

Group Writing Task

Instructions: Re-read the original story with your partners quickly then imagine the following scenario. Charlie had his semester evaluation interview with the doctors at the psychiatric institution and he managed to convince them that he was well enough to be released. Now, write an update about Charlie 6 months later from the perspective of his brother, the narrator of the original story. Be ready to share with the class.

Original Story

I hate it when my brother Charlie has to go away. My parents constantly try to explain to me how sick he is. That I am lucky for having a brain where all the chemicals flow properly to their destinations like undammed rivers. When I complain about how bored I am without a little brother to play with, they try to make me feel bad by pointing out that his boredom likely far surpasses mine, considering he's confined to a dark room in an institution.

I always beg for them to give him one last chance. Of course, they did at first. Charlie has been back home several times, each shorter in duration than the last. Every time without fail, it all starts again. The neighborhood cats with gouged out eyes showing up in his toy chest, my dad's razors found dropped on the baby slide in the park across the street, mom's vitamins replaced by bits of dishwasher tablets. My parents are hesitant now, using "last chances" sparingly. They say his disorder makes him charming, makes it easy for him to fake normalcy, and to trick the doctors who care for him into thinking he is ready for rehabilitation. That I will just have to put up with my boredom if it means staying safe from him. I hate it when Charlie has to go away.

Update from the narrator 6 months later

...He has managed to get along with more people, he wanted to fit in the society and make everybody believe that "he was too good now" however I think he's trying to deceive people, and win them over, So that he could be closer to them and he started doing very nice things helping the elders and cooperating with all the kids like to cross the streets. Sadly someday there was a kid in a wheelchair trying to cross the street so when Charlie's saw a car coming he pushed the wheelchair against the car the kid in the wheelchair started crying and yelling while Charlie broke into a huge laugh the car stopped and thankfully the