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CHRIS. After a hectic time at the office and no vacation for months, I am finally getting away for a much needed rest. I'm a little nervous flying, but if I can just rest and relax, I'm sure I'll be fine.

KID: The Friendly Skies, by Peg Ratliff.

(Two chairs are front, center. Chris enters from right and sits in one, looking out the window, rubbing his hands down his thighs, licking his lips, talking to himself.)

CHRIS: This can't be that bad. Three hours. What can go wrong? Maybe I'll sleep. Maybe I'll watch the in-flight movie. Let's see (Pretends to look at a piece of paper) "Terror of Flight 765." Uh, maybe not.

(The kid enters skipping down the aisle and plops into the seat next to Chris. The kid will fidget in the seat and get up on his knees and lean over Chris and not be able to sit still during the flight.)

KID: (He tends to talk loudly) Hi! My mommy said I could sit here, cause I'm a big boy and she said I could sit by myself. (Leans over Chris to look out the window, digs his elbow into Chris's thigh) I rode on an airplane like that once. Did you? Did you ride on an airplane like that?

CHRIS: Uh, no. This is my first flight.

KID: You've never flied on an airplane before? I fly all the time. And we never crashed.

CHRIS: That's good!

KID: But like my daddy always says, there's always a first time.

CHRIS: Your dad is a funny guy.

KID: (Plopping down into his seat and digging into his pocket) Want a jelly bean? I think I have one left.

CHRIS: (Watching him dig) No, thanks. I think I'll just get some sleep.

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