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# Should Wizard Hit Mommy



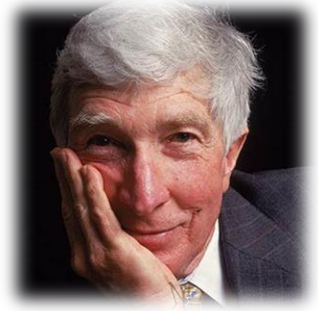
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# SHOULD WIZARD HIT MOMMY

## About the Author : John Updike

- John Updike is an American novelist, story writer, are critic and literally critic.
- He won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction twice.



## Theme of Jack's Story

- A small animal, usually named 'Roger'.
- Roger always had some problem
- Roger went to wise owl.
- Owl advised him to go to the Wizard
- Wizard asked for a fee.
- Roger found money & paid the Wizard.

## The Roger Skunk Story

- Saturday evening & time for Jo's naps
- Jack told smelly Skunk's Story
- Other animals hated him for his smell
- Roger went to owl for help
- Owl sent him to the Wizard

## The Wizard help Roger

- The wizard asked for fee first
- The wizard asked him which smell he wanted
- Roger asked for smell of roses
- All animals started playing with Roger Skunk.



### **Roger's mommy's reaction**

- Angry at Roger for changing his smell
- She took him to the wizard and hit him
- The Wizard changed back Roger's smell
- Both Roger & mommy returned home

### **Jo's reaction to the story**

- Jo wanted Roger to keep the smell of roses.
- All animals got used to his smell.
- But Jo could not relate to the story.
- She called Mother skunk 'Stupid'
- Jo wanted the wizard to hit back money.

### **After the Jack's story**

- Jack asked Jo to sleep finally, and went downstairs to his wife.
- Jack did not help his wife.
- They both felt caged together
- This shows marital tension between Jack & Clare
- He did not speak with her, work with her or touch her.



# SUMMARY

Joanne is a four year old girl whose father Jack tells her a story every evening before her nap. It was a custom since Jo was two years old. For the stories, Jack had a basic tale which had one small animal usually named Roger. He always had some problem and for the solutions he used to go to the owl and the owl would sent him to the wizard. Then wizard would ask for money and tell Roger where he could get the money.

One evening, Jo asked for story and wanted the animal to be a Skunk this time Jack named him 'Roger Skunk'. All his friends would hate him for his stinky smell and noone played with him. Roger Skunk felt really bad and left out. Jo was not much excited yet she was predicting what would happen next. Jack's wife 'Clare' was painting the wood work downstairs. Which made Jack realised, he should go & help her, also she was six months pregnant but, Jack continued with the story any way.

Roger Skunk went to the owl for the help and he advised to visit the wizard. Jo was becoming really inquisitive since past month, she kept asking if spiders really ate bugs & if God really existed. This behaviour made Jack annoying, hence he answered to Jo's question that magic spell is real in stories.

The Wizard asked Roger Skunk to maintain some distance because of his bad smell. The Wizard asked him which smell he wanted and gave him smell of Roses. In return he asked for seven pennies and Roger had only four. To get the rest of the pennies, the wizard suggested him to go the end of the lane and turn around three times and look down the magic well. He got three more pennies & gave them to the wizard.



Now, his friends started playing with him. But when he got back to his home, his mother scolded him for getting this weird smell of roses.

She took him back to the Wizard and hit him over his head. She wanted Roger Skunk to smell like Skunk and nothing else because that smell brings his originality.

Jo was surprised, sad, annoyed and wanted Roger Skunk to retain his new smell, otherwise his friends will loathe him again. She wanted the Wizard to hit mommy back.

Both returned home and Mother Skunk was happy for her child. Roger Skunks' friends got used to his smell and played with him but Jo could not relate to the story. She asked Jack to tell the story where the wizard would hit mommy back and let the smell of roses stay with Skunk. Jack explained that mother skunk knew what was right for her baby & Roger Skunk also loved her mother back.

Jack told Jo to go to sleep & went downstairs to his wife. He felt guilty, looking at her wife who had completed half of the work. He could not convince his daughter & his wife seemed to be upset with him. He found himself stuck in an ugly middle position. There was also a glimpse of marital tension between Jack and Clare. He felt both of them were caged together & he did not help her, talk to her, speak with her or touch her.



**This Chapter Ends here !! But not your work**

Go to Practice Questions, Solve Dpps attend MCQs and revise the notes  
after some 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day

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