

# **A Kitten In Distress**

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EXT. THE GARDEN - A QUIET SUMMER'S DAY

It's a warm, quiet day. The sun is shining, birds are singing, BERT is dozing on the porch. Suddenly, the peace is disturbed by loud meowing. OLIVER is clutching a branch in the apple tree, crying for help.

BERT  
(slightly opening one  
eye)  
...kitten. Be quiet.

OLIVER  
(loudly)  
Quiet he says, while his best  
friend is clawing for his life!  
Does it end here? Should my young,  
precious existence-

OLIVER  
(spotting a squirrel,  
frantically crawling  
towards it)  
OH! SQUIRRELSQUIRRELSQUIRREL!

By now, the branch is bending under his weight. He loses sight of the squirrel and starts weeping again.

OLIVER  
Oh! I shall fall to my death or  
remain on this branch in starving  
anguish!

BERT  
Or you could try jumping.

OLIVER  
(looks at him, eyes and  
mouth wide open in  
shock)  
Jumping! Oh Bert, how could you! I  
am looking down, Bert, and I feel  
like I'm looking into my grim  
future, at my unavoidable death.

BERT sighs, then gets up and approaches the tree. He climbs up to OLIVER's branch and bends it until the tip touches the ground. After all, it isn't really very high up.

BERT  
There. Now jump.

OLIVER  
(hopping off the branch)  
How can I ever thank you! You have  
saved me from certain-

BERT  
Don't mention it.

BERT returns to his sleeping spot, while OLIVER excitedly heads back towards the tree to chase the squirrel. This time, however, BERT keeps one eye opened slightly, never letting the kitten out of his sight.