

I Have to Go

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Cast of Characters

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| <u>Andrew:</u> | Male, toddler, needs to pee |
| <u>Mom:</u> | Andrew's mom, twenty-five |
| <u>Dad:</u> | Andrew's dad, twenty-six |
| <u>Grandma:</u> | Dad's mother, fifty |
| <u>Grandpa:</u> | Dad's father, fifty, has bladder problems |
| <u>Narrator:</u> | Tells the story |

ACT IScene 1

Spotlight comes up on Narrator. Narrator is SR sitting on the edge of the stage, legs dangling off. The set is behind them and consists of the grandparents' house. All that is needed inside is a coat rack (where his snow suit hangs) a bed, and two doors (one on the side to enter the house and one on the back for the family to leave "Andrew's room") one on one side of a wall. On the other side of the wall is a kitchen that also has two doors (one that connects to Andrew's room and one on the back to go to the bathroom).

NARRATOR: This is a story about a young boy named Andrew. One day Andrew's mother and father were taking him to see his grandma and grandpa. Before they put him in the car his mother said,

Spotlight comes up Andrew, Mom, and Dad. They are standing in the middle of one of the aisles next to the wall next to a large piece of cardboard/whatever fashioned into a car.

MOM

Andrew, do you have to go pee?

ANDREW

No, no, no, no, no.

DAD

Andrew, do you have to go pee?

ANDREW

No, no, no, no, no. I have decided never to pee again.

NARRATOR

So they put Andrew into the car, fastened his seatbelt and gave him lots of books, and lots of toys, and lots of crayons, and drove off down the road

While the narrator is talking Andrew, Mom, and Dad get inside the car and Andrew holds up a book, a toy, and a box of crayon.

WHOLE FAMILY

Vroom, vroom, vroom

Mom and Dad hold up the car by the windows/doors and begin to shuffle down the aisle

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NARRATOR

They had only been driving one minute when...

ANDREW

I HAVE TO GO PEE!!!!!!!

DAD

Yikes

MOM

Oh no.

DAD

Now, Andrew, will just five minutes. In five minutes we will come to a gas station where you can go pee.

ANDREW

I have to go pee RIGHT NOW!

NARRATOR

So the mother stopped the car

WHOLE FAMILY

Screeeccchhh

The car stops in front of the stage. Mom gets out and angrily opens the door for Andrew

NARRATOR

And Andrew got out of the car and peed behind a bush.

Andrew runs on the stage and squats behind a bush. He stands up and smiles. Then goes back to the car. They all shuffle their way on stage.

NARRATOR

When they got to Grandma's and Grandpa's house, Andrew wanted to go out to play. It had snowed earlier that morning so he needed a snowsuit. Before they put on the snowsuit, the mother and the father and the grandma and the grandpa all said,

ADULTS

ANDREW! DO YOU HAVE TO GO PEE?

ANDREW

No, no, no, no, no.

NARRATOR

So they put on Andrew's snowsuit. It had 5 zippers, 10 buckles, and 17 snaps.

The adults frantically move around Andrew in a circle putting on the snow suit. Narrator keeps checking his watch.

NARRATOR

It took half an hour to get the snowsuit on.

All the adults step back after Andrew's snowsuit is on and make a sound of relief.

NARRATOR

Andrew walked out into the backyard, threw three snowballs.

Narrator counts the snowballs out loud as Andrew throws them

NARRATOR

One! Two! Three! and Andrew yelled,

ANDREW

I HAVE TO GO PEE!

NARRATOR

The father and the mother and the grandma and the grandpa all ran outside, got Andrew out of the snowsuit and carried him to the bathroom.

All of the adults run outside from the house, pick Andrew up, and run through the house to the bathroom.

Andrew walks back on first, looking happy. Mom and Dad follow him, looking angry. Grandma and Grandpa come back on last bringing in food.

NARRATOR

When Andrew came back down they had a nice dinner. Then it was time for Andrew to go to bed.

Everyone goes through the door to Andrew's room. Andrew lays down on the bed and covers himself with a blanket.

NARRATOR

Before they put Andrew into bed, the mother and the father and the grandma and the grandpa all said,

ADULTS

ANDREW! DO YOU HAVE TO GO PEE?

ANDREW

No, no, no, no, no.

NARRATOR

So his mother gave him a kiss

Mom kisses Andrew's forehead

NARRATOR

And his father gave him a kiss

Dad kisses Andrew's forehead

NARRATOR

And his grandma gave him a kiss

Grandma kisses Andrew's forehead

NARRATOR

And his grandpa gave him a kiss

Grandpa kisses Andrew's forehead

MOM

Just wait, he's going to yell and say he has to pee.

DAD

Oh, he does it every night. It's driving me crazy.

GRANDMA

I never had these problems with my children.

NARRATOR

They waited for 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes.

DAD

I think he is asleep.

MOM

Yes, I think he is asleep.

GRANDMA

He is definitely asleep and he didn't yell and say he had to go pee.

Andrew sits up in the bed.

ANDREW

I wet my bed.

NARRATOR

So the mother and the father and the grandma and the grandpa all changed Andrew's bed and Andrew's pajamas.

Andrew stands up and has a wet spot on his pants. Grandma and Grandpa take Andrew through the door in his room so that Andrew can change. Dad takes the wet blanket off of the bed and through the kitchen to the back door. He leaves the blanket there and comes back. Mom takes a blanket from under the bed and puts it on the bed. Grandma, Grandpa, and Andrew all come back to his room. He has on different pants.

NARRATOR

When they were finished Andrew got back into his bed. Then the mother gave him a kiss

Mom kisses Andrew

NARRATOR

And the father gave him a kiss

Dad kisses Andrew

NARRATOR

And the grandma gave him a kiss

Grandma kisses Andrew

NARRATOR

And the grandpa gave him a kiss

Grandpa kisses Andrew

NARRATOR

And the grownups all went to bed too.

Adults exit through back door in Andrew's room

NARRATOR

They waited 5 minutes

Mom pokes her head out the door

NARRATOR

They waited 10 minutes

Grandma pokes her head out the door

NARRATOR

The waited 15 minutes

Dad pokes his head out the door

NARRATOR

The waited 20 minutes

Grandpa pokes his head out the door

NARRATOR

And Andrew yelled,

ANDREW

GRANDPA, DO YOU HAVE TO GO PEE?

Grandpa steps all the way through the door

GRANDPA

Why, yes, I think I do.

ANDREW

Well, so do I.

Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa step through the door into Andrew's room. Grandpa grabs Andrew's hand and they walk through the kitchen to the bathroom door.

NARRATOR

So they both went to the bathroom and peed in the toilet, and Andrew did not wet his bed again that night, not even once.

THE END