

## Gravity

Silver was the name that I gave to my “metallic” Slinky. Naming it Silver was seemingly misleading, as it was made of a heavy rainbow plastic, rather than metal. My parents had long since pegged me as “a bouncy child” and found it insane to allow me to play with anything other than plastic – at times even that was a stretch. Therefore, my father found himself spray painting Silver silver to fool me into believing that I was being trusted with such an adult toy. That day I realized that my parents didn’t pay much attention to the financial state of my toy purchases because I purchased Silver with my own allowance money so I was well aware of its original color, but I pretended otherwise.

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**Comment:** “found” is repeated a lot...

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**Comment:** No pun intended?

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**Comment:** ...“found”...

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**Comment:** Awkward juxtapositioning?

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**Comment:** Correlation does not imply causation... how are these related?

After my father sprayed down Silver he left it in the windowsill to dry which made it a prime candidate for the terror that was Denzel Washington. Mr. Washington was the family tubby tabby cat that found himself hiding in the windowsill of the kitchen when Hammer Time was playing guard dog. Thankfully, the fumes from the spray paint kept Mr. Washington from the windowsill, which allowed Silver to dry in peace. Once Silver was dry, I was able to play with it as I pleased and Mr. Washington had his sanctuary back. Thankfully, neither Mr. Washington, nor Hammer Time took an interest in Silver, as they had my other toys, mainly because Silver did not have a head to decapitate and hair to claw at.

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**Comment:** Perhaps should be “family’s tubby tabby cat” or “tubby family tabby cat”

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**Comment:** ...“found”...

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**Comment:** Who is Hammer Time?

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**Comment:** Not immediately clear it is a dog... anything can play guard dog...

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**Comment:** No comma

As Silver gave Mr. Washington his windowsill back, it made the top of the staircase its permanent address. For some odd reason, no one in the house seemed to notice Silver until it was too late. As such, everyone else had other names for Silver, most of which were yelled out by the time they landed on their backside at the bottom of the staircase. Time and time again my mother told me to put Silver in the toy box, and I'd always place it in the box, but it would eventually find itself back on the staircase. Both silver and Mr. Washington were annoying in that way. You'd chastise them about being in the way of the staircase or the windowsill, but you could never keep them away. In the case of Mr. Washington, everyone would later learn that I placed catnip in the windowsill to keep him there and out of my room where he had clawed and chewed at the tassels on my curtains.

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Before Silver, I played with a number of different toys, most of which were unable to "tickle my fancy", as my grandmother would say. Mr. Washington was adopted for that purpose, but he took more interest in my headboards ability to transform into a scratching post, the tassels on the curtains, and my fluffy hair – he was never good at combing out knots.

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**Comment:** Combine with previous? Close together.

I had purchased Silver from a toy shop near the Discovery Zone, which I had spent hours playing at before deciding to retire. My grandmother had been eyeing the store since we pulled into the parking lot of DZ, the brain on the front of the door catching my eye as well. The store was full of K'NEX, Lego's, "educated Barbie's" (so said the advertisement), educational games, lighted maps, and much more. The rainbow Slinky was the first thing I noticed because it had more color than the other toys in the tiny store. The store clerk immediately pounced on us, trying to sell the product to my

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**Comment:** FIX Barbies

grandmother, she wasn't buying the spiel, but she didn't have to. I took out my allowance and slapped it into the gentlemen's hand, my grandmother was slow to react because of "that damn arthritis" – words that I still shouldn't be repeating. The gentlemen looked at the money in his hand and handed me the Slinky with a smile. My grandmother was a tree hugger, so she didn't bother asking for a receipt.

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**Comment:** Comma does not belong, maybe split into two sentences

Silver was the only toy that I enjoyed playing with, unlike my other toys I didn't have to give Silver a voice. It wasn't necessary to continuously force it to do things.

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**Comment:** Vague...

Silver simply was. Silver seemed to simply be a plaything during my childhood, but it is now possible to see that Silver was beyond its years and beyond my own. Silver

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**Comment:** Nice phrasing

represented laws and rules, most of which I would not learn until years later. I can recall asking my mother what allowed Silver to go running down the steps as it did. She would always say something about gravity which would automatically make my mouth water for animal crackers – I'd thought she said something about giraffes. I now understand the laws of gravity and why Silver was occupying a space at "the brain store".

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**Comment:** "had said"

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**Comment:** Nice job! The story of Silver is very cute. I can't help but feel that this story has a bit more fluff than the story which you read in class, though. It seemed to be more concentrated and refined. There is some redundancy, and some parts which are not relevant to the story, but overall, nice work!