

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Vicky Ness told a traditional Jewish story from Greece, involving three young men - one of whom agrees to an unfortunate dare. What results is a worst case scenario for a wedding: the “other” bride shows up and she’s a rather demanding, litigious corpse. It only gets worse from there...

Beth Wakelee’s story, “Tops and Bottoms” is an old English folktale. It involves a young farmer who goes against tradition, and the wishes of a greedy goblin, to make use of a fallow field. Fortunately for the smart farmer, the goblin isn’t the brightest bulb in the box and so manages to lose the field and all the crops that grow in it to the farmer.

Laura McHale Holland told of a “teeny tiny” woman who lived in a fairytale pretty, teeny tiny house within a charming teeny tiny village. All goes well until the teeny tiny woman discovers a cache of teeny tiny teeth that fit her mouth perfectly! The fact that she finds them in the cemetery should clue you into what happens next.

Brandon Spars told part 2 of his story that began in the September 12th Do Tell swap. It’s an epic and hilarious tale of him leading his students on a trip through China. Expect operatic drama complete with fearsome Dragon Ladies, marching pink soldiers, a labyrinth path and a totally unexpected and elusive holy grail.

Meg Brown’s grandfather was 18 when WWI broke out. His experiences as a young navy recruit took him, among other places, to the paradise of Hawaii and the newly opened Panama Canal. Not the least in those adventures was the difficulty of taking a “bucket bath” in the bottom of an old ship, listing violently during rough seas!

Ed Lewis recounted his own youth as one of three young boys chased by a vile shape shifting hag one dark Halloween night. Fortunately there are tools on hand to repel such creatures, such as a knife, a bible, matches and a pair of your best shoes. Or... you could simply open up a box of salt and be done with it.

Katy Mangan's beloved character, Eduardo, returns as a young boy who is destined to find his way through the ethereal world of senses and the spirit on his journey to awaken to his true nature. Mysteries deepen and guides appear just when they are most needed!