



I always thought Mommy looked like a fairy princess in the wedding picture on her bureau, and Daddy was so handsome! But I've always wanted to know how they looked before then, when they were *my* age. So one rainy morning I asked Mommy, "Do you have any pictures of you and Daddy when you were little?" She smiled in a funny kind of way, and said, "I haven't looked at those old photos in years." She went right to her closet, stood on a chair while I held it, and got out three old photograph albums from way in the back of the very top shelf. Then we settled down to look, with Nosy's head

cradled in my lap. What fun we had! There were pictures of Mommy as a little girl in a big, flouncy dress with lots of crinolines; she said it was pale blue, and her very favorite dress. Then I saw her in her prom dress when she was 16, and she must have been the prettiest girl there. She wore a big wrist

corsage; she said they were camellias and smelled just heavenly. "Where are pictures of Daddy when he was a little boy?" She said that Grandma had most of them, "all except for this one, because this was his favorite," and she pulled one battered photograph out from the back of the album. There was the biggest, shaggiest dog I'd ever seen, and behind him you could barely make out the face of a little boy. I knew it was Daddy, though, by the way his eyes smiled even though his mouth didn't. "He said he and that dog never went anywhere without the other," Mommy said. Nosy let out a little bark at that!

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