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It was a bright sunny day. Skipper the SwingIt Squirrel was feeling his usual self: a lil' hyper and nutty. He decided to run outside to play on his playset. Imagine his surprise when he arrived to find his playset gone!

Skipper ran to his parents and said, "My playset is gone!"

His parents answered, "We put it away."

"Why did you put it away?" Skipper asked his parents.

They replied, "We feel that you are too old for the playset, so we put it away."

"But you know that is my favorite toy in the whole world. It's what I really love to play with!" Skipper cried.

"Look," Skipper's parents replied, "you are too old for that playset. You already went one year past the recommended age. There are more toys that are much better for your age like bikes and scooters."

"But I don't want any of those!" Skipper demanded. "I want my playset, also what are you going to do with my playset?" Skipper's parents replied, "We're either going to save it for your younger brother for when he is old enough to play with it or we are going to give it to someone who can't afford one."

"What about we do both?" Skipper said. "We could make some sort of company that sells playsets. Then also we could add a contest that anyone who could figure out this story or make it

in his or her own better version they will get \$500 to any toy store they want!”

“That is a brilliant idea,” Skipper's parents exclaimed. “For that alone, we will buy you your own playset that's made for older kids!”

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