

A black and white illustration of a young girl with short hair, wearing a dark t-shirt and light shorts, standing in a garden and looking at a swing set. The swing set has a wooden seat and metal chains, with vines wrapped around the frame. The background shows a large tree and a body of water in the distance.

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Watch out!

Don't  
walk under  
it!

*My family's pretty  
superstitious.*

To guard  
against envy.

*Although they're more  
flexible with some...*



*...there's one tradition  
that is unquestionable:*

*Never sit  
on the swing  
in the garden.*

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?!

GET  
AWAY FROM  
THAT!



For many years,  
I didn't question it.



Until one day,  
curiosity won over.



So I asked  
my grandma...



In the end, it was just  
another *superstition*.



*So one day,  
when mom was busy...*



*...I decided it was time  
to bust the myth.*



*But then...*



*Someone...*



*...pushed me.*







*I didn't want to look.*



*I just ran home.*



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*When I closed the door, I saw her...*

*... and finally understood.*



*In the garden, sitting on the swing...*

*... its former owner waited for her turn.*