

# What's Wrong with Gilbert?

It was a lovely peaceful day at the castle. The Little Princess was flying her toy plane. It had a very special passenger on board. Gilbert, the Little Princess' favourite teddy.

**Whoops!** "Oh!" cried the Little Princess. Gilbert had fallen out of the plane!

"Look out!" cried Admiral. The poor teddy flew past Maid's head, making her drop the washing basket, and landed right on top of the Admiral who was standing in the pond with all his boats.



"You should take more care of Gilbert," cried Maid. "He doesn't mind," answered Little Princess. "He likes it!" Little Princess always took Gilbert with her everywhere she went, even to the bathroom.

"Teatime!" called Maid. "Oh, good!" cried Little Princess, jumping up from where she was sitting on her potty.

**Whoops!**

"Eeugh!" Gilbert had fallen in Little Princess' potty!

"Whatever next!" said Maid, taking poor Gilbert to be washed.

"He's furry. He won't like it!" cried Little Princess. But Gilbert was thoroughly washed and hung out to dry on the washing line.

"Next time, be more careful," warned Maid, taking Gilbert off the line.

"I am careful, aren't I, Gilbert," said Little Princess.



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"What's this?" She noticed a loose thread on her teddy.

But when she pulled at it ... Gilbert's leg came off! **Whoops!**

Everyone came running. "We'll award him a medal!" declared the King. "He doesn't want a medal," screamed Little Princess, "he wants his leg back on. Call an ambulance!"

The doctor was called for and Gilbert's leg was sewn back on. He was soon as good as new.

Little Princess was very happy to see Gilbert back safe and well but she didn't want to play with him anymore.

"I'm going to be very careful with Gilbert from now on. I've got Puss to take everywhere with me instead." Poor Puss wasn't happy about this at all!



One morning, Little Princess couldn't find Puss anywhere. "Why don't you take Gilbert out with you today instead?" suggested Maid.

"No, he's safer in my room. I don't want to break him," said Little Princess.

"Deary me," tutted Maid. "He looks terrible." It was sadly true. Gilbert's fur had lost all its shine.

"That teddy needs a cuddle," said Maid. "All teddy bears need playing with to keep them happy."

"He's missed me!" laughed Little Princess, hugging her teddy. "I'll take him everywhere with me from now on."

Everyone was very happy and relieved, especially Puss!



Nightly, nightly, sleep tightly!