

## **Food Brood**

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Tomatoes can add more flavors into different food dishes. They can be eaten as sauce over pasta, or sliced and placed on top of salads, and they taste wonderful in other recipes as well. We have had tomatoes as an ingredient for different recipes for a long time. But have we really figured out what family line the tomato comes from? Is it a fruit or a vegetable? The story I'm about to tell you is about a tomato named Garnet. He was named this because Garnet is another name for red and his whole body was red except for his stem. In this story Garnet learns what family line he's from, and that he is loved by his friends.

Garnet lived in the refrigerator and when he was young the vegetable family adopted him. The refrigerator had two drawers. The vegetables always went in one drawer and the fruits in the other. Garnet just like every other vegetable dreamed of being eaten, but vegetables only like being eaten if they're eaten while being appreciated.

"Hey Garnet, the Taylor family is making dinner. I wonder what kind of ingredients they're going to use this time!" said Garnet's best friend, Bud the potato.

"It's macaroni and cheese again," Garnet sadly replied.

"Oh well, I wonder what they'll eat tomorrow night. I hope it has something that is both potatoes and tomatoes in it," Bud said trying to cheer Garnet up as they went to the back of the vegetable drawer.

After dinner the Taylor's put the leftovers back in the fridge. In the refrigerator the leftovers usually tell their friends about the conversation at the dinner table. Tonight they had news for Garnet.

Talking through the Tupperware, the macaroni told Garnet that the Taylor family heard on the news that tomatoes are in the fruit family because tomatoes have seeds. They were also talking about moving the tomato Garnet to the fruit drawer.

“I can’t get moved to the fruit drawer! I don’t have any fruit friends; I won’t know anyone in the fruit drawer. But on the other hand, Bud you’re the only real friend I have here in the vegetable drawer though all the vegetables have always been counted as my family,” Garnet said in a melancholy tone.

“Even if you really are from the fruit family, the vegetables will still always love you as family and you might not have to go to the fruit drawer at all. Don’t worry Garnet in the end it will all work out,” Bud said ensuring that everything would be fine.

After they talked things over they decided to go to bed. Foods take naps to help pass the time. That night Garnet could not sleep. He knew that he was adopted and always thought he did not belong with the vegetables but he did not want to leave their drawer. Then he thought that maybe with his real family he might end up liking the fruit drawer.

The next morning Garnet knew he would get moved to the fruit drawer. So he said goodbye to the vegetables and told Bud that he would secretly visit. Then the refrigerator door opened and one of the Taylor’s put Garnet into the fruit drawer. The fruits welcomed him in and loved him very much. Yet when the Taylor family wasn’t looking Garnet snuck out of the drawer and played with Bud. Soon afterwards he was made into sauce and poured on spaghetti. He was eaten by a child who enjoyed spaghetti very much, fulfilling his vegetable dream.