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About the story: Shy and sensitive twelve-year-old Andrew is the victim of a pantsed prank that his two best friends play on him, making him extremely embarrassed. Did his friends have the right to play such a prank on him? Does Andrew get his revenge? A fictitious story taking place in Stormville, Upstate New York, USA, summer 1983.

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It was a hot summer day in Upstate New York in 1983. Twelve-year-old Andrew was playing chase in his backyard with his two best friends, Matty and Teddy, who were also twelve. The boys were all barefoot. Worn out, the boys headed to the monkey bars. Andrew hung from the bars, swaying back and forth.

“I can’t wait to be a teenager,” Andrew exclaimed. He had just turned twelve four months ago.

“I can’t wait to be old enough to drive,” Matty said. “Then, I can go to the comic bookstore whenever I want.”

As Andrew swayed on the bars, Teddy had a sneaky idea. He saw that Andrew’s shorts were loose on his skinny body. Then, it happened.

Teddy darted over and yanked Andrew’s shorts and white underwear down and off his feet, leaving him hanging there only in his muscle shirt.

“Run!” Teddy exclaimed. He tossed Andrew’s clothes to Matty, and both boys ran away.

“Get back here!” Andrew exclaimed, embarrassed. “Get back here!” He chased Matty, trying to get his clothes. When Andrew got close, though, Matty threw the clothes to Teddy. The boys continued to pass Andrew’s clothes to each other as Andrew chased them. Matty and Teddy giggled as Andrew, practically naked, continued to run after them.

Finally, Teddy, completely out of breath, gave up running and reluctantly handed Andrew's clothes back to him.

"Thank you, Buddy!" Andrew exclaimed, struggling to quickly put his clothes back on. He got his underwear stuck on his toes at first, rushing to get them back on, and almost fell over.

Matty and Teddy chuckled.

"You looked so funny hanging on the monkey bars without your shorts and underwear on," Teddy said.

“Your bright-as-the-sun ass was shining so bright, I should have worn my sunglasses,” Matty said, making Teddy laugh and laugh.

“I’ve been embarrassed enough for one day,” Andrew said. “Geez.” Holding his hands on his hips, Andrew waited for them to settle down and then explained, “That was really embarrassing for me. You guys are great, but you shouldn’t have done that. Someone might feel very uncomfortable and maybe upset if that happened to them.”

“We’re so sorry,” Andrew’s buddies said. “We’ll never do it again.”

Holding his right hand on his hip, Andrew held the fingers of his left hand on his chin and thought and thought and thought as he schemed and schemed and schemed.

“I know how you two can make it up to me: Hang on the monkey bars with *your* shorts and underwear off,” Andrew demanded, “so I can get a laugh out of you guys being naked

and your asses shining as bright as the sun for me to see.”

Matty and Teddy looked at each other. Then, they nodded and walked to the monkey bars. Removing their shorts and underwear, they hung on the bars as Andrew giggled and laughed and laughed.

Matty was in puberty, like Andrew, because he had pubic hair, but Teddy had none yet. But that was okay. Tween and teenage boys begin puberty at different times, usually

between eleven and fifteen years of age.

“Your asses are as bright as the sun,” Andrew exclaimed. “And now you know how I felt.”

“We’ve learned our lesson,” Teddy said.

“I’ll never do that again,” Matty exclaimed, struggling to hold himself up.

“Okay. I guess that’s good enough. That’s enough laughs for one day,” Andrew declared.

Matty and Teddy dropped to the ground and got dressed. They learned their lesson, and neither of the boys ever did anything like that again. Andrew and his friends never forgot that day.