



## Today Is the Day



On the day of the party, Scott and Fly walked into Judy's home.

"Today is the day! Happy Birthday, Judy!" Scott said.

"Judy, is your father here?" Fly asked.

"Scott!" Judy said. "Where have you been? It is three in the afternoon and the party is at five! Your job is to help me make the sandwiches."

"We will get through making the sandwiches in time for the party," said Scott.

"We will have to race the clock," Judy said. "We must make sandwiches and cut them. We must get the glasses and plates on the table. We must put the balloons and flowers on the table. We have many things to do!"

"What time will you cook the ears of corn?" Fly asked, but no one answered him.

Mother said, "Fly and Scott, it is good to see you. I am going to the store to get ice cream."

Father walked into the room. "I'm going to the store to get something for Judy!"

"Judy and Scott handed out many letters to many people," Mother said. "They will be coming at five!"

"Can I go to the store with you?" Fly asked Father. "Which store are we going to? Can we take the bus? Why can't *we* buy the ice cream? Who is going to buy the party hats? Did you know that I got a letter from Judy?"

Father laughed at all of Fly's questions. "Be quiet a minute, Fly," he said. Then he said to Mother, "I'm going to take Fly with me. I will be back long before five for the party."

Then he said to Fly, "No, we are not taking the bus. We will go in my car. We *all* got a letter from Judy. She is 12 today."

Star was right by the door of the room. No one saw her. She could hear them talking about the party. She was thinking she was not asked to the party, because she did not get a letter from Judy. She saw Button, the dog, in his dog bed. "Follow me, Button. I have no other friends." She and Button went to Star's room.