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The Scarecrow Moves

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On Monday, the scarecrow stood by the beans. On Tuesday, he stood by the gate.

On Wednesday, he was in the pumpkins. Dara saw him from her bed. She frowned.

“Scarecrows can not walk,” she said. But he had a new spot each day.

Her brother said, “He walks at night.” Dara felt a small chill.

That night, Dara sat by the window. She had a warm blanket. She watched the yard.

The moon came up. The scarecrow stood still. He had a floppy hat and stick arms.

Hours went by. Dara's eyes got heavy. Then a tall shape moved!

It went to the scarecrow. It picked him up. It began to carry him off.

Dara held her breath. The moon lit its face. It was Grandpa!

Grandpa put the scarecrow by the berries. Then he tipped the hat. He bowed.

Dara laughed out loud. She ran out in her slippers. “It was you!” she said.

“I wanted you to smile,” said Grandpa. “You said the garden was dull.” Dara hugged him.

Now the scarecrow has a name. It is Sir Floppy. Each day, Dara finds him.

Questions

1. What moves in the garden?

A. The gate
B. The scarecrow
C. A cow

2. What does Dara do at night?

A. Runs outside
B. Calls Mom
C. Watches from her window

3. Who moves the scarecrow?

A. Grandpa
B. Her brother
C. The wind

4. Why does Grandpa move it?

A. To scare birds
B. To make Dara smile
C. He forgot where it goes

5. What does chill mean?

A. Ran fast
B. Fell down
C. A cold shiver

Words to know

scarecrow: a figure that guards a field
floppy: soft and loose
chill: a cold shiver
bowed: bent at the waist

Answer key: The Scarecrow Moves

1. B. The scarecrow
2. C. Watches from her window
3. A. Grandpa
4. B. To make Dara smile
5. C. A cold shiver