

The Good For Nothing Sword

Meet Nathan.

When Nathan was young, he had a play sword. He loved pretending with his sword. But that was when he was young.

Now Nathan is much older. He's 12 years old. Nathan does not care about his play sword any more. He wants a real one that can cut things.

So Nathan went to his father and said, "Father, can I please have a sword?"

Nathan's father replied, "you already have one, Nathan."

Nathan said, "I want a real one that can cut things!"

Nathan's father said no.

So Nathan went to his mother and said, "Mother, can I please have a sword?"

Nathan's mother said "You already have one. Don't you love that sword?"

But Nathan said "Not any more. I want a real sword that can cut things."

Nathan's mother said "No way! Those things are too dangerous."

So Nathan went to his sister.

Nathan said, "Sister, can I have a sword?"

Nathan's sister was on a video chat with a friend so she was very annoyed and said "go away Nathan, I don't care."

Nathan put his hands up in the air and said "Yay!", and ran out of the house.

As he was going out of the door, his mother stopped him and said "where are you going, Nathan?"

Nathan said "I'm going to Rob's house."

Nathan's mother said "ok, have fun!"

When Nathan got to Rob's house and told Rob to come with him. As they were going out the door, Rob's mom stopped them and said "where are you two going?"

Rob and Nathan, both at the same time, said "we are going to Michael's house."

Rob's mom said "ok, have fun then."

When they got to Michael's house, they told him to come with them. As they were going out the door, Michael's mom stopped them and said "where are you three going?"

All three of them at the same time said, "we're going to Jennifer's house."
Michael's mom said "ok, be back before dinner, Michael."

When they got to Jennifer's house, they told her to come with them, but as they were going out the door, Jennifer's mom said, "where are you guys going?"

And they all said at the same time "we're going to the sword shop."*

Jennifer's mom said, "oh ok then, here's \$10 each."

*Jennifer's mom was the least strict parent, so they decided to go to her house last.

So they all went to the sword shop. They were looking around for awhile, and then Nathan gasped and said "I found the sword I want!"

Then Nathan looked at the price tag. It showed \$40. Nathan said "it's \$40 and I only have \$10."

Jennifer, Rob and Michael all looked at each other. And they each handed over their \$10.

Nathan said "what's this for?"

They all said "for the sword!"

So Nathan said "thanks guys", grabbed the sword and went up to the front desk. He put the sword on the desk with the money next to it. The shop owner picked up the money and counted it. Then the shop owner looked at the kids peeking over the desk and held out his hand.

The kids looked at him, confused. Nathan said "can I have my sword now?" But the shop owner looked at the kids and said, "You gotta pay tax!"

Nathan asked the shop owner how much tax was. The shop owner said "\$120". So all four of them ran back to Jennifer's house, and asked Jennifer's mom for \$120.

Jennifer's mom said, "What's it for?"

Jennifer said, "For a sword."

Jennifer's mom said, "OK, then" and gave them the money.

They gave the shop owner the money and he counted it. Then he looked at the kids and said "You're missing \$40.)* The kids were very confused, but ran back to Jennifer's house.

*Jennifer's mom only gave them \$80 more instead of \$120 more because she thought they needed 120 total, but they needed \$120 MORE.

When they got there, they said, "We need forty more dollars!"

Jennifer's mom, without a word, gave them the \$40.

They ran back to the shop owner and gave him the \$40.

The shop owner put the money in the cash register, packaged the sword up and gave it to them, and then said "Today's buy on, get one free."

Jennifer, Rob, and Michael all looked at each other and started to argue about who gets the second sword. As they were arguing, Nathan went over, grabbed a sword he liked, showed the shop owner and said "Let's go, guys." The other three were very confused, but Nathan explained as they were walking back to Jennifer's house.

They dropped Jennifer off. Then they dropped Michael off, who made it home in time for supper. And then they dropped Rob off. When Nathan went home, he walked in the door and his mom, sister, and father were waiting at the door for him.

They all were very mad. Nathan's father looked at Nathan and said "Nathan, where were you? You have homework due tomorrow."

Nathan's sister looked at him with anger and said "Nathan, you made dinner get

cold!"

And then Nathan's mother looked at him and said "Oh Nathan! I was so worried about you. I'm so glad you're ok!"

Then Nathan's father, sister and mother all looked at the sword that was in his hands. His father said, "Where did you get those swords?"

Nathan said "From the sword shop! It was buy one, get one free! You can have this one, Dad."

Nathan's dad said, "But I want the other one."

"So do I!", said Nathan.

Nathan and his father argued about who gets which sword while Nathan's mother and sister grabbed the swords and took them to cut the lasagna for dinner.

The end.

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