

There Was a Little Girl, She Has a Little Curl

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Character List (5):

Isabel, Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Mom, Dad and Shoe store guy (share the same voice)

Narrator 1	There was a little girl and she had a little curl, right in the middle of her forehead. When she was good, she was very, very good. And when she was bad, she was....
Narrator 2	HORRID
Narrator 1	Isabel was her name.
Narrator 1	Isabel lived with her mother, her father, her dog, Oliver, and her cat, Lulu.
Narrator 1	One Saturday morning, Isabel woke up and said
Isabel	I'm going to be very, very good today.
Narrator 1	She did not disturb her parents. She did not turn on the television.
Narrator 1	Isabel got dressed and went into the kitchen. She moved the cat. She prepared a bowl of cereal for herself and ate it all up. And she did not use her sleeve as a napkin- not even once. Then she let the dog out.
Narrator 1	After breakfast, Isabel decided to play dress up. When she heard her mother say,
Mom	Isabel! It's time to go shopping for sneakers.
Narrator 1	She went downstairs right away.
Narrator 1	Isabel was good. Very good. She didn't complain when her mother said that the white sneakers would get too dirty. Or that the sneakers with blinking lights didn't

	fit well. Or that the pink ones with jewels were too fancy.
Shoe store guy:	Good Choice!
Narrator 1	She agreed that the plain blue ones were the best and happily wore them home.
Narrator 1	Isabel was proud of her new shoes. She wanted to show them to Lulu & Oliver, but she didn't know where they were. So she went to her mom's room to see if they were hiding under the dressing table.
Narrator 1	Isabel sat in her mom's chair. She put on lipstick..... And rouge... And powder... And even eye shadow
Narrator 1	She tried to polish her nails, but it was hard to keep from painting her fingers, so she stopped.
Narrator 1	Then Isabel tried to fix her hair. SHE struggled with the comb and brush..... And it hurt! She wished she didn't have so much hair.
Narrator 1:	Isabel decided to give herself a haircut. She began with the curl she had in the middle of her forehead
Narrator 2:	SNIP!!!!
Narrator 1:	Then she cute another curl,
Narrator 2:	SNIP!
Narrator 1:	And another,
Narrator 2:	SNIP!
Narrator 1:	And another
Narrator 2:	SNIP!
Narrator 1:	And still another curl.
Narrator 2:	SNIP!
Narrator 1:	She heard her mother calling

Mom:	Isabel, you're so quiet where are you?
Isabel:	Upstairs!!
Narrator 2:	There was a worried expression on Isabel's face
Mom:	Come Downstairs, please. I need to talk to you.
Narrator 1:	Isabel quickly wiped her face with her sleeve and went downstairs.
Mom:	Isabel what happened to your hair?
Isabel:	I didn't mean to cut it! It was an accident.
Narrator 1:	Then Isabel began to cry.
Narrator 2:	I look HORRID! I don't want daddy to see me.
Mom:	I can't make your hair look any better, but if you stop crying. We can go to the beauty shop and see if someone there can repair the damage.
Narrator 1:	Isabel got a haircut
Narrator 2:	Snip, snip.
Narrator 1:	At dinner that night, Isabel, through her daddy, would notice her haircut and be angry. But he wasn't. He just asked.
Dad:	What did you do today while I was at work?
Narrator 1:	Isabel said
Isabel:	I played dredd-up with Oliver. I ate everything on my plate, even the beets, I got new blue sneakers. AND I got a haircut!
Dad:	Isabel I like your short hair.
Narrator 1:	Isabel's mommy didn't say a word.
Isabel:	I am a little girl and had a little curl, right in the middle of my forehead. When I am good, I am very very good. And when I am bad, I am horrid!
Everyone:	Good-night, Isabel.

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Story Map

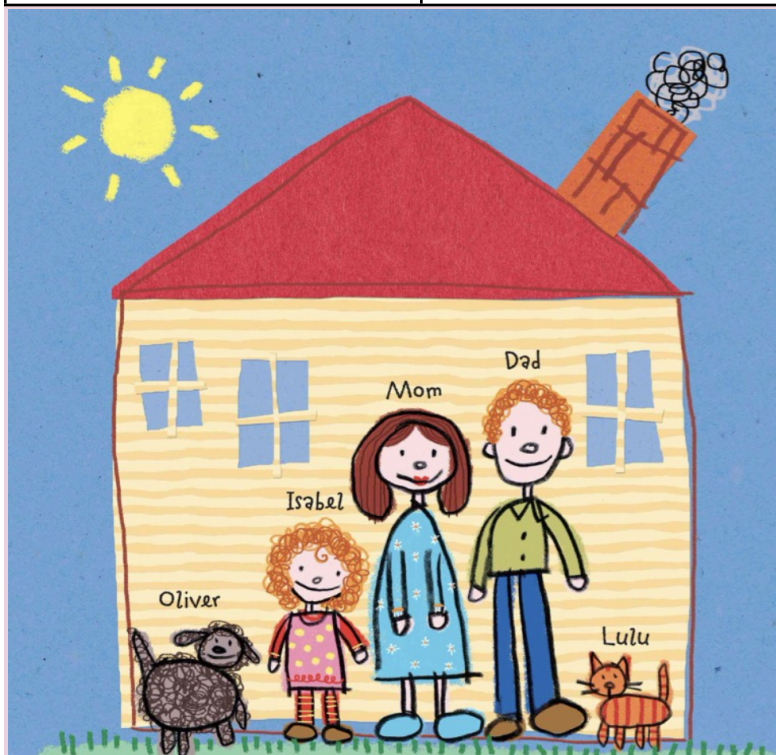
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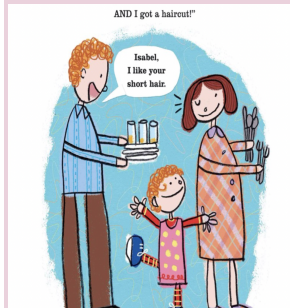
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Characters:

Isabel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good when good• HORRID when bad• Lives with mom, dad, dog & cat• Spontaneous, unpredictable	Mom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient• Understanding• Considerate• Calm• Tolerant of Isabel	Dad <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tall• Red, curly hair like Isabel• Works all day
Oliver <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dog	Lulu <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cat	



Events:

 <p>One Saturday morning, Isabel woke up and said, "I'm going to very, very go today."</p>	 <p>When she heard her mother say, "Isabel! It's time to go shopping for sneakers." she went downstairs right away.</p>	 <p>SNIP</p>	 <p>AND I got a haircut!" Isabel, I like your short hair.</p>
<p>Event 1: - Isabel wakes up & decides she is going to behave and be very productive - she gets dressed, goes to the kitchen, moves the cat, eats her cereal, and much more</p>	<p>Event 2: - Isabel's mom said it's time to shop for sneakers, and she went downstairs right away. She behaved and did not complain, & picked out the ones her mom liked.</p>	<p>Event 3: Then, Isabel went home and decided to give herself a makeover. She chopped her hair off! Isabel was so upset & crying, and did not want her Daddy to see what she looked like. Her mom took her to the hair salon to get it fixed.</p>	<p>Event 4: Mom and Isabel came back home. Isabel's dad came home from work and told Isabel he likes her short hair. It looked just like his! Her mom smiled at her and did not say a word.</p>