

Ira's Brief Life as a Spider

of Montreal

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One particular spider, who's parents had named Ira,
fell out of his mother's arms and became lost inside the giant
insect hospital.

Since mother spiders give birth to so many babies at one time
it is exceedingly difficult to keep track of all of them
and sometimes a baby will get lost without it's mother ever bei
ng aware of its absence.

Ira was just such a case.

He crawled about for hours crying but his mother couldn't hear
him for Ira was a mute.

This is where the story gets interesting.

He opened his mouth and discovered a lake in a crater on his to
ngue.

He was thirsty so he drank from the lake.

This proved to be a fatal mistake

as the lake was really a cake filled with poisonous snakes, and
Ira died.

A nurse discovered dead baby Ira and sank with grief.

She gently lifted him up to her breast and carried him weeping
to the head nurse

to see if any baby spiders had been reported missing.

The head nurse checked her missing baby spider file

and told her that No, no missing baby spiders have been reporte
d.

The nurse holding dead baby Ira then asked if they could have a
funeral for him.

The head nurse, being a very caring grasshopper,

agreed that that would be the proper thing to do.

So they dug a small hole near a yellow tulip, held a brief but
moving requiem

and with great sadness buried baby Ira.

Miraculously, Ira was quickly reincarnated as a wild horse on t
he far off planet called Nearly.

on Nearly, wild horses hold the majority in the senate and Ira
has discovered pudding.

His favorite is the kind without raisins.

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