

I Can't Pay the Rent

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Once upon a time there were two parents, an older brother, a younger brother and sister, and a baby sister. The baby sister and parents had all gone to bed. The older brother and his younger brother and sister decided they were going to stay up All Night Long! They planned to watch movies, but when looking for the movies they came across a box. In the box was a sparkly green hair bow, a fake silly looking mustache, and a necktie. They took the box and movies up to the older brother's room. The older brother took the mustache out of the box and told his little brother and sister they had to pay rent to be in his room. "You must pay the rent," the older brother chanted in a deep grouchy sounding voice. The younger brother took the green hair bow out of the box and in a squeaky mousey voice said, "I can't pay the rent." The little sister grabbed the green hair bow and said, "I can't pay the rent either. We don't have any money because we're only in Kindergarten and we don't have jobs!" The banter went back and forth.

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Then the kids heard "thump thump thump!" It was their parents climbing the stairs to tell them to go to bed! The parents picked up the bow tie and said, "We'll pay the rent today." "Rats Foiled Again," said the older brother. Then, everyone went to bed.