



The Curse of the School Rabbit
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Then Dad said, “He won’t like me being taller than him,” and Uncle Mike said, “Well, most people are taller than Gordon Strong, but it might be a good idea for you to crouch down a bit, so that it won’t be so noticeable.” Then they all said the usual stuff about Angie and me being very polite to Gordon Strong, which we would have been anyway, and in the end Uncle Mike said he would bring him to tea the next day.

Next day when I came home from school Uncle Mike and Gordon Strong had already arrived and they were talking with Dad in the living room. Dad was leaning forward in a way he doesn’t usually do, so his head and Gordon Strong’s head were more or less on a level because Gordon Strong was really quite short.

Uncle Mike said, “Tommy, say hello to Mr Strong,” and I said, “Hello, Mr Strong,” and Mr Strong said, “Well hello, Tomasso,” which I think is Italian.

