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SKUNK MOMS
A trio of related monologues for children
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JENNY (youngest), ALEXA (middle) and DEIRDRE (oldest) are sisters. They are speaking to their mother, pleading their case of why a baby skunk would make a good pet for their household. Jenny makes the case of how cute they are. Alexa points out how she usually thinks Jenny is wrong, but in this case, she agrees and they must have a baby skunk. Deirdre emphasizes how having a baby skunk will unite the three sisters, in getting along with each other, as well as learning responsibility. It is such a clear case to the sisters. They are so completely ready to be skunk moms. But is their mom?

JENNY

No one gives skunks a chance because they stink, like really badly, but have you seen a baby skunk, Mom? You would never say that if you had seen a baby skunk because we saw one yesterday, with Daddy, or really, it was a whole family of skunks. Like, a mom and four baby skunks, and we were in the car, and Daddy stopped the car because they were crossing the road and they were cuter than cats because their tails were so fluffy, like the rug you have on the chair that I put my face in sometimes, and there is no cat, I mean, not even one single cat in the whole universe, that has a tail that's as fluffy at that. Even Alexa thinks so, and she's a year and two months older than me.

ALEXA

You know Jenny is usually wrong, Mom. And I have to tell her all of her mistakes, like even this morning, she was saying that Canada is not a country, and that's it part of the United States, but I was telling her, no, it's a country, and they have accents and their own money and we even went to Niagara Falls and had to have passports, but she wouldn't believe me because now that she's in Kindergarten, she thinks she knows everything, but you and I, Mom, we know, because we're older, that she's wrong so many times. She even told me her teacher is a pokemon trainer. She's not. Clearly. Pokemon aren't real. So, like, if I agree with Jenny, if she says something and I'm like, "Yeah, you're right, Jenny," then, well, you have to know that Jenny is actually telling the truth. And about the skunks? She is, Mom. They so cute...and that's why we have to have one.

DEIRDRE

You might be a little scared thinking of a skunk living in our house, and spraying its yellow stink-poison all over the couch, but the thing is, it doesn't have to be like that. You can take the sprayers out, wait, just listen—you can take them out, because Alexa and I asked Siri about and people do this. People really keep skunks as pets and you can just, you can just take the sprayers out and put them, I don't know, in the trash or use them for Science or something. And then

they're just like, a cat, but so much better, as Jenny was saying, and we can use the doll brush to brush its hair, because we know it will need brushing, and we're all okay taking turns doing that. And really, we'll take turns with everything. Feeding it, and walking it, and I had the idea to put little shoes on it. Wouldn't that be really cute? And I think it's actually a way to bring all three of us together, like as sisters, and learning how to take care of something together, as junior moms or something. Skunk moms. We'd be really good skunk moms! So, I know you like cute things, and us all agreeing and not fighting, and you want us to be more responsible—so having a skunk, I mean, I think it would bring all those things together. See? We've thought it all out. Jenny, Alexa, me. We're ready to be skunk moms. Can we?

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