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# Amelia Bedelia

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—H. P.

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—L. A.

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Amelia Bedelia's mother  
was as glum as the weather.  
"Where is the sun?" she asked.  
"I am really blue."





Amelia Bedelia looked at her mother.

She was not blue.

She was not even wearing anything blue.

She was not wearing a smile, either.



“I am having a playdate,”  
said Amelia Bedelia.

“Maybe you should have one, too.”





“Great idea, sweetie!”  
said Amelia Bedelia’s mom.  
She made two short phone calls.







Then she said,  
“I am going to town.  
After I go shopping,  
I will meet Dad for coffee.  
Mrs. Adams will watch you and Rose.”



“Have fun,” said Mrs. Adams,  
who was their next-door neighbor.  
“Don’t worry about us girls.  
We will have a ball.”





Amelia Bedelia's mother  
waved good-bye.

"Well, chalk up another gray day!"  
she said.

As Amelia Bedelia waved back,  
she got an even better idea.

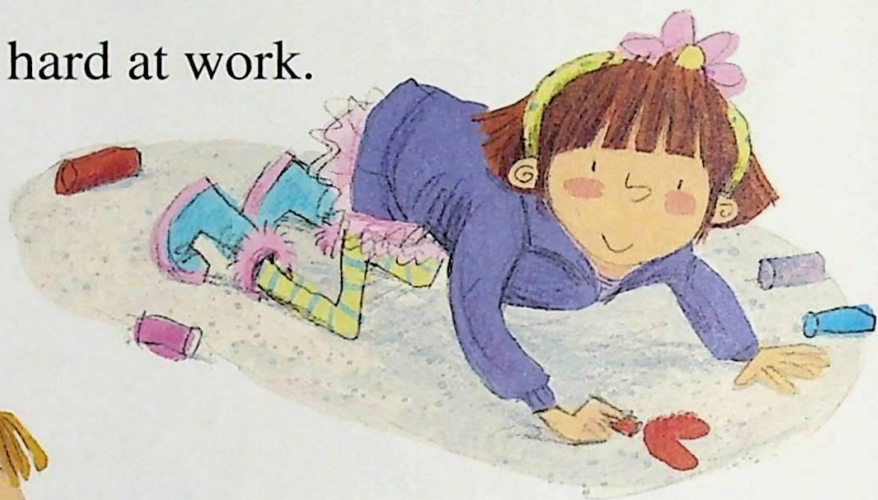






Amelia Bedelia found  
her big bucket of chalk  
in the garage.

When Rose's father dropped Rose off,  
Amelia Bedelia was  
already hard at work.



"Wow!" said Rose.

"You have every color  
in the rainbow!"







“I need them,” said Amelia Bedelia.

“I’m chalking up a gray day  
to make my mom happy.

Want to help?”

“Sure!” said Rose.



To warm up their drawing arms,  
Amelia Bedelia and Rose drew  
squares for hopscotch  
on the sidewalk.

When they played a game,  
Mrs. Adams was amazing!







Chip walked by with his big brother  
and their puppy, Scout.

“What is going on?” yelled Chip.

“We’re chalking up a gray day,”  
said Amelia Bedelia.

“Want to help?”

“Cool!” said Chip.





“What makes your mom happy?”

asked Rose.

“She likes flowers and green things,”

said Amelia Bedelia,

pointing to where plants grew last year.





Rose got green, red, and pink chalk.  
She began drawing roses  
on Amelia Bedelia's house.







“Hey, Amelia Bedelia!”

Daisy was walking by  
with her babysitter  
and her baby sister.

“What are you doing?” she asked.

“Chalking up a gray day,”  
said Amelia Bedelia.

“Want to help?”

“Yes!” said Daisy.





Daisy began drawing daisies.

“That’s my mom’s favorite flower,”  
said Amelia Bedelia.

“She will love those.

Thanks!”





Amelia Bedelia told her friends  
about her mom's favorite spots.

Chip drew a map.

Amelia Bedelia, Rose, and Daisy  
added shops and places to eat.





Mrs. Adams made tasty treats  
for everyone.

“What great drawings,” she said.

“Roll out the red carpet for your mom!”







Amelia Bedelia didn't have one.  
So they drew her mom a carpet  
leading to the best surprise of all.





Then Amelia Bedelia saw their car  
pulling into the driveway.

Her parents had come home together.

“Hi, Mom!” said Amelia Bedelia.

“Welcome back!”







“You guys really went to town,”  
said Amelia Bedelia’s father.

“Not us,” said Amelia Bedelia.

“Mom went to town.

We stayed home and drew!”



Amelia Bedelia's parents  
followed the red carpet.  
Everyone else followed them.  
"A yellow sun plus a blue mom  
makes green," said Amelia Bedelia.  
"And green makes you happy."







Amelia Bedelia's mother  
was speechless.  
She hugged each of them.  
She hugged Amelia Bedelia  
the longest of all.  
Amelia Bedelia's dad  
took more photographs.  
It was a good thing he did.





It rained all night long.

The chalk washed away,  
and the pictures melted.

All the colors of the rainbow  
soaked into the earth.





The next day was bright and sunny.  
Amelia Bedelia and her mom  
stood at the window  
feeling yellow and pink and green  
and every other color . . . except blue.



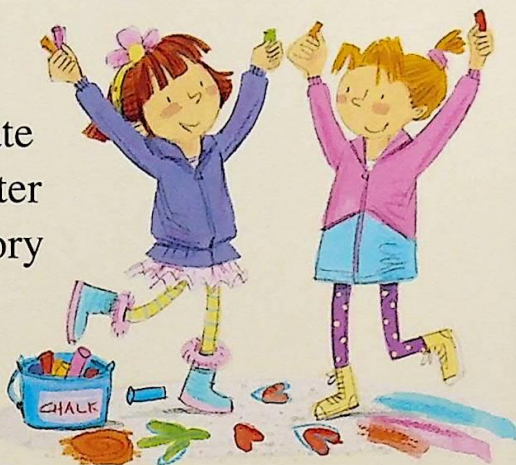


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