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| **The Wonderful World of The Jollys** |
| **Turn Art into Art** |
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CHAPTER 1

A Beautiful Picture

Anne painted a picture. It was a beautiful picture.

The picture had mountains and trees, and beautiful flowers.

Just as Anne finished, her classmate, Dominic looked over.

“What a pretty painting!” He said.

“Thank you,” she said.

Anne was so proud of herself.

Now, all she had to do was wait for her painting to dry.

She looked at her hands. There were colorful blobs of paint everywhere.

Yellow, red, blue, green, and brown.

She walked to the sink to wash her hands.

CHAPTER 2

Soapy Colors

Anne turned on the tap, and the water flowed out.

She wet her hands first, then turned off the sink. *We should not leave the water running*, Anne thought to herself. They should save water, so never leave it running when you’re not using it.

She grabbed the soap and rubbed it on her hands.

The paint on her hands mixed with the soap and water.

Such beautiful colors.

The yellow and red blobs made orange swirls.

The green and the brown made a deep forest green. Or you could say, it was a deep greenish-brown.

The more she rubbed her hands, the more colors mixed together. She was left with a color she couldn’t quite name.

Would you call it is brown? Or Gray?

It didn’t matter, because she was going to wash it all away.

CHAPTER 3

The Accident

What was that sound? Anne turned around.

Oh No! Dominic had an accident!

He liked her painting so much, he wanted to use her colors too. He reached for her paints, but he was not careful. His arm knocked over the cup of water they used to clean their brushes.

Whoosh! The water flowed over and spilled on her beautiful painting.

Anne ran back to her seat.

“My painting!” She cried.

She quickly lifted her paper into the air, but it was too late. The colors were melting together.

CHAPTER 4

Art Can Never be Ruined

It was all she could do to keep from crying. Tears welled up in Anne’s eyes.

Her beautiful painting was ruined.

“I’m so sorry,” Dominic said.

She looked at him as her tears began to fall.

He was also crying.

Ms. Fisher came over.

“What’s going on? Why are you both crying?” Ms. Fisher said.

Anne explained what had happened.

Ms. Fisher smiled at them both.

“Don’t be silly,” she said, “art can never be ruined! It only becomes a new artwork. Come here, both of you, let me show you something.”

CHAPTER 5

A Happy Accident

Ms. Fisher opened a webpage and showed them some pictures.

“Not all artworks need to have clear lines. Claude Monet was a great artist. All his artworks are masterpieces. People pay a lot of money to buy them,”

She showed them a beautiful painting by Claude Monet. White lilies and flowers floating in a light purple pond. Ms. Fisher zoomed in on the picture, and at some point, you couldn’t quite tell what the shapes were anymore. It just looked like blobs of color.

“Now what does that remind you of?”

“My painting,” Anne said as she wiped the tears from her eyes.

She looked at Dominic and smiled.

“It’s okay, Dominic. It was an accident. But turns out, we’ve just created a masterpiece!”

Happily, they both went back to their seats and continued painting.

Comprehension Questions

1. Why was Dominic crying?
2. What did Ms. Fisher want to teach the kids about art?
3. There are many ways you could create art
4. You need to be careful, otherwise, you may ruin your work.
5. If people can’t tell what you’re drawing, it’s not art.
6. All of the above
7. Dominic ruined Anne’s painting because he was jealous
8. True
9. False
10. What are some ways to save water?
11. Take long, hot showers
12. Keep the water running only when you brush your teeth
13. Wash your clothes frequently
14. Fix any taps or pipes that are leaking
15. Don’t take any action, it’s other people’s problem

**Answer Key**

1. He felt bad about ruining Anne’s artwork. He thought it was pretty and really liked it
2. A
3. B
4. D

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