

Little Sue-Sue and her mother take long walks through the same beautiful meadow everyday each summer. Her mother happily watches little Sue-Sue as she plays and dances in the green, green grass.

“Mama, what is this?” Sue-Sue asks as she picks a fun-looking flower from the green, green grass.

“That, honey, is a dandelion globe! Blow on it and see what happens!” Sue-Sue’s mother responds.

When Sue-Sue blew on the dandelion globe, it seemed to almost fall apart. Tiny pieces of the dandelion globe started flying through the air, catching even the slightest breeze.

“Mama, why did it break when I blew on it?” Sue-Sue questioned.

“It didn’t break, honey. The pieces that came off are called fruitlets. They are the seeds of the dandelion. When you blow on it, the fruitlets fly through the air like little parachutes and look for the perfect place to land in the green, green grass.” Sue-Sue’s mother explains.

“What happens when the flying fruitlet finds the perfect place to land in the green, green grass, Mama?” Sue-Sue wonders.

“Well, once the little fruitlet lands in the perfect place, it starts to grow! Like lots of other seeds, the first part to grow is the roots. The roots grow deep, deep down into the ground.”

Sue-Sue is listening closely to what her mother is telling her about how this fun-looking flower begins to grow,

“But, Mama, what happens to the flying fruitlet and the roots when it gets cold out and it snows” she wonders. “Does it die?”

“No, no, honey, it doesn’t die.” Her mother explains, “Even though the green, green grass has turned brown and there is snow on the ground, the seed and roots stay alive and wait for it to get warm outside again.”

“Oh, does it turn into a flower as soon as it gets warm out, then, Mama?”

“Not yet, honey. Once spring arrives, the fruitlet turns into a little green sprout. The little green sprout begins to grow leaves on it, it gets bigger and bigger as it gets warmer and warmer outside.” Sue-Sue’s mother tells her.

“Then it turns into a flower! Right, Mama?” Sue-Sue insists.

“That’s right, honey! As spring turns into summer, and the brown grass turns green again, the fruitlet finally turns into a beautiful yellow flower!” Sue-Sue’s mother tells her, “It’s getting late now, Sue-Sue, let’s go home. We can come back next summer with your little sister.”

The next summer, Sue-Sue, her mother, and her little sister, Mad, walked through the same beautiful meadow everyday. Their mother happily watched as Sue-Sue and Mad played and danced together in the green, green grass.

“Sue-Sue, what is this?” Mad asked as she picked up a fun-looking flower from the green, green grass.

“That’s a dandelion globe, Mad! Blow on it and see what happens!”

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