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That twig I'd kicked look like a toothpick. Ten feet, maybe twelve, sure seemed like a lot more looking down than looking up. I'd only gone up a couple of limbs higher than my usual sitting spot, but it seemed like it telescoped the distance to the ground way more than that.

When the yelling from the kitchen started, it broke the spell of the twig even though it wasn't anything new these days; my mom and sister going at it again. If it ran its usual course, any minute my sister would bust through the kitchen screen door. We had a front door but we never used it. We all went through the kitchen door, even when we were escaping. I'd blasted through it just the night before.

I'd waited in our front yard ditch, trying to play, until our chevy's nose poked out from behind Punky Hayden's house at the corner to come down our street. Then I ran to my apple tree in the back yard and watched him go under me into the kitchen carrying the usual white paper wrapped package of left over meat from his butcher job at the IGA over in Everett. And then I waited. I was sure my mom would tell him about my day the minute he got in, probably not even letting him get his first Rainier out of the fridge. She'd been that mad.

But nothing happened. No one yelled for me or came out after me. It was going to be one of those "wait til your dad...s".

My mom was usually in charge of bawling out and whipping. If you were in for a spanking, it would happen on the spot, unless you were in public. But she'd passed this one to my dad. "Wait 'til you're dad gets home" meant he could do anything from punch you in the leg to make you trim the yard with scissors. And

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Peas & Q's



"You had a big day today, you should celebrate."

Birds & Bees



Punky had shot the last inhabitants with his BB gun.

The New World



... with aliens and smelly red air

- Birds & Bees -

I'd seen the axed chicken running around headless in the neighbor lady's garden. It left blood on the brussels sprouts I used to like to snap off and pop in my mouth like a reward for smoking in. And then a cop-car went to Punky Hayden's house with its lights blaring a couple of night's later. All the neighbors came out on their lawns to watch them drag Punky out in handcuffs, he was our notorious neighborhood juvenile delinquent who always sneaks at them. Until then he'd somehow escaped the long arms of the law. The neighbors clapped and when he tried to yell at them, one of the cops poked him in the ribs with a stick.

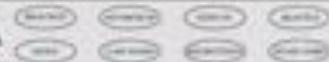
Either one of those things would have made for a top-notch week by itself. But both in the same week made it a hands-down winner. I never went back for brussels sprouts, but it was worth it.

And then the mystery of the haunted birdhouse entered the picture; it was almost too much.

The haunted birdhouse had been an object of neighborhood kid lore for as long as I could remember, so maybe two-year tops. It was a perfectly good looking mansion of a birdhouse that sat dead center on the garage roof of one of my big sister's friend's. My brother told me the reason we never saw any birds in it was because Punky had shot the last inhabitants with his BB gun and their carcasses and ghosts were still in there. Punky being involved gave his story plausibility. And now that I'd seen the headless chicken of

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