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Kees and Keetje

Jantien Buisman is known for her series of small animal books. Her most popular characters are the two hedgehogs Kees and Keetje, who appear in three of her books, *Kees & Keetje*, *Keetje's Children* and *Grandpa Kees and Grandma Keetje*. These picture books are funny, cute and colourful, perfect for children aged 4 to 8.

Kees & Keetje

Two hedgehogs, each with their own funny little ways, live peacefully together until one day those funny little ways become so irritating that they decide to separate. But living apart also has its downside. One day when they chance to meet again, they happily decide to resume living together.



Grandpa Kees and Grandma Keetje

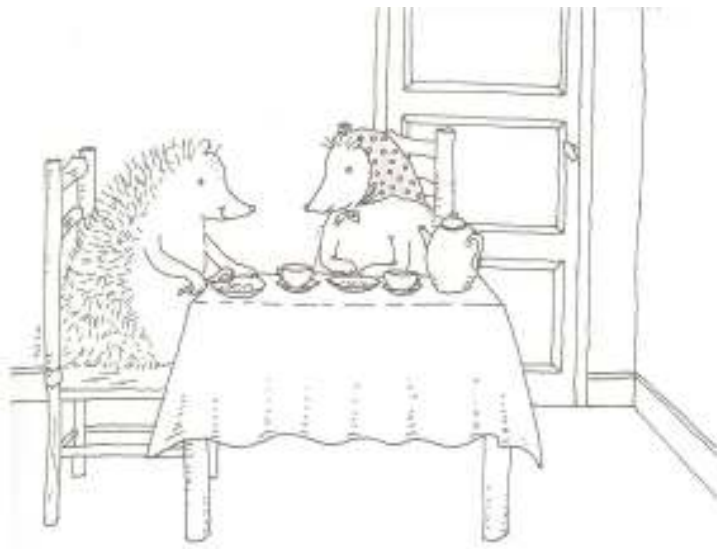
Kees and Keetje have grown old. And they don't like it. Keetje is losing her spines, but doesn't want to admit it. Kees has failing eyesight, but refuses to wear glasses. When he breaks his paw one day, he can only move around by hopping. The doctor tells him that he has to practise walking, but lazy Kees far prefers hopping around and being spoiled by Keetje. Thanks to their nieces Kim and Katy everything turns out all right in the end, and even Grandma Keetje learns to hop.



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Kees and Keetje had known each other for a very long time, as long as they knew themselves. They lived in a doll's house without a roof. They did not mind that. When it rained they slept in the kitchen cupboards. They loved each other so much, they even did the dishes together.



One day Keetje noticed that Kees was eating noisily and he burped. Only softly, but she did hear it.

And sometimes, Kees let loose a little fart. Then he said: pardon me.

Kees saw that Keetje sometimes picked her nose. They did not mention these things though, because they loved each other.

To Keetje it seemed as if Kees ate and burped a little louder every day.

One day Kees and Keetje were out walking. Kees farted very loudly. And he did not say: pardon me.

Keetje got so angry she rolled herself into a ball.

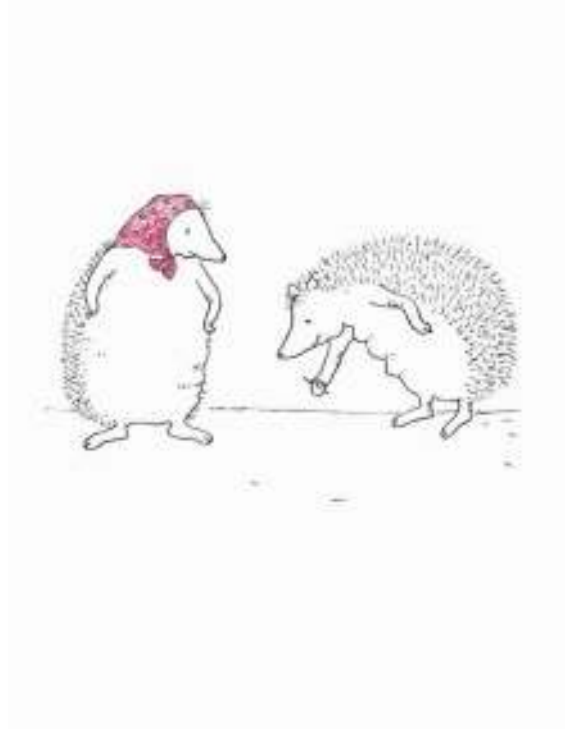
You're very prickly today! remarked Kees.

You're prickly yourself, Keetje snapped back.



Grandpa Kees & Grandma Keetje

Kees and Keetje had grown old.
Just as old as a grandpa and a grandma, and
maybe even a bit older.
Their spines were not what they used to be and
they had both lost quite a few.
Kees and Keetje now lived in the city, in a
grown-up-hedgehog-top-floor-flat around the
corner and then a little bit further.



'A-HA!' cried Kees when he picked up
another spine from the floor.
'You're teasing me', Keetje grumbled.
'Anyway, I think it's one of yours. I'm
not losing mine yet.'

'Oh dear, oh dear.... I can scarcely read my
jokes', murmured Kees.
What's 'scarcely'? asked Keetje.
It means that the letters in my book are getting
smaller and smaller, Kees replied.

