

Reporter Katrina

Katrina realizes that she and Kermit need to share some activities in order to keep their marriage strong. In this story she blends some segments she has "borrowed" from Sesame Street videos to create a job that she and Kermit can do together as they become co-reporters on Sesame Street News. I just love Dr. Nobel Prize who "invents rare things that no one every uses"!

Hi ho, Kermit the Frog here at Sesame Street News, and I'm here standing by my new wife Katrina Manalo. And today, I'm teaching her how to be a co-reporter just like me. Step 1: Dress appropriately like a reporter. I always wear my trench coat and my fedora hat when I report. Katrina dressed in a green sweater and her bow headband. Step 2: Warm up your microphone. I always turn on my microphone and test it before using it. Katrina doesn't have a microphone so I shared mine with her.

"Oh thank you Kermit, okay, what's the next step." Katrina asked. "Step 3: Say hi and introduce yourself." I explained and demonstrated.

"Hi ho, Kermit the Frog here at Sesame Street News, now you try Katrina." Katrina held up her microphone.

"Hi ho, Katrina Manalo here at Sesame Street News."

"Very good Katrina, now we can make some reports." I showed my wife all the places I've been for Sesame Street News. First, I showed her the music studio where Don Music writes his songs. Don is rewriting Baa Baa Black Sheep. But there was one problem, he can't think of a rhyme for wool. If I'm good at rhyming, so can Katrina. I came up to the piano and introduced my new wife to Don. I explained how I taught Katrina how to be a proper reporter and how she can help with Sesame Street News.

"Well, it's nice meeting you Katrina, I could really use some help. You see, I can't think of a word that rhymes with wool." Don shook his head at the piano.

"Perhaps I can help, rhyming is a literary device that I learned it in English class." Katrina helped, so did I.

"Full rhymes with wool." she predicted perfectly with a rhyme.

So Don tried it: "Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool, yes sir yes sir three bags full." but how can a man have three bags full?

"Maybe we'll change the verse to Let's Sheer The Sheep's black and white wool, make some clothing, four bags full. After all, people sheer sheep's wool to make nice clothing and blankets." I had a turn.

"You know, you're both right, sheering sheep's wool does make fine clothing, and it can fill up a whole bag. I think I got the song now, okay boys, take it away." Don Music conducted his famous band.

"Let's sheer the sheep's black and white wool, make some clothing, four bags full. Some for the ladies and some for the men, and some for the children who wore them again. Let's sheer the sheep's black and white wool, clothes are done and bags are full." now that was a great song.

"Thanks so much for helping me Kermit, and you too Katrina." Don Music bowed and thanked both of us.

Next, I introduced Katrina to Dr. Nobel Prize, the famous inventor. He invents very rare things no one ever uses. For example, the fedora: A kind of hat made of felt with a creased crown. I wear my fedora when I'm a reporter, it goes great with my trench coat.

"Amazing, hey, Dr. Nobel, can you make an invention that has something with bows?" Katrina showed Dr. Nobel her black headband with her bow. Dr. Nobel Prize got some colored ribbon, some lights, an old fan, some seeds, flowers, and some powered batteries.

Katrina was curious: "What could he be making, Kermit?" she wondered. Just then, Dr. Nobel Prize made very special bows that my wife can try. These bows are like the ones Minnie Mouse creates in her bow teak. There was a mood bow which changes colors to whatever Katrina's feeling like happy or sad. There was a grow bow which grows into flower bows like roses, sunflowers, daisies, even water lilies. There was a disco bow with lights that flash and glow. There was a glow bow that glows in the dark and at night. And there was a fan bow that blows automatically like a real fan.

"Thank you so much for these wonderful bows Dr. Nobel Prize." Katrina smiled at the inventor.

"My pleasure sweetheart, have fun reporting with your husband." Dr. Nobel Prize said goodbye as we left. Katrina did a lot of reports on all the news flashes I've been doing.

First, we discovered how the sixth dollar man makes his robot. He has to measure, tighten the bolts, and demonstrate it. The sixth dollar man was very proud of his invention just like Dr. Nobel Prize.

Second, Katrina and I helped the teacher teach the class about the letter N.

"Tell the class to be quiet so they can listen to you." I suggested. So the teacher tried it, but the class was still talking at the same time.

"How about letting the students raise their hands. That way, they can answer you properly." Katrina added. So the teacher tried it, and the class answered properly. They thought of some N words like neat, nice, and naughty. And that was the first day of

school in history. Last, we investigated the big bad wolf in two fairy tales: "The Three Little Pigs." and "Little Red Riding Hood." For instance, the wolf tricks Little Red Riding Hood by pretending to be her grandma.

"The woodsman comes and chases away the wolf to save Little Red and her grandma. Straw and sticks are light, and can be blown away. But bricks are heavy because they're strong and sturdy and the wolf can't blow it down." Katrina reported all those predictions.

"Good job Katrina, let's find out." we watched the big bad wolf do his tricks. He hid in grandma's bed and slipped on grandma's nightgown and nightcap. Little Red came in the house and saw that it was not really her grandma. Just then, the woodsman came and chased away the wolf with his ax. So now Little Red Riding Hood and her grandma were safe and enjoyed a basket of goodies. Next, we saw the wolf huffing and puffing and blowing the straw house and the stick house. When he tried to blow the brick house down, the house wouldn't move because it was made of bricks.

I put my flipper around my wife: "Congratulations Katrina, you are now a co-reporter."

"Just like you Kermit." smiled Katrina. Then, I gave my wife her very own microphone bow for being so investigative.

"Thank you for teaching me how to report Kermit." Katrina gave me a big hug.

"Hey, can we report more news again?"

"We certainly can Katrina we certainly can." I kissed my wife with lots of love. Then we hopped all the way home to Sesame Street.

Here's our ending news report: "This is Kermit the Frog, and Katrina Manalo returning you to your regularly schedule program." Katrina and I said our report together as husband and wife.