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Nana Pop Mom Matt Rose

Nana loved to watch birds. She tossed seeds on the ground. Birds came to eat the seeds, and Nana watched them hop and peck and flap.



But sometimes the birds didn't get the seeds.

"Look at those squirrels!" Nana said. "They are eating all the seeds." "We can fix that," said Rose. "We'll make a bird feeder," said Matt.

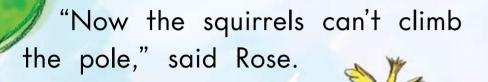
Rose and Matt made a bird feeder. They set it up outside in the yard. "Now you can watch the birds again," Rose said. But the squirrels still came to eat the seeds.

"Those squirrels!" Nana cried. "Look at them climb that pole. They're taking the birds' food."

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So Rose and Matt cut some tin. They made a cone and put it on the pole.



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But the squirrels still got to the feeder.

"Look at that squirrel jump!" Nana cried. "It jumped all the way from the tree to get the seeds."

"We'll fix that," Rose said. "How?" Nana asked. "I don't know," Rose said. Rose and Matt made more bird feeders. They made feeders that twirled and feeders that tipped and feeders that swung. They made one feeder that had balloons and pinwheels, too. They hung up all the bird feeders. Then they watched. Squirrels climbed. Squirrels swung. Squirrels leaped. "That's the best one!" Rose said. She pointed at the biggest feeder. "The birds can use it, but the squirrels can't," she said. So Rose and Matt took down all the other feeders. The birds looked happy. But Nana looked a little sad. "I think Nana misses the squirrels," Matt said. "They **were** fun to watch," said Rose.



So they put all the feeders back up. Then the birds **and** the squirrels all had plenty to eat. And everyone loved to watch them, until . . .

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"Oh, no!" Nana cried. "Look at that bear!"

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