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For the first week of summer vacation, things had gone just how she had expected. Kimmy went to her friends' houses, Kenny stayed home and played video games locked in his room. Some days, he did not even change out of his pajamas. So, she had put her foot down and ordered him to spend the first weekend of summer away from video games. He had thrown a fit about it, to the point where she had threatened to make it a whole week. That got through to him and he agreed to play a board game with Kimmy.

Seemingly overnight, he went through an almost startling transformation. He never asked about his video games locked in Deborah's room. Instead, he spent seemingly every waking moment playing with his sister. That in and of itself ranked as one of the great miracles, but then they had come bounding downstairs that morning in the outfits they now happily wore out in the park as they jumped rope. How had Kimmy ever done it, convinced her brother to wear watermelon leggings and a green tulle skirt, to say nothing of his colorful Mary Janes?

"It's fine, mom." Kenny had said, almost knocking her off her feet as he turned slightly from side to side in that almost subconscious way girls did, making his skirt dance. "We just want to go play in the park." Well, she had thought, if he was happy, who was she to intervene?

Deborah sighed contently and picked up her book again. Maybe this summer would go fine with Kenny getting more in touch with his feminine side. The kids were so far away that she could not overhear what they were saying, just that they were chatting away amiably.

"Please, Kimmy. I can't dress like this all summer!"

"Well, duh! You'll wear sundresses and shorts and when we go swimming, maybe that Ariel swimsuit I showed you."

"That's not what I meant. What if someone sees me?"

"We'll tell them you're my cousin or something. Besides, do you have any choice?" She smirked as he sighed in defeat. "Tell you what. You've been very good for me today, so if you behave during our sleepover tonight, I'll consider letting you free"

"Thank you!"

"After that awful garden party mom wants to drag us to next week."

"What?"

"I'm not passing up the chance to see my big brother all dolled up in a party dress and tights! If we play our cards

right, I can even get mom to take us to the salon to get your hair done! You can go back to boy stuff all you want, but you'd still have a head of sausage curls!" She grinned. "All summer long."