

## GARDEN PARTY

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The table and small chairs were set next to the flower garden. A white table cloth, napkins, glasses and children's china dishes with a vase of flowers in the center completed a perfect picture in miniature. The guests were arriving by the arm full. The first to be seated was Sally, a china face dolly, next Mr. Teddy Bear and Winnie-the-Pooh on one side of the table. The next arm full was Raggedy-Ann, Leo the Lion, and E.T. on the other side of the table.

The hostess stood at the front of the table to greet her guest, "It's sooo nice to see you all. Dooo enjoy the lunch." She sat down. The waitress, her mother, came over and poured the apple juice "tea" in the cups and milk into the tiny glasses.

"May I take your orders?" She asked with a smile.

"Shall I order for everyone?" The hostess looked around the table. "Fine, we would like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please. Oh and cut them into small slices for my guest. Thank you."

She turned to the guest and talked about the sunny day, the beautiful garden and to gossip about the absentee guest.

The waitress came back with wedges of sandwiches for each small dish and a plate of cucumber slices and slivered carrots. She placed them on the center of the table then asked, "Would anyone like more tea?"

"No thank you, we're fine." She answered her mother in her best sophisticated manor.

Half an hour later, her mother came back to find everyone had cleaned their plates. "Would you like some dessert?"

"Yes, we have all ready decided. We would **'each'** like a scoop of vanilla ice cream with hot chocolate sauce and whip cream but no nuts, please."

Moral of my story, make the most of what life offers you and enjoy each and every minute of it, especially the ice cream.