



Kenidëë
ie wanna bëë

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kenidæ tƿk out hr wig and æt hr lunch. then þhæ went and got hr plæ cloes on and went ousied tƿ plæ in thu bak yard.



“kenidæ,” yeld lin, “cum æt yoer lunch.” kenidæ is 5 yærs œld and lin is hr bæbæ sitr. kenidæ has u væreæ wield imajinæþhun and sum tiems it gets thu best uv hr.

“œ.kæ,” sed kenidæ, “ie wil bæ riet thær lædæ.” kenidæ reefrs tƿ evræbudæ as lædæ.

kenidæ cæm dounstærs. “is it redæ?” þhæ askt.

“yes, it is, and wut mæ ie ask is on yoer hed?” lin sed with u puzld lƿk.

“doen’t yƿ nœ, silæ lædæ, it’s mie wig,” kenidæ sed with u gigl. “wut is thær tƿ æt foer mæ?” þhæ askt.

“hot dogs and macuroenæ and þhæs,” sed lin.

“œ.kæ., lædæ,” kenidæ sed smrkig.

“and wie dƿ yƿ hav that wig on,” askt lin wiel þƿ scƿpt up kenidæ’s plæt.

“cus ie wanna bæ u singr,” ræplied kenidæ.

“yƿ mæen u singr?” sed lin.

“ya, ya, u singr,” kenidæ sed with u smiel.

“æ.kæ.,” sed lin, “but wil yƿ plæes tæk auf that wig until yƿ have finisht yœr lunch?” askt lin cwietlæ.



kenidæ wus plæiḡ with þu waur hoæs and lin lœkt out þu windæ. þƿ wus væræ disupointed when þƿ sau kenidæ getiḡ wet. lin then stœrmd dœn þu stærs and outsied.

“kenidæ, wut in god’s næm ar yƿ dƿiḡ?” yeld lin in an aḡgræ toæn.

“ie wanna bæ u fier putr outr,” kenidæ sed.

“get in thu hous riet nou,” yeld lin.

“œ.kæ,” kenidæ sed in u læ toen vois.

“gœ sit in yœr rœm and thiȝk about wut yw did, and doen’t cum doun,” lin yeld.

kenidæ waukt up tœ hœr rœm and sat on hœr bed. “ie doen’t want tœ bæ a kenidæ enæ mœer,” ſhæ sobd, “ie want tœ run uwæ.”



soe ſhæ pakt hœr sœtcæes and snuk out uv thu hous.

“bie bie, mœen lædæ. bie bie big hous.” sed kenidæ as ſhæ waukt uwæ.

ſhæ waukt thrœ thu wœds and found u litl trœ hous. ſhæ stopt and lœkt at it. ſhæ did not nœ wut tœ dœ. fieneleæ ſhæ dœesiedid tœ gœ in. when ſhæ got insied u big trœl jumpt out.

“ie wanna bæ hoem,” yeld kenidæ.

thu trœl lœkt at hœr. “wuts rong, litl wun? ie wœn’t hœrt yw,” hœ sed.

kenidæ smield. “ie wanna bæ yœr frend, big trœl gie.”

“caul me al,” hœ sed.

“œ.kæ., al,” ſhœ rœplied.

“whie wr yw crieſ?” hœ askt hr.

“mie lædœ yeld at mœ soe ie ran uwæ. ie did not liek that mœn lædœ noe moer!” wimprd kenidœ.

“wel, yw can liv with mœ,” sed al.

“œ, can ie! can ie rœœœ! ie wwd liek that, al big troel gie, ie rœœœ wwd!” ſhœ sed ecsietidœ.

“uv coers yw can, litl kenidœ grl,” hœ rœplied.

“œ, thank yw! thank yw!” kenidœ sed drieſ hr teers.



sœ thæ plæd, and æt, and aul uv u suden kenidæ startid tω crie.
“wut’s rong?” askt al.



“ie mis mie mom and dad,” jhæ sed.

“wel, just sæ it and yω can gœ hoem,” hæ tœld hr.

“ie wanna gœ hoem,” kenidæ sed.



kenidæ wœk up and jhæ wuz hoem.

lin cæm in tω tel hr that shƛ cωd cum out. “let mee ges. yω want tω beƛ u rok sinr ƛer sigr ƛer wutevr?”

“noƛp,” kenideƛ gigld. “ie want tω beƛ u trƛel.”

“ƛe.kæ, ie’v had ƛnuf. iem goeiƛ dƛunstærs fƛer sum tƛe. yω can cum if yω want tω,” lin sed eƛsausted.

when lin left thu trƛel upƛerd. “kenideƛ, it is not mee yω want tω beƛ. it is yrself, yrself indƛed,” al whisprd tω hr in u soft vois.

“ie dω?” shƛ sed with u puzld fæes, then pauzd. “ie dω! ie dω!” shƛ sed eƛsietedƛe. shƛ lƛkt at al and sed, “kenideƛ ie wanna beƛ.”

and shƛ livd hapileƛ evr aftr!!

