He said
he had built that tunnel so
that when he wanted room
around in the forest, a bit
he could without having to
sneak the keys from the guard.

Then I saw a sight to behold.

The masters of the dog had
come to the joo - and brought
their dog too. I couldn't remember
a time I was happier. I jumped
down and said "thankyou" then
I raced off. That night my mother
gave me a good hard spanking.

But I didn't care I was too happy
to be home!