

Toots & Ted

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EXT. PARK BENCH. AFTERNOON

An old woman, TOOTS (92), sits on the left side of a park bench.

A young boy, TED (5), walks into frame and sits on the right hand side of the bench.

TED'S MUM (V.O.)
Just stay here for one second. I'll
be right back.

Toots watches Ted's Mum leaving then looks at Ted and smiles. Ted just ignores her.

Toots has an idea. She rummages through her pocket and pulls out a hard candy.

TOOTS
Would you like a lolly, little boy?

Ted turns his head slowly and looks at the candy tempted. But then looks up at the old woman and shakes his head politely and goes back to minding his business.

Toots frowns.

TOOTS
(Deflated)
That's right. Stranger Danger.

Toots brings the candy up to her chest and looks at it.

She smiles, deciding 'more for her'. She unwraps the candy and pops it in her mouth.

She happily sucks on it for a long while.

Ted starts swinging his feet from boredom.

Toots looks over at Ted again. She decides to start a conversation.

TOOTS
My name's Toots. What's your name?

Ted slowly turns his head to look at Toots. He is unsure if he should talk to the stranger but he gives in.

TED
Ted.

TOOTS
Ooh that's a nice name.

Ted smiles at Toots. Toots smiles back at him.

Ted looks over at his mum at the drinking fountain off screen while Toots looks up and thinks what a lovely name.

Toots continues sucking her candy for a long while.

Toots starts humming 'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars to herself.

Ted recognises the song and starts humming along.

The pair sit on their opposite sides of the bench bobbing along, having a good old time separately.

Ted hums 'too hot'. Toots hums 'hot damn'. Ted 'call the police and the fireman'. And alternate.

Toots and Ted turn and look to each other and continue humming.

They smile at each other.

TED

Why are you sitting here by yourself?

Toots is surprised by the unexpected conversation.

TOOTS

Well... I like being outdoors.
Sometimes I feed the birds.
Sometimes I draw in my journal but
most of the time I just sit here
sucking on my favourite lollies.

TED

What's your favourite lolly?

Toots has to think about this.

TOOTS

Well back when I was your age I
used to love musk sticks. But they
aren't the same as they were then.
They used to be round not ridged
and they were smooth so you
couldn't chew them.

Ted is extremely interested.

TED

I love lollies. My favourite is
grape colour.

TOOTS

Ah yes. The purple ones.

Toots sits back but Ted is still intrigued.

TED

Do you have any grape lollies?

Toots is shocked that Ted asked for candy after denying it moments before. She smiles at Ted.

Toots rummages through her pocket and brings out a handkerchief full of colourful candies. Ted watches in anticipation.

Toots pulls out a purple one and hands it over but snatches it away when Ted tries to grab it.

TOOTS

I thought you didn't want a candy.

TED

That was when I didn't know you
Toots. Now we are friends.

Toots hands over the candy to Ted. Ted smiles with thanks. Toots puts the rest of the candies back into her pocket.

TED'S MUM (V.O.)

Alrighty then Teddie-bear. Let's go
home.

Ted puts the candy in his pocket and hops off the park bench. Ted leaves with his mother.

Toots watches Ted and his Mum leave.

She then looks up in thought.

TOOTS

(to self)

Friends.

Toots smiles, unwraps a candy and pops it in her mouth.

THE END.