

The Rainbow that argued.

The clouds grew dark one day and soon, drop by drop, the rain began to fall. People began to hurry indoors. Umbrellas were put up, raincoats were put on and mums ran out to bring in the washing. Children were getting really fed up at having to play indoors. "We're bored ! Why does it always rain . Why can't it be July or August when the sun shines."

" O.K " said the sun. " It's time I came out , but where's the rainbow ? No-one had seen her anywhere.

" Well we can't stop raining until the rainbow is ready." said the clouds. All the weather men agreed that this was the rule, the signal for the end of the rain and the sign that the sun was coming out was that the rainbow would stand with her feet on the earth and her head in the sky.

RAINBOW HAD PROBLEMS !!

She was made up of 7 strips. Each strip was a different colour and they always lined up in the same order. Red at the top and Violet at the bottom. " I'm sick and tired of being last all the time " moaned Violet. " Why me ? I'm getting thin and worn being leant on all the time by you lot !! "

" Don't be like that ! " Rainbow begged. " You're part of a rainbow . You're supposed to be bright and cheerful ! " I don't feel bright and cheerful ! " chipped in yellow " and you wouldn't either being stuck next to orange all the time. Honestly , you should hear what people are say.-- Look at that rainbow , isn't the orange bright? But I'm always there. It's just that orange always shows off and I look so dull and no-one sees me."

The arguing went on and rainbow had to stay and work it out. Back at the Weather Station Headquarters , panic was building. The clouds were exhausted, they had been raining for hours. Thunder

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had lost his voice, and lightning had gone off to be recharged. Sun was in a bad mood!!

“If I don't go out soon it will be night time and I'll have wasted the whole day.”

On earth it was chaos!! U.T.V had a weather bueltin --- The drains were over flowing. The River ^{* change to} had carried away Magowans Clothes Shop ^{Suit your} and boats were sailing down Main Street ^{area near} past the Corner Resturant. The weather men got together. “This ^{your BB} is serious!!” they said. So they got a petition together, ^{halls.*} got everyone in Main Street, Church Street and Dromore Street to sign it and summoned Rainbow to a meeting in Edengrove Church Halls.

Her colours stood around, nudging and pushing and arguing. “Look here!” said the top weather man -- this has got to stop!!

“It's not my fault” said green. “I just sit sandwiched in the middle, talk to someone higher up.”

“Don't be silly!” said another weatherman. “You're all so worried about your own positions you don't care about the job your supposed to do!”

AT LAST THEY STOOD QUIETLY!!!!

“Someone's got to be at the bottom to hold things up. Someone's got to be at the top to keep you all in place and someone's got to be in the middle to balance things” said the weatherman.

“I suppose I'm there to help rainbow blend from orange to green without clashing” said yellow.

“That's right!!” said Rainbow. “You all play a part, that's why you're always there. I can't be a rainbow without all 7 of you.”

“See you all have to work together!” said the weatherman.

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All the colours arranged themselves together and said "Sorry!!" (all colours say sorry.)

Sun said "I don't mind a little overtime to let the clouds have a rest" and earth was quite happy to have a long hot summer.

"It would be nice to have a change though." said Violet.

Rainbow smiled and sometimes if you look up after a storm , she lets Violet sit at the top while red holds the others up, because while the other colours have learnt that they must work together , Rainbow has learnt that she must think of them , and try to keep them happy too.

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chorus → Mr Noah built an ark