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Story

The Scarecrows on Parade

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Gauri wanted to help Ma make scarecrows for their field.



She picked her new red frock and red ribbons to make a lovely looking scarecrow.



"But scarecrows have to be scary, not pretty", said Ma. She tried to make scary face. But Gauri found it funny! he he he



Both Ma and Gauri fixed the scary scarecrows in the field.
Scarecrows can shoo the birds away.



At night lying on her cot, Gauri looked out from her window.

She saw a scarecrow look down at its clothes! "I wish we had something pretty to wear!" sighed the scarecrow.

It did not like old clothes. Others also wanted to change their clothes to new and neat ones.



They found Gauri's clothes on the clothesline. One scarecrow put on her lovely red frock and tied the red ribbons on her straw hair. She felt pretty and showed off.



Soon, all the scarecrows began dressing up! walking! turning! twisting! and twirling! They were having fun!



But what's that? Birds here, birds there, birds everywhere. Munching and chomping the delicious grains in the field.

They were happy. Scarecrows were busy having fun and not shooing them away.



The scarecrows heard all the munching and chomping of the birds. They were horrified!
"Shoo! Be gone!!" The scarecrows waved their straw hands at the birds.



Gauri saw the birds coming towards her. She screamed.

Ma held her tight. She had come to wake Gauri up.



Oh! It is morning now. Gauri looked out. The fields are safe. The scarecrows are at the same place as the night before.

Phew! it must have been a bad dream.



Or was it? Were the scarecrows waving to her? She saw the red ribbon on a scarecrow's straw hair. She blinked! Did the scarecrow just wink at her?

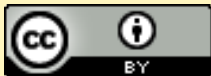
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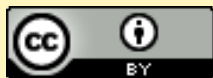


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(English)

Scarecrows are put up in fields to scare away birds and animals. But little Gauri thinks otherwise!

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