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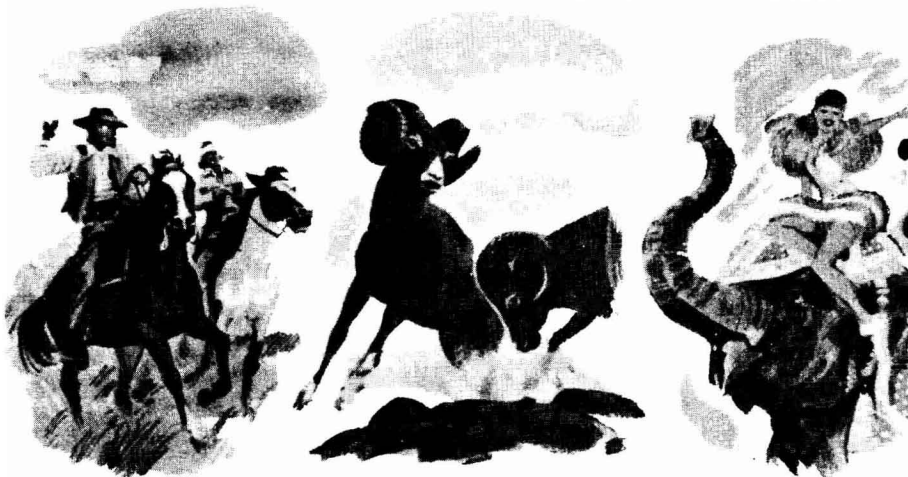
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# Circus Girl

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Kitty was going to be a circus girl. It was her first day on her new job. How excited she was!

She looked all around the circus lot. Everyone was at work. Boys were washing the elephants. A man was feeding the lions. Men were training dogs to do tricks. Girls were jumping on and off horses.

Kitty was a little afraid. What was her job going to be?

At last she saw Mr. North. He owned the circus. "What am I to do in your circus?" Kitty asked.

"First you must learn to ride in the parade," Mr. North said. "Everyone here is in the big parade."

Then he said to a man standing near, "Bob, show Kitty how to ride an elephant."

"All right," Bob said. "Come with me."

Bob took Kitty over to a big elephant. "This is Jo-Jo," he said. "You can ride her."

Kitty looked at Jo-Jo. "How big she is!" Kitty thought.

"You will not fall off," said Bob. "Jo-Jo has a big head."

Jo-Jo put her head down. Kitty sat on it. Then Jo-Jo lifted her head. Kitty fell off!

"That was a good try for the first time,"



said Bob. "Now, you will have to try again."

Kitty tried again. The elephant put her head down. Kitty sat on it. The elephant put her head up. Again Kitty fell off!

Bob laughed. "Do you need an elephant with a bigger head?" he asked.

"No," said Kitty. "This time I will not fall off."

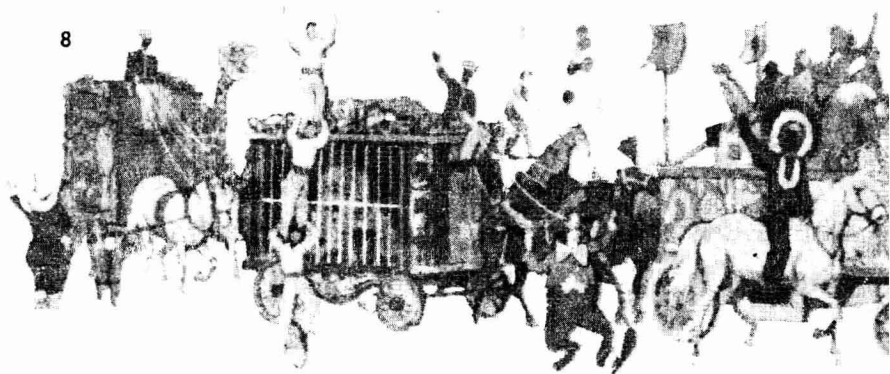
So Kitty tried once more. She sat on Jo-Jo's head. Jo-Jo lifted her head. And this time Kitty stayed on!

"How high up I am!" she called down to Bob. "I like it up here."

"You look like a real circus girl," said Bob. He made Jo-Jo put her head down. Kitty got off.

"Is that all I have to do?" asked Kitty.

"Oh, no," Bob answered. "You have to ride an elephant. Today, all you have done is sit on Jo-Jo's head. You must learn to stay



on while Jo-Jo walks. In the circus, you do things over and over till you do them well."

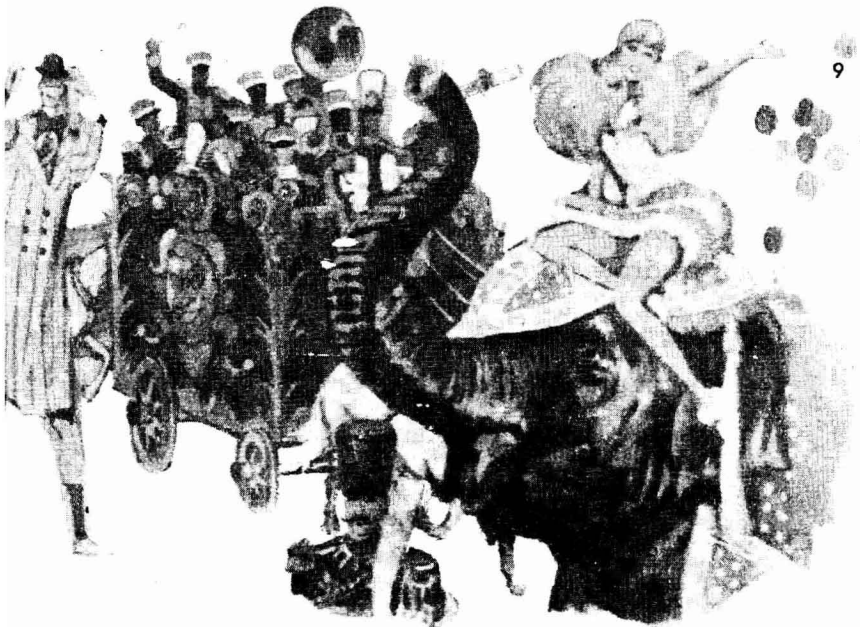
"What else will I learn to do?" asked Kitty.

"Tomorrow you begin learning to ride a horse," said Bob. "Soon you will ride standing up!"

"I am glad I started with Jo-Jo," said Kitty. "Now I am not afraid to ride anything! And I love horses."

"It's hard work to be a circus girl," said Bob, smiling.

Kitty answered, "Yes, but it's fun!"



### TALK THIS OVER

1. Why was Kitty glad she started with Jo-Jo?
2. Why did Kitty like the hard work?

### KITTY'S FIRST DAY

What did Kitty learn? Put a ✓ before your answer.

On her first day, Kitty learned to

.... ride a horse.

.... sit on an elephant's head.

.... ride standing up.

Best Score: 1

My Score: ....

**KITTY LOOKS AROUND**

What did Kitty see when she first looked around the circus lot? Draw a line under each thing she saw. You will need to draw three lines.

Kitty saw

a big parade.

boys washing elephants.

a man feeding lions.

a man rowing a boat.

girls jumping on and off horses.

**Best Score: 3**

**My Score: . . . .**

**KITTY'S NEW JOB**

Make sentences. Draw a line from each beginning to the right ending. One line is drawn for you.

BeginningsEndings

Kitty wants to be

to ride Jo-Jo.

Kitty will be

ride a horse.

Kitty will learn

a circus girl.

Standing up, she will

in the parade.

**Best Score: 3**

**My Score: . . . .**

**WORD PUZZLE: TWO FOR ONE MEANING**

One word in each sentence below has a line under it. Write a word from this list that means about the same.

job                  lot                  training

1. Kitty looked around the circus grounds. . . . .
2. Men were teaching dogs to do tricks. . . . .
3. Kitty wondered what her work would be. . . . .

**Best Score: 3**

**My Score: . . . .**

**All Best Scores: 10**

**All My Scores: . . . .**

**DO AND SHARE**

1. Make up a story about Kitty's second day on the circus lot.
2. Tell about the circus acts you like best to see. How do you think animals and people learn these acts?
3. Read *Wait for William*, by Marjorie Flack; *Circus Ruckus*, by W. Lipkind and N. Mordvinoff.

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Hawaii

Pacific Ocean

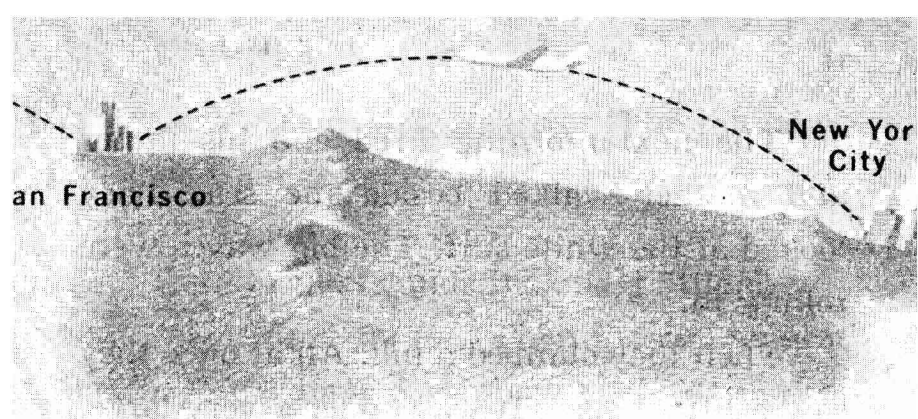
# The Happy Islands

“I don’t want to move!” Fred said to his father. “I like living here in New York City. And I like to play in the streets. My friends are here. I want to stay!”

“We have to move, Fred,” Mr. Sparks said. “I have a new job in the Islands. Why don’t you wait until you see them? Maybe you will like living there.”

“Never!” was Fred’s answer.

A few weeks later, the Sparks family left



**Key Words:** islands, surf, rainbow,  
visitors, hula, path, surfboard

the city by airplane. They flew over land for hours. In San Francisco they took another big plane. This time they flew over water.

At last they saw land. "There is Hawaii," Mr. Sparks said. "And there is the island we are to live on. But we will visit the other islands, too. All of them are beautiful."

"I don't care what they are like," said Fred. "I wish I could go back to New York City right now!"

The next morning Fred and his father and mother walked beside the sea. They looked at the white surf. The big waves were rolling in.

Then they climbed a hill. All at once they saw a little house. It was under a very large, very old tree.

"No one lives there," said Mr. Sparks. "Let's look at the house."

"The house is old and run-down," said Mrs. Sparks. "But it is pretty. I like it. We can fix it up. Let's buy it!"

The house belonged to Mr. Green. He was glad to sell it. So the Sparks family soon moved in.

On the first day in the new home they had a happy surprise. After a little rain, the sun came out. Then a rainbow showed its bright colors.



“Look!” said Mrs. Sparks. “The rainbow seems to dance across the water. It dances right up to our front door!”

“Here in the Islands it rains a little every day,” said Mr. Sparks. “Then the sun shines again. We’ll have a rainbow every day. We used to see rainbows only once in a while.”

On that first day the Sparks family had another happy surprise. People who lived nearby came to visit them. The visitors brought fruit from their gardens. And they stayed to talk.

Everyone talked and laughed. Then someone began to sing. Soon all were singing together. Two girls did a dance called the hula. Many girls in Hawaii know this dance.

At last a big white moon came up. It made a bright path of light on the sea. And it made the flowers shine in the girls’ hair.