The Stuck Kite

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Tess had a new red kite. It had a long yellow tail.

The hill was windy. "Up, up!" said Tess.

Up went the kite! Its tail went flip, flip, flip.

Then the wind gave a big push. Whoosh!

The kite flew right into a tree. It was stuck!

Tess gave the string a tug. The kite did not come down.

She gave a big tug. Still stuck on a twig!

Dad came over to help. "I can get it," he said.

He jumped. He jumped again. Then his hat blew off!

The hat landed in the tree, next to the kite.

"Now the tree has my hat, too," said Dad.

Tess looked at the kite. It wiggled in the wind.

"It wants to go up, not down," said Tess.

So she did not tug. She let the string go loose.

The wind lifted the kite off the twig. Up it went!

Its tail hooked Dad's hat on the way!

Up went kite and hat, like a big bird.

Then Tess pulled the string, slow and steady.

Down came the kite. Down came the hat.

Dad put on his hat. It was full of leaves!

Tess laughed. "Now you look like a tree, Dad!"